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Newcomers warned after campaign finance complaints

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Bruce Bisballe, who resigned from Shores council Tuesday, Nov. 19, submitted campaign finance complaints with the

Michigan Department of State against newly elected council members Danielle Gehlert and John Seago after the two failed to include “paid for by” statements on campaign materials. They were found at fault under the Michigan

Campaign Finance Act Thursday, Nov. 14.

The State Department determined a formal warning was a sufficient resolution. Both council members reported they were unaware of the requirement when the materials initially went

out.

“To me, it’s a demonstration of your depth of commitment to knowing what your duties are and how to follow the rules,” Bisballe said. “I didn’t know how to do any of this stuff when I ran eight years ago. I had to

go down to Wayne County, go to the clerk’s office and go through (it). ... I learned all that stuff. I filed my committee reports. I did all that stuff.

“It’s a pain in the butt, but it demonstrates that you’re willing to do

things according to the right procedure. This case, these candidates chose not to do that or they wouldn’t take the time to become informed about that and that concerns me about going

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Shores appoints interim city manager

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Following a closed session near the end of the Shores city council meeting Tuesday, Nov. 19, council voted to appoint Building Department administrator Tom Krolczyk as the interim city manager following Mark Wollenweber’s retirement.

“The charter requires that we have an interim manager within 90 days of a vacancy,” Mayor Ted Kedzierski said. “Mark’s last day was Oct. 3, so the clock required that we have a replacement, at least an interim or a temporary, by Jan. 3.”

Krolczyk plans to keep everything running up to par and in line with what Shores residents have come to



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There was a lot of clowning around at the 2019 Grosse Pointe Santa Parade, which took place Nov. 29, along Kercheval, from

Grosse Pointe Farms to the City of Grosse Pointe. For more photos from the parade, visit grossepointenews.com.

Vote extends request for cable access providers

THE GROSSE POINTES — Following a unanimous vote, Woods City Council members joined the cities of Grosse Pointe, Park, Farms, City and Shores in agreeing to extend for three months a provision to continue public cable TV programming to residents.

The Woods council’s vote Monday, Nov. 25, supports a collective request from the Pointes and Harper Woods for proposals by organizations interested in using cable access funding for community content following a 10-year agreement with the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Association that ended Dec. 1.

The War Memorial provided programming through its platform, station WMTV (War

Memorial TV), for the Pointes and Harper Woods since Dec. 1, 2009. Elected officials for the cities that entered into the 2009 agreement will consider new organizations that would use the public, education and government, or “PEG” funds for broadcasting.

Only the Grosse Pointe Public School System had expressed interest in accepting the assignment, said Woods City Attorney Chip Berschback.

Councilwoman Vicki Granger moved to support a three-month extension and to authorize Mayor Bob Novitke to enter the agreement with the other cities.

There are three local cable, government-

access channels and one educational-access channel broadcast to viewers in the Pointes and Harper Woods. Communities that contribute the PEG fees provide approximately \$300,000 annually to fund the access channels, including production equipment.

Since The War Memorial did not bid to extend its agreement with the cities, potentially new providers of content have been asked to make submissions. Staff capable of providing local programs of a professional quality, including government meetings, parades and sporting events, may qualify.

—Eddie B. Allen Jr.

DDA adopts Main Street resolution, discusses pledges

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak became the newest member of The City of Grosse Pointe Downtown Development Authority — membership is automatic by virtue of being mayor — at the DDA’s monthly meeting Monday, Dec. 2.

The meeting revolved around discussions of the Michigan Main Street Program, which would work to revitalize The

Village, with the DDA board unanimously voting to accept a similar resolution to the one passed by city council at its November meeting, which expresses support of commitment and collaboration with the program upon selection.

This includes resolving to meet a five-year financial commitment to the required range of activities; employ a full-time executive director who coordinates and facilitates the work of the program; establish and



Sheila Tomkowiak

maintain an active board of directors and a team of volunteers; and partici-

pate in all trainings and services provided by Michigan Main Street.

The City and DDA are still seeking pledges to fulfill the approximately \$100,000 first-year commitment, a significant amount of which would go toward hiring an executive director to spearhead the effort.

Anyone interested in contributing can do so through a pledge form found on The Village’s website, thevillagegp.com.

“Total pledges right

now, by my estimation, is about \$40,000,” DDA board member Jim Bellanca said, regarding commitments from major property owners in The Village.

Additionally, the City pledged up to \$50,000 toward the program if selected and if matched by private funds. Small Favors was among the first merchants to pledge.

City Manager Pete Dame reported the total of the current pledges are com.

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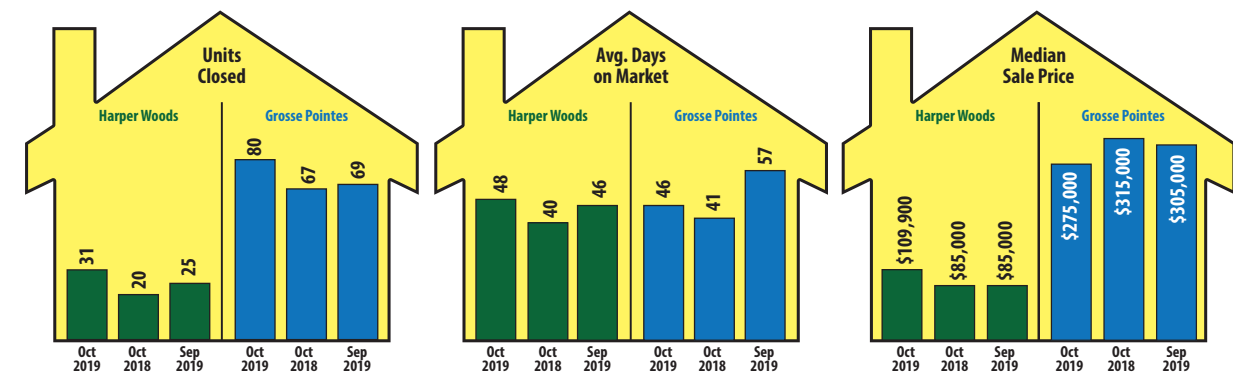
More homes for sale mean more options for buyers

October housing data recently released by the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors shows evidence in both the Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe markets that the increase in inventory we saw earlier this year is producing the predicted increase in sales that had been forecast if inventory increased. Other market indicators such as days on market remain healthy at less than 60 days, with the percent of asking price north of 95 percent.

These market conditions, including the record low interest rates available, are good for buyers, especially those looking to buy their first

home — average age 33 and who comprise 33 percent of the buying market. The increase in inventory increases selection and should result in fewer multiple-offer situations, which was so frustrating for buyers a year ago. For those looking to sell — average age 57 and where 94 percent will buy another home — the increase in inventory also is good news because they too will have more selection (the uncertainty of finding a new home also has weighed heavily on the market).

The number of homes for sale in Grosse Pointe increased to 227 last month from 195 in



November 2018. In Harper Woods, there were 83 homes for sale last month, compared to 61 in November last year. The timing of this now-evidenced change in the market could not be better. Those looking to find a home before the end of the year will be able to

take advantage of ideal conditions and those looking to make a change in 2020 will have plenty of time to research the market, save some money for a down payment — 3 percent down purchase options are plentiful — and/or prepare an existing home for sale.

Finally, to maximize your ability to take advantage of the market now or in 2020, it is absolutely critical you work with a trusted real estate agent who knows your specific market. While general information on the internet is helpful, a

wisely fine-tuned action plan specifically for you and your home requires a Realtor who knows you and your neighborhood. Do you have a Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors broker?

Information provided by the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors.

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forward.”

In mid-October, Gehlert sent 250 postcards without the “paid for by” statement to her fellow Our Lady Star of the Sea parishioners, as well as a handful of colleagues.

“I honestly didn’t think of it as paid advertising, but as an announcement to my friends and fellow parishioners,” she said via email.

Saturday, Oct. 26, Seago posted approximately 30 lawns signs without the ‘paid for by’ statement; however, a politically-experienced friend contacted him about the error the next day and Seago had stickers containing the “paid for by” statement added

to the signs Oct. 28.

“As a first-timer running for an elected position, this has been a very educational experience,” he said. “I’m excited to move forward and contribute to the best of my ability to the betterment of Grosse Pointe Shores. ... Feel free to call me with concerns or ideas at (313) 886-0780.”

The November 2019 election was Gehlert’s first experience with politics, as well.

“I’m very new at politics and yet still humbled by the city’s overwhelming support, which was reflected in the election outcome,” she said via email. “I look forward to making a difference on council and strive to implement solutions to our citizens’ needs.”



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Sworn in

Above left, Grosse Pointe Shores Mayor Ted Kedzierski shakes hands with Municipal Judge Matthew Rumora after being sworn into office for another four-year term at the Shores council meeting Tuesday, Nov. 19. Above right, from left, council members Doug Kucyk, John Seago and Danielle Gehlert are sworn into office by Kedzierski at the same council meeting.

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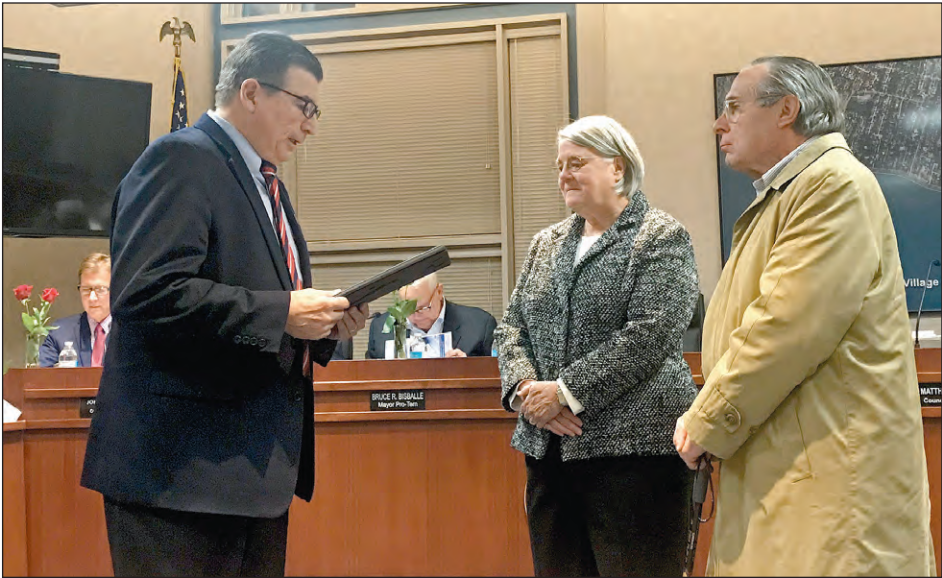
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Mayor Ted Kedzierski reads the proclamation to Lynn and Paul Alandt at the Shores council meeting Tuesday, Nov. 19.

Ford family honored with proclamation

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Lynn and Paul Alandt, as well as Benson Ford Jr., were honored with a proclamation from Grosse Pointe Shores at the start of the council meeting Tuesday, Nov. 19, following a recent \$60,000 donation from the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House on behalf of the three that was used to construct the new Osius Municipal Park gatehouse.

“Their long commitment and selfless generosity is an example of their civic leadership in giving to others in such a way that inspires and strengthens the community,” the proclamation read. “The Village of

Grosse Pointe Shores has greatly benefited from their efforts and (they) hold a special place in the Grosse Pointe community serving above and beyond on numerous occasions.”

The Alandts were in attendance and presented with a plaque by Shores Mayor Ted Kedzierski.

“Lynn and Paul Alandt and Benson Ford Jr. are not only known for their deep commitment to the Grosse Pointe community, but also for establishing a legacy of philanthropy throughout the metro Detroit area,” he read. “As board of trustees and financial supporters of various community organizations and nonprofit organizations, specifically

the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, their efforts are an illustration of their dedication to one’s community and personifies the meaning of being persons for others.”

The Alandts, along with Ford, also were recognized for devoting “a significant amount of their time carrying on their family’s legacy and passion for philanthropy.”

Additionally, Kedzierski presented a plaque which stated, “A gift from the Ford House, the historic estate of Edsel and Eleanor Ford.”

“This is going on our gatehouse for your very, very nice donation to Grosse Pointe Shores, thank you so much, so everyone can see forever,” he said.

Two men charged in string of auto larcenies

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — A Stratton Place resident looking out his window at 1:27 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 29, led to the arrests of two men allegedly responsible for at least five larcenies from vehicles in the Shores, Farms, Woods and Chesterfield.

Jeffery Richard Tapert, 49, of Chesterfield and 48-year-old Scott Henry Rollend of Roseville were arraigned at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, and charged with possession of burglary tools, which carries a maximum sentence of 10 years; breaking and entering a motor vehicle with damage to the vehicle, five years; conspiracy to commit larceny from a motor vehicle, five years; and conspiracy to commit receiving and concealing stolen property \$200 to \$1,000, one year.

Additionally, Tapert was charged with receiving and concealing stolen property \$200 to \$1,000, one year.

“We have arrested Tapert in 2000 ... from a previous occurrence of a similar nature,” said Detective Lt. Scott Rohr, officer in charge of the case.

Tapert was charged, convicted and served some time, he added, and was released within a month prior to this most recent arrest.

Tapert’s bond was set at \$75,000 cash/surety,

while Rollend’s was set at \$50,000 cash/surety.

Background

The Stratton Place resident had returned home from a wedding in the early morning hours Sunday, Sept. 29, and through his window saw two figures approach the gray BMW in his driveway and break the driver’s door window.

“To break that type of tempered glass, you’d need to hit it really hard with a metal of some sort, typically a hardened metal, and you would notice the swinging and all of that if that were the case,” Rohr said. “In this case, we suspect and we recovered a spring-loaded center punch, which is consistent with the lack of him swinging his arm or doing anything to break the glass, so it’s obvious he just popped it with the center punch.”

When the homeowner banged on the window and shouted at the figures, they immediately ran to their car parked around the corner and drove away.

A Ring video surveillance camera caught footage of the incident as well, including a luminescent skull on one figure’s dark hoodie and luminescent Nike swooshes on the shoes of the second figure.

“When we arrested them, we recovered clothing that matched this exactly,” Rohr said.

The homeowner called public safety immediately

and officers got a general description of the vehicle and descriptions of the subjects involved.

An officer running a stationary radar at South Deeplands proceeded to head north on Lakeshore in response to the call and noticed a vehicle approaching southbound at 46 mph. It was pulled over at Lakeshore and Woodland Shores.

When officers informed Tapert — the driver — and Rollend they were being detained due to matching the description of a possible auto theft attempt, Tapert was sweaty and nervous, stating he was coming from a home on Hollywood in the Woods and that it was a case of mistaken identity.

Rollend denied having any identification on him and falsely gave officers his brother’s name.

After the homeowner was driven by the traffic stop and gave a positive ID on the vehicle and suspects, Rollend confessed his true identity and stated he had warrants.

A small black flashlight was found in Tapert’s front pants pocket.

The men allegedly didn’t have a chance to steal anything from the Stratton Place car, but in the Malibu, officers found a spring-loaded center punch, various burglary tools and hand tools and two radar detectors.

One of the radar detectors was tracked to

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The Week Ahead

MONDAY, DEC. 9

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 90 Kerby.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 15115 E. Jefferson.

TUESDAY, DEC. 10

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Board of Review meeting, 9 a.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens’ Recreation Commission, 7 p.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Planning Commission meeting, 7 p.m. at the Tompkins Community Center, 14920 Windmill Pointe Dr.

THURSDAY, DEC. 12

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

THURSDAY, DEC. 12 TO SATURDAY, DEC. 14

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Young opera singer prepares to take on the world

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

Madeline Thibault was in fifth grade and very shy when her music teacher had her perform “Interplanet Janet” as a solo, much to the disbelief of her parents, and she discovered her love for singing.

The City of Grosse Pointe resident graduated two years ago from the University of Michigan with Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees in vocal performance and now works as a professional opera singer.

Although at one point she was fairly equally interested in musical theater, Thibault’s four-year stint with the Michigan Opera Theatre Children’s Chorus — a program that supplies children’s choruses in any professional opera that requires one — heavily influenced the decision by exposing her first hand to the opera performances.

“I think people that kind of inspired me were, I didn’t know them on a personal level, but were the singers on that stage,” she said, “the leads that were singing just a couple feet across from me, and thinking, ‘I want to be like that one day.’”

Thibault has now per-



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Madeline Thibault performs as Kitty Packard, a Marilyn Monroe-esque character, in “Dinner at Eight.”

formed in “A Midsummer Night’s Dream,” “Dinner at Eight” and “The Magic Flute,” but she considers one of her greatest accomplishments thus far to be her role as Clara in “The Light in the Piazza.”

“I was introduced to the musical the summer before I went to Seagull (Music Colony) and, this is so weird, but I would memorize the whole show and then perform it when my roommate wasn’t home,” Thibault said. “I was like 23 and putting on a show in my house for myself.”

She then discovered the young artist program was putting on the show the summer before the second year of her master’s program.

“I prayed and prayed and was like, ‘Oh please have this work out’ and for that whole semester I brought the title number, which was ‘The Light and the Piazza,’ to every single lesson and my voice teacher was so sick of hearing it,” Thibault said. “She’s like, ‘It sounds great, let’s move on.’ But I was like, ‘I have to do this. I need to get this. This would change my life.’”

“So then I auditioned and in the audition room, after I finished singing, they sat me and were like, ‘Oh my gosh, where have you been? This is amazing. What are you doing this summer?’ And that’s when I kind of said, ‘Well, I would love to do this.’”

Through her connection with Seagull, she’s also had the opportunity to work on new opera works.

“The composers hire Seagull Music Colony to get a team together and then in one week to learn and perform the musical or the opera for an audience and then get feedback,” she explained. “So it’s kind of the process of how an opera becomes an opera and that’s like in the first stages to see if it’ll work, to see what doesn’t work and then they’ll re-compose.”

Thibault plans to move to New York in January to be closer to the composers she’s

developed relationships with and more centrally located to opportunities, including in musical theater, and has refined her career goals to better reflect where she is at the moment, such as continuing to have roles that fuel her passion.

“I think for a while the goal was always, I want to sing at the Met or I want to sing on Broadway, but I think right now for me, the goal is just to perform as much as I can and hopefully to get to a point where I don’t have other jobs subsidizing the opera,” she explained. “Kind of just having the freedom to go where the gig is instead of just kind of where the money is.”

Despite her current open arms approach to travel, she recognizes it might not always remain conducive to the lifestyle she may wish to cultivate in the future.

“When people tell me of everything that they have lined up in the different cities, I think it would be wonderful now, where I’m so young, but I

could see where it could get harder if you wanted to have a life or kids, families,” she said. “That’s a lot of time and it’s a lot of living out of your suitcase from my understanding.”

And if opera doesn’t continue to work out 10 years down the line? Vocal therapy and teaching music hold Thibault’s interest, as well, but performing on Broadway likely will remain on the dreamer’s bucket list.

“I couldn’t have done all this without my parents’ support, their constant love and faith in me,” she said. “They’re really always there kind of saying, ‘It’s OK. Just keep doing it. You’ve got this.’ And even my siblings, too, are wonderful. Sometimes they may not always want to go to an opera, but they’re there supporting and just always cheering me on, which is great because I know I couldn’t do any of this without that, because it is a dream. Not everyone gets to pursue their real dream, so I’m very fortunate.”



Thibault performs as Laurey in “Oklahoma!”

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expect.

“As the interim, I just want to make sure that all the day-to-day operations are continuing and that residents don’t lose any kind of services,” he said.

He was chosen for the position since he already has been helping fill the role, Kedzierski explained.

“He’s been available during Mark’s absence ... and he has, I think, over 20 (years of) experience,” he said. “He knows our building department. He knows the elections. He’s been somewhat the jack of all trades right now.”

Krolczyk brings to the position 15 years experience as the building department administrator, as well as three years running the Shores Water Department.

“It’s very flattering to me,” he said on being

appointed. “I didn’t really even see that ever coming, but (I’m) appreciative of the mayor and the council having that kind of confidence in me to fill in while they’re looking for a more permanent solution.”

A committee composed of council members Bob Barrett, Danielle Gehlert and Doug Kucyk has been formed to work through finding a new city manager for the Shores, Kedzierski reported. “We haven’t positioned ourselves for a certain date,” he said, regarding when the new manager may be appointed. “I think at this point, this is an interim. He’s going to be supplemented by the other directors. They’re going to be working somewhat on a team basis. ... There’s certain things we’re going to probably try to parcel off, so that nobody is feeling overworked, overloaded.”

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Chesterfield in an incident that took place that same day with the same modus operandi.

“On the top of the radar detector is a smudge of what appears to be blood, which in the incident in Chesterfield Township, there was suspected blood left in the car, which is also consistent with that radar detector being taken from that incident,” Rohr said.

As of the arrests, the blood had not been sent to a lab, but was being held as evidence for Chesterfield, he

explained.

“Chesterfield is testing the blood that they recovered in the car, so we know where we got this from. We just want to know if the blood in the car is theirs,” he said. “It’ll likely come back to Tapert who lived within .3 miles of the location in Chesterfield Township where that occurred.”

Photos were taken of latent prints that were left on the driver side door of the Mercedes that also was parked at the Stratton Place residence. It was not damaged, but was approached and touched by the driver of the suspect vehicle.

“We have not had people breaking windows to

get into cars in quite a long time,” Rohr said. “It’s kind of rare actually. Normally they try door handles, then they rummage through the cars if they’re doing that kind of thing. Lot of times, breaking the glass sets off an alarm or draws attention, so they don’t typically do it. This case, they’re kind of brazen and they were, I think, specifically looking for radar detectors and things that were visible from casual observation from the outside of the vehicle.”

Rohr commended the homeowner for his quick action, stating that as the reason the case was able to be closed.

“If you delay even two minutes, those guys are going to have enough chance to get away and we won’t be able to find

them, but if you pick up the phone and call 911 whenever something like that happens, we have a much, much better chance of catching them, especially with the response times Grosse Pointe Shores has,” he said. “We can get there typically fast enough to intervene and stop whatever they’re doing.”

In regard to how residents could better protect themselves against similar auto larcenies, Rohr explained there isn’t much to be done.

“In this case, there’s not much different they can do,” he said. “I mean you should be able to park in your driveway. In this case, there was a radar detector mounted on the dashboard, so if anything, try not to make things enticing.”

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Moving the wrong items

An 82-year-old Detroit woman’s credit cards, driver’s license, medical card and Social Security card were stolen from her purse during the afternoon Thursday, Nov. 21, while she was working with movers.

Capture the flag

A Michigan Technological University flag and its flag pole were taken from a 48-year-old Grosse Pointe woman’s Rivard yard overnight Saturday, Nov. 23. Ring video footage then captured two males, one in his early- to mid-20s, stealing a University of Michigan flag and Cleveland Browns flag from the Lakeland yard of a 38-year-old Grosse Pointe woman at 1:05 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 24.

Very tired thief

A 35-year-old Roseville woman was arrested at 4:24 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24, for stealing nine boxes of Monster Energy drink worth \$90.51 from a store in the 16000 block of Kercheval.

Bike thief

At 7:18 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, surveillance footage captured an approximately 40-year-old white male with a mustache wearing a black wool hat, blue zip-up jacket, camouflage hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans steal a neon green Trek mountain bike from a rack on Waterloo.

Course correct

After a vehicle went onto the grass at St. Clair and St. Paul and almost hit a light pole before returning to the roadway, the 71-year-old Grosse Pointe woman was pulled over at 8:02 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24. Officers detected a strong odor of intoxicants and the woman

appeared to have difficulty keeping her eyes open. When she exited the vehicle for sobriety tasks, the woman wasn’t wearing shoes. A preliminary breath test showed her blood alcohol content at .229 percent. She was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

Suspended license

A 21-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving while license suspended after being pulled over at Charlevoix and St. Clair at 8:22 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30. — Laurel Kraus Report information about these and other crimes to the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety, (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Flag theft palooza

A Michigan State University flag was stolen from the front porch of a 46-year-old Farms woman’s Handy Road residence overnight Saturday, Nov. 23. Several other flags were reported stolen in the Park and City during the same time frame.

Schoolyard stash

Monday, Nov. 25, officers discovered a 45-year-old Farms woman has been hiding liquor bottles in the bushes at an area middle school. She said it was because she has a drinking problem and cannot take the alcohol home. The woman, who is on probation for an operating while intoxicated offense in June, was advised of trespassing and not to return to any area of the school property.

Walls closing in

After a vehicle with an out-of-service headlight squeezed between the curb and another vehicle already in the right turn lane at Gateshead, officers pulled it over at 5:47 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 28. The 55-year-old Detroit man smelled of intoxicants and admitted to drinking beer. Preliminary breath test results showed his blood alcohol content at .13 percent. He was arrested for open container liquor transport, operating under the influence, not having license/title/registration, driving while license suspended and not having insurance.

Stolen vehicle

After parking his dark green 2012 Ford F-150, license plate number DWN3807, in a parking lot off Kerby at 5:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 29, a 27-year-old Harper Woods man locked his vehicle, left the keys under the driver’s seat and returned around 3 p.m. to find it missing.

Rolex theft

A stainless-steel Rolex submariner watch, serial number N2287892, disappeared from a 53-year-old Farms man’s Handy Road residence after two employees from a plumbing company worked inside the home Sunday, Dec. 1.

Suspended license

A vehicle with a defective and loud exhaust was pulled over on Mack at 6:40 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1, and the 25-year-old Detroit driver was arrested for driving while license suspended. — Laurel Kraus Report information about these and other

crimes to Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety, (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Making your own path

Farms officers attempted to pull over a 57-year-old Brownstown man on Lakeshore at 4:07 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 30, after his vehicle drifted sharply multiple times, but he continued to drive slowly into the Shores, ultimately driving through front and rear yards until the vehicle struck a tree on Crestwood. The man then left the scene by foot, but was apprehended. He was arrested for narcotic equipment — paraphernalia, resisting officers, fleeing or eluding police, operating under the influence of drugs, careless driving and driving while license suspended.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Armed robbery

A Metro Car driver was struck with a pistol and robbed around 6 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, in the 1300 block of Kensington while awaiting a passenger. The victim was parked in a vehicle at a residence when the suspect approached, demanding at gunpoint the victim’s wallet, briefcase and keys. The driver surrendered his wallet and briefcase, but refused to surrender the keys. The suspect then fled on foot. Park public safety is investigating the incident.

Dress theft

Two dresses valued at \$46 were stolen in the 900 block of Pemberton around 5:40 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, when a package was taken from the porch of a residence by an unknown suspect.

Unruly thanks-giver

A 36-year-old man was arrested for malicious destruction of property and trespassing around 11 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 28, after entering a bar in the 15000 block of Charlevoix and refusing to leave.

The man reportedly brought an open beer into the bar and became uncooperative when asked to exit the property. The suspect kicked a window out of a door at the establishment before he was taken into custody.

Tuckpointers on take

A man was robbed of \$1,800 around 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 28, in the 1100 block of Berkshire after he was approached by two strangers requesting the amount as a fee to perform tuckpointing. The victim agreed to pay the cash in advance, but his wife disagreed, so he walked the suspects to their vehicle after declining their offer. The men reportedly took the cash from the victim’s pocket and fled.

Resisting arrest

A 31-year-old man was arrested at Mack and Haverhill after he fled his vehicle around 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 30, when he was detained for speeding. After running from police, he was found hiding in another nearby vehicle.

Larceny from autos

A 23-year-old man was arrested around 4 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 30, in the 1300 block of Three Mile

Drive for stealing items from vehicles in the neighborhood.

He was questioned by a public safety officer before fleeing on foot and was later apprehended.

The suspect was found in possession of stolen items and confessed to the thefts.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Operating while intoxicated

A 50-year-old man who admitted to being intoxicated was arrested at Mack and Vernier around 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26, after colliding with another vehicle.

Harper Woods police detained the man, who’d fled the scene of a collision, before Woods public safety arrived to conduct field sobriety tests.

After beginning tests, the man told police, “I’ve had too much to drink. I’m not going to do this.”

He was taken into custody at the scene.

Operating while intoxicated

A 50-year-old man was arrested around 12:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26, at Marter and Vernier after he was stopped for speeding.

The man had been traveling eastbound on Vernier when he was detained and then spotted putting a breath mint in his mouth, according to Woods public safety.

The man refused to remove the breath mint, but admitted he had consumed two glasses of wine. An open container of a liquid believed to be alcohol was located in the suspect’s vehicle before he was taken into custody.

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

PLEDGES:

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short around \$20,000, but there is still time. “The community expects that The Village is going to be here,” Bellanca said. “They don’t recognize that it is something that needs to

be preserved. That’s the essence of the job of the executive director and the Main Street board is to convince the city citizens that this is an asset that needs to be preserved.” Michigan Main Street is a 501(c)3 organization, which makes donations tax deductible.

The application for the Michigan Main Street Program is due in Lansing Dec. 6. “Once we turn it in, we will have to plan for kind of a community presentation at the end of January/beginning of February where we show why we want it,” Dame said. “We go before an

advisory board for the Michigan Main Street Program and we make the case for why they should choose us.” In January 2020, the DDA will meet to plan the presentation. The City will find out if it’s been selected for the program in March or April of 2020.



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



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OUR VIEW

Farms annexation
OK'd — for now

Seven Provencal Road property owners had much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving: They had just become “official” Grosse Pointe Farms residents.

On Oct. 28, the director of the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs approved the annexation of the properties from Grosse Pointe Woods to Grosse Pointe Farms, as the homeowners sought and the State Boundary Commission had earlier recommended by a unanimous vote.

The Woods filed an appeal of the decision Nov. 15. So how long the Provencal homeowners remain Farms residents appears to rest with a Wayne County Circuit judge.

At this juncture, we encourage Woods leadership to drop the appeal, concede to the residents’ wishes and accept the state’s ruling. In other words, let the annexation stand. Not only would this save both the Woods taxpayers and the homeowners a lot of money in legal fees, it also would be the right thing to do.

For all practical purposes and experience, the seven families have lived as Farms residents — just like their Provencal Road neighbors on either side of them. They had Farms park passes. Their children graduated from Grosse Pointe South. In fact, many were surprised to learn they were in fact Woods residents.

Perhaps most important, they received the same police and fire protection as the neighbors on Provencal Road. And that’s particularly important given the longer, roundabout route from the Woods’ public safety facilities to Provencal’s entrance off Kercheval Avenue.

Up until recently, the Woods paid the Farms to provide all these services under a long-standing agreement. But the Woods pulled back when the residents went to the boundary commission hoping for annexation.

Perhaps it’s a matter of principle for Grosse Pointe Woods — and other communities who live with properties that straddle boundary lines — to maintain the original status.

It may be a matter of money, as well. But the figure once cited by the Woods — \$172,000 in annual property taxes paid by homeowners — includes county and school taxes, as well as what the Woods was paying the Farms. Woods taxes paid by the seven properties is actually about \$65,000, of which \$40,000 was paid to the Farms for services rendered. We’re talking mere hundredths of a penny out of the Woods’s annual \$43.4 million budget.

In the short term, whatever slight financial advantage the Woods has in trying to retain the Provencal properties will get eaten up by legal fees if the city continues to fight the ruling. Meanwhile, the residents have probably spent more in legal fees than they will save over many years by paying the slightly lower tax rates in the Farms.

The property owners are standing on the principle that their vote counts for almost nothing in local elections. As customers, not residents, of the Farms, they’ve had no political influence over decisions about the services they use. They felt equally powerless — and far less interested — in the politics of the Woods, which provided no services to them.

The Woods-Farms agreement on cross-border services dated back to 1955. The Woods may have hurt its own case by capriciously severing the agreement earlier this year.

The Provencal homeowners may not be unique in the fact that a municipal boundary marches through their property, but they are encapsulated in a particularly bizarre way that isolates them from their natural political interests and, barring a permanent agreement on services, may threaten their safety and well-being as well.

Up until now, the Woods obviously hasn’t seen it that way. But this certainly seems like an appropriate juncture to stop fighting.



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Pure
Grosse
Pointe

Not so sure about the “pure” part, but Grosse Pointe News publisher John Minnis, above left, once again rode in the Chamber’s annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade on Friday morning, the day after Thanksgiving. He was chauffeured by Ahmed Ismail, of Grosse Pointe Woods, in his shiny-red Mini Cooper convertible. Preceding the vehicle and walking behind the Grosse Pointe News and Grosse Pointe Magazine banner, carried by News employees David Hughes and John Pigott, were four “Newsies” from Brownell — Carolyn Coyle, Julia Tibbitts, Meryn Vick and Allison Vernon — who handed out “extras.” Editor Jody McVeigh and staff writer Laurel Kraus and her niece, Marie, also walked in the parade.



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LETTERS

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Action, motive
questioned

To the Editor:
Your article titled “Bisballe Resigns, Cites Lack of City Leadership” leaves me curious both about the former Shores councilman’s course of action and his motives. ...

The value of the disciplined approach that Bruce Bisballe brought to the Shores finance committee during his tenure is undeniable.

It is disappointing that Bruce appears to have forgotten the very reasons that Shores voters put him on the council in the first place, and truly regrettable that he orchestrated his exit in such an acrimonious manner.

If Grosse Pointe Shores voters really believed there was a leadership void in our city, where was Mayor Kedzierski’s opposition in last month’s civic election?

ROBERT E. LEE, M.D.
Grosse Pointe Shores

What’s
happening
in the Shores?

To the Editor:
I wish to thank and commend Grosse Pointe Shores Councilman Bruce Bisballe for eight years of outstanding service. Mr. Bisballe was an excellent steward of the city’s finances and it’s

sad to see him resign because of the leadership in the city.

The Shores city manager and a 30-year employee with vast institutional knowledge recently left as well. ...

What’s happening to our fair city? I long for the days and the dignity of Mayor Jim Cooper.

MARGARET WEERTZ
Grosse Pointe Shores

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To the Editor:

Per the Grosse Pointe News front page photo/caption capturing the Grosse Pointe City Christmas tree lighting ceremony, the newspaper neglected to include the Grosse Pointe City Foundation as co-sponsor of the tree lighting and the “Jingle & Mingle” event.

The “Jingle & Mingle” event was created and developed by the City Foundation and included opportunities for food tasting and to win gigantic children’s toys and donated merchandise and services raffle prizes.

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Soroptimists
say thanks!

To the Editor:

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe completed another very successful annual Dine-Around-Town gift certificate raffle.

This, SIGP’s major fundraiser, will be used to support Soroptimist educational awards for women and girls in 2020. This success was possible because SIGP members obtained gift certificates from restaurants and businesses and sold raffle tickets to a supportive community.

Soroptimist sincerely thanks the following restaurants and businesses that donated gift certificates for the raffle: Andary’s Grill & Deli, Beyond Juicery + Eatery, Blue Bay Fish, Brownie’s on the Lake, Bucci Ristorante, Cabbage Patch Saloon, Cafe Nini, Caffé Far Bella, Champs, Chocolate Bar Café, City Kitchen, Detroit Coney Island, Detroit Wing Company, Donna’s Family Dining, Eagles

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- 6th Place: Margaret Wiczorek
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I SAY By Renee Landuyt

Lend a hand when you can



I am a sucker for makeover shows. You know, the ones where people in need are helped. I thoroughly enjoyed watching “Extreme Home Makeover” on Sunday nights, because it helped people and it set a good tone to begin the week. I also enjoy the yearly secret Santa videos from a news station in Idaho that helps local people around their town. Quiet, everyday citizens who need a little boost. And

don’t get me started on the clips that show soldiers coming home and surprising their spouses and kids or seeing their babies for the first time. I get teary eyed every time I see someone deserving get something they need. It’s touching to see the goodness in humanity. And it’s out there more often than the bad news; it’s just not broadcast enough. I can happily watch endless clips of these on YouTube year-round, tissue in hand. It restores my faith and lifts me up. A helping hand. Heart melted. Aw’s uttered. We are all connected as human beings. We feel the same emotions. It’s fairly common, it seems, to judge someone

without really knowing their story. I’ve seen people walk right by a homeless person as though they don’t exist. I don’t understand how they can do that. They’re people, too. A few days ago while at a red light in Roseville and again Monday morning in Grosse Pointe Woods, volunteers, taking a chance in traffic, were collecting donations for Goodfellows. I gave some money to the volunteer, who thanked me and wished me a merry Christmas while handing me a newsletter explaining what they do. I looked around and noticed some drivers looking straight ahead, trying not to make eye contact as though no one

was there asking for anything they could spare. This organization works hard to make sure every kid has a Christmas. How do you ignore that? We don’t have to help every time, and it costs nothing to smile at someone. Imagine if something happened to you and no one reached out to help. If you are able to help someone, I hope you reach out. This community has seen a number of tragedies, and I have seen people who don’t agree on things come together and step up to the plate to help someone. It’s inspiring. I get such joy in helping people. It doesn’t matter if it’s the littlest thing or the last \$5 I have,

I happily do it because it helps them and, bonus, it makes me feel good. Sure, sometimes I’m not always in the mood, but I know when I step up to help, the reward will be as big as the gift or the gesture or the time I gave. I don’t do this every day, but I do it as often as possible. I love that schools are working on instilling a message of kindness and helping others create a better world, because who better to plant a seed in than the young ones? And I love that they’re teaching the message of helping the planet. The younger generation will have to clean up the mess the generations before them are leaving.

And truthfully, we ought to apologize to them and start working on being role models. This is one of the many reasons I am moved and hopeful when I see teenage activists like Greta Thunberg, Isra Hirsi and Autumn Peltier starting at such a young age to work for climate change, social justice and indigenous water rights. Kindness is deeply rooted in us. I want to bring it out whenever I can. I’ve learned that when you’re trying to make the world a better place, people will show up to help you out. So find appreciation for things that are right in front of you. Every moment is a gift and the best way to respond is with gratitude and kindness. Pay it forward. Live simply. Love fully. Do your part. And lend a hand when you can.

YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

1944

75 years ago this week

PRIZE PORKER TURNS ON GAS AND GETS AIR: A frantic SOS call was received at the City of Grosse Pointe police department. A home on Washington Road was filled with escaping gas. Officers jumped into their scout car, gas masks and all, and rushed to the scene and found every window and door wide open. Donning gas masks, they proceeded with extreme caution through the front door only to find a little brown and white pig wandering around the living room. The maid revealed the homeowners won the pig in a raffle a few nights earlier and quartered him in the basement. The porker became tired of residing in the dark basement and proceeded to make his way upstairs.

In his wanderings around the living room, he rubbed against a gas jet and turned it on. Later, the maid, smelling gas, became excited and opened the windows and called for official help. *Obituaries: The Rev. William Hennes*

1969

50 years ago this week

WAR ON SHOPLIFTERS DECLARED: It may be the season to be jolly, but for the merchants of The Pointe, it is the season to be extra cautious and they are warning shoplifters to “beware!” William Merritt, of Jacobson’s, president of the Grosse Pointe Commerce and Civic Association, told the News, “If we catch anybody stealing from our stores, we’ll prosecute them all the way. We won’t tolerate any form of shoplifting.” Additionally, the mer-

chant members of the association have worked out a system in which an immediate alert is sent out to each store if shoplifters are found or suspected in the area. *Obituaries: Dorothy Boase, James M. Butler, C.L. Coe, Frederick W. Dettlinger, Mary B. Dillon, Helen L. Jewell, Russell H. Maude*

1994

25 years ago this week

POINTE POPULATION SURVEY OFFERS FEW SURPRISES: There’s no baby boom in the Pointes, according to census figures compiled by the Grosse Pointe school district. While the number of school-age children in the five Pointe communities and a third of Harper Woods — the area comprising the school district — has increased by approximately 500 students, the overall popula-

tion shows a decrease of about 2,000 residents. Total school district population for 1994 is 53,793. In 1992, it was 55,870; in 1990, it was 56,302 and in 1988, it was 57,151. **TEMPORARY LIGHTS ON ATHLETIC FIELD ARE LEGAL:** Opponents of lights at North High School received some bad news. The city attorney issued an opinion that the use of portable lights powered by diesel generators is legal. *Obituaries: Thomas McLean Clark, Everett M. Hawley Jr., Aileen Markward, Glendon Harvey Roberts*

2009

10 years ago this week

COYOTE KILLS PET SPANIEL: Dickens, a 25-pound cocker spaniel, was attacked and killed by neck wounds shortly before 6 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27. The attack

occurred in front of his owner’s house on Dodge Place. The dog had been let outside to a lawn rigged with an invisible electric fence. The owner found his dog wounded in the street and saw the coyote running away between houses. **NOTHING GOES RIGHT IN WOODS LEFT TURN:** A 44-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident was waiting to make a left-hand turn off Mack onto Lochmoor Boulevard. A truck in front of him in the turnaround was stopped at the red light. That’s when a 67-year-old Grosse Pointe Shores resident pulled up behind him and became impatient. When the light changed and the Woods resident completed his left turn, the Shores resident decided to let him know how unhappy she was with his driving. A game of cat-and-mouse ensued along Woods side streets with the Woods resident

calling 911 and being told to drive to Woods public safety offices. The Shores resident followed right into the police station and told officers she was outraged when they were waiting to turn left onto Lochmoor and the Woods resident would not pull up far enough to allow her to pull off Mack into the turnaround. She feared she was in danger of being hit by other cars traveling on Mack. Public safety officers told her by sitting on Mack as she had done, she was actually impeding traffic and could be ticketed. The proper procedure is to go to the next turn around. The case was referred to the Woods traffic safety officer and charges could be brought. *Obituaries: Martin J. Carnaghi, Helen David, Joanna Garrett, Edward A. Kotz D.D.S., Linda S. O’Leary, Mary Gage Parke, Gerald C. Schroeder Jr., Edith Drysdale Starnes — Karen Fontanive*

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Board receives update on reconfiguration progress

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

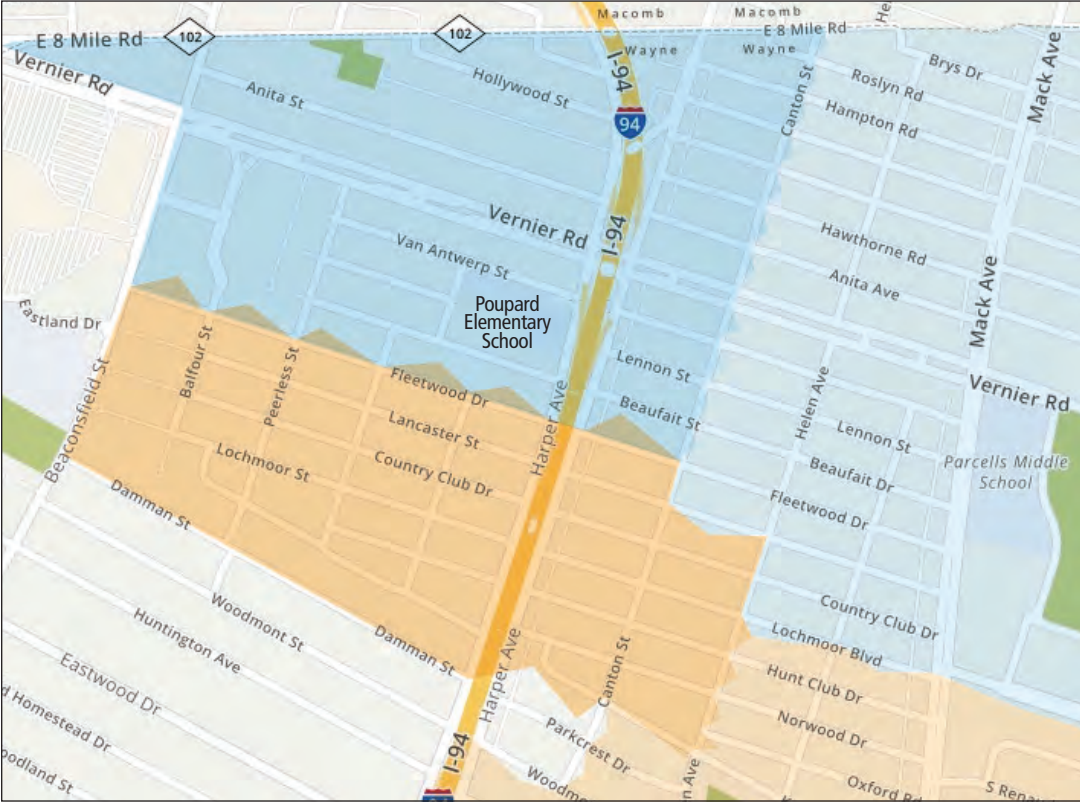
The Grosse Pointe Public School System administration presented its latest recommendations on school boundaries and reconfiguration at the regular meeting of the Board of Education Nov. 25. Members of a magnet advisory committee also discussed proposed changes to the district’s gifted and talented program (see article on page 9A).

One of the driving forces behind many of the decisions, according to Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services Jon Dean, was to minimize the impact on students, a theme that emerged from the blue ribbon committee’s reconfiguration work last year.

Middle schools

Rodger Hunwick, principal of Brownell Middle School, Dan Hartley, principal of Parcells Middle School and Sara Dirkse, principal of Pierce Middle School, addressed plans to move fifth graders to the middle schools beginning in 2020-21. These include a dedicated floor plan for grades 5/6 and 7/8 in each building along with separate lunch and recess schedules.

“This has been a tremendous opportunity for us as building administrators and staff to work on reimagining in the Grosse Pointe public schools what middle school is all about,” Hunwick said. “Bringing fifth graders up to the middle school is an opportunity that we embrace, love and are



This map indicates new boundaries lines for Poupard, with students living on Beaufait and north attending Mason and those on Fleetwood and south attending Monteith.

completely and wholeheartedly excited to work with when reimagining that step.”

At Brownell, three computer labs on the second floor will be converted to classroom space to accommodate the fifth and sixth graders. This allows for 12 classrooms, which is “more than adequate to house and accommodate learning opportunities for the fifth and sixth grade,” Hunwick said. Classrooms also will be converted for special education programming.

Similar plans are in place for Parcells and Pierce middle schools. Computer labs and underused space at Parcells will be converted into five classrooms and at Pierce, converted computer lab space will result

in three new classrooms. With this revised building capacity, Brownell is projected to be at 78 percent utilization in 2020-21, Parcells at 87 percent and Pierce at 84 percent.

The program for cognitively impaired students will remain at Parcells, with autism spectrum disorder classrooms added at Brownell and Pierce.

“The three of us (middle school principals) have been working really well together and we have a great team,” Dirkse said. “I’m really looking forward to what’s to come.”

Dean noted current eighth grade classes, now the largest in the building, will graduate and be replaced by smaller classes. While all

the students fit next year, middle school enrollment is trending down, resulting in smaller classes in the foreseeable future.

Elementary schools

The following decisions were made regarding elementary school programming in light of the closure of Poupard and Trombly elementary schools: to maintain the cognitive impairment program at Ferry Elementary School; move the multiage program from its current home at Trombly to Maire Elementary School; place the pre-K fee-based classroom currently housed at Trombly at Richard Elementary School; and maintain the Young 5 classrooms at Defer, Maire, Mason and Monteith elementary schools, with classrooms added at other buildings based on parent interest.

Kurt Rheäume, director

of information technology for Wayne Regional Educational Service Agencies, provided an overview to the board on Wayne RESA’s analysis on boundary changes on the north end. While Mason and Monteith will maintain their current enrollment boundaries, Poupard students residing on Beaufait and north will attend Mason and Poupard students residing on Fleetwood and south will attend Monteith. Ferry Elementary School boundaries will remain unchanged.

This results in a 61 percent utilization rate at Ferry, including four special education classrooms, and 76 percent utilization at both Mason and Monteith.

On the south end, Trombly and Defer student populations will merge into Defer at a projected 77 percent utilization rate, with facility changes resulting in an increase of two classrooms. Kerby, Richard and Maire attendance boundaries will not change. Kerby is projected to be at 68 percent utilization, Maire at 82 percent and Richard at 62 percent.

Title 1 eligibility

Title 1 funding, according to Dean, is set by the state and federal government based on the dis-

trict’s free and reduced lunch count.

“Whether we have one school or 14 schools, we get the same number of dollars for Title 1,” Dean said. “... By closing two elementary schools, we’re not experiencing any loss in Title 1 funds. However, how those dollars are spent and where they’re spent can be impacted.”

With the shifts in enrollment, Mason likely will become a building-wide Title 1 building, the designation Poupard currently holds. Monteith likely will become a targeted assistance Title 1 building and Defer, which narrowly qualified for targeted assistance under its current enrollment, may lose its eligibility. A building-wide Title 1 designation means funding can go to any student in the building, while targeted assistance means Title 1 resources may be spent only on eligible students.

GPPSS Superintendent Gary Niehaus said while Title 1 funds will be apportioned differently among buildings, any deficits will be made up by other funding sources. For example, funds allocated through Section 31a at-risk money can be spent on providing instructional and non-instructional services to students regardless of Title 1 eligibility.

With nine literacy coaches throughout the district, “there will be no loss of services,” said Keith Howell, director of pre-K through elementary instruction. “Defer will no longer have a part-time Title 1 teacher, but we’ll be looking at allocations of literacy teachers to provide support based on student needs.”



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Advisory committee recommends changes to the magnet program

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Many parents in attendance at the Nov. 25 regular meeting of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education opposed recommended changes to the district's gifted and talented program. Currently housed in split classrooms for grades 2/3 and 4/5 at Defer Elementary School on the south end and Ferry Elementary School on the north end, these magnet classrooms are open to eligible students district-wide.

The changes were part of the reconfiguration of the school district resulting from the board's June 24 decision to close Trombly and Poupard elementary schools for the 2020-21 school year and move fifth grade from elementary to middle school in a K-4, 5-8 grade reconfiguration.

A magnet advisory committee comprised of 14 teachers, 16 parents, three past magnet students, seven administrators and two board members met over the past three months. After reviewing the history of the district's gifted and



FILE PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Fourth and fifth graders in James Fisher's magnet class at Ferry Elementary School were open for business last April as part of a long-term economics project. Lauren James and Addison Graves, owners of Evergreen Crafts, sell one of their products made out of recyclables to Hally Vogel.

talented programming and current practices, conducting research and surveying current families of magnet-eligible students, the committee made a recommendation to the Educational Programs Leadership Council to provide programming in 3/4 split classrooms at a maximum of four locations across the district based on demand. The EPLC approved the recommendations Nov. 20.

Expanding the pro-

gram to four buildings will "double the amount of students who have access to the program," magnet co-coordinator Pam Yeager said. "One of the things we keep hearing is that it's not enough locations across the district and we're not able to provide for all the students who would like to take advantage of it due to drive time."

The expansion also allows for smaller class sizes, according to

Director of Pre-K and Elementary Instruction Keith Howell.

According to data the committee compiled, the makeup of Defer and Ferry magnet classrooms consistently comes from Defer and Ferry families, magnet co-coordinator and Trombly literacy coach Ann Passino said. Moreover, testing data of students recommended for the program who participated in it and those whose families declined showed both sets of students are "consistently and similarly high performing."

"But beyond the testing data, we believe over time our magnet classrooms have shown high support for our gifted students in terms of social, cognitive and emotional (development)," Passino said.

The needs of fifth grade students will be addressed in the middle schools, with current fourth grade magnet students receiving instruction in 2020-21 from a certified teacher in a self-contained setting to ensure they complete the two-year magnet curriculum cycle.

The committee was divided on several areas. One was whether January, when students typically are nominated for the program, was too early to determine a first grader's eligibility. The decision to wait until the following year was based not solely on academics, but to allow another year of social-emotional growth to prepare students for the accelerated pace, Yeager said.

Some committee members wanted to see the magnet program continue in fifth grade, while others sought ways to provide additional support in the middle school environment.

In spite of the EPLC's approval, several board members expressed skepticism about the changes.

"I don't want to take away opportunities from students and I feel like we are," Board Treasurer Judy Gafa said. "... I certainly hope we somehow continue this with our fifth and sixth graders since we're kind of now making this a gentle transition to middle school ... so that we let these children continue on some kind of path we've already put them on."

Trustee Christopher Profeta, who served on the magnet advisory committee, agreed his preference was to continue the grade 2-5 structure.

Howell responded the

needs of fifth graders would be addressed as part of the middle school curriculum and schedule, with opportunities for support and enrichment provided during students' choice time or outside the classroom during instructional time. For example, when a teacher or team of teachers is teaching social studies or science, students from the magnet program will get their instruction from a certified teacher in that content area, Howell said.

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Denise Nasiou and her fourth grade daughter were among a number of parents and magnet students who spoke during the public comments portion of the meeting to protest changes to the program.

Nasiou proposed housing a 5/6 magnet program at a central location.

"Shouldn't we be looking at expanding a positive part of the GPPSS versus taking options away? We're already doing away with some honors classes in middle school," Nasiou said. "We should be trying to maintain and increase our level of excellence, not just hover in mediocrity ... Are we aiming for an 'everybody gets a trophy, everyone gets the same type of education' school system?"

"One of the main purposes of reconfiguration along with saving money was to create more opportunities for these kids," she continued. "By adding to it, we could make it happen. These children learn differently. Why are we punishing them for that? They deserve the opportunity to continue on in an environment that has suited them well over so many years."

Teacher of THE WEEK

Margie Scheich



School: Mason Elementary School
Years at Mason: 5
Grade/Subject: Young 5's
Nominated by: Roy Bishop, principal
Principal's quote:

"Margie's positivity and perseverance radiates our hallways on a daily basis. She is constantly finding ways to challenge her students and providing them with the foundational skills they will use for a lifetime. I am sure any family that has gone through our Young 5's program can attest to Margie's positive attitude and willingness to go above and beyond for her learners. Margie is a very selfless person; she is constantly putting the needs of the team above her own. Staying late, arriving early and always willing to learn/try something new

are just a few of the attributes that make Margie not only an amazing teacher, but a great human being. The entire Mason community couldn't be more proud of Margie and all the work she has done on behalf of our learners."

What motivated you to become a teacher?
While I was in college, my mother died and I had a professor who went above and beyond to help me succeed during that difficult time. After that semester was over, I changed my major to education and I have been trying to pay it forward ever since.

What are some of your inspirations?
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What advice would you give a new teacher?
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An aerial view of the construction project.

Ford House gives update on construction

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

When shovels hit the dirt at the November 2017 groundbreaking at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, the project — two new buildings to welcome guests and house administration — was expected to be completed spring 2019.

As the Grosse Pointes brace for winter, that target has come and gone, leaving many wondering when the contractor fencing finally will come down.

Currently, the buildings are slated to open in late 2020, said Ford House CEO Mark Heppner, and the delay will be worth the wait.

“These buildings will be transformational for this organization and this community,” he said. “They will tell the Ford family story in a more relevant, meaningful way. We’re not just sleepy old Ford House over here. These (will be) world-class buildings sitting here in our community.”

Construction has been delayed for various reasons, Heppner said, most notably an “exceedingly wet spring and early summer.”

Added Karl Koto, director of landscape at Ford House and project manager for the new construction, “It’s been a challenging year for weather, but we’re not facing challenges other construction sites aren’t facing, too.”

Another hardship that has caused delays around the construction industry is delivery of materials, Heppner said, noting steel has been an issue on the project.

“I am disappointed,” he said. “I’d like to get into the buildings as soon as



Heppner takes in the view before windows are installed.

we can and open them to the public, but this will allow us more time to fine-tune our plans — what it’s going to look like, what our experience is going to be. I’m disappointed, but the end result is going to be better and more thoughtful.”

Added Clare Pfeiffer, director of communications and engagement at Ford House, “We have so many exciting things going on. It will be worth the wait.”

Heppner and his team recently explored the sites “to see the progress and the beauty of the buildings,” he said. “Everything about these buildings is customized. This is no cookie-cutter project.”

The two-story, 40,000-square-foot visitor center will feature space for traveling and changing exhibits, indoor and outdoor classrooms, an expanded restaurant with indoor and outdoor seating, a grab-and-go dining option, museum store and 200-seat second-floor event space overlooking Ford Cove.

The 17,000-square-foot

administration building will remove Ford House operations from the main house and other historic buildings, freeing them up to better preserve the estate’s historic core; Ford House plans to restore these spaces and incorporate them into tours and educational programming.

“One thing that excites me the most is our focus on the historic core,” Heppner said. “We’re going to authentically restore the historic estate more to the way Edsel and Eleanor experienced it.”

“The historic garage, for example, once we’re able to move into the new building, we won’t need the temporary visitor center in the historic garage,” he added. “We’ll have the opportunity to restore it authentically to what it was. The South Cottage at the main gate, the head of security lived there. There’s staff there now. Our goal is to restore it and open it up to what it looked like.”

“We are so rich in historic resources, historical assets,” he added.

“There’s so much (in storage) that people don’t see. ... We’ll be able to utilize that in ways we’ve never done before, to see the estate come alive in a very different way.”

Space in the visitor center will house new exhibits, including the Ford Family Story, an introductory exhibit on the story of Ford House, its design and the Fords’ lives at the estate.

A second exhibit, Driven by Design, brings three one-of-a-kind cars together for the first time. A 1932 Ford Model 18 Speedster and a 1934



Workers make progress on Ford House construction.

Ford Model 40 Special Speedster will join the world’s only 1939 Lincoln Continental Prototype in telling the story of Edsel Ford’s role in bringing design to Ford Motor Co.

The buildings themselves are inspired by the main house’s Cotswold architecture and the landscaping also will incorporate “beautiful design elements, thoughtful finishes,” Heppner said. “They’ll be works of art themselves. I’ve been involved in new construction before, but it wasn’t this. This is going to be such a building of pride for the community — not just used for events, but a destination.”

Thanks to the efforts of architect SmithGroupJJR and general contractor Rewold & Sons, both buildings will focus on energy efficiency and sustainability. The administration building has been designed to LEED Platinum standards and to be net-positive energy, meaning it will create more power than it consumes and contribute to the energy supply of the visitor center, which has been designed to LEED Gold standards. Incorporated in both will be solar panels, natural ventilation, geothermal heating and cooling, automatic shades and

bird-safe glass.

In early November, both buildings were fitted with energy-efficient, triple-pane glass that reflects a spectrum of light birds can see which, in turn, decreases bird strikes. Manufactured in Germany, the panes were custom made for the new buildings.

“We’re on a migratory bird path,” Pfeiffer said. “We really were conscientious about this.”

Additionally, the estate’s bioswale pond, implemented a few years ago to filter storm water before it runs back into Lake St. Clair, will expand through the new parking lot.

“It’s better than we originally designed,” Koto said. “The architects and designers did a fantastic job of using (the main) house as inspiration and putting it into more modern context, so it complements the buildings without competing with them.”

Heppner is the first to admit the buildings are large. “However, when you’re in them, walking through them, I’m amazed at the spaces I thought would be huge but they don’t feel so huge.”

The lack of landscaping and touches like furnishings and draperies also make a difference, he added.

“Those will all soften it, warm it up,” he said. “It’s all cold steel, stone and slate now. The end result is not going to be that. ... They are large buildings, but they will soften. They will be complemented by the landscape.”

The landscape, Koto said, is sure to add softness to the project. Mature trees have been removed from the area, but will be put back in

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Christmas is synonymous with love, family, Santa, elves, skaters, music and presents. Add a family welcoming a long-lost son who grew up as an elf and you have “Elf, Jr.,” a show sure to put all ages in a holiday mood.

Performances take place Friday, Dec. 13, through Sunday, Dec. 15, at Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

A total of 39 children and five students from the



Malvina Lubanski as Buddy the Elf, Paul Kaminski as Santa Claus and Jillian Nixon as Jovie.

technical theater program will be on stage and behind the scenes for each performance.

Director Merrie Gay Ayrault said many new students are featured in this production, along with returning Youth on Stage cast members.

“They all have taken to the stage in song, dance and character development, with some playing more than one role,” Ayrault said. “I’m so proud of their hard work and commitment.”

The cast is led by Malvina Lubanski playing Buddy, David Rochon playing Walter Hobbs, Jillian Nixon playing Jovie and Paul Kaminski as Santa Claus. Most cast members will play multiple roles.

“Since ‘Elf’ is a familiar Christmas film, our actors are excited to bring the

characters to life on Grosse Pointe South’s stage,” Ayrault said. “The challenge for me and our whole production staff was fitting our cast to the venue, creating the 13 scenes in a realistic way and showcasing our ensemble as they act, sing and dance for a live audience.”

As community outreach partners, Grosse Pointe Theatre will collect toys in the lobby during the run of the show. Toys will be donated to needy families in the Harper Woods School District and to the Kids-TALK Children’s Advocacy Center of Detroit. The Kids-TALK Children’s Advocacy Center — a program of The Guidance Center —

is a community-based program that serves children through age 17, to provide comprehensive services to suspected child victims of sexual abuse, physical abuse, neglect and/or other forms of psychological trauma, including being a witness to violent crimes. Any new toys are accepted; Kids-TALK particularly needs creative and educational toys and toys representing the population served.

Performances of “Elf, Jr.” take place at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14 and Sunday, Dec. 15. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children.

For more information, call (313) 320-4325.

AREA ACTIVITIES

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Questers Grosse Pointe Pettipointe Chapter No. 243 meets at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, at Barbara Malley’s home in Grosse Pointe Shores. Members will talk about their family traditions. For information about Questers, email Liberta Licata at pettipointequesters@gmail.com.

The Pear Tree Questers meet at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 6, at the Country Club of Detroit for the group’s annual Christmas party. Member Marie Brady coordinated the luncheon. Members are asked to bring an unwrapped new toy to donate to charity.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men’s Ecumenical Breakfast meets at 8 a.m. Friday, Dec. 6, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The Rev. Duane Novelly, pastor of St. Matthew Catholic Church in Detroit, speaks. Cost for breakfast is \$7. Registration is not required and first-time guests eat free.

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- ◆ Reader Dog Drop In, 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7.
- ◆ Teen Poetry Slam, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9.
- ◆ Mother Daughter Book Club, 7 to 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9.
- ◆ Read, Rhyme & Play, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10.

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

- ◆ Cookies with Santa and Mrs. Claus, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9.
- ◆ Playtime Pop-Ins, 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, Dec. 12.
- ◆ “10 Military Things You Didn’t Know Were Made in Michigan,” 7 to

8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12.

Herb Society

As part of its December meeting, the Herb Society of America, Grosse Pointe Unit hosts a workshop by floral designer Donna McCosh, who presents “Making a Fresh Christmas Greens Centerpiece with a Floating Candle,” at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, at The Helm, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cost of participating in the workshop is \$15 and includes all materials. There is no charge to observe. Reservations for participating are required by Monday, Dec. 9. Email barbaralice@me.com or call (313) 506-1680.

War Memorial

The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, presents Breakfast with Santa at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 8 and 15. Tickets range from \$50 for a table for

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Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

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Register at redcrossblood.org.

Men’s Club

The Men’s Club of Grosse Pointe meets at

11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The Grosse Pointe South High School choir performs a selection of Christmas songs.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Kathryn Woodstock of the Methodist Children’s Home Society speaks. Cost is \$10 and includes snacks; a cash bar is available. Visit grossepointerotary.org.

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The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce presents its holiday party 5:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at Cabbage Patch Saloon, 15130 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. Wear a Santa hat to be eligible for prizes. Call (313) 881-4722.

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Rotary’s Operation Warm still open for donations

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The chill is just starting to set in around metro Detroit, but winter is long and weary.

For some children in Grosse Pointe and surrounding communities, keeping warm while walking to school is a luxury they cannot afford.

For the eighth year, the Grosse Pointe Rotary, Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary and Detroit Rotary clubs have collected funds for Operation Warm, which provides winter coats to children in need. The national program has served more than a million children since it began in 1998. Locally, more than 30,000 coats have been delivered to various agencies and schools.

Through Operation Warm, winter coats are purchased from a national clearinghouse at a cost of approximately \$20 each. Coats then are distributed to several agencies in southeast Michigan. This year’s coat recipients, receiving a combined 3,398 coats, include Matrix Human Services, Northeast Integrated Health, Children’s Center of Detroit, Beyond Basics, Grosse Pointe Public School System and Harper Woods School District.

“We started fundraising in April,” said Paul Rentenbach, a Grosse Pointe Rotary Club member and organizer of the annual Operation Warm collection. “The past few

years we’ve tried to raise money from the general public in Grosse Pointe. We didn’t do that this year. ... This time of year, people are inundated with requests for money, so we switched our focus to private foundations dedicated to helping children and literacy.”

With less funding, Rentenbach said the groups’ efforts through Operation Warm won’t reach as many people, but he’s pleased with the number of children they’ve been able to keep warm over the years.

“We originally set out to do 16,000 coats, because that’s what we were led to believe was needed,” he said. “Now we’ve done over 30,000. We may slim the project down and focus on one or two agencies next year. There never seems to be a year where people don’t need coats.”

Though numbers are down slightly in the Grosse Pointe Public School System, Community Relations Specialist Rebecca Fannon said the program is a huge benefit to children in the district.

“We don’t just ask for a bulk number,” she said. “We go by school; these are individual orders.”

“It’s exciting for the kids to receive a brand new coat,” she added, “and they’re different designs, so they don’t stand out. ... They squeal with delight when they get a new coat and can cut the tags off. They know they’ll be able to

walk home and be warm.”

Numbers in GPPSS range between 160 and 240 each year, Fannon said. This year, 102 coats are expected at the district. A lot of people don’t realize, she added, the district has a number of students eligible for Title I funding who need the extra help.

“It’s so powerful to watch when the community is able to reach out and help kids right here,” she said. “It’s fun to see the community wrap love and support around the kids who live here.”

Fannon added that occasionally families move, so the district may have a spare coat or two. If someone is in need, contact Fannon at (313) 432-3007.

Beyond Basics, which has partnered with Rotary for Operation Warm three years, has received more than 1,300 coats, including 402 this year. The 501(c)3 literacy nonprofit provides one-on-one reading intervention and holistic literacy enrichment programs for students and families throughout metro Detroit, but the organization itself started in a similar fashion to Operation Warm.

“Beyond Basics began in the spring of 1999 ... as a coat donation project in one of the urban elementary schools in the Detroit Public School system,” said Kim Dundas, executive project manager. “Our involvement in the school helped us see the perspectives of the students in extreme poverty. The deprived living conditions, as well as the injustice between the suburban and urban school districts in public education, opened our eyes. We started with the concern of the state of public school education in high poverty areas and the belief that a program such as ours could make a positive change. We continue our staple coat drive every year to ensure our students are warm in the winter, as many of them walk to school.”



Coat recipients at Crossroads are all smiles.

The organization’s partnership with Rotary has been a godsend, Dundas said.

“We have been so blessed to have the Rotary as our partner in our yearly initiative to keep the students warm,” she said. “We deal with very under-resourced areas of Detroit and Pontiac, so these coats from the Rotary are a complete blessing to be able to gift to the students.”

“They put them on immediately and are so very grateful,” she continued. “We get a lot of hugs and smiles from the kids.”

Through its own coat drive and additional donations from Operation Warm, Beyond Basics has been ensuring the warmth of students for years. But just as important, the project has helped increase school attendance as well.

“So many of the students walk to school, so having a coat helps to ensure that they will go to school,” Dundas said.

Added Rentenbach, “This is all really related to getting kids to school, education. It’s about self confidence, making kids feel better about themselves. ... These inner city kids really don’t even



PHOTOS COURTESY OF PAUL RENTENBACH

2018 coat recipients at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church.

have the basics.”

Monetary donations are being accepted through the end of the year. Those interested may:

◆ visit grossepointerotary.org and click on “Donate to Operation Warm,”

◆ visit operationwarm-detroit.org or

◆ mail checks to Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 36366, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

“If we get another couple thousand dollars in, I’ll contact the other organizations we couldn’t service this year,” Rentenbach said. “Kids will still need coats all through the winter.”



Rotarian Dean Valente stands with a previous coat recipient.

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place once construction is done.

“The size of the trees will help soften the buildings,” Koto said. “And the landscape is designed so it will grow over time. Trees, when they mature, bring the scale down. Just like the rest of the landscape, it’s meant to grow over time.”

Once the project is finished, Heppner said, visitors not only should be pleased with the exhibits, restaurant and other features being constructed, but also be blown away by the views.

“It will be a world-class dining and rental space on Lake St. Clair,” Pfeiffer said.

Added Koto, “Looking out over Bird Island, it’s a



PHOTO COURTESY OF CLARE PFEIFFER

Bird-safety glass recently was installed in the new buildings.

unique view you can’t find anywhere else.”

Currently, the building is almost completely closed up for winter, Koto said, noting heating was installed Nov. 8.

“It’s water tight and has temperature protection for heating interior spaces,” he said. “The inside spaces are well-

defined now. In some locations, drywall is going up and they’re starting electrical. With climate control, we can put in the final finishes — custom finishes, flooring, wall coverings. We’ll start that early next year.”

Landscaping is projected to begin in spring, Koto said, which also is when the parking lots will be paved.

Throughout the winter, he noted, “upwards of 100 people will be working inside every day.”

Then comes the installation of exhibits and moving of offices.

“Everything is so important,” Heppner said. “This is a new beginning for Ford House. Museums are about preserving the past, talking about the heritage, learning from the past. This is forward thinking for us. The sky’s the limit.”

The new buildings, Heppner said, also represent the work of former Ford House CEO Kathleen Mullins, who retired in May 2018 and passed away this fall.

“There’s an internal pride knowing her vision for this building is being fulfilled,” he said. “To be part of that, making sure her vision is completed ...

is important to me, too.”

Ford House planted a Japanese maple tree to commemorate Mullins’ time at the estate. In a temporary location now, it will be permanently planted in the final landscaping, Koto said.

With another year before the buildings open, Ford House welcomes questions and comments from the community. The estate has held neighborhood meetings, as well as meetings with local leadership, inviting questions in the spirit of transparency.

“We’re going to do these on a regular basis so they can see the progress,” he said. “We want people to feel comfortable to ask questions. ... Looking at Eleanor’s wishes for the estate to be for the betterment of the community through engagement, the mentality used going into these buildings, we want them to be user friendly and relevant.”

Ford House will offer a series of celebrations in honor of its opening late next year. In the meantime, anyone with questions about the project is invited to visit fordhouse.org or call (313) 884-4222.

Holiday shopping event supports Gilda’s Club

Gilda’s Club Metro Detroit, which includes its Lake House location in St. Clair Shores, hosts the VIP holiday shopping event, “Oh What Fun!” from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, at Neiman Marcus, 2705 W. Big Beaver, Troy.

The event features music by Ro Spit, a CCXX Designs pop-up shop, a Sandy Schreier book signing, a customization station with Detroit artist El Cappy

and a House of Creed fragrance journey with a Motor City Gas whiskey tasting.

Neiman Marcus will make a donation in honor of patrons’ support of Gilda’s Club Metro Detroit.

Complimentary valet parking is available at the Big Beaver entrance.

Tickets are \$50 and may be purchased by calling (248) 577-0800 or online at bit.ly/33jMtYQ.

PFLAG hosts Affirmations representative Dec. 12

The Grosse Pointe chapter of PFLAG, a national organization supporting LGBTQ+ people, their families, friends and allies, welcomes Ian

Unger, the youth and education manager at Affirmations, as the guest speaker at its meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe.

Affirmations is an LGBTQ+ community center in Ferndale. Unger works with young people ages 13 to 20 and twice a year directs Affirmations’ Youth Development and Leadership Program, which helps mold LGBTQ+ youth into leaders by providing them with career devel-

opment tools and advocacy skills.

During the Dec. 12 meeting, Unger will share his own journey to becoming a community leader, as well as the success stories of the Youth Development Program. Teenagers are encouraged to attend.

The meeting is free and open to the public. The talk is followed by a discussion and support group session, where attendees can share or listen as they are comfortable.

For more information about Affirmations, visit goaffirmations.org.



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2014 Chevy Cruze	1G1PG5SB7E7245553
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2005 BMW 545	WBANB33565CN67759

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The Encore Years: Kathleen Carlson

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Kathleen Carlson got involved at The Helm at the Boll Life Center more than 15 years ago for a simple reason. “I was a high school math teacher,” she explained. “The archdiocese closed my school before I was ready to retire. ... I needed something to do.”

After reading a notice about The Helm — then Services for Older Citizens — needing extra help during tax season, Carlson applied. She’s been a fixture at the organization ever since.

Carlson offers tax assistance to seniors at the Grosse Pointe Farms organization. During tax season, she spends one full day a week at The Helm.

“Every year I have to get re-certified by the IRS,” she said, noting she splits time between offering tax help at The Helm and the Harper Woods Public Library.

While math is her specialty, Carlson helps wherever she’s needed, for whatever reason. “My husband and daughter and I also work the auction,” she said. “We sub for Meals on Wheels. If they need any sewing, I sew. And there are some seniors, I do work in their homes ... organizing files, making sure they’re paying their bills on time.”

Her organizational skills were put to work years ago, when SOC was housed at the old Neighborhood Club building. She and her husband, Richard, spent a month orga-

nizing the basement there.

“The weekend after we finished, they announced they were going to tear down the building,” she laughed, adding, “We do whatever they ask.”

Carlson’s time isn’t limited to The Helm. The Harper Woods resident also serves as treasurer of the Friends of the Harper Woods Library and regularly helps a few other seniors, with no connections to her volunteer organizations, with whatever they need.

“If somebody needs help, I help,” she said. “As a teacher, I was used to helping students. Then all of a sudden, I wasn’t teaching anymore. I’d like to think if I ever get in a situation where I need help, I hope somebody will help me, pay it

forward.”

When she’s not volunteering, Carlson likes to garden, work on her family tree, sew and crochet. The St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church member, who celebrates her 50th wedding anniversary next year, also enjoys spending time with her husband and their daughter, Margaret.

“If you’re not active, your brain (fades),” she said. “If you stay active, you keep healthy. It keeps your mind active.”

“Some of the seniors, when we deliver Meals on Wheels, some are active, but some just sit there,” she added. “They close themselves off from the world. I don’t want to do that.”

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Kathleen Carlson

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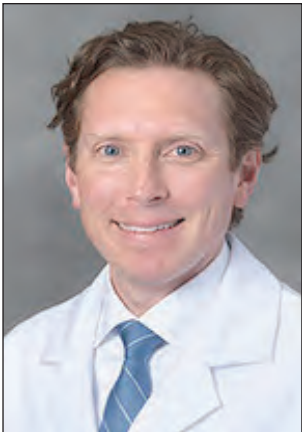
Henry Ford offering robotic surgery for knee replacement

Six Henry Ford Health System locations now offer knee replacement surgery using robotic technology, a new surgical option for one of the most common elective procedures performed on older adults.

Zimmer Biomet’s ROSA robotic knee system is available at Henry Ford Hospital, Henry Ford Allegiance Health, Henry Ford Macomb Hospital, Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital and Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Robotic technology for joint replacement surgery was originally introduced three years ago at Henry Ford West Bloomfield, which began using Stryker’s Mako robotic system for partial knee replacements and hip replacements.

“Using robotic guidance technology is a new tool to perform the surgery and it’s been shown to improve the accuracy for positioning the knee implant,” said Robb Weir M.D., vice chairman of Henry Ford’s adult reconstruction division and chief of orthopedic surgery at Henry Ford West Bloomfield. “The technology, however, doesn’t change how we perform knee replacement surgery. In this case, the surgeon uses



Robb Weir M.D.

the technology to control and move surgical instruments.”

More than 600,000 knee replacements are performed each year in the United States, according to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. By comparison, at least 300,000 hip replacements are performed annually.

Pain and disability often lead people to surgery.

During knee replacement surgery, the damaged cartilage and bone

are removed from the knee and replaced with a prosthetic implant, the components of which are made of metal, plastic or ceramic. The implant mimics the shape and movement of a natural joint.

The robotic approach uses 3D technology prior to surgery to pinpoint important markers in the knee for prepping the bone for the implant. Using a robotic surgical arm and 3D technology, the surgeon guides the implant in place while shaping and balancing the bone and ligaments to ensure a proper and precise fit.

After surgery, most Henry Ford knee replacement patients return home the same or next day. Generally, people between the ages of 50 and 80 undergo knee replacement. The average age for both men and women is 66.

Weir recommends patients discuss with their surgeon whether

the robotic approach best meets their needs.

“The alignment you can get and the position of the parts you can get is better with robotic surgery,” he said.

Whether robotic surgery results in better outcomes, pain relief, recovery and patient satisfaction is unknown currently, absent long-term clinical studies comparing robotic surgery to the traditional approach.

“The hope is that improved accuracy means greater longevity,” Weir said.

Tuesday Musicale of Detroit hosts holiday program

Tuesday Musicale of Detroit presents its annual Christmas Program & Lunch at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The program features seasonal favorites such as “The First Noel,” “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas,” “Mary, Did You Know?” and more. Mozart’s Divertimento No. 3 (of 5) in B flat Major, K.439b also is included.

Featured performers

include James Rose Jr., bass; Yuki Mack, piano; Bonnie L. Brooks, soprano; Dorothy Duensing, mezzo-soprano; Doris Hall, piano; Norma Keil Shaw, clarinet; Ann Konopinski, flute; and David Schreiner, bassoon.

Additionally, the audience is invited to participate in a Christmas carol singalong.

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OBITUARIES

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

Robert C. Balle

Robert C. Balle, 92, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2019.

He was the beloved husband of Lois, who predeceased him, and was the loving father of Mark M.D. (Pamela) and David M.D. (Gerry); grandfather of Mark Jr. (Alexandra), John and Eric and dear brother-in-law of Diane Darling.

Robert also leaves behind very special nieces, nephews, family and friends.

A funeral service was held Nov. 25, at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 or Covenant House Michigan at covenanthousemi.org.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

Carole Ann Fulgenzi

Carole Ann “Kay” Fulgenzi, 86, passed away peacefully at home Monday, Nov. 18, 2019, after a valiant 2 ½ year battle with colon and liver cancer.

She was the beloved wife of William Fulgenzi M.D., who preceded her in death in 2006; cherished mother of Kathleen (Jim Lamoureux), Karen, Kim (Joe Wheat) and Kristina Hilliard (Rick); adored grandmother of Gina South, Sean Lamoureux, Ryan South (Kortney), Joseph Lamoureux, Kyle South, Erin Kirby (Tony), Chloe Fox, Kelly Fox and Daniel Lamoureux; treasured great-grandmother of Henley South, Dylan South and Evan Kirby; and dear sister-in-law of Andrew and Santina Fulgenzi and Carol and Red Lemke.

She also was loved by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Born March 10, 1933, in Detroit, to Peter and Mildred (nee Irven) Dulcamara, Kay graduated from St. Anthony High School where she met the love of her life, Bill, whom she married Aug. 21, 1954. She completed nurses’ training at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, then worked as a registered nurse at several area hospitals, including Detroit Receiving and Detroit Children’s, retiring when her first child was born.

After devoting years to raising their daughters, she and Bill became avid tennis and bridge players and traveled the world with the Nomads travel club. They were longtime season ticket holders to the Michigan Opera Theatre and the Detroit Symphony Pops concerts. They loved entertaining family and friends both at their homes in Grosse Pointe and their cottage on Sand Point near Caseville.

Kay was a wonderful cook, especially of Italian food. Her signature dish was pesto made from basil from her garden. Kay’s biggest hobby was gleaning antiques and other treasures from garage and estate sales, from which she furnished much of her homes and cottage. She was an active member of Pettipointe Questers and Deeplands Garden Club. She hosted a weekly bridge game in her home until the last month of her life.

A memorial Mass for Kay was celebrated Nov. 26 at St. Ambrose Church, Grosse Pointe Park.

Donations may be made to Gilda’s Club Metro Detroit at gildasclubdetroit.org, Van Elslander Cancer Center Patient Funding, 19229 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236, or Michigan Organization of Questers at michiganquesters.org.

Bonnie Blackman Kitchen

Former St. Clair Shores resident Bonnie Barbara Kitchen (née Blackman), 76, passed away Sunday, Nov. 24, 2019. She most recently lived in Grosse Pointe Woods.

She was born in Detroit and was the daughter of Norman and Stella (née Traeb) Blackman. Bonnie was the beloved wife of John Kitchen for more than 27 years. She was predeceased by her husband, parents and sister, Arlene Listman.

Bonnie earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Western Michigan University, a Master of Arts degree from the University of Michigan and an Education Specialist degree from Oakland University. She was a devoted and beloved elementary teacher her entire 29-year career at University Liggett School in Grosse Pointe Woods.

She enjoyed her retirement golfing with her husband and friends. Bonnie’s other interests included knitting, gardening, cooking and baking. She was a phenomenal cake decorator and knitted countless sweaters for her grandnieces and grandnephews. Bonnie cherished her many pet dachshunds. She was an active parishioner of St. Gertrude Catholic Church and served as a member of church council.

Bonnie will be missed by her sister, Jenny McAtee (Rick). She was the loving aunt of William Listman (Stephanie), Jennifer Barthel (David), Robert Listman (Maryann) and John McAtee (Veronica). Additionally, she had nine grandnieces and grandnephews whom she enjoyed greatly.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, Nov. 27. Memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Macomb at humanesocietyofmacomb.org.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.



Robert C. Balle



Carole Ann Fulgenzi



Bonnie B. Kitchen

Rosella Nugent

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Rosella Nugent, 98, passed away Monday, Nov. 25, 2019, in her senior living apartment in Macomb County.

Rosella was born in 1921 and grew up in Red Wing, Minn. She relocated with her husband, Vincent “Red” to California in 1941 and to Chicago in 1942 to build the C-54 transport aircraft that became the workhorse of the Berlin Airlift. The couple lived in the Chicago area while raising six children and retired in 1984 to Hot Springs Village, Ark. Red passed away in 1994 and in 2006, Rosella moved to Michigan to be closer to her two oldest sons, Dick and Tom, both Grosse Pointe Farms residents.

In 2013, Rosella moved into a senior living apartment, where she became a dynamic part of the community, frequently leading prayer sessions and serving as a Eucharistic minister.

Rosella is survived by her six children; 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

A memorial gathering is planned for what would have been Rosella’s 99th birthday in early April 2020.

In lieu of flowers, please share a personal



Rosella Nugent



George Van Antwerp Jr.

memory of Rosella with the family at verheyden.org and consider a memorial donation in Rosella’s name to CARE of Southeast Michigan at careofsem.com.

George L. Van Antwerp Jr.

Grosse Pointe Park resident George L. Van Antwerp Jr., 89, passed away Thursday, Nov. 28, 2019.

He was born Aug. 22, 1930, in Detroit, to George and Bernadette Van Antwerp. George served as a corporal in the U.S. Army before beginning his career as a bailiff in Detroit’s 36th District Court Offices. He enjoyed friends, family, summers at Grand Lake, hugging his grandchildren, telling stories, bird watching and rides in his Lincoln. He was a member of the Polish Yacht

Club and Bayview Yacht Club.

George is survived by his daughters, Beth LaRiviere (Tim), Mimi Jordan (Tom) and Katie Melville (Bill); sons, Chip Van Antwerp and Ted Van Antwerp (Tricia); grandchildren, Patrick, Theo, Liam, Sarah, Elizabeth, Erin, C.J. and Ryann and great-grandchildren, Trey, Graham and William.

He also is survived by his brother, Bernie Van Antwerp.

George was predeceased by his wife, Nancy Van Antwerp and sister, Betty Dettloff.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe Chapel, 468 Cadieux, Grosse Pointe.

Donations may be made to the Capuchins at thecapuchins.org.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Ascension announces emergency therapy for critically ill patients

Ascension St. John Hospital recently announced a new emergency therapy for patients presenting at the hospital in a severe health crisis. Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation, or ECMO, is a program of the departments of cardiology, cardiovascular surgery and critical care services.

ECMO is an advanced technology that provides life-sustaining support to persons in emergency health situations whose organs are unable to provide an adequate amount of oxygen. For example, ECMO is used during life-threatening conditions such as severe lung damage from infection or shock after a massive heart attack. This includes people whose:

- ◆ heart cannot pump enough blood to the body,
 - ◆ lungs cannot provide enough oxygen to the body even when given extra oxygen or
 - ◆ lungs cannot get rid of carbon dioxide even with help from a mechanical ventilator.
- “This is good news for the community because ECMO provides an added layer of expert support for serious

health emergencies,” said Dr. Amir Kaki, director of mechanical circulatory support who performed the first case at Ascension St. John Hospital. “The ability to escalate care to this level is a major step for our patients with advanced cardiovascular and cardiopulmonary conditions to allow for improved chance for recovery and survival.”

This program not only benefits Ascension St. John Hospital patients, but also allows the provider to receive and care for critically ill patients from other healthcare facilities.

“The ECMO program adds important resources to our cardiopulmonary programs and enhances our ability to care for the most serious patients with life-threatening illnesses to give them the best chance for functional survival,” said Dr. Thomas LaLonde, chief of cardiology for Ascension.

The Ascension St. John Hospital ECMO program is the result of collaboration among several hospital departments, including the cardiac catheterization lab, critical care, pulmonology, respiratory care, perfusion services,

mechanical support, interventional cardiologists, cardiothoracic surgeons, surgical services and point of care testing.

“The implementation of an ECMO program is a significant advancement for Ascension St. John Hospital and the community at large,” Kaki said. “Our ability to escalate to this therapy allows us to give the sickest patients the highest level of care available.”

ECMO therapy may help save a patient’s life, but it does not treat the patient’s disease or injury. ECMO provides a bridge of support to allow the healthcare team to treat the underlying disease process or injury. Healthcare providers will always work to get patients off the ECMO therapy as soon as possible.

“Some diseases or injuries can be treated quickly and patients only need the ECMO machine for a few hours,” said Dr. Theodore Schreiber, director of mitral therapies for Ascension. “Other conditions may take longer to get better, in which case the patient may need the ECMO machine for several days to weeks.”



The owners of 14 residences were given awards for their beautification efforts.



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From left are Nick Notarianni and Frank Cognetto of Grosse Pointe Stone Works and Kim Towar and Dave Colton of The Little Blue Book and Towar Productions.

Woods beauty

Grosse Pointe Woods recently presented its Beautification Awards. More than a dozen homeowners were honored and two businesses received Landmark Awards, given to businesses that have been recognized seven times in the last 10 years.

There were two winners this year, Grosse Pointe Stone Works and The Little Blue Book and Towar Productions.

PASTOR’S CORNER By Roger Skully

Y-H-V-H

The Torah calls YHVH, or YHWH, the name of G-d. It often is referred to as the tetragrammaton, or a four-letter word. When he appeared to Moses at the burning bush in Exodus 3:15, this was the name he revealed. Moses is told that this is G-d’s name. It is written in a manner that is secret or hidden. The commentaries take it to mean that YHVH is the hidden, mysterious name of the Lord.

What is the mystery? It has no vowels. Without them, it is impossible to pronounce the word. But, YHVH also has no real consonants. The Y, H and V (W) are blowing sounds, rushing of air through the mouth. There is nothing hard or concrete about them, no consonant that requires a definite action of the lips. There is nothing to substantively grasp in these letters.

YHVH, like most Hebrew words, appears to be derived from a three-letter root. HVH is the root for being or

existence. The Y at the beginning could represent the third person future tense. So, it might be translated as “that which is” or “that which will be.” It might be best to translate as “is-was-will be.” It might be a verb caught in motion.

Not only can it not be properly pronounced, we are enjoined not to try. This name was to be pronounced by the high priest only on the High Holy Day of Yom Kippur. After the Second Temple was destroyed in 70 C.E., its pronunciation was forbidden altogether and other terms or euphemisms were substituted for it.

A short comment on the word “Jehovah.” Some creative non-Jews took the YHVH and added the vowels from “Adonoi,” which means “my Lord.” Jews usually refer to him as “HaShem,” which means “the name.” Adonoi is substituted when YHVH is encountered in prayer or when reading from the Torah scroll. It emphasizes our unknowingness of G-d himself.

Skully is past president of the Grosse Pointe Ministerial Association.

CHURCH EVENTS

Christ

Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, presents its Christmas concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, featuring traditional favorites and choral masterpieces, including selections from Handel’s “Messiah” and Vaughan Williams’ “Fantasia on Christmas Carols.” The audience is invited to sing favorite Christmas carols and the “Hallelujah Chorus.” A pre-concert lecture takes place at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and available at christchurchgp.org/concerts. Contact Scott Hanoian at shanoian@christchurchgp.org or (313) 885-4841, Ext. 102.

St. Clare

St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park, welcomes the Grosse Pointe Community Chorus at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8. Directed by Joseph Palazzolo, the holiday concert features guest violinist Sonia Lee. Purchase tickets at grossepointecommunitychorus.org.

St. Paul on the Lake

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, presents “A Christmas Gathering of Praise,” at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, featuring the church choirs singing favorite Christmas carols. A dessert reception follows. Freewill offerings are accepted; proceeds benefit the efforts of the Haiti and Africa Relief Team.

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

remaining Thursdays: Dec. 12, Jan. 9 and 23, Feb. 13 and 27 and March 12 and 26. To register, contact Deacon Bill Jamieson at bjamieson@stpaulonthelake.org or (313) 885-8855, Ext. 145.

Christ the King

Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, presents its 33rd annual Living Nativity from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15. The event includes Christmas carols and a narrative, read aloud, of the birth of Jesus. Preschool children dressed as angels and shepherds, as well as Joseph and Mary, reenact the Christmas story

Star of the Sea

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods, welcomes the Langford Men’s Chorus at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13. The Christmas concert features guest artist Stacey Jamison, a woodwind specialist. Tickets are \$15 in advance at langsfomenschorus.org, \$18 at the door. For more information, call (248) 592-7455.



Richard Solak, one of the evening’s honorees, stands with Family Center founder Diane Strickler.

Hollyfest

The Family Center’s Hollyfest gala took place Nov. 22, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. The event not only celebrated the center’s accomplishments, but also kicked off the holiday season.

Funds raised at Hollyfest benefit The Family Center offerings, which include presentations, an online video presence, its Play Central program and Association of Professionals directory — all of which are vital resources and information to help local residents navigate every stage of life.



The Family Center Executive Director Patty Sunisloe addresses the crowd.

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Swimming

GROSSE POINTE GATORS

Housey breaks pool record

The Grosse Pointe Gators took a contingent of swimmers to Holland, Mich. on Nov. 2 and 3, for the TYR Holland Fall Invitational, and one walked away with a pool record.

Sophie Housey, a junior at University Liggett School, took first place in the 100- and 200-yard backstroke.

She also took first and broke the pool record in the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 2:00.38 at the meet hosted by Michigan Lakeshore

Aquatics.

Teams from throughout Michigan participated, along with clubs from Wisconsin and Indiana.

“Sophie is off to a great start to the USA Swim season [which runs through April],” said head coach John Fodell, “She’s also a key swimmer at Liggett who brings strength and leadership to that team.”

Other first-place finishers were Owen Schaaf, a junior from Grosse Pointe North, in the 100-

yard individual medley; Keiran Rahmaan, a freshman at Grosse Pointe South, in the 100-yard butterfly and Drew Vandeputte, a sophomore at Grosse Pointe South, in the 200-yard breaststroke.

The Gators hosted a meet, Romp in the Swamp Knockout Edition, in October and visiting teams from Saline, Ann Arbor and Waterford, before returning home for their second meet, Fast and Furious, on Jan. 24-26.

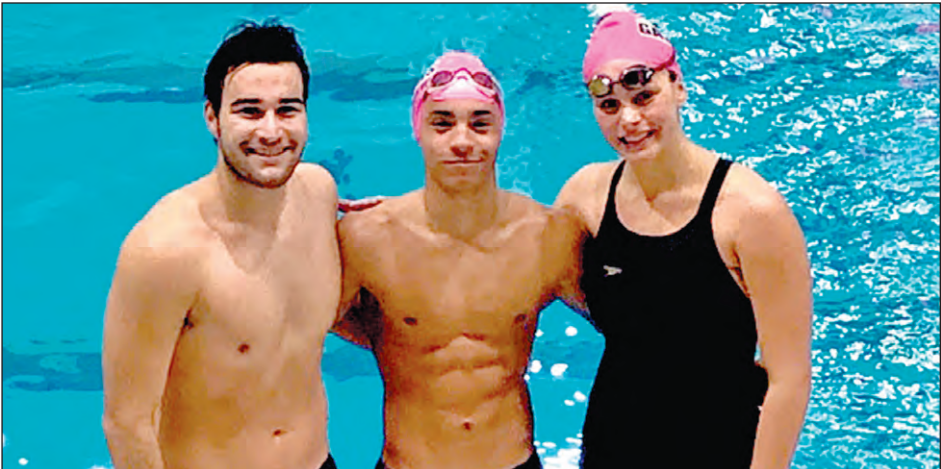


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Owen Schaaf, Keiran Rahmaan and Sophie Housey of the Grosse Pointe Gators.

Hockey

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL BOYS

ULS wins

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys hockey team opened its Michigan Metro Hockey League schedule last week with a 4-3 home win over Riverview Gabriel Richard.

The Knights had a 4-1 lead until the final 60 seconds when the Pioneers scored two power-play goals to make things interesting.

“We started off fine, but then lost our momentum,” head coach Mike Maltese said. “We did enough to win, and that is what counts. It was nice to open division play with a win. We did a lot of good things with our special teams.”

Junior Alec Leonard

opened the scoring with a power-play goal at the 9:52 mark of the first period. Sophomore Doug Wood and senior Tristan Reilly had assists.

Wood scored an unassisted short-handed goal at the 5:30 mark to give the home team a 2-0 lead.

The Pioneers tallied with only 26.8 left in the opening stanza to get back in the game.

Senior Will Nicholson scored a short-handed goal at the 10:30 mark of the second period to make it a 3-1 game, and Wood scored another unassisted goal at the 5:28 mark of the third period to open a three-goal cushion, 4-1.

Maltese’s squad needed that goal as the Knights went down two



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

University Liggett School’s Caden Ancona cruises up ice against Gabriel Richard.

players due to penalties in the final couple of minutes.

The Pioneers took advantage as they scored goals with 52.5 and 9.0 seconds left. It was too little, too late for the visitors.

“This was a quality win for us,” Maltese said.

Junior Grant Lindsay was the winning net-minder, stopping 44 of 47 shots he faced.

ULS is 1-0 in the Michigan Metro Hockey League and 3-1 overall.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL GIRLS

Knights edge foe

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It wasn’t easy, but the University Liggett School girls hockey team dug deep to beat host Livonia Unified 5-4 early last week to improve to 3-0 on the young season.

Playing shorthanded, thanks to the flu-bug, the Knights needed two third-period goals to earn the victory.

“As I told my girls, they’re not measured against their opponents, they’re measured against their potential,” head coach Greg Paddison said. “They know this and to their credit, the mood in the locker room post-game was as if they lost. They know they didn’t play to their potential, and you can see the expectations within the team changing.”

“What used to be, ‘a win is a win’ is evolving into ‘we need to be better.’ Music to a coach’s ears. We know we ‘escaped’ with a win tonight.”

After falling behind 4-3 after the second period, junior Kendall Zinn scored on a shot from the blue line that trickled through the goalie’s pads into the back of the net at the 11:00 mark of the third period. That tied it 4-4.

With a tad less than three minutes left in the contest, sophomore Natalia Dragovic scored the game-winning goal.

In the first period, senior Anika Vreeken and freshman Giuliana Lutfy scored, and in the second period sophomore Ally Doppke tallied the third goal.

“We have 11 days until we face the defending state champions (Farmington Hills Mercy) and every girl on the team was left with this thought as they go into

the holiday break: We’ve got a fantastic leadership group and I know our girls will answer the bell.”

Paddison said his most valuable players in the game were Lutfy, who is emerging as an absolute star who made several smart reads and intercepted passes which lead to two goals, and senior Evie Bournias, who unofficially saw 43 shots on goal.

Bournias was especially sharp in the second period. She was peppered and made several outstanding saves to keep the Knights in the game.

North

Coming up for Grosse Pointe North is a 5 p.m. home game Saturday, Dec. 7, against Warren Regina, followed by a 5 p.m. road contest Tuesday, Dec. 10, against Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

The Norsemen also play Ann Arbor Pioneer Friday, Dec. 13, on home ice, as well as Livingston Unified the following evening at Grand Oaks Ice Arena.

South

Next for Grosse Pointe South is a stretch of four games in a 10-day stretch starting with a 7:15 p.m. home game Friday, Dec. 6, against Northville.

Then the Blue Devils travel to Veterans Park Ice Arena for a 4:40 p.m. game against Ann Arbor Skyron.

The Blue Devils host rival University Liggett School at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, and finish with a game at 5:45 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, against Walled Lake at Lakeland Ice Arena.

North, South and ULS compete in the Liggett Holiday Tournament Dec. 19 and 21.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH BOYS

Blue Devils defeat CV

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys hockey team improved to 4-0 last week, beating visiting Chippewa Valley 6-3 at Fraser Ice Arena.

Head coach Paul Moretz watched his Blue Devils jump out to a 2-0

lead, thanks to goals by juniors Aaron Vyletel and David Rivard. Seniors Brian McKenna and Keegan Spitz had assists on Vyletel’s goal, and senior Adam Strehlke and sophomore Jacob Spitz had assists on Rivard’s tally.

The Big Reds put two goals on the board in the

second period, but the Blue Devils had three to increase their lead to 5-2.

Vyletel had the first goal, assisted by senior Alex Miciuda, and the final two goals were scored by Strehlke and Keegan Spitz. Rivard and senior Thomas Daudlin had assists on Strehlke’s goal, and

Miciuda and Strehlke had assists on Spitz’s tally.

In the third period, Strehlke scored his second goal of the game to end the Blue Devils’ offensive output. Freshman Harrison Wright had the assist, and junior Remi Faussie earned the win in net.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH BOYS

Norsemen see positives

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Through two periods, the Grosse Pointe North boys hockey team stood toe-to-toe with league foe U-D Jesuit.

A rough five-minute stretch in the third period did in the Norsemen in a 7-2 loss.

“We played pretty well tonight, and played pretty well in all three of

games against Brother Rice, St. Mary’s and U-D, but in each one we had some defensive breakdowns that really hurt,” head coach Rob Blum said.

The Cubs opened the scoring with a power-play goal at the 1:55 mark of the first period, but 50 seconds later the Norsemen tied it on a goal by junior Ethan McCormick.

The visitors added a short-handed and power-play goal in the opening minutes of the second period to take a 3-1 lead, but the Norsemen battled back.

Senior Coy Catrett tallied at the 9:57 mark to make it 3-2.

He had a couple of other scoring chances later in the period as the Norsemen were playing well.

The Cubs used a four-goal burst in a four-minute span in the third period to turn a nail-biter into five-goal cushion.

Senior goaltender Brian Clogg played well in net, stopping two dozen shots, and senior forward Evan Berger had two assists.

North dropped to 0-3 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League.

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Softball

TEAM MICHIGAN



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Champs

Team Michigan 14U squad recently won the Owosso Tournament, finishing 4-0-1. They were 2-0-1 in pool play, then won the semifinal game before playing under the lights in the tournament title contest. Pictured above are team members, front row from left, Luna Agosta, Kate Dixon, Natalie Babcock, Carly Brown and Julia Liagre; middle row, Avery Harris, Emma Babcock, Tori Nugent, Emily Peacock and Lily Stidham; and back row assistant coach Tim Peacock, head coach Kevin Nugent and assistant coach Bill Babcock.

Basketball

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

White takes helm

University Liggett School hired Craig White as the girls’ varsity basketball coach. White previously held the position of director of basketball skill development at ULS, where he assisted with the boys’ and girls’ middle and upper school basketball programs.

White has more than 15 years of experience coaching at the high school varsity level and played professional basketball for 12 years in the South American Basketball League. “As a coach, I am given the opportunity to help student-athletes develop self-discipline, sacrifice,

respect, cooperation, loyalty and pride in teamwork and I look forward to my new role and empowering youth through basketball at ULS,” White said. White said his experience as a professional player in South America is an asset for him as a coach.

Cross country

PIERCE MIDDLE SCHOOL



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Good time

Pierce Middle School student-athletes recently ran the seventh annual Turkey Trot Half-Mile. The fastest time of the day was Tom Stacey, who posted a time of 2:39 (with the turkey over his head). Pictured back row from left are, Liam Raether, Brynn Collins, Julian Lancaster, Elizabeth Peberdy, Tom Stacey and Jerry Keith, race founder; and front row, Hadley Eszes, Madeline Hexter, Josh Lemanski, Chloe Caulfield, Mya Jensen and Harrison Morris. Not pictured is Wesley Roberts.

Football

NORTH & SOUTH



PHOTO BY TODD PERKINS

Friends for life

Members of coach Al Shaheen’s Grosse Pointe Red Barons football teams from 2011 through 2015. They have stayed close friends even though Perkins went to Grosse Pointe North and the rest went to Grosse Pointe South. Pictured above are front row, Grant Hart, Kevin McCarron, Alex Shaheen, A.J. Benson, Owen Bollaert, Noah Segletes and Aidan Walsh; and back row from left are, Sam Tucker, Owen Chen, Jon Clark, Jon Jon Perkins, Nick Fannon and James Doerer.

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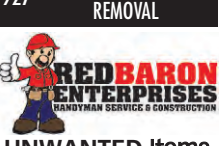
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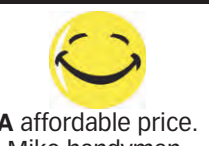
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by Linda Thistle

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