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DPW plan hits speed bump

By Anthony Viola
 Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The city of Detroit is walking back its site approval for the City of Grosse Pointe's proposed Department of Public Works facility on Canyon.

The conditional approval, granted

October 2017, was rescinded by Detroit's Buildings, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department Thursday, Jan. 25, upon the advice of its corporation counsel, Lawrence Garcia.

In a letter sent to BSEED's director, David Bell, Garcia states the conditional approval was

granted illegally and must be rescinded.

According to the counsel's letter, the Canyon site is not zoned for use involving the storage of garbage trucks or sanitation equipment. Although the overnight storage of garbage trucks was mentioned orally at an Oct. 11 public hearing, it was not written in the application

submitted by the City of Grosse Pointe and BSEED's approval is based on the written submission, Garcia wrote.

The City of Grosse Pointe said in an official statement it followed all protocol and advice from Detroit zoning counsel during the process.

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From left, Sarah Coats, standing in for Vicki Granger; Jef Fisk, Grosse Pointe Theatre president; Dan and Cindy LaLonde; Joshua Rigotti and Rachel Harris.

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Conditional approval to move the City's DPW facility to Canyon in Detroit was rescinded by Detroit's Buildings, Safety Engineering and Environmental Department.

Chamber honors Next street art project announced

By Jody McVeigh
 Editor

"Even though the United States government shut down for three days, we are always here for you and will never let you down."

Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce President Jennifer Boettcher promised to continue supporting Grosse Pointe businesses in her opening remarks during the chamber's annual membership dinner and Pointer of Distinction awards Jan. 25, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

"When you invested in the chamber, you hired us to work for you, your business and your community," she said.

Boettcher was one of several to address the crowd of community leaders, thanking them

chamber great. Chamber Chairman Robert Lubera explained the brief history of the chamber, which is just 13 years old.

"We've done some amazing things in those years," he said. "With all their hard work and what we can do together, it's going to be a great next 13 years."

The chamber, which is nearly 650 businesses strong, provides four things to its members: information, education, business support and community engagement. Part of its community engagement includes its street art program, which comes around every three years and returns to the community this year.

"The dogs are going to be unleashed in spring 2018," Lubera said,

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Hotel Committee gives guidance

By Anthony Viola
 Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The Ad Hoc Hotel Committee, assigned with guiding The Village hotel developer, met for the second and final time Monday, Jan. 29.

The committee was set up at the December 2017 meeting after Pedersen Development addressed

council asking for direction on the hotel development.

The project came under fire during last year's city election. Residents were concerned with the size, viability and location of the hotel. After hearing the rhetoric surrounding the election and hotel project, Pedersen Development ceased work on the project until it received more guidance from council and the commu-

nity. Committee members were appointed by council at the January 2018 council meeting. It has no deciding power. Its sole purpose is to give Pedersen Development an idea what the community is looking for in a hotel project.

"We are just here to look at what

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Woods proposes countering Headlee with four mills

By Melissa Walsh
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — In an August 2018 ballot proposal, residents will vote to approve or deny an additional four mills to support the city's general fund budget over 10 years.

The decision to draft the ballot proposal occurred during

city council's committee of the whole meeting Monday, Jan. 29. Discussion included analysis and assumptions driving budgetary projections calculated by Woods City Treasurer-Comptroller Cathy Behrens, including those identified by Director of Public Works Frank Schulte and Director of Public Safety John Kosanke, in addition to other anticipated bud-

getary factors, such as potential increases resulting from union contracts and health care costs. Behrens' projections did not include unknown infrastructure repairs or projects in the scope of the capital improvement bond, including roof repairs of city buildings, mends to city parking lots and upgrades and repairs at Lake Front Park. City council also decided not

to pursue issuing a ballot proposal for a "Public Safety Authority," or tapping Public Act 57, which allows partnering with another Michigan city of more than 15,000 residents to establish an incorporated taxing entity to levy financing for public safety services.

Consultant Steve Duchane

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Committees to set objectives for new year

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — A new year means new objectives and priorities for the city's park and harbor.

The Parks and Harbor Committee, previously a single committee, was split into two last year. But, their objectives remain closely connected. Both council liaisons, Councilman Doug Kucyk for the Park Committee and Matthew Seely for the Harbor Committee, cited a need to work closer with the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation to reach their objectives for the year.

"We want to make sure we talk to the

Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation to make sure they are part of this and not separate entities working against each other," Kucyk said. "Let's all work together on it. If you guys can spare a member or if we can spare a member to attend your meetings, just so everyone knows what's going on. I think we lacked in that before."

Neither committee has met in an official capacity this year, but look to schedule meetings before the next council meeting.

Seely said he has already met with the Harbor Committee chairman, John Seago, and both seem to be on the same page in terms

of objectives for the new year.

"We are going to call the entire committee together within the next two weeks and sit down, hash out maybe a top 10 list of things we want to do, rate them by expense and priority, then come back with a report for you next month," Seely said.

While no official future plans have been brought to council, Councilwoman Tina Ellis wants to make sure park security still is top priority. The idea of a proposed gatehouse and change to the entrance at Osius Park has been floating around about a year. The project was put on the backburner until a more thorough financial impact study

could be completed. Ellis wants to make sure it's not forgotten.

"Do we need more security to our park? Do we need a gatehouse? This is what our neighboring communities are doing," Ellis said, citing the Woods recent park pass policy change. "They are being proactive and they are taking it into their own hands. So I think that is something that when we talk about a gatehouse or enhanced security, we are not the only park talking about this, thinking about this, looking at it long term."

Visit the city website, gpshoresmi.gov, to stay up to date on future committee meetings or learn how to become involved.

New year, new equipment

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Thanks to an anonymous donation, the Shores Public Safety Department will have an easier time purchasing much needed equipment this year.

There are two items on Director of Public Safety John Schulte's list to be upgraded: computers in squad cars and breathing apparatuses for firefighters.

"The computers in the squad cars are eight years old and they've been increasingly going down and requiring ser-

vice," Schulte said. "We are going to go from a desktop-type computer to a laptop computer, which is cheaper. The laptop, modem and software installation costs approximately \$3,600 per unit and we have four marked police cars."

According to Schulte, the current breathing apparatuses used by Shores firefighters are 20 years old.

"It's a large purchase, but it's as important to a firefighter as a firearm is to a policeman," he said. "On the upside,"

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announcing the chamber's Dogs Unlimited street art program. "Each sponsorship includes an unfinished dog and the sponsor's choice of artist. The chamber will commission the artists and the chamber is looking for artists."

Four-foot watchdogs and 18-inch lap dogs will be available to sponsor, adopt or purchase. Once finished, the dogs will be previewed at the chamber's Legacy on the Lake in June, displayed throughout the community during summer and auctioned during a Dog Days of Summer event early fall.

In addition to its membership dinner, the chamber presented awards to

people who've gone above and beyond in the areas of youth achievement, community service, excellence in business and excellence in nonprofit activity.

"We live in an amazing, amazing community," said Tomasine Marx, who chaired the Pointer of Distinction judges panel. "The quality and caliber of this year's nominees is outstanding. We really wish we could have picked everyone."

"These awards were created to recognize individuals and organizations that comprise the very best of a very special community in which we live and in which we work," said Ted Everingham, who emceed the awards. "We live in a special place and we all should be grateful for that."

Youth Achievement

Rachel Harris and Joshua Rigotti, both seniors at Grosse Pointe South High School, received youth achievement awards for their outstanding academic and extracurricular accomplishments.

Harris, who carries a 4.03 grade-point average, holds positions on several school committees and has won numerous awards for her achievements. Additionally, she volunteers at St. Clare of Montefalco Church, is captain of South's tennis team, runs varsity cross country and is on South's Link Crew and the Assistant Principal's Leadership Advisory Board.

"I'm incredibly honored," Harris said of the award. She thanked her teachers, parents and

peers for their support and urged the audience to support the I Love Lucy Fund, created in 2013 on behalf of Lucy Loch, a South graduate who was diagnosed with stage 3B Hodgkin's lymphoma, but now is in remission.

Rigotti, who scored a perfect 1520 in mathematics on his SAT, carries a 4.075 GPA. In addition to academic excellence, he excels on the Gearheads FIRST Robotics team, band and marching band and as an Eagle Scout. He also volunteers at St. Clare, with its Project Hope event and by teaching catechism.

"I'm truly honored and humbled to be here today," he said. "Serving the Grosse Pointe community has been a joy and privilege I may not deserve."

Community Service

Grosse Pointe Woods City Councilwoman Victoria Granger was selected to receive the community service award as she's been "actively, continuously, seriously involved in the Grosse Pointe community since 1981," Everingham said, when Granger was instrumen-

tal in keeping Mason Elementary School open.

Since then, Granger has been involved with numerous boards and committees, including League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe, Dining for Women, American Association of University Women and Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library. She has been recognized for her service with a Friends of the Library Distinguished Service Award and two AAUW awards, among others.

Granger was unable to attend the awards ceremony, but friend Sarah Coats accepted the award on her behalf.

Excellence in Business

The longest-serving jeweler in the Grosse Pointes, LaLonde Jewelers & Gemologists earned an award for its distinguished service.

Owner Dan LaLonde has been in the business since 1980, and apart from running a successful business regularly donates items for auctions and sponsors events such as Racing for Kids to the Hill, Winterfest and the Henry

Ford Cottage Clam Bake. Last summer, the jeweler donated 12 gemstones and a diamond to rock hunters during the area's painted rock trend.

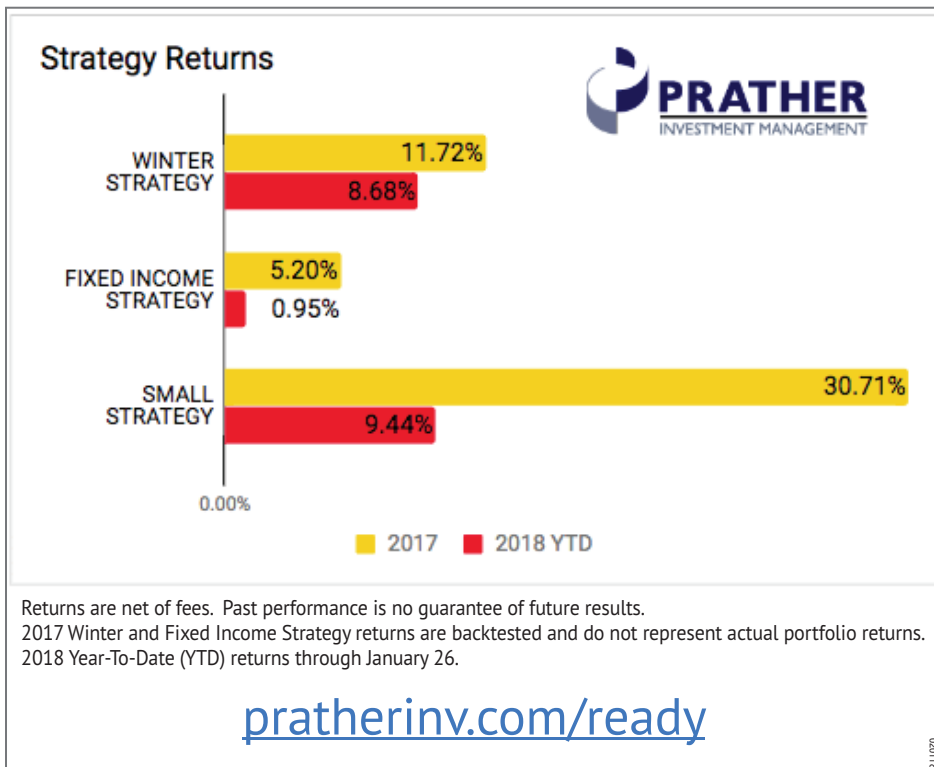
LaLonde opened his comments lightheartedly, musing, "We're better than I thought we were. We'll have to raise our prices," then got serious in his remarks. "There's probably 1,000 businesses in the Pointes and many deserving of this award, so we don't take this lightly. I feel honored. ... This award is a community award."

In support of community, he stressed the importance of shopping local and supporting local businesses.

Excellence in Nonprofit Activity

A fixture in the community 70 years, Grosse Pointe Theatre earned accolades for its nonprofit activity. Last season, box office records were smashed with the sale of 16,000 tickets. The organization, which is run by more than 400 volunteers, also takes part in community engagement and outreach, including its scholarship program, Youth on Stage, donations to charity, adopting families for the holidays and more.

"Grosse Pointe Theatre is tremendously honored to receive this award," said GPT President Jef Fisk. "It's especially meaningful because this is our 70th birthday. Thank all of you for the support you've given us over the years."



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Historical Society plans for new construction at 375 Kercheval

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — City council gave the Grosse Pointe Historical Society the green light to move forward with plans for a new structure for the organization's office space and re-

source center.

The request for a conditional use change at 375 Kercheval was submitted to city council by GPHS President Patricia O'Brien Dec. 8, 2017, and approved during the Jan. 8 city council meeting. The property sits directly across Kercheval from the

circa-1823 Provencal-Weir House, which functions as the community's "living history museum."

The variance for commercial use of the previously residential property was first approved by city council during its Sept. 12,

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Shiny & new

Grosse Pointe Park recently purchased a new fire pumper to replace a 1986 pumper that far exceeded normal life expectancy and standards of a pumper truck. The new purchase was manufactured by the Sutphen Corp., of Dublin, Ohio. Highlights of the new pumper include a 100-gallon water tank, 30-gallon foam tank, 222 cubic feet of compartment space and a four-door, six-person cab. The new fire truck will be retrofitted to transport all the equipment that needs to go on it. Funds were made available through the recently approved public safety millage.

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"The City of Grosse Pointe followed all of the proper public processes, complied with Detroit zoning officials' counsel and fully informed Detroit officials during the plan review and use-approval process," it reads.

The approval also was deemed invalid because neighbors of the facility were not given proper notice. According to Garcia, at least 20 of the 40 residents within 300 feet of the facility were not given notice of the Oct. 11 public hearing.

This contradicts the initial approval which stated notice for a public hearing was published in the Detroit Legal News Sept. 26, and 40 notices were mailed to neighbors within 300 feet of the facility. Two of the notices were returned as undeliv-

erable, according to the conditional approval.

The neighbors say they didn't know about the proposed use for the facility and are starting to oppose the plan on social media after a critical article on a Detroit magazine's website insinuated the facility would be used as the City's garbage dump. The Detroit neighbors fear a rodent problem, an issue raised by City residents living in proximity to the current DPW site on Maumee, and view the act of locating the City's DPW in Detroit as environmental racism.

However, according to City officials, "the warehouse will be used to store public works vehicles and materials and will contain offices for our public works employees. It is not a garbage dump or a garbage facility."

City Manager Peter Dame also rebuked there

is a rat problem at the current site.

"The first thing we have to do is dispel the myth we have a rat problem," Dame said. "We do not have a rat problem at the current site and we won't have a rat problem at the new site."

For Dame and the City, the next step is reaching out to Detroit neighbors, community organizations and officials to work through any issues.

"We hope to explain this would be a good improvement," he said.

The City plans to pump \$4.3 million into the property, including the repair of a Detroit-owned alley and improved landscaping around the building.

But for now, the rescission puts the City back at square one.

According to Garcia's letter, if Grosse Pointe wants to use the property, it must reapply clearly stating there will be no overnight storage of gar-

bage trucks or sanitation equipment. A public hearing must then be conducted after all residents within 300 feet are notified.

The search for a suitable replacement for the current DPW yard has been ongoing for years. The open-air, 5,000-square-foot yard on Maumee behind the public safety building leaves city vehicles exposed to the elements and restricts storage of bulk materials such as salt. The City currently stores bulk material in scattered locations around the city or has to purchase items as-needed from neighboring communities at a premium.

A record \$12.96 million bond was approved by voters in August to purchase and renovate the Canyon site, as well as build a new public safety building on Mack at the old Alger's Liquor and Deli location and renovate the court on

Maumee.

The City purchased the Alger's property late last year for \$1.65 million and currently is in a purchase agreement for the Canyon site with Ascension Health, St. John Hospital & Medical Center's parent company, the closing for which is scheduled for March. St. John has been using the warehouse to store medical records and house its dialysis machine repair.

At the January 2018 city council meeting, a design and build agreement for the bond projects was approved by

put in motion Partners in Architecture, the architectural firm involved since the conceptual stage of the project, to select a prequalified builder and begin development of the public safety, works and court projects not to exceed \$10.35 million. Final plans were to be approved at the April 2018 council meeting.

While the public safety and court plans still will move forward, the future of public works is in the air. Dame said design on the public works facility has halted until a resolution can be found.

The Week Ahead

SATURDAY, FEB. 3

- ◆ Mother-Son Movie, "Zootopia," 12:30 p.m. at the Community Center, 20025 Mack. \$5, pre-registration required.
- ◆ Farms Winterfest, 1 p.m. at Pier Park.

MONDAY, FEB. 5

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 20025 Mack.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms City Council meeting, 7 p.m. at city hall, 90 Kerby.

TUESDAY, FEB. 6

- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety facility workshop, 7 p.m. in city council chambers, 17145 Maumee.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7

- ◆ Mother/Son, Dad/Daughter Date Night, 7 p.m. Windmill Pointe Park. "Beauty and the Beast" is shown at the Carol C. Schaap Theatre. "Lego Batman Movie" is shown at the Okulski Family Theatre. Cost is \$8 for children, \$10 for adults, and includes dinner at the Tompkins Center, movie, popcorn, beverage and photo.

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some of the overarching parameters are supposed to be," Sheila Tomkowiak, committee chairwoman and City councilwoman, said.

The committee includes the mayor, two councilmembers, Village business owners and community members. City Manager Pete Dame and Curt Pedersen also were present to provide background and listen to recommendations.

The size of the hotel was the first issue addressed Monday. Pedersen Development's last proposal called for an approximately 100-room hotel on top of a parking garage on Lot 2.

When asked if a 100-room hotel was considered too big, committee member and Downtown Development Authority member David Katz said he didn't think it was the number of rooms, but the overall presence of the proposed hotel that worried people.

"In general, my feeling is it's not the 100 that's necessarily too big," Katz said. "It's the 100 sitting on top of a parking garage that creates the mass that perhaps seems more than what people were comfortable with."

Andrew Martin, DDA chairman and committee member, said as long as it is upscale, if 100 rooms is what it takes to make the hotel viable, then 100 is fine.

"For me," Martin said, "I'd rather have high-end, high-quality. One hundred, 120, whatever makes the deal work. I'm for it."

Committee member Lewis Gazoul said he felt

the project was too big for the space. He said also he felt there wouldn't be enough people to fill the rooms.

"I just don't think anything big will fit in The Village," Gazoul said. "I don't feel we need something that big."

"I don't feel you will be able to get the people to accommodate that many rooms in Grosse Pointe," Gazoul continued. "I feel like something smaller will be more of an attraction to Grosse Pointe as opposed to a big hotel."

To quell concerns about the size, Pedersen said his company is looking at every possibility, including putting the parking garage and hotel side by side on Lot 2 to reduce height. The other issue with Lot 2 is its close proximity to Maire Elementary School. Many parents have raised concerns over child safety.

Dame asked Gazoul how palatable a hotel on the Sunrise site, behind CVS Pharmacy, would be.

"The Sunrise land is ideal for what we are talking about," Gazoul said.

The Sunrise site, an undeveloped piece of property originally slated for senior housing, was first passed over by the city because of the asking price. It is unclear whether the city is now looking into that possibility.

But, it seems no matter the location, like Martin, the committee wants to ensure the hotel proposed is high quality, upper class and luxurious. An issue for many people in the community was the developer's choice in hotel brand. Cambria Suites is consid-

ered one of Choice Hotels' upscale brands, but because Choice also operates Econo Lodge and Comfort Inns, many people drew parallels between Cambria and the lower-end brands.

"I feel like (the Cambria brand) is being tossed through the mud by the public perception of the Choice Hotels and other brands Choice Hotels has," Katz said. "It looks like it could be a very quality building and bigger rooms, the things we ask for. It's just, I feel like we created this image of it being a cheap chain hotel."

Pedersen said Cambria is unique because it allows the developer to design a building fitting of the location.

"They are willing to have it look however you

want it to look," Pedersen said. "You don't have to follow a certain cookie cutter. Like a Holiday Inn, you know what it's going to look like. This doesn't have to. You can have any sort of treatments on the inside or outside."

Committee members said they would like to see the hotel fit with the community and stray from ultra modern designs. Following the architectural styles of Grosse Pointe South High School or Cottage Hospital were suggested.

"That's important to me," Tomkowiak said, "that it looks like us."

With recommendations in hand, Pedersen Development has just more than two months to put together a presentation for council at the April 2018 meeting.

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Volunteer connects Pointers to people in need

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

It all began with a chair. Erica Guido was at the Capuchin warehouse with her brother dropping off donated items she had collected when an older woman, Dorothea Dixon, approached her and asked if she could have the upholstered chair in the back of her vehicle.

Knowing delivery was an issue for anyone without access to transportation, Guido offered to follow Dixon to her apartment and drop off the chair. When they arrived, Guido realized she still had a van full of furniture.

"What else do you need?" Guido asked. She ended up furnishing Dixon's entire apartment.

This was the inspiration for To Detroit, With Love, a volunteer organization Guido started to help people at a difficult juncture in their lives get back on their feet, whether with money to purchase a bus pass or furniture to turn an empty rental into a home.

"A family gets out of a homeless shelter and let's say they (qualify for government assistance for) a Section 8 house," Guido said. "They don't have any way to get to a thrift store. They don't have money for a thrift store. You need delivery to get it home; you need transportation. You meet these families and they don't know what to do. So they live without it for months and months. They just sit on the floor. They sleep on the floor. They eat on the floor."

A few pieces of furniture make all the difference to a family who wants nothing more than to sleep in a bed or eat a meal together at a table, Guido said.

"One lady is so excited because she can have neighbors over and they can play cards because they have a table. They can sit around and be together now."

It begins with connecting people in need to



Erica Guido and Eric Haley deliver front porch furniture to the Jones family.

donors. Once Guido helps someone, that person may in turn connect her with friends, neighbors or relatives. Guido gathers information on items on their wish lists — money, furniture, kitchenware, appliances, clothing or food — and posts it on a closed Facebook group for donors, To Detroit, With Love, which has grown to nearly 1,300 members. To date, Guido has helped 80 families.

"The connection is the important part," Guido said. "It isn't dropping things off. They become like family, friends. Because human beings need connection. I don't want to send them to a thrift store. I want them to know somebody in their life cares about them. They can call me. They have my cell phone number. And for somebody who doesn't have family support, it means a lot."

One of the people Guido connected with was Eric Haley, who lives in the same apartment building as Dixon and helps her "out of the kindness of his heart," according to Guido. Haley offered to join Guido on deliveries and the two quickly became friends, discovering they had more in common than just their first names.

"Eric's a lifesaver," Guido said, adding, "We're very similar. We

love to help people. He loves coming along. He loves what we're doing so it makes a great partnership."

Also key to the operation are the donors who run to Costco or Kroger or rummage through their closets and basements to procure needed items.

"I realized after being in (Grosse Pointe) for a while and being on all the mom swap pages how much there's available — how much abundance there is of things and love in this community," Guido said.

She posts on Facebook a family is hungry or a baby is coming home from the hospital and within hours, her porch is filled with bags of groceries or everything a mother needs for her newborn.

"It's the donors that blow me away," Guido said. "I just deliver the stuff. They're the ones running out, putting a shoutout to their friends." Guido responds by posting photos and videos on the Facebook page of grateful recipients. The donors "love it," she said. "They love seeing where the stuff is going. They love seeing the people, the photographs and then they feel the connection. And they've really embraced it."

Guido, raised along with an older sister and brother by a single, working mother in Detroit, understands what it's like to struggle financially.

"We had a lot of hand-me-downs so I'm very familiar with the need, having grown up that way," she said. As a result, there's no judgment.

"We don't do that 'pull yourself up by your bootstraps' mentality," she said. "I give, no questions asked. You don't need to explain yourself to me."

Guido and her husband, Joe, a senior software engineer at General Motors, moved to Grosse Pointe Woods three years ago because of the Grosse Pointe Public School System. Their older son, Julius, 10, attends Monteith Elementary School and younger son, Jo Jo, 5, is in the Young Fives program at Mason Elementary School. Guido, a stay-at-home mom, volunteers as a recess supervisor at Monteith.

"I didn't expect this community to be what it is," Guido said. "It's incredible. My life really took off when we moved here."

A contributing factor was her involvement with We GP — Welcoming Everyone Grosse Pointe — a non-partisan, community-based organization she joined when it first formed, currently serving as social coordinator.

"They're all about making the Pointes a more welcoming and diverse community," Guido said, "so that kind of motivated me, too — to create this bridge over Alter and over Mack and share our love and our resources and tell our neighbors you're not alone. We do want you here and we love you and we care about you."

Guido has big plans for the future, starting with applying for nonprofit



Erica Guido with Xavier Jones, who is thrilled with his box of donated toys.

status as a 501(c)3 organization. For now, donors understand their gifts are not eligible as charitable donations. Nonprofit status will help her with bigger requests, such as a cargo van for deliveries. A storage facility is on her wish list as well.

Not included in her plans is slowing down.

"People ask me, how do you do this? How do you have all this energy to keep doing this?" Guido said. "It's doing this that gives me the energy. Every time I deliver something to somebody, it fuels me. I thrive on it."

"I hear I'm an angel 50 times a day," she added. "It's so rewarding."

She also credits Joe Guido, who helps at home — "baths, bedtime, homework, cooking, cleaning everything while I'm running around helping all those people" — for making it possible.

"My husband's a rock star," she said.

But what most keeps her going — making deliveries through snowstorms and subzero temperatures or in her pajamas while recovering from the flu — are the people she meets. The message she wants to send to fellow Grosse Pointers is the people she considers her Detroit neighbors are no different than her Grosse Pointe neighbors.

"There is nothing to be afraid of," she said. "You can go into Detroit in the most impoverished area. It might look scary on the outside, boarded up. But those are families in there. ... They just want a warm, comfortable home like everybody else — and love and connection."

For more information, email Guido at totdetroitwithlove@gmail.com or find To Detroit, With Love on Facebook. Cash contributions may be made to [PayPal.me/todetroitwithlove.com](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?url=https://www.paypal.com/donate?to=ericaguido).

HEADLEE:

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was present during Monday's meeting, participating in the Headlee override discussion. During a committee of the whole meeting Nov. 9, 2017, Duchane proposed applying Public Act 57 as a counter to the fiscal erosion imposed by Proposition A and the Headlee Amendment. During that meeting, city council commissioned

Duchane to find a partner city and draft a PSA proposal for an August ballot. He summarized his analysis of the city's fiscal needs and constraints and his unsuccessful attempts to find a willing partner city.

"After careful consideration," he wrote in a memo to City Manager Bruce Smith, "it is my recommendations the mayor and council consider alternatives to raise additional revenue for infrastructure repairs effecting public safety and adding new resources to provide safety services with human capital."

Councilman Michael Koester proposed amending the city's charter specifically to earmark a prescribed number of mills for public safety, thereby baking into the charter a restriction in the 20-mill cap to dedicate a set portion for police and fire services. Public safety expenditures amount to more than 40 percent of the general fund.

After some discussion, city council decided to move forward with drafting a ballot proposal for voters to approve an additional four mills for the general budget to expire in 10 years. A portion of that would pay for two additional public safety officers. Behrens said the Headlee rollback rate the city currently faces is .9974 percent. Though future taxable value for Woods properties is unknown, Behrens said the rate of inflation will be at least 2.1 percent. Four mills will generate \$2,656,656 annually, she projected. Approval of the ballot

proposal by voters essentially will be a Headlee override vote, forestalling fiscal erosion of Headlee rollback and returning the millage nearer to the amount authorized in the city's charter of 20 mills. The city's budget is currently based on 13.8974 mills, according to Behrens. The additional four mills will bring the general fund budget close to 18 mills until mills expire.

Over the next six weeks, city council will gather additional information on budgetary needs from Behrens and Smith to draft the ballot proposal and provide residents with budgetary details in upcoming public forums.

The city will present a draft ballot proposal with an appendix of budgetary projections and assumptions during a committee of the whole meeting March 12 for city council's consideration. Once approved, the city and council will provide additional information for residents to consider leading to the August primary.

"We'll have a town hall meeting. We'll put this out there. We'll take some bruising," Mayor Robert Novitke said.

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Fool me once

The illegal use of a credit card was reported Thursday, Jan. 25, at a Village business.

The owner of the business said it was the second time the suspect used a fraudulent credit card to purchase items.

The first time, an item was purchased November 2017 for \$191.50. Approximately two weeks later, the business owner received a notice from the credit company showing the card was unauthorized to be used, leaving the business with the tab. Because the suspect and family were regular clients of the business, the owner called the suspect to inform them of the notice. The suspect said they would pay the business back.

The suspect came in Wednesday, Jan. 3, to pay off the debt and purchase another item. The suspect used another credit card for the \$489 bill. The transaction went through that day; however, again, a statement was received by the business owner saying the card was fraudulent.

The second credit card was issued in Sweden.

Stuff I never took

A resident in the 900 block of Neff reported a larceny 12:45 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, from

Public Safety Reports

current employer.

Facebook post not liked

Public safety officers were dispatched to The War Memorial at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, following the report of a harassing and threatening Facebook post against The War Memorial staff by a 28-year-old Detroit man formerly employed there. The man's employment was terminated November 2017 due to not showing up for his shifts, staff members of The War Memorial told officers.

The employee with whom officers first spoke "was visibly shaken and upset" by the posting, which was removed.

Home invasion

Public safety officers were dispatched to a house in the 400 block of Colonial Court at 6:56 a.m. Friday, Jan. 26, following the report of a home invasion.

A kitchen window in the house was broken and residents of the home told officers several items were missing, including a purse, bank and credit cards, checkbook, approximately \$50 in cash, two wallets and car keys.

—Melissa Walsh

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

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her house. The victim stated she was going through her jewelry box when she noticed a number of items, worth \$405 total, missing.

The victim believed her roommate's 16-year-old daughter stole the items. The victim text messaged the suspect asking if she had taken the jewelry. The suspect responded, "yup, have fun finding stuff I never took."

—Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Detoxing thief

A package containing Chaga mushrooms was taken from a porch in the 900 block of Beaconsfield Wednesday, Jan. 29.

Checks stolen

A victim in the 15000 block of Mack discovered checks missing from his checkbook sometime between September and October 2017. The checks were discovered later written to people known to the victim. The investigation is ongoing.

Grosse Pointe Farms

A 56-year-old Detroit man was arrested for a litany of crimes 2:45 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, at Cadieux and Jefferson.

Officers first observed the suspect driving erratically. When police attempted to stop the vehicle, the suspect fled. He eventually was apprehended after a pursuit and found to be intoxicated. Officers also found the subject to be in possession of a handgun and narcotics. The suspect was arrested for fleeing and eluding, possession of narcotics, operating while intoxicated and carrying a concealed weapon.

—Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Operating while intoxicated

A 31-year-old Warren man was arrested for operating while intoxicated 4:43 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, on Lakeshore at Edgewood.

Officers observed the driver's car parked in a

traffic lane in northbound Lakeshore. Officers investigated the vehicle and observed the driver had bloodshot eyes, slurred his words and smelled of intoxicants. He admitted to drinking at a St. Clair Shores restaurant earlier. The driver also swayed while getting out of the vehicle. A field sobriety test was administered.

While the driver was tested, the passenger in the vehicle, a 25-year-old Clinton Township woman, moved to the driver seat of the running car. Officers ordered her to turn off the car and remove the keys. The passenger complied, but soon became belligerent asking what was happening to the driver. Officers repeatedly asked her to stay in the vehicle after the passenger opened the door twice in an attempt to exit.

After the driver failed his preliminary breath test with .203 percent blood alcohol content, he was arrested. The passenger was then asked to exit the vehicle so it could be towed, but she refused numerous times. Officers forcibly removed her from the vehicle and arrested her for disorderly conduct.

—Anthony Viola

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

Identification theft

Several residents reported being victims of identity theft.

◆ A 69-year-old man in the 400 block of Allard reported Monday, Jan. 22, receiving a collection notice to pay \$725.27 for a credit card in his name he did not open.

◆ A 66-year-old woman on Rose Terrace reported Tuesday, Jan. 23, she was notified by her employer of denied unemployment claims filed in her name.

◆ A 38-year-old woman in the 200 block of McKinley reported Thursday, Jan. 25, she was notified by her employer by email an imposter filed a fraudulent unemployment claim using her identification.

◆ A 45-year-old woman in the 200 block of Chalfonte reported Saturday, Jan. 27, she received a letter from the Michigan unemployment insurance office someone using her name filed for unemployment from her

PLANS:

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2016, meeting. At that time, according to meeting minutes, then-Councilman Louis Therios "cautioned the Grosse Pointe Historical Society from planning any dramatic changes to the exterior that are not consistent with the character of the neighborhood."

The variance from the original (2016) variance request is, Farms City Manager Shane Reeside explained, based on the GPHS determination "the most prudent course of action would be to raze the property and erect a new structure which would better represent the community of Grosse Pointe Farms and meet our needs for years to come."

GPHS determined construction of a 5,046-square-foot brick building would be more cost effective than repurposing the existing structure. According to O'Brien's statements during the Jan. 8 meeting and a GPHS news release, the plan includes removing the log cabin next to the existing structure.

According to the GPHS website, the log cabin was thought to have been moved from Macomb County to a site behind Christ Church Grosse Pointe in 1938. The structure was dismantled and reconstructed at 376 Kercheval by volunteers between 1996 and 1998.

According to the GPHS presentation Jan. 8 and a Jan. 20 press release, the Grosse Pointe Farms Planning Department staff concluded the cabin is not a significant historic struc-

ture.

Per the city's ordinance, demolition and new construction must begin within one year. GPHS plans to begin demolition this spring, with new construction to follow soon after.

"Renderings of the exterior and plans for the interior of the new building should be available in the coming weeks," the press release stated.

GPHS has operated its administrative activities and housed the Alfred B. and Ruth S. Moran Resource Center 22 years in rented space in the Schwartz Building at 381 Kercheval. After a feasibility study and months of planning, GPHS determined the need for more space to accommodate "its rapidly expanding programs and archives" and to design the new struc-

ture for specific needs, such as handicapped accessibility.

GPHS will launch "The Future of Grosse Pointe Past," a capital campaign

to raise \$1.5 million for the construction project and an endowment at the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan. "The property plan

was well-received by city council because it will lend itself to holding these archives and preserving Grosse Pointe history," Reeside said.

NEW:

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Schulte continued, "the good news is that we have received another very large donation to the public safety department. We have a resident who wishes to remain anonymous. She has made numerous contributions. She is a frequent user of our medic service and she has made some very large contributions to us. Her contributions in total,

this is her third one, would more than pay for the breathing apparatus we are looking at. It's incredible the generosity

of this community."

Schulte will make formal purchase requests to council as the new year's budget is developed.



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OUR VIEW

DPW site
a waste?

Rats. When Grosse Pointe property owners showed up at a city council meeting carrying caricatures of rats to protest the city's department of public works in their backyard and support a proposed new location across Mack Avenue in Detroit, they probably did not realize how their cute stunt would backfire and achieve the opposite results.

The rats went viral, alerting surrounding Detroit residents of a potential rat problem coming to their neighborhood, feasting on Grosse Pointe garbage. Residents, who say they were unaware and not notified of Grosse Pointe's plans to purchase the former Grosse Pointe Tennis House to be used as a DPW facility, managed to get Detroit Corporate Counsel Lawrence Garcia to rescind the Detroit building department's October site plan approval.

Mr. Garcia maintains the property is zoned general business, which precludes overnight storage of sanitation trucks. Such storage would require an industrial zoning, he said. With the site plan rescinded, the City has to resubmit the plan and exclude the overnight storage of garbage trucks and equipment. We suppose, though no one has mentioned it, the City could seek a variance or have the property on Canyon rezoned industrial.

Of course, without truck and equipment storage, the property is useless to the City as a DPW facility, and with resident opposition, it is unlikely a variance or rezoning would be approved. That's a pity. Grosse Pointe was ready to invest more than \$4 million in the purchase and development of the property, including foliage screening between the residential and DPW properties, drainage, building and facade improvements and a new alley serving the property off Canyon and Mack.

As easy as it is to focus on the "rats" as the culprit, a more important question is how did City officials miss the zoning issue? It seems to us if one is going to spend \$4 million on a piece of property, the first thing one would do is verify that the zoning allows the use you intend. That no one checked and that it got through site plan approval, a signed purchase agreement and a closing date set for March we find incredible.

We use the word "incredible" on purpose. We only have the Detroit corporate counsel's opinion. The City maintains the site plan approval process was proper and complied with Detroit zoning officials' counsel.

Besides the zoning issue, Mr. Garcia said some 20 of the 40 houses within 300 feet of the Canyon property were not notified. However, that assertion contradicts the minutes of the Oct. 11 public hearing minutes.

A cynic may think the Detroit corporate counsel's action was a political gesture — a case of premature adjudication — to placate Detroit residents opposed to anything Grosse Pointe.

We shall see.

Pure
Grosse
Pointe

The sunrise over Lake St. Clair is as colorful as ever in this photo, submitted by Grosse Pointe Farms resident Walt Cytacki, taken by his granddaughter in front of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church.

OUR VIEW

'What's the Pointe?
Under the Radar'

The Grosse Pointes were the locale for the Jan. 11 episode of "Under the Radar," a PBS television series in its eighth season featuring various locations throughout the state. Sponsored by the Michigan Economic Development Corp. (Pure Michigan), Emmy Award-winning host and co-creator Tom Daldin did a good job showing off the Pointes — albeit in a corny, Food Network "Wrapped" sort of way.

Mr. Daldin began his "perusal" of Grosse Pointe on the K-Line trolley with Emily Krajniak, daughter of Grosse Pointe Park City Manager Dale Krajniak. Though the host mispronounced her name, Ms. Krajniak was a hit in her TV debut, poised and well-spoken. She explained the importance and popularity of the K-Line trolley and gave credit to her dad for coming up with the idea to bring folks down to the Park's popular Kercheval dining district.

Along the trolley route were many "cameo" appearances — Village Grille, Central Branch Library, the old Grosse Pointe News building, Red Crown, Atwater in the Park, etc.

Mr. Daldin then visited The Robot Garage on Kercheval in the Park and interviewed Sarah Jacobs, co-owner along with her husband, Jonathan Jacobs. Mrs. Jacobs explained how her husband's technical background combined with her love of LEGOs and robotics led to the founding of The Robot Garage. Some 6,000 students in southeast Michigan have taken part in The Robot Garage programs, she said.

Garrido's Bistro on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods was Mr. Daldin's next destination, where he interviewed Vanessa Gonzalez, who opened the Venezuelan eatery with her husband, Christopher Garrido. She explained how when she and her hus-

band came to Grosse Pointe in the "dead of winter" to visit a friend, they fell in love with the Pointes and stayed. Mr. Garrido's family operates a culinary school in Venezuela, Ms. Gonzalez said.

Among the locals interviewed at Garrido's was former Woods councilman Eric Steiner, who lives nearby on Huntington Boulevard. (Mr. Steiner's son, Ethan, is the chef columnist for Grosse Pointe Magazine.)

Next stop was the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. Viewers were treated to a wonderful tour of the house, including some behind-the-scenes footage and the underground tunnel. Docent "Terry" explained the history of the estate and cited all manner of statistics from memory. He was tripped up, though, when the host asked how many bedrooms and bathrooms there were, but he recovered nicely.

The "What's the Pointe? Under the Radar" episode's last stop was the Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe. Mr. Daldin interviewed manager Willie Jones, who stressed Dirty's Dog's attention to detail and owner Gretchen Valade's devotion to jazz. Not only were viewers treated to great jazz musicians and elegant plates prepared by Chef Andre Neimanis, they also got to see rare glimpses of the owner enjoying the music from her traditional seat at the bar.

All in all, we think the "Under the Radar" visit to Grosse Pointe was enjoyable and good for its business community. Hopefully, viewers from around the state will drop by for a visit and learn, as host Mr. Daldin said, that Grosse Pointe is a "hep place to be."

While the "What's the Pointe?" episode is not yet posted on Under the Radar's website, utrmichigan.com, it is available on Detroit Public Television's YouTube channel.

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Change coming
to Grosse Pointe

To the Editor:

The reporter did an excellent job in the article Jan. 25 of summarizing the Jan. 11 panel discussion on Diversity in Detroit featuring Joe Hudson, Rochelle Riley, Craig Donnelly and Marlowe Stoudamire.

However, it needs to be noted that the panel discussion only occu-

pled the first hour; the second hour featured discussions with 150 attendees breaking up into small groups to talk about what they heard and what they've experienced in dealing with differences under the theme of "Where Detroit Has Been and Where It is Going?" The evening was intended to continue the conversation begun last October with another panel featuring

Ike McKinnon, Moussa Hamka and the Rev. Georgia Hill.

What happened warmed the hearts of organizers who wanted people to be able to talk and listen respectfully to differing opinions while recognizing how similar we are in values and desires. Too often we react to stereotypes, not real people.

Change is coming to Grosse Pointe. There was a discussion on diversity at the tabernacle of weddings (The War Memorial); Harper Woods schools are now 50/50 with significant minority representation at Poupard Elementary and Grosse Pointe North. The Grosse Pointe Board of REALTORS sold 2018 calendars featuring students' artwork with the proceeds going to the school district diversity

fund — the same group that 50 years ago fostered the "point system."

I also want to acknowledge these panels are a direct result of the Diversity Task Force of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and The War Memorial with support from We-GP, the Grosse Pointe News, Grosse Pointe high schools (South, North and University Liggett), Michigan Roundtable for Diversity & Inclusion, Hudson Webber Foundation, Detroit Free Press, Grosse Pointe Ministerial Association and Detroit Historical Society.

In the end, it is far better to converse with our fellow Americans than build walls of flower pots or close off roads.

HOWARD B. HILL
Grosse Pointe Farms

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I SAY By Karen Fontanive

Caught with my hand in the Word Cookie jar



Hello. My name is Karen F. and I am a Word Cookies addict.

It began December 2017 during a family vacation to Montreal at Christmas. It started as a way to kill time at the airport, in the hotel room and during frequent warm-up stops. (As cold as it was here at Christmas, it was colder in Montreal.) My daughter had the

game on her phone. It seemed like an educational way to spend my time instead of reading about how any of the Kardashians or Jay-Z and Beyonce were spending their holidays.

For those of you fortunate enough not to know, Word Cookies is played by connecting letters to create words. You are given five to eight letters and have to create words out of the letters. Some are 3-letter words, 4-letter words, 5-letter words and one master 6-, 7- or 8-letter word. They are arranged alphabetically within the number of letters, so I can find "cat" between "ate" and "cut" and "meat" between

"mate" and "meet."

I should have known I had a problem in Montreal when I continued to play on my daughter's phone long after everyone was asleep in our hotel room. And, I really should have known I had a problem when we got home and I still wanted to play.

My daughter, thinking she was doing me a favor, suggested I download it on our iPad since she and her phone needed to go back to college. I thought this was a good idea, too, since I don't take the iPad with me, so my playing would be limited.

However, our iPad is ancient by today's tech-

nological standards, and I do not have enough whatever is needed to download Word Cookies. I should have taken this as a sign. Let it be. But I couldn't.

I downloaded Word Cookies on my phone — and there has been no rest since. I rue the day I downloaded it, but I can't stop playing. I must complete level one.

Once my eyes focus in the morning, I play a round or two — or 10. Lunch at work? Play a few rounds. Dinner in the oven? Play a few more rounds. You get the idea.

This is bad. I can say all I want about it being educational, but it's not.

So many words are repeated and so many words that are words aren't accepted. (Those words go into a cookie jar, but I'm not even going there.)

I have typed in "lie" and "lye" and "eon" and "ion" and "arm" and "ale" and "gel" and "gin" so many times, yet it won't except "yon" or "yen." What's wrong with those words? Why "gel" and "gin" and not "yon" or "yen"?

Frustrating. Yet, I keep playing — all in my quest to complete level one.

I have to solve 1,480 puzzles to complete level one. I have to solve the ginger, milk, vanilla, cinnamon and banana

rounds to become a novice chef. Then I have to complete similar rounds all in my quest to become a fantastic chef. Their term, not mine.

I don't really care what chef I am or what chef I will become. I just need to keep playing to finish level one!

After a month of playing, I still haven't completed level one! And it's not because I'm stupid, but because there are so many levels. If it takes two minutes to complete each puzzle, it will take me 49 hours — yes, hours — to complete level one.

And I will. Hello. My name is Karen F. and I am a Word Cookies addict.

A wake-up call to U.S., challenge to millennials

By Hector E. Garcia

America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves." — Abraham Lincoln

"Great men, great nations have not been boasters and buffoons, but perceivers of the terror of life, and have manned themselves to face it." — Ralph Waldo Emerson

The challenge to American millennials is to rekindle faith in our nation's ideals. The great American experiment has drifted toward dysfunction. Some reasons for this dysfunction are confusion over globalization, anger over some of its side effects in the U.S. and growing inequality of wealth and growth in the number of ethnic minorities.

The U.S. and the West led the globalization revolution in the early 1990s. The horizon appeared full of promise — that democracy, ethical capitalism and free, fair trade would spread throughout Latin America and the rest of the developing world.

The Industrial Revolution made possible a leap in human development for some countries, which became known as developed nations. In spite of dramatic upheavals, developed nations acquired higher standards of living and gradually established systems of law, work and government that made the changes manageable.

Granted those nations, rather than sharing the means to harness the forces that were unleashed, often took advantage of the undeveloped nations, but humans are not perfect and progress requires perpetual reinforcement.

With globalization, the opportunity to mature further was presented to humanity; those who had launched the revolution could share with still-developing and undeveloped nations not only the technological and scientific means to access the resulting opportunities, but the socio-political foundations for stability, equity and growth — democracy, the rule of

law, honoring the unique dignity and rights of individuals.

Historical problems won't be solved by smart phones, computers and weapons and they won't be solved by economic and political machines that require no human oversight. We must acknowledge these problems are mainly a result of our lack of maturity, which is where our investment of resources has been found lacking.

Most countries and corporations with the capacity to profit from globalization's opportunities did so primarily in their own self-interest. Those countries, especially the United States, missed an opportunity by creating greater inequality in wealth and income while shrinking its middle class.

Fortune Magazine published an article by Erik Sherman on results of the Allianz's new Global Wealth Report of 2015, entitled "America is the Richest, and Most Unequal Country."

A few governments, in enlightened self-interest, harnessed the opportunities to improve upward mobility and grow middle classes.

Among these, China used globalization to move millions out of poverty, while Canada increased the upward mobility of its poorest 20 percent between 2013 and 2016 by 24 percent (that of the U.S. poorest during the same period increased by 16 percent).

These two nations, with vastly different socioeconomic and political systems yet led by long-term planning and the goal of promoting the common good of their people, benefited from globalization.

In contrast, the effects of globalization observed in declarations, actions and lack of action by the United States illustrate what Franklin Roosevelt implied by his statement that "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

Fear merely leads to fight-or-flight reactions, not to reflection, dialogue and progress. Our prevailing divisions, anger and chaos can be countered by following Roosevelt's advice and the example of the Greatest Generation of Americans who did not

allow the Nazis nor the Great Depression to intimidate them.

Said effects are a wake-up call for Americans. We must acknowledge that some in government, some corporations and some media organizations exploited our complacency.

We, the People, felt entitled to our long-held standard of living and accepted our pliable role as consumers of cheaper products and services, entertainment and simplistic, deceptive information.

While distracted by this modern version of bread and circuses, the powerful converted a key original globalization objective — to grow middle classes — into exploiting the existing ones and the poor more strategically and surreptitiously.

Building on the success of spellbinding advertising, the elites now pitch the claim that the culprits behind the negative side effects of globalization are families fleeing wars and socio-economic inequalities, which the former induced, as well as the American laws that protect them.

To make our nation great again, the elites' strategy seems to be reaffirming the scientifically debunked myth of human racial hierarchy and the mantra of winning-is-the-only-thing. The vision appears to be an autocratic, homogeneously "Caucasian" oligarchy, walled off from other countries and reality, which can win more wars, including economic, environmental and nuclear ones.

Garcia is the author of "Clash or Complement of Cultures?"

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1943

75 years ago this week

SCHOOLS DENTIST NAMED: Dr. Don Broadbridge of Grosse Pointe Park was named dentist of the Grosse Pointe school district. He replaces Dr. J. Maxwell Laffrey who entered the armed services.

The schools dentist is responsible for dental examinations and all problems of oral hygiene in the schools.

POINTERS GRAB SPOTLIGHT IN BOOTLEG LIQUOR PROBE: Six Grosse Pointers grabbed a good deal of the spotlight in a liquor probe when it was revealed they were consignees for bootleg stuff confiscated by state police.

The case dates back to Jan. 24, 1941, when the police seized a load of liquor near Kalamazoo being shipped from Illinois to Detroit.

The shipment was later released to the Liquor Commission and subsequently released to the consignees on payment.

The deputy attorney general pointed out any Michigan citizen can go to any other state where liquor is sold and bring the liquor home. However, it is a misdemeanor for an agent to solicit such commissions in Michigan and bring the liquor into the state to fill the orders.

1968

50 years ago this week

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS TAKE THREE

LIVES IN YEAR: Three persons were killed in Pointe traffic during 1967, and an even 500 were reported injured in the total of 1,352 accidents recorded by the five Pointe police departments.

TRUSTEE CALLS POINTE EDUCATION BARGAIN: School Trustee Edward Pongracz told the Maire PTA his "three children received \$15,600 worth of education in Grosse Pointe, for which I paid \$8,100 in local school taxes." Mr. Pongracz was the featured speaker on the Feb. 26 millage and bond campaign for the public schools and libraries.

1993

25 years ago this week

PAIR SOUGHT IN DRIVEWAY ASSAULTS: Police believe two incidents that happened Jan. 26 in which people in Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe Woods were approached by supposed gunmen as they were getting out of their vehicles are related.

The Park incident occurred at 10 p.m.; the Woods one at 11 p.m. Descriptions of events and suspects were similar.

COURT BATTLE OVER PROPOSED LOT SPLIT CONTIN-

UES IN PARK: A fight over a proposed lot split of lakefront property in Grosse Pointe Park is continuing in Wayne County Circuit Court following a public hearing held by the Park City Council.

Of concern is if a fire hazard would be created if the property at 745 Whittier is divided into three lots.

2008

10 years ago this week

LAKES' HEALTH AT STAKE: The maintenance plan to eliminate the unsightly accretion north of Pier Park in Grosse Pointe Farms is being touted as assertive by state leaders concerned about the health of the Great Lakes system.

MAN WANTED IN BRUTAL ASSAULT CAUGHT: It took time and a lot of man hours, but police believe they have the man responsible for brutally assaulting an elderly City of Grosse Pointe woman late last year.

The assault took place in the woman's home. The woman and her son met the suspect in downtown Detroit where he was panhandling.

Feeling sorry for him, the two took him to a grocery store for food and later invited him into their home.

— Karen Fontanive

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100 years later

Liggett students recreate history

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

While World War I didn't officially end until the signing of the Treaty of Versailles June 19, 1919, Germany formally surrendered Nov. 11, 1918. The theme of this year's World War I exhibition, created and curated by 11th- and 12th-graders in Adam Hellebuyck's history class at University Liggett School, marks this centennial.

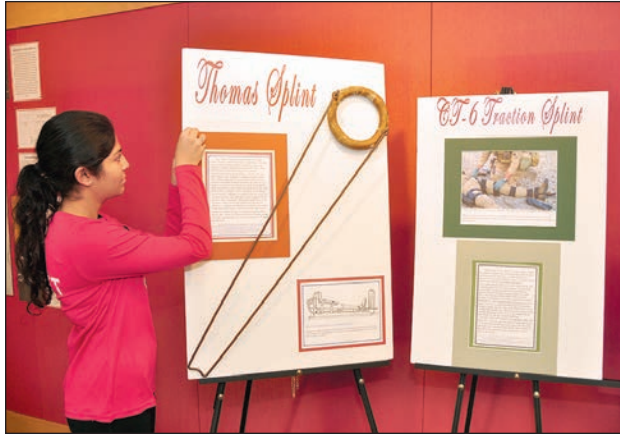
The theme is "100 years later," Hellebuyck said, with every student making "a connection to today and why it still matters."

Each year, students surprise Hellebuyck with their range of ideas and depth of creativity. This year — the sixth — was no exception.

"I think the best part about this is that you set the premise and then the kids take it in all the directions with the research that they do," said the 11-year veteran teacher. "I really don't know what's going to happen. It's unique every time. (Students) talk out the ideas with me, but it's so student led and centered."

The intensive four-month project began at the end of September, when students put together a research prospectus. The end product was the exhibition Jan. 25, open to the public.

Some students built on ideas from the past. For example, this year's



Kaelan Patel's exhibit was called "From Warfare to Wellness." On display is a splint used during WWI she found on eBay next to a photo of a CT-6 traction splint used today.

trench, complete with sandbags and a simulation of No Man's Land, eclipsed what had been done previously, Hellebuyck said.

Students offered new perspectives this year on diplomacy, propaganda, attrition — "the idea that you outlast an enemy instead of use strategy to defeat them," a more modern approach to warfare, according to Hellebuyck — and shell shock.

Many tie the project into individual interests, from medicine and science to aircraft, music and even comedy. Dylan Sherman, who is a musician, studied the use of musical instruments in the trenches. Quinn Nehr, who hopes to be a comedian or actor someday, explored the impact of his idol, silent film star Charlie Chaplin, on the morale of soldiers and the war effort. During the exhibit, Nehr looped a

movie he created that imitated Chaplin's work.

"That's the best part to me; they tie it into whatever interests them," Hellebuyck said. "History can be anything. It can be about whatever you make it. ... That's the goal of this — to frame out a project so that students can bring in whatever passions they have, whether that's in topic or creativity or production, and make it happen."

Kaelan Patel, who is interested in studying medicine, focused on the history of splints, anti-septic processes, blood transfusions and the ambulance system before, during and after World War I.

"I've always had a passion for science and I really wanted to focus on a topic that would let me look more into my interests on that topic," Patel said.



Above, social studies teacher Adam Hellebuyck holds a replica of a gas rattle, created on a 3D printer, used during the war to warn people when poisonous gas was expelled. Right, a replica of a trench built by Todd Costello, Sean Detloff and Lance Mercer. Above right, Quinn Nehr poses with his alter ego and idol, Charlie Chaplin.

Nathan Alcantara became interested in WWI aircraft after watching the HBO mini-series, "Band of Brothers." He created a cockpit and flight simulation for attendees to experience what it would feel like to fly.

"I knew planes were very impactful during World War I so I wanted to do research pre-World War I, during World War I and post World War I," he said.

According to Hellebuyck, the experience gave students firsthand knowledge of what a curated historical exhibit is like.



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"This is something a professional in the field does," he said. "Someone who's an historian could be putting together a museum exhibit, curating pieces — what do you include, what do you take out — connecting with the public. That's authentic."

Hellebuyck will evaluate students based on feedback they received from attendees who listened to their presentations and filled out comment cards.

"You can sit for a traditional exam or you can do something like this that's genuinely authen-

tic and meaningful," said Head of Upper School Brock Dunn, adding the students were "excited to show off their learning."

Next year marks the centennial of the signing of the Treaty of Versailles in 1919. Hellebuyck plans to host the exhibit one more year in honor of that pivotal moment in history.

"That will probably be our last year for a while," he said, adding the museum approach can be used to enhance any classroom experience, from history to science.

"That's the beauty of it," he said.

District hosts facility town halls

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Public School System is hosting a series of town hall meetings to engage community members in

the planning process for meeting the district's facility needs. A town hall will be held at all 14 school buildings, Barnes Early Childhood Center and the administration building at 389 St. Clair.

Each town hall will include a presentation on enrollment trends, building capacity vs. use, critical needs, operational costs, real estate/lease estimates and information specific to the host building. A tour and question-and-answer session follows. Present will be members of the administration, at least one board member and the building principal. The school's PTO will co-host the event.

"It's going to be an opportunity not just for us to share information, but to hear feedback from the community," said Jon Dean, deputy superintendent of educational services.

With an anticipated 20 to 25 attendees at each town hall, the goal is to reach 400 to 600 people over two months, giving the board and administration ample input from the community when taking formal action to put a bond referendum on the November ballot.

Town halls, estimated to last one to 1 1/2 hours, will be held at 6:30 p.m., with the exception of the March 14 town hall at 389 St. Clair.

The first town hall took place Jan. 31, at Mason Elementary School. Remaining dates are Thursday, Feb. 1 — Defer Elementary School; Tuesday, Feb. 6 — Grosse Pointe North High School; Wednesday, Feb. 7 — Parcels Middle School; Thursday, Feb. 8 — Richard Elementary School; Thursday, Feb. 15 — Monteith Elementary School; Tuesday, Feb. 27 — Maire Elementary School; Wednesday, Feb. 28 — Brownell Middle School; Thursday, March 1 — Kerby Elementary School; Tuesday, March 6 — Ferry Elementary School; Thursday, March 8 — Barnes Early Childhood Center; Wednesday, March 14 — 389 St. Clair (time to be determined); Thursday, March 22 — Trombly Elementary School; Thursday, April 12 — Grosse Pointe South High School; Tuesday, April 17 — Poupard Elementary School; and Thursday, April 19 — Pierce Middle School.

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North auction honors teachers

The theme for this year's Norse Night Auction — "The Best for the Best" — is particularly fitting. Grosse Pointe North High School teachers were recognized as the best public high school teachers in Michigan by Niche, a website that ranks schools by combining in-depth analysis with reviews.

Norse Night, hosted by North's Parents Club, supports student academic enrichment, college scholarships and school beautification and enrichment. This year's fundraising event will be held 6 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at Assumption Cultural Center, 2180 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

While Norse Night raised \$40,000 to improve the library its inaugural year, this year's funds will go to renovating an under-utilized classroom

into a cross-curricular, collaborative space, according to Lesley Graham, who co-chairs the auction along with Parents Club President Gretchen Schock.

More than 300 attendees, including parents, staff members, alumni and friends from the community, are expected and the goal is to raise \$100,000, Graham said, adding donations may be made "in honor of your best teacher."

The event includes dinner, silent and live auctions and a raffle.

"Since we had the gold medal teachers, we figured we needed a gold medal celebration," said Graham.

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— Mary Anne Brush

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Under the sea

Brownell Middle School will make a splash with its all-school musical, Disney's "The Little Mermaid" Thursday, Feb. 8, and Friday, Feb. 9. More than 100 students will perform on stage and under the sea 7 p.m. in Brownell's auditorium, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms. Tickets are \$10 and available at gpschools.seatyourself.biz until two hours before curtain time and at the door. Gold Cards are honored. Brownell is located at 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms. Pictured, back row from left, are Charles Logan as Grimsby; Jose Carrion as Scuttle; Sean Field as King Triton; Erin Steinhauer as Ariel; Abraham Neds-Fox as Prince Eric and Jake Sachs as Flounder. Front row, Alice Walsh as Ursula and Ethan Vernon as Sebastian.

South's choirs present 'Winter Spectacular'

Grosse Pointe South High School's award-winning choirs kick off 2018 with the annual Winter Spectacular concert 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, at the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

"This is essentially our preview concert and features pieces we'll be performing on our upcoming international trip to Spain and the French Riviera, as well as the sets we're preparing for our two big competitions in March," said Christopher Pratt, South's choir director. "It's a very unique and energetic evening and really sets the stage for

what we'll be doing over the next couple months in very high-profile settings. I think people will love it."

There will be soloists, as well as ensemble performances from the Pointe Singers, Tower Belles, Sounds of South and the South Singers and highlights include "The Finale from the Gondoliers" by Gilbert & Sullivan, "A Star is Born from Hercules," "Gold" by Lind Eder and "Who Will Buy?" from Oliver.

Tickets, available at gpsouthchoir.org and at Posterity Gallery in The Village, are \$10 for lower level and balcony seats and \$8 for students or seniors citizens. Gold

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The Winter Spectacular sets the stage for the choirs' upcoming bi-annual European trip Feb. 16 to 24, as well as two major competitive events. The Pointe Singers, Tower Belles and Sounds of South will compete in the Teays Valley Show Choir Competition in Ashville, Ohio, on Friday and Saturday, March 2 and 3, and the next weekend the Pointe Singers and Tower Belles will participate in the Bishop Luers Show Choir Competition in Fort Wayne, Ind., on Friday and Saturday, March 9 and 10.

Parcells art wins gold

Parcells Middle School received more Scholastic Art Awards than any other public middle school in the southeast Michigan region. Among these were Gold Key winners Margaret Nicholson, Morgan Smith and Ian Spriet. Nicholson won for her photography, "Boxed In," and Spriet for his digital art, "Torn." Smith won two Gold Key awards — one for her digital piece, "Hallowmoon" and one for her comic art, "Fly in the House."

Other winners from Amber Mades's art class at Parcells were Angelina Harris, Silver Key and honorable mention in digital art; Raymond Plieth, Silver Key in comic art; Paige Przepiora, honorable mention in photography; Katherine Puppas, two honorable mentions in photography; and Clare Rogos, honorable mention in design.

Winners from Margaret Rose's art class at Brownell Middle School were Jocelyn Mills, Gold Key in sculpture; Emily Smith, Gold Key in sculpture; Regan McDonald, Silver Key in fashion; and Emilia Cywinski, honorable mention in drawing. From Jane Plieth's art class at Pierce Middle School, Jerry Xia won a Gold Key in architecture and ID and a Silver Key in design.

— Mary Anne Brush



"HALLOWMOON" BY MORGAN SMITH



"TORN" BY IAN SPRIET



"BOXED IN" BY MARGARET NICHOLSON



"FLY IN THE HOUSE" BY MORGAN SMITH

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Peter Gritsas of Grosse Pointe Woods was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Pointe.

Kristina Kamm graduated December 2017 from Heidelberg University with a bachelor's degree in music vocal performance. She also was named to the Dean's List for the semester. The 2013 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School is the daughter of Lorie and John Kamm of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident **Mark A. Cimmarrusti** was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester at Baylor University.

Grosse Pointe Park resident **Alexander Kalmar**

was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester at Baylor University.

Grosse Pointe Woods resident **Kamilla Irene Berns** was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester at Baylor University.

Aaron Motley of the

City of Grosse Pointe was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester at Carthage College.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident **Mindy Leigh Miller** graduated December 2017 from Clemson University with a Master of Science degree in biological sciences.

Teacher of THE WEEK



Julie Van Tol

School: Kerby Elementary School
Years at Kerby: 1 (6 in GPPSS)
Grade: Kindergarten
Nominated by: Sara Delgado, principal
Principal's quote:

"Although Julie Van Tol is not new to the Grosse Pointe Public School System, she is new to Kerby this year. Julie has added vibrant energy and enthusiasm to our staff. She is an innovative thinker who is always willing to try out new teaching strategies and ideas. We are very lucky that she has joined our Kerby family."

What do you enjoy most about teaching?
I enjoy seeing the growth of a child in just a short time. I feel fortunate to be a part of their development not only academically, but socially as well. They create new friendships, learn to trust others and gain pride in themselves for their work and accomplishments. It is an incredibly rewarding profession.

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

Last year I was greeted by a former kindergarten student. She was in fourth grade at the time and had published her first book. I was incredibly proud of her because she was only nine years old and had already written a short novel (something I'm not sure I could do as an adult!) I was very touched as she had included me in the dedication of her book. Lucky for me, I was able to see her passion for writing at such a young age. **Please share a book or person that has inspired you or your teaching.**

I have a few! My sister, Kelly Morawski, is an inspiration to me. She is a teacher as well, for students with autism. Not only does she have an amazing work ethic, she is always striving to accomplish more. I admire her for her determination and



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admiration for her students. My husband is also my rock. He has always been very supportive in all that I do. If I'm ever on the fence about trying something new, he's the one to give me the confidence to give it a go. Lastly, my students inspire me. They are my motivation to provide a fun learning environment where they aren't afraid to make mistakes and are excited and eager to learn. They make me laugh every day and I adore their curiosity.

Favorite quote:
"Sometimes the smallest things take up the most room in your heart."
— Winnie the Pooh

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World travelers

Monteith Elementary School kindergarteners traveled around the world in December, visiting Mexico, Australia and China in their classrooms.



Griffin Boedeker, left, and Crew Gollaher show off the boomerangs they made while “traveling” to Australia.



During a break in activities, Kylie Kozlowski looks at the globe to see where she had visited.



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Above, Josie Pierce uses chopsticks to move marshmallows from a plate to a container, an activity during her visit to China.



Left, Grace Ghesquire holds up her passport, which was stamped in each country she visited, and her suitcase, which contains crafts she made in each country.

Right, Kindergarten teacher Diane Richards wore a traditional Chinese dress for her classroom.



Left, Katherine Foka colors a booklet about her visit to Mexico.



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Lighthouse leaders

Poupard Elementary School’s student lighthouse team collected more than 50 used towels and blankets for the Michigan Humane Society. Students kicked off another community service project — a spare change drive to benefit the Leukemia Society — at an all-school assembly Jan. 29.

Liggett student debuts at Broadway supper club

University Liggett School senior Antonio Cipriano makes his debut at Feinstein’s/54 Below, Broadway’s Supper Club, in “Just the Beginning” Friday, Feb. 23, at 11:30 p.m. Cipriano made his first Broadway stage appearance this past year in the 2017 Jimmy Awards where he earned a finalist spot. His YouTube covers of Broadway and pop songs helped him land a lead role in a recent Broadway workshop.



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Antonio Cipriano

Cipriano will perform songs from a variety of genres along with some original music from his EP, “Never Gonna Be the Same.” He will be joined by special guests Derek Klena (Anastasia), Celia Gooding and Tobey Miller.

Feinstein’s/54 Below is a performance venue in

the theater district a few blocks from Times Square. It presents iconic and rising stars from the worlds of Broadway and popular music.

Cipriano’s music can be found in iTunes, Spotify, Amazon Music or at antoniocipriano.com.

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Parents and educators explore range of opinions at diversity meeting

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

All students should say the pledge of allegiance.

This would hardly seem a controversial statement, but among nearly 20 parents, teachers and administrators assembled in Maire Elementary School’s library for a Grosse Pointe Parents for Unity in Diversity meeting Jan. 18, opinions ranged from “agree” and “strongly agree” to “disagree” and “strongly disagree.”

The topic of that month’s meeting was “Having the Courage to Have a Difficult Conversation.” As part of a warm-up exercise, the corners of the library were divided into these four categories and attendees stood in the corner that best fit their own beliefs. Some questioned the words “all” and “should” and suggested making the activity mandatory violates freedom of expression. Others believed it was a sign of respect.

Said Sarah Neely, a second-grade teacher at Maire who facilitated the exercise, “Part of our second-grade curriculum is patriotism and we teach about the pledge of allegiance and we teach the words of the pledge of allegiance, but at no time do we say, ‘And everyone has to do it.’ But we talk about lots of different ways that you can show patriotism.”

The next statement, “To be fair, all students should have the same work and equal expectations,” generated more agreement than dissent. Educators and parents alike agreed while grade-level standards and benchmarks were necessary, a range of learning styles and abilities among same-age children required differentiation and flexibility to accommodate a spectrum of work styles and approaches.

“As an educator, and someone who has been in school, there are a lot of ways for kids to meet standards and there are supports and presses and pulls that will meet different kids in different ways at different times,” said Kevin Ozar, a parent in the district and teacher in Farmington Hills.

Discussion on the final statement — “Public schools should not celebrate holidays” — revolved around the word “celebrate” and the difference between teaching students about holidays and celebrating them.

“Celebrate is an interesting word,” said Ozar. “Observe is a different word.”

Maire teacher Emily Rennpage said she has a student in her first-grade classroom whose family celebrates Eid-al-Fitr, a Muslim holiday marking the end of Ramadan.

According to Rennpage, the child is excited to teach her classmates about this holiday. “We’re not celebrating it, but we are honoring it and learning about it and becoming more knowledgeable about it,” she said.

“I think there’s a thin line there,” said Ginni Winters, equity consultant for Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency and meeting facilitator. “I’m struggling with this because I believe we can teach (holidays) and celebrate them, but people should have a choice whether they celebrate them. ... I think they should have that choice. But I do think it’s good for students to know some of the traditions and things that people celebrate. That gives us a cultural awareness level.”

All Grosse Pointe Public School System parents are invited to attend Parents for Unity in Diversity meetings and participate in discussions related to diversity in the schools and community.

The next meetings will be held 6:30 to 8 p.m. March 22 at Mason Elementary School, April 26 at Trombly Elementary School and May 24 at Ferry Elementary School. To arrange childcare for children age 3 and older, contact Susan at susan_suto@yahoo.com.

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‘Hands of God’ Mission trip to Texas yields powerful results

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

A group of volunteers from Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church made a world of difference in just two days.

The team — Eva, Joey and Tom Cobau; the Rev. Ray and Dar McGee; Olivia Randazzo and Jennifer and Mike Skalsky — shortened their Christmas holiday to rent an RV and drive to Beaumont, Texas, the last week of December.

The mission was a no-brainer for Eva Cobau, 21, a mission trip veteran.

“I love going on mission trips,” she said. “I’ve been to Kentucky; I went to Haiti twice. I thought it would be a new, interesting experience to go to a new state. I thought it would be fun to see how different things are.”

The group had no idea what they were in for on the drive down, but anxiously discussed offering their drywall-hanging skills to whomever needed them. When they



Jennifer and Mike Skalsky and Tom Cobau cut drywall for the Ray house.

met with leaders from Wesley United Methodist Church and the U.M. Army — a youth ministry affiliated with the Texas Methodist Church — the group was lined up with the perfect family.

Jimmy and Kecha Ray and their sons — Colton, 10; Ethan, 8; and Lane, 5 — fled when Hurricane Harvey submerged their home in four feet of water. When they were able to return, most of their possessions had been destroyed or washed away.

The Rays — who did

not have flood insurance — did what they could to better their situation. Jimmy Ray ran electrical service to replace damaged wiring. Every scrap of drywall and carpeting was removed from the house. All that was left indoors were construction tools, a few cabinets, the studs supporting the roof and a toilet.

“When we came to the house, I didn’t think anything was wrong,” said Tom Cobau, an engineer and Eva’s father. “It looked like a normal house on the outside, but inside there were no walls. It was completely stripped down. The whole neighborhood was like that; everybody lost so much.”

Contractors were in high demand and hardware stores increased their prices to take advantage of the situation.

“I’d estimate \$100,000 in damage, with no insurance,” Tom Cobau said. “Who has an extra \$100,000 to buy drywall, all new appliances, all new electrical?”

Of her six mission trips, this is Eva Cobau’s first where she was able to interact with the family she helped.

“The first day, Kecha showed up bright and early and told us what she wanted us to do,” Eva Cobau said. Volunteers immediately helped clean up the front yard. “Everything that was inside floated outside. She wanted to save some of the fixtures that weren’t damaged. But the real accomplishment was



Mission trip volunteers included, from left, Pastor Ray McGee, Dar McGee, Mike and Jennifer Skalsky, Joey Cobau, Olivia Randazzo, Tom Cobau and Eva Cobau.

the drywall and insulation.

“They were well off,” she continued. “They had everything they needed. This flood stripped everything away so fast. It took a big toll on this family. ... Things happened so fast, they weren’t able to save anything. And they were not able to clean up, because it was so emotional for them. It’s their life, out there on the curb.”

The GPUMC team also was able to teach drywall hanging to members of the U.M. Army, who took over for them after their 2 ½ days onsite were over.

In turn, the U.M. Army led the team in worship and lodged them. They worked together and shared their faith journeys with each other.

“U.M. Army added a lot of the spirituality,” Tom Cobau said.

Both Cobaus said the client dinner was the best part of their mission, when they were able to share a meal and a message with the Ray family.

“We got to eat with the family we helped serve,” Eva Cobau said. “We got to sit and get to know them and hear their story.”

Added Tom Cobau, “After worship, we went through and the clients talked about it. Kecha said, ‘You guys are the hands of God.’ So when you’re sitting there having worked with your hands for two days and someone says that, says, ‘You guys are the hands of God,’ that was very meaningful to me.”

The timing was right for the Rays, who had nearly run out of hope when they were paired with the GPUMC team.

“They told us how hopeless they were feel-

ing,” Eva Cobau said.

“‘This is the end. We’re in this alone.’ But they said, ‘You guys saved the day.’”

“Having us come down there was such a spiritual life for them,” Tom Cobau added. “They had felt abandoned by God.”

The trip was funded by the GPUMC congregation, who helped rent the RV and supplied tools for the job.

“Say 100,000 homes were damaged,” Tom Cobau said. “This is one house that we made better, but that one house counts. That was their house. It meant something to them that somebody came.”

“I’m proud of everybody who went down there.”



Joey Cobau and Olivia Randazzo hang drywall.



August 31, 2017



Top, the Ray house after floodwaters hit last August. Above, the Ray home the day Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church volunteers arrived.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF TOM COBAU

Jimmy and Kecha Ray.

Kecha Ray’s Facebook post

“15 years ago, as a college student, God sent me to Michigan to serve and minister to a Deaf church for 10 weeks. Today, God sent a team of adults & college students from a church in Michigan to serve & minister to my family. No denying His hand when the ONLY team from outside of Texas is from Michigan, came prepared to hang insulation & drywall and ends up at my house of all places. Thank you Rev. Ray McGee, Dar McGee, Tom Cobau, Eva Cobau, Joey Cobau, Olivia Randazzo, Jen & Michael J. Skalsky, all the donors from Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, United Methodist Army, and Jan Nycum Ray for making the connection!!!! Jimmy Ray #JesusStrong”

Unexpectedly Single



Suzanne Antonelli, CFP®
Wealth Advisor

I am a woman working in an industry historically dominated by men. Although the industry is evolving and more women are choosing careers in finance, I am still woefully outnumbered. This fact helped to shape my focus when working with clients and influences my client base.

Several years ago I invited a small group of my clients to gather as a focus group to help me better understand their experiences. The group represented a variety of age groups with one shared commonality; all were women who became unexpectedly single, either because of the death of their husband or due to divorce. The women I invited to participate had successfully navigated through the grieving process and had reinvented their new normal.

The purpose of the focus group was to determine what had made them successful; what were their most difficult challenges, what would they do differently if they could go back in time, and what would be their advice to women just beginning this journey.

Most Difficult Challenges

- Learning to live alone
- Not letting well meaning family or friends insert themselves and railroad them into decisions
- Finding professional advisors (attorney, accountant, financial planner, etc) who they could trust and understand
- Buying or servicing a car

What Would They Do Differently

- Participate more in the investment and planning process. Most had never attended meetings or met “their husband’s financial advisor” – find one you trust and will work with your family collaboratively. They all said understanding their investments and financial

plan brought security and peace of mind.

- Be more prepared. Universally they wished they had gathered and organized more effectively. Online credentials, investment statements, insurance and estate documents were scattered near and far.
- The widows would have retired earlier/asked their husbands to do the same and spent more time together!

Their Advice

- Do not make any major decisions in the first year.
- Be kind to yourself, it takes time to heal and time to gain the confidence and desire to build a new life alone.
- Find one or two trusted advisors; having someone

to bounce ideas off of who will always keep your best interest in the forefront is invaluable – family, friend, or professional you know and trust.

- Use your network of family and friends to refer you to competent and trustworthy professionals. Interview several and bring a companion to the meeting for a second opinion.
- Stay active and get involved in your community.

The group as a whole reached a consensus on their answers. In sum, they were relieved to have help unraveling all the details. Several had not sought financial advice for over two years, and they lived in constant fear during those years. It is important to find the strength

to gain the knowledge to take control of your financial security! Planning for the unexpected sooner rather than later will make life’s journeys easier to navigate.

Suzanne has over 25 years of experience in personalized portfolio management, tax and retirement planning, risk management, and estate plan execution and funding. She specializes in the unique financial needs of families, retirees, and women.

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SENIOR *Living*

Comfort food Sunrise campus thanks first responders for keeping them safe

The Sunrise Senior Living campus — which includes Sunrise of Grosse Pointe Woods and Sunrise on Vernier — warmed the hearts and bellies of first responders and city employees in Grosse Pointe Woods as a way to thank them for their service.

Thursday, Jan. 25,

Sunrise residents, administrators and staff brought chili, cornbread and cookies to the Woods Community Center and invited every city employee to lunch.

“Sunrise Grosse Pointe, as a campus, and our residents wanted to take the opportunity to thank first responders



Woods Community Center employee Sandy Brucker and Mary Jo Fresard, director of sales at Sunrise on Vernier, add cornbread to their chili lunches.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

and city workers,” said Mary Jo Fresard, director of sales at Sunrise on Vernier. “It’s been a cold, hard winter and we wanted them to warm up with chili and cornbread. We’re thankful for all the

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The Encore Years: Ed and Fran Benz

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Life continues to be an adventure for City of Grosse Pointe residents Ed and Fran Benz.

The two met on the SS South American, a Great Lakes steamer. He was a busboy and bellhop while he worked his way through school, then after serving in the U.S. Army, he returned and served as a bartender.

“Every year a nurse would do medical records and draw blood,” Ed Benz said. “That was (Fran).”

They met in the dining room and argued about Ayn Rand, Fran Benz said. It was the start of a long-lasting and eventful relationship.

After they married, they applied to the Peace Corps and were ready to head to North Bornea, “but that was the week we found out I was pregnant with Brian,” Fran Benz said, so they were unable to go. “Three years later we found out about Extension Lay Volunteers, which is like the Catholic Peace Corps. We spent a year (in Rowena, Texas).”

They also had a third child in Rowena, Lizzie, who followed her sister, Bridget. “When we were young, we just functioned. We didn’t think much,” Fran Benz said.

When they returned to Michigan, Ed Benz taught at several schools while finishing his master’s degree at University of Detroit.

“The same month I graduated, our fourth child (John) was born,” he said. He began substitute teaching in Detroit before eventually landing a full-time gig at Cass Technical High School, where he worked 22 years until retiring early due to health problems.

“Then I began visiting prisoners one on one with a church program, speaking with people who were stressed out in jail,” Ed Benz said. His Wayne County Jail visits led to a job teaching inmates to prepare for their GEDs. He’s still in contact with a few teachers and even a couple former students, he said.

“Ed is a wonderful mentor,” Fran Benz said.

After the jail job was discontinued by then-Gov. John Engler, Ed



Ed and Fran Benz on one of their many sailing adventures.

Benz resumed substitute teaching, which he did until age 79.

During their marriage, Fran Benz worked as a registered nurse 22 years at Beaumont Hospital. She continues to volunteer in the hospital’s Spiritual Care Department. She was awarded for her work with a DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses at age 79.

The couple, who’ve been married 56 years and have been active members at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, have run a married couples spirituality group 53 years.

“It’s the largest couples group in the Catholic Church no one’s ever heard of,” Fran Benz said.

Added her husband, “We were the first one in Detroit. Now there are more than 30 in the metro area.”

The Benzes have fostered four children and 37 years ago started the Chili and Cheer block party during the holidays — a tradition that continues in their City neighborhood.

The avid sailors traveled on a replica tall ship that had been used in the film “Mutiny on the Bounty,” from Toronto to Sault Ste. Marie.

“We love sailing,” Ed Benz said. “Our first date was on a sailboat. ... I kind of knew what I was doing.”

“But not really,” Fran quickly added.

They’ve owned a series of boats, including a trimaran they raced in three Mackinac races. They also sailed from Fort Lauderdale to the Bahamas, where they

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LAKESHORE senior living



A NEW PLACE TO CALL “HOME”

By Rachel Nagorsen

The wait is over! Our residents now have a new place to call “home sweet home.” After months of planning and preparation for some, they are finally able to relax and enjoy their brand new apartment. I’d say they are able to finally rest, but they are very busy making new friends!

On January 3rd we opened our doors and welcomed our very first residents to move in. Our first set of move-ins received a little extra surprise to celebrate the big day. When they arrived at their apartment they saw a big red ribbon across their apartment door. This wasn’t just a celebration for us as staff members, but for all the residents that would soon enough be joining us!

As I walked Nini Ciaramitaro-Lisy to her apartment, she seemed confused as to why I was carrying scissors with me.



When she saw her ribbon, her face lit up with happiness and tears came to her eyes. In turn, I had the same reaction. She looked at me and said, “I’m so happy!” as she cut her ribbon.

Since this day three weeks ago, we have had the pleasure to welcome over 20 residents to Lakeshore with many more to follow in the upcoming weeks.

One of the family members joked with me when her mom arrived that she felt like she was dropping her child off at college. “I just want her to make friends,” she smiled and laughed. Every time I walk in the hallway and see her mom with new people, I find myself with a smile on my face.

On January 18th, we celebrated our Grand Opening for Lakeshore Senior

Living with over 300 friends and family from surrounding communities. The building was filled with food, entertainment, laughter, and smiles. We could not have asked for a better night to celebrate this new addition to the St Clair Shores community.

Special guests for the evening included Mike Parks of Cypress Partners, Mr. & Mrs. Don Nolta, Roger Myers, President & CEO of Presbyterian Villages of Michigan, Shannon East, Executive Director of Lakeshore Senior Living, Kip Walby, Mayor of the City of St. Clair Shores, and Father Jim Bjorum, Our Lady of Hope Parish. Father Jim Bjorum offered an invocation for Lakeshore Senior Living, the former grounds of St. Gertrude Catholic Church and School.

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Fran and Ed Benz during a trip to Mexico.

Star of the Sea auction follows 'Cirque' theme

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Attendees of Our Lady Star of the Sea's 2018 auction, "Cirque des Étoiles," will be in for an evening of whimsy, elegance, wonder and amazement, according to auction chairwoman Danielle Brousseau.

"It's like 'Cirque du Soleil,' but instead of Circus of the Sun, we had to go with Circus of the Stars," Brousseau said. "It follows a light circus theme and features a surprise performance."

This year's event takes place 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. It features silent and live auctions, raffles, a game of chance, strolling dinner, open bar and a VIP reception for larger sponsors.

"It's really become more of a community event with the whole school and parish and outside the school," Brousseau said. "Now it's really one big family."

Live auction items include a week's stay in Turks and Caicos; the use of a suite at Comerica

Park; an in-home private wine-tasting event with Jim Lufty, owner of Vertical Detroit; and Carefree Christmas, which includes indoor and outdoor decorating, catering, bartending and other perks.

Also offered for auction is a mystery progressive, Brousseau said. "The winner has no idea where they're going, but it's for six people. A bus picks them up and takes them for a progressive dinner," including stops for hors d'oeuvres, entrees, desserts and more.

Raffles include a Winner's Choice raffle, sponsored by Bob Maxey Ford Lincoln, where the winner selects from a 2018 Lincoln MKC, a 2018 convertible Mustang or \$10,000 cash. Only 400 tickets will be sold.

A Traveler's Choice raffle also is available featuring a week's vacation to the destination of the winner's choice — Los Cabos, Lake Tahoe, Orlando or Steamboat Springs.

Funds raised are used to expand educational opportunities for students, often involving advancing technology.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE RUSCH FAMILY

Front, from left, Maryann, Lindsay and Jennifer; back from left, Courtney and Mark Rusch.

Previous auctions have raised money to enhance the school's STEM curriculum, as well as purchase iPads, laptop cards and other technology.

This year, funds will be used to upgrade computers in Star of the Sea's lab and classrooms.

"We also hope to attain and introduce a 3D printer into the curriculum," Brousseau said. "Technology is evolving so much. We want to make sure kids are equipped for the next step."

This year's honorary chairs are Mark and

Maryann Rusch, who both are heavily involved at Star of the Sea. The longtime parishioners are parents to two Star of the Sea graduates and active volunteers. They've also been longtime auction supporters. Maryann Rusch teaches preschool at the school as well.

"It's really neat to have her involved," Brousseau said.

Tickets are \$90 and include dinner, cocktails "and all the fun," Brousseau said. For more information, visit olsos-auction.org or call (313) 423-9104.

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 next meeting takes place 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, at Theresa Bertolini's home. Bertolini presents about "Victorian Fretwork and Hand Carving." Questers is an international organization founded in 1944, whose major objectives are to stimulate the appreciation and collecting of antiques and encourage the preservation of historical landmarks. For more information, email Dorothy Tepatti at quest4golf@wowway.com.

The Pear Tree Questers hosts its next meeting 11:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 2, at Just Delicious Scones and The Royal Treat Tea Room in Roseville. Dorothy Bejin is coordinator.

BNI

Business Network International meets 7 a.m. Friday, Feb. 2, 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

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Clarification

The photo of Ann and Jim Nicholson that appeared in the Jan. 4 edition of the Grosse Pointe News was taken by Liz Nyquist.

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spent a month.

Ed Benz, 84, is an active committee member of the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe and participates in Detroit Rowing Club competitions.

"I enjoy it and it moti-

vates me to stay in shape," he said.

Both have been members at L.A. Fitness more than 35 years. Seven years ago, they "walked the Camino," starting in Spain and walking 125 miles with backpacks to Santiago de Compostela in Portugal.

"It's an amazing religious experience," said

Fran, 86. "In Europe, it's the thing to do."

The couple spent a month as missionaries in Africa with friends, Bud and Sue Ozar. Ed Benz taught while Fran Benz offered nursing.

The Benzes also are avid skiers and noted they skied on their honeymoon.

"We ski almost every

year," Ed Benz said. "We are blessed to be able to be active. We try to stay that way by getting exercise three times a week."

In addition to exercise, the Benzes support Detroit Repertory Theatre and Stratford Festival, as well as visit friends almost every day, for wellness checks and to give marital advice. Ed

Benz, who formerly tutored at Detroit Literacy Center, hopes to resume tutoring again elsewhere.

Their three children — their youngest, John, passed away from pancreatic cancer — and six grandchildren occupy "a great deal of our time," Ed Benz said.

"We are so lucky and

so blessed," Fran Benz said. "Life is not easy. It's hard to get out of bed in the morning, but the years go by very fast, so carpe diem."

Added Ed Benz, "Bloom where you're planted. If you've been given gifts, don't put your light under a basket. Keep your head straight and rise above."



Grosse Pointe Woods employees enjoy lunch provided by Sunrise.

PHOTO BY RENE LANDUYT

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services they provide. They keep our streets safe and our residents safe and we're grateful."

Fresard, who organized the outing with Sunrise of Grosse Pointe Woods Director of Sales Kim Deegan, said this was one of many outreach efforts Sunrise provides to the community.

Added Sunrise of Grosse Pointe Woods Executive Director Roger Bushnell, "With Sunrise, we appreciate the work and effort of first responders and we want to thank them. Our residents are so appreciative of everything they do. They've been there for us whenever we need them and we want to be there for them, too. And it's perfect weather for chili."

Grosse Pointe Woods Director of Public Safety

John Kosanke was among many city employees to break from his hectic day for a bowl of chili.

"The department is very appreciative of the time and effort involved of Sunrise to come out and provide lunch to city employees," he said.

In addition to the meal, Sunrise gave away bottles of hand sanitizer and knit hats bearing the Sunrise logo.

— Jody McVeigh

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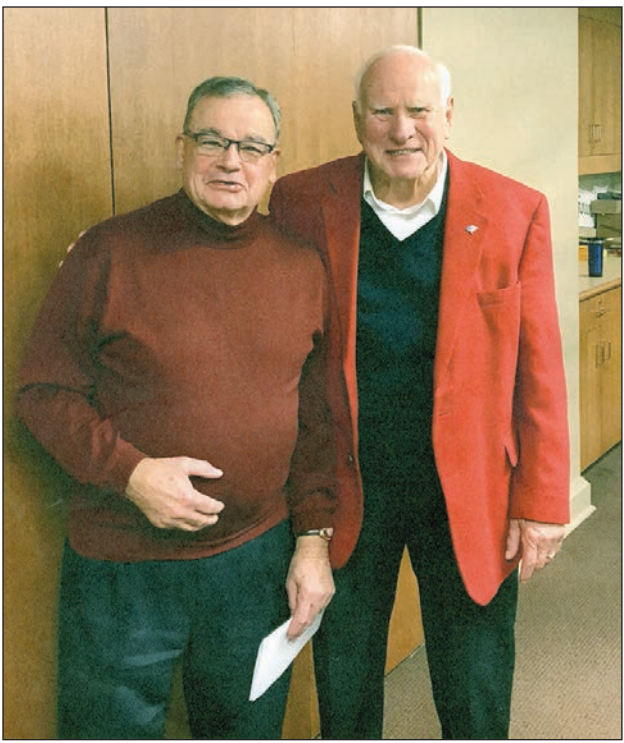


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Deacon Bill Jamieson recently spoke to the Grosse Pointe Ecumenical Men's Breakfast. Jamieson, left, stands with member Eric Lindquist.

Special guest

The Grosse Pointe Ecumenical Men's Breakfast met Dec. 15, at which time Deacon Bill Jamieson, a permanent deacon in the Archdiocese of Detroit, spoke.

Jamieson was ordained in 1992 by Adam Cardinal Maida and assigned to St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. His previous assignments included Our Lady Star of the Sea and St. Ambrose Catholic churches.

Jamieson attended Sacred Heart Seminary. Last October, he and his wife, Roseanne, celebrated 45 years of marriage. They have six daughters, all of whom

are married, and 16 grandchildren. Jamieson's secular career includes copy editor and assistant sports editor at The Detroit News, managing editor at The Sporting News, director of public relations for the Detroit Red Wings and account director with Campbell Marketing & Communications.

The Ecumenical Men's Breakfast meets 7:45 a.m. Fridays for breakfast and fellowship at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A different guest speaks each week. Cost is \$7 and registration is not required. Call (313) 882-5330.

CHURCH EVENTS

Woods Presbyterian

Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack, presents the Grosse Pointe North High School choirs in concert 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3. The choirs include Pointe Chorale, Norsemen, and CounterPointe. Admission is a free-will offering. Call (313) 886-4301 or visit gwpres.org.

First English

The Faith Circle at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts its fourth annual chili cook-off 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10. A free-will offering includes a variety of foods; beer and wine are available for purchase. Prizes are awarded for the best chilis. Deadline for entry is 9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 9. Rules are available online at feelc.org. For more information, call Jeff Gates at (586) 771-8482 or email gater613@hotmail.com.

◆ The church's annual Valentine

salad luncheon and card party takes place noon Tuesday, Feb. 13. Cost is \$12 and includes food, beverages and door and table prizes. Guests are invited to bring cards or games. Reserve a seat by calling Chris Judson at (313) 886-4914.

◆ The church offers Holy Yoga 9 a.m. Fridays. The program incorporates traditional yoga positions with God's word and worship music. A donation of \$5 to \$10 is suggested. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat; mats also are available.

Fort Street

The Fort Street Choir, under the direction of Marilyn Biery, offers an afternoon of opera music and treats 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 W. Fort, Detroit. Singers Leslie Douglass Mason, Erika Thompson, Carol Ambrogio Wood, Sheena Law-Killinger, Suzanne Fournier,

Michael Fowler, John O'Brien and Ken Shepherd will be joined by Marilyn and James Biery on the recently acquired Steinway C piano. Treats will be served at intermission. Suggested donation is \$10. Visit fortstreet.org.

St. Paul Evangelical

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a variety of Bible and book studies. Newcomers are welcome.

◆ The Rev. Justin Dittrich leads Bible study at 9:30 a.m. each Tuesday in the Harms Fireside Room.

◆ Prayer Vigils for Peace take place 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month, starting with a short video followed by discussion.

◆ The Naomi Circle Women's Group meets in the Bethany Room for Bible study and fellowship at 12:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month.

◆ The Men's Breakfast and Bible Study Group meets the first Thursday of each month in the Bethany Room.

Call (313) 881-6670 for more information.

Grosse Pointe Chamber Music concert set

Grosse Pointe Chamber Music presents its third concert of the season 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The program features The Lexington String Quartet and vocalists Dorothy Ignasiak and David Adrian. Accompanists are guitarist Jessica Julian and pianist Maria Meirelles. Works by John Dowland, Mozart, Brahms, Glazunov and Mischa Kottler are planned.

The late Kottler — who was a Detroit Symphony Orchestra pianist, Wayne State University professor and piano teacher — also was an active composer although many of his compositions have

been lost.

Kottler's Nocturne for String Quartet, "Mirage," has been quietly awaiting its premier in the Detroit Library music collection. The Lexington String Quartet gives that premier performance Feb. 4. Quartet members are Melody Wootton and Denice Anderson Turck, violin; Kay DeLuca, viola; and Tim Nicolia, cello. The quartet also performs "5 Novelettes For String Quartet" by Alexander Glazunov.

Baritone John Adrian sings songs by English Renaissance composer John Dowland and soprano Dorothy Ignasiak rounds out the afternoon concert with works by Mozart and Brahms.

Refreshments and a cash bar are available at intermission and after the program. Individual tickets are \$14; students, with picture ID, are admitted free of charge.

This year marks the 54th season of Grosse Pointe Chamber Music. Performance on the series is open to amateur and professional musicians who enjoy performing musical works for small groups of instruments. In addition, GPCM invites high school students to perform in its series. Additional programs for this season include March 4 and April 8 concerts. All concerts begin 2:30 p.m.

Call (313) 881-7511 or visit warmemorial.org/gpchambermusic/.



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Dropping in

The Grosse Pointe Public Library listened to its patrons who stated on the last two library surveys they would like outdoor dropboxes for easy book and DVD returns. This was one of Library Director Jessica Keyser's first initiatives after accepting her position in 2016. The library has placed dropboxes in Grosse Pointe Shores, right; Grosse Pointe Park, left; Grosse Pointe Woods and at Central branch. Kim Hart, GPPL operations manager, contacted the Shores and Park city managers, who agreed to let the library place dropboxes on city property where municipal dropboxes and U.S. Postal Service boxes already were in place. Boxes in the Park and Shores were installed in October.

The library plans to present a proposal to Woods city council. The dropbox for Central will be installed this spring.



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The Rev. Justin Dittrich

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.

Deborah Jean Fisher

Deborah Jean Fisher passed away peacefully Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2018, at home surrounded by her loving husband and children.

Deborah was born Feb. 20, 1956, in Detroit to Charles and Faye Varner. Her father died when she was young and her mother raised four girls on her own.

Debbie graduated in 1974 from Grosse Pointe North High School. She always wanted to be a teacher and earned a bachelor's degree in education from Wayne State University in 1978. She began working at St. Paul Catholic School as an elementary school teacher. It was during her teaching years she met Charles J. Fisher, whom she married Oct. 4, 1986, and who loved her dearly for the entirety of their 36 years together.

After teaching a number of years, Debbie changed vocation and became a sales representative at Bristol-Myers. She was proud of her accomplishments at Bristol-Myers, but when it was time for a family, she put all her energy and talents into raising her four children. Being a full-time mom and raising children was the true measure of her life; she excelled in this labor of love and placed this priority above all others. Once her children became self sufficient, she reentered the workforce as an executive assistant to the owner of Rave Computer, a computer manufacturing company.

Over the years Debbie participated in many community endeavors. She was a catechism teacher at both St. Clare of Montefalco and St. Philomena churches, served as chairwoman of the Grosse Pointe South Preservation Committee and through Rave Computer, was a member of Women in Defense. She was an avid gardener and passionate about cooking. She loved her country and proudly supported the U.S. military.

Her children, their success and happiness, are her proudest achievements.

Debbie is survived by her beloved husband, Charlie; loving children, Leslie Grzanka (Mark), Charles, Daniel and Lindsay; and dear sisters, Joan Pohl (Chuck) and Peggy Varner.

In addition to her par-

ents, she was predeceased by her sister, Nancy. Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

Eleanor M. O'Brien

Grosse Pointe resident Eleanor M. O'Brien, 92, passed away peacefully Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018.

She was the beloved wife of the late Eugene "Ginks"; loving mother of John (Dianne), Julie Russ (Peter) and the late Joseph (Rachel Melvin); adored grandmother of Neely Green (Corbin), Jean Bean (Chris), Devin O'Brien, Brien Morrell (Amanda), Lauren Jessen (Jeff), P.J. Russ, Katie Chan (Brandon) and the late Patrick O'Brien and great-grandmother of Connor and Dillon Morrell and Eleanor, Joe and Jack Green.

She also was predeceased by her brothers, Robert and Carl Eckert.

Eleanor was born Aug. 7, 1925, in Columbus, Ohio, to Charles and Thelma Eckert. The family moved to Grosse Pointe in the mid-1930s. Eleanor attended Grosse Pointe High School and Briarcliff College. After graduation, she returned to Detroit where she met the love of her life, Ginks. Together they shared an active life with their family and friends. They were longtime members of the Grosse Pointe Boat Club where they cruised the Great Lakes and went on weekend rendezvous. They also enjoyed playing golf many years with friends in Michigan and Arizona. Eleanor and Ginks were happily married 68 years.

Eleanor was a devoted mother, excellent homemaker and active volunteer. She was a longtime member of the Bon Secours Assistance League. She loved to knit and donated her time and talents to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church where she was a 70-year member.

After raising her children, she worked for Higbie Maxon Realty, then was the clerk of the court in Grosse Pointe Farms. Eleanor played bridge many years with friends and groups including the Grosse Pointe Senior Ladies Club at The War Memorial.

Eleanor will be remembered for her cheerful personality, gift of conversation and easy laughter. She was a great cook, enjoyed entertaining and

never let a grandchild leave town without homemade cookies. She loved to read and knit beautiful baby sweaters and blankets for family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at a future date.

John Edward English

Grosse Pointe Farms resident John Edward English, 83, died Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018, with his wife and children by his side.

He is survived by his wife, Rose Ann Blondell Krumholtz English; children, Maureen English Carroll (Ned), John E. "Sean" English Jr. (Margaret "Peggy"), Patricia "Patti" Willard (John) and Kevin English (Kelly); adored grandchildren, Kathryn Carroll, Bridget Carroll, Molly Carroll, Meghan English, Sean English, John Willard, Patrick Willard, Michael Willard, Ryan English and Alexander "Alex" English. He also is survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, Edward H. and Frona English and brother, Lt. Col. Robert E. English (Judy).

Born Jan. 3, 1935, in Joplin, Mo., Jack attended Central High School in Aberdeen, S.D., where he was involved in speech and radio as "The Voice of Central High." After graduating from Washburn University, Topeka, Kan., in 1956, he attended Northwestern University School of Law, earning a juris doctor degree in 1959.

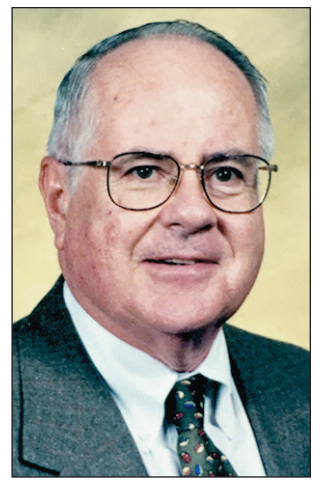
His legal career spanned almost 60 years. He first worked at the National Labor Relations Board, before moving into private practice as a labor law attorney. He developed the practice of immigration law and eventually founded his own firm, English and van Horne, specializing in immigration law representing many global auto industry companies. Jack was a beloved adjunct professor at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law 30 years. As a devoted member of the Catholic Church, he provided the immigration expertise to help the Archdiocese of Detroit bring many international clergy to the area. Jack was one of the founding members of the Immigration Bar and



Deborah Jean Fisher



Eleanor M. O'Brien



John Edward English

avidly participated in sharing in the continuing education of the profession.

Jack was an avid outdoorsman, from several once-in-a-lifetime big game hunting trips throughout North America with his close friends and sons, to quiet fishing trips with his grandchildren. He loved visiting his home on Sanibel Island, Fla., to see extended family and fish with his special handmade fishing rods. The highlight of his summer every year was the Grosse Pointe Farms Fishing Rodeo with his grandchildren and the presentation of the prize-winning catch award, named in his honor, "The Jack English Award." Jack and his wife, Rose Ann, loved to travel and visited many countries for his business and personal travel.

He was a champion of education and mentored many students at the University of Detroit Law School. Some prominent attorneys in the Detroit area were proud to have gotten their start as a law clerk under Jack's mentorship. His family said Jack encouraged them and all the young people he would meet to work hard to obtain the best education and would remark "it's an investment in yourself; do it well."

Jack was a member of the Country Club of Detroit, Detroit Athletic Club, Bar Associations of Michigan and Illinois, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Hiawatha Sportsman Club, The 100 Club and was a Worthy Sir Knight of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus.

Jack was generous with his time and energy, committed to his community and devoted to his family. He was a fierce advocate for those he loved and will be remembered for his wit, intellect, kindness, storytelling and demand for excellence by all.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated noon Saturday, Feb. 3, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation begins at the

church at 11:30 a.m.

Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org or Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan Adaptive Sports Program (Wheelchair Basketball), 261 Mack Blvd., Detroit, MI 48201.

Arthur S. Fetters Jr.

Former Grosse Pointe resident Arthur "Art" S. Fetters Jr., 86, died Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018, at his home in Naples, Fla., surrounded by his family.

He was born May 30, 1931, in Detroit, to Arthur and Mary Fetters. He graduated in 1953 from Michigan State University. While at MSU, he met Sally McNeff. They married shortly after graduation and were happily married 53 years until Sally's death in 2006.

Art served in the U.S. Army and was a veteran of the Korean War. He worked as a manufacturer's rep in the furniture industry more than 35 years and was known and respected for his knowledge of the industry, integrity and great sense of humor.

Art was elected to the City of Grosse Pointe City Council in 1971 and served his community through 1987. He later retired and moved to Naples with his wife.

Art is survived by his children, Thomas A. Fetters, Richard J. Fetters and Jody Dugan; grandchildren, Richard J. Fetters II, Amanda Walkowiak, Michael Fetters, Matthew Fetters, Justin Fetters and Erich Dugan; great-grandchild, Aubrey Walkowiak and his loving partner of 11-plus years, Ruth Smith of Naples.

His children have planned a private celebration of Art's life. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Honor Flight Network at honorflight.org/donate-now.

Honor Flight provided Art and his military colleagues a trip this past fall celebrating their service to the United States and the recognition they deserved. His family said



Virginia Cox Seibert

Art could not say enough about how wonderful the trip was and he felt it was one of the true highlights of his life.

Virginia Cox Seibert

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Virginia "Ginny" Cox Seibert, 92, died Thursday, Jan. 25, 2018, in Salt Lake City.

She was born March 25, 1925, in Grosse Pointe, to James and Mildred Cox, and after raising her children, founded and ran Seibert Answering Service in Grosse Pointe.

After moving with her husband to Sun City West in 1981, Ginny began volunteering at the local hospital. She continued her volunteer activities more than 20 years, becoming president of the 2,000-member volunteer organization.

Ginny is survived by her daughter, Cathryn Robertson (Peter); sons, James Seibert and Gordon Seibert (Lee Brooks) and grandchildren, Paul Seibert (Renee), Garrett Seibert, Jaiya Seibert and Scott Seibert.

She was predeceased by her husband, Elmo E. Seibert and brother, James Cox.

Ginny will be interred next to Elmo, a World War II veteran, in Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego.

Donations may be made in Ginny's honor to Sun Health Foundation-Banner Del E. Webb Medical Center Volunteer Services, Sun Health Foundation, P.O. Box 6030, Sun City West, AZ 85376 or at sunhealthfoundation.org/donate-az-online.

AARP Tax-Aide helps taxpayers Feb. 1 to April 13

Free tax counseling and preparation for taxpayers with moderate and low income is available from AARP Tax-Aide noon to 3:30 p.m. Thursdays, beginning Feb. 1, at Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Participants do not need to be AARP members or retirees to use this service.

Those who wish to use the service should bring picture identification, Social Security card, Social Security cards for all dependents, 2016 federal

and state returns, all 2017 tax documents, 2017 summer and winter tax documents with property taxable value, home heating bill for November, December or January 2017, Affordable Health Care statement, itemized returns and a cancelled or voided check for direct deposit.

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Fisher Pointe Dental expands services under new owner

By Debra Kaszubski
Special Writer

Few people look forward to going to the dentist, although keeping up with regular dental appointments is an important factor in maintaining oral and overall health, according to the American Dental Association. Appointments with a dentist serve as a way to prevent dental disease and check for signs of

other diseases, according to the ADA.

Dr. Jennifer Holtzman and the staff at Fisher Pointe Dental help alleviate dental anxiety by offering a relaxed environment and even IV sedation for patients who may feel worried about visiting the dentist. IV sedation may be available as an option for procedures as simple as a routine cleaning to more advanced procedures, such as a root canal or

extraction.

“We make sure everyone is comfortable, whether you’re a child who is scared because it’s new to you or an adult who has had a bad experience in the past,” said Erica Lewandowski, office manager.

In addition to helping ease the anxiety sometimes associated with visiting the dentist, Dr. Holtzman offers a variety of services, including preventative dentistry

(dental cleaning and exams, dental X-rays and digital X-rays); restorative dentistry (fillings, crowns/bridgework, root canal and bonding); prosthetics (implants, dentures and partial dentures); periodontics (the treatment of gums); whitening; and oral surgery for extractions and wisdom teeth.

Typically, patients have to visit multiple dental providers for such services. Dr. Holtzman, who has advanced training, offers all in one location. “I’ve had a lot of extra training beyond dental school so I can do implants, extractions,



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wisdom teeth, root canals,” she said. “We pretty much offer everything. This contributes to a better continuity of care and better treatment planning when patients

can get all their services done by the same person at the same place.”

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Regular self-skin examinations can alert you to any new or changing skin growths and may aid in the early detection of cancerous or precancerous lesions. Some warning signs we look for are changes to existing growths including color, size, shape, and the development of symptoms such as itching, bleeding, crusting, or non-healing sores. For the pigmented moles on the skin, we look for the ABCDE warning signs of melanoma. This includes:

- A: Asymmetry.** When viewing a mole, it should be symmetric on both sides. When one half does not match the other half, this is a concerning feature.
- B: Border.** Benign moles tend to have smooth, round borders. Atypical moles and melanoma can have irregular, uneven appearing borders.
- C: Color.** Most benign moles are one color. If a mole develops multiple colors to it, or changes color this can be a warning sign of melanoma.
- D: Diameter.** Melanoma is usually greater than 6 mm in diameter (about the size a pencil eraser), however when diagnosed early they can be smaller.
- E: Evolving.** Any change or evolution of existing moles including size, shape, or color can be a red flag for a developing melanoma.

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Bart Bronk

The long-term impacts of too much screen time

Q: I'm worried about the considerable amount of time my teenager spends staring at her phone, but I also recognize what a powerful tool technology can be. What long-term impacts should I consider?

A: You certainly are not alone in your anxiety about screen time. Common Sense Media, a leading nonprofit dedicated to helping kids thrive in a world of media and technology, reports the average teen today spends 6.5 hours per day staring at a portable screen.

First, let's consider what your teen is experiencing. Her screen is a veritable Nirvana of the kinds of stimuli teens have always craved: dialogue with friends, interactions with the opposite sex, gossip, games, music, entertainment and, perhaps most enticing, a 24-7 reality show featuring the (heavily curated) lives of everyone she knows. It's the classic teenage experience available at the touch

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Raising Empathic Children in a Disconnected Age, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, at University Liggett School, 1045 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Register for this free program online at familycenterweb.org or call The Family Center at (313) 447-1374.

of a button, on-demand. There is no surprise it's so captivating.

There certainly are many negative potential impacts to consider. From the world of neuroscience, we know screen time creates addictive brain behavior described as drug-like in effect. Recent research suggests increased screen time correlates with decreased happiness.

What worries me most, however, is what isn't happening during those 6.5 hours. That time used to be spent on real human connection. Screens give the illusion of connection ("friends," "followers," "snap-streaks" and the like), but actually fuel disconnection.

This disconnect blunts one of the most powerful

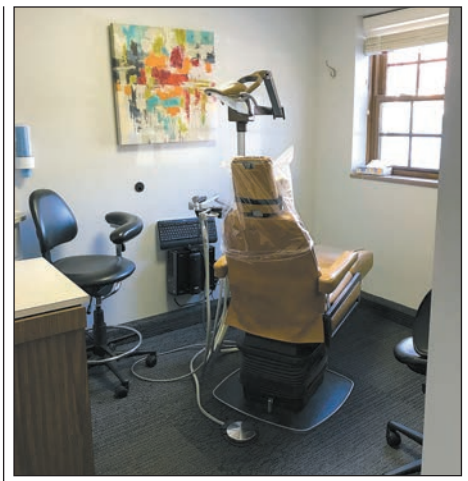
and important traits we can develop: empathy, the ability to feel with another. Screen time can impact even the most basic form of empathy: the ability to recognize another's facial expression. Researchers found after just five days spent at a device-free camp, teens were substantially better at facial recognition than a control group.

What to do? Moderation is key. Set and enforce limits around phone time. Create device-free spaces and times for the whole family (dinner is a great place to start). Schedule device-free days and plan activities that require interpersonal engagement. Insist on eye contact in conversation. And, of course, be mindful of the model you set; be judi-

cious about your own use of technology.

Bronk is the head of University Liggett School. He also has served at Liggett as provost, COO, associate head of school and dean of faculty. Bronk has bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Pennsylvania and did his graduate research on the development, perception and expression of empathy in the school setting, a topic on which he regularly speaks to educators locally, regionally and nationally. University Liggett School is a member of The Family Center's Association of Professionals.

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Academy of Implant Dentistry. She received her Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of Michigan and completed fellowship training in oral surgery at the University of Iowa. She's trained in sedation dentistry as well. She has been practicing more than 10 years; she purchased Fisher Pointe Dental in April 2017.

After she bought the practice, Dr. Holtzman made some cosmetic changes to the office and purchased new equip-

ment. She also has expanded the practice's hours: It is now open five days a week, as well as Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

Fisher Pointe Dental offers special pricing for new patients: \$98 for adults includes an exam, cleaning and X-rays. For children, the price is \$78. Dr. Holtzman recommends patients get their first dental exam at age 3.

All insurance plans are accepted. Fisher Pointe Dental is located at 383 Fisher Road, City of Grosse Pointe. Call (313) 882-1490, visit fisherpointedental.com or follow them on social media.

EVENTS:

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a.m. Friday, Feb. 2, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Bob Bruttell, chairman of the Interfaith Leadership Council of Metro Detroit, and Dr. Muzammil Ahmed, chairman of the Michigan Muslim Community Council, speak. Reservations are not required; all are welcome. Breakfast is \$7. Call (313) 882-5330.

Grannie Nannies

Grannie Nannies, for grandmothers who babysit their grandchildren, meets 1:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, at Big Boy Restaurant, 20710 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call (313) 882-9600.

GPAA

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association has put out a call for entries for its "Looking In and Looking Out" exhibit. Deadline for entries is Monday, Feb. 12. Artists will be notified Friday, Feb. 16, and intake is 3 to 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26. The show runs Wednesday, Feb. 28, to Sunday, April 15. A lecture and awards ceremony are 2 p.m. Sunday, March 4.

GPAA presents the following programs at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms:

◆ 10:30 a.m. Fridays, Feb. 2 and 16, March 2

and 16, "A Morning Out," an art program for seniors and their caregivers.

◆ 3:30 to 6 p.m. Mondays, Art After School, offering artists of all ages the chance to work together and share ideas.

For information, call (313) 881-3454.

Wilson Center

The Wilson Center: Senior Resources for Independent Living, 648 St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe, presents "Creating Magical Moments," an interactive workshop, 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2. Presented by Faye LaPorte, certified dementia practitioner with Brightstar Care, the program helps attendees connect with loved ones through games and activities, gain positive results through interactions, create accomplishments for loved ones and more. Register by calling (313) 264-6460.

PFLAG

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays meets 1:30 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. For information, email pflaggp@gmail.com.

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mentally Ill Eastside meets 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe

Farms. Call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

Woods Community Center

The Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack, shows the movie "Maudie" during its next Lunch and a Movie program Tuesday, Feb. 13. Lunch is served at noon, followed by the film. Reservations are required by Tuesday, Feb. 6. Cost is \$10 for residents, \$12 for non-residents. Call (313) 343-2408.

SOC

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

◆ Tuesday, Feb. 13, Paczki Fest. Cost is \$1 per paczek. Registration is required. Special orders are taken at (313) 882-9600 until noon Friday, Feb. 9.

◆ 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, "A Winter Serenade" luncheon featuring the Michigan Opera Theatre. Cost is \$10 and includes a Chinese meal catered by Moy's.

◆ 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, "Keeping you Fit at Home: Balance Matters Too," featuring physical therapist Craig Miller. The program is free, but reservations are required.

◆ 9:30 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7,

"Individual Nutritional Counseling," with registered dietician Andrea Hageman. Reservations are required for this free program.

◆ 1 to 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, watch "The Founder." Cost is \$2.

For more information, call (313) 882-9600.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross offers the following blood drives:

◆ 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, University Liggett School, 1045 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, St. Lucy Catholic Church, 23401 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

To register, visit redcrossblood.org.

Herb Society

The Herb Society of America Grosse Pointe Unit meets Thursday, Feb. 8, at Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. Guest speaker, unit member Barb Hayes, shares her knowledge on "Exploring the Herbs of the Medicinal Garden, Planting, Harvesting, Preserving and Using." Guests are welcome and there is no charge.

The Herb Society of

America Grosse Pointe Unit also hosts "Scents and Sensibility: The Perfection of Peonies," Feb. 8, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Military historian and educator John Lind, who is director and founder of the Detroit Arsenal of Democracy, speaks about World War II. Admission is free and guests are welcome. Call John Bates at (313) 881-4125.

Veterans Club

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial Veterans Club meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Military historian and educator John Lind, who is director and founder of the Detroit Arsenal of Democracy, speaks about World War II. Admission is free and guests are welcome. Call John Bates at (313) 881-4125.

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Girls hockey

RIVALS

Fit to be tied

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

City rivals Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South girls hockey teams played like it was game seven of the Stanley Cup Finals last weekend at Eastside Ice Arena.

The game was intense, well played, and in the end the girls gave fans eight more minutes of action as it went to overtime. In the end, the final score was 3-3.

“Now that was a great hockey game,” South head coach John Weidenbach said. “We played a good hockey game, North played a good hockey game. It would have been great to get a win because I think our girls played well enough to win this game.”

The Blue Devils were



PHOTOS BY JOHN MCTAGGART

South goaltender Maddie Kelly stops North's Clare Murphy in the final minute of the third period of a 3-3 game.

the home team and had 42 shots on North senior netminder Erika Benoit. Their goalie, junior Maddie Kelly, faced only 21 shots, but came up with a save on a break-away with only 50 seconds left in the third period to keep it tied.

The Norsemen scored first when junior Clare Murphy tallied on the power play at the 4:35 mark of the first period. Senior Kylee Banaszewski had an assist.

The Blue Devils tied it

1-1 when freshman Regan Sherry scored with only 24.4 left in the opening period. Senior Hannah Miller had the lone assist.

In the second period, Murphy scored again to make it a 2-1 game, but 40 seconds later sophomore Natalie Clepton scored to tie it 2-2.

South junior Lauren Benoit scored at the 9:25 mark of the third period, giving the Blue Devils their first lead of the game, 3-2. Senior Lauren Kramer had the assist.

At the 6:43 mark, sophomore Darby Pickford tied the game 3-3, with Banaszewski drawing an assist.

Both teams killed penalties in the final five minutes.

South killed one and North had to kill two penalties, but they did and the game went to overtime.

The Norsemen had the golden chance to win it when Murphy had the break-away, but Kelly came up with the save.

In the overtime the Norsemen had two power plays to one for the Blue Devils, but neither team could light the lamp.

Earlier in the week, North lost 3-2 to Livonia Ladywood and South beat Ann Arbor Skyron 11-1.

Grosse Pointe South is 5-0-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 8-3-3 overall; Grosse Pointe North is 4-4-1 in the league and 9-4-1 overall.

North and South battle one more time during the regular season.

They meet Thursday, March 1, at Eastside Ice Arena. Game time is 4:15 p.m.

Boys hockey

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Showcase sweep

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett boys hockey team improved to 15-3 overall after winning two games last weekend in its annual showcase at McCann Ice Arena.

“We have been playing some pretty good hockey, but one thing that bothers me is the number of penalties we are taking,” head coach Mike Maltese said.

The host Knights put its offense on show in the second game Saturday afternoon, a 9-5 victory over Toledo St. Francis.

“I loved playing in these high-scoring games as a player, but they're not too fun as a coach,” Maltese said. “We weren't very good in our zone today, but our offense was great.”

It was 2-2 after the opening period and the home team held a 4-3 lead after the second stanza. They scored five goals in the third period to finish with nine.

In the opening period, sophomore Will Nicholson and senior Sean Detloff scored. Nicholson's was unassisted and Detloff's came on a power play as senior Spencer Stefani and junior Caden Lewandowski had assists.

St. Francis scored on a power play to give it a 3-2 lead. That would be the final lead of the game for the visitors as it was all Knights after that.

Sophomore Tristan Reilly had a power-play goal at the 9:17 mark to tie it 3-3. Junior Dan Bowen and Lewandowski had the assists.

Just 32 seconds later,

Nicholson scored again with Detloff netting the lone assist and the home team grabbed a 4-3 lead.

Senior Spencer Warezak scored back-to-back goals 13 seconds apart early in the third period as the Knights doubled up St. Francis, 6-3. Stefani assisted on both goals, while Reilly had an assist on the first.

Stefani scored again at the 7:12 mark with Warezak drawing an assist and at the 4:30 mark senior Dylan Paulsell lit the lamp to make it an 8-4 game. Warezak had another assist and he scored 10 seconds later to give the Knights their ninth goal. This time Bowen and Stefani had assists.

St. Francis scored on a power play with 2:54 left to conclude the scoring.

Freshman Grant Lindsay had the win in net, stopping 25 of 30 shots and senior Nathan Alcantara earned the win the previous evening, a 4-2 victory over Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

Alcantara stopped 26 of 28 shots to back the offense, which had goals from Paulsell and Stefani in the first period, and Nicholson in the second and late in the third.

Coming up for Liggett is the 18th annual MIHL Prep Showcase at Trenton Kennedy Recreation Center. The Knights play Lake Orion at 7:45 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, and Sault Ste. Marie at 8:40 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2.

“We play two good teams in the top 10 rankings in their respective divisions,” Maltese said. “We are looking forward to the two games to prepare for the playoffs.”



North's Bella Welke, left, and South's Lauren Kramer battle for the puck.

Gymnastics

GROSSE POINTE UNITED

Winning streak stretches to five

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe United gymnastics team stretched its winning streak to five last week, beating Dearborn Edsel Ford and Fraser in a home tri-meet.

GPU finished with

137.675 points, followed by Fraser with 126.875 and Edsel Ford with 104.025. GPU stands 5-1 in its division.

Head coach Kristin Remillet was all smiles watching her gymnasts perform at a high level throughout the meet. They won each of the

four events and finished strong on floor exercise.

Four gymnasts executed all four events, Cate Gagnier, Amanda Nguyen, Kate Ennis and Elizabeth Byarski.

Gagnier was the all-around winner, earning a score of 36.550. She scored a 9.500 on vault,

followed by a 9.400 on floor, 8.850 on the uneven parallel bars and 8.800 on the balance beam.

Second for Grosse Pointe was Byarski with an all-around score of 33.475. Her scores were 8.950 on floor, 8.450 on vault, 8.175 on beam and 7.900 on bars. Ennis had

31.675 in her all-around scores, earning an 8.750 on vault, 8.650 on floor, 7.075 on beam and 6.000 on bars.

Nguyen put up an all-around score of 30.525 and had an 8.700 on vault, 8.650 on floor, 7.075 on beam and 6.100 on bars.

Others who competed in three events were Maggie Bowers, scoring a high of 8.300 on vault; and Emma Scott, with a high of 9.150 on floor.

Competing in one event were Callie Kersten, Lexi Poulos, Kaileigh Wu, Sydney Dugan and Claire Yee.

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Boys basketball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen lose it in final quarter

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys basketball team had a chance to force a tie atop the Macomb Area Conference White Division standings last week with a win over leading Romeo.

The Norsemen lost 62-59 earlier in the season at Romeo, so they were looking for pay-back.

Things looked good early as the Norsemen led 10-0 midway through the first quarter. They still held a six-point lead heading into the fourth quarter.

However, crucial turn-

overs down the stretch and the inability to make a shot hurt in a low-scoring 48-42 loss.

Grosse Pointe North is 4-3 in the division and the Bulldogs 6-1 with three games left.

The Norsemen can still make the MAC Red/White Division Tournament by placing in the top four in the standings.

Everything looked good for head coach Ron Kochan and his Norsemen. They have been playing solid basketball and held a lead in this one, despite not playing well.

A 15-3 fourth quarter foul mood after the



PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

North's Troy Herd releases a shot in the lane in the Norsemen's game against Romeo.

game. Junior Ryan Webb led the Norsemen with 12 points, followed by junior Joe Ayrault with eight and junior Troy

Herd with seven.

Earlier in the week, North beat Utica 77-56 to see its overall record hit 6-7 overall.

Swimming

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils close in on dual title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Since opening the season with a close loss to Warren De La Salle, the Grosse Pointe South boys swimming and diving team has been unstoppable.

Last week, the host Blue Devils improved to 4-1 overall and 3-0 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division with a 144-33 win over Romeo.

The Blue Devils won every event and swept several of them to win the meet by more than 100 points. The Bulldogs roster was less than half of the Blue Devils.

The home team placed first and second in the 200-yard medley relay with Matthew Melican, Thomas Jogan, Ethan Briggs and Matthew Koueiter winning with a time of 1:42.94. Zack Grieser, Peter Costello, Ethan Kinkade and Michael Currier took second with a time of 1:50.90.

The Blue Devils also dominated the other relays. Raef Akkary, Kinkade, Nick Vallan and Khalib Rahman won the 200-yard freestyle relay with a time of 1:38.18 and Jackson Jogan, Jeffrey Krotche, A.J. Rizer and Jared Pearson placed second with a time of 1:44.12.

In the 400-yard free-

style relay, Vallan, Thomas Jogan, Rahman and Briggs won with a time of 3:39.13, and Jackson Jogan, Currier, Melican and Koueiter took second at 3:46.13.

Jackson Jogan won the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:01.58, and Koueiter won the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:07.78. Also in the IM, Rahman and Daniel Klepp finished second and third with times of 2:11.85 and 2:24.60.

The Blue Devils finished first, second and third in the 50-yard freestyle with Melican, Vallan and Kinkade posting times of 23.39, 23.78 and 24.25.

In diving, it was Nicholas Rabaut winning with 158.80 points and Griffin Cantin taking second at 99.20.

Briggs won the 100-yard butterfly and 100-yard backstroke with times of 56.11 and 54.81, while Valan and Ryan English took the top spot in the 100-yard and 500-yard freestyle, respectively, with times of 51.96 and 5:13.34.

English edged Rahman in the 500-free-style. Rahman had a time of 5:13.73.

In the 100-yard breaststroke, Koueiter, Melican and Costello placed first, second and third with times of 1:00.79, 1:05.14 and 1:08.45.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH & UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Teams deal with defeats

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Troy Glasser was looking for a spark from his Grosse Pointe South boys basketball team Friday night versus Sterling Heights Stevenson.

Coming off a 61-28 road loss to division-leading Macomb Dakota, the Blue Devils were in need of a jolt.

Glasser saw the energy and intensity from his players, and they overcame a halftime deficit to outscore Sterling Heights Stevenson 19-13 in the third period to take a 45-43 lead.

The Blue Devils were looking to post the upset and increased the lead to 59-53 with a couple of minutes left in the final quarter.

However, turnovers on three straight possessions were crucial in an eventual 65-61 loss.

It was heartbreaking as the Blue Devils were so close. The Titans escaped and now are tied with Dakota for first in the Macomb Area

Conference Red Division.

As for the Blue Devils, junior Ryan Downey led a trio of players in double figures, scoring 14 points.

Junior Erington Belyue had 13 points and 10 rebounds and freshman Daryl Houston had 11 points.

The Blue Devils also had eight points from senior Theodore Niforos and seven from junior Riley Francis.

Grosse Pointe South fell to 0-6 in the MAC Red Division and 1-11 overall.

The top four in the division make the MAC Red/White Division Tournament, and the Blue Devils need wins over L'Anse Creuse North and Utica Eisenhower the next couple of weeks to get in.

Liggett results

The University Liggett School boys basketball team dropped a 55-42 decision to host Ann Arbor Greenhills last weekend.

With the loss, the



PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

South's Ryan Buszka drives to the basket during the Blue Devils' game against Stevenson.

Knights fell to 1-5 in the Catholic League Intersectional 1 Division and 2-9 overall.

Senior Anthony George and junior Charlie Amine had 15 points apiece to lead the Knights, while senior

Casey Scoggin had 12.

Next for the Knights is a home game at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, against Madison Heights Bishop Foley and a home game at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, against Royal Oak Shrine.

City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

Notice of Proposed Hearing and Proposed Statement of Community Development Block Grant Objectives

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, February 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. by the City Council at the Palmer T. Heenan Municipal Center, 15115 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230, for review of the Community Development Block Grant.

A second Public Hearing to hear final comments regarding the Program year 2018 Community Development Block Grant Proposed Estimated Budget will be held Administratively on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the first floor conference room of the Palmer T. Heenan Municipal Center, 15115 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

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GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Notice of Availability of Library Board Trustee Positions

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Wrestling

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils fall to C-Line

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's wrestling team finished its regular season last week, falling 49-27 to visiting Center Line in a Macomb Area Conference Silver Division meet.

"We have a rather healthy lineup, which is great, but we need to wrestle with a little more urgency, a little more emotion," head coach Patrick Salazar said. "I like the way the program is heading, and I see a lot of positives, but we need to get better."

The meet started at the heavyweight division. Blue Devil Cy Nardone lost to give the Panthers a 6-0 lead.

Morgan Richards lost a 10-7 decision in the 103-pound division, but Mitch Stricker won by void to put the Blue Devils on the board.

At 119 pounds, Alex Roth won by void and Devyn Griffin did the same at 125 pounds to give the home team an 18-9 advantage.

The Blue Devils

upped the lead to 24-9 after Walker Finazzo won at 130 pounds, but after that it was all Panthers.

Hunter Lightbody lost a 10-2 major decision at 135 pounds and the next four grapplers lost by pin, Jacob Piazza, Charlie Klunder, Charlotte Huetteman and Graham Romer.

The Blue Devils earned six points with a Panther void at 171 pounds and Miles Dearing won a 14-9 decision at 189 pounds.

In the final match of the night, Nolan Ulp lost by pin.

"We are making progress, which is nice to see," Salazar said. "I know everyone is working hard and I want that hard work to continue, including this summer."

Grosse Pointe South finished 3-2 in the MAC Silver Division. New Haven and Center Line tied for first with a 4-0-1 mark.

Next for the Blue Devils is the MAC Blue, Gold and Silver Division Tournament Saturday, Feb. 3, at Grosse Pointe North.

Girls basketball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

To the wire

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North girls basketball team avoided disaster last week in its home game against Warren Cousino.

The host Norsemen built an 18-point lead late in the third quarter, but the Patriots used a 19-0 run to take a 47-46 lead halfway through the fourth quarter.

It took the Patriots about six minutes to erase the deficit. The Norsemen added fuel to the fire by taking quick shots and turning the ball over.

Adding to the misery was junior standout Julia Ayrault picking up her fourth foul late in the third quarter.

Cooler heads prevailed and the Norsemen pulled out a 56-53 victory.

"We played with a lead, but played like we were behind," head coach Gary Bennett said. "Bottom line is we found a way to win."

Ayrault had to scale back her aggressiveness on both ends of the court. Ironically, it helped when she defended four straight layup attempts by Patriots junior guard Mackenzie Cook, who rushed her shots thinking Ayrault was going to try and block each shot.

Instead, Ayrault



North's Maddie Kohler, right, dribbles past Cousino's Mackenzie Chambers during the Norsemen's league win over the Patriots.

PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

allowed Cook to take each shot, but faked like she was trying to block them.

Each shot missed and Ayrault grabbed the rebound in each case. Those were huge misses because the Norsemen turned those misses into makes on their end to regain the lead and eventually win.

Ayrault had a monster game, scoring 29 points and grabbing 24 rebounds.

However, she received plenty of support as junior Evelyn Zacharias scored 10 points, followed by junior Regan Sliwinski with seven and senior Josie Ciaravino

with six.

The Norsemen allowed the Patriots to nearly pull off the upset by committing an uncharacteristically high 22 turnovers. The Patriots had only 12 turnovers.

The Norsemen led 18-12 after the first quarter, 33-21 at the half and 46-39 after three quarters. The Patriots won the fourth quarter 14-10 to make it interesting.

North finished the week with a 48-38 road win at Romeo to improve to 5-2 in the division and 9-2 overall.

They bolted out to a 32-21 halftime lead and maintained the advantage after losing the third

quarter 12-10.

Neither team could get much going offensively in the final quarter. Combined, the teams scored 11 points.

Macomb Dakota also lost to Cousino, leaving the Norsemen only a half-game behind the Cougars in the MAC Red Division.

Ayrault had 12 points, followed by Zacharias with 10 and Kohler with eight as the Norsemen continued their solid play.

Boys hockey

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen fall to Cubs

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys hockey team dropped its Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League game to host U-D Jesuit 6-2 last weekend.

The Norsemen played well for most of the game. It was 1-1 after two periods and 2-2 midway through the third stanza. However, in the end, the Norsemen lost 6-2 as the Cubs scored power-play goals 22 seconds apart later in the third period to win the game.

Connor Albrecht, assisted by Mario Lorelli,

scored the Norsemen's first goal in the second period and in the third period it was Austin Albrecht tallying an unassisted goal to make it a 2-2 game.

Lightning struck and the Norsemen quickly fell behind by two goals after being on the penalty kill.

The Cubs added two more goals in the final four minutes.

Brian Clogg stopped 33 of 39 shots in the loss. Offensively, the Norsemen were held to only 11 shots by the pesky Cubs defense.

Grosse Pointe North is 0-9-1 in the MIHL and 1-15-1 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Close defeat

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys hockey team lost 1-0 to Detroit Country Day last weekend at Eastside Ice Arena.

The lack of offense is something head coach Bobby McKillop has been concerned with and something he knows has to be fixed come playoff time at the end of this

month.

This was also the second straight one-goal defeat for the Blue Devils, which fell to 5-10 overall.

Coming up for South is the 18th annual MIHL Prep Showcase at Trenton Kennedy Recreation Center.

South plays East Grand Rapids at 12:10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, and Sault Ste. Marie at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 3.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

A win is a win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School girls basketball team avoided an upset last weekend, holding on to beat visiting Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart 29-26.

The Knights played one of its best quarters of the season in the first, scoring 19 points to take a 19-8 lead.

Head coach John Bandos watched his team put on a clinic in the first quarter. They played

solid defense, forced turnovers and shot the ball well to open a double-digit lead.

Then the rest of the game followed and air slowly left the Knights tires. They were outscored 6-4 in the middle two quarters to watch the lead dwindle to 27-20.

Sacred Heart cut it to 27-24 and had the Knights nervous. Could the big lead completely slip away?

The home team was able to get one final basket and hold on for dear

life in the final minute as Sacred Heart missed two free throws and a couple of potential game-tying shots.

Freshman Delaney Garvey led the Knights with 12 points and sophomore Melanie Zampardo had a team-high 15 rebounds.

Senior Delaney Bandos had nine points and junior Izzy Brusilow added six as Liggett improved to 6-3 in the Catholic League Intersectional Division and 6-5 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Red Division losses

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls basketball team endured a tough two-game stretch last week where they played Macomb Dakota on the road and Port Huron Northern at home.

The visiting Blue Devils lost 72-42 to the Cougars as junior Maria Hessburg had 10 points.

Hoping things would get better playing on their home court, head coach Kevin Richards

and the Blue Devils fell behind the Huskies 34-12 at the half.

It didn't get better in the second half as the Blue Devils lost 70-40. They played with more energy in the second half, but the Huskies matched it.

Hessburg played well again, leading the team with nine points.

Senior Kamryn Tucker and junior Sydney Hall each had eight points, while junior Savannah Srebernak chipped in with seven.

With the loss to

Northern, South was eliminated from making the second annual Macomb Area Conference Red/White Division Tournament. Only the top four in each division make the tournament.

South dropped to 1-7 in the MAC Red Division and 5-9 overall.

The Blue Devils finish their MAC Red Division schedule with a 7 p.m. road game Thursday, Feb. 1, against city rival Grosse Pointe North.

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Basketball

ST. PAUL ON THE LAKE

LCA style

St. Paul on the Lake Junior High and University Liggett Middle School eighth grade boys and girls basketball teams had the opportunity of playing basketball games at the new Little Caesars Arena in Detroit on Dec. 22, for a "Court of Dreams" experience, allowing the players to then attend the Pistons game later that evening against the New York Knicks. The St. Paul boys who played are Andres Borrego, Nicholas Borrego, Cam Braithwaite, Alex Budnick, Malcolm Campbell, Alex English, Jack Hall, Jack Jones, Ryan Jones, Evan Kargula, James Nyquist, Noah Stiyer, Dan Sullivan and John Williamson. Kevin English is the head coach and Jake Smith is the assistant coach. St. Paul girls players are Alyse Applegate, Katelyn Carion, Shannon Dame, Mara Doyle, Emily Fox, Victoria Frederickson, Kate Kesteloot, Katelyn Moyer, Lily Nederhood, Isabel Stoller and Charlotte Thibault. Jeff Moyer, Michelle Carion and Mike Stoller are the coaches and St. Paul's Athletic Director is Bob Barker. University Liggett Middle School boys players are Jake Carron, Brendan Connors, Jack Estes, Garrett Flynn, Anthony Fuga, Bennett French, Alex George, Cliff Grabowski, Justing Harthorn, Henry Meraw, Leo Muller, Stevie Wheatley and Jose Villegas. Coaches are Cliff Grabowski, George Ayrault and Steven Wheatley. The University Liggett School girls players are Emilia Bronk, Rose Jewell, Alexandra Karolaki, Kiera Loffredo, Summer Orlowski, Kendall Spivey, Cassidy Suzor and Maddy Zampardo. Coaches are Morgan Costanzo and Mike Costanzo. The ULS Middle School Athletic Director is Dan Cimini.



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Synchronized swimming

GROSSE POINTE BLUE DOLPHINS



PHOTO COURTESY OF KILEY WEITZMANN

Blue Dolphins win

The Grosse Pointe Blue Dolphins synchronized swim team started the season Friday, Jan. 19, with a win over rival Ann Arbor Huron, 50-36. In the gold division, a first place went to Grosse Pointe North senior and team co-captain Colleen Corbett and a second place to Grosse Pointe North senior and team co-captain Zoey Lightbody. In the silver division, Grosse Pointe South junior Skylar McCrindle placed second, and Grosse Pointe North junior Hannah Bainbridge was a close third, while Grosse Pointe South junior Meredith McDonnell placed fourth. In the bronze division, Grosse Pointe North freshmen Abby Menth, Caroline Stafford, Ceci Doerr and Kaite Ekin, as well as Grosse Pointe South sophomore Marya Streklova, scored points for the Blue Dolphins. The season runs in two parts: figures, which are technical skills, and routines. This win was for figures. Pictured are Zoey Lightbody, left, and Colleen Corbet, with their ribbons from the competition.

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 - 18 Thwarts
 - 19 Bad lighting?
 - 21 Conversation starter
 - 22 "Olympia" artist
 - 24 Knighted woman
 - 27 Stashed
 - 28 Carey or Barrymore
 - 31 — Baba
 - 32 Literary collection
 - 33 Before
 - 34 Carte
 - 36 Doctrine
 - 37 Exercise target
 - 38 Bygone airline
 - 40 On the other
 - 41 Top story
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by Linda Thistle

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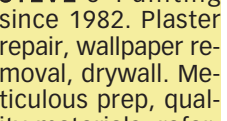
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