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Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

School board pres. resigns

By Mary Anne Brush Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — The Grosse Pointe Public School System opened the new year with the news Brian Summerfield was stepping down from the Board of Education as of Jan. 2.

Summerfield, a resident of Grosse Pointe Park, was appointed in April 2013 to fill a seat vacated by a former board member. He was elected to a four-year term in 2014 and re-elected in 2018, serving as treasurer from 2014 to 2016 and president from 2017 to 2019.

Summerfield said he weighed the decision over the holidays, citing consideration for his family as his main reason for stepping down.

“I could not continue to have them bear the burden for my continued service,” he said. “By that, I mean not only the emotional burden of being around town and having ... their relationships be tarnished by the decisions that I had made.

“My family has been very supportive of me,” he added, “but it ... was getting to be too much and I felt it wasn’t fair to my family. They didn’t sign up to be on the board; I did.”

A decision receiving considerable criticism in

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COURTESY DESIGN

The front entrance to The War Memorial, featuring accessible walkways and gardens inspired by the original 1910 Ellen Biddle Shipman design.

War Memorial plans improvements, addition

By Laurel Kraus Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The Grosse Pointe War Memorial Association is seeking public input on unfinalized plans to improve the efficiency of its campus and construct an addition. This comes with the support of the Alger family, who donated the house more than 70 years ago.

“We’ve had the opportunity to meet with several members of the family,” said Charles Burke, president and CEO of The War Memorial. “We’re delighted to work with (them) both here in Grosse Pointe and around the world. We’re just pleased to return The War Memorial to (its)

original intent and the original spirit that the Alger family displayed in their gift of this center to the community back in 1949.”

The public is invited to share input on the plans during a work session with the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council at the Pier Park Community Building at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, and The War Memorial plans to work closely with constituents and city council in early 2020 on planning and necessary approvals.

Potential changes

Following utilization studies, strategic planning and a community survey, the various improvements include an addition in front of the ballroom on the street

side; a terrace off the back of the ballroom; restoring the original Ellen Biddle Shipman gardens; updated restrooms; and improved accessibility throughout the campus, such as 15 to 20 more potential parking spaces, better traffic flow, walkways up the historic drive and sidewalks for access to the gardens and lakefront grounds.

“We’re very proud of the fact that the water-side grounds are actually the only public space on the water that doesn’t require a park pass or some type of membership and we want people to enjoy that in a safe, secure environment where they can walk from their homes,” Burke said.

The renderings, site planning and original conceptual designs were created by Tryba Architects of Denver, Colo. The company’s lead design principal, David Tryba, is related to the Alger family.

Detroit-based ROSSETTI will handle future architectural work, following the original aesthetics.

“All of these changes that we’re proposing have been part of an intellectually honest study of the campus, of really understanding the ethos of Charles Platt, the original designer of the home,” Burke explained. “All the design cues have been inspired by that. We want people

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Police decline to pursue music teacher incident

By Mary Anne Brush Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — A police report filed with the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Safety against a Mason Elementary School music teacher did not lead to an investigation, according to Public Safety Director John Kosanke, who determined “there was nothing there.”

A parent alleged misconduct related to a kindergarten child at the end of music class Dec. 3. Details first described and reported locally later were clarified by Michael Rennell, president of the Grosse Pointe Education Association, who was part of the school district’s initial internal investigation of the incident.

Rather than rubbing lotion on the teacher’s back, as first reported by a local news station, the child had picked up a stick of roll-on Biofreeze, a menthol-based formula providing pain relief when applied to the skin, that fell out of the teacher’s bag. When the child asked what it was, the

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2019 IN REVIEW

Woods sees flooded facilities, controversy on council

By GPN Staff

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Most of the city’s major developments in 2019 were centered on city hall. From a gusher of a copper line mishap that flooded administrative offices, forcing relocations into temporary facilities, to a controversial council election that stirred contention, local officials responded to challenges. Beyond the corridors of city hall, a man accused of bank robbery in 2018 sought to clear his name through a civil lawsuit and a pop-

ular restaurant that was closed due to fire announced its plan to rise from the embers.

Here’s a flashback through 2019:

January

◆ Pointers will no longer be able to order a Slim Jim sandwich in the building near the corner of Mack and Vernier that housed a Big Boy franchise more than 40 years. The restaurant closed after a fire the summer before and owner Dan Curis said he and his sons will decide

on what business to launch in its place.

February

◆ Upgrades are in full swing at Lake Front Park. Planned improvements include replacement of the marina’s combined galvanized and PVC water lines, improved shore power pedestals, asphalt work, replacement of the bathhouse boiler and resurfacing of two tennis courts. Dog agility equipment also will be installed.

◆ Four men are charged with stealing property from unlocked

vehicles and illegally possessing a financial transaction device. If found guilty, each could receive up to 16 years in prison.

March

◆ Water gushes from an overhead boiler-heat copper line at Woods city hall, causing water damage to all administration offices, the worst belonging to City Manager Bruce Smith. About an inch of water covered the floor and ceiling tiles above

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Judy Barker

Family, faith get Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors member back on her feet after cancer battle



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his desk became soaked  
with water and fell.

◆ The community center temporarily houses city administration offices after water damages much of city hall's interior.

◆ Woods resident Michaela Cosgrove prepares for her fourth consecutive Irish Dance World Championship.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation commissions Amusement Construction to build a 7,000-square-foot, nine-hole miniature golf course at Lake Front Park.

## April

◆ Signs and banners along Mack Avenue announce an initiative to direct shopping and foot traffic to businesses in the Woods. Avenue in the Woods, launched by real estate professionals Donna O'Keefe and Mary Rogers, aims to create a more desirable shopping area and business district.

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

◆ City council is presented with options for the redesign of city hall after flooding in early March damages the building. The pitch includes two phases — drying out the area and rebuilding.

## May

◆ After decades of “borrowing” the iconic Big Boy statue during Spirit Week, Grosse Pointe North High School has become its new home. Big Boy owner



**Players gathered for opening day of the Woods/Shores Little League season in May.**

Dan Curis entrusts the beloved statue to North Principal Kate Murray for safe keeping after his restaurant closes.

◆ Marinas in each of the Grosse Pointes are responding to Mother Nature's deluge of water this spring. Though the increased water depth benefits waterway commerce and aquatic life, the surplus of water with the high lake level and heavy rainfall is creating a soggy mess as it encroaches onto shoreline properties and grounds.

◆ Brian Conigliaro, a 19-year veteran with the Woods public safety department, sets aside his duties as a sergeant to step into his role as senior chief in the U.S. Navy. He is deployed, for his second military tour, to support Operation Aqea Al Qaeda East Africa Exord.

## June

◆ The Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation breaks ground on its new nine-hole miniature golf course. Construction is expected to be brief, with the course planned to

open later this summer.

◆ Mike Fox, the owner of Detroit Thrive Training Systems, files a lawsuit against Woods public safety to clear his name after he says he was falsely arrested for a bank robbery.

## July

◆ Increased video and audio surveillance at the city's newly expanded jail is only part of the long-awaited update to the facility. The renovated lockup, designed to increase security for police officers, civilians and municipal staff, also features a larger interrogation room, new fire suppression system and other amenities.

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

## August

◆ The Woods Historical Commission is presented with a 2019 William Winglar-Larry Schlack Annual Schoolhouse of the Year Award, honoring

Cook Schoolhouse. The structure was selected by the Michigan One-Room Schoolhouse Association for the honor.

◆ City Attorney Don Berschback retires after 18 years of service, citing the administration's failure to offer him a pay increase. Charles "Chip" Berschback takes his place.

◆ A family death leads to the indefinite closure of Breadsmith.

## September

◆ An error that might have given an edge to a city council incumbent is blamed for what one of his challengers calls an unfair advantage. Councilman Richard Shetler is provided an email list via a Freedom of Information Act request; challenger Kenn Gafa is denied the same information and told Shetler should not have received the list.

## October

◆ A bid by Kroger to add hard liquor to its shelves is opposed in a 5-1 vote of the planning commission. The request

received much opposition from neighboring Christ the King Lutheran Church, which owns the land leased to the supermarket.

◆ The former site of University Liggett Middle School has been delayed in its scheduled renovation into 12 units, causing impatience among residents. Building Administrator Gene Tutag says efforts to address their concerns are being increased.

◆ Following an email issue during the ongoing election campaign, Woods officials consider seeking support from outside legal council if future concerns arise from a Freedom of Information Act request procedure. City council issues a formal apology to residents who were improperly contacted.

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

◆ Breadsmith, a popular Mack Avenue bakery, closes permanently following a death in the fam-

## November

◆ Newcomer Kenn Gafa joins city council, along with incumbents Michael Koester and Mayor Pro Tem Art Bryant. Municipal Judge Ted Metry is unopposed.

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

◆ George Koueiter Jewelers announces it's closing after 65 years in Grosse Pointe. Family members say they are ready for retirement.

◆ **Merit Woods**  
Pharmacy is under new ownership with Louis Zawaideh at the helm. He recently purchased the business from longtime owner Sheldon Weisberg.

## December

◆ Big Boy is coming back. After announcing its closure earlier this year, following an electrical fire that extensively damaged the building, Dan Curis revisits his options and plans to reopen the establishment in April 2020.



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# Community survey coming to City residents

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Following the April 2018 approval by the City of Grosse Pointe council to contract with ETC Institute of Olathe, Kan., to conduct a community survey, council has decided to move forward with doing so in early 2020.

“We’re going to be embarking on a strategic planning process for the city in general and for The Village in particular, and I think it’s important before you engage in any kind of strategic planning process that you really understand the data you can get from the people that you’re serving,” Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak said.

There are sufficient funds in the current fiscal year budget to cover the \$14,690 cost, which ETC is honoring from the original agreement, from the City’s public improvement/other account containing \$39,608.

“We will use it to inform our decision making, to make sure that we are properly representing the

wishes of our residents,” Tomkowiak explained. “As council people, our primary job is to advocate for what residents want and you can do that without a survey, but then you’re presuming what people want based on who chats you up at Kroger and I would like to know what the people I don’t see also want, so that we can make sure we’re hitting the right marks.”

The survey will be mailed to residents, allowing response by website, and several attempts at reaching out likely will be made.

“Anything we can try to do to get folks engaged is always a good thing,” Councilman Terence Thomas said.

Standard questions will revolve around quality of life issues, value and assessment of all city services, customer service response and communication methods, while city council also will be able to add up to two pages of original and specialized questions.

“There’s a base set of questions that they’ll ask about city services that

you find everywhere,” City Manager Pete Dame explained. “Obviously, you don’t have to ask about forest fires, but we will ask about snow services. The reason why we picked this firm is that there’s two pages of questions that you can decide what to ask about.”

The last time the City conducted a resident survey was 2008-09 during the downturn.

“That was a self-created survey that the city conducted regarding budget priorities during the recession,” Dame said.

The City has never conducted a formal survey, Tomkowiak added.

“I’m hoping we’ll get lots of data and then it will also be good to know that if areas are identified where we need to improve. Then, in a year or two or whatever we determine the time frame, we’ll go back and ask again and we’ll be able to measure how well we’re doing,” she said. “I don’t know for sure that we’re going to do this at intervals, but going forward I would like to see that if budgets allow.”

# Poloni’s contract renewed

By Laurel Kraus  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — During the city council meeting Monday, Dec. 16, the employment agreement for City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Director Stephen Poloni was extended by a year, with annual extensions moving forward dependent on agreement by both parties.

“It is nice to have the support of the mayor and the city council,” Poloni said. “It’s going to be a very exciting year for the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Department. We’re going into a new building with new equipment and 2020 will be a great year.”

The new contract increases his base pay from \$55,000 to \$60,000, which is the first pay adjustment in four years.

“Chief Poloni has served as our public safety director for about eight years now,” City Manager Pete Dame said, “the first four just for the City of Grosse Pointe and then the last four as the joint director of both City and Grosse

Pointe Park.”

Poloni’s four-year agreement with the City was set to expire soon.

“We would like him to stay longer,” Dame expressed.

Poloni was noted as being responsible for various beneficial changes within the public safety department in regard to staff, equipment, training and the new building on Mack and St. Clair.



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**City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Director Stephen Poloni.**

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teacher explained it was medicine he put on his shoulder. The teacher rolled up his short-sleeve shirt and said, “Color me,” according to Rennell.

Another adult in the room — a paraprofessional accompanying a student with special needs — confirmed this account during an initial investigation of the incident.

The teacher remained at the school until the parent went on camera Dec. 6, threatening to report the incident to the police as sexual assault. At that point, Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Gary Niehaus notified Child Protective Services and hired a private attorney to conduct an independent investigation of the matter. The teacher

was put on paid administrative leave.

The attorney was appointed in mid-December, according to Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services Jon Dean, but the investigation was incomplete as of press time, partially due to the holiday break.

“A parent the investigator wanted to talk to was not available until after the new year,” Dean said. “That interview took place last week and the attorney is in the process of finalizing the investigation.”

Dean expects to receive results within a week or so. While he said the administration will consider any information it receives from Child Protective Services, “typically CPS doesn’t release any of the details of their findings. Typically that is shared with the family.”

The teacher remains on leave pending the conclusion of the investigation.

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to be closer with that water experience and we’re very excited about that.”

The square footage of the new addition has yet to be determined.

It will include an art gallery that faces the front circle; restrooms; an improved entryway for guests arriving via car; a space for back-of-house work; a new glass-walled, strolling promenade that will provide views to the restored Ellen Biddle Shipman gardens; and a community room.

“By adding a community room in the new addition, it’s been very important to us to have a space where people can gather,” Burke said, “where there’s proper technology, where there’s proper sound, where there’s proper lighting and a place where people of all ages can gather and be a community. We commonly use the reception room, the library and the dining room aggressively with community programs ... and by adding an additional space, really modeled after the example of the Ford House, we are able to be in a position to reduce that pressure and have a better environment for our patron base.”

Preliminary aspects of construction may begin as early as 2021.

“This is really, for us, a five-year project,” Burke explained, “because part of this project is restoring the historic house and that takes time to bring in experts, to understand best practices of the restoration of a home with this type of a pedigree.”

### Reasoning & goals

The improvements are focused on preserving and reducing pressure on the 110-year-old Alger house, which is a nationally recognized historic landmark, designed by Charles A. Platt; improving the quality of programming; and creating



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**The lakefront lawn of The War Memorial, featuring reclaimed green space and access to the grounds from the ballroom.**

a better patron experience through increased and long-term public value.

Input from community members and stakeholder groups compiled by The War Memorial showed respondents would like improved facilities with greater accessibility, streamlined entryways and traffic flow and improved restrooms.

Additionally, The War Memorial will be creating a sustainability task force to evaluate the needs of the campus such as water, solar and energy conservation and resources.

“We’re concerned about our environment and our ecosystem,” Burke said. “We have a responsibility to the water and even in our parking lot design, we want to filter out light and sound around the neighborhood by adding trees. We want to have a better filtration system and lower the temperature of the space.”

The task force also will focus on the organization’s stewardship of the shoreline in front of the property on Lake St. Clair.

“I think that we have a responsibility as a community, being that we have water, to present our water spaces as elegant, as environmentally friendly and in a way that allows people to be at their best next to the water,” Burke said.

## Addressing concerns

While The War Memorial hosts 3,000 events and 250,000 guests annually, the improvements are in no way intended to increase the volume of activities, Burke explained.

“We can’t emphasize that enough,” he said. “For us, it’s truly about the quality of the experience and the efficiency of the experience and to fit appropriately into a unique institution on a campus that shares space with (Grosse Pointe Memorial) Church. This is not a volume program. ... For us, it’s about consistency of quality and living up to the brand that all of Grosse Pointe expects us to be.”

According to data compiled by The War Memorial, 90 percent of respondents identified the organization’s arts, culture and humanities programming as a primary reason for visiting. Burke reported the improvements will not negatively affect any current community partnerships.

“As a matter of fact, we think that it will enhance that,” he said. “We think that we will be able to provide continued services in a more efficient way that allows those organizations to be more sustainable. Additionally, I think this will also open up opportunities for additional partnerships. ... We’ve been aggressively

adding partnerships that are deeper and intelligent programming that really represents the curiosity that the Alger family once had here in this building.”

As far as construction causing any kind of inconvenience for people in the area, Burke expressed, “We’re very cognizant of wanting to be good neighbors and providing as little disruption as possible. We do believe that with our preliminary designs that everything will be contained on this property and we’ll work in close partnership with Grosse Pointe Farms and with our church friends and partners. ... We will also listen to our neighbors and if neighbors have concerns, we have a communication chain open.”

### Get in touch

In addition to the public work session Tuesday, Jan. 21, feedback may be submitted via email to [feedback@warmemorial.org](mailto:feedback@warmemorial.org).

“Part of the reason for having this community engagement process is to really, in addition to the data and the user data that we have had, get the community’s feedback on it,” Burke said. “We want to get the city council’s feedback. At the heart of everything that we’re doing is stewarding the historic property, the historic building, and to ensure that this facility and this institution is here for ages.”

# The Week Ahead

### MONDAY, JAN. 13

- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe City Council meeting, 7 p.m. at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 15115 E. Jefferson.

### TUESDAY, JAN. 14

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens’ Recreation Commission meeting, 7 a.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park Community Outreach discussion, 8 to 9:15 a.m. at The Cracked Egg of Grosse Pointe, 15506 Mack.

### FRIDAY, JAN. 17

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores mayor office hour, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Call (313) 881-6565 to schedule an appointment.



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Family, faith and work drive cancer survivor

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Judy Barker had just hit her 30s when she decided she'd take a swing at real estate. A Realtor friend talked her into a job, which kicked off a 45-year career that saw her living in Chicago, California and Hawaii. "I was doing real estate auctions," she said. "It was really fun, nice and unexpected. I've never taken any of it for granted. ... Real estate has been a wonderful life for me."

Barker, 76, started her career and her family in her hometown of Birmingham. She has three sons — Michael LeVan, also a Realtor with Adlhoch & Associates; David LeVan, who has a promotional products business; and Steve LeVan, a corporate pilot.

But it was the next generation who brought Barker to Grosse Pointe. "My granddaughter, Katie, was raised in Grosse Pointe," she said. "That's why I came here."

Though her greatest loves were back home — she's also grandmother

to Tom and Joe — Barker's job led her on trips around the country. She spent a few years training Realtors in relocation, at a time when companies often moved their workforces. "When companies moved groups of people, we helped with listing the house, preparing it for sale, selling it, finding a Realtor in the other city to work with them."

It was through work Barker met her second husband, Bill, now deceased. His two daughters and her three sons would attend church with the couple each week.

Barker's Catholic faith has carried her through life. Her faith — and her family — were her life-line when she was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in December 2018. After surgery and radiation treatments, Barker has been in remission several months.

"I feel fine," she said. "People tell me it's partly because of my attitude, because I say this is not going to get me. ... I do believe a positive attitude can help and so far, so good."

Barker's sons are in charge of her care, free-

ing her from worry. She plans to continue her positivity into the new year.

"This is not going to get me," she said. "I don't know how long remission lasts, but I'm not worried about it. I'm going to make the most of the time I have."

A past president of the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors and a member of its Fair Housing Committee, Barker plans to keep active with the organization, "so I can keep my hand in it," she said. "I want to be busy, be involved. I want something to do that's meaningful."

Barker is looking for volunteer opportunities — reading to children is among her goals — while she further bolsters her health.

One fairly recent project in which Barker played a large role was partnering the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors with Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs. The board was instrumental in funding the training of a service dog named GP, who was paired with a veteran in Jackson, and has since funded several other ser-



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

**Longtime local Realtor Judy Barker is ready for more volunteer opportunities after making a cancer comeback.**

vice dogs. During a visit to family, Barker stopped by the Florida-based training facility for a visit. "I could feel myself get-

ting excited to see the dogs," she said. "I spent the day there; I was thrilled."

"I'm hoping we can do more with Guardian Angels," she added.

These days, Barker shares her time and her faith with her current beau, Bob Kocian. The pair worship weekly at the chapel at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

"It's like someone sent him to me," she said. "He found me at a yard sale."

Barker, who loves to cook, organized a yard sale at the condominiums where she lives and is on the board of directors.

"I made boxed lunches for everyone," she said. "He watched me running around like a fool all day delivering lunches. The next day, he left a dozen roses outside my door with a note."

She asked her neighbor, his daughter, for his phone number so she could thank him for the flowers and the rest is history.

"It's nice to have the company," she said. "We share religion. I love laughing and Fr. Rich (Bartoszek) always makes us laugh. We enjoy going to church together."

"But my most favorite thing to do is be a grandma," she said. "I'm very privileged to be part of their lives."

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the community was the June 24, 2019, vote to close Trombly and Poupard elementary schools and move fifth grade from elementary to middle school beginning with the 2020-21 school year.

While Summerfield said he understands people's passion for the schools and shares that passion, he acknowledged the impact of these decisions on family members' "relationships with people in their respective communities" placed an undue burden on them.

"It's hard to protect your family in these situations. ... but I don't think it's fair for me to continue to serve the community with what I think I need to do to serve the community at the expense of my family," he said.

Time away from his work as a partner at Kostopoulos Rodriguez PLLC in Birmingham and other commitments — he currently serves as past-



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

**Brian Summerfield**

president on the Detroit Bar Association Executive Committee — was another factor.

Summerfield added he is proud of the board's accomplishments over his tenure, including increasing the fund balance from 5 to "a responsible level" of nearly 15 percent, passing a \$111 million bond to refurbish school buildings and reconfiguring the district footprint to fit the current enrollment.

His goal with the reconfiguration was to position the district for financial stability in the coming

years and avoid cuts in programming and employee salaries.

"When you look at most of the evidence-based research, the most important thing to a child's education outside of their parents is their teacher," he said. "Devoting the resources to our teachers and staff that support them is way more important than some of the other accoutrements of our education system."

As a board member, he said he was privileged to get behind the curtain and see how much the administration, teachers and staff care.

What he will miss most is the people and working toward a common goal — what's in the best interest of the students.

"As long as you focus on that, you can always have a dialog and get to an understanding," he said.

Summerfield's advice to his successor is to "expect to work more than you expect" and remember "you're balancing a lot of different values and you're repre-

sending the entire district."

Spending time talking with administration and community members also is an important part of the job.

Former Vice President Margaret Weertz will serve as president until officer elections take place at the Jan. 13 meeting.

"I think we've lost one of our best board members in Grosse Pointe history and that says a lot," Weertz said. "... Brian led us through a very, very trying and difficult time and he did it really well. ... The thing that saddens me is that he was the leader who was steadfast and stable and calm and fair and listened to all. And really thought long and hard about decisions. ... His skill set isn't easily replaced."

The board has 30 days to appoint a replacement. Those interested should apply online or send a letter of interest and application to Dr. Gary C. Niehaus, Superintendent, Grosse Pointe Public School System, 389 St. Clair, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

Interviews will be held the evening of Thursday, Jan. 16. The trustee will be appointed at a public meeting of the board at 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17.

Judge recommends mediation for gender discrimination lawsuit

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — A lawsuit against the Grosse Pointe Public School System may settle before it goes to trial.

In Redlin v. GPPSS, Debra Redlin, an assistant principal at Parcels Middle School, filed a complaint Nov. 15, 2016, in the U.S. District Court Eastern District of Michigan Southern Division, alleging she was discriminated against on the basis of her gender under Title VII during the 2014-15 school year while an assistant principal at Grosse Pointe South and was transferred to Parcels for the 2015-16 school year as retaliation for filing a complaint. She also alleges discrimination for taking a leave under the Family Medical Leave Act.

In a May 10, 2018 ruling, Senior U.S. District Judge Bernard A. Friedman granted

the district's motion for a summary judgment, concluding "no reasonable jury could find that defendant discriminated or retaliated against plaintiff based on her gender or because she took leave."

Redlin filed an appeal June 1, 2018. After reviewing depositions and listening to March 14 oral arguments by attorneys for the plaintiff and the defendant, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit reversed Friedman's ruling on the gender and discrimination claims, remanding the case to the district court with instructions to permit Redlin to present her claims to a jury. The court affirmed the judgment on Redlin's FMLA retaliation claims.

The "ultimate question," according to the court's April 16 opinion, was whether "the evidence presents a

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City of Grosse Pointe

Victim becomes suspect

A 36-year-old Eastpointe man was arrested Saturday, Dec. 21, for attempting to kick in the door to an apartment in the 17000 block of Mack after the owner refused to let him back in.

He had left his jacket, keys and debit card inside and upon his release from lockup, discovered his debit card had been used without his permission.

Missing cards

While working at a business in the 16000 block of Kercheval Christmas Eve, a 27-year-old Southfield woman discovered her debit and credit cards were missing.

She received a message from her credit union Saturday, Dec. 28, that a withdrawal from her checking account had been denied. Unauthorized transactions from Facebook and Amazon also were attempted.

Domestic violence

A 48-year-old Detroit man was arrested for domestic violence at 9:58 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, after an officer observed him yelling at his wife and then spit in her face

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at Kercheval and St. Clair.

The man appeared intoxicated and also admitted breaking her cellphone.

Domestic violence, Pt. II

A 36-year-old Grosse Pointe man was arrested for domestic violence at 4:40 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 1, after he grabbed his wife by her hair, pushed her to the ground and took her cellphone when she attempted to call officers. She said she eventually used his phone to call public safety.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Drive by scratching

After parking his vehicle on Harbor Court at approximately 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24, a 64-year-old Farms man returned to it at approximately 10:30 p.m. and found a long scratch along the driver's side.

Not worth the price

A 27-year-old Harper Woods woman was arrested at a bus stop at 12:25 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, after stealing \$2.94 worth of merchandise from a business in the 19000 block of Mack Avenue.

Lack of light

A vehicle with an out-of-service brake light was pulled over at Moross Road and Chandler Park at 4:24 p.m. Monday, Dec. 30, after a LEIN/Secretary of State check showed the registration had expired and there was no insurance verification.

The 20-year-old Detroit woman was unable to provide her license, proof of registration or insurance. She was cited for the infractions and the car was impounded.

Lack of light, the sequel

A 43-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving while license suspended after being pulled over on Cook Road at 4:28 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, due to out-of-service brake lights.

Third time is not the charm

A traffic stop at Moross Road and Chandler Park due to an out-of-service headlight at 9:41 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, led to a 45-year-old Detroit woman being arrested for forging an insurance certificate, not having a license, title or registration and driving while license suspended.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

No new incident reports.

— Laurel Kraus

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Drunken deception

A 51-year-old Woods man was charged with his third operating while intoxicated offense after lying about how he suffered a broken leg.

The driver was found

sitting outside in the 2200 block of Roslyn around 2:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, when he told public safety he had been clipped by a black SUV and couldn't move. The man's speech was slurred and he said he'd consumed several pitchers of beer during a six-hour period.

He was transferred to Ascension St. John Hospital with a broken femur and later arrested after Harper Woods police reported the same man called their dispatch, saying he was injured while riding an electric bike over wet leaves.

— Eddie B. Allen Jr.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Heroic effort

A dog that appeared to be drowning in the lake at Windmill Pointe Park was rescued at approximately 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31. Public

safety used a rope and harness to pull the animal to land.

Larceny from a home

Approximately \$1,500 in musical equipment and a television were stolen from a home in the 900 block of Beaconsfield between around 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, and 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31. A \$200 Fender guitar was among items discovered missing when the resident returned home after several days.

Home invasion

Approximately \$600 in valuables was stolen from a home in the 1400 block of Grayton when a rear door was pried open between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 1. Taken by one or more suspects were a large-screen TV and a Blue Ray device.

— Eddie B. Allen Jr.

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

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sufficient factual dis-

agreement to require submission of the case to a jury, or whether the evidence is so one-sided that the moving

parties should prevail as a matter of law."

Before the case proceeds to a jury trial, Friedman recom-

mended both parties try mediation with a court-appointed magistrate. No date has been set.



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OUR VIEW

News to turn 80

The Grosse Pointe News will become an octogenarian this year. Vol. 1, No. 1 was published Nov. 7, 1940. In the run up to our 80th Anniversary edition — which will be inserted in our Oct. 22 full-run issue — we are soliciting help from our subscribers and advertisers.

First, we are looking for our longest subscribers. Every week, it seems, we hear from someone who says, “I’ve subscribed since 1975” or the Sixties. How long have you been a subscriber?

We are also looking for longtime advertisers. Did your business advertise in the first issue of the paper? In the first year? In the 1940s or ’50s? Inquiring readers want to know! Is your business celebrating a milestone anniversary? Let us know.

A popular item in our 50th Anniversary issue in 1990 was called “Memories.” We asked readers to send in their best Grosse Pointe memories. We published them throughout the year and compiled them in our 50th Anniversary issue. We would like to share your memories, so please send them along.

Are you a lifelong Grosse Pointer? Do you have a special memory involving the Grosse Pointe News? We want to hear from you.

Obviously, we will be partnering with the Grosse Pointe Historical Society to come up with historical photos and history. Do you have old photos you would like to share? Interesting tidbits of Grosse Pointe history? Please share them with us.

Email materials or questions to publisher@grossepointenews.com or call (313) 343-5596.

Thank you and looking forward to hearing from you.

Green ooze

Everyone who drinks tap water in the Grosse Pointes owes a debt of gratitude to Candice Miller.

Ms. Miller, the public works commissioner in Macomb County, has aggressively and tirelessly pushed the cleanup of green ooze along I-696 — even though the leak occurred in Oakland County and drinking water intakes that could be affected include those in Wayne County.

That’s because the drain along that part of I-696 travels through Macomb County, into the Clinton River and then to Lake St. Clair — the source of water for the Grosse Pointe Farms system, which also serves the City of Grosse Pointe. And the head of the Detroit River, where it meets Lake St. Clair, hosts a major intake for the system that serves the remaining Pointes along with many other parts of metro Detroit.

Michigan officials have said that any contaminants entering the lake would be below detectable levels as they get flushed through the drain and not a threat to drinking water, but are “still a significant concern for incremental accumulation.” The state Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy is continuing to take samples and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is testing the site of the contamination in Madison Heights.

The scariest potential contaminant found so far is hexavalent chromium, a known carcinogen. But the defunct electroplating business at fault hosted a stew of chemicals and its so-called cleanup was partial, at best. The owner had already been sentenced to a jail term for illegal storage of hazardous materials when the green ooze emerged Dec. 20.

Also scary: This site is apparently just one of thousands of contaminated sites in Michigan that haven’t been fully addressed, according to EGLE Director Liesl Clark. Coincidentally, a petroleum leak surfaced last week in Warren, in a different drain in Macomb County.

Visible seepage in these cases may have been a blessing in disguise. Much of the unwelcome legacy of Michigan’s industrial past lies hidden underground.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Pure Grosse Pointe

Grosse Pointe Park worked with the Detroit Department of Transportation to facilitate a safe turnaround and staging area on Jefferson and Lakepointe. The new turnaround allows bus drivers to use the inside lane of eastbound Jefferson to make a U-turn safely onto westbound Jefferson without using an outside lane and causing traffic backups and safety concerns, according to Park City Manager Nick Sizeland.

LETTERS

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes 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.

Rotary Tot Lot: Mission accomplished

**To the Editor:**

As co-chairs of the Rotary of Grosse Pointe “re-imagination” of our Rotary Tot Lot, both Bob Lucas and I wish to thank you and your organization for the exemplary guidance and support of our effort to raise \$250,000 for our project. We have successfully accomplished our mission and now look forward to the installation of the new Tot Lot play equipment in the spring of 2020.

Most importantly, our thanks and appreciation goes out to the citizens of our communities and the businesses and foundations that stepped forward and so generously contributed to this project. Without your and their financial support this effort would not have been successful. Again, thank you all!

On another note, please stay tuned for another possible announcement regarding a potential phase two for improvement to the Rotary Tot Lot. We are hopeful that this news will take place within the next 60 days.

Lastly, very soon we will be reaching out to our community for acquiring the necessary volunteers to assist in all areas of the construction and installation of your new Rotary Tot Lot.

**MICHAEL CARMODY**  
**ROBERT LUCAS**  
Co-Chairs 2020 Rotary Tot Lot Re-Imagination Project

Village Grille: Home away from home

**To the Editor:**

Early in 2019 I was looking for an area establishment where we could have our family’s Christmas dinner party.

After much research and many phone calls, I chose the Village Grille on Kercheval in The Village of Grosse Pointe. Our party was on the 22nd of December and I couldn’t have chosen a better venue.

My contact was Diane Stevens, the restaurant/banquet manager. She was so easy to work with to plan a dinner for our family. She helped me choose an affordable menu from many of their banquet options. We chose the best way to offer alcoholic beverages to the adults in our group (nonalcoholic beverages were included in the per-plate price). We were allowed to bring in our own dessert (a birthday cake since it was also the birthday of a family member), although they offered to serve it with their dishes and forks, again at no additional cost to us.

When I arrived on the day of the party, the banquet room looked so festive. Ryan was in charge of our party and was finishing up the table dressings, folding the red and green linen napkins into Christmas trees. These and the white linen table cloths were included in the price, not an additional expense as many other venues charged.

The room was very nicely decorated with Christmas centerpieces and garland, also at no additional expense to us. Christmas music was piped into the room at the appropriate volume. Tables were arranged to comfortably accommodate our family of 36 with a table for games and gifts. We had access to our own door off of the parking lot, our own coat closet, restrooms and bar, serviced by Ryan.

The timing for appetizers, dinner and dessert was spot on to my

requested timing. The food was delicious and enjoyed by everyone, including the younger children who were able to enjoy their own pizza and soft drinks served wisely in lidded cups. Ryan oversaw all of this.

Having our party at the Village Grille allowed my family to come, enjoy everything and everyone, and leave without all the work involved in many family parties.

In conclusion, I want to thank Diane, Ryan and Tammy for all they did to make it possible. If you are looking for a venue for an event that you are planning, I recommend that you consider the Village Grille.

I would also like to thank the four members of the Grosse Pointe South Choir for stopping in and providing us with beautifully sung Christmas carols during our dinner. They are a talented group of fine teens.

**KRIS HART**  
Grosse Pointe

School board vacancy critical

**To the Editor:**

No doubt this issue of the Grosse Pointe News will have a front-page article on the Jan. 2 resignation of school board President Brian Summerfield.

As someone who worked alongside Brian on the school board, I can tell you first-hand his resignation is a tremendous loss for the school system and the community. He will be extremely hard to replace.

One of Brian’s strengths on our school board was his ability to look at things logically and make data-based rather than emotion-based, reactionary decisions. Having board members who can truly remove emotion and social pressure from the decision-making process is a skill set any school board cherishes.

In our school board’s present course of having to make irreversible decisions on right-sizing our school system, this skill set is a must.

Under Michigan law, our school board has 30 days from the date of Brian’s resignation within which to appoint a replacement who will serve until the November

2020 elections. If there is not an appointment made within this period, the decision will flow to the intermediate school system (Wayne RESA).

With the 2020-21 school budget process getting into full swing, there is no time for on-the-job training of well-meaning residents who would like to serve out this nine-month term. Instead, our board should reach out to prior board members and/or residents with strong business, finance or law backgrounds.

Top on my list of residents to draft for this nine-month term would be the school system’s former Assistant Superintendent of Business Affairs Chris Fenton. With 36 years of work experience at our school system, there is no one better able to step in and be a true asset to our school board and our entire school system.

Other candidates that come to mind as I write this letter are former board members Joan Dindoffer, John Steininger, Angela Kennedy, Fred Minturn and Brendan Walsh.

From the financial/legal world, I can’t think of stronger candidates than Alger LaHood, Ron Muawad, Bill Flom or Chris Cornwall. All four of these gentlemen are used to working with tens of millions of dollars on a regular basis, understand the meaning of the term “fiduciary responsibility” and would be real assets to our school board.

This nine-month term created by Brian’s resignation is just too short to start from scratch without this background, no matter how well meaning the applicant may be.

I in no way want to discourage residents from stepping forward to serve on our school board. There will be five of the seven seats on our school board on the ballot in the November election.

I hope that those interested in serving our school system will take the upcoming months to educate themselves on our current issues, school finance, curriculum trends and school law so they can hit the ground running should they be elected in November.

**AHMED ISMAIL**  
Grosse Pointe Woods

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I SAY By Mary Anne Brush

# One book’s magical journey home



My brother couldn’t pinpoint precisely when he lost track of the book. He had several copies; surely the signed copy our father gave him when he was 16 would turn up someday.

While moving around as an adult, he stored some belongings in a spare room in our parents’ house. Perhaps the book — a collection of our father’s poetry published in 1969 — landed in a box we overlooked when clearing things out after our parents’ deaths. A bookseller must have picked it up at an estate sale or auction. Who knows how many stops it took on its journey or how long it languished in a dusty box or on a shelf?

The title is “The Fact of Fall.” In late October, to celebrate the season, I posted on Facebook a picture of the book jacket, a black-and-white photo of a tree with its bare branches pointing skyward on a burnt-orange background.

The image prompted a former neighbor who moved out of state — a retired English professor who met my dad some years ago — to comment she planned to order the book.

“Sadly, I believe it’s out of print,” I responded, adding it was no longer available even on Amazon. The younger of my two brothers, as sentimental as our father but practical like our mother, had purchased the remaining copies so each of the grandchildren could have their own.

My friend informed me she had located a copy — the last available — on a site called Thrifty Books, where she had found other out-of-print treasures.

Several days later she sent me a private message. She had received the book and, upon opening it, realized it was an inscribed copy. On the flyleaf was written: “for Ray from Dad. ... ‘So many ways to take/down which the summer passes.’”

This was from the fourth stanza of a poem called “Picnic: Eridge Grange”: “Fourth is that older boy for whom / footpaths are not enough. / It is his silence they share. / In the openness of woods / his senses dwell aside; each fragrance / a way, so many ways to take ...”

Our father was in his late 40s when he wrote those words. The five of us, “all in view,” were walking ahead of him in a lane in the countryside of Kent, England, on our way to a picnic. If it was our 11-year-old brother’s silence we shared that day, it was because we were accustomed to following in the footpaths of

his imagination.

I, the youngest at 3, led the way along the meadow. In the opening stanza, my father wrote: “The smallest has a feather / in her hand. No use to her / but she’ll not let it go. / She thinks perhaps she’ll put it / in her hair. It falls, their feet go past. / Another loss is sealed, the / real, the fancied flight.”

Next is my brother, “five summers counting this one.” The poet regards his younger son’s confidence with wistful envy: “Experience for him is a way / to eat bread; life as sandwich / sitting on a gate, / pitching the rest to cows. / The day is sure; beside the wood his hours / stretch like a path. He does not see / the bend, behind, that / will take him from view.”

Third is the middle child, the younger of my two sisters.

“The girl in the middle / stoops at times. / Something the dying trees give down / she carries to the light; / not to lose one.”

I’m not sure what my sister picked up that afternoon so worthy of her examination. But I do recall her bending down to retrieve a fallen acorn at our father’s graveside the day of his burial, placing it with quiet reverence next to the urn containing his ashes.

The poem concludes with my oldest sister, last in line on this path, though the one we look to for guidance on oth-

ers:

“Let her who comes last / bringing the picnic things pursue / no thoughts like these. Her braids / will grow; not a leaf / has fallen. Where meadows draw our eyes / so near the earth, we learn / the ignorance of cows / or children on a path / taking each other’s steps / not once looking back.”

In these five brief stanzas, discovery overcomes loss, innocence transcends knowledge, light illuminates death, adventure vanquishes regret and possibility conquers the passage of time. The poet bears witness to all of this, shielding his children with his words and the power of his love.

My friend promises to hand-deliver the book the

next time she’s in town. The prospect of its reunion with its rightful owner has shed new insight for me on the poem’s opening stanza. The book’s journey and ultimate return — “the real, the fancied flight” — are proof no loss, no matter how permanent, is ever truly sealed as long as imagination, memory and hope remain.

## YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

### 1945

75 years ago this week  
**MOVIE SERENADED BY FIREWORKS:** An employee of the Esquire Theatre called Park police for assistance in controlling a crowd of 10 or more boys who were making too much whoopee in the theater.

They had come in a group and besides making a general disturbance proceeded to shoot off several firecrackers in the theater. The police invited the youngsters outside and despite a thorough frisking found no more crackers, nor did they find any in the seats near the vicinity of the bombardment.

### 1970

50 years ago this week  
**POINTES VOTE TO KEEP OWN**

**JUDICIARIES:** The Pointes and Harper Woods will retain their municipal courts, as provided by their respective city charters, come what may, rather than become part of a district court system. The six communities would have comprised the district.

**Obituaries:** Mary Josephine Petzold O’Brien, John Roger Dryden, Vilma L. Drettmann, Hayes W. Bourke, Ralph L. Weber, George E. Cruickshank, Catherine Marian, Wilber J. B. Thomas

chased 5.6 acres of land at the Mack/Moross site for \$3.7 million. Other improvements planned include resurfacing Kercheval between Fisher and Kerby and improvements at Pier Park.

**Obituaries:** Gerald C. Schroeder, Jane Scott Mitchell, Augustus J. Christie Jr., Mildred F. Reaume, Louise C. Rimbach, Fred H. Thistlethwaite, Edna V. Schwartz, Christine Wall Clark, James Carlo Millies, Max A. Sievers

### 1995 2010

25 years ago this week  
**MACK/MOROSS PROJECT TOP PRIORITY:** Deciding how to fill the space at the southeast corner of Mack and Moross tops the Farms’ “to-do” list for the coming year. Last year, the Farms pur-

10 years ago this week  
**Obituaries:** Douglas C. Beaupre, Virginia A. Gudsen, Rose Kathryn McMahon, Edward J. Olsen, Sumner Gage Whittier, Arthur Cummings Bodeau, Daniel William McKinley D.O., Francine Harriet Dossin

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Ascension St. John



# St. Paul students vet new businesses

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

The assignment: Create your own business, as an individual or with classmates. Select a product you think will sell. Develop a business plan, logo and advertisement.

This was the project Annaliese White, K-8 technology teacher at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School, gave seventh- and eighth-grade students in December.

In creating their business plan, students had to come up with a name for their business, describe it along with their business's goods or services, pinpoint a location and identify the competition.

Other questions were how many employees they need, what specific positions employees will hold, how much they will charge for their goods or service, who is their market audience, where will they sell their product and why they think their business will succeed.

The culminating activity was Market Day Dec. 19, held in the school gymnasium. Students set up tables with poster boards, product demonstrations or samplings and ads available for viewing on iPads. The morning had a "Shark Tank" component to it; students pitched their ideas to visitors who, in turn, were provided tickets for voting.

Examples of products on display included:



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"Look good, smell better" is the logo for Smooth Scented Gel, four scented, seasonally inspired hair gels. "We decided to make this hair gel because all of our other hair gel was boring," said Blake Shock. Pictured, from left, are Doc Reilly, Vincent Swikowski, Shock and Demetri Borrego.



Marie Schueneman, left, and Claire Juip created Crayon Correctors, 3-D printed sleeves to put on crayons to avoid breakage. Their product slogan is: "Don't take a break. Make life colorful!"

◆ EZ Wallet, a wallet requiring a thumbprint to open with a tracker in it to protect against pickpockets, created by Oliver Cassidy and Tommy O'Shea.

◆ Smooth Scented Gel, four seasonally inspired scents — pine, lemon-grass, orange and peppermint — created by Demetri Borrego, Blake Shock and Vincent Swikowski, featuring the slogan, "Look good, smell better."

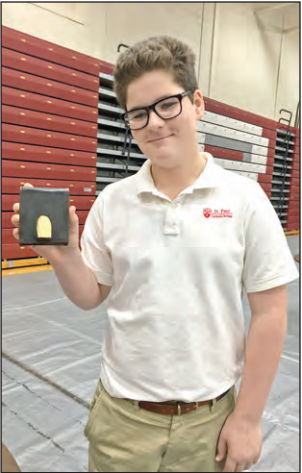
◆ Baa & Maa's Ice Cream Shop, a personalized ice cream bar with "a flavor for everyone" and featuring dairy-free and allergy-safe options for ice cream lovers, created by Bailey Armendariz and Maria Wortman.

◆ Sweet Tooth Delights, by Grace Campbell and Tenley Stiyyer, featuring remeasured ingredients to make Grandma Rosie's cutout cookies, chocolate chip pan cookies and bakery-style brownies.

◆ Oatcakes by Kate Moores and Stephanie Karoutsos — organic, vegan and heart-healthy frozen cakes, "plant-based food for the mind and body" and ready for the toaster.

◆ Spoon It, edible, flavored spoons to add peppermint, white chocolate or marshmallow chocolate to hot chocolate, created by Carmella Crane and Addie Kimmel.

First place went to S&S Care, a prototype for an app that creates free subscriptions, including for Netflix and Spotify, for



Oliver Cassidy shows off a prototype of the EZ Wallet, which he developed with his business partner, Tommy O'Shea. The wallet requires a thumbprint to open.

hospitalized children to keep them entertained and distracted. The business owners were Sarah Forbes and Sayrha Narragon.

Earning second-place honors was Crayon Corrector, a 3-D printed crayon sleeve to prevent breakage. Business owners were Claire Juip and Marie Schueneman.

"Our slogan is: Don't take a break. Make life colorful!" Juip said.

White said this was the first time she has done this project with the students.

"We are working on being STEM certified through the Carnegie Institute," she said. "I was trying to come up with some sort of student-driven project where the kids could take the lead and work on engineering and technology and bring everything together."

## Helping animals in need

This holiday season, Ferry Elementary School students — members of the Ferry School Animal Shelter Club — decided to do their part to help animals by collecting items for the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society from November to Dec. 18.

According to third-grade teacher and club adviser Jane Ellis, the students designed posters and gave speeches on

the school's public address system. Ferry families and staff brought in dog, puppy, cat and kitten food and many people donated blankets, comforters, toys, bones, collars and animal beds.

"The students felt good accomplishing their mission — to help make the lives of homeless animals more comfortable and enjoyable until they find their forever homes," Ellis

said. "The MACS serves animals by providing humane education, supporting affirmative legislative action and performing adoptions and rescues. The society helps to reunite lost pets and conducts cruelty investigations. Their only sources of support are memberships, donations and fundraisers."

Ferry Elementary Schools Animal Shelter Club members, pictured with third-grade teacher and adviser Jane Ellis.

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## Area students recognized at state thespian festival

Members of Liggett Players, University Liggett School's theater troupe, and Grosse Pointe

South High School thespians earned accolades at the Michigan Thespian Festival Dec. 13 and 14, held this year in Detroit.

More than 1,700 students from across the state participated in workshops and individual events at the TCF Convention Center, with main stage events held at the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts. The festival, hosted by the Michigan Educational Theater Association, provides students with opportunities to compete for college scholarships and in individual and group events, including acting and musical theater, for statewide recognition and the opportunity to compete nationally.

ULS students were one of only two schools to headline the event and present full productions on the main stage. The Players' performance of "Twelve Angry Jurors" received not only a standing ovation, but also superior rankings for

nine of their 11 event performances. Errol Service was selected as a thespian scholarship award winner.

"I've been looking forward to a state theater festival in Detroit for 35 years," said Phillip Moss, ULS's arts department chairman. "In all, every one of the Players helped make this festival a grand success."

Sixteen thespians from South, along with their director, Meaghan Dunham, attended the festival as well, earning high honors in every category in which they competed, according to Dunham.

Receiving superior ratings — and eligible to compete at the International Thespian Festival in Bloomington, Ind., in June 2020 — were junior Kerrigan Dunham, who performed a solo musical theater piece; and juniors Quinn Sahutske and Campbell Stencil, performing in the duet musical theater

category.

Senior Emilio Garcia earned an excellent rating in monologue performance and junior Lauren Cooper an excellent rating in solo dance. This statewide recognition included a certificate of merit and medal at the closing ceremony of the festival.

Outstanding performances also were delivered by senior Elyse Tazzia, as South's thespian scholarship auditionee, and Emilio Garcia in the final thespian showcase. Senior Gabriela Moncivais, one of the elected members of the Student Thespian Board, was instrumental in running several aspects of this two-day theater experience.

Also in attendance from South were Awmeo Azad, Elaina Calisi, Sarah Campau, Andrew Fleming, Sam Hermon, Gigi Niforos, Marella Piazza, Grace Ryan and Nicola Troschinetz.

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# Poupard students receive the gift of literature

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

The proverb, “It’s better to give than to receive,” held true for donors who supplied books to Poupard Elementary School students prior to the holiday break. Photos and videos teachers took of their students documented the joy from the receiving end.

Teachers surprised their students Dec. 18 with the wrapped gifts. The children discovered not only books carefully selected with them in mind, but personal notes to go along with them.

A friend suggested the idea to kindergarten teacher Abby Hultgren, who posted a message on Facebook soliciting donations.

“I would love if my kids could walk to their desk on one of our last days before our holiday break, open a new book and read an encouraging note from someone sending them motivation to continue with their quest to become scholars,” she wrote. “I hope it will always be a reminder that they are important and special.”

Students were selected by number. Hultgren replied with a little infor-

mation about each child to help the donor select a book they would truly enjoy.

The response was immediate. Within an hour or two, Hultgren’s list was full of people who wanted to donate books to her 18 students.

“It was great to see my friends and family reaching out and supporting the kids and me,” Hultgren said. “Having them each get a book that was personal for them was really special.”

Also participating were fellow kindergarten teacher Shaughan Rumohr, first-grade teacher Susan Chaklos, second-grade teachers Samantha DeSandre and Angela Whateley, third-grade teacher Sarah Hartley and fifth-grade teacher Sarah Mead.

“We had such an overwhelming response for most classes that each child received two books,” Whateley said. Donors also sent additional books to the classroom library.

Whateley and DeSandre asked their students to complete a reading survey so they could provide this information to help the donors tailor the books to the students’ interests.



Second-grader Anijah Wilbourn hugs her new book.

After the students opened their gifts, they confessed the ruse.

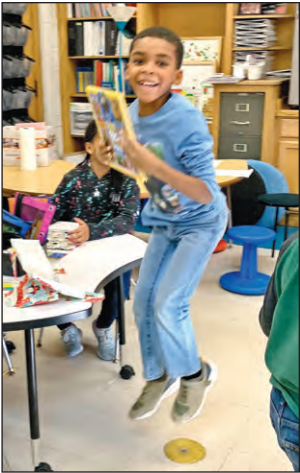
“We might have misled you a bit about the survey,” she told them, adding the donors wanted to make sure they received books they liked.

The students were “blown away,” Whateley said. Even before opening the books, “The kids were like, ‘They bought us books? They used their own money? I want to give them a thank-you note right now.’”

“Their reactions were priceless,” she added.

Hultgren said she sent donors videos of her students jumping up and down with excitement.

“They were so excited,” Hultgren said. “They were thrilled with the books, but what made them more excited was that people they didn’t even know would give a book to them.”



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Above left, Abby Hultgren’s kindergarten students pose for a group photo before opening books individually selected for them by donors. Right, second-grader Bryson Lewis jumps for joy when he receives his book.



Above left, second-grader Brooklyn Caliz will learn weird but true facts about U.S. presidents. Right, Samantha DeSandre’s second-graders were thrilled to receive their surprise gifts.

Whateley said she spent time with her second graders talking about letter writing and composing thank-you notes.

“It was a really cool experience,” Whateley said. “It was awesome to see how excited they were and how genuinely thankful they were that someone had taken the time to pick out a book for them, write them a note and give it to them.”

# Seal the Deal

## North marketing students spice things up

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

Richard Cooper, a new business teacher at Grosse Pointe North High School, gave his Marketing I students a taste of what it’s like to develop and market a product.

Called Seal the Deal, the challenge was to create a sandwich, wrap or salad. Groups of students met with Gabe Fernandez, owner of The Big Salad of Grosse Pointe on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. Fernandez made the product and the students had

the opportunity to “tweak” it, Cooper said. Fernandez also helped them determine a price point.

“Gabe has been doing this a long time,” Cooper said, adding he gave the students tips based on what he believed would sell.

The following week, the students worked on their sales pitches, watching episodes of “Shark Tank” in class to gather ideas and bounce them off each other.

Another requirement was to develop a marketing campaign. This consisted of creating flyers,

making school announcements and tapping into personal social media accounts to drum up interest from their followers.

Cooper revived the project — last done in 2017 — from former business teacher Michelle Davis, now North’s assistant principal and athletic director. While limited in time this semester, Cooper hopes to expand the project next semester to allow students more time to create a social media campaign, similar to what Davis did in the past.

The culminating project was sales day. Students were required to work a shift at the store during and after school to sell their products. The goal, according to Cooper, was for them to be comfortable delivering their pitch to customers and “selling a product they’ve created and believe in.”

The top seller was the Spicy Thor, a sandwich with chicken, bacon, melted mozzarella, lettuce, tomato and spicy ranch dressing. Other offerings were the GP Siesta Wrap, Norsemen Lemon Zing, Greek Freak, a Mediterranean wrap, and Pepper Pig, an Italian sandwich.

The winning sandwich — created by Gio Cavaliere, Helena Haney, James MacAuley, Christian Pierce, Tyler Richardson and Nick Riddle — will be featured on The Big Salad menu and on a plaque with the students’ names for six months.

The product description, semester and students’ names also are engraved on a trophy, Cooper said.



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Pictured at The Big Salad pitching their product during sales day is, from left, Helena Haney, Christian Pierce, Gio Cavaliere, James MacAuley and Nick Riddle. Not pictured is Tyler Richardson. The group’s sandwich, the Spicy Thor, was the top seller. In close contention was the Norsemen Lemon Zing.

## Teacher of THE WEEK



## Amy Bingle

**School:** St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School  
**Years at St. Paul:** 5  
**Grade/Subject:** Grade 3  
**Nominated by:** Tina Forsythe, principal  
**Principal’s quote:** “Amy is a caring teacher who puts her students and their needs first in every lesson she teaches. She makes learning fun and her students remember her lessons for many years. She challenges her students and brings out their best work all of the time.”  
**What motivated you to become a teacher?** I had a high school Spanish teacher who positively impacted my life. She was enthusiastic about sharing her love and passion for the language and culture. She was fair and made learning fun. Also, my mom was a paraprofessional in a special needs classroom where I spent much time volunteering.

It was a warm and welcoming environment that made everyone feel safe and secure. The students were encouraged and able to realize their potential. I wanted to make a difference in the lives of children as these teachers had modeled for me.

**What are some of your inspirations?** My parents are my biggest inspirations. They encouraged me to never give up no matter what. They taught me to see challenges not as failure or weakness, but as opportunities to grow. They made me feel valued, loved and listened to. My teaching colleagues are also my inspirations. They inspire me with their enthusiasm to educate our St. Paul students, to adopt and try new ideas, and with their willingness to always take the time to listen and lend a helping hand.



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**What advice would you give a new teacher?** Get to know your students and allow them to get to know you. You are a big part of their daily lives. Remember to be flexible. Planning is important, but a teacher needs to be able to modify plans when situations arise. Don’t be afraid to ask for help. Develop relationships with colleagues so you feel comfortable asking for advice and new ideas.

**Favorite quote:** “Hope anchors the soul.” Hebrews 6:19

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## Lecture series explores historic preservation, the value of greenways

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

In keeping with its mission of “merging creativity and community,” the Grosse Pointe Artists Association hosts its fourth annual Your Old Mansion lecture series, beginning Sunday, Jan. 26, with a talk by Cranbrook curator Kevin Adkisson.

His “Three Visions of Home” presentation explores the historic homes in his care — Albert Kahn’s 1908 Arts and Crafts-style Cranbrook House, Eliel and Loja Saarinen’s 1930 Art Deco masterpiece and the art-filled 1950 Smith House designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.

“He’ll talk about the challenges of keeping historical homes preserved and yet lively,” said Karen Pope, president of the GPAA. “In historic preservation, you walk a fine line between taking good care of it and sharing it with people so they realize it’s worth taking care of.”

The second lecture takes place Sunday, Feb. 23, and features a panel of experts presenting, “Graffiti: What is Happening to You?”

“Bruce Griffin, a street



Cranbrook curator Kevin Adkisson leads the first lecture of the series.



The dining room of the Saarinen House at Cranbrook.

photographer in Detroit, spent a week in the old train station back when it was a free for all,” Pope said. “He’s got the photos to show from it.”

He’ll be joined by Angela Wyrembelski of Quinn Evans architects, who will talk about experiences the firm has had “of keeping the spirit of some of the graffiti in the buildings they’re restoring,” Pope said. “The firm has done a lot of restoration work and looks at ways to incorporate graf-

fiti into it.”

Panelist Amy Peterson will discuss her company, Rebel Nell, which turns graffiti into jewelry.

The third Your Old Mansion lecture takes place Sunday, March 22, and features art historian Deborah Kawsy, who presents “Celebrating Detroit’s Design DNA.” She will discuss the 1949 Detroit Institute of Arts exhibit, “For Modern Living,” which showcased the mid-century modern masters and their “new concept of beauty for the home.”

The exhibit’s Rosenthal living room was designed by Ruth Adler Schnee, who is the subject of a retrospective exhibition currently running at Cranbrook and the only living member of the famous mid-century modern designers, Pope said.

The fourth lecture, “Greenways: Principals and Practice,” takes place Sunday, April 26. Tom

Woiwode, chairman of the GreenWays Initiative for the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, will talk about the value of greenways and community building, Pope said.

He’ll be joined by Josh Elling of Jefferson East Inc., who will discuss how important greenways are to the success of the revitalization of the Jefferson-Chalmers neighborhood, as well as a representative from one of the new business owners in the neighborhood.

Each lecture begins at 2 p.m. at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

“We decided that a lecture series on what art and design mean to our communities was most appropriate and we are always fortunate to find experts who will share their time and talents to put together informative and entertaining discussions on Sunday afternoons in winter and early spring,” Pope said. “Each year we try really hard to



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Cranbrook House, designed by Albert Kahn.



Cranbrook’s Smith House, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.

bring interesting people in design, art and community building. Everybody donates all of their time.

“This is our major fundraiser of the year,” she added. “The proceeds help us support free programming for the elderly and their caregivers, military veterans and their families and promising

artists from area high schools.”

Tickets for the four-lecture series are \$80 for GPAA members, \$100 for non-members. Individual tickets are \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members. Sponsorship opportunities also are available.

Visit [grossepointeartists.org](http://grossepointeartists.org).



Rebel Nell owner Amy Peterson turns graffiti into jewelry.



Graffiti at the old train station in Detroit.



The Rosenthal living room, designed by Ruth Adler Schnee, was part of the DIA’s 1949 “For Modern Living” exhibit.

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# AREA ACTIVITIES

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Questers Grosse Pointe Pettipointe Chapter No. 243 meets monthly at various locations throughout the Detroit area. Its next meeting

takes place at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, at Carolyn Barth's home in St. Clair Shores. Mary Nahhat presents "History of Aprons." For more information, email

Liberta Licata at petti pointequesters@gmail.com.

The Pear Tree Questers meet at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 10, at the home of member Dorothy Bejin.

## Mackinac Center director to discuss legislative issues

Critical Michigan legislative issues will be the topic as Jarrett Skorup of the Mackinac Center for Public Polity speaks to the Eastside Republican Club at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Skorup is director of marketing and communications at the center, headquartered in Midland.

"As the Mackinac Center is an aggressive advocate of government transparency and accountability, we look forward to Mr. Skorup's legislative update and learning about opportunities to promote positive change in Lansing," Chairman Dave Schumacher said. "The forum is open to the public at no charge, so we invite anyone interested in state government to hear from Mr. Skorup and to ask questions."

In addition, ERC members will elect 2020 officers and board members



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### Jarrett Skorup

at the Jan. 21 meeting.

Forum doors open at 7 p.m. for coffee and networking.

For three decades, the Mackinac Center has championed freedom through its research, educational programs, investigative journalism and litigation. In his role at the center, Skorup leads marketing efforts and media strategy, and oversees policy campaigns and objectives. Since joining in 2009, Skorup's work has been featured in The Wall Street

Journal, Fox News, National Public Radio, MLive, Detroit News, Free Press and newspapers across the country.

Skorup is a graduate of Grove City College with degrees in history and political science. While there, he captained the school's wrestling team and club Ultimate Frisbee.

A native of Illinois, Skorup is an avid Chicago sports fan, officiates high school wrestling and enjoys fishing and wood-working. He volunteers with his church, serves on local Chamber of Commerce committees and volunteers through the Junior Achievement in the schools. He lives in Midland with his wife, Karen, and their three children.

The Eastside Republican Club Forum meets the third Tuesday of each month, September through May, at The War Memorial. Admission is free and the public is always welcome.

The program is titled "Holiday Spirits." Decanters and crystal stemware will be featured. Members are asked to bring a story of their favorite "spirit" and are free to bring their own sparkling non-alcoholic beverage. A luncheon will be served by the hostess.

### Alliance Française

Registration for the winter session of French classes through the Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe runs Thursday, Jan. 9, through Thursday, March 12. Cost is \$120 per session. More information is available at afgrossepointe.org.

Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe presents Alliance Fete Des Rois and Music Day from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Woods Branch, 20680 Mack. Cost is \$12 per person.

### Family Center

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods presents "Discussion & Desserts with JT Mestdagh," at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Mestdagh is the author of "Untether: Inspiration for Living Free and Strong No Matter What the Challenge." Register at familycenterweb.org or by calling (313) 447-1374.

The Family Center presents "Strong Parents — Resilient Children," at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. This is the first in a series of five sessions, which take place Wednesdays through Feb. 12. Register at familycenterweb.org or by calling (313) 447-1374.

### The Helm

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

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

- ◆ Guided Meditation Series, 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 14 to Feb. 18, facilitated by Jonathan Itchon. Cost is \$30 for members, \$40 for non-members.

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

for members, \$58 for non-members.

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

### Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets at 8 a.m. Friday, Jan. 10, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cost for breakfast is \$7. Registration is not required and first-time guests eat free.

### Libraries

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

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

- ◆ Tween After Hours, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10.

- ◆ Latin American History with students from University Liggett School, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15.

**Ewald — 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, (313) 821-8830**

- ◆ Puzzle Tournament, 1:30 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11.

- ◆ Read, Rhyme & Play, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14.

- ◆ Drop-In Story Time, 1 to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14.

- ◆ Hour of Code — Harry Potter Learn to Code & Make Magic, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16.

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

- ◆ World War II Underground Railroad, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9.

- ◆ Reader Dog Drop-In, 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11.

- ◆ Reader Dog Drop-In, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13.

- ◆ Drop-In Story Time, 10:30 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15.

- ◆ Playtime Pop-Ins, 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, Jan. 16.

- ◆ Murder Mystery After Hours, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17.

### GPAA

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

- ◆ "Stamp Your Story with Deborah Friedman," noon to 3 p.m. Fridays, Jan. 10 to 31.

- ◆ "Zorn Palette Portrait Painting with Liz Frankland," 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 12

### Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13, at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikielek at (313) 884-4201.

### Men's Club

The Men's Club of Grosse Pointe meets at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Patrick Colbeck, founder of MI Freedom Centers at Detroit Metro Airport, speaks.

### War Memorial

Julie McCutcheon, certified in plant-based nutrition, teaches the differences between vegan, vegetarian and whole-food plant-based nutrition, as well as what foods to avoid, the best protein and calcium sources, how to create a daily meal plan and more during "Plant-Based Nutrition for Better Health," 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. She'll also share resources about cookbooks, local restaurants and other meal planning information. Brochures and recipes will be discussed and sent home with students. Cost is \$25 per person. Call (313) 881-7511.

### Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club meets Wednesday, Jan. 15, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Dr. Michael Lowe of the Lakeshore Optimist Club presents "Bringing Out the Best for Kids." For reservations, call Sally Graham at (313) 608-0901 by Saturday, Jan. 11. Guest price is \$15. Social hour begins at 11:30 a.m., followed by a buffet lunch at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call Sue Plath at (313) 884-5081.

### Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Elizabeth Vogel presents "Be Counted Michigan: What you need to know about the 2020 Census." Cost is \$10 and includes snacks; a cash bar is available. Visit grossepointerotary.org.



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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.

### Susan M. Gellasch

Susan Marie Gellasch, 68, passed away Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020. She was the beloved wife of John; loving mother of Michael (Lauren) and Christopher (Jennifer); cherished grandmother of Emily and John; and dear sister to Cheryl Quinlan (Patrick) and David Thomas (Patrice). Susan also leaves behind loving nieces and nephews and many friends.

Susan lived a very active life. She enjoyed playing sports such as golf, bowling and tennis. Her favorite place to be with John was their home away from home in Hessel, in the Upper Peninsula.

Susan was an active church member at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. She also was an excellent cook, always volunteering to make and serve food at church luncheons.

Susan was empowered and brave enough to be a speaker at Alcoholics Anonymous, supporting all those around her.

Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, followed by a funeral service at 10 a.m. at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms. Interment will take place at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

### Jim Grogan

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Jim Grogan passed away peacefully Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020, with family by his side.

He was born Jan. 11, 1936, in Pittsburgh, Pa., to James and Helen Grogan. He graduated from Mercersburg Academy and attended Bucknell University. Much to his mother's chagrin, Jim enlisted in the U.S. Navy for two years. Afterward, he became a charming and successful salesman for Glidden Paint.

Jim married the love of his life, Barbara Grogan

(nee Rager) on April 5, 1980. Together, they explored the whole United States and parts of Europe, sharing in a zest for life that was infectious to everyone around them. Golf was one of the highlights of Jim's life; he was able to enjoy the sport on many greens across North America and beat golfers decades younger than him with his short game accuracy.

Music brought Jim great joy, particularly his involvement in the Grosse Pointe Barbershop Chorus for more than 20 years. He was part of a quartet called In The Neighborhood, who loved singing for occasions such as weddings, graduations and parties, and even won first place in the Senior Division of competition in Michigan. He also had a strong love for jazz. He enjoyed many local jazz concerts, as well as watching his dear friend, Curtis, play upright bass in various jazz groups.

Jim had a zeal for learning about American history, especially the Civil War; he and Barbara visited numerous Civil War battle sites along their travels. He also was proud of his Irish heritage and enjoyed visiting the motherland. He was part of the Blarney Stones, a small Irish music singing group.

After retirement, he discovered a love for cooking. He would cook delicious, complex meals from scratch for Barbara and his many grateful friends.

Anybody who knew Jim would say that he was a positive person who looked at the glass half full (preferably of gin!). He loved to smile, laugh and have fun.

Jim is survived by his wife, Barbara, as well as Patty, Steve, Curtis, Annie and Charlie Gough; Sue and Ed Bourgeois; and his beloved Thursday Night Dinner Group.

Barbara would like to extend her sincerest gratitude to the staff of Ascension St. John Hospital, SelectCare and Hospice, as well as The Rivers, for welcoming

them into their family this past year.

Services take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, on Jim's 84th birthday.

Contributions may be made in Jim's honor to The Harmony Foundation International Inc., [harmonyfoundation.org](http://harmonyfoundation.org); Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, [gpaas.org](http://gpaas.org); or Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, [gpmchurch.org](http://gpmchurch.org).

### George Krappmann

George Krappmann of Grosse Pointe Farms passed away peacefully Monday, Dec. 9, with his family at his side after a lengthy illness. He was 84.

George was born Dec. 15, 1934, in Detroit, to George and Kuni Krappmann. He was the dearest husband of Gertrude (nee Schmatz) for 57 years; adored father of Kathryn Flanagan (Christopher), Christine Sfair (the late Joe), George (Lynda) and Anne Marie; and proud grandfather of Joseph, Thomas, Christopher, Meghan, John, Olivia and Maddie. He also is survived by his sister, Rosalie Fischer (Udo), brother, Edward and brother-in-law, Robert Bishop. He was the beloved uncle of several nieces and nephews and loyal friend to many. Aside from his parents, he was predeceased by his sisters, Marie Fontanive (Bob), Lil Bishop and Anita Moore (Dennis).

He proudly served in the U.S. Army, spending time in his parents' native country, Germany. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed creating countless memories with his family during trips "Up North."

George loved Christmas, made sure his family appreciated the importance of the season and took pleasure in sharing a special meal, festive music and good German beer. He was a member of the Detroit



Susan M. Gellasch



Jim Grogan



George Krappmann



Kenneth E. Maleitzke



Jean A. Meathe



Karl M. Parsons

branch of The Catholic Kolping Society, serving terms as president, board chairman and king during his more than five decades of membership. George delighted in creating custom woodworking projects, appreciated the simple things in life and found great joy spending time with family and friends. He was an exceptional life teacher, instilling many lessons to those who knew him well. He often stressed the importance of integrity, honesty, loyalty and taking pride in your work to his children and grandchildren.

His grandchildren described him as courageous, indestructible, honest, loving, amusing, strong and wise; the best of the best who will be missed by all who loved him.

A funeral mass was held Dec. 16, at St. Lucy Catholic Church, St. Clair Shores. Memorials may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mount Elliott St., Detroit, MI 48207; The Catholic Kolping Society at [kolping.org](http://kolping.org); or Detroit Area Agency on Aging, 1333 Brewery Park Blvd., Suite 200, Detroit, MI 48207.

### Kenneth E. Maleitzke

Kenneth Eugene Maleitzke of Grosse Pointe Farms died Monday, Dec. 30, 2019. He was 90.

Mr. Maleitzke was born in Flint to Frederick and Josephine Maleitzke. He earned a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering degree from General Motors Institute in 1957 and worked for General Motors 40 years. He also served in the U.S. Navy as an RDS2 during the Korean War.

Mr. Maleitzke was a member of Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church and the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club. He also enjoyed golfing, cars and spending time with his grandchildren.

Mr. Maleitzke is survived by his wife, Carol Ann Maleitzke; daughters, Elizabeth J. Aldrich and Evie A. Price; sons, Peter D. Maleitzke and John M. Maleitzke; grandchildren, Scott Houston, Asher Price, Bradley, David and Patrick Aldrich, and Kenneth and Nicholas Maleitzke; and great-grandchild, Maddox Aldrich. He also is survived by his sister, Joanne Papadakis.

A memorial service takes place at 2 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 18, at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms. He will be interred in the church's Memorial Garden.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or Cass Community Social Services, 11745 Rosa Parks Blvd., Detroit, MI 48206.

### Jean A. Meathe

Jean A. Meathe passed away Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019. She was the devoted wife of the late Howard F.; cherished mother of Traver W. and Cullan F. (Jenny Elizabeth); adored grandmother of Montgomery J. Meathe and Charter Royce Meathe; dear sister of Dolores Raske (the late Robert) and Beverly LaBadie (Kenny); and loving aunt of Kevin, Karla, Kimberly, Keith, Kurt, Kyle, Wendy, Michelle and the late Bradley.

A funeral service was held Jan. 4, at Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church in Detroit.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to The Capuchins c/o St. Bonaventure Monastery, 1740 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

Arrangements were entrusted to Chas. Verheyden Inc.

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### Karl M. Parsons

Harper Woods resident Karl M. Parsons, 56, passed away unexpectedly Friday, Dec. 27, 2019, at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

Karl, "Kar-Poo" to family, was born Dec. 15, 1963, in Detroit, to Ralph and Aileen (nee Verb) Parsons, who predeceased him. He was the beloved husband of Kelly (nee Oliver); loving brother of Linn Cimini (Val), Ken Parsons (Linda), Judy Vanderdonckt (Ed), Eric Parsons, Ralph Parsons and the late Deborah Eland; adored son-in-law of Donna and Alex Buchanan and Don and Jane Oliver; and brother-in-law of Chris and Dawn Oliver. Karl also will be missed by JoAl White-Parsons, wife of the late Ralph Parsons; many nieces and nephews; and his faithful rescue dogs, Bella and Katy. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his



Ruth E. Saur

goddaughter, Erica Parsons, who was special to him.

Karl worked at Joseph DiMaggio Jewelers and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He especially loved spending time with his "forever and always," Kelly, and their dogs at the cider mill and taking walks.

The family thanks the nurses and respiratory team at Beaumont for their care, as well as the Rev. Rich Bartoszek, who went above and beyond in his support; hospital chaplain, Cathy; Diane at Village Grille; and Connor Park Florist for the flower arrangements.

A memorial service took place Jan. 2, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, St. Clair Shores.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society at [gpaas.org](http://gpaas.org).

### Ruth E. Saur

Ruth E. Saur, 97, of St. Clair Shores, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2019.

She was born May 18, 1922, in Detroit, to Emil and Elizabeth Saur.

Ruth earned a master's degree in education from Wayne State University and taught elementary school at Marshall Elementary School for the Detroit Public Schools district until her retirement.

She was an active member of Calvin Presbyterian Church where she was an elder, a member of the Women's Association, Memorial Committee and Missions Committee, and librarian for the church library.

Ruth loved her cat, Tabitha, as well as playing cards, international travel, gardening and knitting.

Services were held Dec. 28, at Calvin Presbyterian Church, with interment at Roseland Park Cemetery.

Arrangements and care were provided by A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods.

## Artists to share about work

Artists featured in the Grosse Pointe Artists Association's current exhibit, "Mind. HeART.Health." will discuss their works during a town hall meeting at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12, in the Presidents' Room at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Chris Zientek moderates.

"Mind. HeART. Health." includes 44 pieces by 30 artists from Michigan and five other states. It is open daily 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. through Sunday, Jan. 26. The show was juried by Justin Newman, who was the subject of the Emmy Award-winning film, "Never Forget the Pain," which documented how he used the power of art to break his 10-year addiction to heroin.



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"Freedom," by Sarmad Al Musawi, was awarded first place.



PASTOR’S CORNER By Roger Skully

What is a mezuzah?

A mezuzah is a strip of parchment, usually enclosed in a case, placed on the right doorpost of a house or room as one enters. It is inscribed with the two passages, from Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and 11:13-21, that mention the commandment “You shall write them on the doorposts of your house.”

The word “mezuzah” originally referred to the doorpost itself. During the Exodus from Egypt, the Israelite slaves were commanded to place the blood of the paschal sacrifice on the lintel and doorposts of their homes so they would be protected when the angel of death passed over their homes and killed the firstborn children of Egypt. The Torah offers no linkage between this story and the later commandment to write G-d’s word on the doorpost; the association is made by later commentators.

The mezuzah probably originated as an amulet of protection. Passage in and out needs to be guarded. The name “Shaddai,” a divine name which is an abbreviation for the “guardian of Israel’s doorways,” is written on the outer face of the mezuzah case and confirms this explanation. A home or room marked by a mezuzah is one where Jewish teachings are lived and practiced.

A happy solar New Year of all readers of the Pastor’s Corner and this paper.

Skully is a past president of the Grosse Pointe Ministerial Association.

Discussion centers on education, race

Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe, hosts “Breaking the Conserving Nature of our Educational Institutions Regarding Race,” with Dr. John Artis, from noon to 1:15 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26.

The event is the second in a series building awareness of racial and cultural issues within various institutions. The first session focused on race and housing.

Using the book, “What Truth Sounds Like” by Michael Eric Dyson, Artis will lead a discussion regarding race in America and the behavior of American social institutions with an emphasis on education.

Through quotes and commentary from Dyson’s book, Artis will visit key educational poli-

Chorus seeks members for spring season

The Grosse Pointe Community Chorus seeks new members for its upcoming spring rehearsal season, which starts Tuesday, Jan. 14. Singers age 16 to 90 from across the metro area are invited to join.

Auditions are not required. Rehearsals take place 7:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays in the choir room at Grosse Pointe North High School, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Open registration for this season is at 7 p.m. Jan. 14 and 21, with rehearsals following. The registration fee is \$50 per season.

The GPCC is an 80-voice chorus directed by Joseph Palazzolo, with accompanist Ron Pietrantonio. Its 68th annual spring event is the dinner cabaret, “Sing, Sing, Sing,” set for Friday, May 1, at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. The chorus will perform classic Big Band songs while attendees are provided a meal by Marchiori Catering. The chorus also will be accompanied by Carl Cafagna.

For more information, visit [grossepointecommunitychorus.org](http://grossepointecommunitychorus.org) or call (313) 331-7728.

Short story contest planned

The Grosse Pointe Public Library is calling all writers to enter its “Write on Pointe” short story contest.

The deadline to enter is Friday, Feb. 14.

“This is the fifth time we’ve hosted the short story contest,” said Jessica Keyser, library director. “It’s a great way to showcase the talent in our community and encourage

writers throughout metro Detroit.”

Entries may be submitted via mail, in person or electronically.

Participants must be 18 or older and may only submit one entry. Entries must be submitted in English, are limited to 5,000 words or less and should be single-sided, double-spaced in 12-point font. An entry form also

must be included.

The winner of the contest will receive a prize basket and read their story aloud at the awards ceremony, which takes place at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, at Central Library, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Second- and third-place prizes also will be awarded.

To submit a short story or for more information, visit [grossepointelibrary.org/write-on-pointe-short-story-contest](http://grossepointelibrary.org/write-on-pointe-short-story-contest).

Bishop Gumbleton book discussion Jan. 12

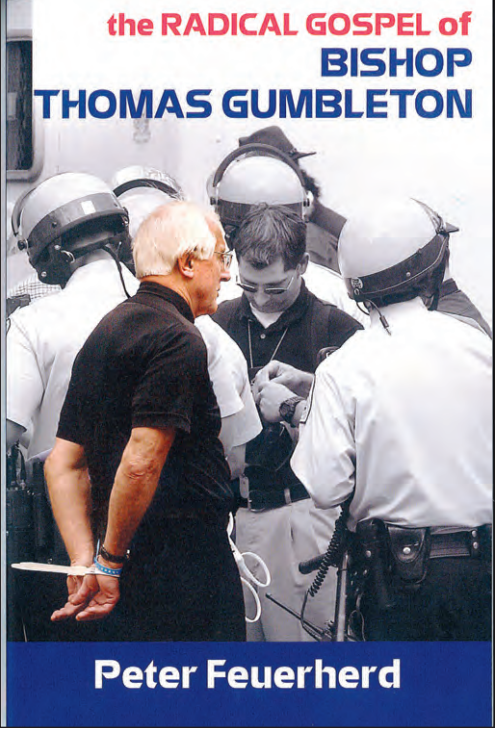
St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, hosts a Q&A and discussion about Peter Feuerherd’s new book, “The Radical Gospel of Bishop Thomas Gumbleton,” at 9:45 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 12.

Tom Roberts, the executive editor for the National Catholic Reporter, wrote in a November editorial: “The Columbian Amazon may be a distant margin in the Church, but there are much closer margins at home. One of those who have been accompanying people in the near margins — the disenfranchised, those who resist the militarization of the culture and those treated unjustly — is Bishop Thomas Gumbleton. Peter Feuerherd has gone beyond the news clippings and the Bishop’s sermons to write a highly engaging biography, ‘The Radical Gospel of Bishop Thomas Gumbleton,’ just published by Orbis Books.”

Gumbleton is one of the rare contemporary Catholics for whom the appellation “prophet” may apply in all its best meanings. He is an example of fidelity who has managed to maintain integrity while serving the institution at the leadership level. He’s paid more than a small price for that.

Feuerherd describes the inherent tension in Gumbleton’s life as “a balancing act” that “may point us in the direction of a future Church that may arise from the ashes of the present season of scandal and disaffection.”

Feuerherd is a correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter’s Field Hospital, an ongoing series on parish life in the United States and Canada. Feuerherd is a veteran of the Catholic and religious press, having written for Commonwealth, St. Anthony



Messenger and diocesan newspapers in Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Detroit, Albany, Long Island and New York City. He is the winner of numerous Catholic Press Association and religious press awards and the author of “Holy Land USA: A Catholic Ride Through America’s Evangelical Landscape.” Feuerherd is an adjunct professor of journalism at St. John’s University.

Copies of “The Radical Gospel of Bishop Gumbleton” are available from Amazon and local book sellers. St. Ambrose will have several copies for sale at the rectory as well. There is no charge for the book talk, which takes place in the ARK at St. Ambrose, beneath the church. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, call (313) 882-1164.

CHURCH EVENTS

St. Paul on the Lake

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, 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: Jan. 9 and

23, Feb. 13 and 27 and March 12 and 26. To register, contact Deacon Bill Jamieson at [bjamieson@stpaulonthelake.org](mailto:bjamieson@stpaulonthelake.org) or (313) 885-8855, Ext. 145.

◆ New parishioners to St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church are invited to learn more about the parish Sunday, Jan. 12, after the noon Mass, when the church hosts a special reception and tour.

◆ The church hosts an Ecumenical Prayer Service at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19. The

Rev. Jim Bilot will be joined by the Rev. Andrew Van Culin of Christ Church Grosse Pointe and the Rev. Mark Diehl of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, along with their music leaders and choirs, for this annual event during the Week of Prayer for Unity. A reception takes place immediately after the service.

◆ Couples of all ages are invited to reignite their marriages during a monthly “Beloved” series, including dinner, beginning at 6:30 pm. Friday, Feb. 17.

For more information, call (313) 885-8855, Ext. 144, or email [agraves@stpaulonthelake.org](mailto:agraves@stpaulonthelake.org).

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# Harper Woods welcomes new public safety director

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Law enforcement was a lifelong calling for Vince Smith. He knew he wanted to be a cop, “since the first episode of ‘Adam 12,’” he said. “My mom will tell you; I’ve known since I was 5.”

His desire to help others inspired the Roseville native to join the Army after graduating from Bishop Foley High School in 1987. He served as an MP in active duty from 1987 to 1991, and in the Reserves until 1995.

After earning an associates degree in criminal justice from Macomb Community College, Smith transferred to Eastern Michigan University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in public safety in 1996. From there, he attended Macomb’s police academy, graduating in May 1997.

By September that year, he began working for the Harper Woods Police Department.

Smith, the father of Marisa and Jillian, has served various roles in the 22-plus years he’s been with the department — firearms instructor, defensive tactics instruc-



PHOTOS COURTESY OF VINCE SMITH

Left, longtime friend and police intern Jeffrey Powell pins on newly named Public Safety Director Vince Smith’s badge. Right, Smith, with his parents, John and Sherrin Smith.

tor, vehicle maintenance officer, field training officer and training coordinator among them. He was promoted to sergeant in 2002, fire certified in 2014 and promoted to lieutenant in 2015.

On Nov. 4, Smith received another promotion. He was named director of the Harper Woods Public Safety Department, replacing former director James Burke, who retired last

April.

“It’s an honor to know I had so much support from the fire and police departments to consider me for this position,” he said.

“With us being public safety, trying to get to a full public safety department, I train well with the firefighters,” he added, noting a history of tension between the police and fire departments. “I’m now bridging those

gaps; we’re building a good rapport.”

Building a good rapport with the community also is a priority. Smith said he wants to maintain a connection with the community and offer more town hall meetings, “so citizens know what’s going on.”

Smith also plans to make improvements within the department, which includes 26 full-time officers, seven part-

time officers and six full-time firefighters. His time there, particularly staying attached to road patrol as a supervisor, has allowed him to see what the department’s shortcomings are and what areas need to improve. On the fire side, as well, he said he knows what equipment is needed and what needs improving.

“I’m good with technology, too,” he said. “I hear people say, ‘That’s the way it’s always been done.’ I want to get away from that mindset and take advantage of technology.”

“And I want to make sure my predecessor’s goal of making this a full-time public safety department makes it through,” he added.

Smith has the full support of Mayor Kenneth Poynter, city council and others at city hall.

“Vince Smith will be leading a well-respected, outstanding public safety force,” Poynter said. “Having been hired as a Harper Woods police officer in 1997, he is extremely mindful of the needs of the community. We have great expectations for his leadership skills and ideas.”

Added City Manager Joe Rheker, “When a

vacancy occurred in the top cop shop of our public safety department, I had to reflect on whether to seek an outside candidate or identify potential internal candidates. To assist me with that, I met with every full-time employee of the public safety department to include dispatch, patrol, command and fire. Every one of them believed we had in-house candidates worthy of the post and an overwhelming majority of them mentioned Vince Smith as the man who is fair, firm and sets the example. Director Smith has the formal education/training, leadership experience and understands the importance of proficiency in delivery of both police and fire services under the public safety configuration.

“Retirees, former Harper Woods employees and public safety personnel attended his appointment before council,” he added. “When the city council finally approved his appointment to director of public safety, the applause was thunderous from those in attendance. His colleagues, the administration and the city council picked the right person for the job, without a doubt.”

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### Boys basketball

RIVALS

# Big first half lifts South by North

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The last time rivals Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South played it was in a district title game, won by the Norsemen.

This time around, each team was vastly different.

First-year head coach Steve Benard and his Blue Devils earned a little revenge, beating the Norsemen 81-58.

It was the Macomb Area Conference White Division opener for both teams. South improved to 1-0 in the division and 4-2 overall; North dropped to 0-1 and 0-7.

“Spacing is our big thing, and we really spaced the court pretty well tonight, and that got us some good looks at the basket,” Benard said. “We wanted to get out to a quick start, force them into some tough situations, which we did.

“It was a good outcome for us tonight.”

The Blue Devils jumped out to a 7-0 lead just 53 seconds into the first quarter.

Sophomore Will Johnson hit a three-pointer and dunked home two points, while senior Alex Shaheen hit a basket to fuel the game-opening seven-point run.

The Norsemen settled down, but found themselves down 22-12 at the end of the first quarter.

The Blue Devils used a



PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

South’s Anthony Benard, far right, drives to the basket with North’s Zachary Buterakos, No. 44, and George Graham, No. 22, defending. South’s Alex Shaheen, far left, trailed the play.

13-2 run to open the second quarter and stretch the lead to 21 points, 35-14.

The visitors held a 50-29 halftime lead, and the home team never threatened in a fast-moving second half.

If Benard’s squad made more of their open three-point attempts, they would have threatened to score 100 points. They also missed several layups.

The Blue Devils won the turnover battle, 20-12, as well as the rebounding edge, 40-20.

Johnson, freshman Anthony Benard and senior Miles Jamieson were all in double figures for the Blue Devils, scor-

ing 14, 14 and 11 points, respectively.

Shaheen and senior Weston Brundage each scored nine points as 11 players scored for the Blue Devils. Juniors Jordan Johnson and Thomas Hessburg led the team with eight rebounds apiece.

For the Norsemen, senior Cameron Perrino continued his hot hand, leading the team with 15 points, while junior Jordan Shepherd had 14 points.

During the holiday break, South played in the Ed Peltz Tournament at St. Clair County Community College.

The Blue Devils lost 69-51 to Croswell-

Lexington in the first game, but came to back to beat Port Huron 91-65 in the consolation game.

North played in the L’Anse Creuse North Xmas Tournament and dropped a pair of games.

The Norsemen opened with a nail-biting 89-84 overtime loss to Denby. The 84 points were a season high.

The Norsemen and Tars were tied at 37 at the half before the Tars used an 11-2 run to open a 48-39 lead.

Trouble at the free-throw line allowed the Norsemen to stay within striking distance.

A couple of clutch baskets from seniors Brett Abke and Perrino, plus a



North’s Cameron Perrino, No. 30, leads the Norsemen in scoring this season.

layup from freshman Adam Ayrault, allowed the Norsemen to erase a six-point deficit and take a 69-67 lead with less than 20 seconds left.

The Tars were able to draw a foul and hit two free throws to tie it at 69 to send the game to overtime.

Denby started the OT with a 7-0 run, which would hold up at the end. Junior Louis Randazzo hit two free throws and Perrino hit a basket to cut the deficit to 81-79.

The Tars hit several free throws and layups down the stretch to win and send the Norsemen

to the consolation game.

Perrino led the way with 20 points, followed by junior Andrew Dudek with 13.

Dudek came up with a couple of clutch baskets during the fourth-quarter comeback.

Senior Tahj Henderson had eight points, while Abke, Ayrault and Shepherd had seven points apiece. Twelve players scored for the Norsemen.

The Norsemen finished with 37 rebounds and 21 turnovers.

North lost 52-49 to Warren Woods-Tower in the consolation game.

### Baseball

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

# Knights one of best in Pointes

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

As a new decade approaches, a look back at the last 10 years had one program shine the brightest throughout the Grosse Pointes — the University Liggett School baseball team.

Among sports that are sponsored by the Michigan High School Athletic Association, head coach Dan Cimini and his Knights won four state championships and made the Final Four in seven of the 10 years.

The Grosse Pointe South girls hockey program has won a handful of state titles, but girls hockey is not sponsored by the MHSAA. The Grosse Pointe South girls tennis is close behind, winning three Division 1 state titles.

South also has three straight state titles in girls track and field, plus two in boys golf and one in girls cross country and baseball. South’s sailing team is also among the best of the decade, but sailing is not a MHSAA-

sponsored sport.

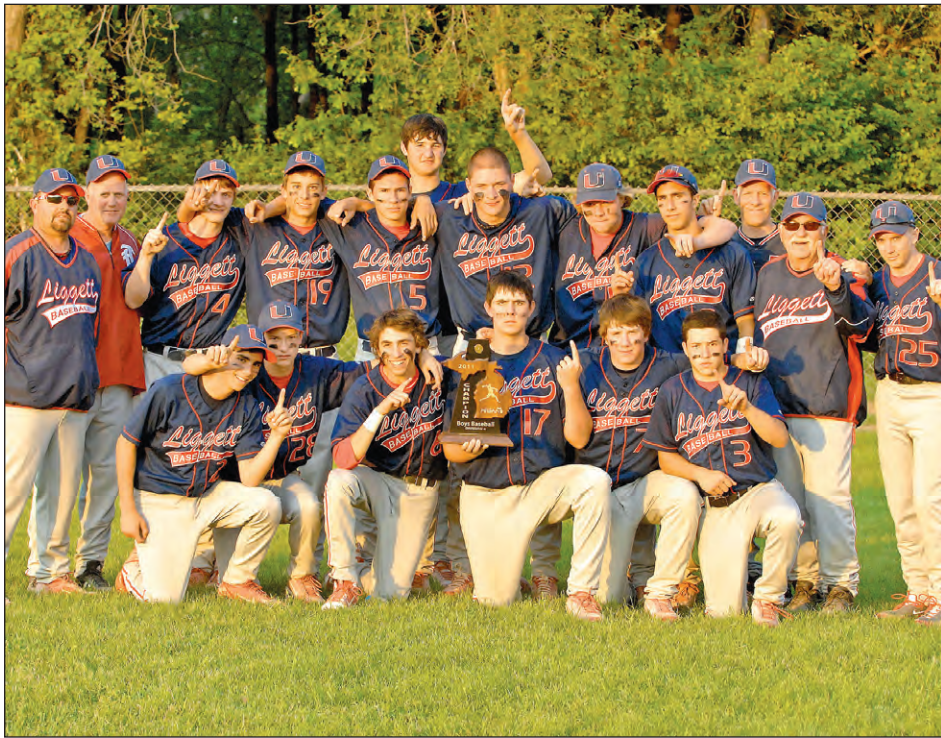
Grosse Pointe North did not have a state champ in the last decade, but the girls basketball team came close in 2018, and the Frank Sumner-led baseball team made the quarterfinals in 2015.

ULS has two championships in boys tennis, one in girls soccer and boys hockey, plus one in girls field hockey, which is not a MHSAA sponsored sport. They also have two in girls hockey, but as mentioned it is not sponsored by the MHSAA.

The Knights were the first baseball team to win a state title one year and move up a division and win it again, plus make the Final Four in three different divisions — 1, 3 and 4.

In 2011, ULS beat Merrill 5-1 in the Division 4 title game, and lost the following season 4-1 to Decatur in the Division 4 championship game.

The Knights won the 2013 Division 4 state title, 3-2 in eight innings, over Beal City, and then repeated as state champ



FILE PHOTO

The 2011 state title team was the first under Dan Cimini.

in 2014, beating Decatur 9-0 in Division 3.

They won title No. 4 in 2016 with a 12-0 victory over New Lothrop in Division 3. They were favored in Division 3 in 2019, but lost 4-0 to Homer in the Division 3 championship game.

The Knights also made

the Final Four in Division 1 in 2017, but lost to 12-0 to eventual state champ Saline.

“I set a winning culture here at Liggett,” Cimini said. “We want to work harder than anyone else. Our motto is, ‘Everything Counts.’ We’re a family here.”

During the decade, the Knights had a 60-6 record (.909 winning percentage) in the state playoffs. Cimini took over the Knights’ program in 2004 and has a won-loss record of 439-100 (.814 winning percentage) during his tenure.

“It’s been a lot of fun,

but it all comes through working hard,” Cimini said.

Cimini’s All-Decade team consists of: catcher, Dominic Jamett; first base, Connor Fannon; second base, Noah Miller; shortstop, Connor McCarron; third base, Billy Kopicki; outfield, Will Morrison, Sean Fannon and Mark Auk; designated hitter, Nick Azar; starting pitchers, Alex Daar, Nate Weiss, Alec Azar and Matt Gushee.

Other players Cimini cited are Joe Simon, shortstop; Anthony George, outfield and pitcher; and Jackson Walkowiak, first base.

“We have had some outstanding baseball players who worked hard to get to that level,” Cimini said. “They had the drive to be the best, and they had great chemistry.”

As the Knights embark on year No. 1 of a new decade, they head into the 2020 season with a No. 2 pre-season ranking behind defending champ Homer.



Boys hockey

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen win SCS tourney

By Bob St. John  
*Sports Editor*

The Grosse Pointe North boys hockey team dominated Kalamazoo United from the opening face-off in the championship game of the 2019 SCS Lakers Unified Hockey Christmas Showcase the final weekend of December at Civic Arena.

The Norsemen scored just 33 seconds into the first period when senior Michael Burns lit the lamp. Fifty-three minutes later, the Norsemen skated to a 4-1 win to capture the title.

“We’re starting to play better,” head coach Rob Blum said. “Getting wins on back-to-back days is tough. We played pretty well in the Liggett Tournament, and now to string together four straight solid efforts is great to see.”

Kalamazoo tied it with a power-play goal at the 11:51 mark of the second period, but junior Dylan

Holman scored what turned out to be the winning goal late in the second stanza.

Senior Brian Clogg was in net for the Norsemen and earned the win.

Burns scored his second goal of the game on the power play in the first minute of the third period, and senior Evan Berger finished off the scoring with another power-play goal with only five minutes left in the game.

Senior Coy Catrett and sophomore Connor Troost assisted Berger’s goal.

The Norsemen finished with a season-high 58 shots on Kalamazoo goaltender Parker Remelius. Each team finished with only four penalties.

In the semifinal, North overwhelmed New Boston United 9-1, scoring five goals in the third period to win via the mercy rule.

“That is what happens



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

**North’s Ethan McCormick, shown during the Liggett Tournament, played well in the four games since then.**

when you move the puck,” Blum said. “We got a little selfish in the second period, but the guys got back to what we wanted to do in the third period.”

Senior William Weiss had a hat trick to lead the offense, while Berger had two goals.

Scoring one goal apiece were seniors Joseph Lucido and Catrett and juniors Ethan McCormick and Holman.

Burns had three assists, while Troost and McCormick had two assists apiece.

Others with assists were Catrett, Berger, Holman and junior Tim Cleland.

Clogg was in net for the first period, and sophomore Robert Cassar was in goal for the second and third periods.

The Norsemen scored three goals in the first period and one in the second.

They ended the game with the five-goal third period.

Last weekend, the Norsemen played road games on back-to-back days, losing 7-1 to Macomb Dakota and beating Warren De La Salle 5-3.

North improved to 1-6 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League and 4-9 overall.

Wrestling

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Staying fit

By Bob St. John  
*Sports Editor*

Head coach Derek Davison sent several wrestlers to the Rochester Adams Tournament last weekend, and Logan Ladach came away with a gold medal in the 125-pound division to lead the Grosse Pointe North contingent.

Elliot Lyman was third in the 171-pound division, and taking sixth at 145 pounds was Darius Gantt.

Joe Passalacqua finished seventh at 130 pounds, and rounding out the placers were Nathan Jenkins, ninth at 140 pounds; Andrew Miller, 10th at 152 pounds; and Andrew Dupree, 10th at 215 pounds.

In other action during

the holiday break, several Norsemen competed in the Southgate Anderson JV Tournament with Aidan Ball earning a silver medal in the 125-pound division.

Johnny Persyn and Steven Jarecki each placed third in the 135- and 152-pound divisions, while Teddy Cueter and Jacob Nowicki each finished fifth in the 140- and 135-pound division.

Joey Kowalski was sixth at 189 pounds to round out the Norsemen finishers.

Coming up for North is its annual Norsemen Classic Saturday, Jan. 11.

Competing teams are Warren Cousino, Sterling Heights Stevenson, Warren Mott, De La Salle, Waterford Mott, Monroe, Southfield A&T, Birmingham Seaholm and Grosse Pointe South.

Boys basketball

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Holiday losses

The University Liggett School boys basketball team dropped both games in the Cranbrook Kingswood Tournament before the new year.

The Knights opened with a 65-30 loss to Lutheran North, and closed with a 61-57 loss to Livonia Clarenceville in the consolation game.

In the opener, Sawyer

Szajenko led the Knights with 10 points, and against Clarenceville it was Michael Clark leading the way with 18 points and Cameron Strong adding 13.

ULS dropped to 2-4 overall as it prepares for the Catholic League schedule.

— Bob St. John  
*Sports Editor*

Swimming, girls basketball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Swim, hoops earn success

Grosse Pointe South boys swimming and diving team also competed during the holiday break.

The Blue Devils finished ahead of Midland Dow, Birmingham Groves and Warren De La Salle in one meet, finishing with 559 points.

In other results, the Blue Devils were second to Birmingham Brother Rice, falling 205-203, while Bloomfield Hills had 161 points and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood had 134.

Hoops

The Grosse Pointe South girls basketball team beat Chelsea 51-43 in the SC4 Holiday Tournament during the holiday break.

Head coach Kevin Richards watched junior Alexa Downey enjoy one of her best games in her three-year varsity career, scoring 32 points.

Sophomore Kamryn Richards chipped in with 11 points to help the Blue Devils improved to 5-1 overall.

Softball

Register for softball clinic

It’s not too early to register for the Grosse Pointe South 2020 Softball Clinic held Saturday, March 14, from 9 a.m. to noon.

It will be held in the main gymnasium at Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

The cost is \$60 and is for children in kindergarten through sixth

grade. Payment can be in cash or checks made out to Grosse Pointe South Softball.

All proceeds benefit the South softball program. Mail payment to Bill Fleming, 568 Lakeland, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

The focus of instruction will be on basic throwing and fielding techniques, as well as hitting fundamentals.

Instructors will be the South softball coaches and players.

Advanced players will be placed in one group and taught advanced skills. Note on the registration form if the player will be placed in this group.

If you have further questions, e-mail Fleming, the South softball head coach, at [sanflem1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sanflem1@sbcglobal.net).

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Strehlke powers South

By Bob St. John  
*Sports Editor*

Senior Adam Strehlke’s four goals powered the host Grosse Pointe South boys hockey team to a 5-1 win over Riverview Gabriel Richard last weekend.

This came after getting shutout 2-0 by host Trenton the previous

night.

“We got in front of the net and put the puck in the net tonight,” head coach Paul Moretz said. “We started slow against Trenton, but played very well the last two periods.

“Trenton is a great team with a great goaltender. I thought we played very well in the final two periods, but just

couldn’t score. We were able to generate the offense tonight and rebound with a win.”

Sophomore Jacob Spitz scored a power-play goal in the first period as the home team led 1-0.

Strehlke scored a natural hat trick in the second period as the Blue Devils outscored Gabriel

Richard 3-1 to take a 4-1 advantage into the final 17 minutes.

With 4:06 left in the game, Strehlke lit the lamp for the fourth time to finish the scoring.

Adding assists in the game were seniors Keegan Spitz, Strehlke and Alec Stapleton, juniors Anthony Furicchia, Dean Therriault and Sean Clarke and sophomore Max Aldighieri.

Senior William Strickler stopped 21 of 22 shots to earn the win in net. South finished with 45 shots on net. Strickler had 24 saves in the loss to Trenton, while the Blue Devils’ offense had 34 shots.

Trenton scored midway through the first period, and added an empty-net goal in the final minute.

Grosse Pointe South is 4-1-0-1 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League and 11-1-0-1 overall.

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CAREGIVER

302

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HOUSE CLEANING

305

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ESTATE SALES

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**MONDAY 1/13** PURSES, SCARVES & GLOVES 25% OFF INCLUDES YELLOW TAG  
**TUESDAY 1/14** 25% OFF ALL SHIRTS W/FREE TIE Includes Yellow Tag  
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**THURSDAY 1/16** HAPPY HOUR 25% OFF 3:00 to 5:00 Includes Yellow Tag  
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WANTED TO BUY

415

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ANIMALS

500

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LOST & FOUND

505

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King Crossword

Solution for last week's puzzle 1/2/20

J	A	W	S		M	A	P		M	E	I	N
E	C	H	O		A	D	O		U	N	D	O
F	E	E	L		S	A	I	N	T	D	O	M
F	R	E	E	D	O	M		A	I	S	L	E
				M	A	N		T	A	N		
I	R	O	N	Y		K	I	N	G	D	O	M
F	A	R		V	I	E		I	R	E		
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F	A	T	W	A		B	O	R	E	D	O	M
A	T	R	A	N	D	O	M		N	A	V	E
D	O	E	R		N	U	B		C	L	A	N
S	P	E	D		A	T	E		H	E	L	D

ACROSS

30 Shooter ammo  
33 13-Across, e.g.  
36 African desert wind  
37 Ointment  
38 Military subdivision  
39 Unattractive  
40 Mauna —  
41 More, to Manuel

DOWN

1 Throws hard  
2 Neighborhood  
3 — : spoken :: libel : written  
4 Danger  
5 Black wood  
6 Ready for action  
7 Quarter, e.g.  
8 CSA president  
9 Overcoat sleeve  
10 Japanese pond carp

12 Epithet for Simon Templar (with "The")  
14 Information  
15 Scarlet  
19 Spring month  
20 On the other hand  
21 Big brass  
22 Slanted, as lettering  
23 Viral Web phenomenon  
24 One skilled in playing dead  
25 "— Kapital"  
26 Goes up a few degrees  
28 Worship  
29 Parkinson's treatment  
30 Doctor's orders?  
31 Jealousy  
32 Iron or Bronze  
34 Out of control  
35 Long story

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

Solution for last weeks puzzle 1/2/20

7						5		4	
			8		6		9	1	
		3		4					2
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	4		2						6
		5			6	1			
		1	9	4		5			
6				3					7
	9				7		2		

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦  
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Solution Time: 25 minutes