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Supt. reveals early childhood center plans

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — An announcement at the end of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting Monday night may be good news for families seeking early childcare next year, particularly on the south end of the district.

GPPSS Superintendent Gary Niehaus said the latest plan is to keep Trombly open next year, not as an elementary school, but as a tuition-based dedicated early childhood center, made possible in part by an anonymous donation.

While Niehaus said he was reluctant to release too many details while the donor’s attorney was drawing up an agreement, more information will be forthcoming.

“At Trombly, we are not

interested in a vacant building,” Niehaus said. “We do want to keep it safe, warm and dry. In order to do that, you have to have somebody to occupy it. We think the best option at this point in time is to have it as an early childhood center — a Barnes south, in essence.”

Barnes Early Childhood Center, located in Grosse Pointe Woods, is a tuition-based daycare and preschool for infants, toddlers and 3- and 4-year-olds. It also houses services for students with special needs.

Available at Trombly for the 2020-21 school year and equipped for 3- and 4-year-olds are four classrooms on the ground floor.

“The reason we are able to start with four classrooms is largely based on sinks that are available,”

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Plans for Trombly’s future as a dedicated early childhood center, announced at the Jan. 13 regular meeting of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education, are still unfolding.

Study: Deeplands elevation on track

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — After a resident who neighbors the South Deeplands development came before Grosse Pointe Shores City Council Tuesday, Dec. 17, with concerns that the development land was being built several feet higher than the surrounding land — placing neighboring properties at risk of flooding — the Shores commissioned an engineering study to determine the elevation in relation to the

approved development designs.

“It was just a topography of the lot just to show elevations were as expected initially,” Shores Interim City Manager Tom Krolczyk explained.

Engineering consulting company Hubbell Roth & Clark Inc. conducted the study around Christmas and the city received the results Friday, Jan. 2, which showed the elevations on track with the approved plan.

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City lowers Parkmobile fee

By Laurel Kraus
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Despite its implementation in the City in 2013, Parkmobile — an app that allows users to electronically pay for the City’s parking meters and the pay stations in Lot 6 — has yet to be widely accepted, with only \$12,545.75 generated via the app in the City over the last fiscal year.

With the intention of making the app more enticing and convenient, city council unanimously voted at the meeting Monday, Jan.

13, to drop the service fee for Parkmobile, which is on top of the regular parking fees, from 50 cents to 35 cents.

“It is a means for people who use our parking meters to be able to pay through electronic means if you happen not to have any change in your pocket and it alleviates having to worry about getting a ticket,” City Manager Pete Dame said. “You can actually put more money into the meter if you happen to stay longer ... so you don’t have to go back to the meter to pay.”

The 15-cent difference

accounts for the credit card merchant fee and the 35 cents is a convenience fee to Parkmobile for the service. Parkmobile now will reduce its payment to the City by 15 cents per transaction. These revenues go into the parking fund.

“Right now, because Grosse Pointe Park has recently adopted Parkmobile, their users of Parkmobile pay 35 cents and ours pay 50, so where would you go?” Dame asked. “I think now’s the time to eliminate this disparity.”

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Master plan submission delayed

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — City council delayed approval of the Park’s master plan draft for distribution to surrounding communities in a 4-2 vote at its Monday, Jan. 13 meeting.

Members Michele Hodges, Lauri Read, Aimee Rogers Fluitt and Vikas Relan expressed concerns that the community have additional input and that goals significant to the city’s development might not have been sufficiently addressed in the document.

In recent years, the Park and surrounding communities in the Pointes and beyond have begun creating plans to enhance their livability. The state of Michigan will receive the finalized master plan, which also would be shared with other cities for review and comparison with their own strategies.

“If we go through with this, then we’re locked in

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Parent banned from school property seeks legal action

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTE — A parent in the Grosse Pointe Public School System has taken legal action against the superintendent and Board of Education for banning him from school property.

Steve Saigh, through his attorney, Michael

Schwartz, filed a complaint Jan. 7 for injunctive relief in the Wayne County Circuit Court against GPPSS Superintendent Gary Niehaus and the Board of Education, claiming the defendants violated his civil rights and discriminated against him “because they disagreed with his views that were

critical of the district’s policies and procedures.”

Niehaus said the Grosse Pointe Woods resident crossed the line from criticism to intimidation and harassment and the ban — which prohibits Saigh’s presence on all school property except the middle school his son currently attends and school board

meetings — is to protect employees, in keeping with the district’s anti-bullying and anti-harassment policies.

The complaint further alleges Saigh “would be forbidden” from accompanying his son to an open house for incoming freshmen Jan. 15 at

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Speech pathologist helps children, families



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New business

Otherworld, 17750 Mack, City of Grosse Pointe, is a boutique nursery and artistic gathering space, according to owner Pamela Grand. The space, she said, will keep with the more than 65 years of traditions put in place by the former Meldrum and Smith Nursery. For more information, call (313) 885-4909. Pictured during a recent Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting event, from left, are Chamber Ambassador Gretchen White; Linda Reid, chamber director of membership; City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak; owner Pamela Grand with Oskar and Charles Grand; Chamber President Jennifer Boettcher; Chamber Board Member Alexis DeLuca and Regan Stolarski, chamber administrator.

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January Dragich joins Dragich Law Firm

The Dragich Law Firm recently announced that January Dragich joined the firm as a commercial litigation attorney. She represents clients in a range of litigation matters, including breach of contract claims, supplier disputes, fraud claims, shareholder and partnership disputes and corporate governance matters, among other areas of focus, in state and federal courts and in alternative dispute resolution settings. She also assists other lawyers in the firm in adversary proceedings and other litigation in bankruptcy court.

Dragich, the wife of firm founder David Dragich, brings significant

experience to the firm, having spent more than 15 years at The Miller Law Firm P.C.

“January has a great deal of litigation talent and experience that will benefit our clients,” David Dragich said. “January will help us to achieve success on behalf of our clients — better and faster than ever before.”

Dragich earned her law degree, cum laude, from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. She is active within the legal community and is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, Oakland County Bar Association and Women Lawyers Association of Michigan.

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Community Relations Specialist Rebecca Fannon said. “The reason we can’t do year round yet is because of the electrical panels and the air conditioning that would be required.”

Renovations necessary to accommodate infants and toddlers, expand available classrooms to nine and provide year-round programming will commence the summer of 2021, with costs covered by the donor. Money also will be needed for additional licensing.

The goal by the third

year is to expand the program to fill all nine classrooms as a dedicated early childhood center serving infants, toddlers, 3- and 4-year-olds and Young 5’s. Niehaus said the decision was based on community input he received during the reconfiguration process about the need for quality childcare in the area. A group of parents proposed a plan for an early childhood expansion based on keeping all nine elementary schools open to ensure adequate space for satellite classrooms for infants, toddlers and 3- and 4-year-olds. The proposal suggested space for even existing satellite pre-K classrooms would

be insufficient following closures and reconfiguration.

An anonymous donor offered \$1 million to support this plan, but the board did not move forward with reversing the June 24, 2019 decision to close Trombly and Poupard Elementary School and the 30-day deadline to take action on the offer expired.

As Niehaus disclosed Jan. 13, meetings with the donor’s representative, Grosse Pointe Park attorney Dennis Levasseur, have been ongoing, with former board President Brian Summerfield assisting with ironing out details on this latest plan along



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Pictured at the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce’s recent ribbon-cutting event are, from left, Chamber Administrator Regan Stolarski, Chamber President Jennifer Boettcher, Rose Ann Wade R.N., Kathy Bisbee R.N., ATD Assistant Manager Celia Wade, Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Robert Denner, Park City Manager Nick Sizeland, former Park councilman John Chouinard and Chamber Director of Membership Linda Reid.



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New business

South Pointe Vintage, 19517 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, offers vintage lithograph posters from the 1800s and 1900s, antique furniture, art, handcrafted jewelry and gifts. For more information, call (313) 499-1855.

Pictured at a Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting event are, from left, Chamber Director of Membership Linda Reid; Chamber Ambassador Gretchen White; Grosse Pointe Woods City Councilman George McMullen; owner Ginamarie Piscopo; Chamber President Jennifer Boettcher and Chamber Administrator Regan Stolarski.

with Dave Brumbaugh and Wendy Relan, members of the parent group that developed the early childhood expansion proposal.

Brumbaugh called the announcement “very good news,” but added he is waiting for more details.

“But from what I understand, this would address a critical need by doubling

our 0 to 3 capacity, attract new families, create a pipeline for enrollment and give the early ed staff needed resources and personnel. All good news and reason to be excited.”

The next stage is to market the program and determine if there’s enough demand to proceed. Fannon urged families with 3- and 4-year-olds

next fall to register at gpschools.org — click on “Preschool” — and place a deposit.

“Every program we have is based on demand,” she said. “This is a great opportunity to use the building and expand the district’s offerings.”

For more information, contact Fannon at fannonr@gpschools.org or (313) 432-3007.

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Saigh emails: Criticism or harassment? DELAY:

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Steve Saigh’s complaint seeking injunctive relief against Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Gary Niehaus and the Board of Education for banning him from school property claims “there was no ‘bitter campaign of harassment and intimidation’ by plaintiff. No reasonable person would have been intimidated or harassed by speech from plaintiff that was nothing more than critical comment of certain administrative practices and procedures in the district.”

“Nobody got intimidated. Nobody got harassed. That’s his interpretation,” Saigh’s attorney, Michael Schwartz, said at a press conference Jan. 8.

“I find it insulting — in fact, I’m outraged — that I’ve lived in this community as long as I have and this guy comes into this



PHOTO BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

Steve Saigh, right, and his attorney, Michael Schwartz, held a press conference Jan. 8.

community and after four years he says these things about me? It’s disgusting,” Saigh said.

The Grosse Pointe News obtained 563 pages of emails through a Freedom of Information Act request, with 1,122 additional pages from a follow-up FOIA

pending.

Emails reflect a pattern of Saigh asking questions and Niehaus responding in a timely manner to address his concerns.

Multiple emails were critical of North’s athletic program, in particular, its hiring practices and the performance of its football and baseball teams.

On Jan. 28, 2018, in an email to Niehaus, Saigh wrote North was “deteriorating on a daily basis” and “Kate (Murray, Grosse Pointe North principal), Michelle (Davis, North athletic director) and yourself I need to resign immediately. Once the media gets involved and exposes the dysfunction you allowed to flourish under your watch, maybe then GP will get the cleansing which is so desperately needed.”

In other emails, he referred to North’s athletic program as “pitiful,” “a joke,” “an embarrassment” and “dysfunctional,” Davis as “a laughing stock” and Davis and Murray as “bobble heads” and “hypocrites,” among other insulting language.

As an example of Davis’s “inabilities as athletic director,” Saigh asked what her consequences were for “failing to schedule enough football games this season,” accusing her of being “cavalier” about only scheduling four home games.

“Aren’t there supposed to be six home games? Could this loss of two games hurt North for play-off contention? What is the financial loss for failing to schedule these two home games?”

Niehaus responded that each team in the conference is assigned nine games, with four home games and five away games and five home

games and four away games in alternating years.

“I’ve never been so disgusted watching tonight’s pep rally for Michelle,” Saigh wrote Jan. 14, 2019, referring to a board meeting attended by North community members to support North’s athletic program and hiring practices, many speaking during public comments. “Who has a pep rally to garner support for failing at their job? Seriously. This pep rally only fuels the flames for what the community already knows. Now if you’ll excuse me, I have to go throw up.”

On Oct. 1, 2019, Saigh forwarded an anonymous email he received filled with profane, demeaning and insulting language directed at him. It was written from a burner email account with the title: “Just Stop.”

“Someone has anger issues,” Saigh wrote. “I’m willing to share the cost of finding out where it came from and the author of it. I’m not in any way suggesting it came from anyone in this email train but because of the tone of it who knows what they’re capable of?”

Not receiving a response, he followed up the next day: “I thought in the interest of protecting two of your high school administrators I would have heard from someone? Sure the majority of the authors [sic] hatred and anger is directed at me, but I’m not so certain I’d be so cavalier with regards to the portion of this email directed at Kate Murray and Michelle Davis.”

Niehaus responded he had sent the email to Grosse Pointe Woods police chief John Kosanke and detective Ryan Schroerlucke for investigation.

On Oct. 10, 2019, in a widely copied email, Saigh threatened to hand out “professionally made brochures” highlighting Davis’s qualifications compared to resumes of applicants for the athletic director position — information he obtained after he was granted a FOIA request upon appeal — at the North vs. South football game at South Oct. 18.

“Spoiler alert, there is none,” he wrote. “These will be distributed at (what) was once a great cross town rival football game. I just hope the ghost email author doesn’t get mad? I won’t knowingly share this email with him. He sounds like a bad man and the last thing I want is to upset him and his group of very well organized and influential community leaders. So let’s keep this between us ok?”

The ban prevented him from attending.

Editor’s note: Steve Saigh is an account executive at the Grosse Pointe News.

and we’re going to be done for five years,” Read said.

Following the vote to delay submitting the document, council voted again, unanimously, to explore the cost and terms of hiring an urban planner to re-evaluate the master strategy that was developed by the Park’s Planning Commission.

But Planning Commissioner David Gaskin, who spoke before the initial vote, cautioned that an outside contractor’s work might cost as much as \$50,000. The master plan before council was developed during a period of almost two years with community input and has undergone about 15 revisions, he added.

“Do as you wish, but you will spend a lot of money,” Gaskin said.

Also at the meeting, Mayor Robert Denner presented formal resolutions recognizing outgoing council members Dan Clark, John Chouinard and Barbara Detwiler.

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Grosse Pointe North High School, where his son is eligible to attend next year.

Niehaus said Saigh is welcome to accompany his son to North’s open house; he simply needed to ask permission, as stated in the Oct. 16, 2019 letter imposing the ban due to “a bitter campaign of harassment against Grosse Pointe North High School Assistant Principal Michelle Davis and Principal Kate Murray.”

Niehaus and the attorney for the school district, Mark McNerney, met with Saigh and Schwartz Nov. 5 to resolve the situation, Niehaus said.

“We gave him some options. And in the letter it states, if there’s an event you want to attend, you need to ask permission. And that option remains open today.”

The complaint seeks a court order to lift the ban in its entirety and reimburse Saigh for his attorney fees.

“Perhaps now I’ve got the Grosse Pointe public school administration and Board of Education’s attention,” Saigh said at a press conference held at Schwartz’s office Jan. 8. “There must be consequences for their bullying behavior.

“Why are they doing this? Because I am one of the administration’s leading critics and they are desperately trying to silence me,” he continued. “The actions by Superintendent Gary Niehaus, his administration and the Board of Education have forced me to file this lawsuit.”

Niehaus said he has an open-door policy and welcomes criticism from all community members, including Saigh, but imposed the ban when emails — 693, according to his count — escalated.

After the ban, “the intimidation, the mean, the nasty, the uncalled-for comments — they stopped,” Niehaus said. “But we had to go that far to get him to stop.”

According to the letter, Davis and Murray, “as well as other staff in the District, particularly at Grosse Pointe North,

believe that you have created a hostile work environment for them, and they are fearful of being confronted by you either at school or even off school premises.”

In closing, Niehaus wrote: “We regret having to impose these restrictions and limitations upon you, and we will certainly endeavor not to permit them to affect the continuing education of your son. As superintendent, however, I cannot and will not tolerate further intimidation and harassment of district employees, and I regard these restrictions and limitations as necessary to prevent further such actions on your part.”

“I support the superintendent’s action to protect district employees who feel a real threat while performing their jobs,” board President Margaret Weertz said. “We have a harassment and anti-bullying policy that applies to everyone, students and adults alike, and he followed it.”

According to the district’s policy on bullying and cyberbullying, “Appropriate behavior, treating others with civility and respect, and refusing to tolerate harassment or bullying is expected of students, as well as administrators, faculty, staff, visitors and volunteers.”

Complaints of bullying are promptly investigated. If it’s determined bullying has occurred, action may include “exclusion from school property by parents, guests, volunteers and contractors.” The superintendent is responsible for ensuring the policy is implemented.

Harassment, according to the district’s anti-harassment policy, refers to “any threatening, insulting, bullying or dehumanizing gesture, use of technology, or written, verbal or physical conduct directed against a member of the school district community or a third party.”

“I strongly support Michelle and Kate and the job they do at North,” Niehaus said. “I’m going to protect all of my faculty, staff, students, administration from someone who is as aggressive as he is.”

The Week Ahead

THURSDAY, JAN. 16

◆ DTE Energy provides Grosse Pointe Farms, Shores and Woods residents a plan to improve electric reliability at an open house, 4 to 6 p.m. at Woods city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.

TUESDAY, JAN. 21

◆ Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meeting and work session, 7 p.m. at the Pier Park community building, 350 Lakeshore.
◆ Grosse Pointe Shores City Council meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 795 Lakeshore.

THURSDAY, JAN. 23

◆ Grosse Pointe Library Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Ewald Library, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

SATURDAY, JAN. 25

◆ Grosse Pointe Park’s annual Chilly Fest, noon to 4 p.m. at Windmill Pointe Park and Patterson Park. The event includes the fourth annual chili cook-off, inflatables, s’mores, rides, face painting, arcade games, animal rides and more.
◆ City of Grosse Pointe’s 16th annual Winter Fest and Pig Roast, 1 p.m. at Neff Park. The event includes curling, a scavenger hunt, ice sculpting, a petting farm, broomball and more.
◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Winterfest, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Ghesquiere Park. The event includes food trucks, a petting zoo, pony rides, ice skating and more.



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Speech specialist prefers sharing her spotlight

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Staff Writer

Kristen DeVooght would describe herself as more helper than hero. A speech language pathologist for the Grosse Pointe Public School System for 13 years, she has seen her share of victories. But don't try and give her special credit for the team efforts that make her proud. "Every one of my teachers and parents are totally invested in the child's success," DeVooght said. "I tell my parents, "This is what you can be doing at home to make your child successful."

A profession that might often be underappreciated in school settings, speech pathology also is valued in healthcare facilities. The job typically involves not

only helping others develop language and vocabulary, but assessing, diagnosing, treating and preventing communication and swallowing disorders. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projected the number of speech pathologists to increase by 27 percent between 2018 and 2028 as health issues like stroke and dementia grow common among America's aging baby boomers.

DeVooght says her passion for the profession and its rewards came naturally. "I don't really even know how I heard of speech therapy,"



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Kristen DeVooght uses speech pathology to help families.

DeVooght said. A Grosse Pointe Park native, she left home to attend Marquette University in Milwaukee.

While exploring academic offerings on campus, she was introduced to course offerings that would propel her into a career. "What I do know is the minute I walked into the building to talk to the chair of the department I loved it," DeVooght recalled.

Love is a job perk for DeVooght, who has spent the last five years of her career in a classroom at Barnes Early Childhood Center in Grosse Pointe Woods, assisting preschoolers. "I think I get more out of it than they get out of it," she said. "I work with

3-year-olds and 4-year-olds and they are the sweetest, most adorable people. If you come to work crabby, you won't be crabby for more than five minutes because they're hugging you, they're happy to see you and they miss you when they leave."

The successes DeVooght has witnessed often represent life transformations that help children and their families adjust to the larger world — but, again, DeVooght says Barnes' teachers, administrators and secretaries support each student: "When children come in and they're non-verbal — they're not bad kids, but they can't communicate their needs, their wants — it can get very frustrating. A lot of times, they have behavior problems. A lot of times a child comes in

like that and they're screaming, they're crying. Then, a year or two later, they're speaking in sentences."

DeVooght recently extended her team efforts to help others as part of a new venture, selling Monat skin and hair products. The company's principles promoting giving inspired her upcoming campaign to support Soar Detroit's youth literacy program. DeVooght plans to solicit donations this spring to help fill Soar's library. She asks that anyone interested in providing books contact her via Facebook. The Pointes, where she and husband Brent, an accountant, have raised sons Max, Sam and Charlie, are a good environment for community efforts, she said: "People are so intertwined in a positive way."

Annual Chilly Fest will heat up winter activities

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — It's known as a place to chill while it's chilly — with a bowl of chili.

The yearly Chilly Fest, featuring the fourth annual Chili Cook-off, will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, simultaneously at Patterson and Windmill Pointe parks.

A popular family celebration, the event attracts as many as 1,400 visitors. Featuring a wide range of activities from camel rides to ice skating, the 2020 celebration is expected to live up to its reputation as one of January's most popular local outings, said Chad Craig, parks and recreation supervisor for Grosse Pointe Park.

"It's pretty much established as our winter community event," Craig said.

Park residents and their guests from the Pointes can attend for a price of \$5 per car, with

transportation by trolley between Windmill Pointe and Patterson. Sponsored by Tradefirst.com, DTE Energy Foundation, Red Crown, O'Flaherty's and Chaz Gates of Sine & Monaghan Realtors, the 2020 program's attractions are wide-ranging, Craig said. Snow permitting, sleds will be at the ready, along with a mechanical snowboard similar to a mechanical bull. Clydesdale horse rides will be featured along with the camel rides, which are back "due to popular demand," Craig added. There also will be inflatable axe-throwing: "Nobody's going to get injured, which will be a plus," he said.

Indoor attractions include manicures and massages.

For visitors who bring their appetites, chili samples may be purchased two for a dollar during the Chili Cook-off. Guest samplers can vote for the chili chefs who submit

their best recipes to possibly win a free rental of the Tompkins Community Center, a quarterly fitness membership at Lavins Activity Center or a four-pack of movie tickets. Last year's cook-off featured 22 contestants.

Other snacks, refreshments and attractions also will be available to enjoy, some at nominal prices.

"We have a good amount of outdoor activity, but we have a lot for the indoors as well," Craig said. "And I would say this is one of the best communities I've ever seen. The weather doesn't really keep anybody away."



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Making waves

On Saturday, Jan. 11, according to the weather service, Detroit and surrounding areas received record-breaking rains for January. The water flooded some streets in the Grosse Pointes and a few basements. This portion of Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods is in front of the Grosse Pointe Public Safety building near Torrey Road.

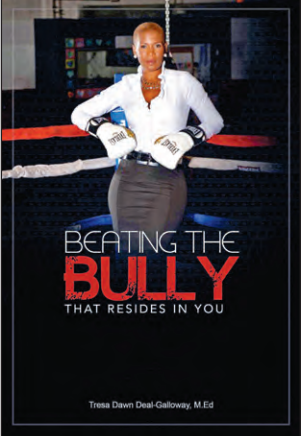
Anti-bullying advocate announces first book

By Eddie B. Allen Jr.
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — A local social advocate wants to take the public along for a deeper dive to examine bullying.

In her forthcoming book, "Beating the Bully that Resides in You," Tresa Galloway discusses a familiar root cause of issues that help create both victims and victimizers.

"This is for recognizing the bully that resides in yourself before you can



acknowledge the bully on the outside," Galloway said. "We bully ourselves before other people bully

us."

Scheduled for publication next month, Galloway's first book will be self-published as what she calls self-help and an "easy read" of 160 pages. But unlike the work for which Galloway has become known through promoting Love Laces, a shoelace campaign promoting awareness to combat bullying, the message of "Beating the Bully that Resides in You" isn't limited to children.

The old adage about being one's own worst enemy is true, Galloway

said.

"If you think of the one thing that's always in front of your decision-making, the one thing that keeps you from moving forward, what would that be in one word?" she asked. "Fear — fear is the bully that is within us."

An entrepreneur and former teacher, Galloway first conceived the book in 2018 as a guide for women to overcome mental obstacles to starting businesses.

"As I began to write it, I

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Stalking and harassment

Saturday, Nov. 16, a 45-year-old Grosse Pointe woman forgot her son's jacket at a Grosse Pointe barber shop and then accidentally called a business in Detroit with the same name. That afternoon, she began getting threats via call and text from a 52-year-old Washington woman who accused her of having an affair with the owner of the business.

Despite the victim attempting to explain and a visit from officers during which the suspect agreed it was a misunderstanding, the threats continued Monday, Jan. 6.

Public safety is now seeking a warrant for the charges of misdemeanor stalking and harassment.

Soliciting money

Officers were called to a store in the 16000 block of Kercheval at 7:19 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, due to reports of repeated attempts by a 21-year-old Detroit man to solicit money.

Upon arrival, officers found the man in another business and recognized him as a subject who previously has been warned on multiple occasions not to solicit at any stores.

After becoming hostile and shouting vulgarity inside the business, he was arrested on a warrant out of Grosse Pointe Park.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

This one is just right

An unlocked black mountain bike was stolen from the backyard of a 44-year-old Farms man's La Belle residence between 11:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3, and 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 4. There were four additional unlocked bikes in the yard.

The bike later was found locked on the side of a neighbor's residence. The neighbor said he had no idea it was back there.

Paying the hard way

Officers were called to Hillcrest Road at 3:18 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, when a 37-year-old Park man tried to run away without paying his \$60 taxi fee. Noting he was highly intoxicated, officers were going to transport him to his mother's house, who agreed to pay the fee, but during a consent search discovered a vial of cocaine in his pocket. He was arrested for possession.

Lights out

After depositing \$600 in a bitcoin teller machine and giving her credit card number to an unknown suspect who claimed to be calling from DTE Energy regarding a past due balance Monday, Jan. 6, the 43-year-old Farms woman discovered it was a scam and her power was never at risk of being shut off.

Vaping in school

A 17-year-old Woods boy was caught vaping in a boy's restroom at an area high school by staff at 12:56 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, and received a five-day suspension and a ticket for vaping first offense.

Scary credit score

When running a credit report because she was looking to move, a 21-year-old Farms woman discovered two accounts she didn't open and that had been sent to collections totaling \$10,108.

Driving while license suspended

A 29-year-old Detroit man was arrested for driving while license suspended, after being

pulled over at Mack Avenue and Hillcrest for broken taillights at 9:58 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10.

Messy escape

A 63-year-old Detroit man was caught placing two bottles of alcohol into his jacket at 8:40 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, at a business in the 18000 block of Mack, before breaking six bottles of vodka and four bottles of wine in an attempt to avoid apprehension.

He was arrested for retail fraud, but the suspected getaway driver evaded officers.

— Laurel Kraus
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Grosse Pointe Shores

Lawn parking

A 24-year-old Detroit man was arrested for operating under the influence, driving while license suspended and not having insurance at 1:20 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 12, after his vehicle was found with damage and a flat tire on the front lawn of a residence in the 700 block of Lakeshore.

— Laurel Kraus
Report information about this and other crimes to Grosse Pointe

Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Assault and battery

Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety is investigating an alleged attack on a 31-year-old Fraser woman who visited a medical center in the 20500 block of Mack around 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7.

The woman told police she was lying in a waiting room with her clothes removed from the waist down after seeking treatment for a rash when a physician's assistant returned, yelling and trying to examine the patient with a flashlight. The physician's assistant insisted the woman wait for test results before leaving the facility. When the victim protested that she was uncomfortable and tried to get up, the assistant restrained and pushed the victim down by her shoulders, police said.

The struggle continued for approximately 45 minutes because the victim was partially undressed and couldn't get to her clothing, she told public safety.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Invasion suspect in custody

A 27-year-old home invasion suspect was arrested around 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, in the 1400 block of Grayton after his vehicle was spotted in the neighborhood.

The Detroit man was suspected of having broken into a home in the Park Wednesday, Jan. 1. He was identified after a public safety officer observed him in the area of the vehicle.

Operating while intoxicated

A 53-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man was arrested around 11 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12, at the intersection of Goethe and Maryland after he was stopped for speeding. The driver was found to be intoxicated.

Stolen auto

A black 2017 Jeep Compass was stolen from a driveway in the 1300 block of Harvard around 4 a.m. Monday, Jan. 13. The vehicle's key fob had been left inside of it.

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

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started thinking about all the things that hold us back," she said.

She thought of her own recent feelings of intimidation, stemming from a trip with her teenaged son in 2019. The pair was invited to travel from their Grosse Pointe Woods neighborhood all the way to Alaska to share with educators their family's experience in overcoming bullying at school. The thought of making a presentation to meet her host's expectations in a community so far from home became daunting.

Galloway said she overcame her fear by employing principles she describes in the publication.

"One of the biggest components to the book is giving us the ability to recognize areas of opportunity for growth and then creating opportunities to build ourselves up in those areas," she said.

The process ties in directly with making oneself less of a target for bullies, who typically target those lacking confidence, "who are not self-assured," Galloway said.

"Beating the Bully that Resides in You" offers tools that will help readers feel validated while operating as their



COURTESY PHOTO

Tresa Galloway's first book focuses on beating one's inner bully.

"authentic selves," she added.

A website launch is forthcoming, but information also is available at "Beating the Bully that Resides in You" Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages.

"If you beat that bully inside, things that happen outside have less of an impact on you," Galloway said.

FEE:

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Prior to the vote, the City was the only city in Michigan that required the user to pay the credit card merchant fee.

Councilman Chris Walsh reported the City considered eliminating the 15-cent fee when the service was implemented in 2013, but not all council members were on board with the idea.

"To be truthful, it was worth it to all of us on the board, with the exception of a couple that thought that the 15 cents was a backbreaker and made a big stink about it," he said.

Additional cities that use Parkmobile include Dearborn, Birmingham, Royal Oak and Mount Clemens.

"When I have to go to Mount Clemens for Macomb County Circuit (Court), I don't even try to find parking without Parkmobile,"

Councilman Daniel Williams said. "I have never even paid attention to what the fee is. I have to be there, I've got to pay, and the nice thing is you can go on it, you can re-up and you don't even have to think about it. I don't have to run all the way down the road to try to beat the ticket guy and put another quarter in the meter."

Dame reported this will not make a significant impact in the parking fund overall and anticipates that base parking fees may increase as users adopt the app and are able to

stay longer without fear of a parking ticket.

"Adoption of this should be a no-brainer," Walsh said.

City council also plans to increase public awareness that Parkmobile exists as an option for users.

"The problem with the sticker (promoting Parkmobile) is it's on the backside of the meter because that's the only place for it to be, so when you plug in your coins in the frontside, you don't know that it's there," Mayor Sheila Tomkowiak said, "so promoting it would really be great."

STUDY:

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"What the approved plan showed, the elevations were right on the money almost," Krolczyk reported, "I mean even a little lower than anticipated."

While the rear four houses on the cul-de-sac of the new development are expected to be slightly higher than the houses on Fordcroft Street, it is too early to determine the exact amount.

Krolczyk added neighboring residents are not at risk of flooding, "because the whole subdivision design is designed to capture all its own stormwater to a

detention system before it's released into the lake."

The topography already was scheduled as part of the Shores' plans

as construction continues, but was executed early to make sure the development was ongoing correctly following resident concerns.

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OUR VIEW

Summerfield
loss to board

As school board president, Brian Summerfield presided over turbulence while the district worked through how to deal with declining enrollment. It wasn't easy, and the result remains controversial. But Mr. Summerfield ran meetings that stayed respectful while he led the Board of Education. And he clearly devoted hours and hours of his time to the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Community members, even those who fervently disagree with the outcome, should be grateful for his dedication.

Mr. Summerfield's Jan. 2 resignation came after almost seven years on the board and sets a high bar for public service. Fellow board members praised him at their meeting Monday and elected Margaret Weertz, previously the vice president, to the post.

Ms. Weertz called Mr. Summerfield one of the best school board members in the last 30 years. Besides leading through a difficult passage, Mr. Summerfield's accomplishments include strengthening the district's financial standing, she said.

But the community remains restive about the planned closing of two elementary schools next fall. Mr. Summerfield's explanation for resigning included regrets about the extent to which his family bore some of the brunt of that dissatisfaction.

It's not a pretty picture of the community when whole families, particularly children, have to take flak whenever someone raises their hand to serve in an elective post that is volunteer or pays a pittance — in this case, \$30 per meeting. Most board members donate their pay back to a district program.

Social media makes matters worse. Ms. Weertz noted that damage occurs in what she called superficial, polarizing fights on Facebook. "People have time to be on Facebook all day. ... For some reason, they don't have time to serve," she said.

Grosse Pointe may not be able to solve the problems created by social media, but the community is fortunate to have residents with many skills.

And some may finally be ready to put their actual face where their Facebook fingers are. The contested council elections of 2019 suggest that interest in public service is growing. As of Monday, at least a dozen residents had applied for the school board vacancy created by Mr. Summerfield's resignation.

Mr. Summerfield's service deserves gratitude from the community, apologies for any harm it caused his family — and inspiration for a renewed commitment to constructive public conversation.

OUR VIEW

RIP Mayor King

It is with sadness we note the passing of former Grosse Pointe Mayor John "Jack" King. He died on New Year's Day in Falls Church, Va. He was 95.

Mr. King was a World War II veteran, serving in the Infantry in Africa and Italy. He earned his law degree from the University of Michigan and was the managing partner at Berry Moorman until his retirement.

In fact, it was the firm's expanding business that forced Mayor King to resign in the midst of his fourth term in 1979. He was first elected to council in 1967, was named to replace the late Mayor David Burgess in 1970, and was re-elected as mayor in 1971, 1973, 1975 and 1977.

During his tenure, he oversaw the development of Elworthy Field, the construction of the parking deck behind Jacobson's, improvements in Neff Park and consolidation of the police and fire departments.

He was described as a "real doer, rather than a dreamer." Rest in peace, Mayor King.



OUR VIEW

Tot Lot: \$\$ mission accomplished

What a pleasure it is to see the Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation succeed in its fundraising campaign to update the Rotary Tot Lot.

The playground, at the corner of St. Clair and Waterloo streets in Grosse Pointe, will get the latest in equipment and design, for what the group describes as a "reimagination" of the entire space. Toddlers from throughout the area will benefit.

The plans include meeting the standards for the Americans with Disabilities Act — as well as ADHD friendly — with new and refreshed playscapes and other magnets for younger children. Just the variety of what's available in swings and slides these days is enough to amaze any grandparent.

By meeting its \$250,000 goal by the end of 2019, the foundation can keep to its planned budget and schedule. Weather permitting, the work will start early this spring and be completed by June.

The Tot Lot opened at its current location in 1973 and was updated once before, in 1997-98. Although various parks have a smattering of equipment for the youngest children, the Tot Lot stands virtually alone for its combination of public accessibility and the way toddlers can range through the entire site.

This play area has nurtured generations of youngsters now, with the commendable stewardship of

generations of Rotary Club members in Grosse Pointe. The community's response to the campaign suggests a lot of people throughout the Pointes stand with them.

As quickly as life changes these days, some things endure — such as the innate zest for exploring, sliding and swinging that's always so apparent at the Tot Lot. After nearly five decades, it remains a hive of childhood energy. It's gratifying that Rotary members' dedication to this project has endured, too. Job well done!

FROM THE PUBLISHER

MLK marker

Two years ago, marking the the 50th anniversary of Dr. King's appearance March 14, 1968, at Grosse Pointe High School, we printed his "The Other America" speech verbatim in the Grosse Pointe News. We received many favorable comments for doing so.

It occurred to us that there ought to be a historical marker commemorating Dr. King's speech at "The High." The Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors looked into it and received a grant from the National Association of Realtors to cover the cost of the marker.

We had hoped to have an unveiling on March 14, 2019, the 51st anniversary of Dr. King's speech; however, construction of the new secure entrance off Fisher Road prevented us from doing so. Hopefully the secure entrance will be completed by the March 14 anniversary of Dr. King's speech or shortly thereafter for a public unveiling of the marker.

This tribute to Dr. King has truly blossomed into a community project. We would like to thank the school board and superintendent and the GPBR for enthusiastically backing this tribute to Dr. King.

We look forward to you joining us for the unveiling this spring.

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I SAY By Laurel Kraus

Objects at rest should stay at rest



Last week, I took time off to travel to a small town about an hour outside of Houston for eight days. My best friend lives there and I hadn't seen her in person in a little over a year, so naturally, it was bound to be a great time; however, I was aware I needed to slightly adjust my idea of what a great vacation encompasses. My friend and I have many, many aspects of our lives and personali-

ties in common, but our perspective of the future is definitely not one of them. Where I overthink every coming moment in an attempt to place life's events into neatly prepared boxes, she prefers to take moments as they come and let them lead where they may. I stress if there is not a clear plan, and she feels suffocated if there is. With this in mind, I approached the trip determined to sit back, relax and give myself a break from thinking so much. Funnily enough, in my effort to not make a plan, I had set mental steps along the way to ensure I upheld my goal. Basically, I made a plan not to plan, so perhaps

I'll never escape the workings of my brain. I'll admit, I did end up planning just a tad, such as picking the day we would take the two-hour drive to Galveston Island (what kind of monster doesn't look ahead for the best weather when intending to take a beach day?) and somewhere along the way accidentally deciding Space Center Houston would for sure be included in our adventures. We had an amazing day there, which included a tour of NASA's mission control room, where the famous words, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind," first were heard, so planning

in moderation can be a great thing. But in the end, only truly planning those two major activities on an eight-day vacation was an incredible accomplishment for me. This is because in addition to my structure-based lifestyle, I have lived thus far with the perspective that traveling on vacation meant a requirement to do and see as many things as possible in a place you can't normally be. While this has many times created great memories, the philosophy doesn't leave much room for relaxation and recharging, both very necessary aspects within the idea of a vacation. These also were two

aspects I desperately needed when the week of my trip came around. So I got on the plane in the head space of being OK with just doing nothing and it turned out that morning conversations over coffee mugs, a long walk down country roads, building a gingerbread house while watching "The Office" for the thousandth time, reading a book next to a large sunny window and spontaneous trips to a gas station for snacks led to me having one of the most delightful vacations I've enjoyed in quite a while. Many of us in this day and age have become accustomed to life moving faster and faster, to basing our happiness on

our accomplishments and to feeling guilty if every moment isn't put toward reaching some greater goal, but what I came to find within the hours and hours last week spent doing "nothing" was a great sense of peace and contentment, two feelings I experience far too seldom. Shockingly, I can't remember a single moment of feeling bored or unhappy I wasn't doing more. I encourage those of you who, like me, have been swept along in the current of life, to allow yourself a moment to simply breathe the next time you find yourself with a few days. You might like what you find in the stillness.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1945

75 years ago this week

MORE NAMES ADDED TO SHRINE: The increased tempo of casualties being recorded in actions on the battlefield throughout the war-torn world is reflected in the most recent checkup of the lists of the Grosse Pointe Honor Roll Association. Sixty-six Grosse Pointe men have laid down their lives for their country in this Second World War. The Pointe's Gold Stars have become much more numerous during the last several months. **FARMS TO TAKE CARE OF EMPLOYEES:** Subject to the approval of the citizens at the election March 12, the Farms village is all set to inaugurate a retirement system for its employees. The plan will apply to all employees except policemen and firemen, who are already provided for in a separate fund. *Obituaries: Mrs. Charles T. Piel, Charles T. Winegar, Mrs. Hugh McMillan*

Public School System's voted operational millage, the trustees of the Board of Education have scheduled an election to finance the operation of the schools from July 1, 1970, through June 30, 1972. Passage of the 25.45 mill levy would provide the schools with 70 percent of the operational budget for the 1970-71 school year with the remaining 8.9 mills allocated from taxes paid to the county. **BURGLARS VISIT THEATER:** Two safe vaults were damaged by burglars who visited the Punch and Judy Theater during the night, according to Farms police. Two patrolmen said while they were routinely checking doors of business places on the Kercheval Hill District, at approximately 5 a.m., they discovered the side door of the theater, facing McKinley Avenue, open. They checked the interior of the building and found that the manager's office had been ransacked and the office safe damaged. *Obituaries: Charlotte Schaltenbrand, Raymond J. Rose, Raymond F. Smith*

1970

50 years ago this week

SCHOOL TAX ELECTION SET: With the expiration last month of all the Grosse Pointe

1995

25 years ago this week

WOODS BOAT FEES INCREASED: It was a good news-bad news sit-



Pure Grosse Pointe

The geese are enjoying these milder-than-usual temperatures, as captured by Grosse Pointe Woods resident Diana Langlois during a walk along Lakeshore last week.

uation for Grosse Pointe Woods residents. Good news for taxpayers because a vote taken by the council will save the general fund around \$26,000 a year. Bad news for boat owners who use the city's boat wells at Lake Front Park as the council raised rental fees 27 percent. **WOODS COUNCIL SPLIT OVER LOTS:** Just how much is a strip of land owned by the city worth? That's the question faced by Grosse Pointe Woods City Council. Members were asked to sell a small parcel of land to architect and developer Charles

McCafferty at the last council meeting. The 10-foot-by-275-foot piece of land is located at Vernier and Morningside, which the city did not know it owned until notified by McCafferty, who is planning to build two 2,200-square-foot homes on the parcel and an adjacent lot. *Obituaries: Robert Gordon Loomis, Louis Joseph Curl Jr., Yosh Maruyama M.D., Geraldine V. Speir, Dorothy Knoblock Korleski, Raymond A. Laethem, Janet Schroeder, Evelyn Jean Smale, Elizabeth Gregory*

2010

10 years ago this week

WOMAN STILL MISSING: A week has passed since anyone is known to have seen or heard from Joann Matouk Romain. The investigation of her disappearance remains as it was the night police suspected she was missing: based on assumptions. **SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR HILL:** Something special is

about to happen at the former Something Special building on The Hill. The former gift store on Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms is being turned into a bakery and coffee shop with reading area. The development is the latest of Gretchen Valade, owner of the recently expanded Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe and a Farms resident. *Obituaries: Arthur A. Cerre, William R. Leith, Chester F. Craft, Joan Barbara Mellinger, Jean Hammer Pearson, Denise Tracy Summers, Richard P. Joy III, Ruth Ogden Peabody*

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Community divided over church lease

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Flags in front of Trombly Elementary School greeted visitors Sunday, Jan. 5, as they arrived for the debut service of Redefined Church at 10 a.m. in the school’s auditorium.

The following Sunday, a different type of flag cropped up at several properties in Grosse Pointe Park and at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church in Grosse Pointe Farms — rainbow flags to show support for LGBTQ+ community members, who may not feel accepted by churches whose doctrine does not support gay marriage.

Redefined Church’s lease began Jan. 5, and runs through June 30, according to Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Gary Niehaus, to be renegotiated along with all other leased space in the district. Leases typically are arranged through the building principal.

Also leasing space from the school district is Living Hope Evangelical Church, which has been holding worship services at Brownell Middle School since 2013. Previously, when the church first formed in 2012, services were held at Pierce Middle School’s auditorium.

The Friday before Redefined held its first service, community members expressed concerns on social media about the lack of advance notification, use of Trombly’s address on the church’s website and, the day of the service, posting of flags on city property. Several reached out to Niehaus and Trombly Principal Walt Fitzpatrick for answers.

The school district leases space to multiple organizations at many of its schools. Interested parties complete a building use form located on the district website. While notifying residents about the use of school property isn’t standard



PHOTO BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

Flags along Trombly’s front walk directed visitors to the Redefined Church service, held in the auditorium.

procedure, Niehaus said, he acknowledged not notifying community members ahead of time was a mistake, especially given the sensitivity surrounding the announcement last June of the school’s pending closure.

Also of concern were perceptions regarding the Redefined Church’s stance on gay marriage and acceptance of LGBTQ+ community members.

Lead pastor Dusty Otis said he was “crushed” by the community reaction.

“I was an emotional wreck,” he said. “I cried three times this weekend. I’m not afraid to cry. It broke my heart to see how people feel here. We thought we were doing something good.”

He has since corrected some of the missteps, restricting signage to school property, changing the website to reflect a different mailing address and listening to residents’ concerns.

As for whether marriage is between a man and a woman, Otis says they abide by scripture, but are welcoming to all.

“We really don’t care what you believe,” he said. “I think that’s what’s great

about the non-denominational faith. We’re going to accept every denomination. We’re going to accept every culture, every race, every belief — just come in. Here’s the thing: I might not agree with you, but that doesn’t mean I



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Fairfax Market in Grosse Pointe Park, south of Jefferson in the Trombly Elementary School district, showed support for the LGBTQ+ community members with a display of rainbow flags on Sunday.

don’t like you. I might not believe the same thing you believe, but it doesn’t mean I can’t love you or I don’t love you or that God doesn’t love you.

“We’re really all the same,” he added. “The last thing that Jesus prayed at the Last Supper is that we would be the same; that there would be unity. And since then, we’ve been dividing and dividing. We’re growing so far apart.”

Otis said he and his wife, Heather, moved to Grosse Pointe Farms

from Oklahoma with their three children — and another on the way — to be part of a community and create “authentic fellowship.” They have been married 13 years and Dusty has spent 20 years in ministry, mostly at Church on the Move in his hometown of Tulsa, Okla.

While the couple met at a Texas Roadhouse where Heather Otis worked as a server while working her way through college, they both graduated from Rhema Bible College in Tulsa, where

Dusty Otis was ordained.

In addition to opening a church in Grosse Pointe Park, the couple started One City, a “compassion-driven nonprofit organization focused on uniting Detroit,” according to their website.

“Our story in our opinion is a big faith journey and there are a lot of people who don’t understand it,” Otis said. “Almost everything we are doing we are doing for people here, not for us. We just believe this is our life mission and we have peace in it.”



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Flags on the front lawn of Grosse Pointe Congregational Church Sunday, Jan. 12, demonstrated solidarity for LGBTQ+ members of the Grosse Pointe community.

Accepting and inclusive

Neighboring Brownell Middle School on Chalfonte in Grosse Pointe Farms is Grosse Pointe Congregational Church. The Rev. Richard Yeager-Stiver said he agreed to allow rainbow flags on the church’s front lawn to reflect the support for the LGBTQ+ community his congregation already has embraced.

“It’s repeating what Jesus said: ‘Whosoever believeth in me receives eternal life.’ There’s no

footnote,” he said.

“In my perspective theologically and my viewpoint (personally) is Jesus is there for everyone,” he said. “... The rainbow flag represents for me an openness and an inclusiveness for all people. So all people, no matter what their journey or their sexual orientation, are welcome at our church.”

Spreading this message to the area’s youth is particularly important, he added.

“We want to make sure youth in our community know there are churches and houses of worship where all persons are welcome to come. To that point, they are not going to be judged. When we say you’re welcome, we mean you’re welcome.”

Yeager-Stiver drew a distinction between welcoming people and accepting them.

“We will accept you no matter who you are,” he said.

Teacher of THE WEEK Lis Galvin

School: Poupard Elementary School
Years at Poupard: 15
Grade/Subject: Speech-language pathologist for Young 5 through fifth-grade students
Nominated by: Hussain Ali, principal
Principal’s quote:

“Lis is an extraordinary teacher who inspires others around her. Lis is constantly learning more about her practice by indulging in the latest research and participating in professional development. She works closely with students to set and monitor their own goals, which allows for them to take ownership of their learning. Lis constantly goes above and beyond her daily responsibilities by coordinating weekly meeting schedules for our special education team, coordinating classroom lessons with applicable real-life skills and leading professional development for her peers. Our entire

school community is lucky to have her.”

What motivated you to become a teacher?

I knew exiting high school I wanted to help people and I was interested in the medical field; however, I became squeamish around blood. For that reason I gravitated toward speech-language pathology. I started the speech-language program in college thinking I had an interest in working with adults in the medical setting, but as I moved through the program, I learned that I enjoyed working with children much more. This was because they often made quick progress and you could really see the change it made in their lives to have improved communication skills.

What are some of your inspirations?

Ruth Bader Ginsberg is very inspiring to me. I love that she stands up for those that don’t have



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a voice and fights to protect people who are marginalized.

What advice would you give a new teacher?

Focus on relationships, both with students and your colleagues. You can have the best materials and best plans but, without those connections, it’s all futile.

Favorite quote:

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.” — Martin Luther King Jr.

Students earn all-state music honors

Four Grosse Pointe Public School System students have been selected for the 2020 Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association all-state band and orchestra.

Brownell Middle School seventh-grade violinist Lillianna Wodzisz and Pierce Middle School seventh-grade cellist Daniel Gross were selected for the MSBOA all-state middle school orchestra. Grosse Pointe South High School piccolo player Ian Plansker and violinist Igor Trifunovic, both sophomores, were selected for the high school all-state band and all-state orches-



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Pictured, from left, are Ian Plansker, Daniel Gross, Lillianna Wodzisz and Igor Trifunovic.

tra, respectively.

The annual event, held Monday, Jan. 20, at the Devos Center and Amway Grand Hotel in Grand

Rapids, is hosted in conjunction with the Michigan Music Conference for all music teachers — general, instrumental and vocal.

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Open Hearts, Open Doors

St. Paul on the Lake welcomes homeless for lodging, food, fellowship

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

When men and women from Cass Community Social Services' Interfaith Rotating Shelter Program come for a week's stay at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School, they are guests of the parish.

The facilities are their home for the week; the cafeteria is their dining room.

Organizers Tricia Kesteloot and Tom McCarron, who've co-chaired the Open Hearts, Open Doors program 25 years, said they've been thanked by their guests for treating them with dignity.

"They've told me, 'The minute we walked in, we knew you'd meet us where we're at — not above us, but where we're at,'" McCarron said.

Added Kesteloot, "We're big on relationships here. ... Our program vision during the last 25 years has remained the same in that we see the face of Jesus in every guest when we welcome them into our home at St. Paul."

When the duo took the reins of Open Hearts, Open Doors, there were just five volunteers running the program. With some purposeful outreach to the St. Paul parish, today, more than 500 volunteers touch the program in some way each year. From St. Paul stu-



Tricia Kesteloot and Tom McCarron have co-chaired the event at St. Paul for 25 years.

dents creating mealtime placemats, to Grosse Pointe South High School student-athletes teaching nutrition, to countless volunteers contributing money, food, time and skills to the program, "It has grown into something we never really imagined," Kesteloot said.

"When Tricia and I became chairs, we felt like the program wasn't scratching the surface of what it potentially could be, so we engaged the parish," McCarron said. "Tricia's done an outstanding job engaging the school kids, kindergarten through eighth grade. All of them touch this program in some way. ... It was a sort of natural, but very purposeful effort on our part to engage the parish and the parish has responded

beautifully."

The program also has received the blessing of the Rev. Jim Bilot, whose support McCarron described as "remarkable, unwavering, outstanding."

While the basic requirements of the homeless week program are providing a bed, hot dinner and sack lunch, St. Paul has turned the program into so much more. Church volunteers provide hot breakfast, laundry services, snacks, entertainment, enrichment and health awareness programs, medical attention, group activities and opportunities for worship — on top of the requirements.

"We focus on meeting not only their physical hunger, but their spiritual and emotional needs, too," Kesteloot said.



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Nancy Cottrell, Shirlee Meyers and Nancy Piech prepare sandwiches.

Guests receive name tags, so volunteers can learn their names; placemats, which guests cherish and often take with them; and pillows with pillowcases, topped with mints.

"The things we excel at the most as a parish are the relationships we build with our guests," McCarron said. "Many volunteers come in and have lengthy conversations with them about so many things. It's part of the welcoming we offer, going above and beyond. We eat with them, mingle with them."

While around 35 to 40 guests stay at St. Paul each night, dinner is served to nearly 100 people, as volunteers break bread with them to help everyone feel at home.

"There's a buzz in the room, laughing, talking," McCarron said. "Our focus is striving to make sure they sleep better here than they normally would, in a safer place. We offers cots, not air mattresses. Our medical staff tries to get them as healthy as they can. In everything we do, we welcome them as guests and treat them with dignity."

Both Kesteloot and McCarron noted this year's guests have been especially kind and grateful.

"These are all adults, all in situations most of them didn't choose to be in," McCarron said. "There are 20 women living in community who otherwise wouldn't be. It's the same for the men."



Judy Herman, a 20-year Open Hearts, Open Doors volunteer, preps veggies for salad.

They're living together and they've got to make it work. This group has figured it out. They genuinely care about each other.

"It's awe-inspiring to see how the Lord works through people in this program," he added. "It's not us; it's the work he's doing with his people. They tell us they feel like they are being treated the way Jesus would have treated them. This is the work the Lord's doing. The Lord has smiled on this project in so many ways."

McCarron said he'd love to see the program expand to other churches in the Grosse Pointes — Grosse Pointe Memorial

Church hosted the group in November — and eventually develop a system of shared resources to make the process flow better. Until then, he and Kesteloot will start prepping for next year's week this summer.

"We both have a heart for service," McCarron said. "We love doing it. It's not work for us. It's a labor of love. We love our guests, we love our volunteers, we love what happens here. It's a joy to be a part of."

Added Kesteloot, "We get so much joy by giving joy to them. ... We feel like we were called to do this. We're thrilled it turned into what it did."



John Cottrell and Dave Piech have fun loading up the lunch bags with juice boxes. Also included were fruit and a candy bar.



Above, every lunch made gets a happy face on it. Left, placemats made by the students that were used every night for dinner.

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“She’s Always Had Her Own World,” the piece that caught Karen Pope’s eye during the 2018 “Looking In and Looking Out” exhibition.



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Grosse Pointe native returns to teach GPAA master class

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Upon inspecting entries for the Grosse Pointe Artists Association’s “Looking In and Looking Out” exhibition, hosted in spring 2018, GPAA President Karen Pope said one entry in particular caught her attention. It was a charcoal drawing of a woman Pope described as “haunting.”

When artist Chris Page visited The War Memorial to collect his work after the show closed, Pope was quick to engage him in conversation. During their chat, Page said if the GPAA ever needed him to teach a class, he was happy to do it.

Page’s master class, “Drawing Closer to Life with Chris Page,” takes place noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 8 and 9.

In advance of that, he’ll visit The War Memorial with a master class pre-view at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30.

“He grew up here,”

Pope said of the guest lecturer, who currently splits his time between New York and Paris, where he maintains studios. “He remembers Bob Seger coming (to The War Memorial) to play middle school dances.”

Page — who earned a Master of Fine Arts degree in painting from the New York Academy of Art and a Ph.D. in historical musicology from the University of California, Los Angeles — has won numerous awards for his work, which regularly is published in various volumes, including the “Strokes of Genius” series.

“It’s a coffee table book of the world’s leading drawers,” Pope said. “His drawings are really exceptional. He’s going to give a free lecture ... about his own techniques and the art world. It will give an example of what he’s been up to, what he’s like. He’ll follow that up nine days later with a master class.”

The two-day master class features models in five different poses the first day and one pose the second day. The workshop is designed for all levels of experience. Page will give demonstrations and a slide presentation to illustrate the concepts being taught, as well as offer individual critiques.

“Our goal is to constantly nurture the artist, but also share with the public,” Pope said. “We are really constant in our goal to offer people exceptional opportunities. Chris is an exceptional opportunity.”

To register for the free master class preview, visit bit.ly/39NsVjY.

To register for the master class, to which there is a cost, visit bit.ly/2uvHt7M. Early-bird pricing is available until Jan. 31.

Both classes take place at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

For more information, visit grossepointeartcen.org.



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Equipment delivered

Members of the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club got their hands dirty Saturday, Dec. 14, as they unloaded a semi-trailer full of playground equipment destined for installation at the re-imagined Rotary Tot Lot at St. Clair and Waterloo in the City of Grosse Pointe. The new equipment will be kept safe and dry through the winter and, with cooperation from Mother Nature, installed and ready for play by June 2020. Pictured, from left, are Rotarians Mike Carmody, Ron Vitale, Dick Allison, Bob Lucas, Paul Rentenbach, Roger Hull and Peter Stroh.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Libraries

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

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

◆ Comedy Juggler Rufus the Dufus, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22.

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

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

◆ Cozy Coffee with Great Lakes Coffee Roasters, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22.

◆ Night in the Stacks: Kick off the Roaring ‘20s with AireyB & Her Blues Boys, 7 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25.

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

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

◆ Tuesday Night @ the Movies, 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, “Downton Abbey.”

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men’s Ecumenical Breakfast meets at 8 a.m. Friday, Jan. 17, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Tom Coyle, entrepreneur and salesman, presents, “Recovery = Spiritual Discovery.” Cost for breakfast is \$7. Registration is not required and first-time guests eat free.

BNI

The Business Network International Pipeline Chapter meets at 7 a.m. Friday, Jan. 17, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

The Business Network International East Side-Launchpad Chapter meets at 7 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, at St. Michael’s Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Beth at (313) 690-5723.

Blood drives

The American Red

Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 1 to 6:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17, St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 21620 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 2:30 to 8:15 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27, Mason Elementary School, 1640 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ 2 to 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, Trombly Elementary School, 820 Beaconsfield, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31, Harper Woods High School, 20225 Beaconsfield, Harper Woods.

Register at redcrossblood.org.

University Liggett School

People who sew or crochet are invited to University Liggett School, 1045 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, to create all sizes of joey pouches, hanging pouches and rodent/bird nests to help orphaned wildlife affected by the wildfires in Australia. Pizza is provided. Participants should bring sewing machines, scissors, pins, crochet hooks and yarn. Donations of 100 percent natural fiber fabric also are appreciated.

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mental Illness Eastside meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20, at Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

The Helm

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

◆ Line dancing, 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 21 to Feb. 25, with instructor Mary Lou Gillis. Cost is \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members.

◆ Zumba Gold Fitness, 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 21 to April 14. Drop-ins are welcome.

◆ Tap dancing, 1:15 to

2 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 23 to Feb. 27, with instructor Anna Marie Casali. Cost is \$36 for members, \$45 for non-members.

◆ Conversational French, noon to 3 p.m. Fridays, Jan. 24 to May 1.

◆ Learn to Knit with Trina, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 27 to March 9, with instructor Trina Bresser Matous. Cost is \$30 for members, \$42 for non-members.

◆ Body Alignment 101, 1 to 3 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 27 to April 27. Drop-ins are welcome.

◆ Pingpong and Pizza Party, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31. Cost is \$5 per person.

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

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Ty Hinton, Harper Woods Planning and Economic Development, speaks. Cost is \$10 and includes snacks; a cash bar is available. Visit grossepointerotary.org.

NAACP

The Grosse Pointes & Harper Woods NAACP welcomes back the Wayne County Probate Cooperative, a group of probate judges and probate attorneys, Thursday, Jan. 23, for an extended probate and estate planning education series. The session takes place 6 to 8 p.m. at the Wayne County Community College District’s Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. Attendees will learn how to reduce the cost of probate and avoid family disputes about assets, as well as whether or not to create a trust. Speakers also will cover key aspects of a last will and testament and important features of powers of attorney.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27, 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.

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‘Angst,’ documentary about anxiety, returns for student, parent screenings

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

After a well-received debut in the Grosse Pointe Public School System in October, the IndieFlix documentary “Angst” makes it return to the community Wednesday, Jan. 22.

In its initial visit, sponsored by the district, Grosse Pointe Rotary Club and The Family Center, the film was shown to middle school students and their parents. This time around, students at Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools have an opt-in opportunity to see the documentary; parents are invited to an evening screening.

“Angst” was created by Hollywood filmmaker Scilla Andreen, CEO of IndieFlix, a company that creates social impact films, largely screened in schools and communities, with a goal of providing positive experiences that leave long-lasting impacts.

“A friend of mine said I should make a movie about mental health and a movie about homelessness,” Andreen said,

adding she scoffed at the idea because the topics were “too depressing and heavy.

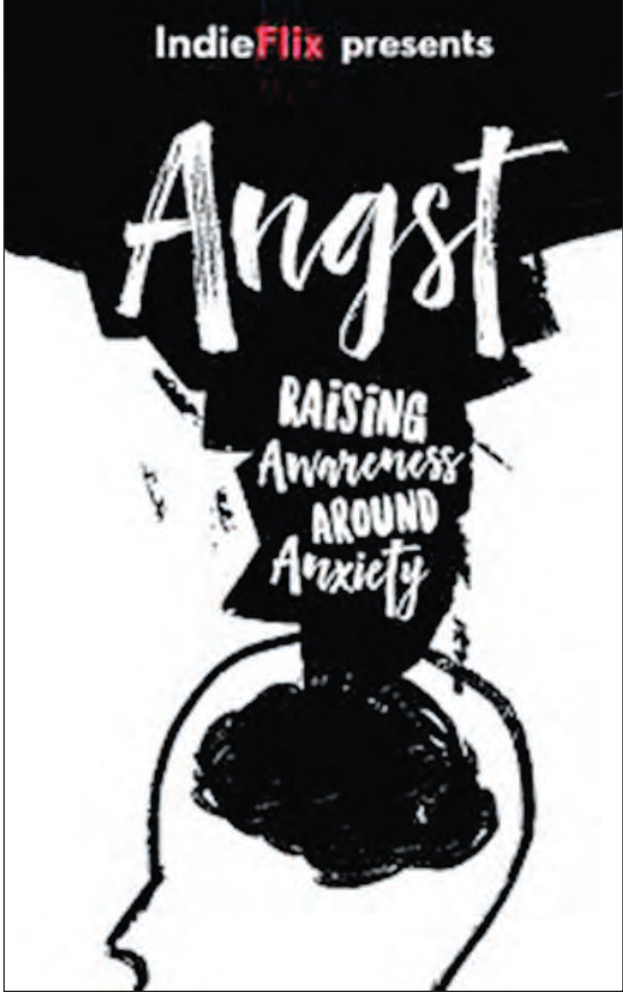
“These films are screened in schools,” she said. “I couldn’t visualize screening a movie about mental health in school.”

A short time later, that friend died by suicide. Her death made Andreen think again.

“This was a friend from high school; I saw her every week and I had no idea something was wrong,” she said. “So I channeled my grief into making this movie. It’s full of hope, resources and tools, but it also takes a hard look at what’s going on.”

Anxiety is in everyone, she added. “It’s part of the human experience. It’s what makes us jump out of the way of a moving car; it makes us great in a big game situation or big presentation. ... A huge part of the population has anxiety.”

“Angst” includes interviews with children, teens, parents, educators and experts on anxiety. It also features an interview with Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps.



“The film is really effective in raising awareness and bringing people together,” Andreen said. “It gives you permission to speak up, lets you know you’re not alone; you’re actually normal. The best

thing to do is speak up or reach out on someone’s behalf. We just need to model how to be there for each other more.”

“Angst” is the first in a trilogy of IndieFlix films that focus on social issues. It was followed by “Like,” which looks at the impact of social media and technology. “Like” made way for “The Upstanders,” set for release later this

month. The film is about bullying, cyberbullying, resilience and community connections, Andreen said.

“I was bullied as a kid,” she said. “This is near and dear to me. I vowed that if I ever could help someone who was going through what I went through, I would go to great lengths to do it.

“... It was a fascinating journey making these three films. They’re stand-alone films, but they flow together.”

Reactions to “Angst” have been phenomenal, Andreen said. Not only has it empowered students to see a counselor, “but, more importantly, they’d start talking to each other. Suddenly it’s not taboo to talk about it. Parents would start sharing resources. It became OK to talk about, which gave relief to others who were so afraid.”

Andreen said she hopes “Angst” fosters conversation and builds community.

“At all the screenings, the kids like watching it together; they bond over it,” she said. “During the evening screenings, I say, ‘Bring your kids.’ When you watch it as a family, the conversation in the car on the way home is a game changer. It has so much impact.

“So many kids never knew how to express what they were feeling,”

she continued. “When you talk about it, your life changes, it gets better. Anxiety is 100 percent treatable. It’s not curable, but you learn to treat it so life’s not so hard.”

As a supplement to her film, Andreen recently published the book, “The Creative Coping Toolkit: Simple Activities that Gamify Talking About our Feelings,” available at creativecopingtoolkit.com. The book is a supplement to the film to help people talk about their feelings and connect with others.

“I want to continue to foster conversations and nurture them and find more ways to keep the conversations going,” she said. “These films are going into territory people are uncomfortable with. When kids don’t get to see it or don’t see it with their parents, they miss out on a lot of conversations and healing that can take place. ... You’re not sheltering them (by not letting them see the film); it’s keeping them from information and opportunities to express themselves.”

Parents are invited to view “Angst” at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, at Grosse Pointe North High School, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. For more information, visit familycenterweb.org.

Pointer of Distinction Awards Jan. 30

Chamber reflects on 2019 at Annual Meeting

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce announces and celebrates its Pointer of Distinction awardees — representing Excellence in Business, Excellence in Nonprofit Activity, Community Service and Youth Achievement — at its 15th Annual Meeting, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

With more than 200 attendees anticipated, the gathering is a key event for the Grosse Pointe business community that will celebrate the chamber’s 2019 accomplishments while looking ahead to 2020.

Networking and cocktails begin at

5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Pointer of Distinction Awards. Tickets may be purchased by calling the chamber at (313) 881-4722 or visiting grossepointechamber.com.

“The Pointer of Distinction awardees have made a significant impact not only on the chamber, but also on the community as a whole,” said Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce President Jennifer Boettcher. “The chamber is thankful to our members and our 2019 award winners, whose support and involvement have been key to our work to strengthen businesses and the economic environment for those who work, live and do business in Grosse Pointe. We look forward to honoring the awardees and celebrating the accomplishments of the chamber — and a prosperous 2020.”

GPAA hosts character creation workshop

The one-day workshop “Character Creation and Design with Keith Hinman” teaches students the artistic elements of visual storytelling that make up a graphic novel, including movement, frame and image.

The workshop takes place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Hinman, a graduate of the College for Creative Studies, earned a degree in illustration, focusing on sequential art and comic book-style illustrations. As well as creating characters, he designs page layouts, places dialogue and adds color.

Students of his class will learn to create their own characters and give them dynamic facial expressions and gestures. The class is for students of all levels.

Students also are encouraged to bring their current projects

for constructive critiques.

For more information

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Keith Hinman’s Turtle character.

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John L. King

Former City of Grosse Pointe resident John L. “Jack” King, 95, died Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020, in Falls Church, Va.

Born Oct. 24, 1924, in Bellefontaine, Ohio, Mr. King was the son of Mabelle L. and John D. King and brother of Daniel N. King. He enlisted in the U.S. Army at age 18 and served in Africa and Italy in the 91st Infantry Division. Upon his discharge, he enrolled in the School of Business at Ohio State University and majored in accounting. Following graduation, he enrolled in the University of Michigan Law School and received his Juris Doctorate degree in 1950. He worked for a short time as an assistant attorney general for the state of Ohio and then as a litigation attorney with the Office of the Regional Counsel, Internal Revenue Service, in Detroit. Subsequently, he joined Detroit’s tax law firm of Berry Moorman. Upon the death of Raymond H. Berry, he became managing partner, a position he held until his retirement from the firm.

In 1950, Mr. King married Eileen R. Hickey, daughter of Sara M. and Joseph L. Hickey, and moved to Grosse Pointe where they raised four children, Sara K. DeCarlo (Nicholas), John L. King Jr. (Julie), Molly K. Garland (Aaron) and Anne E. King. Mrs. King passed away in Grosse Pointe on Oct. 9, 2011. Mr. King is survived by his children, their spouses, nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. In 2012, he moved to Goodwin House in Falls Church.

Mr. King served on the board of a number of charitable organizations, including Bon Secours Hospital, Foundation for Exceptional Children, Adult Well-Being Services, World Medical Relief Inc., Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Center, United Community Services of Metropolitan Detroit and Grosse Pointe Senior Men’s Club. He was a member of the Country Club of Detroit, Detroit Athletic Club, Indian Village Tennis Club and Cardinal Club. He served as councilman and then mayor of the City of Grosse Pointe and later served on the City of Grosse Pointe Foundation Board.

Mr. King was an avid tennis player, golfer and skier well into his 80s. He loved to travel and surprised the family with “mystery trips” that went near and far. He shared his commitment to community through volunteering with St. Vincent de Paul and tutoring. He gave generously of his time and experience not only to the organizations noted above, but also to friends and family. He was an active member of the Goodwin House community where he spent the last years of his life and served on the Foundation Quality of Life Committee. He was known to all as a “gentle” man and a gentleman.

A burial Mass will be

celebrated at noon Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Goodwin House All Saints Chapel, 3440 S. Jefferson, Falls Church, Va. There also will be a memorial Mass celebrated at noon Saturday, April 18, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. An inurnment in St. Paul’s columbarium will follow. Family visitation will be held 30 minutes prior to the noon service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Eileen Hickey King Scholarship Fund, St. Paul Educational Trust, at the address above.

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Jean E. Corbett Auch

Jean Ellen Corbett Auch, 86, passed away peacefully Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 2019, at her home in Lakewood, Colo., with her daughter by her side.

Jean was born March 10, 1933, in Grosse Pointe, to John James Corbett M.D., of Syracuse, N.Y., and Regina Elizabeth Corbett (nee Smith) of Circleville, Ohio. She attended Grosse Pointe High School and the University of Michigan and graduated with a master’s degree in social work from Wayne State University. Jean married Thomas Henry Auch and they had one daughter, Julie Sharon.

Throughout Jean’s career and in life, she was a teacher and a counselor. At age 17, she was one of the first swim instructors at Pier Park in Grosse Pointe Farms. She was a teacher in the Grosse Pointe Public School System, as well as a substitute teacher in Colts Neck, N.J. In her 40s, she transitioned to social work, taught numerous parenting classes and ultimately became a mental health therapist, working with Eastwood Clinics more than 20 years. In 2011, she moved to Colorado to be near her daughter.

Jean will be remembered for her keen interest in all people she met. Her family said she was engaging, a great listener who put all at ease and someone who approached life with a sense of humor, never to be deterred. She loved sports, particularly golf and football, and was known for teaching everyone she knew how to waterski. Above all, she was a loving and supportive mother and aunt to many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents; brothers, John (Julie), Ted (Margie) and David Corbett; beloved family caretaker, Helene “Nenie” Isaacson; and former husband, Tom Auch.

She is survived by her daughter, Julie Auch; son-in-law, Rick Brown; sister-in-law, Mary Ellen Corbett and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service takes place Thursday, Jan. 16, in Colorado. There will be a private gathering in her memory later this year in Michigan.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her honor may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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Marjorie Dorman

Marjorie Dorman, nee Groesbeck, died Thursday, Jan. 2, 2020. She was born in Hornell, N.Y. After graduating from Elmira College in 1952, she left upstate New York for Philadelphia as part of the first cohort of women funded by the National Science Foundation to study microbiology at the University of Pennsylvania. She worked at the Institute for Cancer Research and the pharmaceutical firm Smith, Klein & French, where she met her husband, Philip Dorman, in the late 1950s. Some 12 years later, his work brought the family to the Midwest in 1971.

Marjorie began her second career in the English Resource Center at Grosse Pointe South High School and as debate team coach and debate teacher, from 1981 to 1999. Although still a biologist, Marjorie realized her vocation was teaching high school. Her years at South embedded her in a supportive community of friends, colleagues and former students.

After Philip passed away in 1998, Marjorie reinvented herself as a single woman with the help of her friends from Grosse Pointe South and beyond. She joined a gym and did senior fitness classes. She tutored English as a Second Language. She enjoyed nights at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, movies at the Detroit Institute of Arts, theater trips to Stratford and an annual expedition to Florida to visit friends in “The Gang of Four.” During this time, she also became a pillar of the Cathedral, where Philip and Marjorie had worshipped since 1971, serving on the vestry and in numerous and sometimes quite difficult volunteer roles.

In early 2018, age and increasing fragility forced Marjorie to leave her Grosse Pointe home of more than 45 years and relocate to Henry Ford Village in Dearborn. She soon found a group of friends and dinner companions who have been there for her in hospital, rehab and assisted living. Her family in Scotland and Canada cannot thank them enough.

Marjorie enjoyed dinners at the Algonquin Hotel in New York City, had a fondness for craft beer and a passion for Red Wings hockey. Marjorie will be missed, but her family is most grateful for those who stood by her.

A memorial gathering will take place Saturday, Jan. 18, from 10 a.m. until the funeral service at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul Episcopal Church, 4800 Woodward, Detroit.

Memorial contributions in Marjorie’s honor



John King



Shirley Fincham Haley

may be made to Henry Ford Village, 15101 Ford Road, Dearborn, MI 48126.

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Shirley J. Fincham Haley

Shirley J. Fincham Haley, 84, passed away Thursday, Dec. 19, 2019, in Plano, Texas. She was born June 27, 1935, in Detroit, to Alfred and Rita Fincham. She graduated from St. Paul Catholic High School in Grosse Pointe Farms in 1953, and married her high school sweetheart, James Haley, in 1957. Together they raised five children.

Shirley was a loving wife and mother and enjoyed taking care of her family. After her kids were grown, she embarked in a career at AT&T and TransAmerica where she worked until she retired at age 67. In her spare time, Shirley was happiest gardening, enjoying puzzles and games and knitting. In her final year, she lived in an independent senior apartment where she formed new friendships, had fun learning new games and enjoyed many different activities. Most of all, she loved spending time with her children, grandchildren and other family.

Shirley was preceded by her loving husband of 56 years, James; parents, Alfred and Rita Fincham; sisters, Rita Brady and Joyce Vercammen; brothers-in-law, George Brady and Raymond Prince; and nephew, Daniel Brady. She is survived by her children, Erin Haley, James Haley (Eileen), Kathleen Vondracek (Richard), Brian Haley and Jennifer Greer (Richard); sisters, Jacquelyn “Jackie” Prince and Margaret “Mickie” Manetta (Richard); brother, Alfred “Skip” J. Fincham (Linda); grandchildren, Laura, Mary Catherine, James, Matthew, Kaden, Breanna, Megan, Collin, Beckett and Everly; and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Dallas Arboretum & Botanical Gardens, dallasarboretum.org; Patriot Paws, patriotpaws.org; or St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital, stjude.org.

A Celebration of Life service takes place at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, at Forest Grove Church, 2542 Country Club Rd., Lucas, TX 75002.



Jean Corbett Auch



Sue Nutter

Sue Nutter

Maude Suzanne Nutter, nee Schlaff, died peacefully Friday, Jan. 3, 2020. Her children said she was the most patient, loving, adventurous, beautiful, fun-filled mother ever.

Sue was born July 19, 1927, in Detroit. She married Hugh Nutter in 1953, raised four children in Grosse Pointe Farms, then moved to Del Mar, Calif., in 1966. She helped start the Del Mar Garden Club and San Diego Backgammon Club. She was an avid tennis player — her license plate was 40LOVE — and excelled at bridge.

Sue was a talented artist and enjoyed drawing, painting, stained glass and interior design. She will be remembered most for her lovely smile and beautiful welcoming house at the top of the hill in old Del Mar, surrounded by her gardens and hot-air balloons floating in the sky.

Sue will be missed by her children, Patrice, Nick, Jay and Ted; grandchildren, Brooke, Tim, Lauren, Will and Forest; and great-grandson, Max.

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William T. Kuypers

Grosse Pointe Shores resident William Theodore Kuypers, 85, passed away Friday, Jan. 10, 2020. A son of Theodore and Agnes (nee Vulysteke), he was born July 14, 1934, in Detroit.

William attended St. Joseph High School before attending the University of Detroit. He earned his bachelor’s degree in economics from Olivet College. Following graduation, William proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Ablemarle. On Dec. 26, 1959, William married Marcia (nee Loush) at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish. They were joined in love for 60 years. William made his career with the Michigan Lottery, retiring as a regional sales manager in 1995.


William was generous with his time when it came to volunteering. He served others through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul-St. Paul on the Lake Conference, St. Paul on the Lake Usher’s Club and the VA Hospital. William was a dedicated and valued member of the Knights of Columbus. One of his greatest achievements was being named “Man of the Year” at the 2006 Knights of Columbus State



Marjorie Dorman



William Kuypers



William Mitchell

Convention.

He was the beloved husband of Marcia; dear brother of Yvonne Daubenspeck and the late Richard Kuypers; loving uncle of Thomas Johnstone (LuAnn) and dear cousin of Barbara Davis.

A memorial visitation takes place 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24, at A. H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. A Mass of the Resurrection takes place at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations in William’s honor may be made to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul-St. Paul on the Lake Conference, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

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William J. Mitchell

William J. Mitchell, 88, died peacefully Tuesday, Jan. 7. He was the beloved husband of Barbara for 63 cherished years; loving father of Judy Endres (David), Kevin Mitchell (Janice) and Timothy Mitchell (Jan); proud grandfather of Daniel Mitchell (Rachel), Kaitlin Endres, Christa Mitchell, Lauren Atkinson (Jarod), Megan Mitchell, Samuel Mitchell, Nathanael Mitchell, Ezekiel Mitchell and Michael Mitchell; and great-grandfather of Nathan Mitchell, Kathleen Mitchell and Oliver Atkinson.

He was predeceased by his dear siblings, Jack, James and Ann.

Funeral services already have taken place. Contributions in memory of William would be appreciated to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, stjude.org, or the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, cskdetroit.org.

Share memories with the family at the Online Guestbook at wujekcalcaterra.com.

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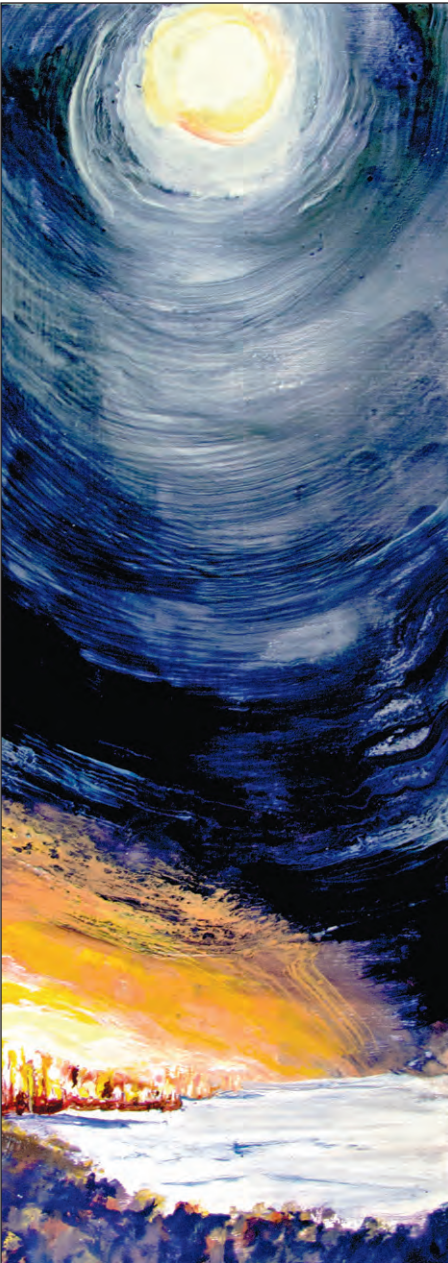


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Deadline approaching

The deadline to enter work into the Grosse Pointe Artists Association’s upcoming exhibit, “Ode to Our Planet,” is Friday, Jan. 17. Artists are asked to reflect on what the planet means to them. “Power Plant by Moonlight” by Kathleen McNamee, above, is among the entries. For details, visit grossepointeartcenter.org/exhibitions.

Veran technology added to treatment arsenal at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe

Technology offers possible applications for vaping-related illness

In its early stages, lung cancer does not produce any symptoms, which is why it’s so difficult to diagnose, treat and reduce the number of people dying from the disease. Even today, the overall survival rate at five years is just 20 percent.

To improve outcomes, Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe is employing a new, two-step strategy.

The first step focuses on early detection through a low-dose, radiation CT scan, also available at its multidisciplinary lung nodule clinics in Royal Oak and Wayne. Longtime smokers, including those who have quit within the past 15 years after smoking a long time, qualify for an annual screening, covered by insurance.

Veran technology, which fuels electromagnetic navigational bronchoscopy, is the second step. Believed to be the only such technology currently available in southeast Michigan, it was intro-

duced at Beaumont, Grosse Pointe in November, as part of Lung Cancer Awareness Month.

According to Dr. Michael Coello, medical director of the Lung Nodule Clinic at Beaumont, Grosse Pointe, surgeons can use the technology to pinpoint nodules and diagnose cancer in its earliest, most treatable stages.

“In the past, we used a digital photograph — a static snapshot — as our road map,” Coello said. “But, we are moving, breathing beings, which means tumors also move with the person. As a result, precise tumor localization was difficult. This new technology keeps us locked in and synchronized with the patient’s breathing.”

Flexibility is another benefit of the new technology, Coello explained.

“If the nodule has no connection to an existing airway, in the past, we couldn’t

access the lesion via bronchoscopy and would not even attempt a biopsy,” he said. “Now, based on this dynamic image, we can create our own pathway if none exists and advance a needle through the chest wall directly into the lesion.”

At this point, Coello said, a sample of the nodule can be obtained for diagnosis. Or, markers can be placed around it with surgeons proceeding directly to the operating room to remove the tissue before it has a chance to spread.

“It’s very satisfying to be able to identify lung nodules early through the screening process and, then, if necessary, follow up with bronchoscopy, thus speeding diagnosis and treatment,” Coello said. “This is what will finally make a difference in lung cancer survival.”

In addition, the new technology has potential diagnostic applications for vaping-related illness, Coello

said.

“If we aren’t exactly sure what’s going on, but vaping is suspected as the culprit, we could use the technology to sample lung tissue and identify the lipid droplets, which are believed to be the cause of the diffuse lung injury, thus establishing cause of illness,” Coello said. “This process could solidify diagnosis, speeding and enhancing treatment.

“Whatever the source of disease, our goal is to promote survival and make a difference in the lives of our patients,” he continued. “These new and growing technologies are enabling us to do that.”

In time, it is hoped the technology will be introduced at other Beaumont hospitals.

For more information about Beaumont’s Lung Nodule Clinics, visit beaumont.org/services/oncology/centers-clinics-and-locations/lung-nodule-clinic.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident named Super Lawyer

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Jim Spica has been named a Super Lawyer by Michigan Super Lawyers Magazine for the 10th year in a row. In addition, Spica has been recognized by The Best Lawyers in America in the fields of

trusts and estates since 2009 and litigation-trust and estates since 2012. Spica also has been recognized by Leading Lawyers for his work in trust, wills and estate planning since 2013 and tax law since 2018. He also has been rec-

ognized as “Top Ranked” by Chambers and Partners from 2017 to present for its High Net Worth guide and among Business Magazine’s Top Lawyers in trust and estates since 2014.

Spica concentrates his

practice in the areas of estate planning, including charitable planning for high-net-worth clients, complex trust planning and litigation.

Spica is an attorney with Chalgian & Tripp Law Offices and practices out of its Southfield office.

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South boys hoopsters battled rival University Liggett School **PAGE2C**

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Girls basketball

RIVALS

Coach saved, game suspended

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

With the Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South girls basketball players preparing for the second half of their rivalry game at South last weekend, South freshman girls basketball head coach Bob Zaranek collapsed behind the scorer's table after suffering a heart attack.

South athletic trainer Collin Karcher, South head coach Kevin Richards and several spectators were on the spot, helping Zaranek during 30 intense minutes.

After medical and police personnel arrived, he was stabilized and taken by ambulance to a local hospital.

"It was truly amazing how many people stepped up and performed in a moment of need," Karcher said. "Everyone working so intensely toward the



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

South's Alexa Downey runs a play as North's Christina Braker defends.

common goal of helping a member of our community. It was great to see and be part of."

"It was obviously a difficult and scary situation," South Athletic Director Chris Booth said. "The response from our trainer and commu-

nity members present at the game was immediate and impressive. It was nothing short of heroic."

Before the heroics, the Norsemen and Blue Devils went to the half tied at 25.

The Norsemen won the first quarter 16-12 and

the Blue Devils won the second 13-9.

Each team finished the half with double-digit turnovers, as well as had a double-digit scorer.

For the Norsemen, senior Christina Braker had 12 points and for the Blue Devils sophomore

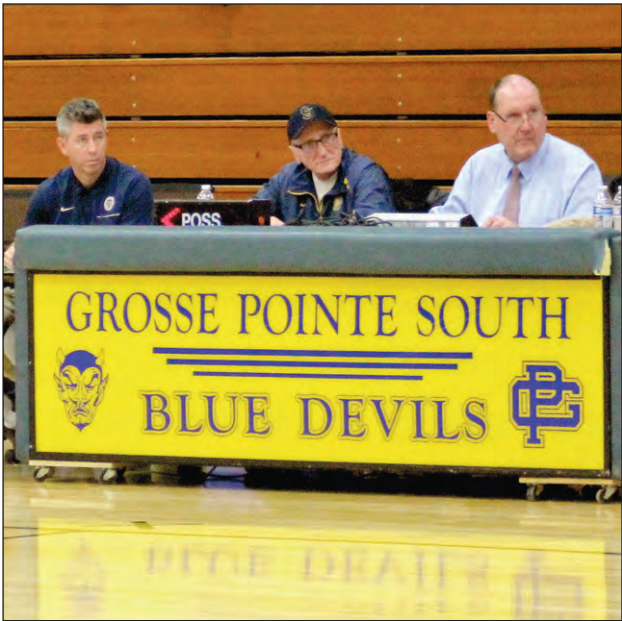


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South girls freshman basketball head coach Bob Zaranek, right, during the junior varsity game.

Kamryn Richards had 11.

The game was suspended at the half. It will be continued in the next few weeks starting with the third quarter.

The second regular season meeting between the rivals is Tuesday, Jan. 28, at North.

Earlier in the week, South beat Warren Cousino 60-50 to improve to 2-0 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 6-1 overall; North lost 46-41 to Utica Eisenhower to drop to 0-2 in the MAC Red Division and 4-3 overall.

Boys hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils defeat state powers

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys hockey team ended a stellar week with a 6-2 home win over Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, ranked No. 10 in Division 3.

Junior Aaron Vyletel posted a hat trick, while senior Keegan Spitz and juniors Dean Therriault and Anthony Furicchia scored single goals.

Spitz and Therriault scored on the power play.

Senior Will Strickler earned another victory in net.

"We didn't play our 'A'

game tonight, but played well enough to beat a good Cranbrook team," head coach Paul Moretz said.

Vyletel scored goals at the 12:37 and 10:38 mark of the opening period, and had his third tally with only 4:04 left in the second period.

His three goals gave the Blue Devils a 3-1 lead after the first 34 minutes.

Spitz scored in the first minute of the third, but the Cranes came back to tighten things up with a goal three minutes later.

Therriault's power-play goal gave the home team breathing room, and Furicchia's tally put the game away as the



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Grosse Pointe South head coach Paul Moretz has his Blue Devils ranked in the top 10 in Division 3.

Blue Devils put another game in the win column.

Earlier in the week, South beat the No. 1 ranked squad in Division 1, Novi Catholic Central, 4-3.

Seniors Alex Mills, Adam Strehlke, John McShane and Spitz scored for the visiting Blue Devils. Strickler

was in net.

"That was a big win for us," Moretz said. "We played a good game on the road."

Grosse Pointe South, ranked No. 6 in Division 3, improved to 6-1-0-1 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League and 13-1-0-1 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen stay focused

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Rob Blum has his Grosse Pointe North boys hockey team playing with the passion the program had during its glory years under Scott Lock.

Last week, the Norsemen made it four wins in their past five games with a come-from-behind 3-2 victory over Rochester Hills Stoney Creek at Fraser Ice Arena.

The Norsemen, playing with a thin bench due to injuries, fell behind 2-0 after the first period.

They picked up the intensity and dominated the second and third periods as they tallied three goals in the second to take the 3-2 lead.

Junior Ethan McCormick started the come back, scoring a goal at the 11:30 mark as senior Evan Berger had the assist.

A little less than a minute later, junior Dylan Holman scored to tie it 2-2. Berger and junior Nicholas Asimakis had the assists.

With only 38 seconds left in the second period, Berger scored what turned out to be the game-winning goal as McCormick had the assist.

Neither team scored in the third period, but the Norsemen's defense was stout and senior goaltender Connor Obermok was stellar in net.

"Connor made some big saves in the third period to help us hold them off and win the game," Blue said. "The guys never quit. They didn't get down after falling behind by a couple of goals. They continued to work hard and were rewarded with a win. It was a nice effort."

Grosse Pointe North is 5-9 overall.

Coming up for the Norsemen is their second regular season meeting with Grosse Pointe South at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, at Eastside Hockey Arena.

In addition, the Norsemen are preparing for the annual MIHL Showcase the first weekend in February at Kennedy Recreation Center in Trenton.

The Norsemen face Allen Park Cabrini at 5:20 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, in the Practice Rink, and at 6:50 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, against Rochester United.

The Norsemen are playing some of the best hockey as they enter the second-half of the regular season. State playoffs start Feb. 24.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights fall to trio of foes

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys hockey team was a little rusty early last week in its 4-3 overtime loss to visiting Romeo.

The last time the Knights played a game was Dec. 21.

"Being off for a few weeks will do that to us, shaking off a ton of

rust," head coach Mike Maltese said.

The Knights led 1-0 on a goal by sophomore Doug Wood at the 11:35 mark of the first period. Senior William Nicholson had the lone assist.

Wood scored an unassisted goal at the 16:16 mark of the second period to give the Knights a 2-0 lead.

However, the Bulldogs

would control the play for most of the second period.

They tied it with goals at the 8:54 and 3:23 mark of the second stanza.

The Bulldogs took a 3-2 lead with a goal early in the third period, but junior Alec Leonard tied it with a power-play tally with only 4:58 left.

The visitors held the play in the Knights' zone

for most of the eight-minute overtime, and it paid dividends when they scored the game-winning goal with only 62 seconds left.

The Knights took to the road the following two games, losing 4-0 to Riverview Gabriel Richard and 5-2 to Allen Park Cabrini.

Nicholson and junior Nick Fallon scored against Cabrini.

Baseball

KALAMAZOO COLLEGE



PHOTO COURTESY OF JERRY ALIOTTA

All-Decade

Grosse Pointe South 2011 graduate Joey Aliotta was selected to the Kalamazoo College All-Decade baseball team as the DH. As a senior at Kalamazoo College, Aliotta ranked among the best in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association in four offensive categories — second in home runs, fifth in RBI and ninth in both slugging percentage and total bases. That season he also led all Kalamazoo players in homers, triples and RBI. Defensively, Aliotta ranked fourth in the conference among outfielders senior year, maintaining a perfect fielding average with no errors in 25 putouts. As a junior, he led all Hornets in doubles with 10, and as a sophomore while playing only the second half of the season he led the squad in extra-base hits. His sophomore season, down by a run to Rochester College, his pinch-hit grand slam and subsequent two-run double in the final inning sparked a 13-run rally for the victory. His .322 career batting average ranks 14th in Hornets history. He also is tied for second for RBI in a game with 6. While at Grosse Pointe South, Aliotta was 12-1 record on the mound, averaging 1.03 strikeouts per inning. His career 1.41 ERA is second lowest in school history. In his senior year, he was 7-0, including a win in the 2011 district final. That same year he posted a 0.88 ERA in four starts in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division. He was selected MAC-Red All-Conference, All-District, All-Region and All-State finalist in 2011. As a senior, his eighth-inning walk-off double against St. Clair High School gave the eventual state champs their only loss for the 2011 season. That year against Cousino High School, he hit a grand slam while pitching a complete-game victory with eight strikeouts. As a junior, Aliotta struck out 10 and walked none in a complete-game shutout against rival University Liggett School.

Wrestling

SOUTH & NORTH



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Tourney results

Grosse Pointe North hosted its annual Norsemen Classic wrestling tournament last weekend. North, under head coach Derek Davison, finished 1-4, beating Sterling Heights Stevenson and losing to Warren Mott, Warren DeLaSalle, Monroe and Waterford Mott. Grosse Pointe South, under head coach Patrick Salazar pictured above center, was 4-1 on the day, beating Birmingham Seaholm, Waterford Mott, Southfield A&T and Warren Mott, and losing to Warren Cousino.

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DECEMBER 2, 2019

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held November 18, 2019 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held October 17, 2019.
- 2) To adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing a Collective Bargaining matter.
- 3) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 118034 through 118164 in the amount of \$506,695.49 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$5,377.25 for the contractual assessing services performed during the month of December 2019. (3) approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$7,735.00 for prisoner lodging and maintenance for the months of June and July 2019.
- 2) to accept the lowest responsible bid submitted by Master Maintenance in the amount of \$23,064.00 for rehab work to be provided at 21101 Kenmore as part of the CDBG Rehabilitation Program.
- 3) to accept the lowest responsible bid submitted by Weatherseal Home Improvements in the amount of \$8,595.00 for rehab work to be provided at 19380 Washtenaw as part of the CDBG Rehabilitation Program.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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Boys basketball

RIVALS

Blue Devils beat rival Knights

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

For the second game in a row, the Grosse Pointe South boys basketball team dispatched of a city rival.

First game was a 23-point win over Grosse Pointe North, and last week the Blue Devils beat University Liggett School 77-39.

It was close for most of the first half, but the Blue Devils used an 8-0 run to close out the second quarter to open a 36-20 lead.

The home team continued the run in the opening three minutes of the third quarter.

This time, it was a 16-2 run to blow open the game and increase the lead to 52-22.

“We played pretty well

for the first quarter and most of the second quarter, but South’s 8-0 run to end the half hurt,” ULS head coach Solomon Spann said. “We’re learning out there, and we will get to be a better basketball team. This was a good team we played tonight.” “I liked our spacing, and we hit some open shots tonight,” South head coach Steve Benard said. “We used our quickness to get some easy baskets.”

The Blue Devils’ solid court spacing allowed them to convert several layups and dunks, especially in the pivoting third quarter in which they outscored the Knights 23-8.

Sophomore Will Johnson and freshman Anthony Benard scored

19 points apiece to lead the Blue Devils.

Senior Alex Shaheen and junior Matthew Edwards chipped in with nine points apiece, while junior Jacob Harris had seven points.

For the Knights, junior Sawyer Szajenko had 10 points, followed by junior Giorgio Malkoun and freshman Jarren Purify with six points apiece. Junior Mike Clark had five points.

Later in the week, South and ULS won conference games over Utica Ford and Clarkston Everest Collegiate.

Grosse Pointe South improve to 2-0 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 6-2 overall; ULS is 1-0 in the Catholic League Intersectional II Division and 3-5 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen battle

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Andy Ayrault continues to stay positive while his Grosse Pointe North boys basketball team finds its bearings.

Last week, the host Norsemen fell behind by double digits in the first quarter, roared back to make things interesting and then ran out of gas in a 75-59 division loss to Romeo.

“Boys working hard and staying focused while learning/running an entirely new system,” Ayrault said. “We need to start out faster and knock down shots early. Almost every game we have been spotting teams double digit leads early and being forced to battle back the entire game, which they have done

well.”

Poor shooting and turnovers allowed the Bulldogs to jump out to a 17-0 lead.

It was 23-6 after the first quarter as the Norsemen had trouble matching up against the Bulldogs’ lineup featuring Blake Woodward, standing 6-feet, 9-inches, and Greg Tarr, the University of Michigan football recruit.

The Norsemen chipped away and found themselves within striking distance thanks to runs in the second and third quarters.

Shots started to fall and they forced the Bulldogs into several turnovers. In the second quarter, the Norsemen cut the deficit to 35-25 and it was 50-40 in the third quarter.

They couldn’t keep the

momentum going and the Bulldogs took over.

Junior Jordan Shepherd led the Norsemen with 18 points, while freshman Adam Ayrault had 10 points. Junior Andrew Dudek added seven points, and junior Louis Randazzo and senior Cameron Perrino had six points apiece.

Grosse Pointe North dropped to 0-2 in the Macomb Area Conference and 0-8 overall.

“Keeping them engaged and excited is the goal this year even with a struggling record,” Ayrault said. “Our successes might not be measured in wins and losses, but development of the players at each level. We’ll continue to improve and be competitive in every game.”

Girls basketball

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights stay perfect in divisional play

By Micah White
Special Writer

The University Liggett School girls basketball team dominated its first week back from break with wins over Detroit Cristo Rey, 54-14, and Frankel Jewish Academy, 44-1.

Against Detroit Cristo Rey, the top scorers were Delaney Garvey with 17 points and Grace Rahaim with 11 points.

The Knights played locked-in defense as they allowed Cristo Rey to score only six points in the second half and forced a total of 30 turnovers.

Alexis Gormely played an important role coming off of the

bench to produce four consecutive steals in the third quarter, which brought cheers from her teammates.

“The best energy is the energy we receive from the bench,” head coach Craig White said. “When girls sub in and exceed the toughness and will that was on the court, it’s a totally different ballgame for not only the team but the gym’s atmosphere.”

Moving forward to end off that week, top scorer for the Knights against Frankel Jewish Academy was Garvey with 11 points, followed by Margaret Dunn with eight points.

“Everybody eats,” White said. “When it’s a big lead game like this,

the team must understand that everyone has to eat, as in get in the books; have your sister’s back and spread the wealth.”

‘Everybody eats,’ was a well-put way to describe the outcome of the game as each player found their way to be marked in the score book through fouls, points, rebounds and steals.

Overall, the Knights ended the first week back with wins that not only pushed the team’s record to 6-2 overall but begin Catholic League Intersectional II Division play 3-0.

Next for the Knights is a home game at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, against Austin Catholic.

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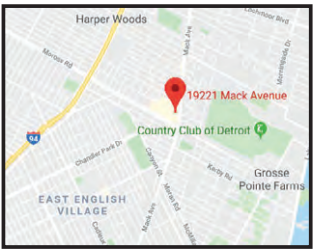


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