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Gone West Woods encounters issues with sidewalk snow clearing

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — A sentimental motion failed Monday, Dec. 12, to table the resignation of Councilman Martin West.

He thereby retires to warm winters in Arizona and, before his council seat cooled, John J. Gillooly was named unanimously to complete the final 12 months of his four-year term.

Gillooly is due to be sworn in at the start of the next Grosse Pointe Farms council meeting, 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, unless a special session convenes before then.

"I'm humbled and honored to be part of such a great group," Gillooly said.

His roughly 25 years experience as a municipal attorney made him stand out among nine people (one withdrew) seeking West's term, according to Councilman Lev Wood, nominating Gillooly.

"With these applicants, we faced an embarrassment of riches," Wood said. "All nine are thoughtful and showed an honest sense of commitment."

Gillooly is a 1988 graduate of the University of Detroit Law School. He's a shareholder and member of the Garan Lucow Miller law firm executive team.

"I've represented cities throughout Michigan defending lawyers,

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By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Residents who live on streets where DTE has been installing new lines had another issue to deal with following Sunday's snow.

City crews encountered problems trying to remove snow from sidewalks that had been replaced by DTE with a temporary material

called slag.

"We tried to plow the sidewalks, but the slag was breaking up and blowing sand everywhere," said Frank Schulte, director of public works. "We were afraid we were going to damage the plows. We had to stop."

When DTE completed installation of new gas lines, it used slag, a metal-based sand, as a temporary replacement for the cement

sidewalks, explained Schulte. The city expected DTE to replace the slag with a temporary cement-based slurry by now.

Schulte said DTE appears to be behind schedule on the winter replacement and he informed them they had "one week to catch up."

He said the slurry cement DTE

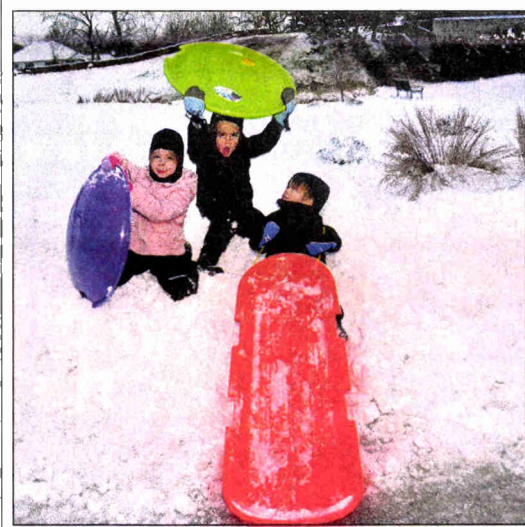
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First snowfall

Left, Graham Gill tries to talk Tia Kosmas and Lucy Gill out of pelting him with snowballs while playing at Patterson Park. Below, Cate, Stella and Ludia Hampton take a break from building their igloo at a home in the 1000 block of Harvard in Grosse Pointe Park.

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Lucia, Noah and Cyrus Cruz try out the small hill at Patterson Park before heading to the larger one behind them.



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Rebranded War Memorial rolls out new look, feel

By Jody McVeigh
 Editor

After a lengthy planning process, including a comprehensive community survey with close to 1,000 respondents, The War Memorial has begun to roll out its new brand.

Following its mission statement of being "a patriotic, cultural and community leader," The War Memorial adopted a new strategic plan, "answering the question of who we are as an institution ... and our value to the community," President and CEO Charles Burke said.

The strategic plan was adopted by the board of trustees in July, followed by the approval of its new branding in November.

"Our goal is to roll this out over the next handful of months," Burke said.

"The brand stands for a really unique environment. We're curating an environment where people, art, entertainment, culture and patriotism all come together at their best. Our goal is to always provide the very best to our community."

The new brand provides "more clarity in a region that is very static filled," Burke said. "The War Memorial can cut through that and be a beacon of people coming together at their best."

"Fundamentally, we are strengthening our promise that we have to this community," he continued. "As a management team, we are crystalizing the words, crystalizing the commitment and being very transparent with our intentions, deliv-

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Fence ordinance goes to council

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — While fences may make good neighbors, it will take a revised city ordinance to determine exactly what kind of fencing good neighbors can erect.

For several years, the city council has found itself dealing with more and more fence variance

requests from residents. Currently, the city ordinance allows for 6-foot fences to be built with the consent of the adjoining neighbor. It also allows 6-foot fences to be erected by homeowners who live on a corner lot or whose lot backs up to an alley.

However, due to what some city officials deemed to be confusion as to when a fence permit could be approved by the

city and when a variance request would be needed, city administration revised the ordinance, Ord. No. 865, Sec. 8-284, which now would require a variance request be brought before council for permission to erect a 6-foot fence regardless of an adjoining neighbor's consent, except for those houses on a corner lot or that back up to an alley.

The ordinance change

was brought to council for a first reading Monday, Dec. 5, and was approved. A second reading is scheduled Monday, Dec. 19. It deletes all reference to allowing 6-foot fences even with an adjoining neighbor's consent.

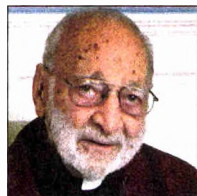
The ordinance still allows for "special circumstances" to be con-

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GP Yacht Club goes first class

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Grosse Pointe Yacht Club officials parted a gentle sea of municipal regulation to proceed with construction of expanded recreation facilities on their grounds at the foot of Vernier, added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2015.

"It's a continuation of the south (break) wall project begun last year with the addition of a sail center building and family recreation center," said Mary Matuja, chairwoman of the Grosse Pointe Shores planning commission.

A united city council Tuesday, Nov. 15, endorsed the commission's unanimous recommendation to grant the club's special land use request for construction of the sail center, plus setback variances for the family center.

All construction is designated within the club's existing footprint.

"The sail center is labeled a two-story building, but it's a one-story building with an attic," said club Commodore Blaise Klenow. "The upstairs area will be used to store spars, sails and things of that nature. Architecture is in line with the main clubhouse with similar colors."

"View lines are only minimally impacted, as the new facility is at the far southeast corner of the docks," Matuja said.

Attendant to the sail center are walkway replacements and the addition of floating docks and pods for personal watercraft.

The family recreation center required waiving a 145-foot setback from Lakeshore Road, but will be shielded from roadside view by replacement of evergreen trees.

"Those mature pine trees along Lakeshore have lost their ability to screen anything," Klenow said. "All the lower foliage is gone, so we'll have nice coverage there."

Upon completion in 18

to 24 months, what won't be seen from roadside, then, are construction of a two-story clubhouse, replacement of six clay tennis courts with four; the addition of one shuffleboard court, five fitness stations, a splash pad, playscape and half-sized basketball court, according to Matuja.

"You left out the two bocce ball courts," Klenow said.

"And two bocce ball courts," she said.

An ice rink was crossed out as too expensive and detrimental to the tennis courts.

"It looks like a beautiful project," said Councilman Robert Gesell, chairing discussion because Mayor Ted Kedzierski recused himself as a club member.

"We want to get started with demolition this fall," Klenow said. "We'd like to get tennis going and some features by spring or early June."

Breakwall renovation includes replacing pilings, widening slips and replacing fuel tanks at the gas dock.

In 2012, Platinum Clubs of America rated the yacht club third best of its kind nationally.



Woods Aglow

Ben Keuten whispers to Santa what he wants for Christmas during the annual Woods Aglow tree-lighting ceremony Nov. 22. Around 200 people attended the event, which featured hot chocolate and cookies, the Grosse Pointe North High School choir, Santa and more.



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Four-year-old Caleb Hoenicke drank hot chocolate before visiting Santa.



Grosse Pointe Woods Parks and Rec Supervisor Nicole Byron and Santa's elf, Sophia Ketels, walked with Santa to the front of city hall to receive his key to the city.

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Cornwall Bakery, Judson Center partnering for employment

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Cornwall Bakery in Grosse Pointe Park plans to add a new face or two to its crew next year.

Owner Freeman Gunnell III hopes to kick-start a partnership with Judson Center, whose Employment Services unit matches employers with adults with disabilities, including developmental disabilities and autism spectrum disorders.

Through experience

with Holiday Market in Royal Oak and Oakland Community College, Gunnell is familiar with Judson Center's employment program.

"They do a really good job ... for people with their first jobs or those learning how to do tasks within their abilities," he said. "One person may struggle with one thing, but then the group as a whole pulls together to finish the job."

Gunnell said he wasn't sure working with Judson Center was a possibility,

but was happy to find out otherwise. Plans already are in progress, but "I want to get some more procedures in place to make it easier to implement the program," he said, adding he hopes to begin January or February.

The work will consist of general cleaning, maintenance in and out of the building, as well as dishwashing, set up and prep work.

"I'd like it to be kind of like a routine, but also something that could

train them to move up in our company or move to a different location," Gunnell said.

"It serves a dual purpose," he continued. "For us it's a resource available when most kids are in school. We can keep organized and prepared to function as a business instead of waiting until after school for the help. For them it's an opportunity to grow as a group, using that team mentality and work to achieve common goals."

Judson Center is nothing new to the area. The group has partnered with more than 60 locations across Wayne and Oakland counties, including several Speedway gas stations, Pointe Fitness and St. John Hospital & Medical Center.

More than 250 individuals each year are actively employed through the program, with 180 to 200 people working in employment settings any given day. Opportunities

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Charges reduced in DaDeppo stalking case

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Stalking charges against former Public Safety Officer James DaDeppo were reduced from a felony to a misdemeanor last week with a preliminary examination on the charges set for 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017, in Woods municipal court.

Judge Ted Metry reduced the charges at a hearing on the charges Wednesday, Dec. 7, based on evidence that none of the more than three dozen calls made by DaDeppo to a former girlfriend were made after the woman had taken out a personal protection order against him.

"There were never facts to justify a felony charge," DaDeppo's attorney Robert Ihrie said following the hearing. "All calls were made before the PPO was filed."

The charges stem from an incident in spring 2016. According to the police report, on March 25, DaDeppo used a key to unlawfully enter the condominium of a woman who had broken off a six-month relationship with him. She had given him a key while they were dating. The woman was asleep at the time and woke up to find him kneeling next to her bed. Police were called and DaDeppo left without further incident. However, in the days preceding and following the incident, the woman received dozens of phone calls from DaDeppo and when she did not answer

the phone, he left voice-mails for her.

Texts of those transcribed messages were turned over by police to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office and charges of felony stalking and breaking and entering were authorized by the prosecutor's office.

At the Dec. 7 hearing, Metry ordered the charges of stalking be reduced to a misdemeanor and the breaking and entering charges were dismissed. At the request of Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Mark Bernardi, Metry continued DaDeppo's \$25,000 bond and ordered DaDeppo to have no contact with the defendant, either by him or a third party on his behalf. At Ihrie's request, DaDeppo's electronic monitoring tether was removed.

Metry also ordered all records of phone calls by DaDeppo with proper dates and times be turned over to Ihrie by Dec. 21.

Ihrie told the court he would be requesting a jury trial on the charges.

DaDeppo was an officer 32 years in the Woods. He retired in 2009 after he was charged with domestic assault and resisting arrest after an incident with a former girlfriend in Warren. In August 2009, in 37th District Court, he pleaded guilty to one count of hindering and was placed on one-year probation and ordered to perform 20 hours of community service. He also was ordered to attend anger management classes and pay \$600 in fines and court costs.



Dan Tullio, global master ambassador for Beam Suntory, stopped in at Irish Coffee in Grosse Pointe Farms to give a whiskey tasting and a bit of history behind the Hiram Walker name and whiskey.

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A bit of history

The Hiram Walker distillery sits on the shore of the Detroit River and is located on Riverside Drive in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. Before settling in Canada, Hiram Walker lived in downtown Detroit in 1836 and launched a successful grocery busi-

ness before branching out to distilling whiskey, producing his first barrels in the 1850s. Prohibition, better liquor tax laws and less expensive land made his decision to move across the water an easy one.

Walker moved his fam-

ily back to Detroit in the late 1880s and established the Walkerville and Detroit Ferry Co., which operated until the 1940s. Walker's sons and grandchildren lived a part of their lives in the Grosse Pointes.

Robert O'Derrick, the architect commissioned to build a home on

Vendome in Grosse Pointe Farms for Walker's grandson, F. Caldwell Walker, was a Grosse Pointer who lived on Lincoln Road and completed such places as residential homes in the Grosse Pointes, Pierce Middle School and the Punch & Judy Theater in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Silent smasher undetected

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Residents of a two-story house in the 400 block of Allard slept through or didn't hear an attempted break-in at the rear of the property sometime between 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, and about 7:45 a.m. the next day.

Evidence included a

broken 16-by-16-inch kitchen window, shards of glass on the kitchen floor, pry marks on French kitchen doors and more.

"Long story short, we don't have a lead," said Grosse Pointe Farms Detective Lt. Richard Rosati. "We thought we had a suspect, someone from a previous engagement that day."

A neighbor heard three loud bangs around 10:25 p.m. Friday and saw a roughly 6-foot-tall woman standing close to the apparent point of attempted entry.

"(The neighbor) did not call police because she thought it may have been the resident locked out of the home," reported Officer Vince Finn.

The unknown woman was "well spoken," the neighbor reportedly told Finn, wore tight pants and a black jacket possibly with fur cuffs.

"The (victims) also observed a storm window was removed from the broken kitchen window and a Christmas wreath removed from the

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include professional and technical, office, janitorial, retail, manufacturing, food service, marketing and hospital-ity.

"We're all about trying to connect with employers," Judson Center Director of Vocational Services Brad Ewing said. "It opens doors, cre-

ating opportunities for these adults with disabilities. These individuals are as much a part of our community as anyone else. An important ingredient is so many individuals with disabilities haven't been given that opportunity to become a contributing part of the community. Usually, they're receiving the help."

The goal, Ewing said, is for workers to achieve as

much independence as possible.

"We'd like to have more partnerships for all individuals," Ewing said. "There isn't a certain type of employer we're looking for. We're looking to increase opportunities with employers. Even if they need no immediate help, (call us) just to get the conversation going."

Judson Center works with employers, lending

support where needed for them and employees.

"We're trying to win the battle one at a time," Ewing said. "We help identify good folks to fill the need. The big thing is for people working for the first time in the community, the difference it makes in their lives."

For more information about Judson Center's Employment Services, call (248) 837-2087 or visit judsoncenter.org.

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should be installing will make it possible for the city plows to do their jobs. Slurry cement is a special "winter" blend of cement that can be poured in winter, but will be replaced with permanent cement in the spring.

"Once the slurry cement is poured, we'll be able to plow and make the sidewalks passable in future storms," he said.

Those streets affected

include Anita, Mack to Charlevoix; Hawthorne, Mack to Goethe; Hampton, Mack to Goethe; Roslyn, Morningside to Wedgewood; North and South Brys, Marter to Van K; Hollywood, Mack to Goethe; Wedgewood, Vernier to end of the street; Maple Lane and Wedgewood Road; Hidden Lane, Wedgewood to the end of street; and Hidden Lane, Morningside to the end of the street.

Schulte said his crews were able to stay ahead

of the storm and had roads and all other sidewalks cleared by Monday morning.

"The guys started Sunday night at 11 p.m. on getting the roads

cleared," he said. "It was a pretty good storm, but we had the roads and sidewalks cleared by Monday morning. The guys worked hard and did a great job."



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Outgoing Grosse Pointe Farms Councilman Martin West, third from left, receives honors from Mayor Jim Farquhar and council members, from left, Lev Wood, Therese Joseph, Louis Theros, Joe Ricci and Pete Waldmeir.

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judges and police officers," Gillooly said. "I've worked closely with a lot of (the Farms council members). They're good people. I plan on doing a lot of listening, to tell you the truth."

The appointment was one shy of unanimous, Councilman Joe Ricci opposing, until Ricci reversed seconds later in support of a follow-up motion.

West abstained, but wrote a letter supporting Gillooly.

"You've picked a wonderful candidate," West

told his former colleagues. "It's been an honor and pleasure working with you. It's been the most fun, enjoyable and rewarding because you have been so collegial."

Mayor James Farquhar gave West reluctant goodbyes and a Pewabic tile of the city seal to display in his winter home near Phoenix.

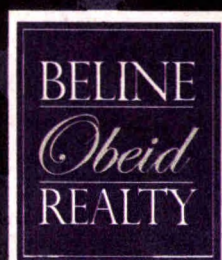
"You did a great job," Farquhar told him. "You did it not for your ego, but because you love your city."

"When do we get the invite for the council barbecue in Arizona?" asked Councilman Louis Theros.

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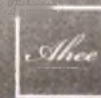
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'A joyful journey'

Longtime priest honored for service

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The Archdiocese of Detroit begins preparing its priests for retirement at age 70, asking what they plan to do in the future. When Msgr. Peter Lentine stood before Cardinal Edmund Szoka, Lentine said he wanted to keep going.

And so he did. Sunday, Dec. 11, Lentine celebrated 50 years of service at St. Philomena Catholic Church in Detroit with a special Mass. Family, friends, neighboring priests and former parishioners were invited as Lentine delivered a message and everyone watched the trailer of a documentary about Lentine, filmed by a parishioner. A reception

followed.

Though no longer leading Mass at St. Philomena, the 97-year-old still is its priest, working at the church twice a week and from home several days.

He lives in Grosse Pointe Woods at the home of Joan Sikele, who worked for Lentine 47 years. Her sisters, Sue Loreda and Sally Kopacko, also worked for Lentine, 17 and 25 years, respectively. They are among several longtime employees of the church.

"He creates an atmosphere," Sikele said. "You don't want to move on."

St. Philomena wasn't always so comfortable. In 1966, Cardinal John Dearden assigned Lentine to a "rejected parish on the eastside," Lentine said. "He said it

had a large debt, a difficult debt to handle There were not only financial problems, but division and confusion in the community and a lack of leadership."

Lentine was highly recommended for the post and soon learned firsthand of its difficulties.

"When I came, (being on) 'the other side of Mack' was a problem for some people," he said. "People were not anxious to go into Detroit. There were 10 families that did come across Mack. The others were Detroiters. Today, that's reverse. There are 200 families. Five of them are from Detroit. The rest are from areas of Grosse Pointe."

Many families had already settled into other churches, which Lentine said was a challenge. "This parish is surrounded by beautiful churches — St. Paul on the Lake, St. Clare of Montefalco, Our Lady Star of the Sea, St. Ambrose," he said. "All of them are very nice churches, beautiful churches. We had a gymnasium. It was built to be temporary, so eventually we would build a church, but we decided to modernize the gym and make it look like a church (for financial reasons). These churches made it difficult for us to be successful."

"We were in the center of a group of very healthy, wealthy parishes," he continued. "I worked hard on getting a very

good religious education program going for the children. I was fortunate to find people professionally qualified so religious education would be an attractive choice for people. I hired religious women who were very well-qualified for parish ministry. I was able to hire and work with remarkably high-caliber people. Quality lay people really make the people feel welcome."

Among them were Sikele, Loreda and Kopacko, all now retired from Lentine's employ, but still active at St. Philomena.

"We weren't simply employees who took home a paycheck," Sikele said. "We were part of something growing, something developing, so much more than a job."

The sisters have nothing but praise for their beloved "Father Pete," who is as much a part of their family as they are to each other.

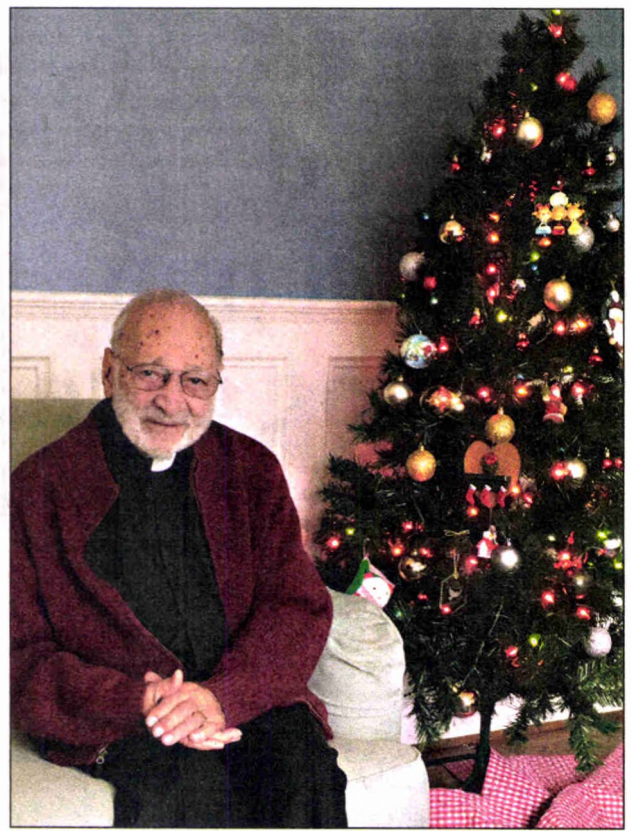
"His welcoming spirit brought people in," Loreda said. "It wasn't attractive on the outside, but what was inside (the church) was what was attractive."

Added Sikele, "Father's never stood on a platform of 'I'm the priest, you're the people.' He says, 'None of us is as strong as all of us.'"

The strength of the whole has been Lentine's lifeline these past three years since falling ill. Up to that point, he was still saying Mass and living on his own. A doctor told him his kidneys were in such bad shape, he had one month to live.

His main concerns? His ministry and his independence.

Though he has a housemate in Sikele, he continues his ministry. Parishioners take turns



Msgr. Peter Lentine celebrated 50 years of ministry at St. Philomena during Mass Sunday, Dec. 11.

PHOTO BY JODY MCVEIGH

driving him to dialysis three times a week as he continues to work.

He has taught his parishioners to take leadership roles within the church and meet needs beyond its walls. After Hurricane Katrina, the parish adopted seven families, clothing and sheltering them, helping them find homes and getting their children in school. Members have a standing partnership with the Capuchins and help raise money for their bakery. They also collect clothing for students at Loyola University.

The Archdiocese of Detroit's Changing Lives Together program asks parishes to raise funds, of which 20 percent goes to the diocese and 80 percent stays with the parish.

"The idea is to come up with a need people would rally around and donate to," Sikele said. "Father felt we were really OK, there was nothing we needed, so he said, what about going beyond the parish and supporting young seminarians? We're entitled to keep 80 percent, but we've kept

zero."

So far the Monsignor Peter S. Lentine Education Endowment Fund has raised \$400,000 to continue the education of students preparing for the priesthood at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit. Lentine said the Cardinal was so impressed with the generosity, he donated the diocese's 20 percent as well.

Lentine is the oldest living priest in the diocese, Sikele said. And with 50 years of service at one church under his belt, he's one of the most experienced as well.

When Lentine stood before Cardinal Szoka at age 70, asking to continue his ministry, Szoka said he'd extend the assignment on an annual basis. For 15 years, Lentine wrote letters for permission to continue.

"At 85, they stopped asking him to write letters," Sikele said.

"There was a time early in my stay there, we as a team wanted to see if we were doing things the right way," Lentine reflected. "We had someone from the diocese come in and sit in our meeting. After half an hour, he got up and said, 'You don't need me. You're doing things the way they should be done' That was very comforting for me. I had not been there very long."

"I happen to be the first among equals, but everybody participates and contributes," he continued. "I enjoy doing what I'm doing. People are grateful and reciprocate It's been a joyful journey."

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1000 Christmas Salutes is Dec. 18

The War Memorial is wasting no time hosting its first grand event under its new brand.

"1000 Christmas Salutes" takes place Sunday, Dec. 18, with doors opening 1 and 5 p.m. The event is free for all veterans, active military, first responders and their families.

"It's an honor and privilege to celebrate the holidays with our community's heroic men and women," War Memorial CEO and President Charles Burke said. "This unique partnership between The War Memorial and Wins for Warriors truly allows us to serve those who serve us all It's going to be really awesome. It is a spectacular time."

The event, in partnership with Justin Verlander's Wins for Warriors Foundation,



COURTESY PHOTO

NUCLASSICA performances take place 3 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18.

includes strolling food and drinks for adults and children, visits and photos with Santa, holiday-themed crafts for children provided by Arts and Scraps and concerts by NUCLASSICA, a nationally touring electro-pop violin

ensemble. "Justin Verlander's Wins for Warriors wants to give a first-class experience," Burke said. "And this is one of our first endeavors under our new brand. It's important there are places we stop from the hustle

and bustle to reflect and give these experiences for veterans or police officers and their families. It's not about charity, but taking the best performing groups and transforming them into a holiday experience. This is what makes our community special, unique and good."

Ideally, organizers hope to host 1,000 people and so far 500 have registered.

Though the event is free, registration is necessary to guarantee seating for the NUCLASSICA performances, set for 3 and 7 p.m.

"We've had a positive response," said Brooks Hoste, manager of communications and programming at The War Memorial. "It's a similar idea as last year — a way to honor veterans, members of the military and first responders. It's

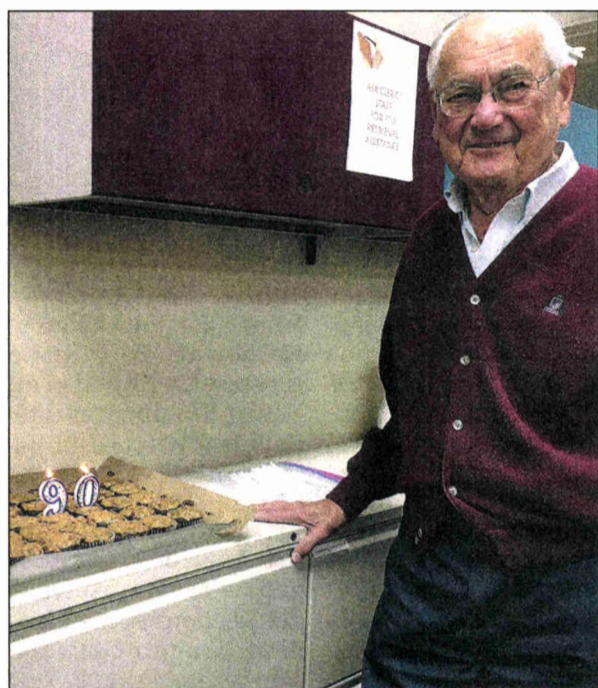
different this year in that it's not a meal, but a strolling dinner throughout the house."

Added Burke, "By providing a strong and consistent demonstration of patriotism, The War Memorial aims to lead the charge to recognize patriots in our community, across our nation and throughout our daily lives. During the holiday season, we feel a special call to honor and thank those who served and sacrificed for our nation. It is our hope that 1000 Christmas Salutes will serve as a symbol of our sincere gratitude."

The War Memorial is located at 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

To reserve a seat, visit warmemorial.org/holidays or call (313) 881-7511.

—Jody McVeigh



Happy birthday, George!

George Washnak turned 90 Dec. 5 and where better to celebrate than work? Washnak is the Grosse Pointe Woods electrical inspector, a job he has had 30 years. Co-workers and friends gathered at city hall Dec. 5 to wish him the best before he headed out for his scheduled inspections. Washnak cites his genes as a contributing factor to his longevity, saying his father and siblings all lived to be 100, but co-workers say it's his sense of humor.

PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

BRAND:

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erable to the community."

The institution's legal name remains The Grosse Pointe War Memorial; however, it now identifies with how people refer to it in casual conversation — The War Memorial.

"We're aligning with what people have been calling us for years," Burke said. "It will always be in Grosse Pointe. It will always be on (Lake) St. Clair. It will always be on Lakeshore We want to make sure this is a viable entity that really matters to the lives of Grosse Pointe."

He said the change came through focus groups and community discussion and it enhances what people

have been saying for years.

"All people are welcome," Burke said. "We want people to feel connected to the energy that is The War Memorial It's not a matter of dropping (words), but a matter of always being welcome and super accessible to all people."

The new logo's colors and symbolism were carefully selected to reflect the water, the country and patriotism.

"The look and feel is supposed to evoke what we've always wanted it to be, but also a nod to a future that is clean, bright and forward moving," Burke said, adding the motto, "live inspired," is a concept "pulled from what we feel the community has been saying to us for years."

The new look is "connective tissue between all

our business lines," Burke continued. "It gives us a thread to tie all these experiences together. The logo and specific look and feel ties into everything we do."

The words, colors and fonts, Burke said, "inflect how we want to believe We want to exceed the expectations of what everyone thought The War Memorial is and what it should be today and tomorrow."

"Everything we do we make sure is done thoughtfully, executed very well and given the attention the institution deserves," he continued. "This is about branding an institution for years to come. The colors are important — red, white and blue — resting on that spirit of patriotism in everything we do."

"It really is an exciting time here."

FENCE:

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sidered by the city's building inspector. Those "special circumstances" include demonstrating hardship and whether special conditions exist. "Solid" 6-foot fences still are banned in the city and any 6-foot fence between neighbors must be a "shadow box" variety.

The fence issue was first raised by council in June, when Woods

Building Executive Gene Tutag brought to council his concerns over the spike in fence variation requests. Tutag told the council he was dealing with 57 fence permit requests, nearly double the 31 from the same time the previous year, but he also was dealing with increased requests for solid fencing.

Complicating the issue is the fact the city had allowed homeowners who live in corner houses to erect solid fencing on the street side of their

yard, which brought homeowners in front of council requesting a variance to allow them to install solid fencing around their entire yard for consistency in style.

During the discussion in June, Councilman Rich Shetler questioned the amount of council time spent on fence variance requests.

"It's time to look at the issue and tighten up the ordinance," he said. "There are other things the council should be doing."

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OUR VIEW

Shop local

With up to 9 inches of snow blanketing much of southeast Michigan last weekend, it certainly is beginning to look a lot like Christmas. A leisurely drive along Lakeshore confirms so with myriad houses brightly and beautifully decorated for the season.

If you're like some of the folks in our office, you may have a few more gifts to buy to complete your shopping list. Or maybe you haven't started shopping at all.

In either case, we encourage the community to shop local this holiday season.

There are so many unique, interesting and charming boutiques in the Grosse Pointes that quite literally can meet all your loved ones' hearts' desires. An attentive drive along Mack or Kercheval can reveal a niche store you've missed before. Did you know 16 new businesses opened in Grosse Pointe this year? Maybe it's about time you checked them out.

If you're still stumped, the Grosse Pointe News published its annual Holiday Gift Guide Nov. 24. Copies are available at our office, 21316 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. It's full of unique gift ideas for all tastes and styles.

If you've already completed your shopping list, but still want to do more giving this holiday season, the Grosse Pointe Public Library is hosting a Mittens for Detroit collection drive now through Saturday, Dec. 31. Warm mittens in adult sizes are most in demand, but any size will do.

The first 30 people — 10 per branch — to donate three or more quality pairs of mittens receive a board book copy of "The Mitten," courtesy of the Friends of the GPPL. For more information, visit gp.lib.mi.us.

There are many other opportunities in this community to give back as well. Rotary Club's Operation Warm collects donations to purchase winter coats for children in Detroit, Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe. The Marine Corps' Toys for Tots program collects new, unwrapped toys for children and is especially in need of bicycles this year.

If volunteering is more your thing, the Capuchin Soup Kitchen is one of many organizations that is happy for the extra help.

Deck the Store

Don't forget to get out and vote on the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's Deck the Store contest. There are 34 businesses participating this year. See them in person around town and cast your vote at grossepointechamber.com. Voting closes Sunday, Dec. 18. Winners for Most Festive, Most Creative and People's Choice awards will be announced Monday, Dec. 19.



Pure Grosse Pointe

The Wardwell House sits on Jefferson at Three Mile Drive in Grosse Pointe Park. The main part of the house was built around 1849, has 14-inch-thick walls and is the oldest brick house in Grosse Pointe. Each year residents and passers-by delight in the wreaths and garland that decorate this house for the holidays.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

GUEST OPINION By Priscilla Burns

Do you know your family's history?

When I was young my great-aunt would tell a story about her great-grandmother, left home alone with her brother when the Hessians came pillaging. The brother refused to reveal the location of the family silver, so the mercenaries tied him up and set a fire under his chair. She hid in a cubbyhole in the closet, holding her breath as a soldier ruthlessly thrust his sword into the nooks and crannies. "The sword came this close," my great-aunt would say, dramatically pinching her fingers together, and we would shiver as the little girl narrowly escaped being impaled.

All turned out well — the soldiers left, the children scared but unscathed and (phew) the silver safe. Recently my siblings and I were talking about the story and we all remembered it differently: Didn't the house burn to the ground

and weren't there Indians involved? Was this during the Revolutionary War or the War of 1812?

While there's no time like the holidays for sibling disagreements, it's an even better time to preserve those family stories and gather facts about the family past. New technology makes it fun and easy to record a story or interview, but pencil and paper still work too.

Although researching your family tree is not quite the snap you see on TV, just about anyone should be able to trace back several generations due to the number of records now being digitized. Gather as many facts as possible — names, dates, places, churches, schools — then head to the library to help fill in the blanks.

Ancestry.com is accessible without charge by logging on to one of the library computers or by

using your personal laptop or tablet with the library's wireless internet connection. There are census records, vital records, military and immigration records, passports, passenger lists and more in this massive database. Heritage Quest is another good source that includes Revolutionary War records, the Freedman's Bank and a collection of historical books and family histories.

Want to learn more? At 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, there will be an informal meet-up at Central library. Staff will be available to give a hand with Ancestry.com and other genealogy sources. At the Ewald branch at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, Lisa Eschenburg speaks about the excellent genealogy collection and genealogy groups that meet regularly at the Mount Clemens

Public Library. Katherine R. Willson presents "Solving Mysteries with Facebook's 10,000+ Genealogy/History Links" at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16, at the Ewald branch. A program about DNA genealogy is in the planning stage. Call the library or check our online calendar for details and registration for these programs.

I'll never know the facts of that close encounter with the Hessian soldiers long ago, but I do have a clearer picture of where my ancestors came from, where they lived and the challenges they may have faced as early settlers. Perhaps in the coming year you, too, can use the Grosse Pointe Public Library to help bring your family history to life.

Burns is a reference librarian.

GUEST OPINION By Cliff Mahoney Jr.

It's time for Young Americans to step up, lead

The 2016 election brought the United States a whirlwind of events, with one being particularly notorious: the election of a former reality television star-turned populist politician to the presidency of the United States.

Election coverage post-mortems all highlight the orange makeup, pantsuits and lost emails. But 2016 is more than that — it is a lesson for the beltway elites and proves America must focus on its future, not yesterday's policies, politicians and voting blocs.

From Brexit to lifting the embargo on Cuba to the death of taxis via Uber, the world around us is changing and it's time we evolve and adapt. If there was one word to describe 2016 in a nutshell, it would be unpredictable. If there was one hope for 2017, it should be opportunity.

Regardless of one's satisfaction with the outcome of the election, we have work to do. If America wants real solutions, we can't look to the same people who created this mess in the first place. Our parents' generation is leaving us with more than \$20 trillion in debt.

Few Americans express trust in any of the institutions at play: Congress, the mainstream media and the two main political par-

ties. Often, the officials who run in these circles are distracted from the issues by grandiose personalities and individual incentives. Instead, we must look to the country's entrepreneurs and youth for innovative ideas and we must be willing to sit down at the table with even our most polar of opposites. That's what America is all about; a real dialogue about the problems we face as a society and relying on people — not government — to create solutions.

It doesn't matter whether you identify as Republican, Democrat, Libertarian, Green, Constitutionalist or independent. This is not time to whine or celebrate the election results. It's time to focus on what matters.

What matters is that we push a positive narrative based on human respect that creates opportunity for all.

- ◆ A sober foreign policy of non-intervention.
- ◆ Real criminal justice reform/ending the failed war on drugs.
- ◆ Protection of free speech.
- ◆ Auditing the Federal Reserve.
- ◆ Ending unconstitutional NSA spying.
- ◆ Reducing the national debt.
- ◆ Lowering taxes so all Americans can keep more of the

money they work hard to earn. The aforementioned issues are millennial issues. These exact issues are barely touched by establishment politicians — and it's not going unnoticed. Young people want a fair shot and that means getting the government out of the way.

Millennials are now tied with Baby Boomers for the largest voting bloc. We're entering the workforce, paying taxes and, more importantly, we're questioning the status quo. Millennials don't fit into the conventional left-right mold. They want — and need — something different.

At the end of the day, millennials are the ones picking up the pieces of the crumbling infrastructure, mounting national debt and egregious violations of our civil liberties. Sure, we could sit back and complain about how inefficient, corrupt and inept government has become — but that's nothing new. People, not politicians, create solutions. This is a call to action for all young Americans. Let's rise up, stop bickering and work hard to create solutions that will fix the problems government can't.

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Anti-car theft specialists

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — It's easier to prevent auto theft by locking parked cars in the first place than by trying to catch criminals in the act or recover vehicles that have been stolen.

Finding stolen cars can be complicated, which is why for nearly 10 years in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods, a task force of public safety officers special-

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Public Safety Reports

City of Grosse Pointe

Backpack takes hike

Numerous electronic doodads, including a \$1,000 MacBook Pro, were lost when a 15-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms male left his backpack unattended outside Fresh Farms Market on Fisher across from Grosse Pointe South High School a few minutes after 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 9.

His blue North Face Recon backpack also contained a \$50 scientific

calculator, two iPhone chargers, a brown leather iPhone case, \$50 cash and school identification.

Loner alone in loaner

A female motorist, 32, of Oak Park, with three suspensions of her operator's license, was caught behind the wheel of a silver 2008 Jeep Compass hatchback outfitted with dealer plates that expired in February, according to a patrolman.

"(She) said the vehicle was a 'loaner' from the shop (where) she was having her vehicle fixed," reported the officer, arresting her for violating the suspensions.

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

being the size of the dog in the fight that matters, but the size of the fight in the dog also applies to the size of the wine glass, not the number consumed.

At 1:28 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, a patrolman pulled over a Harper Woods woman, 46, for weaving a black 2011 Ford Fusion between lanes of eastbound Mack approaching Cook Road.

"(She) indicated she was coming from a holiday party," said the officer. "(She) indicated she (drank) two glasses of Merlot."

The quantity was enough to boost her blood alcohol level to .132 percent, more than 1 1/2 times the legal maximum to operate a motor vehicle in Michigan, according to police.

Things'll get better

A variation on the theme of George Bailey stumbling drunkenly against a tree and timely salvation by Clarence Odbody, Angel 2nd Class:

Members of the public safety overnight crew deployed to the area of Touraine and Williams at 1:27 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, regarding a female resident's report of a man in an overcoat walking from a vehicle parked curbside.

Officers arrived to find him sitting in the passenger seat of a silver 2015 Ford Escape with two flat left-side tires and damaged rims.

"(He) was looking straight ahead with a dazed look and did not notice me," said a patrolman.

The man, 39, of Roseville, eventually explained he'd drunk "too much" at an office party on the Hill.

Police logged his .15 percent blood alcohol level and arrested him

for drunken driving.

Egged

A male homeowner in the 200 block of Cloverly can't make omelets of eggs an unknown vandal or group thereof keeps breaking against his front windows.

Most attacks in recent weeks happened post midnight, he told police after the latest incident Thursday, Dec. 8.

"The family was awakened by loud bangs of eggs hitting multiple windows," reported an investigating officer.

Cleanup costs may reach \$1,000 because the resident is hiring a contractor to power wash windows up to 30 feet off the ground.

"He called to get a quote on security cameras," added the officer.

Traces phone

A Farms man traced his missing \$1,000 iPad Monday night, Dec. 5, to a house on Balfour near the intersection of Southampton in Detroit, he told Farms police.

He'd lost it about 5 p.m. while focused on his ill son in the restroom of the Central Branch Public Library.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

50 and weaving

Two public safety officers reported the driver of a 2012 Ford Fusion speeding up to 50 mph while weaving between traffic on westbound Lakeshore shortly before 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8.

A roadside investigation of the driver, a 20-year-old Detroit man,

occurred in the 1100 block.

"The driver stated he did not have a driver's license," reported an officer.

Police arrested the man and freed him on \$300 bond.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Nothing to celebrate

A woman went into a liquor shop on Jefferson at 5:45 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27, and while the clerk was occupied, took a bottle of Dom Perignon champagne valued at \$180 and two bottles of Ace of Spades champagne, valued at \$385.

Package thefts

There were two reports of package thefts from front porches.

◆ At noon Monday, Dec. 5, an unknown person took a package from a porch in the 500 block of Lakepointe. The package contained kitchen items. That same day, four teenagers were spotted removing a package from a porch in the 1200 block of Buckingham. The package, containing shoes, was recovered about a block away.

◆ Thursday, Dec. 8, a package was taken from a porch in the 1200 block of Devonshire. A witness saw an unknown male grab the package and flee in a four-door gray Mazda.

Cars stolen

◆ A 2015 Ford Taurus was taken sometime overnight Monday, Dec. 5, from the 900 block of Barrington.

◆ A 2005 Dodge Caravan was taken sometime overnight Tuesday, Dec. 6, from the 1300 block of Beaconsfield.

Garage theft

Sometime overnight Sunday, Dec. 4, several items were taken from a garage in the 1300 block of Lakepointe. Reported missing was a toolbox containing \$600 worth of tools and a snowblower.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Tools taken

Police were called to the 19000 block of Mack at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5, when a worker discovered several tools had been taken from his truck parked behind a building where he was working.

If you're missing some shirts

A Ridgmont resident found three new shirts that appear to have been discarded and turned the items over to police. He found the items Wednesday, Dec. 7, at Ridgmont and Helen. The shirts are being held at the Woods police station.

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Climbing in rank

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Childhood dreams were enhanced this week with the promotions of two public safety officers.

Sgt. Holly Krizmanich, a 21-year veteran of the Grosse Pointe Farms department of public safety, is now one of the city's four lieutenants.

"I grew up on Fisher (in the City of Grosse Pointe)," said Krizmanich. "I remember parades coming by and having respect for police officers and the job they do. I knew that's what I wanted to do."

Some 12 years ago, she helped train patrolman Wesley Kipke, promoted to sergeant.

"As a child, I wasn't sure about wanting to work in law enforcement

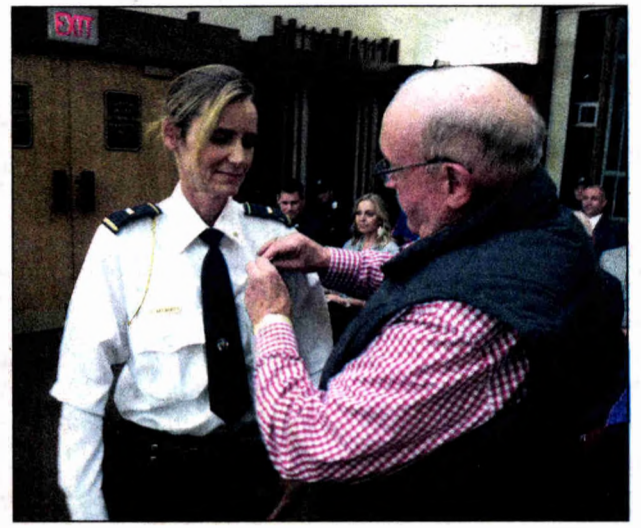


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Frank McHugh pins a lieutenant's badge on the uniform of his daughter, Holly Krizmanich.

or fire fighting," Kipke said. "Then I heard about public safety, which is both."

"He's smart and was a good fit from the start; very professional," Krizmanich said of Kipke. "She's a heck of a men-

tor and role model," he said of her.

"It is my honor and privilege to promote these two fine officers," said Farms Chief Dan Jensen during a promo-

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Sworn in

Director of Public Safety John Kosanke, center, is flanked by the two newest sergeants in the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department, Sgt. Brian Urban and Sgt. Joseph Provost. Urban, an 11-year veteran, and Provost, a 14-year veteran, were sworn in at the Nov. 21 city council meeting.

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ized in fighting the crime.

"Rather than each individual department handle their own auto theft cases, they're funneled to people who are specially trained," said Park Sgt. Jim Vogler, a member of the anti-auto theft ACTION team since its founding in 2007. "We learn more because that's what we specialize in."

The Park and Harper Woods are founding members of the team, fully named Arrest Car Thieves In Our Neighborhood.

Highland Park belonged briefly. Wayne County dropped out, but Detroit joined.

"We're basically a plain-clothes unit," Vogler said. "If we run across a chop shop in Detroit, we handle it because I have a Detroit lieutenant and sergeant on my team."

Members meet monthly with other task forces and private insur-

ance investigators.

"It's amazing how much our investigations overlap," Vogler said. "We develop trends."

A "prime example," he said, is Mark Paul Dessert, 44, of St. Clair Shores.

Dessert is being prosecuted in the City of Grosse Pointe and Farms for car theft and larcenies.

"We tied him to three stolen vehicles and dozens of larceny from auto cases throughout the Grosse Pointes and Macomb County," Vogler said.

A bump in the ACTION team's road are car owners making it easy for thieves by leaving vehicles parked unlocked overnight, often with ignition keys and remote-control fobs in glove boxes or storage consoles.

"If we could eliminate keys and fobs left in vehicles, our (theft) rate would be at an all-time low," Vogler said.

Sometimes auto theft victims try to help police by using personal track-

ing applications to search for their stolen vehicles.

"We don't want people going out to recover their own cars because they may encounter the thieves," Vogler said. "It's dangerous."

Better to turn over tracking information to armed authorities.

"If you can track your car, you need to tell that to officers at the time you report it stolen," Vogler said. "If ACTION goes out undercover with that information, it's likely we'll make an arrest."

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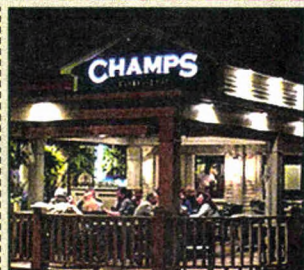
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Audit reveals 'a rather good year'

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Residents will be mailed before month's end a pamphlet written in everyday terms summarizing the city's financial standing for last fiscal year ended in June.

Produced by John Lamerato, Grosse Pointe Farms controller and treasurer, the pamphlet condenses into 14 pages — including graphs and pie charts — what accountants from Plante Moran detailed in their 111-page audit report of the city effective June 30.

"We had a rather good year in the Farms," said Lamerato.

"The audit was very

clean," said Bill Brickey, a partner with Plante Moran. "The city continues to budget responsibly. The city did not issue any new debt and was able to pay down its current outstanding debt last year by about \$1.3 million."

Property taxes generated 72 percent of revenue totaling \$13,512,406 during the fiscal year.

"We continue to have the lowest tax rate (14 mills) of the Grosse Pointes by 2 mills," said Councilman Louis Theros, chairman of the finance committee.

Public safety represented the largest annual expense, \$4,658,059, or nearly 40 percent of \$11,651,388 total costs.

"Every department was

under budget," Brickey said.

Projects completed last fiscal year include:

- ◆ nearly \$1 million in capital projects,
- ◆ more than \$400,000 in road and sidewalk improvements,
- ◆ purchasing \$153,000 worth of public safety vehicles and equipment and
- ◆ a \$88,000 technology upgrade.

Let it rain

"Our unassigned fund balance is \$3.8 million, or 27.4 percent of our general fund budget," Lamerato said.

Unassigned fund balance often is considered a rainy day or emergency fund.

Brickey recommends

the balance range at least 10 to 20 percent of the annual general operating fund.

"We're able to transfer \$2 million from the general fund to other funds, including \$1.2 million to capital projects, which is for roads, equipment, vehicle purchases and so forth," Lamerato said.

Pensions

Both municipal employee pension systems are sound.

"We increased our percentage funded this past year," Lamerato said. "The public safety retirement system is 116 percent funded. Our general employee pension is 97 percent funded."

"Most (pension) sys-

tems throughout Michigan are about 70 percent funded," Brickey, said.

Turnaround

Fueling the city's financial health are overall economic growth, a third consecutive year of rebounding Farms property values and, hence, property tax revenue.

"Our taxable values increased 2.3 percent compared to 1.6 percent last year," Lamerato said.

Because property tax increases are limited by state law to the rate of inflation as indicated by the Consumer Price Index, the most a Farms homeowner's taxes can go up this year is .9 percent unless the property changed hands or was expanded.

"Since we collect taxes for all the other taxing jurisdictions, only 29 cents of every tax dollar collected by us goes for city services," Lamerato said. "The rest is forwarded to the public school system, Wayne County, library and

more." The recession prompted operational streamlining that is expected to pay off for years.

"We did more collaboration with other Grosse Pointes in the last few years," Lamerato said.

Savings and revenue comes from handling Grosse Pointe Shores public safety dispatching and court administration, plus assisting the City of Grosse Pointe conduct building inspections.

"Staffing levels are down in certain areas, but we're still able to provide top-notch services for residents," Lamerato said.

Further collaboration may include the Farms and Shores consolidating dispatch and prisoner lockup with Grosse Pointe Woods.

The audit and financial summary are being posted on the city website, grossepointefarms.org, under the finance section, according to Shane Reeside, city manager.

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tion ceremony at city hall Monday, Nov. 14. "I have complete trust in them to carry on the awesome privilege and tradition of supervisor in the Farms public safety department."

Six candidates applied to become one of the department's three sergeants; three for lieutenant.

Krizmanich and Kipke excelled in written examinations and performance evaluations.

"An outside oral board is the third part of the process," Jensen said. "It's a lengthy, trying process."

Both officers attribute their success to having high standards.

"Police officers want to serve their community



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Tabitha Kipke does the honors by pinning a sergeant's badge on her newly-promoted husband, Wesley Kipke, a 12-year veteran of the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety department.

and make it the best it can be," Krizmanich said.

She worked three years in Oak Park before joining the Farms.

"Police officers don't sign up to make somebody have a bad day," Krizmanich said. "There

are times you have to arrest the bad guy, but we truly enjoy helping people, whether trying to save property, people, animals and going on medic runs to make a difference in saving a life."

Kipke worked previ-

ously for the Oakland County Sheriff's Department and, for 1 1/2 years, Grosse Pointe Park.

"You name it, we've probably done it," Kipke said. "This community's been great to us, so we want to return the favor and be great and gracious to them. We'll do just about anything they ask us to do."

Both officers credit their parents for proper upbringings and supervisors for leading the way at work.

"It's an honor to serve where I grew up," Krizmanich said. "When you have good leaders before you, it makes it easier to try to follow in their footsteps."

Kipke values a positive attitude.

"We know our residents appreciate what we do for them," he said.

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rear French doors," Finn reported. "The doors, located at the rear of the home (facing) south, had two marks in the tempered glass where (someone) attempted to break them with an unknown object, causing a chip and scratching to the glass."

The residents were home since 5 p.m. Friday.

"(They) stated they never heard anything overnight, as they stay in front of the home in the upstairs bedroom,"

according to Finn. "They did not observe anything inside missing."

The hoped-for lead stemmed from Farms Officer Roger Wierszewski assisting Detroit police catch two people allegedly casing houses across the Mack Avenue border.

"He detained a guy and gal, one a parole absconder and the other on parole, both for home invasion," Rosati said.

Wierszewski did a little digging after the Allard incident and determined the suspects were in Detroit custody during the relevant timeframe.

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Just One Thing

A guide to greater health, happiness and well-being

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

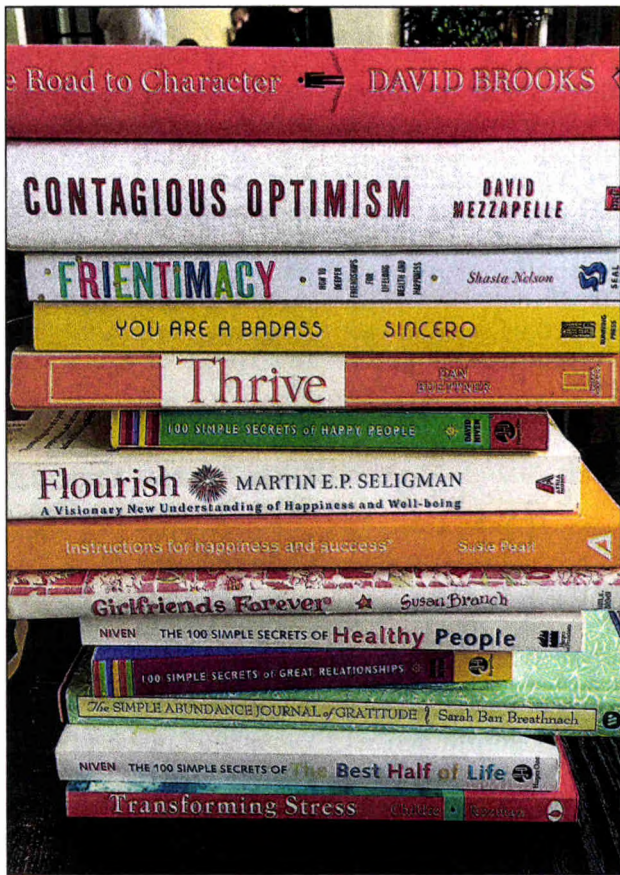
In her role as community affairs manager for Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, Suzy Berschback is the link between the community and the hospital.

"My role is to listen to the community and take health information and deliver it to the community," she said.

In her years of research — eight, to be exact — Berschback realized, "We have a lot of the answers, but now how do we put it into practice and use them in daily living? That was the one thing I never found in all the stuff I read."

So she took it upon herself to develop a calendar, 365 days of tips to nudge readers toward greater health, happiness and well-being.

"I was constantly reading and listening," she said, noting hundreds of sources, from websites and books to members of the community. She started



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Suzy Berschback used a variety of books as part of her research when compiling Just One Thing.

compiling "Just One Thing" in September. Her personal website, Happy Go Lucky Girl, was part of the process, too. "Health is not just bones and tissue," she said. "It is health, happiness and well-being.

There's more to it. Just listening to someone — there's healing in that. There's healing in music, healing in art, healing in listening. I'm recognizing how important it is for people to have connection."

Through her website she realized there's a need to lift people up. A friend challenged Berschback at the beginning of the year to use her research to teach a class by year's end. Earlier this month, Berschback led "Action For Happiness" at the Health and Wellness Center in St. Clair Shores and used her newly-completed calendar as a supplement.

"The class included different exercises, but I also wanted to give them something to go home with," she said. "This (calendar) is for anybody who needs it. It's not information you can put in a book and sell. It's information that needs to be dispersed."

Berschback plans to apply for a grant to get

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 - ◆ Ask for help today. Confide something in a friend, neighbor or colleague that they can help or offer advice.
 - ◆ Let go of your past regrets. There is nothing you can do to change what was done. However, now that you know better, you can do better.
 - ◆ What do you love to experience, that you would miss if you were not able to? Reflect on that today.
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Just One Thing published and distributed. For now, it's available free to download at happygoluckygirl.me.

"I am really excited about being able to use this," she said. "We know there's a need. I want to nudge people to greater health, happiness and well-being. I'm lucky to be in a position to learn all this. How can I help my community get there? It was done out of need."

Berschback said there's a misconception

that such a calendar is only for people suffering or who need help, but it's really for everybody.

"Everybody ebbs and flows," she said. "This is about building coping skills. Any way you can use it or share it, get it out there. It's putting good into the world."

The calendar isn't based on a particular year, "so year after year you can keep going back," Berschback said. "Use it when you can, as needed."

From left, Tiempo, FreeWay and Rapture at the start of a Tuesday night race.



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Sail Club completes successful season

Under the leadership of Commodore Andrea Solak, the Grosse Pointe Sail Club in 2016 completed one of its most successful seasons of sailing and activities in its 68-year history. Founded in 1948, the Sail Club conducts spectator-friendly sailboat racing on the Great Lakes, running its 55th season of Tuesday night racing off the pier at Windmill Pointe Park. In keeping with the spectator-friendly theme, the Sail Club also inaugurated a new race course for its 64th annual regatta, held this year in August, finishing the race at Windmill Pointe for the first time in the regatta's history.

These races are not only for watching, however. The Sail Club once again ran Operation Shanghai, in which newcomers to Lake St. Clair racing, of any experience level from first-timer on up, are invited to sail on club members' boats during the Tuesday night

series. One such participant was Michael Hershey, sailing aboard Rapture, a 38-foot sloop owned by Sail Club member Larry Haggart.

"I sailed while growing up in Grosse Pointe, so I knew some of the basics," said Hershey. "The Tuesday night GPSC races have been a great way to get out on the water and learn more about sailing from experienced sailors willing to work with people at any level of experience. I attended the new members party and the chili party, where I encountered new types of chili for the first time and got a chance to meet more of the members. The GPSC has a great group of people and I look forward to the 2017 season."

The Sail Club also found success in its off-water activities, most notably with the inclusion of a trophy case in the ongoing renovations at Windmill Pointe Park's Tompkins Center. The case will display the

club's various racing and service trophies, presented annually to deserving members and winning racers, and the club is working closely with the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation on its construction.

"We're very excited to be working with the foundation on this," Solak said. "The club values very highly our long-standing relationship with the city of Grosse Pointe Park and we hope this will help cement that relationship even further."

With a growing membership and strengthening ties to the community, the Sail Club is well positioned in the coming years to continue its mission of promoting the sport of sailing on Lake St. Clair and in the Grosse Pointe area. The club continues to welcome all who might be interested in sailing or learning how to sail. More information may be found at the club's website, gpsc.org.

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Pictured are Sharon Amluxen, Sally Brownlee, Anne Bleich, Betsy Berg Jachman, Theresa Bertolini, Patricia Cosgrove, Kay Fulgenzi, Mary Lou LeFevre, Liberta Licata, Lillian Licata, Barbara Malley, Joanne Marcil, Diana McConagy, Dona Reynolds, Marilee Rinke, Jeanne Srigley, Dorothy Tepatti, Kay VanDeGraff and Janet Wisner.

Pettipointe Questers celebrate 50 years

Pettipointe Questers No. 243 recently celebrated its 50th anniversary at the Lochmoor Club. Questers is an international organization founded in 1944 whose main objectives are to stimulate the appreciation and collecting of antiques and encourage the preserva-

tion and restoration of historical landmarks. The Pettipointe Questers' recent projects have included painting the kitchen of the Selinsky-Green Farmhouse and giving funds to help maintain the Pleyel piano and Stickleby chairs at the Scarab Club in Detroit.

Next, the chapter hosts an antique appraisal event April 2, at Blossom Heath in St. Clair Shores, to help raise funds for new projects. Dona Reynolds is chairwoman.

Questers Pettipointe No. 243 meets monthly in various homes in the Grosse Pointe area to discuss topics pertaining to antiques and historical landmarks. There also are council meetings and members may elect to attend Michigan and international conventions. The topic of the December meeting, hosted by Barbara Malley, is "Pella — More than Just Windows." Kay Fulgenzi, Sharon Amluxen, Theresa Bertolini and Kay VanDeGraff will discuss their experiences at the Iowa convention. To learn more, contact President Dorothy Tepatti at quest4golf@wowway.com.

AREA ACTIVITIES

GPAA

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association's exhibit, "Joy and Wonder," is shown through Friday, Jan. 6, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. It features 55 pieces from 26 artists.

The GPAA is accepting works for its "Domestic Interiors" exhibit through Wednesday, Jan. 18. The exhibition is planned Feb. 6 to March 3. Call (313) 881-3454 or visit grossepointeartcenter.org.

BNI

Business Network International meets 7 a.m. Friday, Dec. 16, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets 7:45 a.m. Friday, Dec. 16, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Carol Marks, director of pastoral ministries at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, speaks. Reservations are not required; all are welcome. Breakfast is \$7. Call (313) 882-5330.

War Memorial

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts Breakfast with Santa Saturday, Dec. 17. Seatings are 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 per seat, all ages.

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forms a holiday concert at the War Memorial 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18. Cost is \$18 for adults, \$10 for students.

For more information, call (313) 881-7511.

SOC

Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers the following events:

◆ 1 to 2:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, "My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2." Cost is \$3.

◆ 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, Christmas party, sponsored by Dinshaw Sarkari. Cost is \$15 and includes lunch, dessert and entertainment by the Heart of the Hills Players.

◆ 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20, University Liggett School elementary choir performance, directed by Rachel Houk.

◆ The SOC Choir returns 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 11, with director Jean Curtis Demeulmeester. Interested singers are invited to join.

◆ Birthday celebrations are planned 11:30 to 11:45 a.m. Thursdays, Jan. 12 and Feb. 9. Those with birthdays are invited for a piece of cake and keepsake photo, as well as a free lunch. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

◆ "Keeping You Fit at Home — Core Strengthening Exercises" takes place 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, sponsored by Heartland Health Care Center, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call (313) 882-9600.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

◆ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, St. Margaret of Scotland Church, 21201 E. 13 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, Heartland Nursing Center, 21401 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ 7:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23, St. John Hospital & Medical Center, 22101 Mack, Detroit.

◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27, Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mentally Ill Eastside meets 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club meets noon Wednesday, Dec. 21, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. After a light lunch, Pastor Lennard Cossey of the Salvation Army Montrose Center speaks. Members also bring gifts for children and monetary donations for one of the Salvation Army's centers. Guests are welcome. To reserve a seat, call Sue Plath at (313) 884-5081 by Saturday, Dec. 17. For information, call Pamela Zimmer at (313) 926-6726.

Beaumont

Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe hosts "Let's Be Smoke Free Together" 5 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 9 to 30, at the Beaumont Medical Center, 25631 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores. Cost is \$50. Call (800) 633-7377.

Senior Men

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club meets 11 a.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The club hosts Detroit News journalist Brian J. O'Connor at its Jan. 10 meeting. O'Connor is the author of "The \$1,000 Challenge: How One Family Slashed its Budget Without Moving Under a Bridge or Living on Government Cheese."

For more information, call (313) 550-9661. The club hosts Barbara McQuade, U.S. attorney, Eastern District of Michigan, at its Jan. 24 meeting.

Woods Community Center

The Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack, offers Crafty Afternoons 1 p.m. one Wednesday each month. Space is limited to 10 participants. Cost is \$7 for residents, \$8 for non-residents. Jan. 11 is "Crystal & Pearl Bracelet." Feb. 8 is "Glass Garden Totem." March 8 is "Rock Painting." Call (313) 343-2408.

Reunion

The Grosse Pointe North High School class of 1997 hosts its 20-year reunion 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at the Bayview Yacht Club. Tickets may be purchased online at bit.ly/2gedatC.

Van Elslander

The Van Elslander Cancer Center offers free 45-minute gentle yoga classes for female cancer patients and survivors 12:30 to 2 p.m. Mondays, followed by a short support session. The class is appropriate for people in or out of treatment; physician clearance is required. Call Jessica Chapman at (313) 647-3004.



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From left are Lakeshore Optimist Club President David Franks, Lily Adzigian, Logan Chology, Megan Louwers, Deshawn Wafer and club secretary Kent Comer.

Lakeshore Optimist Club honors high school seniors

The Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe honored 16 high school seniors at its annual Youth Appreciation Awards. Students from Grosse Pointe North and South high schools, University Liggett School and Harper Woods High School were honored for their achievements and community service at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Nov. 10. Guest speaker, Judge Frank

Szymanski, provided words of inspiration to students and guests. Four \$500 scholarships were awarded to North students Lily Adzigian and Megan Louwers, South student Logan Chology and Harper Woods student Deshawn Wafer. The scholarships were given in memory of Optimist Club members Robert Breadon and his wife Marilyn, George Kappaz and Milt Hancheruk,

who each demonstrated exceptional dedication to their communities. Awardees also were presented certificates, Amazon gift cards and baked goods provided by Josef's European Bakery. The Lakeshore Optimist Club meets 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at The War Memorial. All are welcome. Visit lake shoreoptimist.com.



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Friends Like Me hosts kids' holiday art party

A cancer diagnosis can be frightening for anyone.

When a parent or other close relative is diagnosed, a child may be left with unanswered questions, heartache and worry.

The Lake House, which offers support to all ages of people who have been touched by cancer, started a program this summer called Friends Like Me, inviting children whose parent, grandparent, sibling, aunt or uncle has cancer.

The free program, sponsored by Karmanos Cancer Center, gives children an art-based outlet for what they're feeling. Led by art therapist Erin Keith M.Ed., Friends Like Me meets 4 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month.

"The children use art to express themselves and be with other kids who are going through the same thing," Keith said. "We cater to the children's needs so, based upon what they're bringing to the table, I base the project on that."

Participants have worked on several projects, including making dream-catchers, to which they attach items

that represent their strengths.

"When they hang them up, they're reminded of certain strengths or supports they have," Keith said.

"The whole point is for them to have fun and to have an outlet," she continued. "Art is used as an avenue to help them express themselves."

Friends Like Me is hosting a Holiday Art Celebration to spread awareness of the program itself as well as to help participants get excited about the holidays.

The party takes place 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, at The Lake House, 26701 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores, and includes pizza and ornament making. It also serves as a place for children experiencing the emotions that accompany a relative's cancer diagnosis to connect with other children going through the same thing.

"Any family that feels the benefit from this program, know it's available," Keith said.

To RSVP for the Holiday Art Celebration, call Adrienne Agar, program coordinator, at (586) 777-7761.

—Jody McVeigh

Holiday gift program benefits Racing For Kids

Apex Legends, publisher of "The Longest Day — A Childhood Race Adventure" and "Josef, the Indy Car Driver," offers a holiday gift program for Racing For Kids sponsors, partners, donors and IndyCar friends. By purchasing Apex Legends children's books for young racing fans, Racing For Kids receives 50 percent of the proceeds of each sale. Additionally, those who

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OBITUARIES

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

Lois Ellen Norman

Lois Ellen Norman, 61, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2016, after a five-year hard-fought battle against metastatic breast cancer.

She was born April 3, 1955, to John William and Nancy (nee Walker) Norman. Raised in Grosse Pointe Farms, then moving to Grosse Pointe Shores in 1963, Lois was a unique individual destined to be an entrepreneur from an early age. She started earning money at age 7, creating a "haunted house" and charging neighborhood kids for entry.

After graduating from Grosse Pointe North High School, Lois worked for Ross Roy Advertising, then as a hostess at The London Chop House. She moved to Atlanta where she worked for Turner Broadcasting, reporting directly to Ted Turner. In the mid-1980s, she moved to Charlotte, N.C., and opened the first of many businesses she would own; Sophies, a delicatessen-style restaurant by day and a jazz and blues club by night. She opened Sophies II a few years later in Bradenton, Fla.

Lois married in the late 1980s and had the love of her life, her daughter, Emily Katherine, in 1989, in Charlotte. She then moved to Bradenton, where she owned and operated a gym, The Workout Center in Holmes Beach, as well as a catering company. She moved back to Atlanta and opened an airport shuttle business. After selling the business in 2000, she relocated to Charleston, S.C., where she opened Greater Charleston Shuttle and Tour Co. She also owned and operated a tanning salon in Mt. Pleasant, S.C. In 2003, she moved to Celebration, Fla., where she started an airport shuttle service.

In 2007, she moved to Sarasota, Fla., where she opened Sarasota Shuttle Service, as well as turned her home into a Bed & Breakfast, The Norman Inn, now managed by her daughter.

Lois was a resourceful woman who did not take "no" for an answer.

She is survived by her daughter, Emily Katherine Norman Gurrise (Jacob) and grandsons, John Walker and Ambrose Beckett; sisters, Juliette Norman McMillan, Marion Daniel Head, Laurie Kahle and Susan Norman; brother, William, and loving nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her beloved grandparents and parents; sister, Nancy Jo Norman and brother, John Solomons Norman.

She will be dearly missed and long be remembered for her grit, wit and "can-do" spirit.

A celebration of life ceremony was held in Sarasota.

William A. Burns

Grosse Pointe Woods resident William A. Burns, 41, died Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2016.

He was born in Detroit to Richard and Kamini Burns and attended grade and high school at University Liggett School. He began studying marine engineering at the Merchant Marine Academy at King's Point, N.Y., and graduated from the Great Lakes Maritime Academy in Traverse City.

Bill held many diverse roles in the maritime industry. He began as a 3rd assistant engineer and rose to the chief engineer position. He had a Chief Engineers License of Unlimited Horsepower in both steam and motor engines. He worked on vessels that traveled to and through the Great Lakes, Hawaii, Alaska, the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean, Asia, Europe and the Middle East. He also loved to teach and taught courses at the Marine Engineers Benefits Association school in Easton, Md.

Bill loved anything having to do with cars and fixing them, boats and keeping them running, hockey, fishing, sushi, the Detroit Red Wings and Lions, seeing the world from the deck of a ship and, most recently, elk hunting. No matter how far flung the places he visited, he always came back to spend quality time with his parents in Michigan and his sister and her family in Montana. He had a special relationship with his 11-year-old niece, Morgane, whom he helped "up" her basketball game, took trick-or-treating any Halloween he could and made sure she always got her homework done.

Bill is survived by his parents; sister, Margaret Burns Vap and niece, Morgane.

Bill will return to sea one last time, with a burial at sea by his employer, the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association.

Donations may be made to the Merchant Marine Memorial Foundation, as an "In Memory" tribute at mebaschool.org/about-us/merchant-marine-memorial/memorial-donations-or-cowgirls-vs.-cancer, the nonprofit founded by his sister to provide healing

retreat scholarships to women with breast cancer at bigskyogaretreats.com/retreats/cow-girls-vs-cancer.

Jane R. Thomas

Grosse Pointe Park resident Jane R. Thomas, 81, died Monday, Nov. 28, 2016.

She was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., to Herman Clinton Roscoe and Gladys Pelham Roscoe.

She earned a bachelor's degree from Rockford College in Illinois and the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. She also earned a master's degree in educational psychology from the University of Michigan and a doctorate in developmental psychology from Wayne State University.

In 1974, Dr. Thomas joined the Department of Student Affairs at Wayne State University School of Medicine as a counselor. She ultimately was appointed assistant dean for student affairs. At the time of her death, Dr. Thomas was a member of the School of Medicine's Board of Visitors and Admissions Committee.

A committed civic volunteer, Dr. Thomas served on the boards of several nonprofit health, education and community organizations. She was a trustee of Rockford College, Karmanos Cancer Institute, St. John Providence Care Continuum, the Skillman Foundation, Michigan Women's Foundation, Michigan's Children, ARISE Detroit! and was a life trustee of the Southeast Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross.

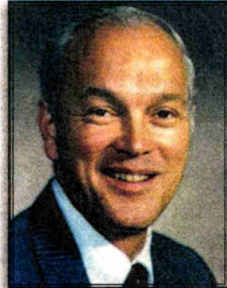
Dr. Thomas is survived by her daughter, Rebecca Thomas Melbye (Peter) and grandchild, Carsten Melbye.

She was predeceased by her husband, Edward S. Thomas.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, 2017, at The Cathedral of St. Paul, 4800 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

Donations may be made to The Cathedral of St. Paul, 4800 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48201. Donations will support the Cathedral Music Society and the Cathedral Choir School of Metropolitan Detroit. Write "In memory of Jane Thomas" on the check's memo line.

Kirk Anshelm Bradford



A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, for Grosse Pointe Farms resident Kirk Anshelm Bradford.

Dr. Bradford, 79, died peacefully in his home Tuesday, Nov. 1.

Donations may be made to The Augustana Fund, Augustana University, Office of Advancement, 2001 South Summit Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57197.



Lois Ellen Norman



William A. Burns



Jane R. Thomas

James M. Kidd

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident James M. Kidd, 90, died peacefully Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2016, at home.

Jim, as he was known to those who loved him, was born April 20, 1926, in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. He lost his father at age 11 and helped his mother, Peggy, raise his three brothers.

Jim served during World War II in the Royal Canadian Navy aboard the HCMS Matapedia. He spent many an hour telling family and friends about those experiences.

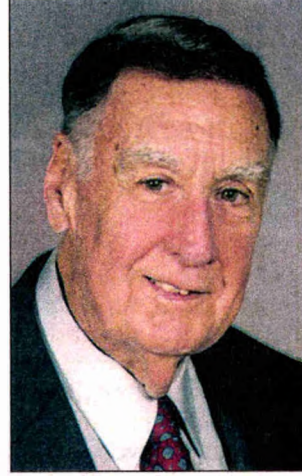
A job transfer in 1962 brought Jim and his family to Detroit, where they lived until 1972 when they moved to Grosse Pointe Farms. Jim and his sons were active in Boy Scouts over the years and made many friends during that time. He also loved the water and was an avid boater. He was a past commodore of the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club. Many a day was spent at Pier Park boating and picnicking with family and friends.

Jim is survived by his children, James (Velma), Robert (Pamela), Colleen Dyer (Larry) and David (Diana); grandchildren, Jamie (Eli), Sarah (Mark), Jenny (Jeff), Michael (Ashley), Julie (Jim), Katie (Paul) and Jillian (Kyle) and great-grandchildren, Hannah, Olivia, Ava and Ruby.

He also is survived by his brothers, Allan (Madelon) and Richard (Ellen).

He was predeceased by his wife of 65 years, Jill.

A memorial service will



James M. Kidd



Robert Patrick Rahaim

be 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at Kaul Funeral Home, 28433 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. Visitation begins at 11:30 a.m.

Donations in memory of Jim may be made to the hospice of the donor's choice.

Robert Patrick Rahaim

Robert Patrick Rahaim, 77, of Grosse Pointe Shores, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2016, at his home alongside his family. He was the beloved husband of the late Patricia Rahaim for 49 years.

He was born Nov. 25, 1939, to the late Samuel and the late Rosemund Rahaim. He was the dear loving father of sons, Robert Rahaim (Debi) and Douglas Rahaim (Margaret) and daughter, Kimberly Llanaza (Jeffrey). He is survived by his sister, Ann Bradley (Frank). He was the loving grandfather of Robert Rahaim (Susan), Sarah Griffith (Matthew), Kristin Rahaim, Jennifer Rahaim (fiancé Alex Diekfuss), Amanda Mok (Jeffrey), Samantha Llanaza, Douglas Rahaim,

Michael Rahaim (Samantha) and Nicholas Rahaim and proud great-grandfather of Grace Rahaim, Maya Rahaim, Aline Rahaim, Faith Rahaim, Matilda Griffith, Matthew Griffith and Mackenzie Mok.

Robert was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend to many people. He was an avid boater and enjoyed summers on Lake St. Clair with family and friends. He spent winters traveling back and forth to his home in Longboat Key, Fla.

Robert's passion was spending time with his family, especially during holidays and family gatherings. He was a friend to many and touched numerous hearts in this world. His patience, love, compassion, understanding and loyalty were just some of the qualities that made him respected and loved in his community. His family is deeply saddened by his death and he will remain in their hearts, thoughts and prayers.

The funeral service was Dec. 10 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Woods.

'Longest Night' service set

Christmas is associated with excitement and joy. It is a time for gatherings at home, work, school and places of worship that celebrate the happiness of the season. Yet it also can be a season of sadness for some people.

The constant refrain on the radio and television about getting together with family and friends is a painful reminder to them of what they have lost or never had. The death of a loved one, the anguish of broken relationships, the insecurity of unemployment, the weariness of ill health or the pain of isolation can make them feel alone in the midst of the seasonal celebrations. How can

one support those who need the space and time to acknowledge sadness and concern and know they are not alone?

A "Longest Night" worship service is an occasion to share and hear prayers, scripture and music acknowledging God's presence with those who mourn and struggle in sadness. Such a service can become a time to remember God's word comes to shine light into the darkness.

Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts a "Longest Night" service at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18. Anyone who needs a place to remember and the quiet

of the season is invited to attend.

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PASTOR'S CORNER By the Rev. Edward Dunn

Gifts for the entire year

The arrival of the Sears Christmas catalog is one of my favorite memories of the season. Its delivery in the mail in November was the first sign Christmas was near and I remember spending hours carefully looking at the toys, circling the pictures of the ones I wanted and folding the corners of each page before carefully writing my letter to jolly old St. Nicholas.

And then I'd wait — for what seemed like an eternity — for Christmas Day to arrive. Our family would go through the traditions of the season: There would be parties, church and school musicals and shopping for that "perfect" gift for each other. Christmas morning began with the excitement of seeing what was under the tree. The first sight of gifts arranged for my brothers and me under the tree was breathtaking. What began as stunned silence and awe quickly became a delight-

ful cacophony, "Look what I got!" or just a simple, "Wow!" As quickly as it began, the awe and excitement seemed to end as the last of the packages were unwrapped, the final shreds of wrapping paper collected and stuffed into garbage bags. The noise of joyful squeals becoming quiet questioning, "When will we eat?"

The items on my Christmas list were, at the time and in my child's eye, the essence of the season. What I might get was more important than what I could give.

A few weeks ago during our worship service, we gave cards to our congregation and invited them to write something they had done for another person that week. We collected the cards but didn't share what people had written on them. I held the cards in plain view explaining that whatever they had written was a gift they had given or a difference they

had made in the life of another person. Then I moved the cards behind my back, out of view and asked them to consider how different they would have been had they not given to someone or how the life of the person mentioned on their card would be different if their gift had not been given.

The meaning of Christmas isn't found in the lists of wants, rather it is known by the acts of giving — of sharing — that we perform.

Christmas is coming. Maybe you have already made up your list of things you want for Christmas. Now is the time to make a list of the ways you can give; take a moment and write down one thing you have done or can do for someone else. Make your gift-giving list one that will last a lifetime, not just a single day.

Dunn is the pastor at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church.



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St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church presents 'Silent Night, Holy Night'

At 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, youth from St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church tell the Christmas story, in full costume, from the Gospel of Luke. The performance of "Silent Night, Holy Night" is free, open to the public and part of the worship service. All are welcome to sing along with favorite Christmas carols. The service is followed at 10:30 a.m. by a cookie walk, offering a selection of homemade cookies, with donations presented to a local charity. St. Paul is located at 375 Lothrop, at Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

First English Christmas season set

Members of First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, invite the community to worship at Christmastime. The spirit of the season is marked by poinsettias in the chancel, two Christmas trees at the altar, candlelight throughout the sanctuary and a coffee hour following each service — not to mention the 50 decorated trees throughout the facility.

The Sunday School Christmas Pageant during the 11 a.m. service Sunday, Dec. 18, features children in preschool through fifth grade singing traditional Christmas hymns. Holy Communion is offered every Sunday at

the 9:30 a.m. worship service, as well as the 11 a.m. service Dec. 18.

Christmas Eve, Saturday, Dec. 24, three candlelight services are offered. At 5 p.m., Children's Time is featured. Before the 7:30 p.m. service, music is performed at 7:15 p.m. At the 11 p.m. service, Holy Communion is offered with music beginning at 10:45 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 25, worship takes place at 10 a.m. Epiphany worship takes place at regular times Jan. 8, celebrating the visit of the Magi to the Christ child.

For more information, call (313) 884-5040.

CHURCH EVENTS

Star of the Sea

Our Lady Star of the Sea presents "Teach Us to Pray," presented by Michael King, 9:30 to 11 a.m. or 7:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21.

Register by calling Colleen Haubert at (313) 884-7407.

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Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, presents "The Christmas Story" at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18. Cost is \$20, \$10 students. Call (313) 882-5330.

The church hosts a blood drive 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4. To make an appointment, visit redcross blood.org.

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Ghada Abdallah, RPh

The dangers of abusing prescription medications

Q: I've been hearing recently that ADHD medications can be used as stimulants for people without ADHD. If this is true, why would these types of meds be abused and how dangerous is it?

A: Yes, it is true that ADHD meds often are misused for something other than prescribed. In fact, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, the three classes of medication most commonly misused are:

- ♦ opioids — usually prescribed to treat pain;
- ♦ central nervous system depressants, including tranquilizers, sedatives and hypnotics — used to treat anxiety

and sleep disorders; and ♦ stimulants — most often prescribed to treat attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder.

Stimulants increase alertness, attention and energy, and elevate blood pressure, heart rate and respiration. They are prescribed to treat ADHD, narcolepsy and occasionally treatment-resistant depression.

These medications increase wakefulness, motivation and aspects of cognition, learning and memory. Abuse can occur when taken in an absence of medical need to enhance mental performance. Given that stimulant prescriptions have increased dramati-

cally the last two decades, availability and increased risk for diversion and nonmedical use has also increased.

If prescribed and used properly, these medications can greatly enhance a patient's quality of life. Used improperly, however, it is possible for people to become dependent on or addicted to stimulants. Repeated misuse, sometimes within a short period, can lead to feelings of hostility, paranoia or even psychosis. Taking high doses of a stimulant may result in dangerously high body temperature and an irregular

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heartbeat. Cardiovascular failure and even seizures may occur.

As with all medications, keep them secure in your home and do not allow access to individuals without medical need for them. Medications used improperly pose significant health risks. Contact your local pharmacist for information on disposing of unused prescriptions properly.

Ghada Abdallah, RPh,

has been the owner of Park Pharmacy in Grosse Pointe Park since 2006. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in pharmacy from Wayne State University in 2002. Abdallah is a member of The Family Center's Association of Professionals and serves on The Family Center Board of Directors. Park Pharmacy offers free blister packs, medication synchronization and free delivery. Call (313) 822-0100 or email info@parkpharmrx.com.

A website to help families with a child who has been diagnosed with ADHD: cdc.gov/ncbddd/adhd/treatment.html

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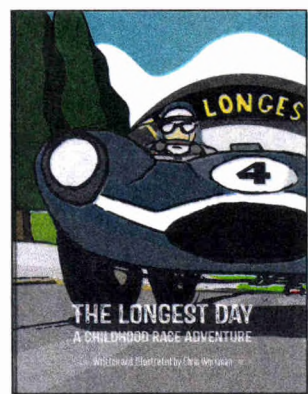
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speed stories that inspire and educate children about racing.

"Josef, the Indy Car Driver" mixes IndyCar racing education with on-track action at Road America, in a storyline that encourages kids to dream big. Verizon IndyCar Series star Josef Newgarden teamed with Apex Legends to create this racing-themed children's picture book.

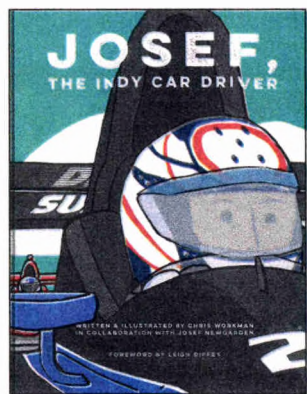
"The Longest Day — A Childhood Race Adventure" is the story of a boy's first trip to a race with his father and the bonding experience they have cheering for their favorite team at the 24 Hours of Le Mans. The actual events and cars



from the 1956 race underpin the story and help teach young readers about the sport.

Both books also are available in a coloring book edition.

Racing For Kids is a Detroit-based national charity and Verizon IndyCar Series partner that uses the popularity of motorsports to focus public awareness and funding on the health-



care needs of children. Founded in 1989, Racing For Kids has visited more than 29,000 children in more than 575 children's hospitals in the United States, Brazil, Canada, Mexico, Japan and Australia. It has raised nearly \$6.5 million for hospitals and other children's health institutions.

The books may be purchased at apexlegends.com.

Soroptimist elects new board

Soroptimist of Grosse Pointe's new board members are fully engaged in fulfilling the mission of Soroptimist: to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. In the community this year, Soroptimist awarded \$6,000 in educational awards to women. The next award, due Jan. 17, is the Virginia Wagner Educational Award, a \$3,000 award given to a woman working toward a bachelor's, master's or doctorate degree. Applications and qualifications may be found at grossepointesoroptimist.org or its Facebook page. Soroptimist has been



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Standing, from left, are Myra Golden, director; Kerri Green, treasurer; Jane Evola, assistant treasurer; Marya Malkovich, director; Ellen Chapin, secretary; and Dorothea Williams, membership. Seated are Aleska Andjelkovic, president elect; Co-Presidents Roseanne Horne and Rose Braun; and Past President Mary Ellen Burke.

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trafficking. Recently it supported a documentary on human sex trafficking entitled "Stuck in Traffic: Modern Day Slavery in Michigan," sponsored by the Health Management Systems of America and Wayne County Medical Society. To view the video and accompanying booklet, visit viatvnetwork.com/human-trafficking/.

Also in November, Soroptimist co-sponsored with American Association of University Women the panel discussion "Building Healthy Relationships," featuring marriage and family therapist Maria Menozzi and Judge Lynn Pierce, who shared their expertise about recognizing domestic violence and how cases are handled in the legal system.

Anyone who is willing to help improve the lives of women and girls should consider joining Soroptimist the second Wednesday of each month at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Networking begins at 6 p.m., followed by the business meeting at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Roseanne Horne at (313) 706-1801, visit grossepointesoroptimist.org or follow Soroptimist Grosse Pointe on Facebook.

Farms family donates \$250,000 to United Way

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Mike Shields, along with his sons, Chris, Thomas, Michael and Henry, recently invested in children's education with a gift of \$250,000 in support of United Way for Southeastern Michigan's Early Childhood initiative. The donation will be used to support resources for parents and caregivers to better ensure their children are prepared to succeed in kindergarten, long before they set foot inside a classroom. In this region, where fewer than half of all children are developmentally ready for kindergarten, the Shields' gift will go a long way toward improving educational outcomes for young students.

"I was looking to support a charity that I could get involved with, one



From left are Henry, Thomas, Mike, Chris and Michael Shields.

that's making a difference and doing meaningful work with families, especially children," Mike Shields said. "It was also important that I demonstrate the importance of giving back to my own sons so that they may carry it on into the next generation."

United Way for Southeastern Michigan's Early Childhood initiative is supported by a four-year, \$6 million federal grant from the Social Innovation Fund, a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service. As part of requirements for SIF grantees, United Way, as well as its sub-grantee partner agencies in this work, must match the federal funds dollar-for-dollar.

The \$250,000 gift to United Way will be designated as part of the SIF dollar match and also count toward the organization's overarching 2016-18 Annual Community Giving goal of \$100 million.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Norsemen, Blue Devils net wins

South hits clutch FTs

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys' basketball team won its season opener last week, beating Woodhaven 71-65 at Calihan Hall.

"We played OK," head coach Troy Glasser said. "Scoring 71 points will put you in position to win most nights. We had a few too many turnovers with 19, but overall we played OK."

"Woodhaven had some quick players."

The Blue Devils had a slim lead at halftime, but stretched it to 12 points in the second half.

Woodhaven hit a couple of deep three pointers to get back in the game, but sophomore guard Ryan Downey hit six free throws down the stretch to help the Blue Devils win.

Senior Brennen Buszka led the team with 24 points and 14 rebounds, while senior Noah Davey had eight points and 10 rebounds. Senior Michael



PHOTO BY PAUL KANIA

South's Noah Davey, No. 22, grabs one of his 10 rebounds during the Blue Devils' win over Woodhaven.

Braker sank a couple of three-point baskets to keep the lead at a comfortable distance.

Grosse Pointe South was scheduled to play Orchard Lake St. Mary's Sunday at 2 p.m. at

Calihan Hall, but heavy snow postponed the game to the same time Sunday, Dec. 18, at Calihan Hall on the campus of UDM.

Grosse Pointe South is 1-0 overall.

North rips Shamrocks

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Ron Kochan was all smiles after watching his Grosse Pointe North boys' basketball team dominate visiting Eastpointe East Detroit in its season opener last week.

The Norsemen raced out to a 22-2 first quarter lead before settling into a 66-41 victory. The home team led 6-0 before the Shamrocks hit a basket to make it 6-2. After that, the Norsemen ran off the next 16 points.

"The seniors really set the tone out there tonight," Kochan said. "They executed and our newcomers got into the swing of things, too. Overall it was a solid effort."

That initial offensive explosion was enough to carry the Norsemen to the win as the Shamrocks never got the deficit to single digits. It was 36-14 at the half and 47-27 at the end of the third quarter.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

North senior Dillon Webb, No. 30, goes up strong for two points in the Norsemen's win over East Detroit.

Ten Norsemen scored, including senior Steve Levick, who led the way with 16 points and 10 rebounds.

Juniors Philip Ross and Jarell Stewart each scored nine points, while senior Dillon Webb had

eight points. Sophomore Ryan Webb also scored eight points. Ross and Dillon Webb were solid on the boards, grabbing seven and six rebounds, respectively.

Grosse Pointe North is 1-0 overall.

BOYS HOCKEY

Metro win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys' hockey team improved to 3-0 in the Michigan Metro Hockey League after beating host Detroit Country Day 4-1 last weekend.

The Blue Devils dominated the game from start to finish and took a 1-0 lead after senior Adam Pitters scored an unanswered goal at the 2:52 mark of the first period.

The visitors used a long power-play opportunity to score not just



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

South goalkeeper Devin Naidow makes a glove save during the Blue Devils' league win over Country Day.

one goal, but two, to stretch the lead to 3-0 midway through the second period.

Senior Jack Flynn scored at the 7:57 mark,

with senior Devin Naidow and Pitters netting assists, and junior Alex Strehlke tallied at

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WRESTLING

Norsemen succeed

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's wrestling team kicked off its season last week, splitting two matches at Armada.

The Norsemen beat Memphis 54-18 and lost 51-15 to the host squad. Head coach Eric Julien had nearly a full lineup.

Winning both matches were Terence Clemons at the 103-pound division, captain Aaron Rozich in the 160-pound division and Erickson Glayzard in the 285-pound division.

Norsemen with one win were Owen Gafa, 215 pounds; Reed Boeckler, 189 pounds;

captain Wil Moin, 152 pounds; Dirk Drieborg, 145 pounds; Raymond Hamilton, 140 pounds; Zaire Summerville, 135 pounds; Britany Howard, 130 pounds; and Arton Berisha, 119 pounds.

Last weekend, North was second in the Cousino Team Tournament, finishing 4-1. Macomb Dakota won at 5-0.

The Norsemen beat Cousino 39-31, Marysville 60-24, Grosse Pointe South 72-18 and Warren Woods-Tower 45-25, and lost 38-33 to Dakota.

Drieborg, 145 pounds; Moin, 152 pounds; and Glayzard, 285 pounds; each finished 5-0 to lead

the team.

Hamilton wrestled at 140 pounds and won 4-of-5 matches and Boeckler was also 4-1 at 189 pounds. Captain Matt Moores was 3-1 competing at 140 pounds and Owen Brown finished 3-1 in his four matches at 125 pounds.

Others with two wins or one win were Clemons at 103 pounds, Joe Passalqua at 125 pounds, Howard at 130 pounds, Joey Kettler at 130 pounds, Summerville at 135 pounds, Nick Volpe at 135 pounds, Christian Miller at 171 pounds and Gafa at 215 pounds.

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Basketball

LIGGETT

Abes sweep Liggett

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Chris Housey era started at University Liggett last week and after two games, the prognosis is good.

His boys' basketball team played road games against two tough opponents, Detroit Cody and Warren Lincoln.

They lost 67-51 at Cody and 65-56 at Lincoln, but the boys took positive strides.

"We played a great quarter in each game and I told the guys after the game they have to play a full 32 minutes of basketball," Housey said after the Lincoln game. "We have to continue to work hard and I know we will become a better basketball team."

"Overall, we had good things to build on."

The Knights were a step slow in the opening quarter and they dug themselves a 22-6 hole, but played better in the second quarter to trail 37-19 at the half.

Housey made a couple of adjustments, including pressing more and it paid off as the Knights stormed back to use a 22-2 run to lead 41-39 late in the third quarter.

During the run, seniors



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Liggett's team captains this season are senior Jackson Walkowiak, left, and junior Anthony George.

Sam Durno and Jackson Walkowiak were joined by junior Anthony George and sophomore Casey Scoggin in the scoring column.

The Knights trailed 45-44 heading into the fourth quarter and couldn't get over the hump as a couple of turnovers and missed shots allowed the Abes to pull away down the stretch.

Walkowiak had 20 points, followed by Durno with 13, George with 10 and Scoggin with 10. Sophomore Charlie Amine had three points and Durno had three blocked shots.

Against Cody, Walkowiak led the way with 23 points as Liggett is 0-2.

Liggett girls

It was a rough night at the office for head coach Omar Ahart as his University Liggett girls' basketball team lost 49-37 at Warren Lincoln.

The Abes, under first-

year head coach Melisa Tavaras, played much better than a year ago when an experienced Knights' squad won in a rout. She had her team ready to play and after the Knights led 7-5 after the first quarter, it was a different game.

The Knights couldn't make a shot, took quick ill-advised shots and turned the ball over 27 times. They had only nine field goals, including zero in the third quarter in which they scored a single point.

The third quarter was all Abes as the home team outscored the Knights 10-1 to take a commanding 34-18 lead.

Senior Nia Ahart did her best to get the Knights back in the game, making four straight three-pointers in the fourth quarter to make it interesting in the final few minutes.

"We didn't play a very smart game tonight and it showed with poor shot selection and too many turnovers," Ahart said. "We have to get better as a team."

Ahart had 10 rebounds and sophomore Madeleine Wujek had eight to lead the Knights on the defensive end of the court.

Offensively, Ahart scored 29 points to finish with a double-double as Liggett is 1-1 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen split

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls' basketball team won its third straight lopsided game early last week, beating visiting Sterling Heights 61-30.

It was a tight first quarter, but the Norsemen blitzed the Stallions 21-4 in the second quarter and put an exclamation mark on the win when sophomore Julia Ayrault hit a running half-court shot at the end of the third quarter to make it a 55-26 game.

Head coach Gary Bennett has things to work on as the Norsemen's schedule toughens, including better all-around defense and handling the basketball.

However, the home team held the upper hand in this game as senior

Katie Snow was on fire, scoring 21 points and grabbing five rebounds. Ayrault finished with another double-double, netting 14 points and 16 rebounds, plus four blocked shots.

Freshman Michelle Bodnariuk chipped in with seven points, followed by sophomore Madeline Mills with six, sophomore Ava Stander with five, sophomore Evelyn Zacharias with three, sophomore Rachel Sexton with three and junior Josie Ciaravino with two.

North finished the week with its first road game of the season, at Utica Ford.

The host Falcons were ready to play and they jumped out to a 39-15 halftime lead before beating the Norsemen 58-44.

"We played very poorly, especially in the first half," Bennett said. "We

didn't match Ford's enthusiasm or energy. That's at both ends of the court. We were very impatient on offense and played with very little intensity on defense. At times our rebounding was nonexistent."

The Norsemen played with more energy in the final two quarters, but the 24-point deficit was too much to overcome.

"We played with more patience and intensity in the second half," Bennett said. "As long as we grow, improve and learn from our mistakes, our struggles tonight will be worthwhile. I'm confident that this is the approach the girls will take."

Ayrault had 19 points and six rebounds, while Snow had 13 points as Grosse Pointe North fell to 3-1 overall.

Sophomore Maddie Mills added eight.

Swimming

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Guys start strong

The Grosse Pointe South boys' swimming and diving team kicked off its 88th season at the EMU Classic Relays last weekend where they finished in a 3-way tie for second place with Livonia Stevenson and Detroit Catholic Central.

Division 1 power Saline squeaked out the win.

Head Coach Eric Gunderson, assistant coach Greg Wolfe and diving coach Tom Mulhern have been working the 33 swimmers and four divers hard since the season started hoping to improve upon the seventh place finish the Tankers tallied at last year's state championship meet.

The team has some big shoes to fill with 7-time All-American and state record-holder Jacob Montague now swimming at the University of Michigan and All-American Patrick Waterston graduating.

Gunderson will rely upon remaining All-Americans and school record-holders Cam Francis and Ethan Briggs

for important points and a good core of upper classmen for leadership and crucial placing at the division and state championship.

Gunderson said there are some quality newcomers who are working hard and adjusting to the training tradition and expectations at South and should contribute immediately.

South has finished in the top 10 at the state championship 51 times and has won the Macomb Area Conference Red Division the past 16 years and 20 times total since the league was formed.

In the EMU Classic, the Blue Devils' 200-medley relay team of Francis, Cam Sanders, Matthew Melican and Nick Vallan took second, while the 800-freestyle relay squad of Jared Pearson, Ethan Rothenbuhler, Max Finazzo and Vallan placed third.

The 400-individual medley relay team of Matthew Koueiter, Sanders, Francis and Khalib Rahman was second and the 200-freestyle relay foursome of

Pearson, Finazzo, Rothenbuhler and Zach Grieser took fourth.

The Blue Devils' 1,500-freestyle relay squad of Michael Currier, Peter Costello and Joshua Dixon was fourth, and winning the 200-butterfly relay was the team of Melican, Koueiter, Rahman and Vallan.

The diving relay of Grady Eger, Jimmy Burton, Nico Rabaut and Daniel Kuhnlein was third and the 200-backstroke relay team of Currier, Rothenbuhler, Vallan and Daniel Klepp took third.

The 200-breaststroke relay squad of Sanders, Rahman, Melican and Koueiter won the gold medal, while the 400-freestyle relay team of Currier, David Swegles, Pearson and Finazzo placed sixth.

Other contributors were Anthony Swanson, C.J. Carion, Jack Burgoyne, Charlie Ciesleska, Brennan Zihlman, Noah Segletes, Ethan Kincaide, P.K. Nugent, Jeffrey Krotche, Jackson Carion, Zeke Maes and Nick Chown.

— Todd Briggs

SOUTH:

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the 6:20 mark, with seniors Adam Cervone and Jack Liagre collecting assists.

With the Yellowjackets on a power play, Strehlke scored short-handed to make it 4-0 early in the

third period. Sophomore Andrew Vyletel had the lone assist.

Country Day finally got on the scoreboard with 11:52 left in the game to spoil Naidow's shutout bid.

The night before, South traveled to Trenton and battled to a 3-3 tie.

"We really dominated the game, especially in

the third period and over-time," McKillop said.

The Blue Devils led 1-0 on a power-play goal by Flynn. Cervone and Pitters had the assists. However, Trenton scored the next three goals to take the two-goal advantage to the third period.

Liagre scored, assisted by Flynn, to get the Blue Devils within a goal, and with five minutes left it was Pitters scoring off assists from Cervone and Flynn.

Junior Cam Mills was in net for the tie. Grosse Pointe South is 3-0-1 overall and plays Grosse Pointe North at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, at McCann Ice Arena.

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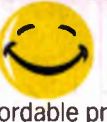


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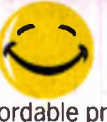
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LUCKY ducks

Brownell hosts rubber duck race fundraiser

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

The fundraiser grew out of an advocacy project in Corey Ernst's journalism class at Brownell Middle School. The assignment was for students to research a charity and highlight its work, Ernst said. The three required components of the project were a 5,000-word essay, multimedia presentation, such as a PowerPoint or Prezi, and a podcast for the Bronco Press, Brownell's student news site.

Three of Ernst's reporters for the Brownell Beat, the school's monthly newspaper, chose Wigs 4 Kids of Michigan, a non-profit in St. Clair Shores providing wigs and support services at no charge to Michigan children experiencing hair loss as a result of illness or treatment. Eighth-grader Dina Aboukasm and seventh-graders Jada DiVita and Olivia Frye visited the operation in November. While they were already familiar with the Wigs 4 Kids' mission — Aboukasm and Frye had each donated their hair in the past — they were so



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Above, from left, Dina Aboukasm, Olivia Frye and Jada DiVita organized the rubber duck race fundraiser after visiting Wigs 4 Kids. Right, journalism teacher Corey Ernst takes a winning duck from Riley Ptashnik. Mia Fett assists in recording the winners while Frye, who herded the ducks to the finish line, looks on from the pool.

impressed with their visit, in particular meeting founder and Chief Executive Officer Maggie Varney, they decided to go outside the parameters of the project and raise money for the organization.

After some brainstorming, they landed on the idea to hold a rubber duck charity race in the Brownell pool. They purchased 200 ducks and sold them for \$3 each, or two for \$5. The donation of an additional dollar

earned participants their choice of a lucky number. Each participant was recorded on a spreadsheet with the corresponding number of a duck. Prizes were awarded for the top five finishers.

Through their class project, the students hoped to educate classmates about what they learned from their visit. For example, Wigs 4 Kids helps children experiencing hair loss from cancer treatment as well as dis-



eases such as lupus, alopecia and hydrocephalus, trichotillomania, a hair-pulling disorder and a range of blood disorders. In addition, Varney informed them about bills she wrote for Michigan's House of Representatives and Senate to create legislation requiring wigs to be treated like prosthetics, with the cost covered by insurance.

They also learned how the loss of hair impacts a child's self-esteem and the importance of awareness to reduce bullying.

"We have hair and it's crazy to think if I woke

up without all my hair it would be so different," Frye said.

Their goal was to raise \$500 so their school's name would appear on a plaque on Wigs 4 Kids' Galaxy Wall at the office. By race time, they had received \$700 in donations.

Their hope was a representative from Wigs 4 Kids would come to accept the check.

"We want to present the money and say thank you," DiVita said. "We're hoping it will be Miss Maggie."

The race took place Wednesday, Dec. 7. Aboukasm, DiVita and

Frye ran the event with the help of classmates. The race was videotaped and sportscasters from the class edited the footage, creating a play-by-play available on the website. Frye took to the water to herd the ducks, while DiVita and Aboukasm dropped the ducks at the beginning of the race and logged in the winning

entries at the finish line.

True to the girls' wish, Varney visited Brownell Tuesday, Dec. 13. Students presented their check and listened to a message about awareness and ways they could make a difference.

"When somebody is kind enough to choose Wigs 4 Kids as their charity of choice, I always make sure they have a representative and 90 percent of the time it's me. I want them to know how grateful we are," Varney said, adding her kids are her best volunteers.

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Letters to Santa

The following letters, submitted electronically to the North Pole, were written by third graders in Jane Ellis' class at Ferry Elementary School.

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? What do you do in summer? Where do you go in summer? Okay I want a nerf mega bow, nerf rino-fire, a new wallet, and \$100 gift card, 500 new mega and blue darts each, new watch, batteries, double A batteries, meadel, detector batteries, battlefield, 1 cotton candy maker, and an iphone 7 (all of Duty black Ops 3, a dog, my own ipad nerf hiperfire, nerf mastdoh.
Have a great Christmas Santa!
Love, Michael

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How are the reindeer? Are the elves working? If yes that's good! Okay now let's get to my list! First I want new Skylanders, a book, a video called Plants vs. Zombies garden warfar 2, and lego. I think that is not a lot to ask for. Oh and 3 boxes of pokemon cards! Enjoy your nap on Christmas day!
Love, Jakub

Dear Santa,
How are you? What is it like in the north pole? How are the reindeer? What did you do this summer? I swam with my friends, hung out with my family and friends and a bunch more. But I want to hear about you! Soooo... What did you do this summer? Maybe you

jumped on a diving bord or made hot choclete, I don't know! Here are about 3 things I want for Christmas! I really want these shoes from Nordstrum called high tops and I also want a crayola Air Marker spray. Last but not least I really want this little ball called a stress ball. I really hope you have a wonderful Christmas! Ps I really want a dog :)
Ava

Dear Santa,
How have you been doing Santa? Have you been golfing over the summer? How is Mrs Claus? How are your elves? My wish list is money. I also want Rouge One movie. I want to learn 2 languages. I want to visit your workshop. I want a phone too. I will make you a new suit. The suit will protect you. I hope you like it. Merry Christmas Santa Claus!
Sincerely, Jaelen

Dear Santa,
How are you? I wonder what you do in the summer? Do you go out on a boat? Do you have your elves build you an indoor pool? I think I was a good girl but who knows? Oh wait you do. I don't really know what I want for Christmas this year. Will you help my Grammy and Papa get to Michigan safely? Thanks you're the best! Actually I would like a new kitten, like Buddy my old cat.
Love, Kathryn

Dear Santa,
How are you? Did you golf over the summer? Maybe you joined the

Lochmoor swim team, and I see you volunteering at the Dog Shelter? Father Christmas are your reindeer feeling good? If they are that is good. Did your sleigh break yet? If it didn't yet that is good. Ok let's get in to what I want. I want a Pokemon balls with pokemon in it. And I want a pro skooter. And that is it for me. Have a good winter.
Love, Chase

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Well I am doing great. What do you do in the summer? Do you tan your skin in the hot summer breeze? Do you ride your reindeer across town and spread hoilday music? I hope all of your reindeer are doing well and having fun. For Christmas I want a tea cup puppy that has white fluffy fur and I want some speed stacks that are different colors and a little bit of jewelry. Is that too much to ask for? What you can and have a jolly Christmas!
Love, Blake

Dear Santa,
Greetings how are you? Did you golf over the summer? Maybe I did see you at summer set mall? Did I see you volunteering at the dog shelter. Toys that I want for christmas is a Barbie doll's dream house and a new Bopit and the new Simon says. Have a warm and healthy Christmas!
Tiora

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Christmas must be really busy making all those toys! Do you have any time to eat dinner? Now its time for my toys. For Christmas I want TTY Speed Stacks and a Little Live Pet. Thank you for reading this letter!!! I have one more question it is,



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what do you do in the summer? I will see you on Friday December 2, 2016 and also next year! Remember what you said — a suprise! Have fun and Merry Christmas!!
Love, Lauren

Dear Santa,
How are you doing lately? Did my elf on the shelf say anything bad about me? Hope you don't. Can my brother and I get some fun and cool stuff? You are awesome! How do you talk to the elves? Do you like what my elf does for you? I want a lot of toys like I want a Junie B. Jones book and lots more but not too much more just a little more. I really want art stuff because I like art! Have a fun time giving presents out all night! Don't forget to get some sleep when you are done.
Sincerely, Linda

Dear Santa,
How are you? I miss you! How's Rudolph? Is he ready to pull the sleigh? Ha ha How are the elves? Tell them thank you for making me presents. My elf on the shelf came out. I think its time for Cristmas. Are you ready for Cristmas? Here are my gifts: I really want an art set because I want to see a new world in art thats it! Have a good afternoon! Merry Cristmas!
Sadie

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Thank you for you and your elves delivering all of these presents. I bet you worked really hard on them! What did you do this summer? Did you go golfing? Now here is what I want for Christmas... a motor scooter, a professional scooter, the game terraria for the Wii and an iPod. Thank you!
Love, Eli

Dear Santa,
Hi how are you doing? Is Elfy being good? Did you join the Lochmoor swim team? I want pokemon cards and terrerio on the xbox. Have a warm Christmas! p.s. leave a bell on my stocking if you read this letter!
Your good kid, Cole

Dear Santa,
Hello! My name is Dylan and I am 8 years old. I live in Grosse Pointe Park. I have been very good this year and have been thinking of what I would like for Christmas.
#1 Mickey Mouse Playhouse
#2 Pieface
#3 Pirate Lego.
I am very excited for your visit and will leave out some snacks for you and your reindeer.
Love, Dylan

Dear Santa,
Hello! My name is

Taiveanna and I am 8 years old. I live in Harper Woods. I have been very good this year and have been thinking of what I would like for Christmas.
#1 My own room
#2 A computer
#3 Makeup and lip gloss
I am very excited for your visit and will leave out some snacks for you and your reindeer.
Love, Taiveanna

Dear Father Christmas,
How have you been? Are the reindeer and elves doing good? Was your summer good? Did you golf? Have you been working hard? Well this is what I want: I want a Monster Legends hand book. I want a telescope and a robot! Well I wish you a Happy Christmas!
Love, Elliott

Dear Santa Claus,
How have you been at the North Pole? I hope you have been better than anything and I have a couple questions. How is Mrs. Claus and Rudolph and all the rest of the reindeer and elves? I would want an Elf on the shelf please if its not too late. You don't have to give me one but it would be nice to have one but anyway have a great and warm and healthy Christmas. Oh and what do you do during the summer and were you in the movie Elf? Anyway Merry Christmas.

p.s. leave a bell on my stocking if you read my story oh and does Rudolph's nose really glow? If so write me back!
Love, hugs hugs,
Liliana XX

Dear Santa,
I love you. How have you been the past few days? On Christmas eve I hope you don't get stuck in the chimney! What kind of cookies do you want? What kind of milk do you want? Can I get a phone and tablet and a Hatchamal also an ice cream set? I hope your reindeer are doing well. Love you!
Love, Maressa

Dear Santa,
How are you? How are the reindeers? I've seen you in some movies. What have you done in the summer? Maybe you were playing with kids. Thank you for leaving gifts last year. This year I want wrestling toys. I will leave you cookies and milk.
Love, George

Dear Santa,
How are you? Are the elves working hard? Can my family get cool stuff? Have my sister and brother been good? I think I need to tell you what I want. Well I want a computer, a doll, and a doll house. Can I come to the North pole? Have a great year!
Eden

Dear Santa,
How are you? I hope the reindeer are ok. I'll leave you some cookies. I'm so excited that I finally will go to bed early on Christmas. I want an air Hogs Fury Jumpjet and Xbox 360 and Star Wars Bittle Front and Leg dimensions for the wii and an Itunes card.
Love, Tommy

Dear Santa,
How are you, Mrs. Claus, reindeer and the elves doing? I love you so much and I love the elf on

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What do you enjoy most about teaching?

To me, teaching has always been second nature, a facet of who I am, of my personality. And yes, it can sometimes annoy people close to you, because they feel you're constantly trying to explain and help. But I consider teaching a gift, not to my students, but to myself. There is nothing more gratifying than working with young people and watching them grow, develop new talents,

hone their critical thinking skills, learn to express themselves in a new language, then take flight to bigger and greater horizons. That's in great part why I enjoy teaching middle school. As much as I enjoyed teaching at the university level, I realized what a special connection and greater impact you can make on younger students.

Describe a "teachable moment" or teaching accomplishment you're proud of.

Any seasoned teacher can tell you it's not one major accomplishment that makes them proud, it is rather the small daily accomplishments, the sum of it all that gratifies you and validates your choice to be a teacher. Any "Aha!" moment from a student is a small victory. Your heart skips a beat when an eighth-grade girl, who never believed in herself, finally comes in your class with a big smile on her face and says, "I can do this!" If I had to remember one isolated moment, it wouldn't even be in my classroom. On one of our school trips to Europe, my students had some free time by the Eiffel Tower. They came running back to me, beaming with joy, and were so excited to tell me how they were haggling in French with the street vendors and had bought their souvenirs at half price. Talk about real-life experience.



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Share a book, author or person that has influenced you or your teaching.

I enjoy reading books, articles and blogs in different languages. I think it continuously broadens my horizons and influences my teaching.

My fifth-grade teacher is probably one of the reasons I was attracted to teaching. She made it fun and exciting, while challenging us to reach higher. She was a tough critic, but also a staunch supporter and we all knew we were safe in her room. I can only hope my students feel the same about me.

Favorite quote:

I have used a few quotes throughout my professional and personal life and my own children will tell you which one they resent the most. But my favorite and newest one is "Practice makes permanent." What a wonderful way to reassure students that no one is perfect, nor is that what we are trying to attain. Practice does not make perfect, but with perseverance and practice, we can certainly acquire permanent skills.



COURTESY PHOTOS

From left, Genevieve Hardy, Nadia Kissau and Jacob Sahadi wear their favorite hats to raise money for the Detroit Dog Rescue.

Hats off

The student council at Mason Elementary School held a Wear a Favorite Hat Day fundraiser Friday, Dec. 9. Students donated \$1 to be eligible. All money collected was donated to the Detroit Dog Rescue in memory of Wayne State University Police Sgt. Collin Rose, killed in the line of duty.

Pictured wearing their favorite festive hats are, from left, Leah Kendall and Madison Perry.



North journalists bring home honors

Grosse Pointe North High School journalism students attended the National High School Journalism Convention in Indianapolis Nov. 9 to 12. It was hosted by the National Scholastic Press Association and the Journalism Education Association. All three publications took home honors.

◆ NorthPointeNow.org news website earned second place best of show in the Publication Website Small School category.

◆ North Pointe took fourth best of show in the Newspaper Broadsheet category.

◆ Valhalla yearbook earned fifth place best of show in the Yearbook 232 or fewer pages category.

"These were firsts for NorthPointeNow and Valhalla, so it's very exciting news," said Shari Adwers, adviser for North Pointe newspaper and Valhalla yearbook.

In addition, senior Tommy Teftsis, an assistant editor for North Pointe, received an Honorable Mention in the national JEA Write-Off contest in the Sports Writing category. Participants in the contest listened to or watched a 30-minute presentation and, following a 15-minute question-and-answer period, wrote a sports story of no more than 350 words according to the instructions given by the moderator. Entries were judged for transitions, colorful details and knowledge of AP style, among other criteria.

— Mary Anne Brush

Scholarships available for in-state students

Michigan high school seniors have the opportunity to win one of 20 \$5,000 scholarships through the annual Community Choice Scholarship Program, one of the largest scholarship programs in the credit union industry both in Michigan and nationally.

To be eligible, applicants must live in Michigan, plan on attending a Michigan college or university and must pledge to stay in Michigan after college. They also must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 and have a strong record of giving back to their community through volunteerism or public service.

Students are encouraged to apply now. Applications are being accepted online at CommunityChoiceFoundation.com through Wednesday, Feb. 1.

The 2017 scholars will be welcomed to the group during an award presentation in April.

District hosts BandORama and string extravaganza

The Grosse Pointe school district is alive with the sounds of the season the week before the holiday break. First up is the annual BandORama featuring elementary, middle and high school bands. Students in grades 5 to 12 will perform holiday favorites. Admission is a donation of \$1 or more.

This is followed by a district-wide string extravaganza.

MONDAY, DEC. 19

Performing holiday favorites are bands from Defer, Kerby, Maire, Richard and Trombly elementary schools, Pierce Middle School and Grosse Pointe South High School. South's marching band and jazz band and Pierce's jazz band also will perform. The concert is 7 p.m. in South's main gymnasium, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information, contact Chris Takis at christopher.takis@gpschools.org.

TUESDAY, DEC. 20

Performing a variety of traditional band music and holiday favorites are bands from Mason, Monteith and Poupard elementary schools, Brownell and Parcels middle schools and Grosse Pointe North High School 7:30 p.m. in North's gymnasium, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Selections include "Sleigh Ride" and music from "The Polar Express." Also performing will be the North Jazz Band and Pep Band. The master of ceremonies is recently retired deputy superintendent Christian Fenton. For more information, contact Dave Cleveland at david.cleveland@gpschools.org.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21

The district hosts a string extravaganza 7 p.m. in North's gymnasium, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. For more information, contact James Gross at james.gross@gpschools.org or Chris Takis at christopher.takis@gpschools.org.

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SANTA:

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the shelves you sent to my family. Are the elves working hard? I hope they are or there wont be enough toys. Here are the toys I want: Bop it game, a new bike, cotton candy maker and a Santa hat. I will put some cookies and milk for you and some reindeer food for the reindeer too! Hope you have a happy, jolly and fun Christmas. We'll see you Christmas morning. p.s. blizdsen is my favorite reindeer and how many elves do you have? Put a bell in my stocking if you read my letter and tell me how many elves you have by writing it on a piece of paper and putting it in my stocking.

Anna

Dear Santa, I would like Lego Dimensions for Christmas and new T-shirts. I would also like new stuffed animals; a soft one. I want a Barbie Doll and an American Girl Doll. I hope you enjoyed your summer vacation! Did you go swimming or play baseball?

Love, Alivia

Dear Santa, How have you been? How many elves do you have? How does your work shop work? Another thing what do you do over the summer? Do you go camping? Do you go to the movies? For Christmas I would like Star Wars Leg sets and Imaginex Toys. Well, I hope you enjoy Christmas too! I will put a few carrots out for the reindeer!

Love, Emory



ARTWORK BY ELLIOTT, FERRY THIRD-GRADER

Dear Santa, How are you doing in the North Pole? I heard you cough 3 times last year and I heard your footsteps walking at my house. What I want for Christmas is speedstacks and a surprise. What do you do in summer? I will leave some cookies for you and some carrots for your reindeer.

Love, Misha

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I like you and I want to visit your workshop. I will make you some cookies and some milk. I will pick all my toys up and try not to hit your head on my bed! How is Rudolph doing and Mrs. Claus doing? Merry Christmas! I want some Starwar and Shopkins. Have a merry Christmas!

Love, Kendall

The following letters were written by second-graders in Cheryl Lapensee's class at Defer Elementary School.

Dear Santa, How do you go around the whole world in one night? There are so many questions I want to ask you. You are awesome Santa. I always wonder how you do everything. Does Rudolph really guide your sleigh? If he does that is awesome! I will leave some hot chocolate and cookies for you. You are the best Santa! Christmas is my favorite holiday!

Love, Bianca

Dear Santa, Ellie has been very bad and annoying this year. She is very bossy on the trampoline. She barks at our dad when he watches tv. Anyway do you give

Holly the clothes? Sincerely, Hannah

Dear Santa, Hi Santa! What I want is an X-box one for Christmas. I will give you some cookies. I will give you some carrots for the reindeer. My Christmas tree is in my living room. Ok bye.

Sincerely, Andrew

Dear Claus, Every body in my class has been nice all year. Everybody in my class deserves presents. I have been good all year. How do your reindeer fly?

Sincerely, Zofia

Dear Santa, Ellie has been very bad this year. I have a lot of questions to ask you but I will write them on the back. I have been good too. I know what my mom and dad want. And how did Holly get on our tree?

Sincerely, Hailee

Dear Santa, Is Rudolph real? Can you say I believe I could fly when you give presents ok? I want a tablet and I want \$1,000,000,000,000 dollars.

Love, Anna

Dear Santa Claus, I hope I get a lot of presents. I love love love love you so so so much! You are nice, great and wonderful. The thing is an i-pad.

Love, Audra

Dear Santa Claus, You are nice because you give presents to us. You are nice because you give us what we want.

Love, Diana

Dear Santa, Are you magic? I wish I was magic. You are cute and good at magic. I like you. I wish you were my dad!

Love, Bethany

Dear St. Nick, I want an X box for Christmas. I want a tablet. If you're not real don't tell me. This time come to my house first.

Your biggest fan, Adam

Dear Santa, How do you go around the world? How do your reindeer fly? How do your elves make all the

presents? From, Christopher

Dear Santa Claus, Does your sleigh get powered by Christmas spirit? Or is it magic? Am I on the naughty or nice list?

Love, Lance

Dear Santa Claus, Is Frosty the snowman real? Is the Elf that wanted to be a dentist real? Is Rudolph the red nose reindeer real?

Love, Lance

Dear Santa, I really admire you because you give presents to every little boy and girl. My elf on the shelf, Boo, who's her favorite elf?

Love, Meaghan

Dear Santa, Santa you are a nice and happy friend. I'm nice too Santa. I want to go to the North Pole. I want you to go with me.

Love, Jalaysha

Dear Santa Claus, You are sweet like a candy cane. Stay out of the cups? Can you please tell Chippy that.

Love, Emily

Dear Santa Claus, Do you sleep on your sleigh? Is Rudolph real? Santa can you send me a picture of you, please? Is it cold when it's summer in the north pole? How low can you reach?

Santa, I can't wait until you come. I can't wait until you come and give me presents. Can you send me your autograph please? Can you tell me one of your secrets? May you send one of your elves to watch if anyone is naughty? I hope you can, but I do not have any idea what I want for Christmas. Santa, how can Rudolph and the other reindeer fly? How can your elves make probably five million presents so fast? Before you had elves how could you make presents for Christmas? How can Rudolph's nose glow? Hopfully you can answer all these questions, because then I will know some stuff about you. I can't wait until you can answer. Because I have a big brain. Thank you!

Yours truly, Abbey

Dear Santa, I have some questions. Are you allowed to touch the reindeer on the shelf? Is Rudolph real? How do you get through the chimney? How do the letters get to you? How do all your elves make all the presents? Where do you get all the parts to make the presents?

Love, Rylee

Dear Santa Claus, I like when you bring presents to Christmas Day. I like presents too on Christmas Day. Have a nice day! Do you have crystals? Do all of you have them?

Love, Amiyah

Dear Santa, I wanted to tell you that Francis is IN LOVE with my doll Marada. Literally he hides with her every day!!! I also wanted to ask you for world peace.

Love, Charleigh

P.S. Try to convince my mom and dad into getting a hamster. I love you.

Dear Santa, I love how you give presents to all the children around the world. Is Rudolph real? Can I have a Rudolph stuffed animal for Christmas please? I might not make cookies this year because all my cousins are sick. I might buy some for you. Thank you for my elf. I really love him so much!!!!

Sincerely, Eilah

P.S. Can you tell me some of your elves names.

Dear Santa, I know it's hard in all, but how do you do it?! How are you able to travel all around the world in one day? Please write back.

Love, Ben

Dear Santa, For Christmas may I have an xbox 1, Legos, hex fish, an elf on the shelf, hex bugs? I would also like a tablet. Merry Christmas!

Your friend, Jack

Dear Santa, I know a story about a girl named Anja and she wanted to be your elf. There is another story but I want to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a real Huskey puppy. I want american girl doll horse. I want triple bunk bed for my Baby dolly and Lea. I want bow for my dog Poof. I want a new watch.

Love, Lauren

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City of **Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council will be considering the following proposed ordinance for a second reading at its meeting scheduled for Monday, December 19, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The proposed ordinance is available for public inspection at the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Council meeting is open to the public. All interested persons are invited to attend.

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 8 Buildings and Building Regulations, Article IX Fences, Sec. 8-284(1) and (2) to Delete References Allowing Six Feet Fences in the Rear and Side Yards with the Adjacent Property Owner's Consent.

Lisa Kay Hathaway
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 12/15/2016

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NOTICE
AUCTION OF IMPOUNDED/ABANDONED VEHICLES

Pursuant to PA 104, an auction will be held on December 29, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Troys Towing, located at 9615 Grinnell, Detroit, MI. 48213. The following impounded/abandoned vehicle will be auctioned:

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Sgt. Thomas Teatsorth
Traffic Safety Section

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"This program is all about kids helping kids," Varney said. "It is the kids who grow their hair out and send it to us The kids are the ones who need to know about it. When you educate them, that is power. Instead of making fun of these kids, they get on board and they get engaged They raise awareness and they grow their hair. And they come out and volunteer.

"That's the part that I like," she continued. "Working with the kids, raising awareness and getting them excited about helping."

Donations are still being accepted. To contribute, contact Ernst at corey.ernst@gpschools.org. For more information about Wigs 4 Kids, go to wigs4kids.org.