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3 men arrested in auto larcenies

17 unlocked cars
entered during
night spree

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — From late evening Tuesday, Dec. 3, through the early morning of Wednesday, Dec. 4, 17 Grosse Pointe Woods residents were the victims of larcenies from their unlocked vehicles.

The crimes were allegedly perpetrated by 21-year-old Kalante Malikdavid Carter of Detroit, 22-year-old Demetrius Lamar Hand-Nevitt of Inkster and 20-year-old Davan Allen Lambert of Detroit, who were arrested at 2:55 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4.

“One of our officers had seen the three individuals walking around and it was suspicious to him that at 2:30 in the morning, people were walking around through the neighborhood like that,” Woods Director of Public Safety John Kosanke said. “We ended up getting a phone call from one of our residents, who reported that the individuals were prowling around a car, checking out the car, and we went over there and were able to find all three of them. Then that led to searching them and finding over 50 pieces of evidence that

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Dan Curis, center, with his sons Richard, left, and Dan Jr. announced they were reopening their Big Boy Restaurant on Mack Avenue, north of Vernier Road, in Grosse Pointe Woods. The restaurant was closed last year due to a fire. The Curises plan to put hundreds of thousands of dollars into reworking the restaurant. Work is already well underway in anticipation of an April 2020 opening.

Big Boy making a comeback

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Big Boy restaurants have been home away from home to the Curis brothers for just about as long as they can remember.

“In second grade I used to leave notes for my dad to wake me up so I could

work,” Richard Curis recalled. “I would stand on a milk crate to reach the cash register.”

As his father, Daniel Curis Sr., expanded and prospered as a franchise operator, so did the camaraderie he and Richard and Dan Jr. developed with staff and customers.

But when a fire accidentally caused by roof-

ers at the Mack Avenue Big Boy left about \$1 million in damage in 2018, the extended family was scattered. Longtime patrons were left to find a new favorite dining spot.

In early 2019 Daniel Curis called the almost 40 years he owned Big Boy on Mack “a great run” and said the restaurant wouldn’t reopen. But

after revisiting options with the chain’s ownership, the Curises announced the community will have a Big Boy once again when it welcomes customers in April 2020.

“The new (corporate) owners realized what an iconic place it was in the

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Cashier foils counterfeiter attempt

By Eddie B. Allen
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Not all heroes wear capes. They often come in unexpected shapes and sizes, compared with Wonder Woman or the Incredible Hulk.

Some heroes could even stand a few trips to the gym.

Despite her lack of superhuman strength or otherworldly powers, Megan Wiley has earned the title of resident crime fighter at Full Circle Foundation. The non-profit resale shop might have fallen victim to a counterfeiter last month, if not for her keen eye at the cash register.

“She’s our superhero,”



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Full Circle Executive Director Ted Coutilish stands next to Megan Wiley, who was working the cash register when she spotted a counterfeit \$100 bill.

Ted Coutilish, Full Circle Foundation’s executive director, said.

Wiley’s heroics were on display a second time, as

she’d spotted a fake bill when it was presented at the Mack Avenue storefront on another occasion.

Her actions on the afternoon when a man walked toward the counter to buy a sweater are reminders of how all local retailers can prevent loss this holiday season, experts say.

“He was just kind of shopping,” Wiley recalled. “He tried to pay with a credit card that was broken.”

After seeing his first payment method fail, the customer pulled out what appeared to be a \$100 bill. Wiley, who has volunteered as a Full Circle cashier four years, was immediately suspicious. The bill was a slightly smaller size and slightly different shade of green than actual currency, she

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Pharmacist’s retirement leaves legacy of kindness

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Frequenting neighborhood businesses can feel similar to visiting relatives. Particularly at small, family-run establishments such as Merit Woods Pharmacy, relationships from behind the counter to the customer side often blur with the passing of time.

So it was no simple feat for Lisa Corey, concerned about her dad Sheldon Weisberg’s age and health, to persuade him to hang up his lab coat and retire. If he had his way, Weisberg, the long-time pharmacist and owner of Merit Woods, 19325 Mack, would have worked until he was literally carried out of the building.

“He wanted to die with his boots on at the store. That’s a direct quote,” said Corey.

After operating Merit Woods 53 years, it might seem conceivable that Weisberg had little desire to do anything else.

“He gave his life,” Corey said. “His whole

life was the store, every day.”

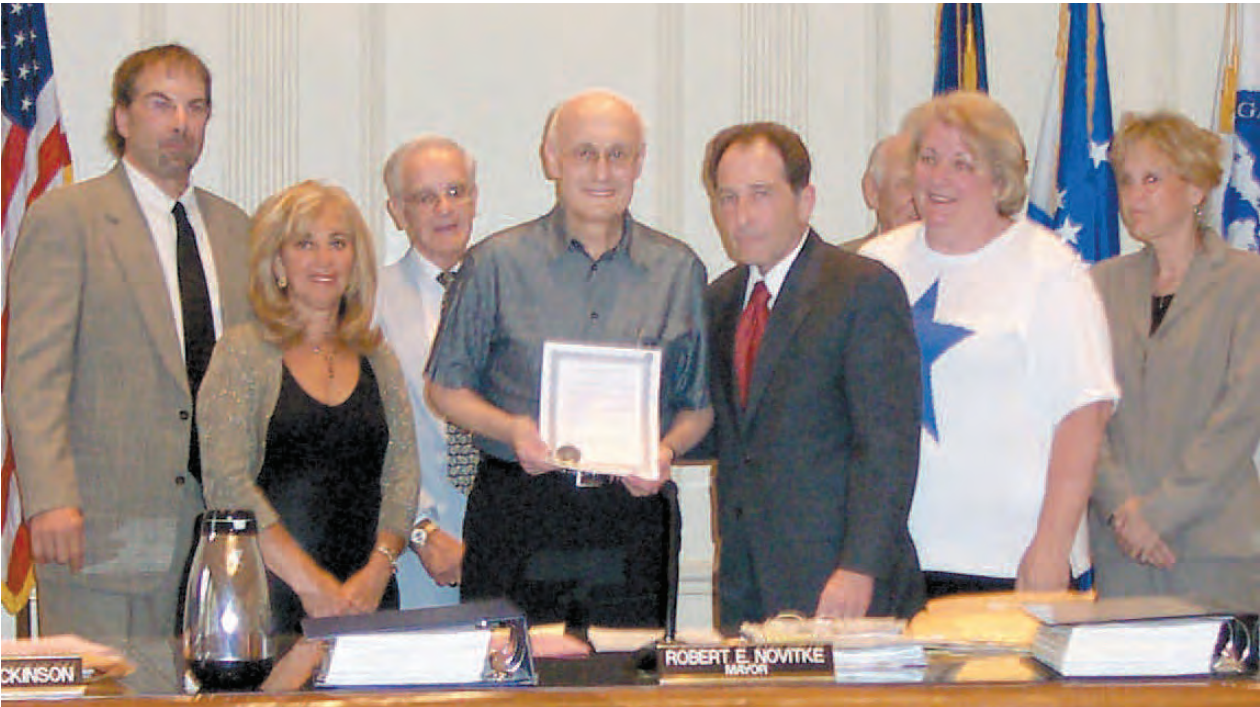
Weisberg grew up in metro Detroit and went to Wayne State University to study pharmacy. He first worked at Merit Drugs on Kelly Road, operating the drugstore with relatives. In 1966, he ventured on his own, opening the renamed Mack location. Merit Woods was a genuine family business: Weisberg’s mother, wife and children, including Corey, became its staff.

“I used to stand on a milk crate and work the register,” Corey recalled. “I’d fall asleep in the car on the way home.”

As Merit Woods’ reputation as a friendly, reliable service provider grew, so did its list of loyal customers. Weisberg was generous to a fault, Corey said, sometimes extending credit to patrons who were low on cash.

“They were his family,” she added. “He would do anything for anybody. He loved them and he was always there for them.”

As Merit Woods carved out a niche among clien-



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A quiet, humble Sheldon Weisberg was honored with a proclamation by the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council during the June 19, 2006, meeting. “Sheldon has dedicated a lot of time to help the residents of Grosse Pointe Woods whenever they entered his store (Merit Woods Pharmacy),” Mayor Robert Novitke said. “He is very worthy of such an honor.” Weisberg, a native Detroit and Cass Tech High School graduate, earned his Bachelor of Science degree in pharmacy from Wayne State University in 1956, served his country for two years as a hospital pharmacist in the U.S. Army beginning in 1957 and is currently a member of the American Pharmacy Association. On March 10, 1966, Weisberg bought Merit Woods Pharmacy, where he has served three generations of Grosse Pointe area customers at its original location at 19325 Mack. Novitke and the city council officially recognized July 1, 2006, as Sheldon Weisberg Day in the city of Grosse Pointe Woods. “As you all know, I am not a man of many words,” Weisberg said at the time. “However, on this occasion I have to say it is a nice honor for the city to name July 1 as my special day. My family and I are touched.” Weisberg married Barbara Rubinfire after serving in the Army and raised two daughters. He has five grandchildren.



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tele in the Woods, the decades that followed saw an increase in nationwide pharmacy chains and major grocery stores competing in the prescription market. Weisberg stayed the course, making quality service a top priority.

“Little stores weren’t the thing to be back then, but he survived,” Corey added. “He survived them all.”

Weisberg’s empathy toward patrons even

inspired the city to observe a special day of free meter parking.

Said Corey, “That was always a difficult thing, people running in for a quart of milk and they’ve got to put money in the meter.”

Just as Weisberg’s love for customers kept him working into his 80s, Corey’s love for her father led her to insist he slow down. Most patrons probably never knew Weisberg — who occa-

sionally opened Merit Woods after hours to give medicine to sick customers — lives about 30 miles away. Every time he opened the pharmacy’s doors, required a trip from suburban Oakland County.

“He never lived on the east side,” Corey added. “We commuted every single day.”

Weisberg, who said he wasn’t ready to talk about leaving Merit Woods behind, is “figuring out

how he’ll spend retirement, his daughter said.

The family was glad to find Louis Zawaideh as a buyer in November, added Corey. She said she’s confident Zawaideh will continue her father’s legacy of putting patrons above profit.

She uses words like “phenomenal” in describing the new ownership team.

“They’re awesome,” Corey added. “We were so lucky to find them.”

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Basketball is Benard’s passion

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Stephen Benard is taking his expertise to a new venture, Grosse Pointe South.

He was named the head coach of the boys varsity basketball team in the spring, and now his Grosse Pointe South Blue Devils are ready to start the regular season.

“I’m excited to be coaching the South boys team, and excited to begin the process of building a strong program that turns out great kids,” Benard said.

His tenure at South includes working closely with longtime friend and South varsity girls basketball head coach Kevin Richards.

“We collaborate on everything,” Benard said. “If he’s doing something in practice that is working well, he will share it. If I have a set that I think will work well for his players, I’ll send it to him.”

The two will work together on fundraisers for their basketball program, and the duo started Hoops United, a youth program for boys and girls in sixth grade and younger which focuses on building fundamental skills that children need to build their overall game.

Richards and Benard also have the Grosse Pointe Lakers Basketball Club, Boys and Girls 6th Grade and under, as well as the Grosse Pointe Lakers camps.

“We are trying to get the boys and girls in our community in the gym as much as possible, to get the training and experience they will need to do

well when they get to high school,” Benard said.

“Steve Benard is invested in the game of basketball as much as anyone I’ve been around,” Richards said. “That is probably why we get along so well. Steve is super organized and is bringing new ideas. I think Steve’s best coaching quality is that players like him. He has a knack for relating with players whether it is in football or basketball. He is interested in what players are doing on and off the court and I think that is what gravitates players to Steve. I have worked with Steve for more than 10 years in youth basketball but I am now looking forward to working alongside him building a basketball program for boys and girls that the South community can be proud of.”

Another part is a completely new coaching staff at the junior varsity and freshman levels.

“Part of building a strong program is having synergy across all three levels in what we teach, our expectations of the kids, our general coaching philosophy,” Benard said. “We want to build on the kids’ knowledge of the game and our system each year they play with us starting as freshmen.”

The basketball guru has the sport running through his veins. He played every day as a boy growing up in Romeo, which helped him excel at the high school level.

Everyday meant shoveling the snow in his driveway in the winter to play basketball—dedication to the sport.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Steve Benard, right, talks basketball during a recent practice with senior Miles Jamieson, left, and junior Jacob Harris.

“I loved my high school experience in the MAC (Macomb Area Conference),” the 48-year-old Benard said. “Romeo was (still is) a huge sports community. Sports were a big deal for our small town, and I always felt that sports were a big deal for me.”

As a senior at Romeo in 1989, Benard was a team captain and led the Bulldogs to a district championship. He earned First Team All-League and Second Team All-Macomb County honors.

“Most exciting high school moment was knocking off Pontiac Northern in the Regional semifinal game ... a team that was ranked 6th in the state,” Benard said. “It was a huge upset.”

His talent on the court earned him a scholarship to play basketball at Rochester University, a NAIA program. Benard had success at the college level, leading the NSCAA in assists and steals, plus was ranked No. 5 in scoring, while playing for head coach Garth Pleasant, a Michigan Hall of Fame Coach, who to this day remains a close friend and mentor.

“Playing on a successful high school team was one of the formative experiences of my youth,” Benard said. “As a coach, I realize that for many kids, high school will be the highest level of competition they will play, and learning how to work hard and be a great teammate and be disci-

plined and seeing the success that comes from that are important skills that will translate into every aspect of their lives.”

Once his playing career ended and he became a father, Benard started to get the itch to coach.

His first taste of coaching came when he taught his oldest son, Stephen Jr., on the court. Next came time on the sidelines at Parcels Middle School.

“I knew in order to be a varsity coach, I needed to build my coaching resume,” Benard said. “I coached over the next 10 years at the middle school, freshman, junior varsity and varsity levels ... both boys and girls.”

He spent time coach-

ing in South Lake, Grosse Pointe, Warren Heights and Madison Lincoln school districts.

“I was interviewed for the South boys varsity job when it was open six years ago and didn’t get it,” he said. “Hindsight is 20/20. I realize that I am in a much better place now with my coaching experience to be successful than I would have been six years ago.”

His South coaching debut started Tuesday, Dec. 11, in front of the home fans. He is coaching his middle child, Anthony, who is a freshman at South. Benard’s biggest fans, his wife, Laura, and middle school daughter Maddy, are always supporting him.

Benard lives in Grosse Pointe Park.

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area, and we got together and shook hands,” Daniel Curis said.

An insurance settlement, addressing only a portion of expenses from smoke and fire damage, was settled Oct. 22, making a personal celebration for Curis on Oct. 23 more meaningful.

“It was the best birthday present in the world,” he said.

Since news of the reopening began to circulate, longtime team members like waitress Debbie Sleeman have been excited.

“I’ve always liked the atmosphere and that it stood for something iconic,” Sleeman said of the establishment known for its image of a smiling,

portly, young burger-bearer.

Curis said about a half-dozen other former employees at the Mack restaurant have expressed interest in coming “home” to the reopened Big Boy.

Forty staffers found themselves jobless when the restaurant was evacuated during the fire. Curis hired Sleeman at Champs Rotisserie &

Seafood, the eatery he operates down Mack Avenue from the Big Boy site, and helped find jobs for other employees.

“I felt horrible because I felt responsible for them,” he said.

The reopened restaurant will include a new facade, remodeled booths, new restrooms and other updates. Seating capacity will be reduced by about 160 to let the staff increase its focus on quality, said Curis.

There also will be some experimentation with the removal of the salad bar

avored by many Big Boy patrons, but the popular Sunday buffet is still being considered.

Curis’ 2019 donation to Grosse Pointe North High School of the Big Boy statue that was regularly “stolen” by North High students will remain permanent.

Back when the Big Boy statue was a hot commodity, Curis would write notes the pranksters could show police after snatching the Big Boy during homecoming weekend and other events, asking only that they return the mascot in

three days.

Curis credits his wife, Ann, for encouraging him to “stay focused” during the uncertain year that followed the fire, and said Big Boy’s national ownership has been supportive.

“We’re very particular about the food we serve and the quality, because you serve people and then you see them at a football game,” said Curis. “If they say, ‘I had a sandwich and it was horrible’ that’s a problem, because this community has been very good to my family and me.”



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A 60-year-old Grosse Pointe woman received a call at approximately 5:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2, from a man claiming to be a DTE Energy employee, who said her bill was \$498.10 overdue and her power would be shut off in an hour if it was not paid.

He instructed her to purchase a MoneyPak card from a local drug store and give him the number of the back of the card to pay her bill.

Jewel fraud

After a 76-year-old Grosse Pointe man sold a 7.29 carat round diamond through a local auction house for \$55,000 in October 2018, the 58-year-old Grosse Pointe owner repeatedly put off payment, citing a death in the family.

After repeated phone calls over 2019, the owner sent a check for \$47,696 to the man in August, but upon attempting to cash it, the bank reported insufficient funds.

Don't be that guy

After a 27-year-old Riverview man had his brights on behind a patrol car at 12:53 a.m. Friday, Dec. 6, at East Jefferson and Notre Dame, he was arrested for driving while license

suspended, no insurance and improper use of lights.

— *Laurel Kraus*
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Grosse Pointe Farms

Health-conscious thief

A Rolex watch was stolen out of a 72-year-old Farms man's unlocked vehicle while it was parked at his Beacon Hill residence between Nov. 14 and 16. A yoga mat was taken from his wife's car.

Smoking in the stalls

Officers were called to an area high school at 12:01 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, when a 14-year-old Grosse Pointe City girl and a 15-year-old Park girl were caught using a vape product in the ladies restroom.

The cartridge contents tested negative for marijuana, and the girls were ticketed for possession of a vape device.

Know your credit history

A 44-year-old Farms

man discovered fraudulent accounts with DirecTV and AT&T U-Verse had been opened in his name after seeing his credit history when he was purchasing a vehicle.

The accounts were assigned to a location in Detroit.

Inside job

An employee at a fast-food establishment in the 18000 block of Mack Avenue arrived to work at 7:45 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, to find the rear entry door slightly open and a bag of cash on the ground a few feet from the building.

Security camera footage showed a suspect in dark clothing enter the office at approximately midnight, open the safe and remove a bag before leaving the office. The suspect did not appear to have any issues opening the safe and it was not damaged.

Credit card fraud

A Kercheval business owner in the process of closing her business believes her federal ID tax number may have been compromised after two fraudulent credit cards were opened in the company's name.

High clothing expenses

An unknown person attempted to charge \$2,000 to a 50-year-old Farms woman's Nordstrom card Saturday, Dec. 7, while she was on the East Coast.

This follows a fraudulent \$880.49 charge on her Macy's card Oct. 9.

Green means stop

After observing a vehicle wait an extended amount of time before accelerating at a green light and then swerve out of its lane, an officer pulled over a 49-year-old Harrison Township woman at 1:07 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 8.

Preliminary breath test results showed her blood alcohol content at .15 percent, and she was arrested.

Breaking barriers

A 25-year-old Warren woman is suspected of driving through the parking structure gate at an area hospital at 8:11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 9.

This would be the second incident by the same woman.

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Grosse Pointe Shores

No new incident reports.

— *Laurel Kraus*
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Grosse Pointe Woods

Domestic abuse

A 34-year-old Woods woman reported her husband for domestic abuse after he forcibly made her leave work and hit her and pulled out her hair when they arrived home around 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27.

Stolen vehicle

A 30-year-old Harper Woods woman's black 2015 Kia Optima with Ohio plates, license number HSW8289, was stolen from a parking lot in the 19000 block of north Harper when she started it and ran back into the building at 8:37 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2.

Operating while intoxicated

When an officer was sent to a disabled vehicle at Vernier Road and Mack Avenue at 6:12 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, the 44-year-old Detroit driver appeared to have watery eyes and slurred speech.

A LEIN check showed he had two prior and five current suspensions.

A preliminary breath test showed his blood alcohol content at .199 percent, and he was arrested for operating with a blood alcohol content of .17 percent or more, driving while license suspended and not having insurance.

— *Laurel Kraus*
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Grosse Pointe Park

Fraudulent check

A 42-year-old St. Clair Shores woman wrote a fraudulent check to a local florist for \$311.55 in November.

Goodbye Frosty

An unknown suspect destroyed a Park resident's \$50 snowman lawn ornament on Buckingham Road at some point between 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, and 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1.

Road rage

After a near accident in the 1400 block of Cadieux Road, two Detroit women in their mid-40s proceeded to pull over and assault each other at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 5.

Taking one for the team

An 18-year-old Detroit man stole a tip jar containing approximately \$50 from the counter of a restaurant in the 1200 block of Beaconsfield Avenue at 5:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6.

He later turned himself in and confessed after one of his friends, who was with him, was arrested.

Double the limit

A 53-year-old Detroit man was arrested at 10:20 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, after he was caught driving 72 mph in a 30 mph zone at Mack Avenue and Lakepointe Street.

— *Laurel Kraus*
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account during an initial investigation after the incident came to Mason Principal Roy Bishop's attention, according to GPPSS Superintendent Gary Niehaus.

"A little girl in the classroom went home and told her mom what had happened, so her mom called and talked with Mr. Bishop on Thursday," Niehaus said. "Mr. Bishop talked with the little boy and talked with (the teacher) later in the afternoon on Thursday."

That same day, Rennell, Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services Jon Dean and Ryan Francis, principal of Maire Elementary School — where the teacher also serves as music instructor — met with the teacher. Bishop was at a conference and couldn't

attend. Based on this meeting, the decision was made to allow the teacher to remain in the classroom.

On Friday, the kindergarten's father, Dr. Chris Seitz, met with Dean and Nicole Pilgrim, GPPSS director of human resources.

"He had the news lined up before he had the meeting with Jon," Niehaus said. "He talked with Jon and Nicole, went outside and talked with Channel 7, came back inside and talked to me and Channel 7 came in and talked to me in here."

While no one disputed the account the child had rolled the Biofreeze on the teacher's upper arm, Niehaus said, the nature of the situation changed as soon as Seitz made a claim of sexual misconduct. Niehaus and Dean agreed to put the teacher on administrative leave

with pay until the conclusion of an investigation.

"Up until then, quite honestly, nothing we had seen or known at the time was sexual in nature," Niehaus said. "We didn't have any information to tell us that."

Niehaus also filed a report with Child Protective Services and hired a private attorney to do a separate investigation.

CPS "does this on an everyday basis," Niehaus said. "They do this as a profession. If they have a different finding than we found, it helps us better understand the situation and the facts. ... Until we know the facts, we don't know what level of consequences come from this."

Niehaus added when a complaint is brought to his attention and he conducts an investigation, he prefers to do it privately out of respect for all parties involved.

In this case, the parent "did it through the media," he said. "That's what we're doing. We're covering this issue through the media and I think we need to get the facts out so that people know what's actually happened and we can move forward with it."

Several residents

spoke up on the teacher's behalf at the regular meeting of the Board of Education Monday, Dec. 9, including Julia Kado, an eighth grader at Pierce Middle School who talked about the influence her former teacher had in the early years of her life.

In addition to being compassionate and committed, Kado said he was "an outstanding teacher and person overall who possesses a heart of gold. I know deep in my heart he would never intentionally make a student uncomfortable."

In his closing comments, board President Brian Summerfield said he had "every confidence in the administration's ability to investigate quickly and make sure fair process is done."

"Social media — I've said this a million times — is a terrible place to get your news or any other information for that matter," he added. "It's mean, it's spiteful. It's always wrong — or 99 percent of the time it's wrong. I don't know why people continuously use it as a source of information. ... We teach our kids to be careful with social media. As adults we should be careful with social media. The facts are found in better locations."

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Each suspect has been charged with one count of stolen property receiving and concealing \$1,000 or more, but less than \$20,000; one count of larceny from a motor vehicle by stealing or unlawfully removing or taking iPhone earbuds; and one count of larceny from a motor vehicle by

stealing or unlawfully removing or taking handheld radios.

"I'm very, very pleased (with) the way my shift made the arrest (and) did the investigation," Kosanke said. "Our detective bureau did a great job putting the case together, so there was a big team effort here, and it worked out very well."

The preliminary exam for all three was in Woods court Wednesday, Dec. 11.



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OUR VIEW

No uranium... this time

The Grosse Pointes are located well upstream from an old industrial site that had a partial collapse into the Detroit River late last month, and thus had no exposure to its contaminants — initially reported to possibly include radioactive waste.

Recent tests suggest there was probably no danger to anyone downstream of the collapse, either.

Grosse Pointe Park, Woods and Shores get their water from the Great Lakes Water Authority, and that water comes primarily from where you'd expect — the intake at the head of the Detroit River that serves the Water Works Park Treatment Plant on East Jefferson Avenue and the system's Northeast Treatment Plant. Grosse Pointe Farms, which also serves the City of Grosse Pointe, has its own treatment plant with an intake in Lake St. Clair.

The authority, which is a reincarnation of the old Detroit system, has three other treatment plants and additional intake pipes in Lake Huron and further down the river.

The intake pipe closest to the collapsed site had little likelihood of being affected because it is on the Canadian side of the river and well separated from the spill by the water flow in the river's main channel. Early tests found no contamination of the water supply.

The authority has ordered more detailed tests, for contaminants such as PCBs as well as radioactive material; results are due in three to six weeks, according to Michelle Zdrodowski, chief public affairs officer for the authority.

Michigan's Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy did on-site radiological tests Dec. 6 and found nothing that exceeded normal background readings in Michigan. That included readings inside the crevasse that opened up when soil slid into river. The department also is testing the water for other substances, with results not yet available.

So, barring surprises in the follow-up tests, it amounts to one big close call.

But close calls can also prove useful. In this case, the slowness in getting the word out, especially to water treatment plants, casts a shadow over the safety of everyone's drinking water.

The collapse occurred just before Thanksgiving, according to various media reports. The company that operates the site, which is just west of the Ambassador Bridge, says it notified the U.S. Coast Guard and Army Corps of Engineers almost immediately, according to media reports.

But Michigan environmental officials say they didn't hear about the potential contamination until Dec. 4, and that was only when a reporter — from Windsor, no less — called to ask for their response.

Michigan has many, many old industrial sites that fall somewhere on the broad spectrum from being fully remediated to having a Superfund designation for severe contamination. Add in the Canadians' share, such as Chemical Valley operations along the St. Clair River, and vigilance remains especially crucial in the waters that make up the connecting corridor between Lake Huron and Lake Erie.

The partial collapse occurred on a site that now hosts Detroit Bulk Storage. Its history includes many years as Revere Copper and Brass Co., which manufactured uranium rods for atomic bombs during World War II and into the early 1950s. Apparently no one could easily verify how well it's been cleaned up.

All of which suggests the real work now must include a serious intent to improve alert systems, regardless of who gets the first notification. Someone needs to maintain an up-to-date, accessible roster of the status of contaminated sites, particularly those along waterways that supply drinking water.

Grosse Pointers may have had no reason to worry this time around. But there's good reason to pay attention, nonetheless, and insist that all the various agencies get their act together before anyone has reason to worry again.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Pure Grosse Pointe

Full Circle has 10,000-plus reasons to celebrate and give thanks to the superheroes who donated to Full Circle's first #GivingTuesday. They were able to raise \$10,650 for their foundation's superhero-themed campaign. The money raised will help young adults with special needs. Giving a big Grosse Pointe thank you are, from left, Ted Coutilish, executive director, and Full Circle students Sarah Sivanov and JaiLynn Fuller, who present a banner signed by many of their fellow students.

OUR VIEW

The Village eyes Main Street

Grosse Pointe has made a gratifying leap toward revitalization with its decision to apply for participation in the Michigan Main Street Program.

It's worth noting up front that acceptance into the program relies heavily on not just tacit support from the community but the active involvement of residents — people willing to serve on a board of directors and various committees, for starters. The funding is relatively small — \$50,000 pledged from the city budget and a matching amount in donations. That's small, at least when compared to the value of volunteers' time that would need to be invested in the project.

The application was completed Dec. 6, but support for the program — willingness to volunteer, as well as dollars — can still be offered via links at thevillagegp.com.

The Main Street program is an offshoot of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and emphasizes maintaining and restoring existing buildings, lest anyone fear that the goal might be to churn out some giant new structure. It got its start nationally nearly 40 years ago and operates statewide through Michigan Main Street, which falls under the Michigan Economic Development Corp. umbrella. It inducts new participants annually.

As part of its application, the city must commit to having a full-time program director. But that cost should be more than offset by the support and services available, along with help in finding and landing grants, particularly for physical improvements that can boost the vision set in the planning process.

According to the program's national website, more than 1,600 cities and urban neighborhoods participate. Nearby, that includes Rochester and Ferndale. Interestingly, the visions set by various communities

can differ drastically, because they build on each one's sense of place. Boyne City's focus, for example, is Outdoor Recreation; Milan's strategy is Family Friendly and Arts and Culture.

Choices like that make it even clearer why a wide range of residents — young and old, families and empty nesters — needs to be involved. What is Grosse Pointe's sense of place these days? It's a question only the community — not the market, not elected officials alone — can answer. The Main Street program looks like an exciting way to start.

FROM THE PUBLISHER

Caretti passes

I am sad to report we have lost another long-time police chief with the passing Nov. 22 of Richard "Dick" Caretti, 93, former public safety director in Grosse Pointe Park. Mr. Caretti leaves behind his wife of 30 years, Penny, who was the court administrator in the Park. Mr. Caretti was predeceased by his first wife, Doris, of 37 years.

Chief Caretti was a racquetball champion. He was inducted into the Michigan Racquetball Hall of Fame in 2000. Even as he got older, he continued to beat many of his younger opponents. I asked him how he kept in such good shape. "Peanut butter," he said. "I eat peanut butter every day." I don't eat peanut butter every day, but I feel better and always think of him every time I do.

Rest in peace, Chief.

LETTERS

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

GPCC has many to thank

To the Editor:

The Grosse Pointe Community Chorus has just performed its 67th holiday concert and thanks everyone who contributed to a successful fall season.

From our conductor Joseph Palazzolo, to our piano accompanist Ron Pietrantoni, to our featured violinist Sonia Lee, to our 80-some members both long-term and very new, to Father Andrew

Kowalczyk and the wonderful staff and parishioners at St. Clare of Montefalco, which was our performance venue, to our wonderful audience on Sunday Dec. 8, we could not have asked for a more joyful or fulfilling experience. It was a packed house!

Thank you to the Grosse Pointe community for supporting us as we carry on a tradition that began in 1953 when nearly 100 people answered an ad placed by Malcolm and Marian Johns to form a chorus

of people who just really love to sing all types of songs.

Our program sponsors also deserve our thanks and the patronage of the community: Aria Salon, Arno & Caroline Mossner Memorial Foundation, Belding Cleaners, Butter Run Saloon, Cabbage Patch Catering & Venue, Cantata Academy Chorale, The Detroit Club, Flagstar Bank at Kercheval and Cadieux, Flowers by Gabrielle, Hackett Homecare, Hoof N Woof, Jamex Brewing Co., Dr. Jeffrey Koenigbauer, Moehring Woods Flowers, Attorney William J. Monaghan, Moosejaw, Nick's Jewelry, O'Flaherty's, Joseph Palazzolo and Sonia Lee (May 9 concert), Pizzo's Barbershop, Pointe Electronics Co. and associated businesses, Salon Biondo, Shores Tequileria y Cocina, John M. Steinberg, D.D.S., P.C., Syphus

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In this holiday season, the Grosse Pointe Community Chorus takes joy in recognizing the many vibrant and long-standing community arts organizations that we should all support: the music and theater departments at local schools, the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra, the Grosse Pointe Theatre, the Grunyons, the Judelaires, Noteworthy and the newest group called One Voice.

In 2020, individuals can become members of the chorus at our Jan. 14 registration, or attend our dinner cabaret on May 1 at Assumption Cultural Center. Details are available on our website at grossepointe communitychorus.org or see our Facebook page.

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I SAY By Karen Fontanive

Thank you for a great dozen years



After 12 years working at the Grosse Pointe News, my tenure is ending. It is hard to believe when I answered an ad for a proofreader in September 2007 then-editor John Minnis said, “I need an obituary writer. Can you start Monday?” Now, some 3,000-plus obituaries later, it is time to move

on. And after numerous Pointers of Interest, Yesterday’s Headlines, engagement, wedding, baby and anniversary announcements, and, of course, I Says, what do I say? First, is a huge thank you to John and Terry Minnis who, a little over a year ago, allowed me to take a second part-time job. I am forever grateful to them for allowing me to return to my public relations roots by working as communications coordinator at The Helm. Second, thank you to my co-workers who also made adjustments for me: Melanie, thanks for

taking on the extra administrative task or two involved with obituaries; Barbara, thank you for making sure I got important News phone calls when I was at my other job; Mary Anne, thank you for taking over Pride of the Pointes; and Jody, hands down at the top of the best-bosses-I-have-ever-had list, thank you for all of the work assignment adjustments and general understanding when it came to juggling both jobs. Thank you to the entire Grosse Pointe News staff. While the writers and our photographer get a lot of the

“glory” because their names are in the paper repeatedly and they are out and about in the community, there is a whole dedicated staff behind this paper from the advertising sales staff to our top-notch production team who process photos, design ads and pages, integrate ads onto our pages and make sure everything is right for the printer. (Take a look at the names in the masthead on page 6A.) It has been wonderful working with all of you and being part of this family. Thank you to all of you. From the families I’ve worked with for any

kind of announcement, to my compatriots at the local funeral homes and to anyone who has commented on anything I have written, I will miss our interactions. I hope I touched your life positively, as you can be assured you have touched mine. Lastly, my I Says over the years were my creative outlet to express our shared commonalities; to entertain while evoking a sense of oneness — sharing life experiences of being a child, spouse, parent, worker and Grosse Pointe resident. I tried to stay away from anything too controversial — although I

took a lot of heat for a column I wrote about not liking to see men work or exercise shirtless — but in these days of “fake news,” I’m going to stick my toe out a bit. This is a hard-working staff focused on providing relevant, unbiased news. You may think we’re too rah-rah or not hard-hitting enough, but one thing this paper is, is real. Social media can provide information, but it also carries a lot of half-truths, innuendo and gossip. The Grosse Pointe News reports facts. I Say I am proud to have worked here.

YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

1944

75 years ago this week

PARK GARBAGE DOESN’T AGREE WITH PORKERS: The Park village is having trouble with the miscellaneous collection of articles which the householders put in their garbage cans. The assortment of broken glass bottles, razor blades and needles that find their way into the family garbage can does not agree with the digestion of the pigs on the pig farm up in St. Clair county that are feasting on Park village garbage. **BON SECOURS CAM-**

PAIGN IS GOING WELL: The drive for the \$50,000 to complete the Bon Secours Hospital is well underway. Actual cash taken in to date is \$16,000, but many pledges have been received which swell the amount well beyond that figure. *Obituaries: Thomas Harris*

1969

50 years ago this week

LONE WOMAN BANDIT ROBS GAS STATION: A lone woman bandit held up a Farms gas service station at Mack and Moross early in

the morning and escaped with \$230. She is believed to be the same person who held up a Detroit station approximately two hours earlier. *Obituaries: Carl Schweikart*

1994

25 years ago this week

LIGHTS TO SHINE ON SOUTH FOOTBALL GAMES NEXT FALL: After listening to a packed house discuss each side of the issue, the Farms City Council unanimously voted to approve the South High Lights committee proposal.

POINTERS GET THE PICTURE — BARELY: For months now, metro Detroit residents have been hearing about the big TV station switch, leaving many with just one question — where the heck is Channel 62 on my cable dial? Grosse Pointe Cable officials said since it was announced CBS programs would now be broadcast by Channel 62, they have received calls asking if the company carries the station. **WOOD REVISES DOWNSPOUT DISCHARGE ORDINANCE:** In an effort to prevent troubles between neighbors, the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council last week passed an ordinance requiring all downspouts in the city to be

directed away from other people’s property. “About two years ago, the city council passed an ordinance ordering Woods residents to disconnect their downspouts from the sewer system with the intent the newly disconnected downspouts would drain onto the street or onto the homeowner’s property where it would be absorbed into the ground,” City Attorney George Catlin explained. That didn’t always happen. The new ordinance allows city building inspectors the authority to direct homeowners where their downspouts will discharge. *Obituaries: Francis L. Gilbert, Jack G. Grifo, Sheridan F. Rougeux, Dr. Alfred Edward Seyler*

2009

10 years ago this week

LIBRARY UPDATE IS OVERDUE: The mayor of Grosse Pointe Farms has started attending library board meetings to find out what’s happening with money raised to build a new central branch. He claims money residents donated for expansion of the branch isn’t being used for the purpose it was solicited. *Obituaries: Ronald J. Bieke, John Daniel Boyle, Thomas C. DuFour, Patricia Barnard Mullett, Laura DeWees Wallace, Jeanne Evans Whittaker-Hines* — Karen Fontanive



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Harper Woods voters seat most diverse council

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Harper Woods has entered groundbreaking territory.

The Nov. 5 general election added to Harper Woods City Council newcomers Ernestine Lyons and Regina Williams, and welcomed back incumbents Veronica Paiz and Cheryl Costantino to the council, completed by Vivian Sawicki and Valerie Kindle.

Longtime Mayor Kenneth Poynter, who ran unopposed, retained his seat.

The election, which also included challengers David Calus and incumbent Tom Jenny, ended with a first in the history of this city council: an 85 percent female governing body.

Additionally, its makeup is ethnically diverse, with 50 percent of its members African American, 33 percent Caucasian and 17 percent Latina.

“It’s the year of the woman,” said Kindle, who said she’ll miss former councilman Jenny, who was edged out by just 11 votes. Kindle said she’s enjoyed working with all of her previous colleagues.

“The two new additions are welcome additions, but nothing has changed,” Kindle said. “We still want to make sure we have a budget we can live with and improve the quality of life for our citizens. The makeup of council doesn’t make any difference for the goals we’re trying to achieve.

“No matter the



From left, Regina Williams, Cheryl Constantino, Ernestine Lyons, Mayor Kenneth Poynter, Vivian Sawicki, Valerie Kindle and Veronica Paiz.

makeup, you’re only one vote,” she continued. “It has to be a team effort to accomplish anything. I’m sure the new additions will continue in that vein of being team players. I’m sure we’ll all be on the same page.”

Sawicki, who has lived in Harper Woods since 1987, said she’s excited to work with a council of dynamic and diverse women.

“When I was first elected to council in 1993, I was the only woman and possibly the youngest of the council members at that time, in what some called an all-boys club,” she said. “As a young mother, my goal was to see some changes in the community that would ensure safe playgrounds and opportunities for young people. As I have aged, so have many of my concerns, keeping a focus on support services for all our residents.

“We’ve come a long way since then,” she added. “I am so thrilled that we have a council that represents our diverse neighborhood and our diverse ages as well. I think Harper Woods can look forward to well-thought-out and lively discussions embracing consideration for the needs of all of our residents.”

Incumbent Paiz said being on council allows her to actively address the city’s changing and distinctive challenges — administrative, financial and otherwise — and she believes in representing the increasing diversity in Harper Woods.

“I think our new council is a striking example of women’s growing and assertive interest in government leadership,” she continued, “and that we have a good opportunity to encourage that interest and participation in other

communities. Regarding race and ethnicity, our city council has changed over the years to reflect Harper Woods’ shifting demographics and this particular council continues that representation.”

Newcomer Lyons echoed Paiz’s sentiment. “We are seeing a voter who wishes to see political representation that is reflective of America itself,” she said. “Voters are hoping for a fresh perspective and are looking to progressive candidates who can produce different results. Women are not only being listened to, but we are increasingly a part of the conversation in the direction of politics, business and social issues. When one only ever listens to the same perspective, one will always get the same results. ‘Love thy neighbor’ means embracing equity, inclusivity and the diversity of perspective that it brings.”

Lyons fills a partial-term seat vacated by former councilman Will Smith, who urged her to run. Lyons, who volunteered with the Neighborhood Economic Development Coalition, said she wants to do more to attract a new generation to Harper Woods.

“By incentivizing doing business in Harper Woods, becoming homeowners and spending time in our city, we can not only strengthen the tax base, but continue to take care of the people who already call Harper Woods home and do business here,” she said.

Also new to council, Williams said she hopes to build a stronger community and a strong partnership with local businesses.

“I would like to see more community programs to bring people closer together,” she said. “I also think we should support programs for businesses that can help to build a stronger economy for our city.”

Williams said she looks

forward to her work on council — being part of the positive changes for the city, which already is changing and accomplishing great things.

“I like the diversity of the new city council,” Williams said. “I think the city council is now more representative of the makeup of the community. I believe the council having six females now is a statement to the belief in the capability of women leaders. I believe that we will bring some interesting perspectives and knowledge from our diverse backgrounds to the table and I look forward to working with my new colleagues.”

City Manager Joe Rheker also said he’s pleased with the new makeup of council.

“Our new additions to council are not neophytes to the political process,” he said. “Council member Regina Williams previously served on the Harper Woods School District

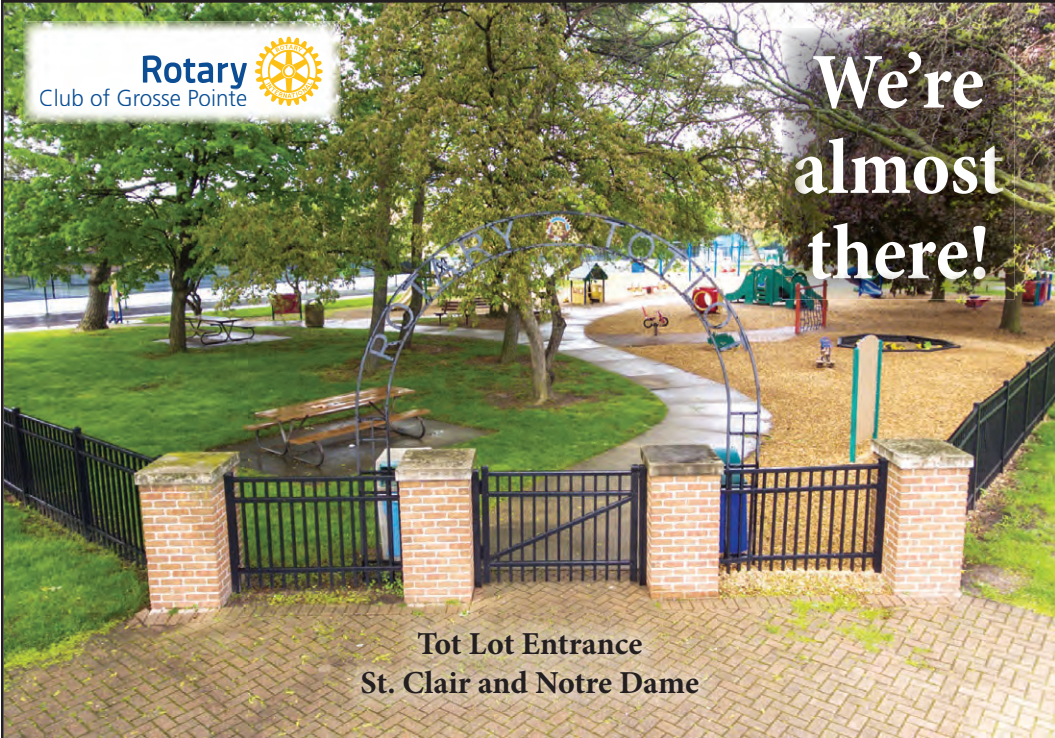

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Library offers events

The Harper Woods Public Library, 19601 Harper, offers activities for children and adults. Upcoming events include:


- ◆ 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18 — Children are invited to visit the library in their pajamas to watch “The Polar Express” and drink hot chocolate. Chairs are provided, but guests are welcome to bring cozier accommodations.
- ◆ 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18 — Holiday Cookie Exchange. Call the library for more details at (313) 343-2575.
- ◆ 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23 — I Love a Mystery! Mystery Lovers Book Club. Read any book by Lisa Lutz.

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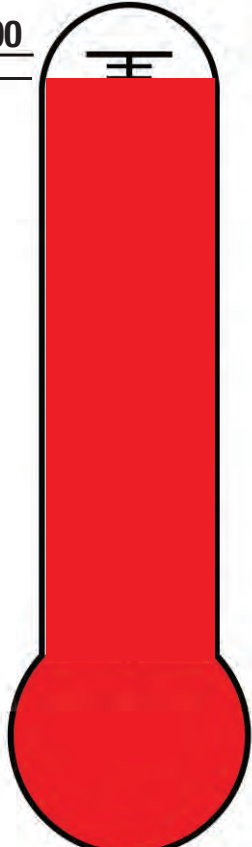
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A bright idea

ULS preschoolers engage senses with color museum

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Students at University Liggett School had the opportunity to visit six fully interactive, multi-sensory exhibits in the Manoogian Art Gallery Dec. 4. The most unusual aspect of ULS’s first popup color museum? Nearly everything in it was created by prekindergarten students, who also acted as museum docents.

“We felt so passionate and we felt so proud of the work they did,” said Carla Whitton, who teaches the prekindergarten class along with Nicole Beaudry. “Months of them playing and engaging and when you put it together, you think: 3- and 4-year-olds did this?”

Throughout the morning, all grades visited the museum, including upper school students who, for 15 minutes of their academic day, were allowed to be preschoolers again, Whitton said.

The project came to life at the beginning of the school year.

“Each year we look to see what the kids’ passions are and what they’re interested in, so nothing’s ever the same,” Beaudry said. “This year we did a collaborative piece — (a) tree — at the beginning of the year during preschool orientation. That’s when



Collin Mitchell takes a spin on the color wheel.

we were meeting the kids and the parents as they were coming through. We noticed when they were dipping cotton balls in the paint and throwing them against the tree, we noticed that the children were really into it. They were also really interested in mixing the colors. ... Usually, you don’t see a project that everyone gravitates to at the same time and they all loved it. So this just triggered something.”

Picking up on the children’s natural interests, Beaudry and Whitton set up “provocations” — or inspirations — at a table.

The idea was to see where the children took it on their own.

“It’s very open-ended,” Beaudry said. “... From there we said, OK, a project is born. We started gearing our lessons and our daily activities to incorporate paint and color mixing. Then we incorporated all of our literacy goals into paint and color.

“The children drive it,” she added. “It’s what they want to do. It’s what they’re passionate about.”

Included was an olfactory exhibit, where the art was complemented by specific scents, such as vanilla, lavender or pine; a touch exhibit where visitors were invited to add to the children’s art installation by placing noodle sections of different colors and sizes onto pegs; an active/movement exhibit where guests were invited to lie down on a spinning color wheel and have their pictures taken; a sight exhibit where visitors used colored glasses the students created on the school’s Glowforge 3-D printer to observe changes in colors depending on the tint of the glasses; a light exhibit where sun passed through the transparent window art exhibit, created in collaboration with lower school students; and a sound exhibit with recorded musical representations of different colors the pre-kindergarteners created in collaboration

Emilia Bronk, left, and Kennedy Marshall visit the pine forest in the olfactory exhibit with Daniel Linkous.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

with Daniel Rhode, lower school music teacher.

The color songs Rhode used with the children were inspired by the Dr. Seuss book, “My Many Colored Days,” which links colors to feelings and sounds. In class, students improvised on xylophones while Rhode read the book.

“We were exploring the way different sounds on the xylophone can evoke moods much like color,” Rhode wrote in an email. “I then worked with each student to compose a short color piece that had a clear mood. Students often explored a few different instruments before they chose the right instrument for the color. It was satisfying to be a part of this project because it started with color and the learning ventured to all of the senses. I was excited to see what choices the students made and what interested them.”

In a clothing-splatter painting provocation, children used toothbrushes and acrylic paint to create splatter sweatshirts — which they wore during the day of the exhibit — and a collaborative work of art.

To create a vanilla wreath — part of the smell exhibit — the children collected seed pods from the playground. After the pods dried, the students covered them with bright bio-color paints. Next, they used wooden beads to add a final embellishment, then threaded the beads on a rope, helping develop fine motor skills while they were immersed in creating color or size patterns.

For the pine scent, students used their gross motor skills, whipping pine branches across the

board. In another painting project, they used kitchen utensils to create different splatter patterns.

“They liked hearing the ‘splat,’” Beaudry said.

One student, in particular, was so excited about the idea of dropping paint, the teachers decided to “add a little science to it” and drop paint from different heights.

“They dropped it from standing, then they stood on a stool, then stood on a ladder,” Beaudry said. “They looked at the different splatter and the different styles it made.”

Not only did the splatter patterns differ depending on the height, but the sound was louder the higher they went, they discovered.

In another science experiment, the children learned how to use pipettes and test tubes to mix paints, discovering what happens when primary colors are combined.

“Science is exploration; it’s fine motor skills,” Beaudry said. “We’re trying to layer everything we do. And the children think we’re just playing. They don’t realize they’re learning.”

To enforce literacy skills, the teachers used yellow ducks to create a memory game and long strands of red licorice for the children to form letters, creating both curves and straight lines.

“I think when you have high expectations, the children rise to them,” Beaudry said. “You think, well, they’re just 3 and 4; they can’t do anything. They are capable of so much. They have a lot to contribute. And their imagination is sometimes so much bigger than mine.”



COUNCIL:

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Board of Education and previously served as its board president. Council member Ernestine Lyons served for several years on the Harper Woods Planning Commission

where she served as the commission’s secretary and earned her Citizen’s Planner certification through MSU Extension. Also of note, two of our council members are military veterans — council member Regina Williams and Mayor Pro Tem Cheryl Costantino. We

have a unique composition to our council and I think it should be celebrated.”

Added Poynter, “I am looking forward to working with these ladies. They are diverse in many ways with a wide range of talent and experiences. Also, they will be bringing new

ideas and new perspectives, which will help Harper Woods move forward positively.”

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Professionals give career tips to Parcels students

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Presenters at Parcels Middle School’s career day Dec. 6, had important advice to give to students on keys to their success.

For Diane Schoff, an opera singer, professional musician and music teacher, it was practice makes perfect.

Schoff has been in the profession 10 years, but she had to practice a lot before she got paid to sing opera, she told the students. In the world of performance, preparing for auditions is another important piece.

“You have to practice your audition music. You have to prepare it, you have to coach it, you have to get it all shiny, so that when you walk into an audition room and the judges are sitting behind you, you have to show them your best under pressure in two minutes or less.”

Passion is another key ingredient, according to former National Hockey League player and Detroit Red Wings recruiter Kirk Maltby.

Maltby, who played 16 seasons for the Edmonton Oilers and Detroit Red Wings, winning the Stanley Cup with the Red Wings four times, said making it to the NHL was hard work.

At the same time, “If you love something, if you’re passionate about something — it doesn’t have to be sports; it can be school or whatever — ... it doesn’t seem like hard work.”

What was difficult was knowing even after you make it to the league, “there’s always somebody coming up behind you that wants your job and they want to play with the NHL,” he added.

Persistence is another important factor. Maltby told the students he is particularly proud of having played 1,072 games in his career, a number that, given the league’s 82-game schedule, took him many years to accomplish.

That sort of persistence began at a young age. When a student asked him what it was like to win the Stanley Cup, Maltby responded: “When I was your age and younger, actually, I used to not just play hockey with my team, but I would play pond hockey, hockey sticks in the basement. We always dreamt about playing in the NHL and winning the Stanley Cup. Before I actually won the Stanley Cup, I won it a million times in the basement or the driveway. But for it to actually really happen was literally a dream come true.”



Above, Paul Hilliker, a nurse anesthetist at St. John Macomb, watches as Danielle Gentile, left, and Shelby Davis try their hand at intubating and ventilating a “patient.” Right, border patrol agents Michael Goloweyco and Sean Williford talk to the students about the responsibilities of a border patrol agent and the work their K9, Seke, does to detect drugs and locate concealed humans.



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Eddie Hartman, a firefighter with the Toledo Fire and Rescue Department, shared a message of perseverance.

“I told students they could do anything they set their minds to,” Hartman said. “In order to be successful in life, they have to have a good work ethic; they have to persevere. They have to have a tough chin and a strong stomach to do my line of work. My message to the students was also that they can do the best job in the world; all they need to do is believe in themselves.”

Hartman also dispelled myths of his profession, including the glamor portrayed on TV. Instead, he focused on the rigors of drill school and training as a paramedic and in technical rescues, hazardous materials and confined spaces.

He also talked about daily life in the engine house “working together as a family” on general chores such as cooking, cleaning and housework.

“One thing that I really stressed is we all have to get along,” he said. “If we can’t get along, we won’t be able to work together and we may be fired.”

When students asked about minimum requirements to become a firefighter, he explained while only a high school degree is required, positions are extremely competitive and “the more education you get, the better chances you have.”

WDIV-TV meteorologist Brandon Roux said he feeds on the energy generated by his job and those around him. It’s generally during times of disaster he and his team have to step up, he said.

“When any big story is happening, we don’t get joy out of this, but that is our moment to shine. All eyes are on you. It’s a hyped-up sense. There’s nothing else like it.”

Roux emphasized to

the students the number of people involved behind the scenes in a newsroom, from producers and technical directors to salespeople.

“There’s a little bit of something for everybody,” he said.

Kenya James, a technology analyst for Ford Motor Co., also wanted students in her sessions to know the variety of jobs available in the information technology field. She herself worked as a programmer, analyst and project manager in her 19 years in the industry, 15 at Ford.

While informing students about her own education and career path and the range of subjects they need to take — physics, chemistry, biology and three years of calculus — she assured them coding is fun. Above all, she encouraged them to follow their own interests.

Finally, the field is lucrative.

“I put up a couple of median salaries and they seemed interested in that,” she said. “I made sure they knew you can make a good living.”

Krista Sawicki, social media and digital assistant manager for Cadillac, reviewed the four P’s of advertising — product, place, promotion and price — before engaging the students in an interactive activity. Working in groups, students designed a shoe of their choice, then presented their product, describing why it was better than its competitors and what platform they would promote it in. Examples were a Cheez-It shoe, an electro shoe and a shoe that dispensed water.

Emily Weaver, who runs Chevrolet’s social media campaign, polled the students on their own social media use. On average, students managed 7 to 13 different accounts.

“They were experts in the space, but I think it was interesting for them to see how a brand goes to market in that space because it’s very different from how a person would utilize social (media),” Weaver said.

Her favorite part of the job is how it balances art and science, giving her a creative outlet while leveraging her education and interest in business and commerce and retail, she said.

Musician, designer and photographer Steve Swartz made the most noise with the students.

“We had a lot of fun,” he said. “I brought an electric guitar and we turned it up loud.”

His message to the students was the best way to make a living being creative is “to be creative about making a living.”

He also distilled the myth of the starving artist. “There are so many ways to make a living being creative, more than probably ever before,” Swartz said.

The key, he said, is constantly learning.

“You need to cultivate a fertile mind. In order to do that, you need to read books,” he said. “You need to get out into the world and not stare at your phone. And when you get old enough and have your own money, you need to travel and experience what other people are experiencing from their perspective.

“All of these things enrich the soil of your mind,” he continued. When you have that going for you and you

have things that you’re curious about and excited about ... that’s called wonder. And where that wonder happens and you have that mind that is rich with experiences and ideas and reading and thoughts that are your own, you will have inspiration for the rest of your life.”

Parcells’ third career day, offered every three years and organized by counselors Carla Palffy and Kim Radant, is run in a conference-style with students attending four 20-minute sessions. Students chose six and were guaranteed two of their picks.

Among the 45 presenters were labor and delivery nurses, a certified midwife, sergeant on the Michigan State Police SWAT team, executive chef, nurse anesthetist, dentist, attorney, architect, software developer, chiropractor, sales person, commercial real estate broker, pastor, florist, physical therapist, interventional cardiologist, U.S. border patrol agent, newspaper editor, cosmetologist and human resources officer.

Principal Dan Hartley gave a shoutout to Palffy and Radant “for the fantastic job of putting together a great opportunity for our students.”



Kirk Maltby shared stories about growing up in Canada and life lessons from his years in the NHL.

Teacher of THE WEEK



Alyssa Sandoval

School: Grosse Pointe North High School
Years at North: 5
Grade/Subject: Honors Freshman English, Freshman Assist and Student Success Team (10th grade)
Nominated by: Kate Murray, principal
Principal’s quote:

“Alyssa Sandoval is an outstanding English teacher and advocate for all students. She understands and loves teenagers where they are and instills in them the belief, courage and skills to meet her high expectations. Students also adore her because they know that no matter their circumstance, Ms. Sandoval will listen genuinely, never judge and always help. Her teacher leadership is pivotal to the success of many students at North; she is the instructor for both Freshman Assist and the leader of our Student Success Team.”

What motivated you to become a teacher?

The kindness my elementary and secondary teachers displayed helped me through some of my most difficult, formative experiences. I can say with certainty that I wouldn’t be the person I am today if it wasn’t for their leadership

and guidance. While I firmly believe education is “the great equalizer” that unlocks opportunities for young people, I believe a relationship with a trustworthy adult can be equally transformative. The thought that I could be that trustworthy adult for my students, or that my classroom might be their “home-away-from-home,” initially motivated me to become a teacher and continues to motivate me daily.

What are some of your inspirations?

I have been fortunate enough to grow up surrounded by inspirational and powerful women: my older sister, Ashley, my best friend (who may as well be a sister) Kristin, and my mother, Grace. Each of them had to push past a series of obstacles to achieve their personal definitions of success. Their continued resilience and strength inspires me daily to work hard, be as generous as I possibly can be, and always, always remember my worth.

Beyond my family, I am inspired by my amazing students (former and present), my ceaselessly devoted colleagues, and fearless administration. Thank you for everything.



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What advice would you give a new teacher?

A career in education can easily become all-consuming: you can always put in more time lesson planning, grading or researching best practices. While this work is undoubtedly important, it’s equally important to take care of yourself. Remember that you entered this profession to better the lives of young people, and it is much easier to do that when you’re well-rested and at your peak mental health. Don’t be afraid to ask for help. Don’t shy away from breaks to connect with friends and family. You are a teacher, yes, but so many other identities that need just as much cultivation.

Favorite quote:
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— Walt Whitman, *Song of Myself*





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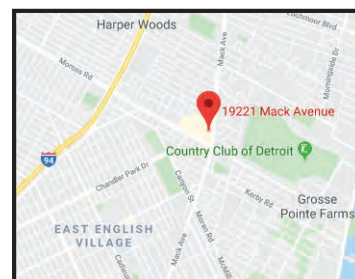
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Something sweet City baker competes on Food Network challenge

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Those accustomed to tuning into Food Network’s nighttime lineup of competition shows — which this time of year features “Holiday Gingerbread Showdown,” “Gingerbread Giants,” “Christmas Cookie Challenge” and “12 Days of Cookies” — may see a familiar face in the mix this holiday season.

City of Grosse Pointe resident Kara Shall, owner of the home bakery Hen & Chick Cakes, is putting her skills to the test during an episode of “Christmas Cookie Challenge,” airing at 11 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23.

“I’ve tried out before for ‘Cake Wars,’” Shall said. “I got far in the process, but was never cast in an episode. I stopped trying for a while, but then a friend saw a casting call on Instagram.”

Within an hour after applying, the casting producer called Shall, furthering a multi-step process to be cast on a show. She sent in photos, did a phone interview, did a Skype interview and baked sample cookies to the network’s specifications.

“They want to make sure I’m not going to crash and burn,” she said.

Shall waited three weeks and finally got the call she’d hoped for, although, “They only



Kara Shall and host Eddie Jackson, as seen during season three of “Christmas Cookie Challenge.”

gave me a week’s notice before I had to be in L.A.” She spent three days in L.A. last February to film “Christmas Cookie Challenge.”

The one-episode show features two rounds, the first round giving five bakers 90 minutes to make cookies within certain parameters, Shall said. The resulting sweets are judged by Ree Drummond, aka The Pioneer Woman; pastry chef and author Gesine Prado; and Dwayne Ingraham, Best Baker in America 2017.

The trio select two bakers to go home, while the remaining three move on to a bigger, more involved challenge, Shall said.

“You should really know your own recipes,”

Shall said. “I tried to have a few in mind. You never know what curveball they’ll throw at you ... like adding a weird ingredient.”

While mostly tight-lipped about the show, Shall opened up about her first challenge — creating cookies without color, using white on white on white design. She had to make one outdoor design and one indoor design, baking six total cookies, two for each judge.

“I had to rely on different techniques and textures to make my designs pop,” she said.

Shall had plenty of experience to rely on for the competition. The lifelong baker learned the

skill from her mother and grandmother. She began decorating as a hobby when she started having children. She and her husband, Scott, have three sons — a 15-year-old at Grosse Pointe South High School, a 12-year-old at Brownell Middle School and a 10-year-old at Ferry Elementary School.

“When I started decorating their birthday cakes, I knew I wanted to do this all the time,” she said, noting she most enjoys cookie decorating, but also has fun making “crazy cakes.”

“I love the artistic side of it,” she said. “I’ve always been crafty. ... I finally found what I really love to do.”

That love blossomed



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Kara Shall, appears on Food Network’s “Christmas Cookie Challenge,” Monday Dec. 23.

when she and her family moved to Michigan in 2012. She turned her hobby into a business with Hen & Chick Cakes. “I started five years ago, created a Facebook page,” she said. “Word of mouth is how I got, and still get, most of my orders.”

Shall, who has worked at Cornwall Bakery in Grosse Pointe Park since September, also teaches private classes and recently teamed up with Urbanum in New Center for a series of fall and winter classes.

Early next year, Shall will reunite with her castmates at Cookie Con, a massive event featuring classes, vendors and other baking-related fun.

“We all managed to get tickets, so we’re having a reunion,” Shall said.

“We’re really all very supportive of each other,” she added. “I thought the show might be really competitive to the point it was not pleasant, but it wasn’t like that at all.”

Though she and the show’s other four bakers all swore they’d never do a competition show again, they’ve all since changed their minds.

“I really loved the people that I met,” Shall said. “It’s so cliché, but the best part was the friends I made along the way. We text every day. We went through this big intense thing together; it was the biggest moment of our careers so far.”

Students sending taste of home to soldiers overseas Project centers on Farms native Jack Steinhauer

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Jack Steinhauer has been patriotic since preschool, said his mother, Pat Steinhauer.

At age 4, he dressed himself in red, white and blue for Flag Day, she recalled, and has always had a love for country.

Still, it came as a shock when the 2016 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate joined the U.S. Army.

Though they’re able to communicate nearly every day via text message, Jack, 21, has been serving in Iraq since August.

“Hopefully, if all goes well, we’ll have him home in June for 20 days, then he goes back to Alaska,” Steinhauer said. “He never complains. He’s

happy with what he’s doing. I’m very proud of him. I worry about the danger, but he’s in God’s hands. We wouldn’t be living the life we have if it

wasn’t for our soldiers.” But the Army specialist’s absence is difficult for Steinhauer, as for other military parents, especially this time of year.

The feeling is mutual for those young men and women overseas.

In an effort to let military members know they’re loved, appreciated and thought about, students in Grosse Pointe North High School’s Exploring Global Issues class have started a drive of canned goods, toiletries and other trinkets to send overseas.

“We looked at all the charity assignments we could do and when we heard about the soldiers ... we jumped on the opportunity,” senior Ben Reiter said. “We thought it would be nice to give back to the community in an unconventional way.”

But beyond food and toiletries, the students are seeking something more — something the soldiers can hold on to.



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Students in North’s Exploring Global Issues class, from left, Brooklyn McWhorter, Ben Reiter, Halle Pepper and Jeanne Chapuis, are collecting gifts, letters and other items to send to soldiers overseas.



PHOTO COURTESY OF PAT STEINHAUER

2016 Grosse Pointe South grad Jack Steinhauer is serving overseas in Iraq.

The students are hoping for trinkets and small gifts to send as well.

“Food is sustenance, but they also need emotional support,” senior Brooklyn McWhorter said. “All help is welcome — letters and gifts, something thoughtful.”

The teens also partnered with students at Poupard Elementary School, who wrote letters of thanks for the soldiers. They’re little and light, so they’re easy to send, Reiter said, plus they get the sentiment across.

The students said any

help from the community is welcome, especially during this holiday season, when soldiers can’t be home with their families.

“I feel like I personally care a lot about mental health,” McWhorter said. “They care for their physical health, but a lot of people neglect their mental health. Mental health is just as important as physical health. We hope these letters make them feel better about whatever situation they’re in.”

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Jardinieres
La Societe Des Jardinieres meets at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, at the home of member Helena Thurber for the group's annual Christmas party. Dinner will be followed by a "sparkling" gift exchange. The group has decided to donate to four families in need at local schools. Also, a check was given at the November meeting to the Veterans Garden at The War Memorial.

Ascension St. John Hospital
In celebration of the holiday season, Ascension St. John Hospital invites the pub-

lic to attend its new star dedication and lighting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, in the center lobby lot, facing Moross. From 1974 to 1990, the illuminated star graced the steeple of the hospital. The star was removed in the early 1990s after falling into disrepair. A new star has been produced by the Phillips Sign Co. and will be dedicated and lit Dec. 12. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

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◆ 'Twas the Night Before Christmas: A Visit with Santa, 5 to 6 p.m. and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19.
Ewald — 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, (313) 821-8830
◆ Read, Rhyme & Play,

10:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17.
◆ Reader Dog Drop In, 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21.
Woods — 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, (313) 343-2072
◆ "10 Military Things You Didn't Know Were Made in Michigan," 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12.
◆ Musical Folktales, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13.
◆ Reader Dog Drop In, 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14.
◆ Holiday Craft, all day Wednesday, Dec. 18.

Ecumenical Breakfast
The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets at 8 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Judy Masserang, president of the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club, speaks. Cost for breakfast is \$7. Registration is not required and first-time guests eat free.
BNI
The Business Network International Pipeline Chapter meets at 7 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13, at Christ

the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.
The Business Network International East Side-Launchpad Chapter meets at 7 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Beth at (313) 690-5723.
Reunion
Grosse Pointe North High School's Class of 2009 hosts a reunion 7 to 11 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, at Delmar Detroit, 501 Monroe, Detroit. Cost is \$20 per person and includes a buffet. A cash bar is available. Graduates of the Class of 2010 also are welcome. To secure a spot, tickets must be purchased by Dec. 13, at venmo.com, GPN-ClassOfOhNine.
Woman's Club
The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club hosts its Christmas luncheon Wednesday, Dec. 18, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A representative from the Salvation Army speaks. Additionally,

gifts will be collected for children and, optionally, their mothers. Wrap a gift with a card reading "boy" or "girl" with an age; or donate cash or checks made out to The Salvation Army Montrose Center. Social hour begins at 11:30 a.m., followed by a buffet lunch at 12:30 p.m. For reservations, call Sally Graham at (313) 608-0901 by Saturday, Dec. 14. Guest price is \$15. For more information, call Sue Plath at (313) 884-5081.
War Memorial
The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, presents Breakfast with Santa at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15. Tickets range from \$50 for a table for two to \$250 for a table of 10. Call Shawna at (313) 332-4047.
The War Memorial offers Bedtime Stories with Santa at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, and Thursday, Dec. 19. Tickets are \$13 for ages 4 and older, free for adults. Call (313) 881-7511.
The War Memorial welcomes Shakespeare in Detroit at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, for a dramatic reading of "A Christmas Carol." Tickets are \$30

and include a welcome cocktail, cookies and a keepsake ornament. Call (313) 881-7511.
Historical Society
The Grosse Pointe Historical Society hosts an open house 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at its Provencal-Weir House, 376 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call (313) 884-7010.
Overeaters Anonymous
An Overeaters Anonymous group meets 7 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at Bethel Lutheran Church, 26400 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores. Use the rear door to get to the basement classroom. Newcomers are welcome at OA, a 12-step recovery program for people who have problems with food or weight. Visit oagreaterdetroit.org or call Mary B. at (313) 410-5283.
Rotary
The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. The program fea-

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Community Chorus of Detroit presents ‘Spiritual Peace & Joy’ Dec. 14

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

There’s something special about the Community Chorus of Detroit, which has been entertaining audiences since 2010. The purpose of its founding was to bring together people from the city and suburbs through music. “We started with no venue for rehearsals or concerts, no conductor, no funds,” CCD Executive Director Diane Linn said. “It was just a vision I had for a chorus that welcomes everyone.” And welcome everyone it does. The non-audition chorus currently has 85 members, but has seen plenty more, Linn said. “Everybody who’s ever come to visit sings with

us,” she added. “There’s a real feeling of family about it. ... We take care of each other.” Linn credited “super gifted conductors” Joseph Baldwin, with CCD its first two years, and Edward Maki-Schramm, its conductor ever since, for turning the chorus into a “cultural gem in this region.” The group has performed with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and goes on tour every other year; most recently 70 members performed in Spain and Portugal. The group also has partnered with Detroit Public Schools for its Young Artists Program, which offers students at Cass Technical High School weekly lessons

with a professional vocal coach and other perks. The chorus also fully funds senior students to go on tour; three seniors were part of the 11-day tour in Spain and Portugal. “It’s like the choir on steroids I never could have imagined,” Linn said of CCD’s success. “We’re changing kids’ lives in our Young Artists Program and we’re changing the lives of all of us in the chorus. ... Before it was just my vision; now it’s a vision that belongs to all of us.” As a group that welcomes everyone, CCD is “diverse in every way,” Linn said, “racially, age, geography, sexual orientation, gender. It’s the community chorus,

really, of Detroit.” Today, the choir represents more than 35 ZIP codes in the metro Detroit area. Several among them are Grosse Pointe residents, including Mary Ellen Geist, of Grosse Pointe Farms, who joined the group two years ago. “We take care of each other,” she said. “When one of us is sick or in the hospital, the whole choir gets involved. We send well wishes and condolences and birthday greetings to choir members on a weekly basis. We rehearse beautiful music together which bonds us, but it has become so much more than a choir. It’s truly a community that reflects the best of metro Detroit



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in so many ways.” Chorus members will share that beautiful music, as well as some holiday spirit, during two performances of its “Spiritual Peace & Joy” concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, and 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Joining the choir are an orchestra and guest artists from the University of Michigan. The program crosses centuries and genres, See **CONCERT**, page 5B

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Added junior Halle Pepper, “Think of the mental health of the soldiers. ... This is giving them a feeling of home, that they’re going to get home. It’s something to fight for.” Reiter said it’s likely difficult for anyone to be away from their family for the holidays. Often, students may not recognize that sacrifice. “They’re with their ‘brothers,’ but they’re away from the people they’ve grown up with,” he said. Jeanne Chapuis, on the other hand, does recognize the sacrifice. An exchange student from France, the junior understands the importance of mental health during the holidays. “Being away is weird; sometimes you want to go home,” she said. “You go away, like me, an

exchange student, or like him, in the Army, and you basically stop your life. For the time you’re away, the people you left, they live their life, so it’s different when you go back.” For the next few weeks, North will host a drive for non-perishable foods, as well as toiletries like diaper wipes, body wash, deodorant and sunblock. Stationery, pens and black crew socks also are sought, as are little touches of home. Ideally, the students would like to ship the packages — the U.S. Army pays for shipping — by the end of December. However, donations still will be accepted into 2020, said Alicia Carlisle, Exploring Global Issues coordinator. Their efforts have not gone unnoticed. “I think it’s marvelous what the kids from North are doing,” Steinhauer said. “Their dedication and generosity and

thoughtfulness are really amazing, especially during the holidays. Most of those young men and women have never been away at Christmas. The community of Grosse Pointe has been very supportive.” Steinhauer said not only is she amazed at the student support, but the women’s group at Crosspointe Christian Church in Grosse Pointe Woods, spearheaded by Karen Martin, already sent several packages to her son and his group. “It makes my heart full,” Steinhauer said. “And it’s amazing what it does for the soldiers. Jack told me, ‘Mom, some of these kids here haven’t even gotten a letter from home.’ To hear from a complete stranger does so much for morale. They really feel the love and appreciation. That really warms my heart. “It’s so imperative for these soldiers to know they’re not forgotten and



Jack Steinhauer

they are appreciated,” she added. “When Alicia told me these kids wanted to do this, it brought me to tears and Jack was amazed, too.”

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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 L. Boesiger

Longtime Harper Woods resident Robert L. Boesiger, 85, died Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019.

Born Jan. 15, 1934, in Cortland, Neb., to Elmer Fredrick and Dorothea Anna (né Miltenberger) Boesiger, Bob grew up on a farm outside of Cortland. He earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Nebraska and then continued his education in physical therapy at the University of Kansas. From there, he earned a master's degree from Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif.

Bob served in the U.S. Army at Fort Riley, Kan. from 1955 through 1957. After he was honorably discharged, he moved to Detroit. He worked at the Detroit Rehabilitation Center, which is where he met his wife, Joanne Taroli, after two of their paraplegic patients insisted they meet. The couple married Sept. 3, 1960 and were ultimately blessed with five children.

Bob worked 30-plus years at various sites including the Detroit Rehabilitation Center, Wyandotte General Hospital and Highland Park General. The majority of his career was spent with Ascension St. John Hospital where he served as the director of rehabilitation services for more than 20 years. Bob also served as the treasurer of the Michigan Physical Therapy Association.

Bob was an all-county basketball player for Cortland High School. He continued his passion by coaching his children's basketball teams with the Grosse Pointe Neighborhood Club. Bob was an avid tennis player for over 50 years; he played in tennis leagues at Eastside Fitness and Wimbledon Racquet Club and was a member of the Men's Tennis Club of Grosse Pointe.

He also loved to serve and entertain people by playing his harmonica and was known as "Harmonica Bob." He was a member of the Silver Foxes Band for more than 10 years, as well as playing at nursing homes and parties throughout his life.

Bob was the loving husband of Joanne; dear father of Edward Boesiger (Mary), Robert Boesiger (Laura), Pamela Wakeland (David), Sandra Palazzo (Jon) and Jeffrey Boesiger (Jessica); cherished grandfather of Molly, Megan, Nicholas, Christopher, Paige, Erin, Grant, Ross, Gabrielle and James and also is survived by many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his brothers, Wendell Boesiger and Dwight Boesiger.

He will be deeply missed by those who knew him.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 11 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, St. Clair Shores.

Donations may be made to the Solanus Casey Center, Attn: Fr. David Preuss, Director,

1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207 or at solanus center.org.

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Norman D. DuCoin

Norman D. DuCoin, of Petoskey, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods and Traverse City, died peacefully Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2019, surrounded by his family.

He was born Sept. 14, 1932, in Chicago, to Anthony and Hedwig (né Kastenberger) DuCoin.

In 1951, with the onset of the Korean War, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He was a Seaman Storekeeper Striker from 1952 to 1956. He served on the U.S.S. Mercury stationed in Norfolk, Va. and made five trips to the Mediterranean Sea.

Norm earned a bachelor's degree in education from Eastern Michigan University. While attending EMU, he met and later married, Marie Murtonen.

He went on to become a teacher and counselor in the Grosse Pointe Public School System for 40 years.

Norm and Marie had three children and six grandchildren. The family enjoyed camping trips in the summer months. He was a champion bowler, liked to host picnic parties at the Grosse Pointe Woods park and work with special needs children in his spare time.

In 1989, Norm and Marie retired and moved to Traverse City, where they were both active in the community and he volunteered at Munson Hospital and was head of maintenance at a senior community center.

Norm loved playing music. He was an avid collector of all things Charles Schultz "Peanuts" gang and would set off on adventures to find pieces to add for display. He enjoyed drawing Peanuts characters, too, with Charlie Brown, Snoopy and Woodstock being his models for cards to friends and people he would see throughout his time. His highlight was spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and favorite "granddog," Jazz.

Norm is survived by his children, Jon DuCoin of Brighton, Karla Stokel (Edward) of Petoskey, and Sarah DuCoin of Chicago; daughter-in-law, Julie DuCoin of Brighton; grandchildren, Brock DuCoin, Reese DuCoin, Alexis, Victoria, Austin and Vanessa Stokel; brother, Tony DuCoin of Texas; cousin, Gretchen Krammer and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by Marie, his beloved wife of 52 years.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, at Independence Village, 965 Hager Drive, Petoskey.

Norm wanted to make a difference with education. He donated his body to the University of

Michigan in the Anatomical Donation program to further others' knowledge.

The family thanks the nurses at the Hiland Cottage, McLaren Health Care Hospice and staff of Internal Medicine and Urology for their care and support of Norm, as well as the staff of Independence Village of Petoskey for their care of and kindness toward Norm. Norm was thankful for the friendships made while living there seven years.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Little Traverse Bay Humane Society at LTBHS.com; Hiland Cottage Petoskey at McLaren.org or the Wounded Warrior Project at support.woundedwarriorproject.org.

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James L. Rauh

James L. Rauh, known to his pals as Rauser, passed away Friday, Nov. 22, 2019. He was 89.

Rauser was born Feb. 27, 1930, in Oakwood, a suburb of Dayton, Ohio, to Lawrence "Jim" and Virginia "Nan" Rauh. He was predeceased in 2001 by his beloved younger sister, Nan.

He attended Oakwood High School, class of 1948, where he participated in many school sports and was active in the Boy Scouts, attaining his Eagle Scout. Upon graduation from high school, he attended Miami University and in 1953, enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was called to active duty during the Korean War. He served on the USS Moctobi in which he saw duty in Korea, Japan, the Philippines and French Indochina.

Upon his discharge, Rauser returned to Dayton and joined the family business, The Egly Register Co., founded by his grandfather in 1898. After serving in various sales capacities in Dayton, he was transferred to Detroit to build a relationship with the automotive industry. Upon the eventual sale of Egly, he joined E.F. McDonald, continuing to serve the automotive industry until 1971, when he founded Rauser & Co. and became a manufacturer's representative for the automotive industry until his retirement in 2008.

Rauser was an avid downhill skier and conquered most of the major areas in the U.S., including Boyne Mountain and Aspen Snowmass, as well as several slopes in Austria and Switzerland. His love for boating started at his parents' cottage on Walloon Lake in northern Michigan. He sailed in more than 20 Mackinac races with dear friends. He was an avid duck and pheasant hunter and partook in other shooting sports. His love for the outdoors eventually transformed him into a "cowboy," where for four years, starting in 1999, he joined in a cattle drive



Robert L. Boesiger



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During World War II, Rauser often listened to Winston S. Churchill on the radio. He became a student and admirer of Churchill. As an active member of the International Churchill Society, he attended numerous conventions and traveled to Normandy to attend the 60th Anniversary of the Invasion in Europe. His love for history involved him in Witenagemot, in addition to the Churchill Society.

Rauser is survived by his loving wife, Mary Anne (né Malega); daughter, Sherry Gloer (Ron); sons, Jim (Susan) and Bob Rauh; grandchildren, Elizabeth, Jimmy, DJ and Billy, as well as several nieces and nephews.

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Charles Palmer Lamb

Grosse Pointe Park resident Charles Palmer Lamb, 84, passed away Monday, Dec. 2, 2019.

Born July 26, 1935, in Detroit, to Wallace and Eleanor Lamb, Charles grew up in Grosse Pointe and spent most of his life here, even working as a paper boy in his youth. He attended Defer elementary and Pierce middle schools before graduating from Grosse Pointe High School. He then graduated from Michigan State University and Wayne State University Law School and worked as a tax and estate planning attorney and CPA. He worked at several large law firms, as well as maintained a private practice in Grosse Pointe.

Charles served in the U.S. Army Reserves and spent time in El Paso, Texas. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

He enjoyed traveling, genealogy and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Charles is survived by his wife of 58 years, Rosemarie K. Lamb; daughters, Christine Lamb and Charlotte Lamb; sons, David Lamb and John Lamb (Julie) and grandchildren, Chloe Lamb, Jack Lamb, Henry Lamb and Charles A. Lamb.

He was predeceased by his brothers, Lawrence Lamb and Albert Lamb.

A memorial service will be held in the new year.

Arnolda Edith Vermet

Grosse Pointe Park resident Arnolda "Nolly" Edith Vermet, 90, passed away Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019.

She was born Dec. 23, 1928, in The Hague, Netherlands, to Bertus Bats and Tona Hofland Bats and graduated high school in Voorburg, Netherlands. She attended an extensive secretarial school program and was proficient in several languages, including Dutch, French, German, Latin and English. Nolly also was proud she was proficient in shorthand in multiple languages. She worked as an executive secretary in the microbiology department at Delft University in the Netherlands.

Immigrating in 1953 to the United States, Nolly and her husband Wim lived near their sponsors in Philadelphia. They traveled to many states for Wim's work as an aeronautical engineer. They also lived in Kansas City, Kan., Harper Woods, Hartford, Conn., and Brownsburg, Ind., before settling in Grosse Pointe Park. Nolly worked at Jacobson's in The Village and then Grosse Pointe Public Library Central Branch for more than 15 years.

Nolly loved gardening, bike riding, being out in nature, feeding birds and squirrels, observing freighters and watching geese and swans on Lake St. Clair. She loved all animals, especially dogs, cats and birds. She carried dog biscuits in her car to pass out to friendly pooches. Nolly loved to sit at Windmill Pointe Park and watch the sailboat races.

Additionally, Nolly was an avid sewer and knitter and crocheted, as well as did crewel embroidery. She was a talented crafter and created lovely floral arrangements as well. Nolly adored her grandchildren and was proud of their many accomplishments.

Nolly was a member of the Detroit Garden Club and Deeplands Garden Club. She was an active volunteer for many years at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, sewing and knitting with Presbyterian women to raise money for various charities.

Nolly is survived by her sons, Dominick A. Vermet (Lori) and Edward J. Vermet

(Christina) and grandchildren, Corbin Vermet and Mitchell, Jennifer and Stephanie Vermet.

She was predeceased by her husband, Willem K. Vermet; sister, Diny Synja and brother, Edward Bats.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Nolly's family extends their deepest appreciation to her private caregivers, as well as the Hospice of Michigan team.

Donations may be made to the Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Road, Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.

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Rosemary Otlowski

Rosemary Otlowski passed away peacefully Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2019, at the age of 93.

Born Sept. 12, 1926, in Minneapolis, Minn., to Carl and Violet Buckingham, Rosemary will be remembered for her pleasant personality. She was active in the daily activities at The Rivers in Grosse Pointe Woods. She enjoyed life and was always smiling. Her biggest love in life was her family.

Rosemary was predeceased by her beloved husband of 71 years, Raymond. She will be missed by her loving daughter, Val Champine (Jim). She was predeceased by her loving son, David. Rosemary was proud of her grandchildren, Melissa, Jennifer, Steve and Michelle Morasso (Joey) and great-grandchildren, Drew, Ryan, Cole, Tyson and Gina.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 7 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Woods.

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Holiday Deadlines

Due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays, there are changes to the obituary deadlines.

The deadline for the Dec. 26 issue is **3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19.**

The deadline for the Jan. 2, 2020, issue is **3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27.**

PASTOR’S CORNER
By the Rev. Jim Rizer

Don’t Miss
the Gift

Several years ago, I went to great lengths to get the perfect gift for the guy who had everything, my dad. Dad was one of those people who seemed to have everything he wanted or needed. A great thing for Dad, but a hard thing for the rest of us in our family.

That year I read a review about a game called Sharpshooters. I thought this would be the ideal gift; a game of chance with dice so that anyone could win, but with enough benefit from strategy to scratch the Rizer competitive itch. Convinced it was the perfect gift I bought it, wrapped it, sent it, then waited for Christmas morning. When it finally came, I got the perfunctory call after, thanking us for the game.

A couple of months later, I, still excited about my amazing discovery, asked what it was like to play and if everybody had liked it as I was sure they would. Much to my surprise Dad said he had never used it.

After a few more months I asked again, same answer, he’d never used it. Finally, 11 months later, while I was visiting, I found it still wrapped in plastic on a shelf. We opened it,

played and everybody, including my dad, truly enjoyed it.

When did Dad truly receive the gift? Was it when he tore open the wrapping paper or when he actually used it? This is a great question to consider this time of year.

Christmas is a celebration of God’s greatest gift. Meticulously planned, long promised, God breaks into human history with “good news of great joy that unto you is born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” (Luke 2:10-11)

We know what Christmas means, but have we received the gift? Have we heard the good news and then, still wrapped, put it on the shelf? Or have we opened the gift, experienced His love and grace and truly enjoyed the peace, hope and life that Jesus came to bring?

We are reminded of the importance of this question in John 1:12 “But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.” This Christmas don’t miss the gift.

Rizer is the pastor of Living Hope Evangelical Church. He can be reached at pastorjim@livinghopeec.org.

CHURCH EVENTS

Star of the Sea
Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods, welcomes the Langsford 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 langsfordmenschorus.org, \$18 at the door. For more information, call (248) 592-7455.

United Methodist
Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts its annual Cookie Mart from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 14. This holiday tradition features thousands of homemade cookies and other treats. Proceeds support the mission work of United Methodist Women. Call (313) 886-2363.

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

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.

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 and farm animals will be present as well, for petting and photos. The event is free to the public. For more information, contact Doug Bohannon at (586) 703-6133 or bohooops@wowway.com.

St. Paul on the Lake
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.

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and includes Maurice Draughn’s new work, “A Ceremony of Spirituals,” in addition to other contemporary works and selections from Handel’s “Messiah.”

Linn said apart from contemporary work from composer Ola Gjeilo and others, most exciting will be exposing the connection between African American spirituals and Handel’s “Messiah.”

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St. Michael’s bake sale Dec. 14

St. Michael’s Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale, Grosse Pointe Woods, announces its eighth annual “Sweet Noels” holiday bake sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14. Members of the church sell homemade candies, cookies, baked goods and other treats.

Shoppers also are invited to visit The Little Thrift Shop and Christmas

Boutique, which will be open throughout the Sweet Noels sale.

The Mack Avenue entrance to the church’s parking lot is between the CVS parking lot and the Parcels Middle School playing fields, south of Vernier. Enter the building under the long covered walkway.

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The Helm

The Helm, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers the following programs:

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◆ Grosse Pointe Academy Bell Choir holiday performance, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 19.

◆ Fabulous Friday Films, “The Peanut Butter Falcon,” 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20. Cost for members is \$2 for snacks and the movie, \$5 for lunch and the movie. Cost for non-members is \$3 for snacks and the movie, \$7 for lunch and the movie.

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

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

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

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

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

Register at redcrossblood.org.

GPAA

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

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

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

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

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◆ Game Night, 6 to 7:30 p.m. the second and

fourth Tuesdays of each month.

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

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

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

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

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NAMI

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Shaw’s Books hosts annual holiday sale

The 11th annual Holiday Book Sale at Shaw’s Books, 14932 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park, takes place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends during December.

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Girls basketball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen take care of Panthers

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

A new girls basketball season began at Grosse Pointe North last week, and the youthful Norsemen beat visiting River Rouge 45-36.

With only two seniors on the squad, Christina Braker and Hannah Davis, plus veteran juniors Maddie Kohler and Jordan Solomon, the Norsemen will need time to gel into a cohesive group.

That showed in this game as the Norsemen struggled with inconsistency, but still earned the win.

They outscored River Rouge 10-4 in the first quarter, but lost the second 12-9 to see their half-time lead shrink to three points, 19-16.

They used a strong

third quarter to keep their foe at arm's length, and made some key baskets down the stretch.

Kohler led the way with 17 points, while junior Meadow Venet had 11. Freshman Sophia Borowski had nine points and Braker added seven.

"Our No. 1 expectation is that we will see steady improvement," head coach Gary Bennett said. "We have a great group of young ladies to work with, and they are eager to learn and to improve, but we have a long road ahead of us in a very tough league.

"We need to get physically and mentally tougher, learn to play with more poise and composure, defend the ball better, relax and allow ourselves to read game situations, learn to



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

North's Maddie Kohler led the Norsemen with 17 points in their season opener.

sustain our effort longer and more effectively."

The newcomers to the varsity squad are juniors Dylan Cardinale and Venet; sophomores Elizabeth Siciliano and Isabella Stephanoff; and

freshmen Annabel Ayrault, Borowski and Mia Stephanoff.

Last weekend, North battled Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes at Calihan Hall and won 29-26 to improve to 2-0.

SOUTH & LIGGETT

Blue Devils win opener

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South girls basketball team kicked off its 2019-20 season in style early last week, beating visiting Sterling Heights Stevenson 67-27.

"We played with a lot of confidence right from the start," head coach Kevin Richards said. "We didn't shoot the ball that great, but that will get better. It was a good opener."

The Blue Devils' full-court pressure defense set the tone early, forcing 13 first-quarter turnovers that led to a 15-5 lead.

The three-point shots started falling with regularity in the second quarter as Richards watched his team score 26 points and take a commanding 41-11 halftime lead.

Every player who was dressed for the game

played, and everyone contributed on the stat sheet.

The Blue Devils scored 18 points in the third quarter and eight in the fourth to finish with 67. The Titans struggled to find any consistency, scoring 12 points in the third quarter and only four in the fourth.

Sophomore Kamryn Richards led the way with 22 points, and junior Alexa Downey had 16. Junior Sarah Rogers chipped in with nine points and senior Keely Conlan had five.

As a team, the Blue Devils made 13 three-pointers.

South finished the week with a road game against one of the top-ranked teams in the state, Farmington Hills Mercy, at Calihan Hall.

South lost 61-37 to fall to 1-1 overall.



PHOTO BY PAUL KANIA

South's Keely Conlan heads up court during the Blue Devils' win over Stevenson.

Liggett results

The University Liggett School girls basketball team won its Catholic League opener last weekend, beating host Chesterfield Austin Catholic 42-32.

It was also the first win for first-year head coach Craig White.

Earlier in the week, the Knights lost 50-24 to

Plymouth Christian Academy.

In the game against Plymouth Christian, the Knights were led by Delaney Garvey with nine points. In the game against Austin Catholic, Garvey led the way with 21 points and Margaret Dunn had 12.

ULS is 1-0 in the Catholic League and 1-1 overall.

BOYS HOCKEY

Victories

North and South earn big wins on the ice **PAGE 2C**

Tennis

LIGGETT, SOUTH

Cooksey earns title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor



PHOTO BY JOE SHAHEEN

William Cooksey

University Liggett School junior William Cooksey recently won the United States Tennis Association boys 18 National Indoor Championships at the Overland Park Racquet Club in Kansas City, Kan., and Grosse Pointe South sophomore Lily Jones won the consolation finals of the USTA Girls 18 National Indoor Tennis Consolation Championship at Indianapolis Racquet Club.

Cooksey beat Marcus McDaniel, who had to withdraw, in the title match, and in the semifinals Cooksey blasted Quinn Vandecasteele 6-1, 6-1.

Cooksey, the three-time high school Division 4 state champion at No. 1 singles, defeated Ryan Fishback 6-3, 6-3 in the quarterfinals, and in the Round of 16 beat Andrew Ilie 6-2, 6-2.

His first-round victory came over Patrick Murphy, 6-1, 6-3, and in the Round of 32 he defeated Jean-Baptiste Badon 6-4, 6-2.

As for Jones in the consolation final, she beat Lina Mohamed 6-1, 4-6, 11-9. In the semifinals, she defeated Meghan Coleman 6-2, 6-2, and in the quarterfinals she upset No. 3 seed Carly Briggs 6-2, 3-6, 10-7.

Jones also beat AnneMarie Hiser 6-2, 7-5, and Eleanor Schulson 7-6, 5-7, 10-7.

Other area players who competed in national tournaments were ULS freshman Maddy Zampardo and eighth-grader Maya Joint.

Zampardo lost her first match 6-1, 1-6, 7-5 to Mirabelle BrettKelly, but rebounded to beat Winslow Huth 6-2, 6-3 in her first consolation match. Her tournament ended with a 6-3, 6-2 loss to Mohamed.

As for Joint, she was a tournament champion at the younger age group, defeating Valeria Ray 6-4, 6-2 in the title match.

In the semifinals, Joint beat Mika Ikemori 6-1, 6-2, and in the quarterfinals she defeated Susanna Maltby 6-4, 5-7, 6-1.

Joint beat Grace Li 6-2, 6-2 in the round of 16, and in the second round beat Quin Brady 6-2, 6-4. Her tournament began with a 6-4, 6-2 victory over Mariana Shulman.

Football

COLLEGE NEWS



PHOTOS BY PAUL KANIA

MAC champs

Grosse Pointers Ryan McWood, left, and Andrew Sharp helped Miami, Ohio, beat Central Michigan 26-21 in the Mid-American Conference championship game played last weekend at Ford Field. McWood had four tackles and Sharp had three.



GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Register for hitting camp

It's time to register for the annual Grosse Pointe South Holiday Hitting Camp running from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 21, in the high school's main gymnasium, located at 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

The camp, co-sponsored by Burke's Sport

Haven, is \$50 and is for children in second through sixth grade only. Players will be age grouped and should report at 8:45 a.m.

All players must be pre-registered. No registration accepted at the door the day of the camp. All proceeds benefit the Grosse Pointe South

baseball program.

Each player should bring their own bat and helmet, if possible. South will have a limited amount of helmets and bats for those who do not have their own.

Camp director is Dan Griesbaum, state hall of fame varsity baseball coach at Grosse Pointe

South. Staff members are Grosse Pointe South baseball players and coaches.

Mail the registration form and check, made payable to Grosse Pointe South Dugout Club, to Grosse Pointe Dugout Club, 835 Hidden Lane, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, 48236.

Hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH BOYS

Blue Devils win 2 of 3

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys hockey team had a golden chance to score the winning goal in last week’s 3-2 overtime loss to visiting Trenton. With a little less than two minutes to go in the third period, Trenton was whistled for two penalties, sending both players to the box, giving the Blue Devils a two-man advantage. For the 100 seconds, the Blue Devils buzzed the Trenton goaltender, sending several shots his way, but none found the back of the net, and the game went to overtime. They began the OT

with the two-man advantage, but didn’t score. A few minutes later, Trenton tallied to win the league contest, but the Blue Devils did earn one point in the standings with the overtime defeat. “We had several opportunities to win that one but just didn’t capitalize,” head coach Paul Moretz said. The Blue Devils scored at the 14:40 mark of the first period when junior David Rivard tallied an unassisted goal, but Trenton came right back to tie it 90 seconds later. The Trojans took a 2-1 lead early in the second period, and the home team tied it when senior Alexander Miciuda



PHOTO BY BRIAN MCKENNA

Junior David Rivard, No. 5, beats the Trenton goalie for the first goal of the game. scored early in the third period. Junior Aaron Vyletel and senior John McShane had the assists. The Blue Devils played a lackluster opening period, but dominated the second and third, firing three dozen shots on net. During the two-man advantage, they had the goalie out of position with three seconds left, but a shot went wide. Senior Will Strickler suffered the tough-luck loss in net. Last weekend, South traveled to Traverse City to play in a tournament. In the first game, the Blue Devils beat Traverse City West 6-1, and on day two they defeated the Bay Area Reps 7-2. Grosse Pointe South is 2-0-0-1 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League and 6-0-0-1 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH BOYS

Norsemen win in OT

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Senior William Weiss sent a backhand top shelf to score the winning goal at the 3:44 mark of overtime to lift the Grosse Pointe North boys hockey team to a 4-3 win over visiting Romeo last weekend. Weiss had the perfect shot that the Bulldogs goaltender couldn’t touch. It was the Norsemen’s first victory of the season after some tough conference defeats. “That was a nice win for sure,” head coach Rob Blum said. “We have played pretty well for the most part, and played a good game tonight. We still have some things we need to clean up, especially taking too many penalties. However, our penalty kill has been good, but we are taking too many penalties.” The Norsemen started fast, taking a 3-0 lead in the first period on goals by senior Coy Catrett at the 12:07 mark, junior Dylan Holman at the 4:27 mark and senior

Michael Burns at the 2:55 mark. The Bulldogs came back and tallied two goals in the second period and one early in the third to tie it 3-3. Each team had chances, but Norsemen senior goalie Connor Obermok was up to the challenge. North took a penalty with only 3:01 left in the third period, but Obermok made a couple of big saves to keep it a 3-3 game. Halfway through the eight-minute OT, Weiss played hero with his winning goal. Earlier in the week, North lost 6-5 to Port Huron Northern as senior Evan Berger led the way with four points on one goal and three assists. Weiss had two goals and one assist, and the other goal scorers were Holman and Burns. Junior Ethan McCormick had three assists. Obermok took the loss in net. Grosse Pointe North is 1-4 overall and 0-4 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League.

LIGGETT & NORTH

Teams suffer close defeats

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett School girls hockey team traveled to two-time defending state champ Farmington Hills Mercy last weekend to battle the Marlins. The Knights lost 3-2 in overtime, but head coach Greg Paddison and his squad knows it can com-

pete with the league’s best. The Marlins scored the winning goal with 3:05 left in OT. The host team led 1-0 in the first period and made it 2-0 in the second stanza. The Knights came back to make it 2-1 when junior Gabrielle Anusbikian scored, assisted by freshmen Guiliana Lufty and Isabel Standish. Sophomore Madeline McKee tied it in the third period, with an assist from junior Kendall Zinn. The game’s most valuable player, according to Paddison, was senior goaltender Evie Bournias, who stopped 42 of 45 shots. ULS dropped to 3-1

overall. North results The Grosse Pointe North girls hockey team only needed two periods to beat Troy United 8-0 last week. Head coach Casey Quick watched 10 players earn at least one point, and junior Mia Cassar had the shutout in net. Sophomore Maraina Smith and freshman Grace Cueter led the scoring as Smith had four goals and Cueter had six assists. Sophomore Lucy Turrini added one goal and three assists for a four-point night, while senior Darby Pickford had one goal and one assist. Other goal scorers were seniors Ruth Fradeneck and Mackenzie Stockwell. Others with assists were sophomore Toni Miano, Fradeneck, sophomores Clare Ramsdell and Harmony Gosselin and freshman Lucy Driscoll. Last weekend, the Norsemen lost 4-1 to visiting Warren Regina. Pickford scored on a penalty shot. Grosse Pointe North is 2-1 overall, but 2-0 in league play.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL BOYS

Knights fall

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It’s been a rough week for the University Liggett School boys hockey team. The Knights hosted league foes Brownstown Woodhaven early in the week and lost 9-3. Sophomore Doug Wood had two goals and senior Tristan Reilly had one as the Knights took it on the chin. Junior Grant Lindsay suffered the loss in net. “We fell behind and had to play catch-up,” head coach Mike Maltese said. “It wasn’t a good effort on our part, but we had a long talk at practice and expected a better effort in our next game.” That next game came against the top-ranked

team in the state, Detroit Country Day. The Knights once again fell behind, but battled back to make a game of it in a 6-3 loss. “They are a very good team and we just couldn’t fall behind, which we did,” Maltese said. “We battled back and had some chances to get even closer.” The Knights scored each goal in the third period. Freshman Ian Gudenau got the home team on the board at the 14:03 mark. Wood scored another goal at the 12:53 mark, and junior Tommy Gebeck tallied at the 5:46 mark to account for the Knights’ offensive output. ULS dropped to 1-2 in the Michigan Metro Hockey League.



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8 Faction
12 Whatever
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13 Dermatology
subject
14 Horn sound
15 Related to
summer the-
ater
17 "That hurts!"
18 Decorate
a T-shirt,
'60s-style
19 Old Olds
21 "— the fields
we go"
22 Trite
26 McCartney
cohort
29 See 4-Across
30 Praise in verse
31 Doves' place
32 Eviscerate
33 Actress
Cannon
34 Commotion
35 Trot
36 Part of a Santa
costume
37 1935 Astaire/
Rogers movie
39 Oppositionist
40 Swelled head
41 Pester
45 Oodles
48 Western hero's
trademark
50 Suitor
51 Draftable
52 List-ending
abbr.
53 Complain
54 Peruse
55 "Quiet!"
DOWN
1 History
2 Oppositionist
3 Orpheus'
instrument
4 Attorney
5 Earth tone
6 Genetic stuff
7 Midwestern
city
8 Remained
upright
9 Debtor's letters
10 Elmer, to Bugs
11 Biblical verb
ending
16 Worship
20 Shade source
23 Georgetown
athlete
24 Hebrew month
25 See to
26 "Shoo!"
27 — list
28 On
29 Moonshine
container
32 Commence
hostilities
33 Thick
35 Binge
36 Went by water
38 Excited
39 Porcelain
42 "I'll have what
— having"
43 Wooden strip
44 Leave an
impression
45 "The Chew"
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46 Meadow
47 Rowing need
49 Weeding tool

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