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Woods has healthy fund balance

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — The year 2016 saw several shifts in positions in city government, with longtime City Administrator Skip Fincham retiring and the director of public safety, Bruce Smith, taking over the reins of the city. Veteran Public Safety Officer John Kosanke assumed Smith's public safety position. The "help wanted" sign is still out for a city treasurer following DeeAnn Irby's resignation to take a position with a Macomb County school district. Joe Ahee retired after three de-

acades with the department of Public Works and Tom Colombo retired as city assessor. There was good news on the financial front, with the annual audit showing a healthy fund balance.

January

◆ With his retirement set Friday, Jan. 15, City Administrator Skip Fincham addresses city council the last time in that capacity at its Jan. 4 meeting. City Assessor Tom Colombo will serve as interim city administrator until Bruce Smith takes over officially in

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2016 IN REVIEW

City focuses on infrastructure

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Roadwork and related infrastructure improvements characterized much of the goings on during 2016 in the City. Almost in the middle of them, however, came mechanical and electrical failures at a pump station during a night of heavy rains that resulted in sewage backups into about 200 basements.

The station was returned to service quickly and backups haven't returned.

Financially, city officials held down costs to achieve another balanced budget and raised their rainy day fund threshold to equal 25 percent of the annual general fund.

Highlights of 2016 appear in the month of publication.

January

◆ It could be next month until demolition of the former gas station-turned former gym and two neighboring store-

fronts on Fisher at Maumee in the City of Grosse Pointe.

In their place will be a new, larger Fresh Farms Market.

◆ Lt. Michael Seidel finishes his nearly 30-year career with the City of Grosse Pointe public safety department.

"Mike has been the consummate professional," said Chief Stephen Poloni.

February

◆ Road construction kicks off this year along the whole of St. Paul, from Cadieux to Fisher.

Construction costs \$1,280,983.81.

"Bids came in 21 percent over the engineering estimate," said Gary Huvaere, public services supervisor.

◆ Sewer replacement under Fisher across from Grosse Pointe South High School will start after the academic year and should finish by the time streetscape construction begins in the commercial

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Residents provided food for Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department employees, including, from left, Myra Lackey, Medstar EMS, with Bailey Pitchford; Grosse Pointe Woods Detective Tony Chalut with Matthew Chalut; Lynn Simoncini; Sgt. Brian Urban; dispatcher Greg Tourville; Sgt. David Gardzella; Sgt. Brian Conigliaro and Kyrsten Hunter, Medstar EMS.

Siblings Anthony and Lindsey Smihal hand chocolate treats to public safety Officer Marshall Halas and Sgt. Colin Connaire of the Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Department.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



Grosse Pointe Park residents provided food for their public safety department. Meal organizer Beth Kurta is shown with employees from left, public safety Officer Marshall Halas, Sgt. Colin Connaire, Officer Dan Kolar; Lt. Ed Arnold and Officer Ron Loosvelt.

Give unto others

Residents of Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Woods and Grosse Pointe Farms recently purchased, cooked and baked Christmas meals for their local public safety officers. Residents stepped up to the plate to spread holiday cheer to officers who worked both shifts Christmas Day.

Grosse Pointe Park resident Beth Kurta, who organized volunteers to bring Christmas meals in the Park, repeated her efforts New Year's Eve and New Year's Day morning.

"This is great," said Lt. Ed Arnold, a Park public safety officer. "With the residents in the Park bringing in food on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's morning, they have covered all four platoons and every officer. We are very appreciative. What a great community."

Christmas Day, Farms and Woods residents brought in enough food so all shifts would be able to partake in the meal. Many officers said they were thankful to have enough food for two days and both shifts.

Erica Foondle recruited Farms residents for the feast.

The Qureshi family of Grosse Pointe Woods made handwritten safety officer names and came up with meals for Woods. Simoncini helped while her husband Tony Chalut,

Renee Landuyt

Sewer suers seek about \$2 million

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Attorneys rarely agree during the best of times, and certainly not when representing opposite sides of a civil suit potentially involving a multi-million dollar payout.

Plaintiff's attorney Steven Little contends the City of Grosse Pointe is liable for damages resulting from sewer water backing into about 200 basements during an overnight rain storm in August.

The city's defense counsel John Gillooly disagrees.

"We have to take a strong stance against this lawsuit," he said. "Claimed damages are just under \$2 million."

Both attorneys speak with the assurance of having years of experience on such cases.

Their argument appears headed to Wayne County Circuit Court in a class action filed Nov. 28.

"They have a duty to maintain their sewers," Little said of city stewards. "They didn't and it's evidenced by flooding."

"Generally, a municipality has no liability for basement overflows unless the city knew or should have known of a potential defect with

regard to its sewage disposal system," Gillooly said. "We have no knowledge that the City of Grosse Pointe knew or should have known there was a defect with the sewage disposal system that caused the unfortunate intrusion of water into residents' basements."

Little served the city Dec. 1.

"I've obtained an extension of time to answer on behalf of the city to Jan. 15," Gillooly said.

"Nothing will happen for a while," Little said. Lead plaintiffs and City residents James Thompson and Henry Mistele live in separate

inland and lakeside neighborhoods, respectively, experiencing flooding during a 2.76-inch storm a few hours before sunup Tuesday, Aug. 16.

Little cites the nearly 1-mile distance between impacted neighborhoods as proof of widespread sewer problems, such as leaks allowing runoff and groundwater to intrude and overwhelm the network's designed capacity.

"A sanitary sewer line is not supposed to convey storm water," he said. "If you didn't have inflow and infiltration, it

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Added Karmanos interim president Justin Klamerus M.D., M.M.M. "Karmanos Cancer Institute is committed to providing its patients with the highest quality care and the tools necessary to prevent cancer or detect it early when it's most treatable."

Deeplands duel

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Residents of this city are the ultimate arbiters of the seemingly inevitable subdivision of the city's last inland estate, the mayor stated during the final city council meeting of 2016.

"When we make a decision, it's going to be made in the best interest of the city," Mayor Ted Kedzierski told an opponent of plans to raise an unoccupied, 75-year-old manor house on nearly eight acres at 55 South Deeplands.

A developer intends to subdivide the estate into 19 single-family dwellings accessed by a road built off South Deeplands.

"Our proposal maintains the traditional single family home character of the neighborhood," said Richard Russell, a partner in Deeplands Development Company and a Shores resident. "We look forward to adding these elegant new homes to the Grosse Pointe community."

The matter is of such importance to some neighbors that they formed a limited liability company in uniform opposition and attempted stewardship, according to Beth Case, a representative of the group addressing the Grosse Pointe Shores council Tuesday, Dec. 20.

"We understand it will be developed," Case said. "We think the right development will dramatically improve the value of all our homes. The wrong development will have a negative impact on the value of our homes."

Unlike a proposal earlier this year to transform the estate into 18 buildings containing a total of 30 condominiums, the latest plan isn't a notion.

Russell's bird's-eye layout is at city hall awaiting further municipal review.

"Once (our) consultants, including the city attorney, are satisfied it meets requirements for preliminary plat approval, we'll be in contact with the planning commission to schedule a meeting," said Mark Wollenweber, city manager.

Rather than 19 houses, Case said she prefers up to 10.

"We want to work with a developer that will make certain the development is in character with the rest of the city and improves the residential value of the city," she said.

"Guidelines laid out in the Land Division Act grant owners of unplatted lands in Michigan the legal right to subdivide their property," Russell said. "In addition, we are applying Shores ordinances and subdivision restrictions to our proposed subdivision for compliance with the required R-12 zoning."

Case, a resident of a road bordering the estate, addressed the council during a public comment period on behalf of Deeplands Property Owners Association LLC.

Russell didn't attend the meeting nor was he supposed to. He withheld reaction until watching a broadcast of the meeting on local cable channel 12.

The group to which Case belongs retained Giffels Webster planning consultants for preliminary evaluation of Russell's concept.

A resulting two-page report alleges:

- ◆ non-compliance with deed restrictions, such as being 5 feet short of minimum 35-foot front and 25-foot rear setbacks;
- ◆ increased daily traffic of 181 additional inbound and 228 outbound trips onto South Deeplands;
- ◆ an L-shaped but otherwise straight access road not in keeping with the neighborhood's slightly curved roads that generate the "appearance of having a variation of setbacks from homes to the street" and
- ◆ needed preservation of mature trees and the existing house.

"Any tree that has a caliper of 5 inches or greater requires preservation," said Councilman Bruce Bisballe.

"It's our last acreage of undeveloped property," Mayor Kedzierski said after the meeting. "It will get developed. The city's concerned about density so it fits in with the neighborhood. The decision will be in the best interests of the city."



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July.

◆ City Engineer Scott Lockwood announces the upcoming DTE gas line replacement project set to begin this month. The work is part of DTE's Gas Renewal Program that eventually will result in DTE installing all new gas mains, service lines and gas meters in every house in the Woods.

February

◆ With a state grant and a signed contract in hand, officials move forward on plans for renovations to the dispatch and lockup area in the Woods Public Safety headquarters. The grant, from the Michigan Department of Treasury — Competitive Grant Assistance Program for \$500,000, covers the costs of renovations in anticipation of combining dispatch services and lockup facilities with Grosse Pointe Shores.

March

◆ Ohio Gov. John Kasich makes a campaign stop at University Liggett School and is greeted by a standing-room-only crowd. Kasich is in Michigan ahead of the presidential primary March 8.

◆ Police launch an investigation after a report is filed alleging a substantial amount of money missing from the Parcels Middle School PTO bank account.

April

◆ Joe Ahee, longtime director of public works, announces he will retire June 24. Ahee, 64, says it was a tough decision.

◆ Woods residents want to know why the new gas meters being installed by DTE have to be put on the front of the house. "They are an eyesore," one resident tells city council. "They're big and ugly and look terrible on the front of a house."

◆ A high-speed police chase that ended abruptly in a muddy field in Ghesquiere Park raises concerns about safety from residents and police officials alike. According to Bruce Smith, Woods director of public safety, the chase involved several cars from the Michigan State Police in pursuit of a car believed to have been stolen.

May

◆ By a unanimous vote, city council adopts the recommended budget for the new fiscal year beginning July 1. The new budget sets general fund expenditures at \$12,698,220, an increase of \$11,119 over the previous year. It also sets the general operating millage at 13.8158, which is at the city's Headlee cap. The overall budget shows a drop from 2015-16 of \$1.1 million, with a total budget of \$37,920,046, down from \$39,062,376 the previous year.

◆ A city ordinance banning pit bulls remains in place following discussion by city council, which met as a committee of the whole. At issue is a request by a resident to amend the city's dog ordinance containing a "breed specific" ban on pit bulls and focus instead on a vicious dog ordinance regardless of breed.

◆ Director of Public Safety Bruce Smith presents his annual report to

city council, showing a decrease of 5 percent in overall crime for 2015. The report measures index crimes, which the FBI describes as major crimes such as homicide, sexual assault and burglary, and non-index crimes, classified as minor offenses like traffic offenses, malicious destruction of property and drug violations.

Index crimes fell from 196 in 2014 to 186 in 2015, while non-index crime dropped from 372 to 356.

June

◆ Bruce Smith begins wearing two hats July 2 as he takes over as city administrator and remains director of public safety. The city council approves Smith's appointment and contract with an annual salary of \$112,000. Smith officially takes over from Acting City Administrator Tom Colombo, who returns to his duties as city assessor.

◆ City council hears from four residents requesting variances for fencing they want to install on their properties. Two more requests are scheduled for the next council meeting. According to Building Official Gene Tutag, his office is receiving an increasing number of not only requests for fence permits, but increased requests to install solid fencing.

◆ City officials soon will have an ordinance in place citing residents for improper storage of trash and recycling receptacles. Acting as a committee of the whole, the city council approves the drafting of an ordinance requiring residents to store trash and recycling containers in either an enclosed structure like a shed or garage or in the backyard of a house. They no longer can be kept on the side of a house. The ordinance is the result of continued complaints from residents about neighbors' trash receptacles being visible from the street.

July

◆ The former treasurer of the Parcels Middle School PTO is arraigned on embezzlement charges. Ywanda Ndiaye stands mute in front of Municipal Court Judge Ted Metry while her attorney, Kesia Reeves, enters a plea of not guilty on her behalf. Ndiaye is charged with one count of embezzlement of more than \$1,000, but less than \$20,000 from a nonprofit charitable organization.

◆ The Office of the Michigan Attorney General files criminal charges against State Rep. Brian Banks stemming from problems with a loan obtained by Banks in 2010 for \$3,696 from the then-Detroit Metropolitan Credit Union. According to the official complaint, Banks is being charged with three felonies, including two counts of uttering and publishing false information and one count of obtaining a loan under false pretenses. The fourth count, a misdemeanor, charges Banks provided false statements regarding his financial condition. If convicted, he faces up to 14 years in prison on the uttering and publishing charges and five years on the false pretense charge. The misdemeanor count carries a one-year prison term.

August

◆ In spite of three felony charges leveled against him, incumbent State Rep. Brian Banks pulls out a resounding victory over five challengers in the Democratic primary, defeating his closest opponent, Pamela Sossi, by a count of 3,216 to 2,610 votes, even though Sossi beat him soundly in Grosse Pointe Woods, with a total of 1,398 votes for Sossi and 430 votes for Banks.

◆ City Treasurer DeeAnn Irby tenders her resignation effective Sept. 9. She has been city treasurer/comptroller for eight years. While no reason is given for the resignation, Irby tells council she will spend more time with her family and assist with her elderly father who lives up north.

September

◆ The former treasurer of the Parcels PTO is sentenced to two years probation after pleading guilty to embezzlement charges in Wayne County Circuit Court. Judge Gregory Bill hands down the sentence to Ywanda Ndiaye, who is charged with one count of embezzlement of more than \$1,000, but less than \$20,000 from a nonprofit charitable organization.

◆ The city council approves transitioning the city's assessing duties to a private company that serves several other Wayne County communities after City Assessor Tom Colombo announces he will retire the end of October. WCA Assessing serves 26 cities in the state, 21 within Wayne County, including the City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ The Michigan State Police continue an investigation into financial improprieties allegedly occurring in the office of the Municipal Court leading to the suspension without pay of a court administrator. The administrator is not being named as no charges have been formally brought. She has retained counsel. However, city officials consider the allegations strong enough to ask the court's former administrator, Susan Tobin, to return.

October

◆ City council approves two new leases — a Chevrolet Impala for use by the public safety detective bureau and a GMC Sierra pickup truck for use by the city's animal control officer. The new vehicles are needed

due to the condition of current department vehicles, according to City Administrator Bruce Smith.

◆ Thanks to a Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning award, the public safety department is putting in place special patrols that focus on impaired driving, occupant protection, red light running, distracted driving and speed enforcement.

November

Police continue to investigate two recent home invasions and an attempted invasion on three different blocks west of Mack. According to police reports, the first break-in occurred at a house in the 1900 block of Oxford that had been vacant about an hour when the homeowner returned to find a window pried open. The next day a homeowner in the 1900 block of Severn returned home to discover a sliding glass door wall pried open and all upstairs bedrooms ransacked. The following day, a security alarm may have thwarted another break-in in the 2200 block of Allard. The alarm was activated at 1:58 p.m. and no entry was made.

◆ Mayor Robert Novitke presents awards to several businesses and residents at the annual beautification awards program. This year's ceremony marks the 43rd year the awards have been presented, a tradition, Novitke said, that is a testimony to the dedication of residents and volunteers.

December

Representatives from Plante Moran, the city's auditing firm, meet with city council members to present the just-completed audit of the city's finances for the 2015-16 fiscal year. According to the audit, revenues for the city increased \$400,000, while expenses decreased \$900,000 compared to 2015.

◆ Former Public Safety Officer James DaDeppo is charged with stalking a Grosse Pointe Woods woman after leaving dozens of voice mails on her cellphone after she breaks off a six-month relationship with him. DaDeppo, 60, had retired in 2009 after he was charged with domestic assault and resisting arrest following an incident with a woman he was dating and Warren police.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Big House treat

Matt Schuetze and his wife, Julie, were invited to a friend's house in Grosse Pointe Farms for a gingerbread party, so Schuetze decided to build the University of Michigan's Big House. He added lights; used candy for the players, football and goal posts; put up two Jumbotrons with Coach Harbaugh's photo and a button in the middle that, when pressed, plays the Michigan fight song. Schuetze won the Tailgate Award for his gingerbread Big House creation.

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, JAN. 8

◆ 3 p.m. at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. The Detroit Symphony Orchestra presents the music of Beethoven and Schubert, featuring conductor Daniel Blendulf. Tickets are \$25. Visit dso.org or call (313) 576-5111.

MONDAY, JAN. 9

◆ 5 p.m. at the Beaumont Medical Center, 25631 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores, "Let's Be Smoke Free Together." The four-week program costs \$50. Space is limited. Call (800) 633-7377.
◆ 7 p.m. Grosse Pointe Park city council meeting, 15115 E. Jefferson.
◆ 7:30 p.m. Grosse Pointe Woods city council meeting at city hall, 20025 Mack.

TUESDAY, JAN. 10

◆ 7 p.m. Grosse Pointe Shores Planning Commission meeting at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11

◆ 7 p.m. Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Commission meeting at city hall, 20025 Mack.

THURSDAY, JAN. 12

◆ 7:30 p.m. Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission meeting at city hall, 20025 Mack.

FRIDAY, JAN. 13

◆ Last day for curbside Christmas tree grinding in Grosse Pointe Woods.
◆ 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Grosse Pointe Shores mayoral office hours. Schedule an appointment by calling (313) 881-6565.

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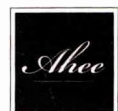
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Farms woman helps memorialize fallen WSU officer

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

When Leti Kelly's grandfather died in 2014, she and a coworker discussed different ways to honor his memory. In the end, Kelly decided to make a teddy bear out of one of his old T-shirts.

The result was a disaster, she said.

"It's the most important bear to me, even though it's the worst one I have," said the Grosse Pointe Farms resident. "Everyone knows not to touch it. When I'm having a rough day, I hug it and all things are good in the world. It's therapeutic."

Kelly's failed first attempt didn't stop her from perfecting her method. It didn't take long before she was asked to make bears for coworkers and police officers. Slowly but surely, her business, KuteByKelly, was born. "It just took off," she said. "Then I started making them for people all over the country."

Making memory bears — as well as dogs, pillows and other items — from clothing, blankets and different fabrics, is



PHOTO BY JODY MCVEIGH

a second full-time job for Kelly, who is a reading interventionist.

"I serve struggling readers in the Harper Woods School District," she said. "To see that progress, that growth — seeing how happy they are when they see that growth — I have two

rewarding jobs.

"After work, after school, after I get my children to bed, then I go down to my sewing studio and work again," she continued. "(I drink) lots of Starbucks. I sew throughout the night."

In just two years, Kelly has made more than 200



COURTESY PHOTO

KuteByKelly founder Leti Kelly poses with her first attempt, left. Above, the bear Kelly made for the fiancé of fallen WSU Sgt. Collin Rose.

keepsake bears for military families, retirees and people who've lost loved ones. Most recently, she was contacted through Grosse Pointe Mom's Swap to make a bear from Sgt. Collin Rose's uniform and work again," she continued. "(I drink) lots of Starbucks. I sew throughout the night."

Wayne State University

Kelly's growing business is largely due to word of mouth, she said, but she also has a website — kutebykelly.com — and a Facebook page, Facebook/kutebykelly. She said many families give her photos of their loved ones, as well as uniform badges as a thank-you for her services. "I get to know the fam-

ilies," she said. "They send me pictures and notes of appreciation."

Kelly said she speaks with each customer when she gets their order form to work out the details and discuss special requests.

"This time of year, people think about their loved ones," she said. "It's nice to have something to hold."

"That's what makes it most rewarding," she continued. "I'm part of their family now. Whenever they look at the bear, I'm a part of their family, a part of people's memories."

When she's not working, Kelly relaxes the same way she makes those memories.

"I'm a crafter," she said. "I like to make things. I like to sew When I'm not making bears, I like sewing other things."

The eight-year Farms resident and her husband, Bobby, have two children — Bobby IV, 13, a student at Brownell Middle School, and Teri, 6, a student at Kerby Elementary School.

Housekeeping items close out Park's 2016

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

PARK — The city council closed the books on its 2016 sessions by making appointments

and marking dates on its 2017 calendar.

With voters approving a revision in the city's charter that will allow for one council meeting a month, Mayor Bob Denner announced the council's January meeting will be 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, in the council chambers.

"This should take the mystery out of when the council will actually be meeting," Denner said. While the charter required two meetings a month, usually scheduled for the second and fourth Mondays, it was a rare month when two meetings actually were held. With the revised

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charter now in force, council members were issued the calendar of meetings for 2017, with council meetings scheduled for the second Monday of the month through July. Meetings in August, September and October are sched-

uled for the fourth Monday. In November, the meeting will be held the second Monday and no meeting has been scheduled for December.

The charter does not preclude the city from holding special council meetings, with Denner noting he expects at least one budget workshop to be placed on the calendar in the spring.

Residents are advised to check the city's website to verify council meeting dates.

Committee appointments also were made.

Denner re-appointed Margot Parker to a three-year term on the Board of Review while making two new appointments to the recreation commission, Matthew LaBeau and

Jonathan Quarles.

"The two new appointments to the recreation commission both have young families and have expressed a desire to become involved," Denner said. "We are looking forward to having their input."

All three appointments were unanimously approved.

Councilman James

Robson reminded residents anyone interested in serving on any of the city's commissions is welcome to submit an application. Forms are available at city hall through the clerk's office or online.

A resident brought an issue to council regarding the new pattern for Detroit buses that allows use of Hampton as a

turnaround area, noting the street is very narrow. Also, with a church and school in close proximity, bus traffic poses a safety hazard in the area.

Denner said he and City Manager Dale Krajniak will meet with officials from the Detroit Department of Transportation to discuss alternative routes.

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district.

March

◆ Merrill Lynch stock brokers announce consolidation of some local offices into the second floor of Kercheval Place.

◆ Turnover of public safety officers is evaluated as a turnaround with increased street presence.

"When I go (to the Village), almost every time I see at least one or two of the guys," said Mayor Dale Scrace. "That's really, really positive."

◆ Flooding on St. Paul between Neff and Neff Lane will be corrected by relining a 230-foot section of 10-inch sewer pipe.

April

◆ An increase in drug and larceny offenses last year contributed to a nearly 11 percent rise in overall reported crime compared to the year before, according to the public safety annual report released this month.

◆ Officer Thomas Martindale, Sgt. Joe Adams and Sgt. Ronald Sandzik receive lifesaving awards for actions June 6.

"These officers responded to a woman having trouble breathing in the 500 block of Lincoln," said Chief Poloni.

A lifesaving award for Lt. John Alcorn stems from a motorcycle wreck Aug. 19, in Grosse Pointe Shores.

◆ As property values rebound and municipal tax revenue stabilizes, a squall develops about returning snow plowing to standards not attempted since money-saving cutbacks during the recession.

Plows aren't deployed until accumulation reaches three inches.

"We can revisit the policy," said Peter Dame, city manager.

May

◆ A draft copy of next fiscal year's budget says

it all:

"The city administration presented a balanced budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 without a general operating property tax rate increase or using fund balance."

◆ A 3 percent increase in seasonal boat well rentals at City of Grosse Pointe Neff Park marina will generate \$5,169, according to estimates.

◆ Rather than piecemeal solutions to the municipal rubbish collection system's \$85,000 annual deficit, members of the city council want a long-term fix in one big swoop.

In the meantime, a \$50 fee is established for public service crews to haul away non-metal bulk items and things weighing more than 50 pounds or that don't fit in 32-gallon rubbish bins.

June

◆ A deer nurses two fawns in a residential backyard. The address and neighborhood aren't revealed.

"We don't want people going there," said public safety Sgt. Joe Adams.

◆ A 3.31 percent increase in water and sewer rates starts July 1.

"This will cost the average resident approximately \$4.70 per quarter," said Kimberly Kleinow, City of Grosse Pointe finance director and treasurer.

July

◆ Four-term Councilwoman Jean Weipert resigns. She and her family are moving to another state.

Members of the council intend to appoint a replacement to complete her term ending November 2017.

◆ Owners of Marais Restaurant in the Village set up shop on the sidewalk to sell produce and prepared food on weekends.

◆ The new, two-story Fresh Farms Market being constructed on Fisher will cast a slightly longer shadow when completed next fall, but remain within height limits of municipal building codes.

Market owners are permitted to increase the building's height to 34 feet, slightly more than 2 feet taller than approved originally 12 months ago.

August

◆ Members of the Norbs municipal swim team celebrate the end of the season with a trip to, where else, a water park.

◆ Electrical problems at the Neff Road pumping station are prime suspects in more than 200 flooded basements during a 2 1/2-inch downpour early Tuesday, Aug. 16.

Automatic alarms at the station summon off-duty city public service employees to manhandle pumps back to action.

By the time pumping resumes, combined runoff and sewage backs through the underground collection network into basements.

September

◆ St. Paul reopens to traffic the length of the city from Cadieux to Fisher.

Road crews worked since spring repairing the foundation and laying new asphalt. Also replaced are curbs, gutters, sidewalk ramps and driveway approaches.

The project cost \$1.28 million, funded by a 2.5-mil road millage City voters approved in 2014 for roadwork for up to 15 years.

◆ A new, more frequent water billing schedule is expected to increase municipal cash flow without changing rates.

The price of water remains the same, but customers are billed every two months starting Oct. 1.

◆ A practice begun in 2007 to maintain a 20 percent rainy day fund is boosted to 25 percent and put in writing.

"We had a policy that hadn't been formally adopted, even though it had been followed," said

Finance Director Kleinow.

October

◆ A four-alarm fire in a two-story office building at Cadieux and Mack requires 13 hours to extinguish.

No one was injured in the fire, first detected by employees shortly after 9 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, as faint smoke wafting from an interior air vent on the Cadieux side.

"In that corner of the basement is where all the electrical power comes into the building," said Jim Saros, owner of the building that headquarters his real estate agency and four tenants, including healthcare and law offices.

◆ The city council returns to capacity with the appointment of Sheila Tomkowiak to complete the term of Jean Weipert. Tomkowiak's appointment runs until November 2017.

◆ A cascading series of pump failures caused by electrical overheating and power interruptions allowed storm water to back up from the Neff Road Pump Station through sanitary sewers

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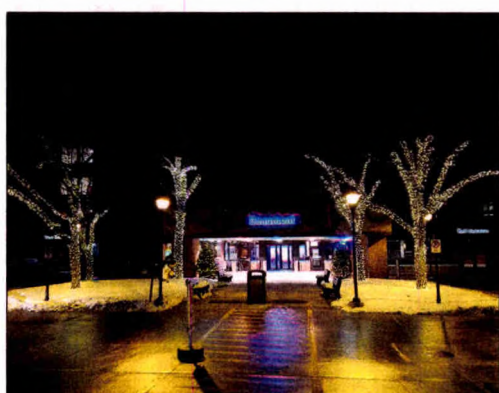
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Most Creative: Duffey & Co., 15120 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park.

Most Illuminating: Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, 468 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe.



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Pure Grosse Pointe

For the last eight years Matt Schuetze has designed and sculpted an ice sculpture in front of his house, sometimes by himself and sometimes with help from his kids. For this year's sculpture, "Liberty," Schuetze sculpted the hand and torch of the Statue of Liberty — and he lit the torch. This is the first time Schuetze added a fire element to his sculpture, which took around 2 1/2 hours to build with his hands and a trowel. "You have to have the right conditions," he said, "deep snow and above freezing temperatures to build and cold temps after to keep the sculpture in place." Schuetze's past sculptures include an Old English D, dragon, spaceship, Rodin's The Thinker and the Lincoln Memorial. Schuetze lives in the 1100 block of Yorkshire, Grosse Pointe Park.

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GUEST OPINION By Glenn Mollette

Look forward to 2017

I hope 2017 can be a good year for you. Whatever you can do to assist with the success of your year will be very helpful. A local businessman remarked recently, "The harder I work, the luckier I get." All of us are recipients of some bad luck throughout life. Often some of our bad luck is because of people we are associated with in our lives. What other people do greatly impacts us. A spouse, a parent, a child or work associate all affect us for good or bad. It's good for us when people we are close to are successful and not so great when they mess up. However, the bottom line is that we must all individually take ownership of our lives.

I used to write weekly for a Kentucky paper called Western Recorder. The editor of that paper, Chauncey Daley, was so great to me. I once submitted three stories one week and he sent them all back to me covered with red marks pointing out errors and things he didn't like. It was a little painful, but he was willing to invest his time to help me learn and be better. Having anybody in our lives who cares

enough about us to help us with anything is a real plus. We are better benefited from good advice when we seriously listen and make application.

All advice is not necessarily helpful. We all get bad advice throughout life so it's important to be discerning about what we are told and who is doing the teaching. Some of what we hear in life is repeated with almost inerrant credibility. For example, eating badly will have eventual negative results on our health. We are told to watch our intake of sugar, fried food and red meat and to simply use common sense on our daily portions. It's good advice and it's up to us to take it or leave it. We are told to exercise routinely because it's good for our health. Nobody can make us exercise. We have to take responsibility for our physical fitness.

The best way to have a great 2017 is to make our own decisions and take responsibility for our personal happiness. If you are waiting for a fortune to drop out of the sky, you are wasting your time. If you are waiting for Mr. or Mrs. Wonderful to show up

and take away all your despair, you are going to spend most of your life in despair. God is not going to call you on the telephone with a three-step plan for the year. However, looking up instead of looking down all the time is always more uplifting.

Just remember, if you are able to move and think, then you are not stuck. I do believe people get stuck. However, if you can think and apply some activity, you are not stuck. Use the mind and life you have to act. Thoughts lead to action. Apply yourself. Put yourself into something meaningful and worthwhile. Serious action and application always net some results. If you want results, get up and get going and do it most every day. The end result is that your next year most likely will see some very satisfying results.

Most importantly, don't wait on someone to tell you what to do. Tell yourself what to do and do it — and look forward to 2017.

Mollette is a syndicated columnist and author of 11 books. Visit glennmollette.com or email him at GMollette@aol.com.

City of Grosse Pointe

Public Safety Reports

Egged again

No damages resulted from someone tossing eggs at a house in the 800 block of Washington Heights and Westland, overnight Wednesday, Dec. 28, according to the homeowner.

"(The homeowner) reports this also happened in October," said a public safety officer. "He did not report (it) at that time."

Suspensions

At least two motorists were arrested last week for violating suspended driving licenses:

◆ Detroit man, 26, at 11:33 a.m. Friday, Dec. 30, in a white 2004 Chevrolet Malibu on southbound Cadieux at

Waterloo; also wanted on two outstanding traffic warrants from Madison Heights and Westland, plus a warrant for violating probation in Roseville.

◆ Detroit man, 26, at 11:21 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27, at the intersection of Kercheval and Cadieux; plus a 34-year-old male passenger from Royal Oak, arrested on 11 outstanding warrants, including three disorderly charges in Detroit.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Gun and drugs

Officers responding to a suspected disturbance at a house in the 300 block of Lothrop early New Year's Day wound up arresting a 22-year-old man from Grosse Pointe Park for narcotics and weapons violations.

Police encountered him at 12:51 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 1, in the driver's seat of an Orange 2013 Chevrolet Camaro parked in front of the residence.

Citations include violating terms of a concealed pistol permit by possessing a Springfield

.35 caliber pistol along with 6.1 grams of marijuana, three pipes, four packages of rolling papers, two rollers, two Butane lighters, a grinder and vaporizer.

'Whole bunch'

During a roadside drunken driving investigation at 2:44 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29, a 46-year-old man from Macomb Township admitted consuming "a whole bunch" of intoxicating beverages before operating a black 2006 Cadillac CTS, according to police.

A patrolman pulled See REPORTS, page 7A

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him over on westbound Lakeshore near the foot of Beacon Hill for weaving the Cadillac and striking a curb.

The man reportedly refused to take a preliminary breath test to indicate his blood alcohol content.

Officers thereby obtained a search warrant for samples of his blood to be drawn at a nearby hospital for testing at a crime lab.

A search of the car revealed an open bottle of vodka and two empty half pints, according to police.

Pest

Operators of the BP service station at Mack and Moross seek prosecution of a 67-year-old Detroit man, characterized as a trespasser and thief early Thursday, Dec. 29, according to a public safety officer.

An employee reported the man at 5:04 a.m. refusing to pay for a cup of coffee priced \$1.79.

"(I) observed (him) outside the station, leaning against the wall with coffee in hand," reported the first patrolman on scene. "(The manager

and clerk) stated this was an ongoing problem and wanted to press charges."

Police arrested the man for retail fraud.

Won't leave

A man causing trouble at a market in the 18300 block of Mack initially refused to leave the property, prompting an employee to call police at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27, according to one of many officers catching the suspect across Mack in Detroit.

"(He) was highly intoxicated and uncooperative," said a patrolman.

Officers arrested the man, 51, of Detroit, for carrying a kitchen knife concealed under his waistband. He also was taken into custody on three unspecified criminal bench warrants issued by 36th District Court.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Drugs, not drunk

A 27-year-old male motorist from Detroit passed roadside sobriety

tests during a traffic stop last week.

"However, he was under arrest for possession of (a) controlled substance," reported an officer, referring to 5.01 grams of marijuana allegedly found in the suspect's 2013 Ford Escape.

The officer investigated him near the intersection of Ballantyne and South Deeplands at 3:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 26, because the Escape had a defective brake light.

Officers searching the car said they found a 3/4 empty bottle of whiskey.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Ladders stolen

Sometime overnight Wednesday, Dec. 21, two aluminum ladders were taken from a yard in the 900 block of Beaconsfield. A painter had left the ladders in the rear yard of a property.

Contractor suspected

A table saw went missing Friday, Dec. 30, from

a house in the 800 block of Pemberton and the victim told police he suspected a subcontractor took the item, valued at \$150.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Not so happy new year

On Sunday, Jan. 1, the owner of a 2004 Chrysler Town and Country discovered an unknown person had punched out the ignition of her minivan sometime overnight while it was parked in a driveway on Raymond. Police are reviewing security camera footage.

Squatter?

Police continue to investigate the report of someone living in an unoccupied house on Sunningdale. According to the report, police were called to the house last week on the report of a car being parked in the driveway of what is supposed to be an unoccupied house. Police discovered pry marks on one of the doors and

when they entered, it appeared a bedroom had been slept in. The expired license plate on the car is registered to an Eastpointe resident.

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

Henry Ford radiation oncology receives 3-year ACR accreditation

Henry Ford Health System's Department of Radiation Oncology has been awarded a three-year term of full accreditation by the American College of Radiology.

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ACR accreditation has been awarded to all of Henry Ford's five radiation oncology sites: Detroit, West Bloomfield, Clinton Township, Grosse Pointe Farms and Brownstown.

ACR reviewers spent three days at the Henry Ford radiation oncology

sites, reviewing patient charts, plans and quality assurance policies, as well as meeting with teams at each location.

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The findings are reported to the ACR Committee on Radiation Oncology Accreditation, which subsequently provides the practice with a comprehensive report they can use for continuous improvement.

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wouldn't flood. All this rain water shouldn't have been in there. That's what caused the flooding."

"Let's not look to the city as the insurer of everybody's basement," Gillooly said. "There are various things residents should do — make sure their downspouts are disconnected, make sure they have backflow preventers in their houses, make sure to have their lateral lines videoed and snaked every couple of years."

At the time of the backup, City Manager Peter Dame called it "an extremely rare consequence of a high-intensity rainfall in a short duration combined with three pumps going out."

Two months after flooding, the city's consulting engineers backtracked mechanical and electrical problems at the Neff Road Pump Station.

The first of three high-capacity pumps to fail the night of flooding was No. 7 due to overheated variable frequency drive controls.

Pump No. 2 took over until stopping with overheated electrical components.

"Then, per protocol, Pump No. 1, the third high-capacity pump, started and began drawing down the well," according to the engineering analysis. "Soon thereafter, however, Pump 1 tripped due to a power outage and shut down."

A portion of the 11-page suit states:

"The sewage disposal system that serviced plaintiffs' properties had a construction, design, maintenance, operation or repair defect which the defendants knew, or in the exercise of reasonable diligence, should have known about."

"I have not been allowed to review their maintenance records or anything else," Liddle said of the City. "That's why you file suit, to get to the bottom of some-

thing."

Liability for damages caused by sewer backups are prescribed by Michigan Public Act 222, the outgrowth of legislation introduced by an Oakland County Republican officeholder in 2001.

"I was involved in writing that statute," Liddle said. "Basically, it says you have to prove negligence. But, homeowners

give up the right to obtain mental anguish damages."

"With amendment of the statute," Gillooly said, "if the city did not know it should have known about the existence of a defect in its system, there's no liability."

He added, "Messrs. Thompson and Mistelet (are) essentially suing themselves ... because if there's a judgment

against the city for this, it can basically go on the tax roll and everybody in the City of Grosse Pointe is going to be paying not only for me, but for damages allegedly done to peoples' homes."

"You don't want to raid public coffers," Liddle said. "But, we want to get these people their property loss."

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Wednesdays, January 25–March 15
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CPR/AED/FIRST AID

Wednesday, February 15
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SELF DEFENSE FOR WOMEN

Wednesday, March 29
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SPORTS & GAMES

BEGINNING FENCING

Mondays, January 9–February 13
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Thursday, January 19, 2017
7pm–9pm

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Thursday, January 26, 2017
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LUCK OF THE IRISH: EXPLORE IRISH WHISKEY JUST IN TIME FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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THE FUNDAMENTALS OF FOOD AND WINE PAIRING

Thursday, April 27, 2017
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DANCE

INTERMEDIATE BALLROOM DANCE

Thursdays, January 5–February 16
8:15pm–9:15pm

BEGINNING BALLROOM DANCE TANGO AND CHA CHA

Thursdays, January 5–February 16
7pm–8pm

SALSA DANCING

Fridays, January 6–February 24
6:30pm–7:30pm

ADVANCED BALLROOM DANCE

Tuesdays, January 17–February 28
7:30pm–8:30pm

LA DANSE ORIENTALE: THE ART OF BELLY DANCING

Wednesdays, January 25–March 1
7:30pm–8:30pm

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BEGINNING ADULT PIANO

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Wednesday, March 29
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Tuesday, January 10, 2017
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THE HENRY FORD

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Two earn Eagle Scout status

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

During a Court of Honor ceremony Dec. 19, two Grosse Pointers were officially recognized for earning Eagle Scout rank via Boy Scout Troop 96.

The troop, a chartered organization of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, celebrated with Joseph Kurta and Macklin "Mac" Carron as the two earned the highest achievement in the Boy Scouts of America program. The Eagle Scout designation was founded more than 100 years ago and only 4 percent of scouts are granted the rank after a lengthy review process.

Kurta's parents signed him up for scouting when he was in first grade. He continued to participate, "because I really like the outdoors and what Mother Nature has to offer," he said. "I enjoy the atmosphere and I got to learn a lot of things you don't get to learn anywhere else."

Kurta includes rocket camp, pinewood derby, summer camp, winter camp and ice fishing among many of his favorite scouting memories. The Grosse Pointe Park native and Grand Valley State University freshman chose to



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Macklin Carron, left, and Joseph Kurta recently earned Eagle Scout status via Boy Scout Troop 96, based at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

install two little free libraries as his Eagle Scout project.

"I worked with the Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary to locate and install two little free libraries in order to help get books to those who do not have access to them as easily," he said.

Libraries were installed on the property of Grace Community Church, located at Moross and the I-94 service drive in Detroit, and at Herman Park, near 7 Mile and Woodward, also in Detroit.

"Rotary felt this project was important

because they wanted people to have access to books, even without access to traditional libraries. During installation at both libraries, local families stopped to thank me for providing books and to tell me how happy they were to have the libraries. I felt from them, the real beneficiaries of my project, the impact was positive."

Carron, a senior at University Liggett School, has been scouting since sixth grade. He joined — and stayed — because of friends.

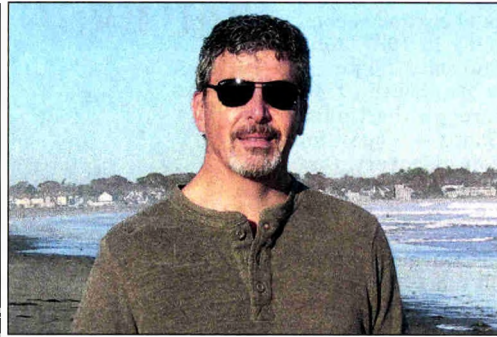
"It's fun, but you also get to learn a bunch of

skills, like leadership, CPR and public speaking," he said.

He also learned the importance of taking care of the environment, as evidenced in his Eagle Scout project.

"I constructed and installed six fishing line recycling bins at the Detroit Riverwalk," he said. "My project has helped improve the ecology as well as beautifying downtown Detroit ... It helps improve the beautification of the riverfront by taking fishing lines off the sidewalk

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COURTESY PHOTO

Grosse Pointe native Hayley Alexander recounts his years living in Russia in his new book, "Pitting the Olives Might Help."

Book recounts GP native's years in Russia

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Getting attacked by "gypsy kids" while walking in Moscow with a work colleague.

Being threatened with arrest for boarding an in-country flight without a passport.

Narrowly avoiding a mafia shootout at a street-side cafe.

Working in the U.S. Embassy compound when a grenade was launched into it.

Spending time in a drafty hotel in Siberia during a cold snap of 42 degrees below zero.

These are just a few of the memorable moments experienced by Hayley Alexander and his wife, Linda, during their three-year stay in Russia and detailed in the Grosse Pointe native's new book, "Pitting the Olives Might Help: A 1990s expatriate odyssey through unhinged Russia."

"We certainly had our fair share of noteworthy experiences," he said.

"There were many things that left a mark on us while living in Russia,

from the bizarre and funny to the tragic or out-

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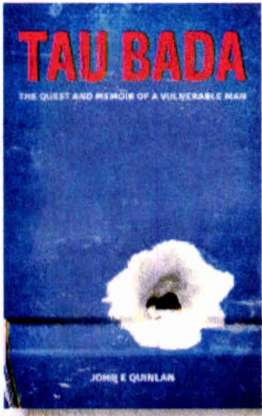
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Book launch set for first-time GP author

After the humiliation of losing his publicly traded company in 1985, John Quinlan began a motorcycle trek through the United States — a quest for self-discovery that led him to the woman he would marry. What he learned on his travels the past 40 years turned into a book and gave him the strategies he uses today that make him successful as a consultant.



tribes to form a business focused on coffee collection, processing, logistics and export. What he doesn't count on are the cultural differences or the aura of fear and mistrust that surround some of the tribes regarding this "big white man," as well as each other. Or, closer to home, the greed and vengeance apparently equivalent across the globe.

"The 'Tau Bada' tale I'm about to share is not simply an achievement or an outcome, or a recipe for the attainment of goals and self-improvement, or even a romantic happy ending. It is about the quiet transitions to real courage and the soul milieu that connects and binds us as mutual occupants of a shared planet."

Thus begins Quinlan's book, "Tau Bada: The Quest and Memoir of a Vulnerable Man." "Tau Bada" means "big white man," which is what Quinlan is when he meets up with the tribes of Papua New Guinea's Oro Province, north of Australia.

Realizing his relationships are shallow and he doesn't really know himself — or like what he knows — Quinlan leaves his posh lifestyle in Grosse Pointe to travel across the United States on his motorcycle on a personal trek to self-discovery. Out West, he meets and falls for Fiona Delaney, a Papua New Guinea native who works with girls with disabilities. Their instant bond is so strong, in Quinlan's words, "it's like magic."

The pair, who eventually marry, travel through the South Pacific determined to create a sustainable business. They settle on coffee exporting in Papua New Guinea, where Quinlan uses his expertise to organize more than 2,400 people from numerous

intrigue, danger, humor and the power of love, Quinlan's book is a philosophical look at his inner man and a page-turning adventure as they are shot at, participate in a tribal ritual to wipe a curse from their village and fall at the hands of betrayal, sabotage and attempted murder.

Quinlan, now an organization development specialist and the owner and CEO of Growth Strategies Global LLC in the United States, uses his 30 years of consulting experience to advise business owners, specializing in family-founded and closely held businesses.

He, his wife and three stepdaughters reside in Grosse Pointe and Cairns, Australia.

A book launch party takes place 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, at Bayview Yacht Club, 100 Clairpointe, Detroit. Registration is required by Tuesday, Jan. 10, by emailing scottlorenz@westwindcos.com.

When asked if he has any regrets about his life's journey, Quinlan said, "I'm feeling distinguished. It was worth it. It was well worth it. It has enriched my life and individuated me to a higher degree."

"Tau Bada: The Quest and Memoir of a Vulnerable Man" is available at Amazon, Barnes & Noble and online at taubada.com.

Community chorus seeks new members

The Grosse Pointe Community Chorus seeks new members as it prepares for its 65th annual spring concert, set for 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April

30, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

Rehearsal season begins Tuesday, Jan. 10, in the choir room at

Grosse Pointe South High School. Auditions aren't required; participants only need to love singing.

Registration is \$50 per season. Rehearsals are 7:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays. Open registration takes place 7 p.m. the first three Tuesdays, through Jan. 24.

The chorus is under the direction of Joseph Palazzolo with accompanist Ron Pietrantoni.

For more information, visit grossepointecomcommunitychorus.org or call (313) 882-2482.

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AREA ACTIVITIES

Questers

Questers Grosse Pointe Pettipointe Chapter No. 243 meets the first Thursday of each month at various locations in the Detroit area. Its January meeting takes place 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, at Kay VandeGraaf's home in St. Clair Shores. Linda Harris will give a history of Treenware and tell about her collection. Questers, an international organization founded in 1944, helps stimulate the appreciation and collecting of antiques and encourage the preservation of historical landmarks. Email Dorothy Tepatti at quest4golf@wowway.com.

Woods Community Center

The Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack, offers the following activities:

- ◆ 1 to 3 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Jan. 5, Wii Bowling.
- ◆ 1 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month, Crafty Afternoons at the Cook Schoolhouse. Jan. 9, make crystal and pearl bracelets. Feb. 8, make a glass garden totem. March 8 is rock painting. April 12, make a sea glass wire-wrapped pendant. May 10, make a wine cork wreath or candle ring. Cost is \$7 for Woods residents, \$8 for non-residents. Space is limited to 10.

◆ Noon Tuesday, Jan. 17, Lunch and a Movie featuring "Finding Dory." Tickets must be reserved by Jan. 10. Cost is \$10 for residents, \$12 for non-residents.

For information on any of these events, call (313) 343-2408.

GPAA

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

The GPAA also offers the following classes:

- ◆ 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 5 to 26, "Pastels with Dan Methric."
- ◆ 1 to 4 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 5 to 26, "Acrylics with Al Sonnenberg."
- ◆ 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, "Watercolor Workshop with Marilynn Thomas."
- ◆ 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 10 to 31, "Still Life in Oils and Pastels with Marianna Defer-Pfeifer."
- ◆ 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 14 to Feb. 4, "Acrylics with Al Sonnenberg."

BNI

Business Network International meets 7 a.m. Friday, Jan. 6, 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, Jan. 6, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. John Prost of WMTV speaks. Reservations are not required; all are welcome. Breakfast is \$7. Call (313) 882-5330.

Alliance Française

The Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe hosts the Galette des Rois 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Ewald branch,

15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. This family-oriented event celebrates Epiphany, the day when the three kings visited the baby Jesus. It includes a viewing of a family-friendly film in French with English subtitles and sharing French cake. Tickets are \$10 for members, \$12 for non-members, and reservations are accepted through Jan. 2. Checks, payable to "Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe," may be sent to Christiane Stein, 23009 Maxine, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080. Visit afgrossepointe.org.

The winter semester of French classes begins Monday, Jan. 9, at Assumption Cultural Center in St. Clair Shores. Ninety-minute classes range from Absolute Beginner to Advanced. The semester is 10 weeks and tuition is \$115. Visit afgrossepointe.org.

Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikelek at (313) 884-4201.

100 Women

100 Women Who Care Grosse Pointe Area meets 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, at the Watermark Bar & Grille, 24420 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. For information, visit 100womenwhocare-grossepointe.org or email 100womenwhocaregrossepointe@gmail.com.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood drives:

- ◆ 1:30 to 7:15 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13, St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park.
 - ◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores.
 - ◆ 2:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, Mason Elementary School, 1640 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.
 - ◆ 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, Trombly Elementary School, 820 Beaconsfield, Grosse Pointe Park.
- Register online at redcrossblood.org.

LWV

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe hosts its Program Planning Program 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center. Cost is \$12 and includes dinner. RSVP with Jan Wells at (313) 884-6904 by Thursday, Jan. 12.

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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and the boardwalk and it helps the wildlife so they don't get tangled up in it."

Carron said he has plans to go to college, but isn't sure what he'll study. Kurta, a business major, said he's keeping his options open as well. "I'm not sure where I'll end up," Kurta said. "I

like to keep my options open so I'm not solely focused on one goal, so I don't miss other opportunities."

One opportunity he said he hopes others take is joining scouts.

"Scouting is really cool, not weird," he said. "It's such a really cool experience When I went to college, I realized I know a lot of things other kids didn't get to learn."

"Scouting offers really cool opportunities and shapes you as a person," he continued. "Boy Scouts was a great, positive opportunity in my life and I'd love to see other people do it."

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Megan Gunnell

Starting the new year stress free

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Q: The holidays can be so stressful and overwhelming. Now that we are starting a new year, I would like suggestions on simple steps I can take to help me better cope with stress and life challenges.

A: As a psychotherapist, I spend a lot of time talking with clients about improving their self-care. That could mean lots of things to lots of people in lots of circumstances, but ultimately, adding more intentionality or a heightened state of awareness to care of the self tends to make everything immediately feel a little better. I use the example from the airplane with the oxygen mask — “first assist

yourself, then your neighbor.” We can’t cope well if we don’t attend to our ‘oxygen’ first.

Of all the elements of self-care — sleep, hydration, nutrition, exercise and socialization or outlets for stress — the first pillar truly is sleep. When we are sleep deprived, everything feels harder. Our irritability is high, our distress tolerance is low, we are overly sensitive and lack focus and mental clarity. Sometimes not getting enough sleep is out of our control, but in some cases there are simple things we could do differently to improve the quality of our sleep.

Follow these tips for better sleep hygiene:

◆ You’ll never get more restorative sleep (delta wave) by sleeping in. You only can get more by going to bed earlier.

◆ For your body to naturally produce melatonin, your bedroom should be dark enough that you cannot easily see your hand outstretched in front of your face when the lights are out.

◆ Try to limit screen time to one hour before going to bed.

◆ Keep your bedroom a sanctuary for rest and relaxation — not for working on your laptop, paying bills or dealing with stress-related issues.

So why is sleep our most important element

of our self-care routine? If sleep falls, everything else falls too. When we’re tired, we don’t have the energy to make good decisions on nutrition, we don’t have energy to exercise, we don’t have the capacity for willpower and consequently we make impulsive decisions that don’t support our overall health.

Instead of making a big new year’s resolution, try taking a simple step toward increasing your attention to self-care. Make getting a good night’s rest your first priority toward taking care of yourself.

Megan Gunnell LMSW, MT-BC, is a psychotherapist in private practice in Grosse Pointe who spe-

cializes in women’s issues and couples therapy.

She supports personal and transformative work through a practice grounded in mindfulness as well as integrative medicine and the healing arts. Gunnell also offers traditional talk therapy with a focus on cognitive behavioral therapy and self-care. She may be reached at (248) 635-5285 or visit her website, megangunnell.com. Gunnell is a member of the Family Center’s Association of Professionals.

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right dangerous. However ... I’d say absorbing the Russian culture was the biggest takeaway.”

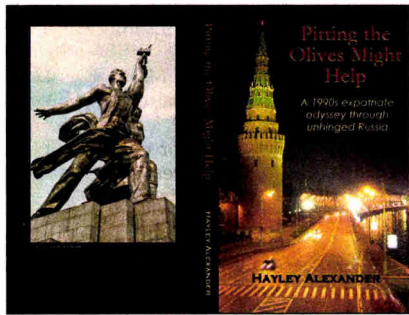
The Alexanders’ stay in Russia was one of several overseas locales in which they lived during a more than 18-year span, others including Egypt, Ukraine, Bosnia, Croatia, Armenia and Tanzania. Alexander decided to pen the book about their Russian experiences because they “were not only interesting to the people around us, they had also considerably expanded the way in which we viewed the world ourselves,” he said. “Russia is a fascinating country; the fact it was the first posting in an extended term as expatriates abroad ensured our foray into overseas living began with some of the most bizarre yet satisfying and memorable experiences of our lives. Living for over three years in a country like Russia, which in the mid-1990s was at the height of its political transition and post-socialist trauma, provided us an education that was unattainable without leaving our home country. I felt if I could convey the overseas living experience through the pages of a book, and do it in a way that was honest, frank and sometimes humorous, others might be both entertained and inspired.”

The couple found themselves in Russia after Alexander was hired by a “big six” U.S. consulting firm to help manage a large economic development program about to get underway.

“The program had a central office in Moscow and eight regional offices all around the country, which spanned an incredible eight time zones from west to east,” he said. “That program ended up being a microcosm of what would eventually be 18-plus years overseas doing what was broadly referred to as economic development in emerging economies.”

The programs involved providing technical and consulting services to improve the way government, civil society, businesses and educational institutions interact for enhanced economic development, said Alexander, who managed a number of the programs and also provided consulting services directly.

Despite some harrow-



ing moments in Russia, the couple had several memorable experiences as well.

“The most memorable times were those that imbued a deep sense of the Russian character, culture and history: sitting at the kitchen table of a talented artist in the village of Fedoskino drinking strong black tea and brandy while deciding what artwork to commission from her; enjoying an outing alongside the Moscow River with Russian and American work colleagues, learning Russian folk songs and swimming in the putrid river; driving four hours north to Suzdal, the old walled capital of Russia, walking the citadel virtually alone contemplating Russia’s czarist past; spending evenings at the Bolshoi Theatre and marveling at the artistic perfection of the Russian ballet; traveling to Saint Petersburg by train, then wandering the canals in the footsteps of Raskolnikov, the protagonist in ‘Crime and Punishment’ and feeling a sense of awe each time we walked into Red Square with the massive Kremlin walls adjacent to the painted domes of St. Basil’s Cathedral.”

Alexander, who grew up in Grosse Pointe

Woods and Grosse Pointe Farms, said the transition coming back to the U.S. after more than 18 years overseas was difficult.

“We definitely experienced a kind of reverse culture shock upon reentry and a resumption of life in the U.S. was initially a challenge,” he said. “At first, we didn’t fully understand the significance or even why the return was difficult. One manifestation of this is described toward the end of the book:

“We walked slowly down the first supermarket aisle looking at everything and trying to focus on what we needed. The assortment was unbelievable. There was so much to choose from, so many brands, package sizes, price ranges and product varieties. We had largely forgotten how every dietary preference was accommodated on the shelves of North American supermarkets: fat-free, low-calorie, sodium-free, calcium-rich, vitamin-fortified, with pulp, with some pulp, without pulp, caffeine-free, sugar-free, it was all there; the choices were endless. We found ourselves making little progress and not even speaking to one another. We looked back and forth to both sides of the aisles

trying to take it all in. Everyone else was streaking by us in fast motion attending to their regular shopping routine ...”

The book, available for purchase at amazon.com in paperback and eBook versions, is targeted toward anyone who appreciates reading about foreign cultures and out-of-the-way places or even would-be expatriates contemplating overseas jobs, Alexander said.

“There is also quite a lot of integrated history, which is interspersed with modern day, sometimes colorful cultural phenomena,” he said. “Moreover, for those who appreciate true accounts, the nonfiction nature of the book ensures that what is related actually happened and, in many cases, continues to happen. This fact necessitated a certain amount of humor to be employed to

add levity to sometimes tragic circumstances.”

The Grosse Pointe South High School graduate — who also attended Ferry, Kerby and Brownell — said he’d like to write another book combining their experiences from the other

countries in which they lived.

“Such a book would make the process of comparing and contrasting the widely varying cultures very fluid and I think result in some interesting nonfiction,” he said.

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No Barriers

Embracing the Eastern Michigan University School of Nursing philosophy of nursing, as both an art and a science, the EMU nurses in clinical rotation at Northeast Guidance Centers, Eli Z. Rubin Center, this fall also learned lessons in humility and stewardship. Treating people with respect, sensitivity, dignity, and as unique and whole beings — another of the EMU nursing philosophies — taught them that in the field of service there are no barriers.

During their clinical rotation EMU nurses volunteered to distribute warm coats to needy children at the Eli Z. Rubin Wellness Center; Project Warm Coats is a NEGC annual initiative. This year the nurses in addition to handing out warm coats arranged the nearly 800 coats ranging in sizes 3T to 2X, hung signs for easy access and helped the children to pick their favorite color.

Nurse instructor Melinda Pate, RN shared that “the NEGC clinical rotation experience is a blessing. The nurses are up close and personal with the consumers with no barriers.” She shared that the students are able to see, and act in real time with what many of the nurses may have been taking for granted. Being at NEGC this fall and volunteering for Project Warm Coats the students have found that there are literacy issues, people without running water, no warm coats,



Eastern Michigan University nursing students volunteer for NEGC Project Warm Coats

and no groceries stores; real urban issues. This experience will keep them grounded as many have aspirations to work in hospitals like U of M Ann Arbor. Nurse Pate said “she didn’t want the student nurses to become jaded in their future nursing endeavors.”

Sherry McRill, president & CEO said “I believe having the nurses learn in an environment where the subjects are the teachers is ideal. They are in a setting with no barriers where they are becoming competent professionals and learning to enhance health and quality of life within a global community.”

Northeast Guidance Center, an intergrated health clinic has allowed the nursing students to understand the treatment for persons with substance use disorders (SUD) and serious mental illness (SMI), many who need co-occurring treatment, interventions, and children, youth

and families who are provided treatment, prevention and educational services to help the child successfully function in home and school settings.

Sharon Common, Fund Development Officer at NEGC said that “having the nursing students interact with staff and persons served, asking questions and observing” has been a plus not only for the program but for the nurses as well.

The Northeast Guidance Center will welcome another class of nurses returning for the winter sessions.

The Northeast Guidance Center (NEGC) is committed to the health of children, adults and families by providing innovative community-based services through behavioral and primary healthcare. For more information about Northeast Guidance Center call 313-308-1400 or www.neguidance.org.

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OBITUARIES

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

Patricia Faith Mogk

Patricia Faith Mogk, née Benedict, longtime Grosse Pointe resident, passed away peacefully Thursday, Dec. 21, 2016, following a brief hospital stay. She was 85.

Patty, as she was known to her friends, was born Sept. 25, 1931, on the east side of Detroit, to Willard "Dick" and Rose Benedict. She graduated from Southeastern High School where she excelled in athletics.

From an early age, Patty was passionate about the outdoors and spent most of her life exploring the wonders of nature. She had hoped to pursue a career in forestry, although after being advised this was not an acceptable career path for a woman at the time, she elected to study education at Eastern Michigan University, majoring in physical education so she would be able to spend as much time outdoors as possible while pursuing her career. At Eastern, Patty lettered in field hockey and was a competitive speed skater, participating in the North American championship races in 1948. She obtained a master's degree from the University of Michigan and enjoyed a long career teaching physical education in the Grosse Pointe Public School System, first at Pierce Middle School and then Monteith Elementary, where she touched the lives of many Grosse Pointe children.

Patty was a Master Gardener who spent many hours volunteering at various Michigan gardens and parks, sharing her expertise on Michigan native plants. She spent much of her leisure time at her lake property in northern Michigan exploring the woods, lakes and streams she loved so much, always delighting in some new and interesting find. She had boundless energy and an unquenchable curiosity about the world around her. She was a lifelong supporter of the Sierra Club, Trout Unlimited, the Smithsonian, Planned Parenthood, the Nature Conservancy and many other organizations she believed essential to public education, public health and preservation of the environment.

For all of her interests and achievements, the most rewarding and joyful part of Patty's life was being a mother. She is survived by her children, David (Gwendy), Susan, Kristine Simon (Ron) and Peter (Betsy) and seven grandchildren, whom she loved dearly. A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Donations in memory of Patricia Mogk may be made to The Nature Conservancy, 4245 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 100, Arlington, VA 22203 or Planned Parenthood Federation of America, 123 William St., 10th Floor, New York, NY, 10038.

Charles William Gauss III

Grosse Pointe Park resident Charles William "Bill" Gauss III, 70, died Monday, Dec. 26, 2016. He was born Jan. 20, 1946, in Detroit to Charles Gauss II and Elizabeth Gauss and attended Valparaiso University.

Bill's career was in banking. He began with Standard Federal Savings and Loan and stayed with the company as it was bought and sold multiple times. He retired after 38 years of service as senior vice president and director of custom banking groups for Bank of America.

Bill enjoyed traveling, boating, classic cars, gardening, cooking and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Cheryl; loving children, Christopher (Annika), Craig and Charles IV (Shannon) and dear grandchild Nora.

He also is survived by his mother, Elizabeth and sister, Barbara Westover (Frank).

A memorial service was Dec. 30 at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to the The Humane Society of the United States at humanesociety.org.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Gerald J. Christ

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Gerald J. Christ passed away Thursday, Dec. 29, 2016.

Gerald was born March 23, 1923, and was a retired executive of the Dayton Hudson-Center Companies Construction Division. A football standout at Catholic Central High School, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from the University of Detroit. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and Purple Heart recipient during World War II.

Gerald married Sally Ann Wiercinski July 1945 and celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary in 2016. Gerald and Sally raised five sons: Thomas Gerald Christ, Michael Allen Christ (Connie), Duane John Christ, Charles Lawrence Christ (Melissa) and the late Gerald Joseph Christ Jr. (Sherry). He was the loving grandfather of Catherine Cory Christ Geltz (Marshall), Mia and Elena Christ.

Gerald was a member of the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club, Grosse Pointe Men's and Women's Garden Club and a volunteer on the elections commission in Grosse Pointe Farms.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 3, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms. Burial was at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

Donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association at diabetes.org or the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org.

Carole Tech

Carole Tech, 87, of Grosse Pointe Shores, passed away peacefully Thursday, Dec. 29, 2016. She died on the date of what would have been her and her late husband Kurt's 60th wedding anniversary.

Born Sept. 25, 1929, in Detroit, to August and Magdalena Satz, Carole was the beloved wife of the late Kurt; loving mother of Kurt (Polly), Karl (Cindy) and Eric (Beth) and dear grandmother of Kurt (Jane), Dieter, Konrad, Max, Karl, Drew, Chad, Christine, Zoe, Piper and Devon.

In addition to being a devoted wife and mother of nearly 60 years, Carole most enjoyed caring for her many dogs through the years, gardening, bowling and swimming.

Private services will be held.

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

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

Susan Dwyer Chapman

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Susan Dwyer Chapman, 61, died Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2016, at her home in Grosse Pointe Farms, after a rugged battle with metastatic breast cancer.

After graduating from Grosse Pointe South High School, Susan earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from James Madison College at Michigan State University and a Master of Business Administration degree from Indiana University. She then embarked on a rewarding 30-year career at General Motors Corp., retiring in 2009 as director of trade policy. Following her retirement, Susan stayed involved with GM, acting as a team leader in the GM Student Corps program, mentoring high-performing student interns from Melvindale High School.

Susan was a member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Bayview Yacht Club, Herb Society of Grosse Pointe, Libri Club and the Detroit Women's Rowing Association. She loved traveling, reading, playing mahjong, sailing on



Patricia Faith Mogk



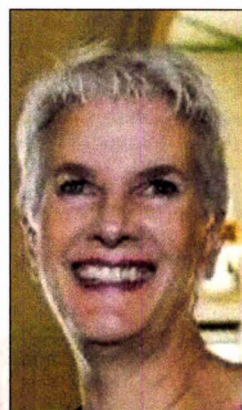
Charles William Gauss III



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Carole Tech



Susan Dwyer Chapman



Dorothy Oetting

Lake St. Clair and especially rowing on the Detroit River with her DWRA girlfriends.

Susan is survived by her husband of 32 years, William J. "Bill" Champion III; their son, Michael Dwyer "Mickey" Champion; sister, Nancy Dwyer Chapman; brother, John Dwyer Chapman and many loving nieces, nephews and in-laws.

Susan was predeceased by her father, Dr. Paul Thomas Chapman and mother, Eileen Peck Chapman.

A celebration of her life will be held at a future date.

Donations may be made to Detroit Women's Rowing Association, 82 Vernier Road, Grosse Pointe Shores, MI 48236.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Dorothy Oetting

City of Grosse Pointe resident Dorothy Oetting, 87, died Saturday, Dec. 24, 2016.

She was born March 31, 1929, in Grosse Pointe Farms, to Alphonse and Germaine Meyer and graduated in 1950 from the University of Michigan. She was the owner and manager of A.J. Meyer Pharmacy.

Dorothy was a member of the Country Club of Detroit and a music club. She enjoyed playing bridge, especially with a group at CCD.

Dorothy is survived by her sons, Mark J. Oetting (Sarah), Jeffrey D. Oetting (Kelly), David Oetting and Gregg C. Oetting (Stacy) and grandchildren, Mitchell J. Oetting, Victoria D. Oetting, Zachary M. Oetting, Lisle C. Oetting, Julian M. Oetting, Brandon Farine, William Sawyer and Jeffrey Sawyer and many loving family and friends.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Martin.

A funeral service was held Dec. 27 at Chas. Verheyden Inc., Grosse

Pointe Park.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Marie Sheen Lane

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Marie Sheen Lane passed away Thursday, Dec. 29, 2016.

She was born Feb. 2, 1920, in Roanoke, Va., six months before women were eligible to vote.

Marie, chosen "best all-around girl" in her class, graduated from Highland Park High School June 1938. She was a 1942 graduate of Michigan State College where she was vice president of her sorority, Kappa Alpha Theta. She majored in social work and later worked for both the Detroit Children's Aid Society, supervising children in boarding homes, and for the Michigan Children's Institute in Ann Arbor, placing children for adoption.

During World War II, while her husband, Bill Lane, was attending midshipman's school at Columbia University in New York City, Marie worked for the Brooklyn Red Cross investigating soldiers' allotment claims. When Bill was sent to the South Pacific for two years, Marie returned home, and was employed by Traveler's Insurance Co. as a claims investigator to replace a man who enlisted in the war.

The Lanes, who met at their 9th grade prom, were married Sept. 5, 1942. After their four children were grown, Marie volunteered for many years at St. John Hospital in the social work department, interviewing and socializing with patients.

Marie was an active member of the Grosse Pointe Women's Club, Junior Group of Goodwill, Fox Creek Quilters and the Grosse Pointe Barbershop Auxiliary. Her favorite



Marie Sheen Lane

charities were The National Institute of Mental Health, Project Hope and UNICEF.

Marie is survived by her husband of 74 years, Bill Lane; children, William James Lane III, Sheryl Marie Lane and Bryan Richard Lane (Kimberly); grandchildren, Kelley (Michael), Carolyn (Silvio), Matthew, Michael, Patrick and MarieFaith; and great-grandchildren, Abbey, Zoe, Julian, Alexander and Amelia.

Marie was predeceased by her daughter, Leigh Ann Lane LePlae.

In accordance with her wishes, Mrs. Lane was cremated. Interment will be at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

A memorial service was held Jan. 3 at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods.

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Chanukah, 5777

Chanukah is rooted in several traditions. First, it is a historical holiday described in the books of the Maccabees in the Apocrypha, a collection of texts that did not make it into the canon of the Hebrew Bible. These texts are included in the Roman Catholic version of the scriptures.

After Alexander the Great died around 333 B.C.E., his empire was split into three areas by his surviving generals. The Eastern was called the Seleucid empire, after his general, Seleucus. He assumed the name Antiochus and his rule included Syria, which in that time included the lands of Judah. In 176 B.C.E., Antiochus IV ascended the throne and had himself called Epiphanes, or "God made manifest." In other words, like most Asian emperors, he declared himself a god.

He made a valiant attempt to unify his kingdom, a diverse ethnic place, by instilling Greek culture throughout the land. It did not take long for him to become embroiled in wars with the Egyptian part of the empire and the Jews managed to divide themselves into both camps,

Egyptian and Syrian. Antiochus was not pleased, entered Jerusalem, butchered the population that opposed him and made the Hebrew temple a place of pagan worship. History will record this was not his finest decision.

An aged priest, Mattathias, and his sons rebelled. His son, Judah, who waged a successful guerrilla campaign and managed to restore the temple and establish a dynasty, led the revolt. Maccabee meant the "hammerer" and it also is reported a flag was fashioned inscribed with the first letters of the verse: "Who is like you Lord among the Mighty" (Exodus 15:11). It also should be noted Antiochus did not live in a peaceful world and was concerned about the rising power of Rome, a legitimate concern.

Secondly, this is a holiday of the winter solstice. Days are getting longer instead of shorter. Candles are lit for any number of reasons, some probably going back to other solstice celebrations, which added a candle each night to indicate the lengthening of the daylight hours. The introduction of the Chanukah

menorah probably took some time, but became a popular fixture of the holiday. It also was a lesson Jews learned in every land they inhabited — take the good parts of the new culture, add them to your own and enrich Judaism with the result. This was, of course, Judaic pragmatism at its finest. It inspired rabbis to develop Jewish law, Talmud, and endow the faith with the essence of its origins — and flexibility, as it encountered new challenges in thought, philosophy and government.

Thirdly, it is worth remembering the saying "a great miracle happened here." The miracle, Jewish belief in the one God, was saved for the world to move to faiths that revered monotheism instead of pagan beliefs. One might see the hand of the almighty here as this holiday acquired, and is acquiring, new interpretations and beliefs that make it relevant for yesterday and today. We exalt in the saving strength of God, who watches over Israel and the world.

Skully is the cantor at the Isaac Agree Downtown Synagogue.

Volunteering — for your own good

Most everyone begins the new year with a resolution involving a healthier lifestyle. Many also pledge to give back to their communities. If you have welcomed in 2017 with one or both of these on your list, consider volunteering. From national foundations with Michigan chapters to grassroots community organizations, opportunities abound to make a difference in the lives of others. And Hospice of Michigan is one option.

Medical professionals report emotional, social and physical benefits for those who donate their time to worthy causes. According to study findings shared by Health Fitness Revolution, the personal perks of volunteering include:

◆ Building self-esteem and creating a sense of purpose.

Volunteering can force you out of your comfort zone, which can help you grow as a person. It can also provide peace of mind by helping you meaningfully engage in a cause you can identify with and believe in.

"Volunteering at Hospice of Michigan provides me with an emotional connection to people that I wouldn't otherwise have," said Pierrette Templeton. "I was young when I lost my parents and grandparents and have lacked the connection and emotional bonding that those relationships provide. My patients anchor me emotionally and spiritually with their stories, advice, worldviews and even just their presence. The fulfillment I receive from serving this community is so much more than the time and effort I give."

Alison Wagner, Hospice of Michigan director of volunteer services and complementary therapies, shared how another volunteer cherishes moments with everyone she meets. With the passing of the volunteer's father and the death of her granddaughter, she decided to volunteer to heal. She finds her involvement "extremely rewarding and a blessing in her own life." With the special bonds and dear friendships she's developed with her patients, she reports just sitting with someone is gratifying for her.

◆ Alleviating loneliness, reducing stress and instilling a sense of happiness.

The social connections made through volunteering can combat depression. And helping others can reduce general feelings of anxiousness and alienation. Volunteering also creates a sense of contentedness and positivity with studies indicating people who volunteer more often report being "very happy."

"As a volunteer, you are the answer to someone's prayer," said Kathy Lodge, a Hospice of Michigan floral delivery vol-



Hospice of Michigan volunteer Pierrette Templeton and her pug, Biwi.

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unteer. "When I deliver flowers to a hospice patient, it makes both of us happy. The look on their face when you hand a hospice patient a bouquet of flowers makes the whole room bright."

While these emotional and social benefits are tremendous, most eye-opening is the impact volunteering can have on physical well-being, including:

◆ Cardiovascular health

Medical professionals identified a tentative link between volunteerism and a decreased risk of hypertension among adults 50 years or older. While the study did not identify a definitive link, it suggests the higher levels of physical activity and better mental health that come with volunteering are the reason.

Interestingly, pet therapy also is credited with providing cardiovascular health benefits to seriously-ill patients. It's additionally shown to lower blood pressure and lessen overall physical pain, as well as alleviate a host of emotional and social issues.

Wagner said volunteers who accompany therapy dogs on patient visits report their interactions with patients and families are, in the words of one, "rewarding beyond words" and the recognition they receive for their volunteer efforts "pale in comparison to the personal encounters they've had with patients living out their last days."

◆ Lower mortality rates

Along with improving cardiovascular health, research also has linked volunteering with a longer life through the greater social support volunteers enjoy. Research further suggests volunteering for others enhances mortality five years down the road.

Whether it's partnering with Hospice of Michigan or any of the hundreds of organizations across Michigan dedicated to enhancing life in the Great Lakes State, volunteering certainly is a path to health and happiness in the new year.

For information about volunteering and upcoming training sessions, or to learn more about hospice and palliative care, call (888) 247-5701 or visit hospice.org.

GPPL hosts Ann Arbor Film Festival Traveling Tour

The Grosse Pointe Public Library presents The Ann Arbor Film Festival Traveling Tour at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, at the Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

Katie McGowan, associate director of programs for the Ann Arbor Film Festival, presents and discusses select award-winning independent short films from the 54th annual competition.

The Ann Arbor Film Festival is the longest-running independent and experimental film festival in North America, internationally recognized as a premiere forum for independent filmmakers and artists. Film genres include experimental, animation, documentary,

fiction and performance-based works.

In addition, there will be a screening of "2187," an animated film by Sebastian Cubillejo, a junior at Grosse Pointe North High School. His film was nominated for the 2016 National Student Production Awards in the high school animation/graphics/special effects category by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, won the animation category at NATAS's Michigan Chapter Student Production Awards and was Best of Show at the 2016 Michigan Student Film Festival.

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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." Call (313) 550-9661.

The club hosts Barbara McQuade, U.S. attorney, Eastern District of Michigan, at its Jan. 24 meeting.

SOC

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

◆ 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.

◆ 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, "Navigating Your Way Through the Golden Retirement Maze," with Stephen Lipsen, internal marketing director at Capital Mortgage Funding. An expert panel educates on important senior matters during this free program. Reservations are required.

◆ 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays, Jan. 18 to March 8, computer basics with instructor Christopher Wheatley at the Wayne County Community College University Center computer lab. There is no charge for this free program, but reservations are required.

◆ 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Fridays, Jan. 20 to March 10, Spanish for the Traveler with instructor Maria Dominguez. This continuing education class is free, but reservations are required.

◆ 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Mondays, Jan. 23, Feb. 6 and Feb. 27, "Flower Power...Think Sunshine... Be Happy," with the Grosse Pointe Farm and Garden Club. Learn to compose simple arrangements in vases during this free program. Call (313) 882-9600.

Cabin fever? SOC can help

By Michael Cowan
Special Writer

"It's so cold outside!" a singer once sang in hopes of convincing the object of his affection to remain indoors. While local senior citizens may not be in that exact same situation, it doesn't change the fact arctic temperatures have taken up residence in this area. Those temperatures — and the dangers associated with them — keep many seniors inside the house or apartment during these cold blasts. Seniors, in particular, can be susceptible to the dreaded "cabin fever" when they spend too long indoors avoiding

the cold. But there are ways to combat that condition.

"Basically, 'cabin fever' feels like you're going stir crazy," said Deb Miller, director of communications and fund advancement at Services for Older Citizens in Grosse Pointe Farms. According to VeryWell.com, "cabin fever" is characterized by isolation from others and can be a serious condition. Miller continued, "It can be a self-perpetuating cycle and it can move into depression. There is a large negative impact on seniors who are isolated."

Indeed, many seniors feel trapped inside their

homes during a bone-chilling winter cold spell because they feel it's too cold to venture outdoors. And when they get that feeling of "stir craziness," it's important for seniors and their families to understand there are ways to combat typical cases of "cabin fever."

Seniors need to find a way to stay engaged, according to Dr. Gwendolyn Graddy in a recent SOC newsletter. She noted depression often hits a high note during the winter months.

"The SOC has many kinds of classes and activities at its location in Grosse Pointe," said Miller. "We have classes

and activities; we have arts and crafts of many kinds." In fact, class offerings at SOC range from classes on writing a personal memoir to designing jewelry to learning the finer points of Texas Hold'em.

"Mental stimulation is critical for brain health." "Oh, I don't know what I'd do without this place," said 81-year-old Pauline Grace, who visits SOC at least twice a week. "I'd be housebound. Where would I go? (Instead,) I work upstairs for a few hours and then I come down and play Bingo. It's great."

While it is important to

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Barbara Perkin enjoys playing duplicate bridge several times a week, among other activities that keep her busy.



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The Encore Years: Barbara Perkin

By Michael Cowan
Special Writer

"It's been a busy, productive life and I've loved every minute of it."

So says Barbara Perkin, 83, of Grosse Pointe Woods. Indeed, there are few people, it seems, who enjoy life more than Perkin — no matter what she does.

Perkin's profession when she younger was music teacher. After graduating from the University of Michigan with a degree in music many years ago, she began teaching piano at

various locations in 1969, including Ferry School and the Grosse Pointe Presbyterian and Unitarian churches. She also would give lessons in her home to many a student.

But, said Perkin, she was no ordinary, run-of-the-mill, learn-your-scales piano teacher. She wanted to involve her students in learning of composers about whom they may have known nothing and she wanted to make it fun. With that in mind, she developed fun recitals involving stuffed animals, for example, with

the hope her students would connect with the music they were learning. What's more, she even, on occasion, taught music to her students' parents, complete with the parents' own recitals.

In her early days as a music teacher, she and a colleague spent a great deal of time teaching music in local churches and even provided music for civil rights icon Rosa Parks at her church events.

"It was such a wonderful career," Perkin said.

While in her younger days she gave to her community through the teaching of music, in her later years she graduated to helping the community rid itself of stray animals, especially stray cats.

"We foster the animals and find homes for them," said Perkin. "They've been starved; they've been abused. We do a lot of good work with our cat

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Above, students in Cheryl Lapensee's second-grade class recite the Pledge of Allegiance with their teacher and Scott Saghy, a social worker at the Battle Creek Veterans Administration Medical Center. Right, Ben Shanku reads his card to Saghy.



Audra Ward holds the card she made, which reads, "Dear Veteran, I hope you feel better. You are a gift to us. Also you are a good help. I like veterans. They are cool."

Spreading holiday cheer

Defer Elementary School teacher Cheryl Lapensee's second-grade class decided to make holiday cards — 75 in all — with personal letters and pictures to cheer up the veterans at the Battle Creek Veterans Administration Medical Center. Scott Saghy, a social worker and Army veteran, visited the class to collect the cards and take them back to the veteran's hospital where he works. "The veterans will love these cards," Saghy told students as they took turns reading them aloud.



Hannah Apice finishes coloring the dog she drew on the card she made for a veteran.

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SENIOR Living

ENCORE:

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project."

Many of the community's stray cats have benefited from Perkin's generous personality, but perhaps more important, so have many of her peers. Perkin religiously spends time each morning calling on her friends to be sure they have what they need for the day. Her daughter, Elizabeth Moen, said it's not unusual for her mother to appear at holiday gatherings with a friend or two in tow.

"I just try to be a good

friend," she said.

Irene Reese, 88, Perkin's longtime friend, can attest that Perkin is a success at being that good friend. "You know, my kids live thousands of miles away and they keep trying to get me to move closer to them, but I won't go as long as I have Barbara. She had me over for Thanksgiving dinner because she knew I'd be alone. I don't know what I'd do without her. She's my best friend."

These days, in addition to her other extracurricular activities and taking care of her husband of more than 60 years, Frank, who has had two

strokes, and despite suffering from the symptoms of vertigo, she takes time for herself. Perkin is an avid duplicate bridge player, a version of the card game bridge in which tables compete against each other. She plays multiple times each week.

The energetic Perkin has advice for seniors who find themselves at home without a great deal to do. "Try to find an interest outside yourself. If you're capable of volunteering, do it. You can be involved; find a place to be involved. You can become depressed being alone and elderly."

We have partnered with Services for Older Citizens to start a new conversation in our community — a conversation that challenges old stereotypes. In coming months, the Grosse Pointe News and the SOC Communicator will feature residents who are in their "encore years," highlighting the fantastic opportunities that come with advanced life experience. Do you know

someone who is breaking the stereotypes of aging? We are looking for individuals who are doing any number of things that previously were not associated with people 60 or older.

Have a suggestion? Call or email Deb Miller at (313) 649-2104 or dmiller@socservices.org, or Jody McVeigh at (313) 343-5590 or jmcveigh@grossepointenews.com.

Snow services needed

Services for Older Citizens is an organization dedicated to making the lives of senior citizens better in the local community. One of the most important functions the organization performs is organizing the

removal of snow from seniors' properties during winter months.

"We need contractors right now," said Deb Miller, director of communications for SOC. SOC, according to Miller, will arrange and handle

billing for snow removal for its client seniors, but demand may outweigh supply.

Anyone able to supply snow removal services for the SOC should contact the organization at (313) 882-9600.

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stay mentally engaged during the bleak winter, it is equally important to remain physically active. "When you get out of the habit of physical exercise, it's difficult to pick it back up. In fact, seniors' level of mobility can decrease after long periods of inactivity," noted Miller.

To that end, SOC offers a wealth of exercise classes for all seniors geared toward improving seniors' level of activity. The classes, which include seated exercise classes, line dancing and Zumba, can go to great lengths toward combating a case of "cabin fever," Miller said.

Yet many seniors, during the winter months, when weather conditions often make traveling even short distances challenging, can't find

ways to get to their classes. According to Miller, SOC can help. Seniors can arrange for screened and trusted drivers to pick them up and safely transport them to the classes of their choosing. Miller advised arranging for a ride two days in advance. And new this year:

SOC, together with The War Memorial, offers trips, which could serve as an excellent way to combat "cabin fever." Trips include outings to the Sea Life Aquarium at Great Lakes Crossing and the North American International Auto Show. For more information, visit socservices.org.

SAD is serious

If you're trying to combat a case of cabin fever or the winter blues, you might try taking a class at Services for Older Citizens to stay active, taking up a new hobby or getting outdoors on milder days. However, if you continue to feel depressed, for example, you might have the more serious seasonal affective disorder, or SAD.

According to Mark A. Frye M.D., of the Mayo Clinic, via the clinic's website, "SAD is a significant cyclical mood disorder that affects patients most winters beginning in late fall or early winter when the skies are gray during the day or the sun sets early."

Treatments include the use of light therapy boxes or antidepressant medication. It's important to consult your physician, according to Frye, if you believe you might have SAD.

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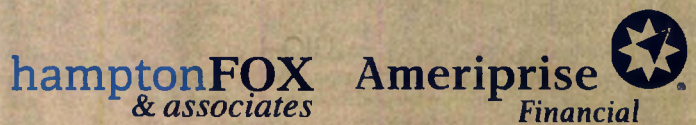


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BOYS BASKETBALL

Blue Devils win title

By Bob St. John
 Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South boys' basketball team won its own holiday tournament last week, beating Birmingham Brother Rice 63-55.

Nine missed free throws in the fourth quarter kept the Warriors within shouting distance. If half of those free throws go in, the Blue Devils win by double digits.

"I thought we had control of the game throughout, but those nine missed free throws in the fourth quarter kept it relatively close," head coach Troy Glasser said. "The boys played a pretty good game."

Sophomore point guard Ryan Downey was clutch down the stretch, making four free throws in the final minute to help the Blue Devils close out the Warriors. Downey finished with 17 points, including nine on free throws.

The Blue Devils jumped out to a 19-7 first quarter lead and it was

21-7 before the Warriors chipped away, outscoring the home team 19-14 in the second quarter to make it a 33-26 game at the half.

The Blue Devils were able to keep the Warriors an arm's length away throughout the second half. Every time the visitors would make a run, the Blue Devils would get a clutch basket from seniors Zane Draper, Brennen Buszka or Hank Wilson.

Leading South in scoring was Draper with 21 points and Buszka had a double-double, scoring 12 points and grabbing 10 rebounds. Wilson and senior Noah Davey each scored four points as Grosse Pointe South improved to 4-2 overall heading into the new year.

In the first semifinal, South fought off a second-half charge from Rochester Hills Stoney Creek to win 58-55.

The Blue Devils fell behind 9-0 before outscoring the Cougars 12-2 the rest of the first quarter to lead 12-11.



PHOTO BY PAUL KANIA

South sophomore point guard Ryan Downey, No. 5, had complete control of the floor, leading the Blue Devils past Brother Rice in the title game of a holiday tournament.

"Falling behind 9-0 wasn't what he planned, but the boys kept their composure and played hard," Glasser said. "It was a good game."

They played well in the second quarter, outscoring their foe 16-9 to build a 28-20 halftime advantage.

Stoney Creek made a game of it, chipping away at a 40-24 deficit to make it a 42-38 game heading into the fourth quarter.

Knights get second

By Bob St. John
 Sports Editor

The University Liggett boys' basketball team lost 56-37 to host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood in the championship game of the Metro Conference Tournament last week.

"We had a good game plan, but we couldn't make a shot and Cranbrook couldn't miss," head coach Chris Housey said.

The Knights led by a point at the half, but went cold from the field in the second half. It was in the third quarter when the Cranes made their move, hitting several straight shots to turn the deficit into a double-digit lead.

"We had some positives in the game and we need to continue to work on our game and get better," Housey said.

Senior Jackson Walkowiak continued his torrid scoring pace, pouring 21 points. He had 28 points and 13

rebounds the previous game, a 57-42 victory over Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

Junior Anthony George chipped in with 16 points, four rebounds and six assists as the Knights took second place in the tournament.

Liggett is 2-5 overall heading into its Michigan Independent Athletic Conference schedule.

North results

Seniors Dillon Webb and Steven Levick scored 16 and 11 points, respectively, to help the Grosse Pointe North boys' basketball team beat Pontiac 53-38 last week in the Motor City Roundball Classic at Detroit Renaissance High School.

Junior Tyler Hill added eight points as the Norsemen evened their record at 3-3 heading into their Macomb Area Conference White Division slate.

The Norsemen travel to Romeo and Roseville for games Tuesday, Jan. 10, and Friday, Jan. 13.

SWIMMING

DeLoof sets record times

Grosse Pointe South alumna Ali DeLoof has been selected to be on the USA National Team.

As part of that team, she recently participated in her first international competition in Windsor at the FINA short course worlds.

She was part of the

women's 200-medley team, which broke the world and American record in that event. Also, swimming the first leg, or 50-backstroke, she broke the American record.

DeLoof is No. 1 in U.S. history for that event and top four in the 100 back-

stroke.

She won two other gold medals in the 400-free women's relay and the 400 medley women's relay, setting a new championship record with a time of 3:47.89.

Also, she won bronze in her individual 50 back with a time of 26.14 and

placed sixth overall in the 100-back.

In the 200-medley relay, DeLoof and her teammates posted the world-record time of 1:43.27. Her teammates in the two relays were Lilly King, Kelsi Worrell, Katrina Konopka and Mallory Comerford.



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Ali DeLoof, a Grosse Pointe South alumna, poses with her medals earned as a member of the USA National Team.

GIRLS HOCKEY



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Giving back

Coaches and players of the Grosse Pointe North girls' hockey team volunteered Dec. 27 at Forgotten Harvest. The girls packed 8,000 pounds of food during their time helping the less fortunate. Forgotten Harvest is dedicated to relieving hunger in Metro Detroit and preventing nutritious food waste. It was formed in 1990 and "rescued" 40.9 million pounds of food last year by collecting surplus prepared and perishable food from 800 sources, including grocery stores, fruit and vegetable markets, restaurants, caterers, dairies, farmers, wholesale food distributors and other health department-approved sources.

BOYS HOCKEY

Knights win 2 of 3

By Bob St. John
 Sports Editor

The University Liggett boys' hockey team won 2 of 3 games in the Traverse City Tournament last week, improving to 7-6 at the halfway mark of the season.

Head coach Mike Hamilton watched his Knights battle back from a 2-0 deficit to tie the game 3-3 after two periods in the opening game against host Traverse City Central.

Junior Ferg Roby scored the first goal, with junior Spencer Warezak netting an

assist.

Junior Alex Johnson tallied the second goal, with Warezak and Roby recording assists.

With only 37 seconds left in the second period, junior Spencer Stefani scored on the power play to tie it 3-3 as junior Sean Detloff had the lone assist.

Central scored the game-winning goal just 39 seconds into the final period and it finished off the game with an empty netter with only one tick left on the clock.

The Knights rebounded to crush Toledo St. John's 6-1 as six different players

scored.

Junior Charles Fruehauf scored the first goal and that tally was followed by Stefani, senior Jaron Pangborn (shorthanded), Detloff (power play), Johnson and senior George Thanasas.

The Knights outshot St. John's 47-18 in a dominating performance and in their final game of the tournament, they outshot Traverse City Reps 40-13 in a 3-0 victory.

Johnson, Detloff and sophomore Daniel Bowen scored goals. Roby and Johnson added assists.

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Grosse Pointe North Year in Review

Norsemen stay consistent in '16

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North student-athletes started the year slow in the winter, but picked up steam in the spring.

The Norsemen were led in the winter by the girls' basketball team, under head coach Gary Bennett. The ladies had a nice season, finishing 17-6 overall and 7-5 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

The team lost to St. Clair Shores Lakeview in a Class A district title game, playing without one starter, who was nursing an injury, and another starter who fouled out early in the third quarter.

Graduating were Katelyn Carney, Emily McPharlin, Lauren Lesha, Erin Armbruster and Annie Thoits.

Head coach Ron Kochan led his boys' basketball team to a solid season, finishing 12-10 overall and 7-5 in the MAC White Division.

The Norsemen ended its season with a loss in the district tournament and graduating were Luke Drieborg, Andrew Bunch, Ryan Reveley and leading scorer Mitchell Zacharias.

The girls' hockey team was hovering around the .500 mark throughout the season and made a nice run in February to nab the No. 8 seed for the Division 1 state playoff tournament.

Head coach Joe Lucchese and his Norsemen pulled off a

stunning upset of No. 1 seed and defending state champ University Liggett in overtime in the opening round.

A group of talented seniors, Elizabeth Gallagher, Lindsay Gallagher, Caroline Bock, Lora Dobbs and Amber Giesecking, enjoyed a career of success before they graduated in June.

The boys' hockey team, under head coach Mike Maltese, struggled to win a handful of games, but the overall talent increased from the previous season.

The seniors were Andrew Tomasi, C.J. Ramsdell, J.P. Navetta, Michael Keelan, Stephen Kent, Brendan Nelson, Adrian Quinlan and Alex Leach.

Head coach Eric Julien kept his wrestling program heading in the right direction.

The boys' swimming and diving team, led by head coach Alison Scarfone, finished .500 with All-State diver William McNelis taking runner-up with 453.40 points.

The ladies' gymnastics team, under head coach Courtney Hamidi, enjoyed another successful campaign. Seniors Brenna Bromwell, Michelle Ellis and Jennifer Gmeiner performed well in their final year of high school competition. Junior Isabelle Nguyen was their leader.

North enjoyed a lot of success during the spring season, led by the boys' baseball team under

head coach Frank Sumbera.

The Norsemen won the MAC White Division title with a 12-3 mark before earning a district championship with victories over Lakeview and Roseville.

They lost to eventual state champion Warren DeLaSalle in a regional title game, but finished 33-10 behind graduating seniors Geoff Smith, Jacob Kahn, Matt St. Pierre, Luke Drieborg, Bunch, Tristin Richardson, Alex Huguenin, Kent, Alex Kracht, Nick Ellery, Ben Arnold, Henry Burghardt, Joe Lawnicki and Troy Williams.

The softball team, under head coach Ron Smith, was third in the MAC Blue with a 7-5 mark and finished 11-16 after losing a tough 4-0 game to St. Clair Shores Lake Shore in a pre-district game.

Seniors Sarah Cherry, Liz Grumeretz, Dobbs, Vickie Blaine, Nadia Goolsby and Celeste Janson played well in their final season of high school softball.

Head coach Olivia Stander led her girls' soccer team to a district title, beating host Fraser 2-1 in the title game. The Norsemen also beat city rival Grosse Pointe South three times during the season. They finished 14-5-3 after losing 1-0 to host Troy Athens in a regional semifinal.

Graduating seniors were McPharlin, Christina Martin, Keri Hryciuk, Elaina Emig

and Caelin Micks. Leading scorers Greta DeLoach and Megan Louwers return.

The Norsemen's boys' lacrosse team had an outstanding season, finishing 13-4 overall and making it to a regional semifinal game, an 11-10 loss to Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

Head coach Mark Seppala had his Norsemen playing on all cylinders throughout the season. They finished second in the MAC Red Division at 4-2 and beat city rival Grosse Pointe South 10-5.

His seniors were Tomasi, Mitchell Blaine, Matt Bergeron, Andrew Delas, Pelton Schneider, Quinlan and Ramsdell.

Head coach Lauren Nixon and her girls' lacrosse team had a nice season, finishing 8-7 overall behind seniors Lindsay Gallagher, Elizabeth Gallagher, Bock, Allison Schaden, Lauren Frezza, Melissa Guest, Katherine Furtaw, Amanda Albrecht, Sydney Eger, Kelly Baranek, Dalaney Bradley, Olivia Benoit and Mara McMann.

Peter Kingsley was the head coach of the Norsemen's boys' golf team which finished second in the MAC Red at 5-3.

Seniors Navetta, Ryan Schudlich and Mitchell Zacharias helped pave the way for success.

The boys' and girls' track and field teams, under head coaches Frank Tymrak and Bruce Bentley, had .500 seasons

and a lot of success in the division and regional meets.

Both took runner-up in the regional meet with state qualifiers Sydney Benson, Lauren Sickmiller, Alexis Jimerson, Carney, Erinne Lubienski, Abby Kanakry, Meredith Kraus, Dan Leone, Dae'Quon Pope, Dan Brady, Josh Fischer, Nate Truss and Ryan Race setting the pace.

The girls' tennis team rocked and rolled to another Division 2 regional championship behind the play of No. 1 doubles team Sydnie Allor and Kayla Gallant.

Other doubles teams were Anu Subramanian and Megan Irving, Meghan Bessert and Claire Williams, and Ashley Carroll and Maria Paluzzi.

Singles players were Bella Gallant, Lauren Lesha, Christina Raffail and Emily Graham.

This fall, North put forth a valiant effort as several teams enjoyed successful seasons.

Sumbera's football team finished 8-3 and beat rival Grosse Pointe South in the regular season. In the playoffs, the Norsemen beat Lakeview before losing to South in a district championship game. Seniors Jared Jordan and Dillon Webb had All-State caliber seasons and will play college football this fall.

The girls' volleyball team won a district title under head coach Chelsea Brozo.

The boys' soccer team

under Vanston played .500 ball throughout the season before turning on the jets in the playoffs. The Norsemen beat Hamtramck in a district final before losing to Dakota in a regional semifinal.

Co-coaches Paula Cornwall and Shelby Stone did a solid job leading the North girls' field hockey team to a respectable season.

The boys' tennis team also had good results under John VanAlst. The highlight of the season was the No. 1 doubles team of Ben Zacharias and Jack Williams making the state finals.

The girls' golf team was led by state finalist Meghan Gallagher. The sophomore fired a two-day total of 163 to tie for sixth in the Division 2 state championship tournament, thus earning All-State honors.

The boys' cross-country team, led by William Hofmann and Mike Ciaravino, made the state finals. The girls weren't as fortunate, taking fourth in the regional and did not make the finals.

Finally, the girls' swimming and diving team had a solid year under first-year head coach Dan Hafer. Sam Villani won the MAC Red Division Championship Meet most valuable player award and earned All-State at the Division 2 state finals. Others who made the finals were Nguyen, Olivia Peruzzi, Julia Gehlert, Hannah Mattes and Alyssa Carlino.

Grosse Pointe South Year in Review

Fall season most fruitful for South

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South athletic teams kicked off 2016 with a bang as several winter programs enjoyed a ton of success.

The top team was the girls' hockey team, under head coach Joe Provenzano.

The Blue Devils beat perennial state power Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood 4-1 in the quarterfinals before crushing city rival Grosse Pointe North 8-1 in the semifinals.

The state championship game was tight, but in the end the Blue Devils came up short, losing 3-2 to Farmington Hills Mercy.

South lost graduating seniors Gennie Martin, Bella Strickler, Grace Moody and Emma Frame.

South's boys' basketball team, with head coach Troy Glasser at the helm, won the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division title with an 11-1 mark.

They had a great regular season before losing 57-44 to Martin Luther King in the first round of the state district playoffs.

Glasser lost graduating seniors Michael Calcaterra, Nate Hall, David Burnett, Jack Maher and Lasse Lappiniemi.

Head coach Bobby McKillop and his boys' hockey team also enjoyed a lot of success, winning a Michigan Metro Hockey League championship.

The team was ready for the state playoffs, beating Royal Oak 8-0 before losing a tough 2-1 pre-district final to Royal Oak.

The Blue Devils outplayed Royal Oak for 99 percent of the game, but couldn't win to advance. The Blue Devils finished 17-7-3 and lost seniors Griffin Brooks, Will Poplawski, Luke Taber, Mac Cimmarrusti, Jacob Brookwalter, Brendan Cauvel, Paul Boyer, Jon Theros and Graham Ryan.

Co-head coaches Tony Cimmarrusti and Patrick Salazar had the wrestling program heading in the right direction.

They finished third in the MAC Silver Division in the dual meet portion, but kicked it up a notch to win the division tournament behind senior most valuable wrestler Jon Gough.

Other graduating seniors were Luke Davey, Earl Allard, Patrick Nauert and Joe Kurta.

The boys' swimming and diving team, under head coach Eric Gunderson, won the MAC Red Division league meet and regular season title.

Jacob Montague was the MAC Red Division MVP after winning numerous gold medals in the league meet, as well as earning Division 2 state championships in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 53.93 and 200-yard individual medley with a time of 1:47.40.

Other standout seniors in the state finals were Patrick Waterston and Connor Mallegg.

The girls' basketball team, under head coach Kevin Richards, suffered through its worst season in a decade.

Graduating seniors were Natalia Engel, Anna Carmody, Elizabeth Rau, Olivia Wouters, Noelle Prater, Benna Ames and Margaret Brennan.

In the spring, the boys' golf team finished a close runner-up in the Division 1 state championship tournament behind season-long rival Detroit Catholic Central.

The Blue Devils finished with a 605 with underclassmen Oliver Livingston and Evan Theros earning All-State honors with top 10 scores of 145 and 148, respectively.

Head coach Steve Zaranek and his track and field team once again won the MAC Red Division regular season and league meet titles, thanks to a ton of depth.

In the state finals, it was 2016 graduate Kayli Johnson scoring all 13 points for the Blue Devils with her No. 1 finish in the shot put and top 10 placement in the discus.

The girls' tennis team was also crowned MAC Red Division champions with its mix of solid veterans and underclassmen.

The team, under head coach Mark Sobieralski, won a regional title, too, before finishing in the top 10 in the state finals.

Graduate Raven Neely earned Division 1 Miss Tennis honors, while Madie Flournoy and Hanna Wilhelm, also 2016 graduates, made All-State at doubles.

As for the diamond teams, head coaches Dan Griesbaum for baseball and Bill Fleming for softball, saw their squads finished below .500, but win district titles.

The girls' soccer team, behind head coach Gene Harkins, suffered through several devastating injuries to endure one of its toughest seasons in program history.

The girls' lacrosse team under head coach Alycsa Valentine is making a bad habit of starting the season strong and fading in the state playoffs.

Head coach Don Wolford and his boys' lacrosse team struggled to find consistency

throughout the season and finished below .500 and the boys' track and field team did not win a dual meet and had one competitor, Nauert, make the state title meet.

This fall, head coach Tim Brandon led the football team to a first-ever MAC White Division title, going 5-0, and earning a spot in the Division 2 state playoffs.

The Blue Devils beat Port Huron Northern in the first round and won a district title with a victory over archrival Grosse Pointe North.

They ended the season 8-4, losing to Birmingham Groves in a regional title game.

The girls' volleyball team under head coach Kevin Nugent had another successful campaign.

They took second in the MAC White at 8-2 and did not lose a game in three district tournament victories to captured another title. The team finished 26-9-1.

The boys' soccer team suffered through a rough season, winning only a handful of games.

Head coach Francesco Cilano watched his crew lose several one-goal games.

Head coach Monica Dennis enjoyed the best of her three years at the helm of the girls' field hockey team. They finished 9-8-2.

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Remembering King's visit

NAACP offers program in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

In preparation for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday Monday, Jan. 16, students throughout Grosse Pointe will learn about the contributions of the civil rights leader and Nobel Peace Prize winner. While they may learn he spoke at Grosse Pointe High School March 14, 1968 — three weeks before his assassination — they may not learn about the controversy around his appearance or that the speech was nearly canceled due to the opposition organizers faced.

King addressed a capacity crowd of approximately 2,700 in the gymnasium. He was interrupted several times by members of Breakthrough, an ultra-conservative right-wing group, who forged tickets to gain entrance, as discovered by an undercover FBI agent according to documents on the Grosse Pointe Historical Society website. Approximately 200 members of the group demonstrated outside the school, wielding signs referring to King as a "red road-runner," a snake and the anti-Christ. "USA Forever — Traitors must die!" read one sign.

King's visit was sponsored by the Human Relations Council in Grosse Pointe, a volunteer group of Grosse Pointe residents dedicated to promoting racial harmony. Jude Huetteman, program chairman for the council, wrote of the experience for Detroit Magazine. The article,



'We shall overcome because the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice.'

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
from his speech in Grosse Pointe, March 14, 1968

available on the Grosse Pointe Historical Society website, was published in the May 5, 1974, issue of the Detroit Free Press.

According to Huetteman, news of King's visit was well received by many, with requests for tickets indicating a sellout. It also prompted considerable opposition and even threats to members of the Human Relations Council. Huetteman received a phone call so disturbing, she canceled an interview she had scheduled with the

Grosse Pointe News.

Huetteman wrote, "The voice on the other end said, 'You think your kids are in school, don't you? Well, we've got them!' The four-minute drive to the school was the longest time in my life."

While she encountered her children at the school unharmed, she wondered if "events were getting out of hand" and considered canceling King's appearance.

According to a Jan. 15, 1986, Free Press article, many residents expressed their opposi-

GPPSS Board of Education trustee

Ahmed Ismail was a sophomore at Grosse Pointe High School when he attended King's speech as a student photographer, capturing this iconic moment from the night.

"In those days, we didn't have zoom lenses, so I had to be pretty close," Ismail said. He described the night as "pretty incredible. Talk about an electrifying experience."

Ismail donated a framed copy of the photograph to Grosse Pointe South High School. It hangs in Principal Moussa Hamka's office.

PHOTO BY AHMED ISMAIL

tion at "two emotional meetings of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education," arguing the high school should not be a platform for views of what many considered a "dangerous radical, if not a communist." Several groups, including the Detroit-based Breakthrough and the Grosse Pointe Property Owners Association,

In his words

An audiotape of King's speech will be played Saturday, Jan. 14, in South's gym, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. The program, sponsored by the Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods NAACP branch, begins at 1 p.m. with an introduction by Greg Bowens, local chapter president, and a question-and-answer session following the 90-minute audio recording. The program is free to the public, with donations to the NAACP accepted.

In his brief introduction, Bowens said he plans to set the tone to "remind people what it was like at the time."

"Like with all history, the further we get from the event, the fuzziest the history becomes and the less connected we are to it," Bowens said. "It's important to let the people experiencing the history

understand the context in which it unfolded."

The tape was made available by retired social studies teacher and local historian Stewart McMillin, a member of the Education Committee of the local chapter of the NAACP. McMillin, a Detroit tour guide for nearly 50 years, organized a civil rights tour at historical sites around the east side of Detroit.

"This effort with Martin Luther King is part of a larger effort we've been focused on to try and remind people of the rich civil rights and social history the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods have," said Bowens.

For more information, contact Elaine Flowers at (313) 640-0295 or find Grosse Pointe - Harper Woods NAACP Branch on Facebook.

mounted a campaign against King's visit.

The school board voted 5-2 in favor of allowing King to speak, but under

the stipulation the council take out a \$1 million insurance policy to pro-

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Describe a teaching accomplishment you're proud of.

A few years ago I received a middle school report card from a former Reading Club student. Her proud mother had written a lovely note



to me next to her daughter's English grades. I keep it in my desk and look at it often.

Name a book or person that influenced you.

I truly believe I fell in love with reading because of my first-grade teacher, Mrs. Metz. She would read Beverly Cleary books to the class as we sat in front of her piano. She made me feel like I was part of the story. I've been hooked ever since.

Favorite quote:
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tect school property. The homeowners group responded by mailing flyers to residents "listing the telephone numbers of school board members and their voting records on the King speech," according to the article. A leaflet distributed by Breakthrough four days before the speech included the words, "Let him come if he dares!" Donald Lobsinger, leader of Breakthrough, claimed in a March 14, 1988, Detroit News article the group was "pro-America, not anti-black." Lobsinger, a Detroit city employee, said the group supported the Vietnam War, which King vocally opposed.

"Everyone thought we were a racist group, but that had nothing to do with it The Klan may have been there that night, but they weren't with us."

The afternoon of the speech, the high school closed at 4 p.m. for a bomb squad to search the gym for explosives. Huetteman wrote of driving to the school to check out preparations and encountering "the right wing group ... circling the block in decorated cars screaming 'King is a traitor' and other slogans" with horns blaring and "local kids ... standing on the streets in front, some watching, some yelling back and others throwing snowballs at the passing cars We had unwittingly polarized the town by bringing (King) here."

The security operation for the night, directed by Grosse Pointe Farms Police Chief Jack Roh, included 60 officers from all five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods. Fear for King's safety was so great, Roh met the group escorting King by car from the airport at the entrance to South's

driveway and sat on King's lap.

"Dr. King, the man sitting on your lap is our chief of police," Huetteman said by way of introduction. This, according to Huetteman's account, provided the only comic relief of the night.

Upon his arrival at 8:10 p.m., King was introduced by the Rev. Harry Meserve, council president and former minister of the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, the Rt. Rev. Richard Emrich, then the bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, and U.S. Rep. John Conyers, D-Detroit.

"Dr. King appeared on the stage and the audience came to their feet with a cheer and roar that could have been heard a mile away," Huetteman wrote. "The tears streamed down my face. He hadn't even spoken and they were with him."

King's speech was titled "The Other America."

"In this America, children grow up in the sunlight of opportunity. But there is another America," he said. "This other America has a daily ugliness about it that transforms the buoyancy of hope into the fatigue of despair. In this other America, thousands and thousands of people, men in particular, walk the streets in search of jobs that do not exist. In this other America, millions of people are forced to live in vermin-filled, distressing housing conditions In this other America, thousands of young people are deprived of an opportunity to get an adequate education."

"He had a wonderful speaking voice," recalled retired teacher Evelyn Fergle, in attendance that night, in a recent interview with the Grosse Pointe News. Born in 1931, Fergle taught sixth- and seventh-grade language arts at Grand

A genuine leader is not a succor for consensus, but a mold of consensus. And on some positions cowardice asks the question, is it safe? Expediency asks the question, is it politics? Vanity asks the question, is it popular? The conscience asks the question, is it right? And there comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe nor politics nor popular, but he must do it because conscience tells him it is right.'

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. from his speech in Grosse Pointe, March 14, 1968

Junior High School in East Detroit.

"When I heard Martin Luther King was coming, I said to my husband we should go," she said. "I didn't know what he stood for, I knew for non-violence. I bought tickets. It was a crowded place."

When entering the gym, she said, "These people were there with their signs, catcalling. I thought that was rude and uncalled for, but I didn't respond."

She also was upset by frequent interruptions during the speech.

"These people periodically would get up and say something," she said. "I think whoever came as part of the group — 50 or 60 maybe, 150 at the most, scattered. They paid their way in, obviously, as everyone else did. But what really got to me was when (King) took questions and answers. That's what really upset me because he would start to talk and these people would pop up and interrupt him ... until finally he said, 'I'm going to have to call a close to this,' but he said so peacefully."

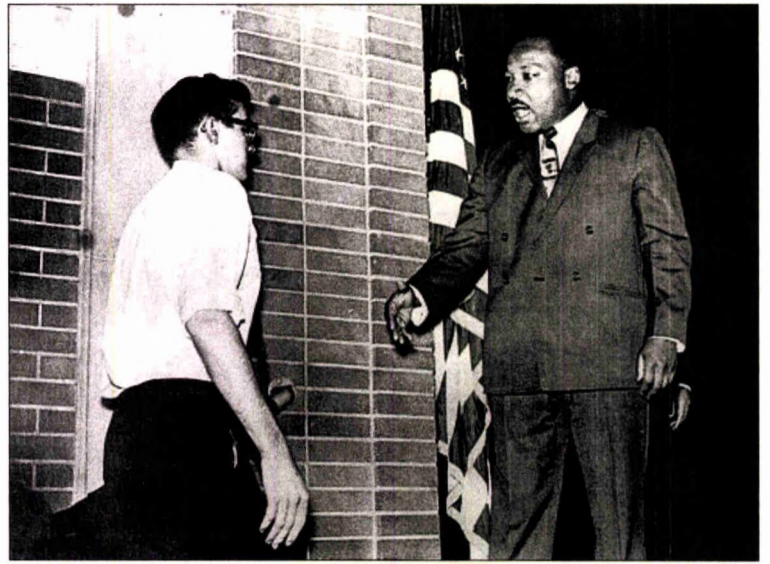
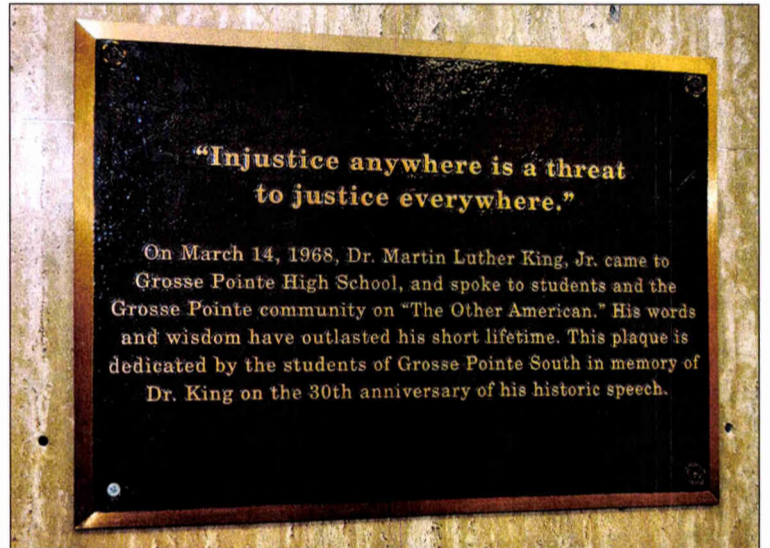


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King greets a community member during his 1968 visit to Grosse Pointe.



Right, the chair King sat in now resides in Principal Moussa Hamka's office at South. Above, a plaque commemorating King's visit hangs in the hallway outside South's main gym.

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"I'd say 95 percent of the people were there to hear him and be respectful and hear the cause he was there to represent," she continued. "Because of the actions of a few, he called an end to it. It was very disruptive, very discourteous. I don't think anyone expected that."

Huetteman, too, wrote of the disturbances caused by the protestors. "At the first mention of the war by Dr. King, they started. There was loud heckling and some disturbance every few minutes, but that was overshadowed by the 32 times he was interrupted by applause."

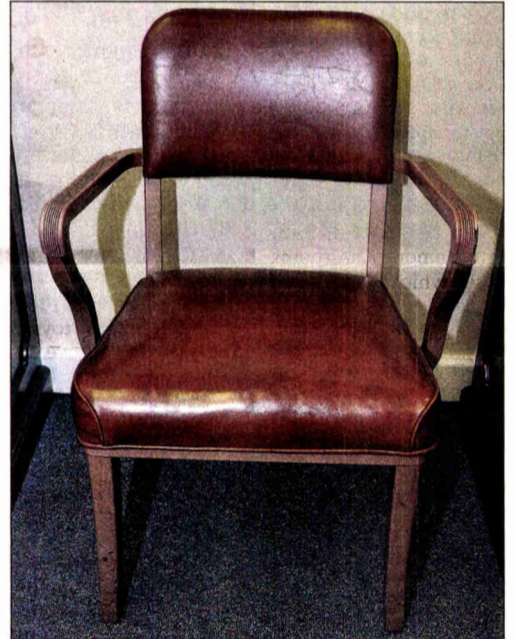
According to the 1986 Free Press article, Lobsinger walked down the center aisle shouting, "King, you're a traitor" and flung a stack of notecards — provided for a question-and-answer session — at his feet. Lobsinger, along with two other people, was ejected from the meeting because of heckling, according to an FBI report.

At one point during his speech, King addressed the interruptions.

"It was my understanding that we're going to have a question-and-answer period, and if anybody disagrees with me, you will have the privilege, the opportunity to raise a question. If you think I'm a traitor, then you'll have an opportunity to ask me about my traitoriness and we will give you that opportunity."

He concluded his speech with several Biblical quotes, ultimately landing on faith.

"With this faith, we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair, a stone of hope," he said. "With this faith, we will



'Somehow we must come to see that in this pluralistic, interrelated society we are all tied together in a single garment of destiny, caught in an inescapable network of mutuality.'

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. from his speech in Grosse Pointe, March 14, 1968

be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith, we will be able to speed up the day when all of God's children all over this nation — black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics — will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, 'Free at last, free at last, thank God almighty, we are free at last.'"

Huetteman wrote King told her afterwards "he had never experienced such vocal opposition at an indoor meeting. He seemed shaken after he left the stage but still managed to be gracious to those who were with him. On the way back downtown in the car, he and I did talk about the upcoming Poor People's March; about hate and how it fills a man so nothing else can get into him;

and about the inevitable and how it happens no matter how one plots against it."

Three weeks later, she saw him again. This time he was "lying in a carved African mahogany casket that looked much too small for his broad shoulders and definitely too small for his immense spirit." Later she read in a New York Times article an FBI report placed King's assassin, James Earl Ray, in Windsor, Canada, the week of March 14.

"Maybe he was there that night," wrote Huetteman, who died in 2014 at age 80. "We will never know. If so, we only postponed the inevitable."

For more information on King's visit to Grosse Pointe, go to gphistorical.org/mlk/ or visit the Grosse Pointe Public Library's local historical archives for past coverage in the Grosse Pointe News.

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These Defer students give the thumbs up for the new piece of playground equipment and can't wait to play on it when the caution tape comes down. Pictured, from left, are Christopher Bejin, second grade; Nate Bejin, kindergarten; Kate Ozar, fifth grade; Paige Koenig, second grade; and Lily Ozar, second grade.

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Week Ahead

MONDAY, JAN. 9

◆ The Grosse Pointe Public School System offers full-day and half-day tuition-based preschool options at multiple schools. Online registration begins Jan. 9 and runs through Feb. 23. If needed, a lottery will be held Feb. 7. Go to gpschools.org for details.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11

◆ Parents of current eighth-graders planning to attend Grosse Pointe South High School as freshmen fall 2017 are invited to a special information night 6:30 p.m. Parents of eighth-graders currently enrolled in public, parochial or private schools are encouraged to attend.

Administrators and counselors will highlight South's curriculum with a video, followed by a short presentation emphasizing ninth-grade schedule procedures, class selections and the class of 2021 graduation requirements. The auditorium is located in the main building, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Parking is available in the lots on the Boulevard and Fisher Road. The program will conclude at 7:30 p.m. Contact the Counseling Center at (313) 432-3519 with questions.

◆ Parcels hosts its winter vocal concert 7 p.m. in the auditorium, 20600 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Contact Leslie Saroli at leslie.saroli@gpschools.org for more information.

Fun run helps Defer PTO fulfill wish list

Defer Elementary School held its annual fun run Oct. 7, and part of the money raised from the event went to the purchase and installation of a new playscape.

The equipment, installed Dec. 29, needed

to sit a few days for the moorings to settle into the ground, but it will be ready for students to swing, climb and play on when school resumes Monday, Jan. 9.

The fun run, organized by Defer's PTO, raised

\$20,000 this year. Each year the PTO allocates the money to fulfill a teacher and school wish list. The playscape was one of the staff's requests.

The PTO was able to grant nearly every request on the list, includ-

ing the purchase of classroom iPads and iPad covers. Funds also were used to finance the homework club, a Storia iPad app for grades 3 to 5 (kindergarten and grades 1 to 2 already have this app), a Think Through Math

app and Defer T-shirts for the Young 5's students.

Overall, the money raised from the fun run helped support literacy and math skills along with gross motor skill development.

— Mary Anne Brush

Poupard takes the lead in raising money for COTS

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Poupard Elementary School student leaders, known as the lighthouse team, brainstormed on what they wanted to do over the holiday season to help others and brighten their spirits.

They decided to do a money drive, according to second-grade teacher Danielle Pedersen, competing among classrooms to see which class raised the most money.

The winning classroom was Paige Yeager's third grade with a total of \$262 raised. Amy Zizelman's Young 5's class came in second place with \$150.

The total raised was \$1,252.

Students used the money to purchase toys and baby products for the Coalition on Temporary Shelter, one of the largest providers to homeless families in Detroit. COTS shelters more than 100 homeless children nightly.

After consulting with COTS on its greatest needs, Pedersen ordered supplies on Amazon and delivered them to COTS Wednesday, Dec. 21.

Accompanying Pedersen on the delivery was Rhonda White, a rep-



Students at Poupard Elementary School collected money to purchase toys and baby products for COTS. Pictured above with items to be donated is the lighthouse team. Right, Danielle Pedersen, left, invited Charles White and his mother, Rhonda White, to help her deliver donated items to COTS.



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resentative of the parent lighthouse team, and her son, Charles, a fifth-grader and member of the student lighthouse team.

"I have been doing charity for years," White said. "Now that I have a son, I wanted to continue the tradition in giving. We give Christmas for Meals on Wheels. We're part of a religious organization and we always do missions for those who are less fortunate."

"I want to show my son his life is great compared to those who are less fortunate," she continued.

"He has such a caring heart. I continue to show him through charities like this how good he has it."

White hopes to get more parents involved with the seven habits promoted by the school's Leader in Me program. This is Poupard's second year as a Leader in Me school.

"Our mission is PEP rally," White said. PEP stands for Parents Empowering Parents.

"Parents need to be more involved in making future leaders in our children," White said.



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Liggett buddy project comes full circle

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

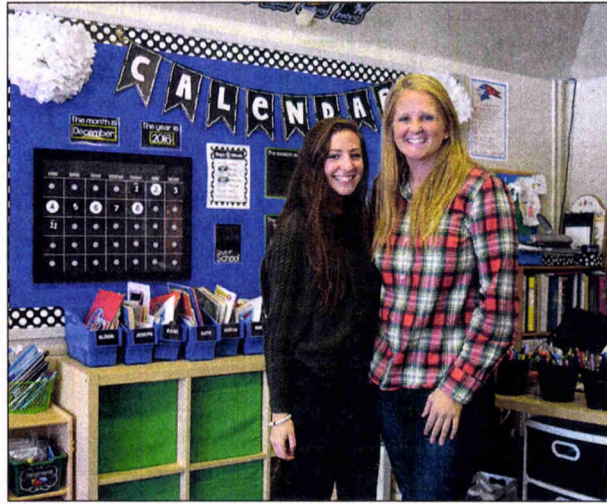
The senior buddies project — a pairing of first-graders with seniors — is a tradition at University Liggett School going back many years. The project runs year round, with students meeting at least once a month to collaborate on a variety of projects.

Seniors and first-graders met for the first time in September to get to know one another, conducting mini interviews.

In October, they dressed alike for the Halloween parade. In December, the two grades teamed up to make gingerbread houses and in January, seniors will help first-graders make fleece blankets to take to patients at the Children's Hospital.

First-grade teacher Julie Borushko attended Liggett's upper school, graduating in 2004. She joined Liggett's faculty this fall after eight years as a first-grade teacher at Star of the Sea Catholic School. As assistant director of Liggett's day camp many summers, she was a familiar face on campus as more than just a student.

"It's so nice to be back. There are so many familiar faces," Borushko said, adding she is still getting used to calling her col-



First-grade teacher Julie Borushko, right, with her first-grade buddy from her days as a student at Liggett, Carina Ghafari. The two caught up during Ghafari's visit to the school.



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Carina Ghafari, a 2015 graduate of Liggett and student at Kalamazoo College, happened to run into her first-grade buddy, Morgan Hall, while visiting Liggett during her break.

leagues by their first names, many of whom were her high school teachers. "I'm back home so it's nice."

Borushko received a Bachelor of Arts degree in early childhood from John Carroll University in Cleveland and a Master of Arts degree in elementary education with a major in reading from Wayne State University.

She remembers during her senior year being a buddy to first-grader Carina Ghafari and wearing matching costumes for Halloween.

"Carina and I were pink butterflies," said Borushko.

Today, as a teacher, she

has a different perspective, saying the program is "transformed."

"We get together once a month to do different activities ... Sometimes it's service, sometimes it's fun. When first-graders walk through campus and see their senior buddies, they get so excited."

Borushko said she worked with the senior class dean to match up students and sometimes the seniors sign up for a student themselves, choosing a younger sibling or cousin.

"It's a great program that I appreciated so much because my buddy is a lifelong friend of mine," she said.



Senior Evan Marquart makes a gingerbread house with his first-grade buddy, Ian Leno, as December's buddy activity.

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