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1,000 salutes

Dec. 23, the Grosse Pointe War Memorial partnered with Justin Verlander's Wins for Warriors Foundation for "1,000 Christmas Salutes." One thousand locally sourced dinners, prepared by War Memorial executive chef Frank Turner, were served to veterans and their families. Left, Maj. Gabe Aceti shakes the hand of one of the original Tuskegee Airmen, Frederick Henry. The men thanked each other for their service to the country.



Members of the Detroit Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen include, seated, from left, Frederick Henry, an original airman, and Bill Welborne. Standing, from left, are Gary St. Clair, Tommie Stallworth, Larry Sargent and Robert Tillman.

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Retired military, from left, Navy Ensign Chris O'Dell, Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Tom Thompson, Medic Specialist Mike Gracey and 101st Airborne Staff Sgt. Ken Deman.



Grosse Pointe Woods resident Peter Reyes, a bombardier in the Air Force in World War II, was among the veterans who attended "1,000 Christmas Salutes."

2015 YEAR IN REVIEW

Shores' financial status tops chart at AAA

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — More than a year's effort by the city council and administration to improve municipal creditworthiness paid off in December when Standard & Poor's raised Grosse Pointe Shores' bond rating one notch from AA+ to AAA, the highest possible.

"I can't be more proud of the team effort to achieve a AAA bond rating," said Mayor Ted Kedzierski.

Events leading to the new rating are part of the year 2015 in review:

January

◆ If a boat represents a hole in the water its owner fills with money, imagine the financial drain of a municipal marina with 133 wells.

Some \$100,000 from the Grosse Pointe Shores general fund is used to

bail out the marina fund, which is in deficit.

◆ One era is linked to another in the city's recently-published picture history.

Nearly 200 photos of ribbon farms, the Vernier Roadhouse and estates built of stone are part of "The Village of Grosse Pointe Shores," published by Arcadia Publishing as a project of the Shores Ambassador Committee, D.J. Boehm chairwoman.

◆ Mayor Ted Kedzierski, progenitor of the recently-released book, "The Village of Grosse Pointe Shores," is so impressed with the work he considers creating a historic commission to preserve records of the city's past.

February

◆ A Michaux Lane resident adds a catch when requesting public safety

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2015 YEAR IN REVIEW

Farms' AAA bond rating tops charts

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Among measurable highlights of achievement in Grosse Pointe Farms during 2015, the brightest shone in April with a AAA bond rating, the highest possible.

More evidence of the city's strong financial standing came with the annual audit, presented in December, showing a rainy day fund representing 29 percent of the annual operating budget.

Some aspects of the good life aren't measured with numbers. "Our public safety, parks and recreation



FILE PHOTO

February was cold and snowy. In fact, it was the coldest February on record in metro Detroit. The average high was a paltry 15 degrees Fahrenheit.

were great," said Mayor James Farquhar. "We're still a family-oriented community that strives to be a safe place to raise kids and enjoy life." The year 2015 in

review:

January

◆ Duke, the Grosse Pointe Farms police K-9, got a Batman collar for Christmas.

But Duke's handler, Officer Tim Harris, hopes to follow up with something more practical, a bullet-resistant vest.

◆ Homeowners' complaints about violations at rental properties on Moran between Charlevoix and Beaupre prompt the city council to pledge fixing the matter.

February

◆ A crackdown on canine cutups is in play at the new Kerby Dog Park.

"We've had a few remarks from people saying some dogs are more aggressive," said Dick Huhn, director of parks and recreation.

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Park sees a year of change

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The more things changed, the more they remained the same in the Park. Three mayors held power in 2015, more than the Park had seen in three decades; there is a new face on the city council; and debate continued over whether four-legged residents deserved their own park.

January

◆ Bob Bashara was sentenced to two life sentences without parole for

his role in the January 2012 murder of his wife, Jane. Judge Vonda Evans sentenced Bashara after a jury found him guilty of five counts, including murder, conspiracy to commit murder, solicitation to murder, witness intimidation and obstruction of justice.

◆ The Deck Bar, after years of legal haggling with the city of Detroit, was finally demolished.

February

◆ Mayor Palmer Heenan announced his

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From left, sign donors Paul and Carol Schaap of Grosse Pointe Park and Detroit Historical Society Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer Robert Bury of Grosse Pointe.



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Paying tribute

On Tuesday, Nov. 10, the Detroit Historical Society hosted a private reception for supporters and friends to mark 40 years since the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald was lost in Lake Superior.

Held in the Polk Family Hall at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, the informal gathering paid special tribute to the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald by honoring and remembering all the men and women who lost their lives on the Great Lakes.

The event culminated outside the museum in the unveiling of a new interpretive sign for the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald anchor, donated by Paul and Carol Schaap of Grosse Pointe Park.

The first in a series of signs supported by the Schaaps, the marker gives visitors a richer, more informative view of the artifact.

The museum's other outdoor attractions will receive a similar upgrade in spring 2016.

Old Devils donate to Detroit Swims

Friday, Dec. 18, the Grosse Pointe Old Devils met with Boll Family YMCA staff and board members of the Detroit Swims program to donate \$10,000. The money will be used to teach 100 children to swim. Detroit Swims, part of an initiative by the YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit, aims to remove all barriers preventing a child from learning to swim to help reduce drowning rates in Detroit and surrounding communities. The Grosse Pointe Old Devils is a nonprofit that raises funds to support

underprivileged youth in athletics and education; the funds donated by the Grosse Pointe Old Devils specifically will provide lessons for children enrolled in the Center for Success program, which provides low-cost, literacy-based, individualized tutoring for school-aged students. Drowning is the second-leading cause of accidental death of children ages 1 to 14. The Detroit Swims program provides children with swimming suits, caps, goggles and lessons so they learn to swim at no cost to their families.

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — A new Ford F-250 pickup truck for the parks and recreation department costs \$28,889.

It replaces a 13-year-old model.

Grosse Pointe Farms officials also approved the purchase of a Kubota utility cart for \$17,600, which replaces a Cushman inherited from the public works department.

Park employees use carts for sundry tasks, such as hauling trash, leaves and seaweed from the marina at Pier park.

The old Cushman is being stripped of usable parts and scrapped.

Farms officials acquired the Kubota

through the national Joint Powers Alliance competitive pricing plan.

Municipal employees use the F-250 to plow snow, haul trailers and more.

City officials bought it from Gorno Ford, in Woodhaven, through MiDeal, a state pool.

The old truck is being sold through competitive bids.

"Funds for this purchase are budgeted in this current fiscal year," said Richard Huhn, park director.

Deck repair

The second-floor observation deck and outdoor stairway at the park community building are being replaced.

Work is contracted to

low-bidder, Makos Builders of Grosse Pointe Park.

The company's \$16,150 bid is half the price submitted by the only other competitor.

"The project (includes) removal and disposal of all boards for the deck and stairs and repairs to the first three stair steps," Huhn said.

—Brad Lindberg

Appointments set

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — First-term council members Douglas Kucyk and Tina Ellis received committee assignments this month in subjects in which they showed interest during their campaigns for office.

Kucyk joins the finance committee, election committee and tree board.

Ellis becomes liaison to the parks and harbor committee and Shores Improvement Foundation.

Appointments are by Mayor Ted Kedzierski.

He added resident Dr. John Seago to the parks and harbor committee.

Kucyk and Ellis are part of Kedzierski's effort to expand recreation programs to meet interests of young families.

"Doug and Tina will be heading the new events

committee," Kedzierski said. "We're looking to add (events)."

Councilman Bruce Bisballe remains chairman of the finance committee along with incumbent member Councilman Robert Gesell, Kedzierski and, as citizen representative, former Councilwoman Kay Felt.

Additional returning chairs are:

- ◆ Councilman Robert Barrette, parks and harbor;
- ◆ Brett Marshall, tree board;
- ◆ Mary Matuja, planning commission;
- ◆ Helen Bai, beautification;
- ◆ John Lizza, board of review and
- ◆ Bruce Campbell, pension.

—Brad Lindberg

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officers trap stray cats living under the porch.

"The homeowner asked that the cats be removed only if no harm to them is guaranteed," reported an officer. "(I) explained it could not be guaranteed. The homeowner then requested the cats be left for the time being."

◆ Two patrolmen provide mutual aid to a half-dozen children on Sunningdale struggling to build a snow fort.

Officers help the youngsters roll a heavy ball of snow in place, earning a commendation from Chief John Schulte "for showing the human side of our profession by taking time to communicate and present such a positive image of our department to kids in our community."

March

◆ Estimated energy savings from city-wide capital improvements since June total \$57,000, according to contractor, Honeywell.

Company representatives guaranteed the \$1.6 million project will more than pay for itself over 16 years in energy and operational savings.

◆ Medics use laptop computers to streamline record-keeping and eliminate 30 minutes of redundant handwritten paperwork per run.

◆ Councilman Dan Schulte, stripped of mayor or pro tem status following his arrest at home in 2013 for domestic violence, refers to the incident, to which he pleaded no contest, when banning public safety officers from his property unless invited.

He's mad because a patrolman contacted him at home in person about a neighbor's barking dog complaint.

"I do not want Grosse Pointe Shores police to set foot on my property or come to my door unless requested by me to do so," Schulte wrote in an e-mail to the public safety director, mayor, city council, city manager and clerk.

April

◆ Hardly any serious crime, as rated by the FBI, happened in the Shores during 2014.

Only five cases were reported, down 50 percent from 2013 and only one-quarter as many reported during 2012, according to the public safety department annual report for 2014.

Chief John Schulte called the new total "unprecedentedly low."

◆ Freezing weather during winter is credited with a growth spurt this spring in municipal garden sponsorships.

"People have gotten stir crazy locked inside their homes and are looking for something pretty to come along," said Helen Bai, chairwoman of the Shores Beautification Advisory Committee. "We have 17 new garden sponsors who have never sponsored a garden before."

◆ A fourfold increase in Shores financial reserves since 2010 is reported by Shores finance director Rhonda Ricketts.

May

◆ The lobby of public safety headquarters is designated a safe trading zone for exchanges coordinated through Craigslist, eBay and simi-



The Mutt March is always fun for families and their pets, held in June.

lar online marketplaces. "Some criminals exploit these types of transactions," said Chief John Schulte.

Councilman Robert Gesell recommended the idea in April.

◆ The Rev. Richard Bartoszek, chaplain for the Shores public safety department, blesses officers during a ceremony at city hall.

"Nobody but God knows what you do every day to protect people, to deal with people, to take care of people, to bring people comfort and peace, and to bring that to the community," Bartoszek told officers.

◆ As soon as the current fiscal year ends June 30 with a projected \$12,000 surplus, the next fiscal year starts July 1 with more than \$1.1 million reserves.

"We've delivered a fiscally prudent budget," said Mayor Ted Kedzierski, among elected representatives unanimously passing the \$5,592,145 budget for fiscal year 2015-16. "The goal is to maintain or enhance our premier services with no additional cost to the taxpayer."

June

◆ For the first time in years, the municipal marina at Osius Park is full.

Only this year, in addition to boats, the marina's full of zebra mussels.

While inspecting the breakwall, divers find the invasive aquatic species lining submerged openings designed to let flows from Lake St. Clair circulate through the harbor, reducing problems related to stagnant water.

"We'll probably have to clean up zebra mussels next year," said City Manager Mark Wollenweber.

◆ Behind-the-scenes action is needed before security cameras are located at four outdoor public locations in the city.

Consultants recommend installing cameras at four locations: the north and south city borders on Lakeshore, the western border with Grosse Pointe Woods at the intersection of Cook and Ballantyne, plus at the high-traffic intersection of Lakeshore and Vernier.

◆ A 437-page book about the history of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club floats Mayor Ted Kedzierski's boat.

"We're going to keep it upstairs (at city hall) on display," he said.

The book, "Grosse Pointe Yacht Club: 100 years 1914-2014," traces the club's history since its founding.

July

◆ An anonymous donor gives \$10,000 to the public safety department.

Chief John Schulte said the gift is from a man impressed by medical care provided by the department's officers triple-trained in law

enforcement, fire fighting and emergency medical treatment.

"He is extremely grateful for the service received over the years, especially paramedic service," Schulte said. "He requested the donation go to projects that directly affect the officers."

◆ More locust trees may be cut down on North and South Edgewood roads.

Armillaria root rot, a soil-borne fungus diagnosed in April 2014, continues attacking locust trees in the neighborhood.

The only remedy is to cut down infected trees before they weaken and fall, according to Brett Marshall, chairman of the Shores municipal tree board and owner of a tree service company.

◆ Carson Smith catches the first fish, a 6-inch bluegill, during this year's fishing derby at Osius Park.

Some 50 people ages 3 to 25 competed in the two-hour competition.

August

◆ Assessment records are available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at city hall.

◆ One of 10 motorcyclists fleeing police at speeds up to 100 mph on northbound Lakeshore crashes near Blairmoor and lies on the roadway losing an estimated two liters of blood from an open femur fracture.

Public safety officers apply a tourniquet and medics take the cyclist,



Young anglers competed in the annual Grosse Pointe Shores fishing derby in July.

FILE PHOTOS



The Grosse Pointe War Memorial saluted veterans and the community with a week of events around Memorial Day in May.

an 18-year-old Dearborn man, to the hospital, where a patrolman delivers a traffic citation.

September

◆ A second, open-air pavilion is proposed by members of the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation for construction at Osius Park.

The foundation, a private fundraising group, previously donated to the park a playscape and splashpad.

◆ A utility pole blocking sight lines of motorists on Lakeshore at Vernier is coming down when the corner is reconstructed, possibly before winter.

Also, a cut-through in the Lakeshore median between Vernier and the entrance to Osius Park will be relocated farther north from the intersection to reduce the odds of traffic wrecks.

◆ A routine traffic stop turns into something more serious when the driver is found to possess many tools of the drug trade: hundreds of narcotic prescription pills, more than \$22,000 cash, a sniper rifle with nearly 200 rounds of ammunition and two knives.

October

◆ The new curbside leaf collection schedule, revised last year, worked well enough to repeat this season.

"We pick up leaves on regularly-scheduled gar-

bage days," said Brett Smith, head of Shores public works. "Leaves may be placed at the curb any time prior to the garbage day."

◆ An opponent of DTE Energy's campaign to replace analog electric meters with the remote-sensing variety pleads no contest in Shores Municipal Court to stealing up to \$1,000 worth of the so-called smart meters from an installer's truck.

The criminal record of defendant Dominic Cusumano, 61, of the Shores, will be expunged if he successfully completes one year of probation.

◆ New rules and regulations governing access to the residents-only municipal park are needed to prevent non-residents from clogging the facility, according to Shores residents complaining of park overcrowding.

Preliminary options include making park visitors show park passes upon each entry, redesigning the Osius Park parking lot entrance and issuing residents-only electronic key fobs to open locked entry gates.

November

◆ Not everything is vintage at the 100th birthday party for city hall.

"We will have a cake — not a 100-year-old cake," City Manager Mark Wollenweber said.

The building, designed by Albert Kahn, dates to Nov. 1, 1925.

◆ Councilwoman Kay Felt, elected in 2011, doesn't seek a second term in the municipal election.

Felt, a retired attorney and member of the Shores finance committee, cites health reasons. Councilman Dan Schulte also doesn't run for reelection.

◆ Tina Ellis and Doug Kucyk win seats on the city council. Winning reelection are Councilman Robert Gesell and, in an uncontested race, Mayor Ted Kedzierski.

December

◆ Standard & Poor's raises the municipal bond rating one notch from AA+ to AAA, the highest possible.

"It's testament to the team we have working diligently on finances and infrastructure costs," said Mayor Ted Kedzierski.

◆ Most residents attending the final city council meeting of the year oppose a developer's idea to revamp an unoccupied, nearly eight-acre estate at 55 Deeplands into 30 condominiums.

No one speaks in favor of it.

The developer doesn't own the property, nor is there a formal submission for construction, which opponents pledge to defeat in court as a violation of a deed restriction and disruption to a residential community of single-family dwellings.

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Park woman has a passion for young, elderly

By Jody McVeigh
Community Editor

Mary Naber believes in giving back. It is evident in her career as well as personal life.

She stands by the Erma Bombeck quote, "When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would have not a single bit of talent left and could say, 'I used everything you gave me!'"

"I've had a very blessed life — good health, the love of family and friends and an abundance of opportunities," Naber said. "It fills my heart to give back. I'm very satisfied when I see changes I've led to growth and improvement, leaving something better than I found it — includes people, services, places, etc."

Naber, who grew up in the Park with her family

of 10, attended Grosse Pointe South High School before graduating from Oakland University and later earning a master's degree from the University of Michigan, while working and raising four children.

"It was busy and God blessed me with lots of energy," she said.

Naber and her husband, Michael Naber M.D., a private practice internist in St. Clair Shores, have four children — Nick, 29; Matt, 27; Jason, 23; and Christine, 21. All four children went to school in Grosse Pointe and graduated from South.

While her children and their education are important to her, so is the education of youth across metro Detroit. A former PTO, Mother's Club and Neighborhood Club volunteer, Naber now

spends time volunteering as vice chairwoman with SuccessMile Charter School USA Elementary in Warren, on the President's Advisory Board of Detroit Cristo Rey High School and on the board committee of Children's Center Detroit. Until this year, she was a reading mentor at Grace Community Church as well.

"The current education system has so many disparities. It disturbs me," she said. "Education is the foundation for advancing communities, cities, society. My work on these boards helps to ensure that all children have equal opportunity for an excellent education. It is how we ensure our future."

Naber's other passion is the elderly, whom she serves through her role as president and chief



COURTESY PHOTO

Park resident Mary Naber is CEO and president of PACE and a volunteer for several organizations.

executive officer of Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly, or PACE. She's been with the organization a little more than a year.

PACE is a federally and state-funded health plan that uses Medicare and

Medicaid dollars. Its target population is chronically ill seniors who want to remain in their own homes.

"We prevent the decline of condition because if they do go to the hospital, we pay the bill," Naber said. "We provide all the care ... It's the best care seniors have had in life. What the Affordable Care Act is trying to create, we already have."

Participants — not patients — receive dental, vision, hearing and podiatry services, as well as recreational activities, clinic services with doctors and nurses, a full compliment of medical providers, as well as physical and occupational therapists.

"We have a whole team taking care of them based on their need," she said. "It's really all-inclusive."

Participants must qualify for the program based on age, income and other factors. Naber said PACE experienced 29 percent net growth this year and she expects the PACE centers in the metro area to reach capacity by next summer.

"After a very long career in health care, I'm very proud to lead this innovative care model that truly cares for the whole person — body, mind and spirit," Naber said. "It is very inspiring to show this model and the amazing care and extensive services we can provide. There is nothing like it around."

Of her career and volunteer efforts, she said, "It feeds my spirit. We're all here to make the world a better place. I've been blessed with a wonderful life, a great family and good health."

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Enforcement of dog department is thereby elevated from recreation personnel to public safety officers under terms of the vicious dog ordinance.

◆ The ice skating and inline rink at Kerby Field, due for dismantling, may be reconstructed in Grosse Pointe Shores.

The walled-in rink is on property that blocks expansion of Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League facilities.

March

◆ Officer Tom Shimko receives the public safety department medal of valor for trying to save the life of a construction worker buried in a 20-foot trench cave-in October 2014 in Grosse Pointe Woods.

"I'm grateful to be honored, but disappointed we couldn't save the man," Shimko said.

◆ Improvements to the inland water and sewer system are expected to begin within weeks.

Up to \$3,575,000 in



FILE PHOTO

The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club's Great Lakes Boating Festival is always a popular event in the community in May. The event shows off the jewel in the community, along with dozens of nautical-themed displays and raises money for a scholarship foundation.

bonds are issued to replace mains and reline sewers generally west of Ridge Road.

April

◆ On the cusp of the baseball season, the Farms is in the big leagues with a triple-A municipal bond rating, the highest possible.

The AAA designation reflects the Farms' "extremely strong capacity to meet financial commitments," according to

rating agency Standard & Poor's.

◆ A \$242,180 landscaping effort is on tap to rejuvenate 14 traffic islands on Mack from Fisher to just beyond the intersection of Moross.

"Improvements call for replacement of overgrown trees (and) shrubs, new irrigation and (flower) beds," said Shane Reeside, city manager.

◆ A pit bull escapes its owner's yard on Moross Boulevard and Kercheval to attack a 64-year-old fe-

male pedestrian on the sidewalk.

Public safety officers are amazed the victim overcame wounds to both lower legs to maintain equilibrium and seek help from a neighbor across the road.

The dog was quarantined and destroyed.

May

◆ Kayak rentals start this spring at Pier Park.

A vendor is retained to rent kayaks and stand-up paddleboards at the residents-only park.

Municipal budget writers hold course. Their final version of next fiscal year's budget passes the city council unchanged from a draft discussed last month.

The general fund remains \$13,342,710.

June

◆ Although water and sewer rates are unchanged in next fiscal year's budget, the basic, minimum cost for residential customers is going up \$24.24 per year, or \$4.04 per bimonthly bill.

◆ A ballistic vest suits Duke the police dog, but don't expect him to model it on the catwalk.

"It's cumbersome and heavy," said the dog's

handler, Officer Tim Harris.

He obtained the \$950 vest free from Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., a nonprofit charity in Massachusetts providing protective body gear to K-9 officers nationwide.

July

◆ In the turbulence of April's pit bull mauling of a woman walking on lower Moross, city officials put teeth back in the municipal dog ordinance.

The ordinance is amended to boost serious offenses from civil infractions to misdemeanors.

◆ Contractors replacing 90-year-old water mains this summer are on a slippery slope.

They're replacing cast iron pipes with those made of high-density polyethylene, or HDPE.

Unlike inner walls of cast iron pipes that corrode and restrict water flow, HDPE is a plastic-like material that remains smooth for easy-flowing water.

◆ Members of the city council combat sight pollution by instituting a 10-day limit on temporary signs displayed in community service and recreation districts.

August

◆ Fish that got away from this year's Grosse Pointe Farms-City Family Fishing Rodeo at Pier Park must swim in schools that teach survival skills.

A record crowd of 1,237 attends the 67th annual rodeo for boys

and girls age 17 and younger.

◆ A 14-year-old female border collie named Kate, purchased by the city at the equivalent age of a teenybopper and trained to use her herding instinct to chase geese from Pier Park, dies from liver cancer.

She'd spent nearly a week under a veterinarian's care before being euthanized.

September

◆ While rare and valuable cars wow the crowd on Kercheval during the Racing For Kids to the Hill street fare, a mundane work van and trailer parked in a nearby off-street lot woos at least one thief.

◆ Someone steals the rig, committing the first crime of its kind during the nine years organizers corralled sports cars, race cars, foreign cars, muscle cars, classic luxury cars and a stagecoach in the central commercial district.

◆ To store police in-car and body digital camera video, used increasingly as evidence to prosecute criminals, the public safety department is authorized to purchase a \$32,000 computer server.

The server allows video storage for 120 days, as recommended by the American Civil Liberties Union and NAACP, with the option to add memory, according to Farms Chief Dan Jensen.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society relocates adoptions to the headquarters of Services for Older Citizens, on the corner of Ridge and Muir at the edge of the Hill.

October

◆ Criminal charges are likely in the case of a non-Grosse Pointe resident trying to use a Farms address to fraudulently enroll a student in the community's public school system. "It's fraud," said Detective John Walko. "They're claiming to live somewhere they don't."

School officials stopped the attempt "at the get-go," said Christian Fenton, assistant superintendent for business affairs and operations. "The student never enrolled."

◆ Members of the Farms Foundation, a private fundraising group supporting lifestyle enhancements in the city, plan to donate pool-side sunshades and a fire pit

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retirement after serving the Park more than 30 years.

◆ City officials and residents began to explore the possibility of a city-run dog park. City Manager Dale Krajniak said he expected to be able to offer a site with a two- to three-month trial run in place within the next few months, but hoped to have something in place "by late spring."

March

◆ City officials officially accept the retirement of Heenan and appointed Greg Theokas as mayor and Bob Denner as mayor pro tem.

◆ Several Grosse Pointe mayors paid tribute to Heenan, as the Park named him mayor emeritus. Paying tribute to Heenan were fellow mayors Dale Scrace, City of Grosse Pointe; Ted Kedzierski, Grosse Pointe Shores and James Farquhar, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ The city council approved the purchase of two new vehicles for the public safety department.

April

◆ Chief David Hiller released the Department of Public Safety's annual report which showed the Park to be one of the safest communities in the region. According to the report, a total of 499 crimes were reported in 2014, a 9 percent drop over the past five years.

May

◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council approved the 2015-16 operating budget maintaining many amenities and upgrades. A rise in housing values is a good sign, Krajniak said, noting taxes will increase 1.6 percent.

◆ The K-Line Trolley returned for its second year of carrying passengers up and down Kercheval from Moross to the Park city limits.

◆ A Community Unity Walk was held in honor of homicide victims, including Grosse Pointe resident Paige Stalker and Christina Samuel. The walk began at Cadieux and Mack and proceeded down Mack to Alter, where Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan addressed the crowd.

June

◆ A trio of firefighters suffered minor injuries while battling a blaze that claimed a Park landmark, the Sunrise Sunset Saloon on Charlevoix. The officers were expected to make a full recovery. A second business, the Rock N Ride, also was destroyed.

◆ The 17th annual Grosse Pointe Windsurfing Regatta took place Saturday, June 20, at Patterson Park.

July

◆ Tempers flared at the July city council meeting when residents, during the public comment section of the meeting, questioned the city's decision to place giant flower pots along the Park's border with Detroit at Kercheval and Alter Road. Park workers installed about a dozen 5-foot tall flower pots in the market area, placing several along the Detroit-Grosse Pointe border. While some saw decorative flower pots, others saw another wall.



FILE PHOTOS

The family of Paige Stalker organized an informational night and fundraiser for the group Save Our Children. The event, held at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, was a tribute to Stalker, who was killed in December 2014 in Detroit, near the Grosse Pointe Park border. The unsolved crime has more than \$160,000 in reward money for information leading to the conviction of the killer.

◆ An investigation was launched into a case of "swatting" during the early morning hours of Thursday, July 2, that brought a SWAT team, several armored police vehicles and more than a dozen heavily-armed police officers to a house on Lakepointe. The officers were responding to a 5:15 a.m. call to the Public Safety dispatch desk alleging a woman had been murdered and hostages were being held by a barricaded gunman at the house in the 1300 block of Lakepointe, just off Charlevoix. The call was determined to be a hoax.

August

◆ "We're neighbors." With that pronouncement, Mayor Greg Theokas joined Pastor Joel Wallace and pledged support to the neighborhoods on both sides of the Park-Detroit border at Kercheval and Alter Road. Wallace is founder and rector of Abundant Faith Cathedral, located at Kercheval and Manistique, near Alter. Theokas introduced Wallace at the August city council meeting, describing him as a "key player" in the redevelopment of the area.

September

◆ Longtime Public Safety Director Hiller announced he will retire at the end of the year. At the same time, the city announced the new chief will be Steve Poloni, who will wear two hats as he

continues as Public Safety director in the City of Grosse Pointe along with his new position in Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ Residents in favor of a dog park met with the Recreation Commission and were pleased at the vote by the commission to recommend building a dog park in Patterson Park. But while that was the public vote, residents were outraged to learn after they left the meeting, the commission reversed its vote and approved placement of the dog park at Mack and Wayburn. Residents brought their complaints to the city council, which has now taken the matter under advisement.

October

◆ Chief Hiller testified in Bob Bashara's appeal hearing in Wayne County Circuit Court. Bashara alleges he received inadequate counsel during his 2014 trial in the 2012 murder of his wife. Hiller faced questioning from attorneys as to why his department released from custody Joe Gentz, who told police he had been paid by Bashara to murder his wife. Hiller told Judge Evans his department was waiting results of DNA testing.

November

◆ The November election brought new faces to positions on the city council. John Chouinard won the open seat, while incumbents Dan Clark and Barbara Detwiler were returned to council.

Former Councilman Bob Denner was sworn in as the new mayor.

◆ Members of the city council attended services at Pastor Wallace's Abundant Faith Cathedral and helped distribute turkeys, made possible by donations of council members, to needy families.

◆ Public Safety Sgt. James Vogler, who commands the ACTION team and serves with Park Public Safety Officer Dan Kolar, led a three-month investigation resulting in the arrest of an individual police said was responsible for the theft of nearly \$3 million in original parts from the Chrysler Parts Distribution Center in Center Line. The officers were honored with the Investigator of the Year Award from Help Eliminate Auto Thefts, an agency funded by the car insurance industry.

December

◆ Mayor Denner said the city soon will issue reports on two major issues facing the Park — a dog park and the feasibility of the Park separating from the Detroit Water and Sewerage System.

◆ The city council formally recognized Chief Hiller as he retires, effective Jan. 3, 2016.

FARMS:

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near the ice skating rink at Pier Park.

◆ "These projects have a projected budget between \$100,000 and \$120,000 for both," said Duncan Campbell, Foundation president.

◆ Patrolman Tom Shimko, winner of the public safety department medal of valor in March, is named to the detective bureau.

◆ Shimko, a 16-year veteran of the department, and member of the community-wide Special Response Team, prepares to replace Detective John Walko, retiring in December.

November

◆ Winning uncontested races for reelection are Mayor James Farquhar and, for city council, Joe Ricci, Therese Joseph and Lev Wood.

◆ In the ebb and flow of municipal infrastructure projects, the tide is out on water main replacements and it won't come in for many moons.

◆ "This past year, we embarked on the most comprehensive water main program we've had in 50 years, in terms of the amount of water mains replaced and the cost," said Shane Reside,

manager of Grosse Pointe Farms. "We probably won't have another major water main project for several years."

◆ All is normal when seven public safety officers guard the campus of Grosse Pointe South High School on a Friday morning in response to a 17-year-old male Grosse Pointe Park student's threat of gun violence.

December

◆ This year's municipal audit presentation has the tenor of a sing-along. Auditors and city finance personnel harmonize about Grosse Pointe Farms' upbeat standing.

◆ "The city continues to be in sound financial condition," said Bill Brickey, an audit partner at Plante Moran.

◆ "The Farms continues to be the lowest city mill rate of any of the Grosse Pointes by over \$2 per \$1,000," said Councilman Louis Theros, chairman of the finance committee.

◆ A builder takes a mulligan on a Country Club Drive lot split.

◆ The builder agrees to table the matter and return to the Zoning Board of Appeals next year with outlines of the proposed new structures, as required by an ordinance.

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Pure Grosse Pointe

Chairs for the whole family would normally be buried by snow this time of year. But as we head into 2016, the chairs in front of a house on Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores offer a view of the water, not ice.

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I SAY By Mary Anne Brush

One GP — where everyone learns, every day

As the rookie reporter on staff, I now have more than six months of experience under my belt. I have had the privilege and honor of meeting many interesting new people along my schools beat. I'm overwhelmed — blown away, even — by the level of professionalism, care, compassion and genuine goodness I've witnessed among the adults charged with educating the children in our community. I'm also impressed with the young people I've met and interviewed. It's a privilege to boast about their accomplishments and share their stories.

There are Catholic and independent schools on my beat, all of which do great work with students, but, for the purposes of this column, I'll focus on the public schools due to the amount of criticism public education receives in the news. The end of the No Child Left Behind era is a reminder of how fortunate we are to have such a strong public school system at our doorstep. The new bipartisan bill, intended to reduce over-testing and one-size-fits-all federal mandates, may be called the Every Child Succeeds Act, but our district is one step ahead. Our administrators and

teachers already live by this code. In fact, the district's motto is "One GP — where everyone learns, every day." I have met and interviewed half a dozen principals and other administrators; meeting the needs of every learner is a consistent theme. A favorite example I encountered is at Poupard Elementary School. Principal Penny Stocks and her team are making sure every child under their watch succeeds through the Leader in Me program.

The new federal education law also recognizes the importance of early learning, helping states improve quality of and access to preschool. GPPSS has already accomplished that with its preschool program — to be expanded next year — and the introduction of a new Young Fives option for 2016-17. Parents of preschoolers may rest assured their children are enjoying structured play as part of the district's preschool curriculum. Meanwhile, parents of five-year-olds with those awkward birthdays, or whose children are "almost, but not quite" ready for kindergarten, will enjoy a bonus year of free public education. The pay-off? Kindergarten readiness that pays dividends in future learning.

"You'll have to attend those board meetings, you know," a friend warned me. I had visions of shouting matches, angry accusations, flying chairs. While I wouldn't have minded a Monday evening at home with my husband watching "The Voice," I have enjoyed the meetings so far. Adults on stage and in the audience are courteous, attentive and thoughtful. The meetings are worth attending for the superintendent's report alone, in particular "good news items" shared by Laura Mikesell of the Grosse Pointe Education Association. Often the auditorium is packed for special recognitions, coworkers, parents and students filling the seats.

What I have witnessed is the tip of the iceberg. What lies beneath are the countless hours of planning, organizing and preparing the best possible programs and curricula for every student, every day. This begins with volunteer time spent at the board level, continues in the offices at 389 St. Clair with tireless efforts of administrators and is carried out in every school building through the daily actions of supportive principals and caring, committed and dedicated teachers.

While I can't do justice

to these people and their stories in limited column inches each week, here are a few that stand out in my mind. The South high school teacher and Trombly elementary teacher who cross-pollinate technology ideas. The physical education teacher who told me she wants the chubby kid to love gym class. The two girls in Brownell's after-school art club who gave me a tour of all the murals on display throughout the hallways. The dedicated counseling staff I met at Parcels. The social studies teacher who told me there is no standardized test for life and who advises a ufology and paranormal club where "we encourage weirdness." The senior boy at North who wrote me "a huge thank you" in an e-mail. The staff at South who helped make the homecoming dance a possibility for two students with autism. The teacher who, in a half hour, taught me more about Colonial times and the signing of the Declaration of Independence than I learned in all my years of elementary school.

And this is just the first half of the year. I can't wait to see what's in store for 2016.

Brush is the schools reporter for the Grosse Pointe News.

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OUR VIEW

Forum will be worth attending

We support the effort of state Rep. Brian Banks and his Jan. 11 State of Education in Michigan Town Hall meeting at the Grosse Pointe North High School Performing Arts Center.

The 5 p.m. event will cover topics including teacher evaluations, third-grade reading, EAA, school of choice, school funding emergency managers, Detroit Public Schools, school technology and dual enrollment.

The panel includes Banks, Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Gary Niehaus, GPPSS educator Christine Geerer, Harper Woods Public Schools Superintendent Todd Biederwolf, state Rep. Hon. Sherry Gay-Dagnogo, Michigan Association Public School Academies President Dan Quisenberry and Michigan Department of Education Superintendent Brian Whitson.

This promises to be a lively discussion and we'll be happy to relay the information in the Jan. 14 edition of the Grosse Pointe News. For more information about the forum, call (888) 254-5291 or brianbanks@house.mi.gov.

Year in Reviews

Next week's issue will continue the years-in-review we do annually, giving a recap of 2015 in news, schools and sports. We hope you enjoy the look back.

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Suspect in recent attack

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Police this week released a sketch of a man they said attacked a Grosse Pointe Farms resident shortly after midnight Sunday, Dec. 13, as she walked on Cadieux near Charlevoix.

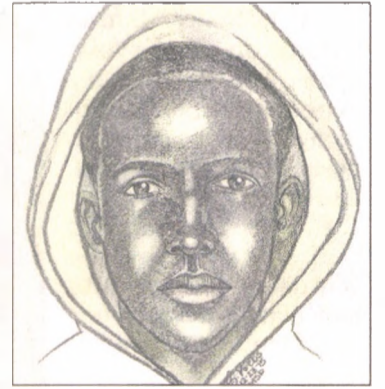
According to police, the woman said she thought the man followed her as she walked down Cadieux from Harper. He confronted her and slashed her several times. She was treated at St. John Hospital &

Medical Center and released the same day.

Police describe the suspect as a black male in his early 20s, 6 feet tall with a thin build. He was wearing a white hooded sweatshirt and blue shorts.

Anyone with information is asked to call Grosse Pointe Park police, (313) 822-7400 or Crime Stoppers at (800) SPEAKUP (773-2587).

— Kathy Ryan



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Paige Stalker remembered

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A memorial service was held Tuesday, Dec. 22, to mark the one-year anniversary of the death of Grosse Pointe Farms resident Paige Stalker, 17. The Rev. Rich Bartoszek, Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe chaplain, spoke in remembrance of Paige, who volunteered at the hospital.

"To live in the hearts of those we leave behind, we never die," Bartoszek said. "You have taken

her memory and done such positive things."

Paige Stalker was killed Dec. 22, 2014, while sitting in a car in Detroit when a gunman opened fire on the car. Stalker was remembered at the service, which was held at the Grosse Pointe Park home of her grandparents, David and Joyce Lawrence, along with Christina Samuel, another young woman who was killed in Detroit the same week. Their families

have joined together in their sorrow to combat violence. Neither crime has been solved.

Students at University Liggett School have dedicated a scholarship to be awarded in Paige's name. The annual scholarship will support the education of students who are bright, community-minded and have a positive impact on the school.

— Kathy Ryan

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—Brad Lindberg
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Shores

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—Brad Lindberg
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No new reports.
—Kathy Ryan
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Grosse Pointe Farms

Hits pole

Police responding to a single-vehicle crash at Mack and Moross shortly before 4 a.m. Friday, Dec. 25, found the driver and passenger, both Detroit males, a quarter-mile away in the emergency room of St. John Hospital & Medical Center.
The passenger, 44, was being treated for a head injury attributed to falling off a porch.
The driver, 36, registered a .18 percent blood alcohol level prior to being arrested for drunken driving.
Officers impounded his 2005 Dodge Durango, damaged by hitting a pole in the median.
The driver's record includes 48 suspensions of his operators' license plus numerous arrest warrants, including a

Public Safety Reports

from a porch in the 1000 block of Nottingham the afternoon of Tuesday, Dec. 22.

traffic offense in the Farms and violating probation in Sterling Heights.

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

Police searched the area, but he could not be found.

“We believe this is the same individual,” said Detective Michael

Narduzzi. “We can’t stress enough how important it is for people to lock doors and windows and to call police if they see anything suspi-

Package picking

A package containing kitchen items was taken

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Home invasions

Police believe the same individual is responsible for three home invasions and larcenies from garages that took place last week. In each case, residents were home and the perpetrator entered through an unlocked window or door.

Sometime between midnight and 7:45 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, a house in the 1100 block of Whittier was entered through an unlocked first floor window. There was evidence the perpetrator tried other windows before gaining access. He entered the home and left with cash and a passport.

That same night, in the 1200 block of Whittier, an unlocked garage was entered and a bike was stolen from the garage, along with items from an unlocked car parked in the garage.

The second incident occurred between 12:15 a.m. and 5 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 26. A house in the 1300 block of Berkshire was entered through an unlocked rear window. The perpetrator left on a stolen bike with cash, a purse, cellphone and two gift cards.

The third incident occurred at 3:50 a.m. Monday, Dec. 28. This time, the homeowner heard noises and investigated. The perpetrator had entered the house through an unlocked door and the homeowner saw him on his back patio. The suspect ran, jumping a back fence and escaped.

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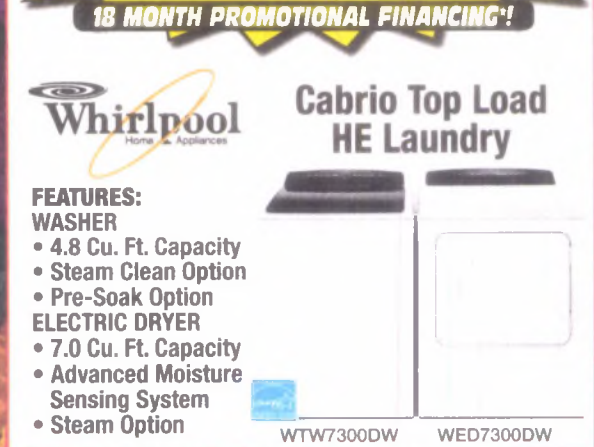
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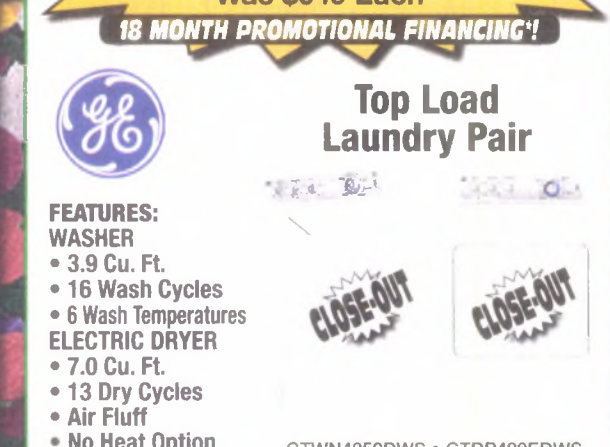
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Celebrating the season



In the 300 block of Kerby, Grosse Pointe Farms.



One of many nativity scenes displayed in the Pointes this holiday season.



In the 1100 block of Lincoln, City of Grosse Pointe.

The Cook Schoolhouse in Grosse Pointe Woods shone in the night this holiday season.



At the corner of Three Mile and Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.



A drive on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods brings this festive lawn decoration into sight.

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Millennials - Investing For 2016 And Beyond



Suzanne Antonelli, CFP®
Senior Portfolio Manager

What will the drivers of growth be in the next five or more years? Predicting the stock market in the short-term is a fool's game, but postulating about long-term trends in the markets and positioning an investment portfolio to benefit from those trends is

how wealth is built. In June of this year the U.S. Census Bureau issued a news release estimating that Millennials (Americans born between 1982 and 2000) number over 83.1 million, representing over one quarter of the country's population. This statistic cannot be ignored when considering future investments. What industries will benefit from this population? What are their buying habits near term and in the future? Millennials embrace technology; they were raised with the internet, Smart phones, and Smart TVs. They are comfortable with change and demand innovation. Technology stocks will obviously benefit; however this industry

can prove difficult to predict a winner, past success does not guarantee future success. Those companies with the best new technologies are handsomely rewarded (Apple, Google, etc.) and those that did not innovate were harshly punished (Hewlett Packard, BlackBerry Limited, etc.). Research and Development, encouraging innovation and creativity in the workplace, and the ability to get product to market are keys to success. A recent white paper by Sullivan Higdon & Sink, an advertising and marketing agency, noted that over 50% of Millennials eat fast food once a week or more (over 41.5 million people), and they are health conscious and adventuresome in their eating

habits. A burger and fries will no longer cut it and the fast food industry is rapidly changing. According to data compiled by RBC Capital Markets, McDonald's has struggled the last seven years and has seen their traffic increase by only 4%, and experienced a 16% drop in visits from high-income Millennials. Wendy's and Burger King reported similar experiences. The beneficiaries of these changing demographics: Panera, Chipotle, and Starbucks. This entire industry bears watching as the battle for Millennial market share is waged through price, quality, and innovation. Another pervasive theme will be how Millennials shop and the changing landscape of market-

ing and advertising goods and services. Big box retailers are losing market share to Amazon and other online retailers. Stores are increasingly becoming showcases for products that are shipped directly to the purchaser (Restoration Hardware, Calico Corners, etc.) rather than maintaining store inventory. The advertising industry is going through a revolution and being turned completely upside down. Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn are all figuring out how to harness and monetize their users. The ability of these social networks to collect detailed and intimate knowledge of the likes and dislikes of their members allows for specific target marketing. The Millennials are our future

and will shape how businesses do business. Companies who are investing in their future; have the ability to implement cutting edge technologies; and foster innovation and creative thinking in their workforce will be the ultimate beneficiaries of the Millennial generation. Suzanne has over 25 years of experience in personalized portfolio management, tax and retirement planning, risk management, and estate plan execution and funding. She specializes in the unique financial needs of families, retirees, and women. Phone: 248-223-0122. Email: santonelli@sigmainvestments.com

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Double duty

During its Dec. 7 luncheon meeting, Grosse Pointe Rotary was introduced to Veronika Scott, founder and chief executive officer of the non-profit organization, The Empowerment Zone.

Scott started her venture as a college project to create a humanitarian product focused on the homeless. For three days a week during a five-month period, she interviewed people at a homeless shelter and came up with the concept of making a coat that doubled as a sleeping bag.

The idea became much more than a college project. Using humor and colorful language, Scott talked about how she learned to sew and, after numerous attempts at a functional product, finally saw some success. She then approached the College for Creative Studies for funding. The college put her in touch with Carhartt Inc., which supplied her with sewing machines and material and a personal check

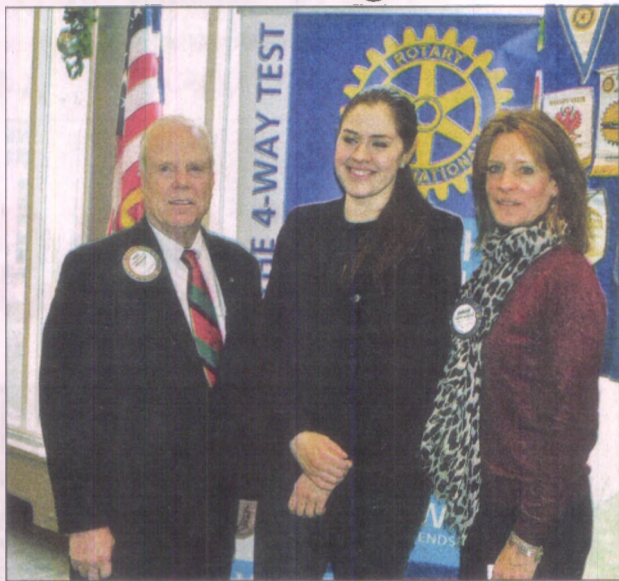


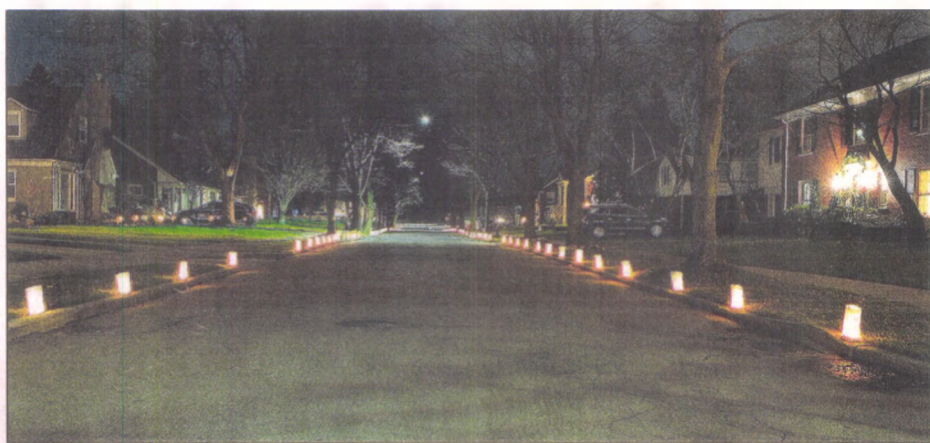
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The Empowerment Zone founder and CEO Veronika Scott, center, with Grosse Pointe Rotary President Fred Ollison III and Jennifer Boettcher of the program committee.

from Carhartt CEO Mark Valade.

Today, Scott has a facility and has hired 30 people from the homeless shelter to make the coats. The organization is on pace to make 6,500 coats this year and has shipped them to 30 states and around the world. To learn more

about the organization, visit empowermentplan.org.



Guiding lights

Farms residents helped guide the way for Santa Claus along Stanton Lane for the eighth year in a row. During the annual tradition, Stanton Lane residents showed 100 percent participation Christmas Eve, illuminating Santa's path as he found his way to their homes. Residents have welcomed the slight increase in traffic over the years, as others enjoy the picturesque scene. They gave a special thank you to Mother Nature for her calm weather conditions this year.



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AREA ACTIVITIES

ART Center

The Grosse Pointe ART Center, 17118 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, presents "CHEERS!" featuring work by Linda Allen, through Thursday, Jan. 28. Call (313) 881-3454.

Rotary

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe meets at noon Mondays in the Fries Ballroom at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Each week features a

speaker and lunch is available for \$20.

Assumption

Winter exercise classes soon begin at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. Kalosomatics is for all ages and fitness levels. Classes include aerobics, jogging, yoga, circuit training, kickboxing and more. The 12-week ses-

sion runs Monday, Jan. 4, to Friday, March 25. Call (586) 779-6111, Ext. 4.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts a blood drive 1:30 to 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. To register, visit redcross blood.org.

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By Jody McVeigh
Community Editor

People looking to keep their resolutions as long as possible next year may look no further than the Lake House. Tuesdays, Jan. 5 to Feb. 9, the Lake House offers "Eat Healthy, Be Active," presented by Michigan State University Extension.

The program covers healthy eating on a budget, tips for reaching and maintaining a healthy weight, healthy food recipes and ways to increase physical activity.

"We did it last year, too," said Krista Bur, Lake House program coordinator. "Last year it was really fun. People

were surprised at how much they actually learned."

Even those who consider themselves "healthy" were taken aback at new recipes and tips, Bur said.

Two class times are available each Tuesday, with sessions set 3 to 4 p.m. and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

"Being healthy, as far as cancer or other illnesses go, starts with being healthy overall," Bur said, adding that positive reinforcement may be a benefit this time of year. "Making resolutions is great, but if you're not taking care of yourself on a basic level, those resolutions won't last. It's fine to set goals, but they're not achievable if you're not changing your daily habits."

In addition to the

return of "Eat Healthy, Be Active," the Lake House kicks off a new program in January. "Kids, Tweens & Teens" has its first meeting 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19.

"It's for kids who have cancer, had cancer or know someone with cancer," Bur said, adding those younger than 18 must have an adult with them. Separate programming is available for adults at the same time.

The program includes snacks, "together time," an activity related to peer support and more, so children "realize they're not alone and are having fun with people who understand," Bur said. "Everyone struggles to cope with cancer. With kids, it's difficult to understand how cancer works, what it does.

Being there for each other is key. Our whole mission is to not go through it alone. That includes kids."

The adult group can be for parents of a child with cancer who help each other cope with it or for parents who have cancer, so they can learn how to help the child cope. It's all about peer support, Bur said, and knowing they're not alone.

"Kids, Tweens & Teens" continues to meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Depending on the number of participants, attendees will break into groups according to age. Reservations are not necessary, but are suggested.

"We won't turn anyone away," Bur said. "And if someone can't make it to the first one, call and let us know you're interested."

A full schedule of program dates may be found online at milakehouse.org.

To register for "Kids, Tweens & Teens," call (586) 777-7761.

To register for "Eat Healthy, Be Active," call (586) 469-4252 or e-mail haystiah@anr.msu.edu.

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The Family Center

ASK THE EXPERTS articles

ASK THE EXPERTS By Marla Ruhana, LMSW

Healing after loss

Q: My brother died a few months ago and I am always exhausted. I have heard grief can cause many different feelings and responses. Could this be why?

A: Yes, grief can make us feel exhausted as it's all consuming. There are different types and stages of grief. Anticipatory grief is when someone we love has battled a disease for a long time and we know the death is coming. Complicated grief comes after a death with no closure; sudden, tragic deaths or if the deceased's remains are unseen, lost and so forth. Life-threatening bereavement is common among survivors of suicide.

Those left grieving can feel lonesome. Especially if you are experiencing complicated grief, additional stressors and limited support. Support is often intense immediately after the loss and then others move on with their own lives, after which the bereaved can feel lost and alone.

Q: I feel irritable and confused when people ask me what's wrong. Do they not understand?

A: Many don't or have become desensitized and assume your grief is over. That is precisely why other cultures have customs and rituals surrounding death. Many wear black clothing or hang a black wreath to remind others they're in the midst of grief. Most of us need peace and calm and "just want to feel normal again." We need others to show compassion and sensitivity dur-

ing vulnerability of grief.

Learn more about the grieving process:

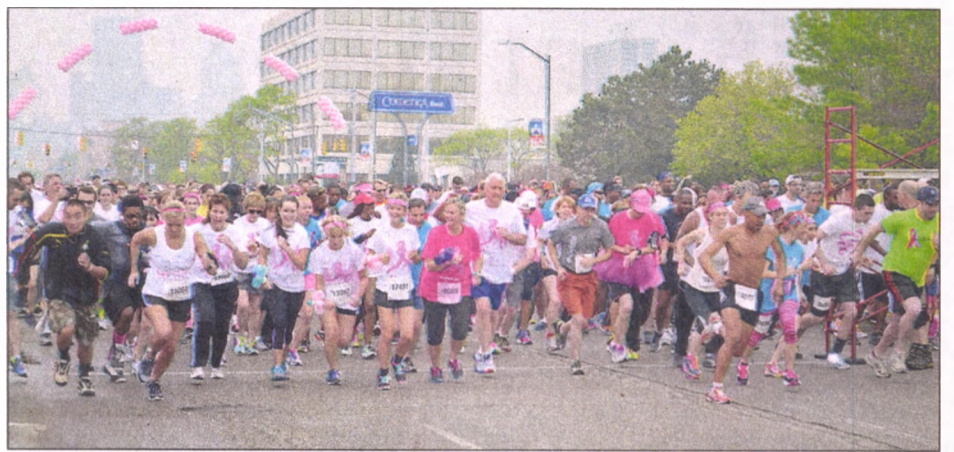
SAVE the DATE

"Healing After Loss," presented by the Family Center at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, at Miller Hall at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Register in advance for a complimentary dinner at 6 p.m. and childcare. The event is free. Register online at familycenterweb.org or call (313) 432-3832.

Marla K Ruhana, LMSW, is a psychotherapist in private practice. She also is an adjunct faculty member at Wayne State University where she has taught classes on grief and loss. Ruhana may be reached at (586) 891-4701. She is a member of the Family Center's Association of Professionals.

Read more Ask the Experts articles on a variety of topics online at familycenterweb.org.

The Family Center's mission is to serve the community through programs and resources vital to today's families. As a nonprofit organization, it is completely supported by community donations. Learn more, visit familycenterweb.org or contact (313) 432-3832 or info@familycenterweb.org.



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Participants run in last year's Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.

Registration underway for Race for the Cure

The Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure, locally presented by the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2016. Registration is underway for the 25th annual Komen Detroit Race for the Cure, set for Saturday, May 21, at Chene Park on Detroit's riverfront. This year's 5K race route takes runners and walkers down East Jefferson and returns via the RiverWalk.

Since the Komen Detroit Race for the Cure first began in 1992, the Karmanos Cancer Institute has served as the local presenting sponsor. The Komen Detroit Race has raised and invested nearly \$29

million since 1992 to help end breast cancer. Seventy-five percent of the net proceeds raised each year help support local breast cancer programs and 25 percent help fund national breast cancer research.

Thanks to the community's support of the 2015 Komen Detroit race, more than \$918,000 was awarded to four programs serving Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, each aimed to meet the needs of the metro Detroit community to help save lives and end breast cancer. In addition, approximately \$275,000 went to fund Komen's national breast cancer research and training grants program. Globally, Susan G. Komen has invested

more than \$2.6 billion in groundbreaking research, community health outreach, advocacy and programs in more than 30 countries.

Katrina Studvent has seen firsthand the progress this breast cancer movement continues to make. A 10-year breast cancer survivor, she was diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer at age 30 with no family history of the disease. She was young, scared and wondered what the future would bring. At the time, she had been married a few years. At Studvent's first Komen Detroit race, she was asked to participate in the Survivor Honor Guard and held a sign noting the number

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Holiday tea benefits Ronald McDonald House

The Ronald McDonald House of Detroit raised nearly \$10,000 at the Snazzy & Jazzy Holiday Tea Dec. 5 at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. More than 90 guests attended the eighth annual event, many of whom bought raffle tickets and bid on silent auction items, ranging from holiday gift baskets to a night for two at the Townsend Hotel. Jazz duo Mike and Mike — violinist Michael Saxon and keyboard player Michael Evans — performed.

Event sponsor Bricker-Tunis Furs showcased its new Italian collection with a fashion show narrated by jazz singer Kimmie Horne, who modeled exotic furs. Several board members and friends modeled men's and women's fur and leather attire in front of an appreciative audience.

Fox 2 Health Reporter Deena Centofanti served as mistress of ceremonies. She told the audience she stayed overnight at the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit to be with a friend whose son was hospitalized after a severe injury. She was touched by the staff and volunteers who provided compassion and hope during a parent's worst-case scenario: the serious illness or injury of a child.

"Being here today means that you are contributing to the nearly 2,000 families from around the world who stay at the House each year," Centofanti said.

"This is the last fundraising event of the year for the house and it is going toward the \$3 mil-

lion expansion campaign," said Jennifer Litomisky, executive director of the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit.

Co-chairwomen were Treva Beckius of Grosse Pointe and Charlene Mitchell of West Bloomfield, new board members to the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit.

Beckius shared her

personal connection to the Ronald McDonald House with guests. She and her husband, Reggie, and two of their three sons stayed at a Ronald McDonald House in Wisconsin when her middle son, Aaron, then 12 years old, was diagnosed with a brain tumor in 2006.

"We could have paid to stay at a hotel, but we wouldn't have had the

love and support that we got from the staff and volunteers at the House," she said.

For guests at the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit, a \$10 daily fee is charged for a guest room and use of common areas including a kitchen, laundry room, playroom and entertainment areas. No family is turned away due to a lack of funds.



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Pictured from left are Snazzy & Jazzy Holiday Tea co-chairwoman Treva Beckius of Grosse Pointe, Kathy Emery of Grosse Pointe and Delf Dodge of Youngstown, N.Y.

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A gift that keeps on giving

For Velvet Jones, a single mom of Jervin, 12, and Patrick, 3, receiving warm coats and hats for winter is an added bonus to the services they have received at the Northeast Guidance Center, a mental health agency with more than 50 years of history in mental health. The center has helped the Jones family learn to communicate and, as Velvet Jones said, has

given her a new perspective on life.

The coats her sons received this year were donated as part of the Rotary of Grosse Pointe's annual Operation Warmth program. The NEGC was provided 900 coats to meet the demand through its partnership with Rotary. Coats ranged in size from toddler to teen.

"To watch children like

Velvet Jones' sons select a coat of their choice is a self-esteem builder and an opportunity to bring a smile," said Rotary Past President Diane Strickler.

Added Frederick Ollison III, 2015-2016 Rotary of Grosse Pointe president, "When Rotary asked our partner social service agencies (Matrix Human Services, the Children's Center of Detroit and Crossroads) four years ago how many children's coats they would need, the response was a staggering 16,000. Today we're approaching 14,500 coats being delivered to the original three service agencies, plus Northeast Guidance Center."

With this year's donations from Rotarians, foundations and community

members, more than 14,000 children will be warmer, healthier, taking pride in a new coat and hopefully standing at the school bus stop.

"Kids who don't have coats don't go to school," said Sherry McRill, president and chief executive officer of NEGC. "In fact, it is reported that they go to school every third day because they share the coat with other siblings in the home, which has long-lasting effects including literacy and health issues."



COURTESY PHOTO

Grosse Pointe Rotarian Diane Strickler, left, and Sherry McRill, president and CEO of the Northeast Guidance Center, right, stand with a family who received a donation of coats.

OBITUARIES

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

Mabel Louise Winfield

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Mabel Louise Winfield, 92, died Wednesday Dec. 23, 2015, at Sunrise Senior Living in Sterling Heights. She had been struggling with dementia and heart failure.

Louise was born Nov. 20, 1923, in Albion, to Karl and Mabel Kaiser. She was a graduate of Albion High School and in 1942 married Lyn Austin who, as a World War II B-24 pilot, was killed in action over Germany in November 1944 shortly after their son, Lanny, was born.

In 1950, Louise married Virgil James Winfield and they moved to Detroit and then Grosse Pointe Farms.

Mrs. Winfield had many

employment experiences including bank cashier, landlord, bookkeeper and homemaker. She excelled at gardening and oil painting — her primary hobby — and also had a passion for lifelong learning through reading. Prior to her failing health, she was happily active in church activities at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Mrs. Winfield was predeceased by Virgil, her husband of 63 years; son, James G. Winfield and three siblings.

She is survived by her son, Lanny Austin, and his wife, Kathleen; grandchildren, Stephen Austin and Kelly Daniels (Allan); and great-grandchildren, Michael and Leah Daniels.

Louise's friends and loved ones will particu-



Mabel Louise Winfield

larly remember her selfless compassion and kindness toward others balanced with personal stoic perseverance.

A memorial service and inurnment will be announced in the spring at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church where she had been a member since 1973.

Toy collection



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From left, the Rev. Richard Yeager-Stiver, Lois Kovalchick, Diane Strickler, John Osler and Kathy Frakes help sort and arrange gifts at the Toy Box Project at Trinity-St. Mark's.

Members of Grosse Pointe Congregational Church collected toys and games for a month and delivered them to the Toy Box Project at Trinity-St. Mark's United Church of Christ in southwest Detroit. Parents of students at Bennett Elementary School were invited to "shop" for Christmas gifts for their children at the church the week before Christmas.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council adopted the following ordinance at its meeting held on Monday, December 21, 2015. The ordinance was adopted in accordance with the City Charter and the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, MCL 125-3401, will become effective January 10, 2016, and is hereby published by title:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 50 ZONING, SEC. 50-526 ACCESSORY BUILDINGS, BY ADDING REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMITS, CONCRETE SLABS AND RATWALLS

The ordinance is available for public inspection or purchase from the Office of the City Clerk, at the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or www.gpwmi.us.

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Mardirosian – Navarrete

Mark and Elaine Mardirosian of Grosse Pointe Park announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Rose Mardirosian, to Brian Navarrete, son of Hermine Cohen of Bloomington, Ind., and Jairo Navarrete of Columbia, South America.

Miss Mardirosian graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering degree and a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 2005. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Loyola University Chicago in 2010 and currently is working toward a Master of Science in Nursing degree at Illinois State University. She is the nursing outcomes improvement facilitator at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Ill.

Mr. Navarrete earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology from Earlham College in 2005 and a Juris Doctor degree from Vermont Law School in 2011. He is an environmental protection legal investigator with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

A May 2016 wedding is planned.

Taylor – Peyser

Thomar and Janet Suriano Taylor of Okemos announce the engagement of their daughter, Jarvie Ann Taylor, to Mark Henry Peyser, son of Mark and Kadra Killebrew Peyser of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Miss Taylor graduated from Escanaba High School in 2007 and earned Bachelor of Arts degrees in communications and political science from the University of Michigan in 2011. She is a performance specialist with Yahoo! in Chicago.

Mr. Peyser is a 2006 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School and a 2010 graduate of U of M with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics. He is an international client advisor with J.P. Morgan in Chicago.

A June 2016 wedding is planned.

Rogers – Lesage

Mary and Steve Rogers of Grosse Pointe Woods announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Rogers, to Kyle Lesage, son of Mary and Tom Lesage of Nashville, Mich.

Miss Rogers earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Central Michigan University and a master's degree in educa-

tional leadership and administration from the University of Cincinnati. She is a third-grade teacher.

Mr. Lesage earned a bachelor's degree in anthropology from CMU and a master's degree in anthropology from Western Michigan University. He is a business analyst for Auto Owners Insurance.

A July 2016 wedding is planned.

Rettmann – Smolenski

Kenneth and Susan Rettmann of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin Elizabeth Rettmann, to Stefan Mark Smolenski, son of Dr. Donald and Paula Smolenski of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Miss Rettmann earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Michigan, a Master of Science degree from Boston University and a Doctor of Medicine degree from Wayne State University. She is an emergency room physician at Henry Ford Hospital, West Bloomfield.

Mr. Smolenski earned Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Registered Nurse degrees from WSU. He currently is pursuing a doctorate degree in nursing practice at WSU and is a registered nurse in the intensive care unit at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

A July 2016 wedding is planned at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church.

Candela – Reno

Steve and Marty Candela of Shelby Township announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Candela, to Marc Reno, son of Laura Reno of



Lauren Mardirosian and Brian Navarrete



Mark Peyser and Jarvie Taylor



Kyle Lesage and Ashley Rogers



Stefan Smolenski and Erin Rettmann

Grosse Pointe Woods and James and Elaine Reno of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Miss Candela graduated in 2012 with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting and in 2013 with a master's degree in accounting, both from Michigan State University, graduating with high honors. She is an auditor focusing on investment companies for Plante Moran.

Mr. Reno is a 2007 Grosse Pointe North High School graduate. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in finance from MSU in 2011 and a master's degree in accounting from Wayne State University in 2012. He is a mergers and acquisitions consultant.

A September 2016 wedding is planned.

Selvaggio – Reeser

Anthony and Theresa Selvaggio of Grosse Pointe Farms announce the engagement of their



Kimberly Candela and Marc Reno

daughter, Christina Selvaggio, to Jordan Reeser, son of Steven and Abigail Reeser of Lansing.

Miss Selvaggio earned a bachelor's degree in major marketing and management from Northwood University and is in a master's degree program for counseling at Oakland University.

Mr. Reeser earned a bachelor's degree in hospitality from Central Michigan University and served in the Michigan Army National Guard. He is a sales team leader with



Jordan Reeser and Christina Selvaggio

United Wholesale Mortgage.

An October 2016 wedding is planned.

Kosorski – Jozefczyk

Matthew and Christine Kosorski of Grosse Pointe Woods announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth May Kosorski, to Matthew Edward Jozefczyk, son of Kenneth and Patricia Jozefczyk of Macomb.

Miss Kosorski earned



Elizabeth Kosorski and Matthew Jozefczyk

a degree in human resources from Michigan State University and is a senior human resources specialist with GM Financial International Operations.

Mr. Jozefczyk earned a degree in chemical engineering from Wayne State University and is a production and engineering manager at Trace Zero.

A winter 2016 wedding is planned.

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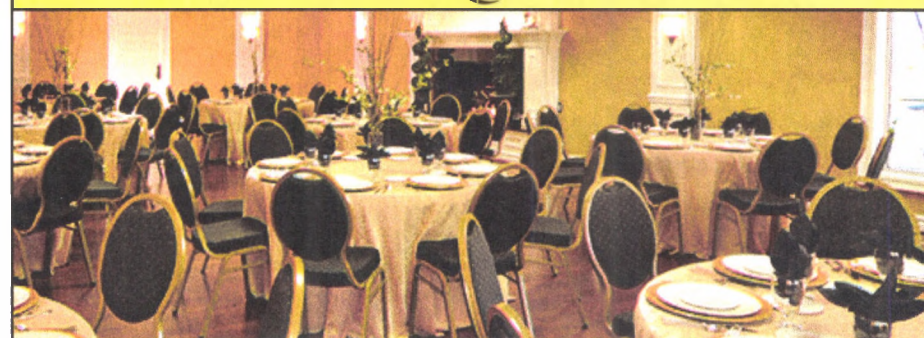
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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Ring in the new year with this treat

It's time to ring in another new year. For some that means a party; for others a relaxing evening at home with family.

As a child growing up, my parents always chose the latter, so when my 11-year-old niece, Maria, shared her recipe for Granny Smith Snickers Salad on Christmas, I thought it would be a fun thing to make with your little ones on this special night.

With just three ingredients, there's plenty of time to make it happen.

Maria's Granny Smith Snickers Salad

- 6 full-sized Snickers bars
- 3 to 4 Granny Smith apples
- 1 16oz. container Cool Whip, thawed

Cut each of the Snickers bars into three logs lengthwise, then into bite-size pieces. Place them in a large bowl. Save a few pieces of the Snickers for garnish.

Core the apples and cut into bite-size pieces. The apple bites should be uniform with the



Snickers bites. Add them to the bowl with the Snickers bites. Save some apple for garnish.

Add the Cool Whip a bit at a time, folding everything together with a rubber spatula. Turn the salad into a fancy serving bowl and gar-

nish the top with more Snickers and apple bites.

As you're toasting midnight with a glass of champagne, your little ones can indulge in Granny Smith Snickers Salad. It's really good. Good job, Maria.

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Kneen - Brophy

Jamie Kneen of St. Louis, Mo., and Peggy Schnapp of Maumee, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Katherine Elaine Kneen, to Brennan David Brophy, son of Dave and Judy Brophy of Grosse Pointe Park.

Miss Kneen earned an undergraduate degree in criminal justice and a master's degree in law enforcement intelligence and analysis from the University of Michigan, Dearborn. She is a relocation consultant with InHouse Realty, a subsidiary of Quicken Loans.

Mr. Brophy earned an



Brennan Brophy and Katherine Kneen

undergraduate degree in criminal justice and a master's degree in law enforcement intelligence and analysis from Michigan State University. He is employed with the U.S. Department of Justice.

A June 2017 wedding is planned.

RACE:

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of months she had survived breast cancer.

"It was a moving experience, one I'll never forget," Studvent said. "There I was, holding a sign representing newly diagnosed survivors but also those who are young. It spoke volumes and represented other young women who were just as scared as me and needed to know that they were not alone."

Today, Studvent is the chairwoman of the Susan G. Komen Detroit Race for the Cure and also serves as director of Breast Cancer Special Programs at Karmanos Cancer Institute.

"We have made tremendous progress in the breast cancer fight, thanks to the incredible commitment of Susan G. Komen and the smart and gifted researchers and physicians at the Karmanos Cancer Institute, Wayne State University and other organizations around the globe," she said. "Today, there are more than three million breast cancer survivors in the United States, including an estimated 155,000 with metastatic disease — the 'forever fighters' who are constantly in treatment."

"We have come a long way, but our work is far from over," she continued. "Our latest needs assessment on our Detroit service area representing Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties showed a significantly higher incidence of late-stage diagnoses and deaths

from breast cancer compared to the rest of Michigan. Supporting our annual Komen Detroit Race will help close the gap on these disparities. We hope we can count on everyone's support."

The 2016 Komen Detroit Race will continue many traditions including the children's area, vendor giveaways, survivor trolley, survivor café, dancing on the pink carpet, opening and closing ceremonies and bands along the race route. The 2016 race also will have a new race route, showcasing Detroit's RiverWalk, along with other new surprises.

"We refer to this day as 'one of the best days in the city of Detroit,' with more than 25,000 participants wearing their race shirts and holding their race team signs to help raise awareness and funds for this cause," said Brian Christy, co-chairman of the Komen Detroit Race. "This disease touches all of us. Taking part in the Komen Detroit Race not only unites us in this cause, but we're also making a difference, raising funds for programs that help the underserved right here in our community, providing breast health education, breast cancer screening and treatment services, as well as supporting cancer research. We invite everyone to join us on Saturday, May 21."

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Liggett Year in Review

Girls' soccer makes Final Four

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

For the first time in a few years, University Liggett didn't crown at least one state champion.

However, it was still a solid 2015 for the Knights' athletic teams, led by the girls' hockey squad which made a bid to repeat as state champs, but came up one game short.

Head coach Cassie Jaeckle had her Knights in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 1 title game, but in the end they lost 2-1 to city rival Grosse Pointe South. Senior Jena Pangborn, plus juniors Olivia Portillo and Allison Stapleton, put their stamp on the Knights' championship pedigree.

The Knights finished 22-4.

The boys' hockey team, under head coach Mike Hamilton, finished 20-7 and made it to a Division 3 regional championship game, but lost 4-1 to Wyandotte Roosevelt.

Five of the program's top veterans, Luke Soyka, Josh Soyka, Stephen Campau, Jake Smith and Mason Demsey, graduated in June, but left their mark on the team.

On the basketball court, the girls' team under head coach Omar Ahart, won another Michigan Independent Athletic Conference title, as well as a district crown.

Seniors Lola Ristovski and Jessica Rotzoll, playing at the University of Detroit Mercy and Oakland University, respectively, plus senior Haley Neuenfeldt, teamed with current Knights Kendall McConico, Nia Ahart and Madison Jerome, to finish 20-4 and lose to eventual state champ Ypsilanti Arbor Prep in a regional final.

The boys' basketball team, under head coach

Sidney Johnson, continued its consistency and finished 13-9 and made it to a district title game, but lost to Detroit Edison.

The spring saw a lot of success by nearly all of the athletic teams.

The girls' soccer team, under head coach David Dwaihy, made it to the Division 4 Final Four. They beat Memphis, Merritt Academy and Parkway Christian in the districts; Oakland Christian and St. Catherine in the regionals; and lost 2-1 to Lansing Catholic in the state semifinals to finish 14-6-1 overall.

Seniors Courtney deRuiter, Carina Ghafari, Autumn Buysse and Neuenfeldt paved the way for the Knights.

The softball team, under head coach Ted Alpert, made a long run in the state playoffs, losing 1-0 in nine innings to eventual state champ Unionville Sebawaing in the quarterfinals.

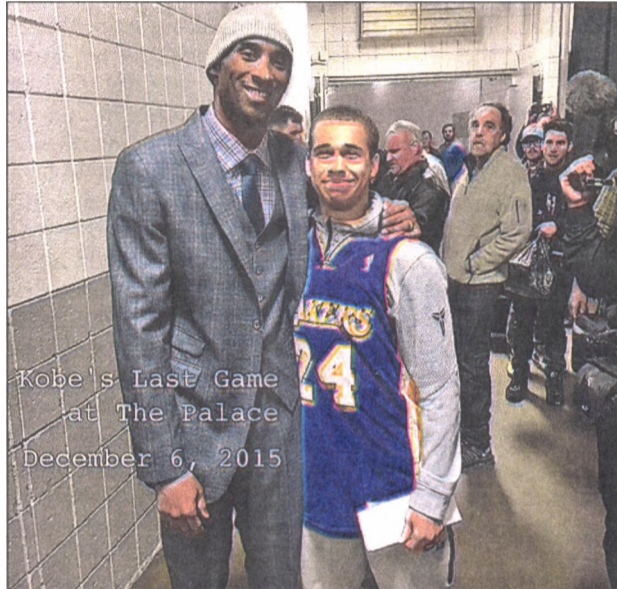
Behind seniors Taylor Slayton, Kacie Wuthrich and Zarine Minwalla, the Knights posted a 21-11 record, a MIAC title, district crown and regional title.

The boys' baseball team didn't get a chance to defend its state title after losing a tough 1-0 game to Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central in a regional semifinal on its home field.

Head coach Dan Cimini and his Knights finished 22-12.

Bill Brusilow and his boys' lacrosse team, as well as Jenn Calver and her girls' lacrosse team, enjoyed a degree of success. They finished 8-6 and 6-7, respectively.

One of the best teams was head coach Dan Sullivan's boys' golf squad, which finished tied for second with North Muskegon, just two strokes behind state champion Suttons Bay in a Division 4 state championship tournament at The Meadows.



Kobe's Last Game at The Palace December 6, 2015

PHOTO COURTESY OF ELIZABETH ATKINS

Liggett senior Alexander Bowman, right, had the pleasure of meeting and wishing Los Angeles Lakers great Kobe Bryant well on his final National Basketball Association game played at The Palace against the Detroit Pistons a few weeks ago. Bowman, a guard on the Knights' varsity basketball team, participated in Bryant's camp a couple of years ago.

Playing for the state championship were Stephen Campau, Paul Sidhu, Mason Campau, Jeff Shell and Thomas Peracchio.

They also won a regional tournament for the first time in nine years, plus pushed past some of the MIAC leaders in recent years to claim the top spot.

Head coach Bart Bronk and the girls' tennis team placed ninth in the Division 4 state championship tournament behind No. 1 singles semifinalist Maddie Fozo.

Last, but not least, is head coach Lindsey Bachman and her track and field team.

Her dedication to improve the program yielded state qualifiers Megan DesMadril, Julia Zehetmair, Alexandra Diggs, Paris Burton, Andrew Lohman, William Loner, Demsey and Nick Brusilow. These qualifiers, along with their teammates, put in countless hours to be the best they could be in a region with traditionally strong programs like host Lutheran Westland.

After taking a summer

goal to host Riverview Gabriel Richard to finish 6-4.

On the volleyball court, a coaching change near the end of the season and lengthy losing streak led to a 3-18 finish. The Knights, behind seniors Sara Anthony, Kara Strong and Emily Kanakry, won a district title before losing a regional semifinal to St. Mary Catholic Central.

Dwaihy led the boys' soccer team to a district championship, a 7-0 victory over Parkway Christian.

They played great throughout the year with a relatively young squad. They made a run at a conference title and took second.

In the state playoffs, the Knights lost 3-0 to undefeated Genesee Christian in a regional title contest. Leading the way was junior college recruit Christian deRuiter and a host of other talented individuals as the team finished 14-3.

Head coach Jayant Trewn and his girls' field hockey team also made a run at a Michigan High School Field Hockey

Division 2 state championship, but lost 1-0 to champ Saline in the Final Four. The Knights finished 14-4.

Mark Sobieralski and the boys' tennis team finished second to Ann Arbor Greenhills in the Division 4 state championship tournament for a second straight year.

The Knights battled tooth and nail, thanks to the dedication to their success by Sobieralski and his trusty assistant, Chuck Wright. The No. 3 doubles team of Casey Scoggin and Alex Azar won a state championship with a convincing 6-3, 6-1 victory over Greenhills.

Bachman made another splash on the cross-country field as both the girls and boys made the state finals.

Running at MIS in the Division 4 state finals were Izzy Brusilow, Zehetmair, Annelies Ondersma, Maddie Wu, Madison Jerome, Mila Filipof, Sarah Galbenski, Nick Brusilow, Michael Ellis, Billy Kopicki, Andrew Loner, Anthony Galea, Alex Johnson and Tate Kuelling.

COLLEGE SIGNING



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

She is a Spartan

Grosse Pointe South senior Kayli Johnson, second from left, recently signed a letter-of-intent to compete on the Michigan State University women's track and field team under Walt Drenth, the director of track and field, as well as cross country. Joining the ceremonious event was her father, Deon Johnson; mother, Kafi Kumasi; and high school track and field coach, Steve Zaranek. As a junior, Johnson was ranked No. 7 in the nation for shot put (indoor) with a state-record throw of 47-feet, 9-inches, and in 2015 was named most outstanding female field performer by the Michigan High School Athletic Association. She also holds two first-place gold medals in shot put at the 2014 and 2015 AAU Junior Olympic Games. Johnson also holds school records in shot put and discus, plus earning All-State honors in the shot put and 100-meter relay.

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Grosse Pointe North Year in Review

North baseball, volleyball shine

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

As high school student-athletes race toward 2016, let us take a look back at 2015.

Grosse Pointe North didn't win any state championships, but the Norsemen had some noteworthy performances, including a couple of teams which made the state quarterfinals.

Last winter, the boys' basketball team, under then first-year head coach Ron Kochan, finished 13-8 overall and 8-4 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division.

The Norsemen were led by Tim Herd.

Hall of Fame head coach Gary Bennett led the girls' basketball team to an 11-11 record and 4-8 in the MAC Red Division.

The unified gymnastics team, under head coach Courtney Hamidi, performed well.

A number of skilled gymnasts, led by Isabelle Nguyen, helped the squad win a league championship and make it to the state finals.

Eric Julien and his wrestling program

improved and saw positive results. Mike Bowden made the state finals and earned All-State after his top eight finish.

On the ice, the girls' hockey team, under head coach Joe Lucchese, finished with an above .500 record.

Mike Maltese was another first-year head coach at North. He led the boys' ice hockey team to a respectable finish behind Nick Cusmano.

The boys' swimming and diving program, led by All-State diver William McNelis and the late Mike O'Connor, finished above the .500 mark at 5-4 and 1-3 in the MAC Red Division.

Moving to the spring, the top story was head coach Frank Sumbera and his boys' baseball squad making a run at another Division 1 state championship.

The Norsemen won a district title with a close victory over St. Clair Shores Lake Shore in the title game and then surprised a lot of people by winning a regional crown.

Led by Nick Mazzola and Dan Robinson, who are playing college baseball, the Norsemen upset

heavily favored Sterling Heights 6-4 in the semifinals after Robinson blasted a walk-off three-run homer. The Norsemen made the quarterfinals after edging Anchor Bay 2-1.

The Norsemen lost to city rival Grosse Pointe South in the quarterfinals.

Sumbera also won his 1,000th game as head coach in the spring. He is the third coach to hit that number. Staying on the diamond, the softball team, under head coach Ron Smith, finished 3-9 in the MAC Blue Division and 7-19 overall.

The girls' soccer team had a new head coach, North alum Olivia Stander. The team went through growing pains, but settled into a groove to finish 2-7-1 in the MAC White Division and 5-13-2 overall.

On the court, head coach John Van Alst and the girls' tennis team made another appearance in the Division 2 state finals.

They were led by the outstanding No. 1 doubles team of Kayla Gallant and Sydnie Allor.

The boys' golf team, under head coach Peter

Kingsley, finished 3-5 in the MAC Red Division and had some degree of success. They made it to the regionals before bowing out.

The lacrosse programs under head coaches Mark Seppala for the boys and Lauren Nixon for the girls, had their share of winning moments. Each lost in the regional playoffs.

The track and field programs also had solid results.

The boys, under head coach Frank Tymrak, finished 3-2 in the MAC Red Division, while the girls, under head coach Bruce Bentley, were 2-3.

This fall, North had another regional champion in the girls' volleyball team under head coach Chelsea Brozo.

The Norsemen played with a passion after upsetting Macomb Dakota in October.

They rode the momentum to a district title and then regional crown with a thrilling five-set victory over Sterling Heights Stevenson.

They lost to eventual state champ Novi in the state quarterfinals.

The Norsemen, 28-12-4 overall and 5-5 in the

MAC Red Division, were led by four seniors, Erin Armbruster, Lucy Dodge, Lauren Lesha and Ryann Dunkeson.

Sumbera led the football team to a 5-4 mark and a share of the MAC Blue Division crown with Warren Cousino at 4-1. Sophomore Bjorn Bjornsson had a solid first-year as the starting quarterback and performed well.

Eric Vanston was a first-year head coach for the boys' soccer team, which finished 4-8 in the MAC White Division and 5-13 overall. Several close losses were an indication the program improved and should be better in 2016.

Van Alst and his boys' tennis team finished 2-2 in the MAC Red Division and won another regional championship.

Led by the No. 1 doubles team of Mitchell Zacharias and Ben Zacharias, the Norsemen had a nice finish in the state finals.

Another great story at North this fall was the girls' golf squad, under head coach Brian Stackpoole. The Norsemen won the MAC Red Division dual meet

and tournament crowns, plus made the state finals. Behind the five state players, Meghan Gallagher, Liz Gallagher, Olivia Benoit, Caelin Micks and Sammy Karowicz, the Norsemen placed 11th at the finals.

First-year head coach Paula Cornwall and assistant coach Alexa Quinlan did a good job of recapturing respect for the girls' field hockey program. After a couple of lean years, the Norsemen were .500 and should be better next year.

Another first-year head coach, Alison Scarfone, did a nice job with the girls' swim team.

They sent several competitors to the state finals and were led by diver Isabelle Nguyen, who finished 16th.

On the cross-country path, head coach Scott Cooper and his girls' squad made it to the state finals, with Lauren Sickmiller, Sydney Benson, Michaela Cosgrove, Julia McLellan, Katelyn Carney, Kate Wozniak and Erinne Lubinski competing. William Hofmann made the finals for the boys' squad.

Grosse Pointe South Year in Review

Girls' hockey state title leads way

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Another year flew by at Grosse Pointe South and the Blue Devils enjoyed a lot of success on the playing fields.

In the winter, the girls' hockey team won a Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 1 state championship, edging city rival University Liggett 2-1 in the title

game at Eddie Edgar Arena.

Head coach Joe Provenzano orchestrated another 20-win season.

They also beat Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood 2-1 in the semifinals as goaltender Bella Strickler played well in both games to earn the No. 1 star.

Staying on the ice, head coach Bobby McKillop led the boys'

hockey team to a 21-5-1 record, a Michigan Metro Hockey League title and regional crown before blasting Romeo 8-2 to win a Division 2 state quarterfinal game.

In the Final Four, the Blue Devils lost 4-0 to Birmingham Brother Rice.

Head coach Eric Gunderson once again constructed a Macomb Area Conference Red Division dual meet and league meet championship team. Led by U-M recruit Jacob Montague, the Blue Devils finished high in the Division 2 state championship meet.

The wrestling program has continued its success under co-head coaches Tony Cimmarrusti and Pat Salazar. They won another district team title, beating city rival Grosse Pointe North in

the finals.

On the basketball court, Kevin Richards led the girls' basketball team to a league and district championship. Led by All-State guard Cierra Rice, the Blue Devils won the MAC Red Division with an 11-1 mark.

They ended the season with a 43-36 loss to Detroit Martin Luther King in a Class A regional semifinal on their home court to finish 18-5.

Boys swim head coach Troy Glasser had his boys' basketball team playing solid basketball in the first half of the season before ending 12-9.

Putting the winter season aside, it was time for the spring season.

On the track, head coach Steve Zaranek's girls' squad easily won a regional title. Several regional champions, including two field event performers, Kayli Johnson in the shot put and Chandler Duff in the high jump, and sprinter Elise Grever and others, competed in the finals.

For the boys, under head coach Werner Schienke, Mike Mitchell made the state finals in the pole vault.

Head coach Mark Sobieralski and his girls' tennis team won the regional crown, but fell short in the state finals.

Earning all-state were Maddie Paolucci, Raven Neely, Maggie Sweeney, Morgane Flournoy, Kelly Beardslee and Ginny Hayden.

The boys' golf team, under head coach Alex Macko, won the MAC Red Division at 7-1, took second in the districts and won a regional crown behind the scores of Reis Becker, David Szymanski, Patrick Sullivan, Teddy Schooff

and David Scupholm.

The boys' baseball team, under head coach Dan Griesbaum, won a second straight regional crown after defeating Allen Park 5-0 and U-D Jesuit 5-2. They went on to beat city rival Grosse Pointe North 6-3 in the quarterfinals before losing 8-0 to Portage Northern in the Final Four to leave the Blue Devils at 32-12.

The girls' softball team, under head coach Bill Fleming, posted one of the best records in its program history at 30-6, thanks to six seniors and All-State sophomore pitcher, Emma St. John. The seniors, Andie Anger, Ashley Borowicz, Eliza Bourke, Cam Zihlman, Emily Piccione and all-state shortstop Katie Kish, were key players who helped the Blue Devils win a district title, 11-0, over Detroit Cass Tech.

They lost 1-0 to Allen Park in a regional semifinal.

Gene Harkins and his girls' soccer team won a district title with a 3-0 win over Warren Cousino before losing a tough 2-1 regional semifinal to Troy Athens.

The boys' and girls' lacrosse teams, under head coaches Don Wolford and Alycsa Valentine finished with records of 13-7 and 5-9, respectively.

This fall, the football team, under head coach Tim Brandon, made it back to the state playoffs and won a game over Sterling Heights before losing to Detroit East English Prep in a district title game.

Head coach Kevin Nugent and his girls' volleyball team won a second straight district

crown. The Blue Devils made it to a regional title game, but lost to Livonia Churchill.

The boys' soccer team, under head coach Francesco Cilano, put it all together in the second half of its season and then stunned Warren DeLaSalle 1-0 in a district championship game. A 4-0 loss to Canton in the regional semifinals put an end to the year.

The girls' field hockey team, under head coach Monica Dennis, finished 5-8-4, while head coach John Willard and the boys' tennis team made it to the Division 1 state tournament. Nick Costakis and John Sullivan, at No. 1 doubles, led the team to a top 10 finish in the finals.

The girls' golf team, under head coach Nate Vincent, finished in the middle of the pack in its regional tournament, and on the cross-country paths, Zaranek watched his girls' program win another MAC Red Division regular season and league meet championship, as well as regional crown.

The girls, Anna Piccione, Abby Hurst, Reanna Raymond, Katie Kuhr, Abbey Guevara, Kamryn Leonard and Natasha Boelstler, finished in the middle of the pack of the Division 1 state title meet at MIS. For the boys, it was Ethan Sloan and Earl Allard who competed at MIS.

The girls' swimming and diving team finished second in the regular season to Eisenhower in the MAC Red, but crushed the Eagles in the league meet. At the state finals, Eastern Michigan University signee Claire Young won two state titles.



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