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## Winterfest on Hill Jan. 28

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — The annual winter festival on the Hill Saturday, Jan. 28, is a time to roll with the climatological punch, to turn sour weather into slushy lemonade.

This is the 10th year since Grosse Pointe Farms officials relocated Winterfest from the residents-only municipal park to Kercheval on the Hill, a public venue

where everyone can attend.

"When we moved it to the Hill, it got better because people from other cities who have friends and relatives can join in," said Mayor Jim Farquhar. "It is a community-wide event, like the Family Fishing Rodeo, to make our community a better and stronger place for families."

"It's grown every year," said Kara Hardenbrook, a Farms recreation administrator.

New this year are food trucks instead of free hot dogs. There's also a performance of classic rock by The Relics in a tent on the Richard Elementary School parking lot.

Returning is a farm animal petting zoo.

"There's ponies, calves and bunnies — all sorts of animals," Hardenbrook said. "Last year, they brought a camel."

Repeat attractions include about 30 ice sculptures, two ice carving demonstrations and

putt-putt golf.

A traveling art exhibit from the Detroit Institute of Arts, DIA Away, makes a second consecutive appearance.

"The DIA Away exhibit was very popular last year, one of the better turnouts," said Dick Huhn, Farms director of parks and recreation.

Most activities are scheduled throughout the Hill from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Top, Lauri Kingsbury of Grosse Pointe Farms centers the telescope. Above, Mark Kedzior adjusts a telescope for St. Paul School fifth-grader Noah Peterson while his mom, Susan Peterson, watches.

## Bashara files request with appellate court

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

**LANSING** — Bob Bashara has filed a request for a new trial with the Michigan Court of Appeals, according to his attorney, Ronald Ambrose.

Bashara, a former Grosse Pointe Park businessman, is serving two terms of life in prison without parole after being convicted of first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder for the January 2012 death of his wife, Jane.

Ambrose filed a brief with the

Court of Appeals in October 2016. The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office filed its response Dec. 20, 2016. Ambrose filed a reply brief Jan. 10, 2017.

In response to an email, Ambrose said he hoped to have a response from the court in about six months.

"The file is quite extensive so it may take the Court of Appeals a bit more time to review," Ambrose said. "I would hope to receive some action in six months or so."

Bashara was convicted in December 2014 for the murder of his wife and conspiring with

Joseph Gentz, who had worked for Bashara as a handyman, to commit the murder. Gentz, who is serving time for second-degree murder in the case, said Bashara paid him to kill his wife and was with him when the murder took place.

In May 2016, Circuit Court Judge Vonda Evans, presiding over Bashara's trial, denied his request for a new trial based on his belief he had inadequate counsel.

Jane Bashara was murdered in

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## Star gazing

The Grosse Pointe Public Library Woods branch hosts demonstrations on how to use the Orion StarBlast 4.5-inch Astro Reflector Library Telescope, available to check out with a valid library card.

The class, "Telescope Class with Mr. Mark," is 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Jan. 25, Feb. 8 and March 8, at the Woods branch, 20680 Mack.

Patrons need only take one class to check out and operate a telescope. Four telescopes are available at the Woods library, one at Ewald and two at Central. Along with the telescope and tripod, the checkout includes an accessory pack with a

red night light to read star maps and maintain night vision, a lens brush, instructions and a National Audubon Society pocket guide to constellations.

Mark Kedzior, first vice president of the Warren Astronomical Society, has been teaching the program in partnership with the library since June 2015.

"This is a great way to bring outreach astronomy to the public," Kedzior said.

Kedzior plans to make solar filters for the telescopes so patrons Aug. 21 may safely view the eclipse at the Woods library.

— Renee Landuyt



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

## Council newbie is experienced behind the scene

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — John Gillooly began his tenure on the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council Monday, Jan. 9, by contributing to unanimous support of a \$20,583 contract to repair tennis courts at Pier Park.

Gillooly, a 10-year Farms resident and attorney with 25 years experience in municipal matters, sought council appointment to complete 12 months remaining in the term of Martin West, retiring to winter in Arizona.

Gillooly accepted the oath of office from Matthew Rumora, above left, going on 29 years as Farms municipal judge, and thereafter took a seat beside council members, left, from left, Therese Joseph, Mayor Jim Farquhar, City Manager Shane Reeside and Councilmen Louis Theros, Joe Ricci and Peter Waldmeir.

"Grosse Pointe Farms always has been and continues to be a great place to raise a family, do business and attract new business," Gillooly said. "One of the ways we can increase revenue, which is vital to a community like this, is to continue to shop locally and attract new business to increase the tax base."



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Sishir Chamiraju, a third-grader at Kerby Elementary School, looks through the eyepiece of a telescope.

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Home: Grosse Pointe Woods  
Business owner donates to  
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# War Memorial hosts ‘Your Old Mansion’

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — While the series is called “Your Old Mansion,” Pointers who reside in somewhat more humble abodes also can appreciate all that goes into owning, restoring and maintaining older houses.

With that in mind, The War Memorial hosts a lecture series for those who love their old houses and work hard to

preserve the character and integrity of houses built by old-world craftsmen whose talents are difficult to duplicate nowadays.

This Sunday, Jan. 22, “Your Old Mansion” features three artisans sharing their talents and secrets.

Grosse Pointe Park resident and glass expert Ann Baxter joins Martin Soo Hoo, an expert in restoring ceilings and walls, and Kimberly Dobos and David Ellison

from Pewabic Pottery for a panel discussion moderated by Angela Wyrembelski.

Baxter is widely known for restoring and creating glass pieces for churches and homes, as well as restoring existing pieces. Her latest project involved working with PBS on the series, “This Old House,” in Detroit restoring old homes.

Soo Hoo is an expert with more than two decades experience in

architectural restoration. He specializes in ceilings and walls. His work is seen in the recently restored ceilings in The War Memorial. He also is known as a museum-quality muralist who draws his inspiration from the great masters.

Kimberly Dobos is the historical curator for Pewabic Pottery. She will be joined by David Ellison, an independent tile craftsman and veteran of Pewabic Pottery.

They will discuss tile creation and installation.

Wyrembelski, from Washington, D.C., works with Quinn Evans Architects, long noted for restoring many ambassadors’ grand residences in the nation’s capital.

Sunday’s lecture is third in a series focusing on historical preservation and maintaining the integrity of old homes. Future lectures are scheduled Sunday, Feb. 12, “The Science of

Blending Old and New”; Sunday, March 19, “Matching Landscape and Architecture” and Sunday, April 23, “The Welcome Mat is Out.”

Lectures are 2 to 4 p.m. at the Alger House at the War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Seating is limited. Tickets are \$15 and must be purchased in advance from [grossepointeartcenter.org](http://grossepointeartcenter.org). For more information, call the War Memorial, (313) 881-7511.



PHOTO COURTESY OF BRIAN BANKS

## Banks sworn in

Brian Banks, right, takes the oath for a third term representing District 1 in the Michigan House of Representatives. The district includes Grosse Pointe Shores, Grosse Pointe Woods, Harper Woods and part of Detroit.

“I will continue to work with my colleagues to ensure that all Michigan students have access to a quality education and that teachers have the resources they need in their classrooms,” said Banks, serving again as chairman of the Detroit Caucus.

“To keep moving Michigan and House District 1 forward, we need jobs with good wages that allow workers to support their families, and I look forward to working with my colleagues and state and local leaders to bring those jobs to our communities.” Above, State Supreme Court Justice Bridget Mary McCormack administers the oath in House chambers attended by Banks’ brothers, from left, Joe Holland and Justin Banks, and his mother, Joyce Banks.

## City-Park forester a hybrid

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE AND PARK** — The Park’s forester, Brian Colter, is branching out.

A certified arborist, Colter is being deployed to neighboring City of Grosse Pointe up to 15 hours per week.

He’ll oversee development of a master plan for municipal street trees and more.

High on his to-do list for 2017 is documenting every tree growing on City-owned property.

“I’ve done tree inventories throughout the country in big and small cities,” Colter said. “It’s important to know what you have because it’s impossible to manage what you don’t have.”

He’ll also:

- ◆ oversee day-to-day urban forestry activities,
- ◆ identify dead and diseased trees,
- ◆ remove, purchase and replace trees and
- ◆ oversee contracted tree maintenance companies and pruning con-

ducted by city staff.

“The maximum annual cost of the contract is \$38,880 given vacation time, but the actual cost will be less, depending on the number of hours actually worked,” said Peter Dame, manager of the City.

Grosse Pointe Park Manager Dale Krajniak signed his half of the intergovernmental consulting agreement Dec. 8.

“Brian has knowledge that will be advantageous to the City,” Krajniak said. “He works hard and is committed to his work.”

A unanimous City of Grosse Pointe council endorsed the deal Monday, Dec. 19.

Colter has more than 30 years experience in urban forestry and graduated from the University of Michigan.

Sometimes when Colter addresses the Park council, beautification commission and represents the board of Keep Michigan Beautiful, he wears a wooden tie, belt and distributes business

cards made of finely shaved wood.

The 8,000-tree inventory he compiled early in his Park career proved valuable.

“In 2002, when I first detected emerald ash borer in the Grosse Pointes, I was able to tell management to expect 1,283 dead ash trees within the next decade,” Colter said. “That’s good to know for budgeting and planning.”

“It will be advantageous for the City managing their urban forest to have a handle on what trees they have and what trees they need,” Krajniak said.

Colter also breaks down tree populations by genus, species and diameter at breast height.

“You can see if you need to diversify,” he said.

He remains a Park employee, is considered an independent supervisor in the City, is being issued a city cell phone but “shall not hold himself out to the public as

an employee or partner of the City,” according to the agreement.

“For the last 13 years, urban forestry supervision was handled by the public services supervisor, handling sewer functions,” Dame said.

The employee formerly in charge of trees retired and now heads public service in Grosse Pointe Shores.

“However, the incoming supervisor has no forestry experience,” Dame said.

Colter will work with volunteer members of a citizen’s Urban Forestry Commission to be appointed in January by City Mayor Dale Scrace.

“We need a professional on staff to conduct tree activities rather than relying on citizens to do a basic city function,” Dame said.

The City and Park also agreed this month to share public works supervisors starting in January.

They already share Public Safety Director Stephen Poloni.

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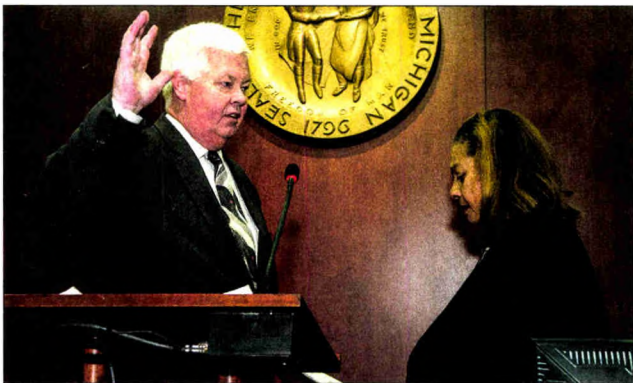
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## Killeen begins sixth term

Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Detroit, is given the oath of office by community activist Zelda Anderson at the commission’s organizational meeting Jan. 5.

Killeen is in his sixth term and serves District 1, which includes the City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Shores, Grosse Pointe Woods, Harper Woods and Detroit’s lower east side.



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## Solidifying court staff

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — A bump in municipal court revenue is enough to pay the annual salary of a new, full-time administrator without having to transfer money from another account.

“This isn’t going to put us over budget,” said City of Grosse Pointe Judge Russell Ethridge.

The court hasn’t had a full-time administrator since the recession reached stride in 2010.

That same year projected City revenue dropped \$500,000 to \$600,000, the city manager took a 5 percent pay cut, unions gave conces-

sions and the general fund aimed toward deficit in two years if not for corrective action.

Since then, court administration consisted of a part-time contractor and two part-time employees.

“I lost a key employee I wanted to cultivate but could not meet the financial needs of that person,” Ethridge said. “I have to bring in a competent person because this is complicated work.”

The court generates up to \$250,000 gross revenue annually, Ethridge said.

Expenses include paying jail sentences at \$40 per day.

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the garage of her Middlesex home Jan. 24, 2012. Her body was found in the backseat of

her car in an alley in Detroit. She had been strangled.

In addition to two life sentences, Bashara is serving time on several other charges, including conspiracy to kill Gentz.





Santa poses with host family, including children, from left, Jax Ketola, Aden DeYoung, Colt Ketola, Rory DeYoung and Gavin DeYoung and parents Blair DeYoung and Amy Ketola-DeYoung. The Farms residents opened their home Dec. 10 to collect toys and bicycles for Toys for Tots.

Charlotte Russell checks out the donated toys.



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## Quite a collection

Mary Lubera looks on as her son, John Lubera, shakes hands with Lt. Col. Brian Mulvihill and Sgt. Maj. Joe Gregory, stationed at Selfridge Air National Guard Base with the 24th Marines.



Josh Wepman assembled donated bikes.

## Hearing rescheduled

**HARPER WOODS** — \$20,000 but less than \$50,000 and one count of embezzlement by a public officer over \$50, both felonies that carry sentences of up to 10 years in prison and restitution. In addition, she was charged with larceny from a building, a felony punishable by up to four years in prison. Moore remains free on a \$25,000 personal bond.

Moore, 47, was arraigned Monday, Jan. 9, in Harper Woods District Court on one count of embezzlement by an agent or trustee for a sum greater than

— Kathy Ryan

## DaDeppo requests jury trial on charges

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — Judge Ted Metry set Monday, March 20, for a jury trial in the stalking case of former public safety officer James DaDeppo.

DaDeppo and his attorney, Robert Ihrie, requested the trial at a hearing in front of Metry Thursday, Jan. 12.

DaDeppo had been charged by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office with felony stalking, but the prosecutor reduced the charges to a misdemeanor. The change was made because none of the more than three dozen calls DaDeppo made to a former girlfriend were after she took out a personal protection order against him.

Charges stem from an incident in spring 2016. According to the police report, DaDeppo on March 25 used a key to unlawfully enter the condominium of a woman who had broken off a six-month relationship with him. She had given him a key while they were dating. The woman was

asleep at the time and woke up to find DaDeppo kneeling next to her bed. Police were called, and DaDeppo left without further incident. However, in the days preceding and following the incident, the woman received dozens of phone calls from DaDeppo. When she did not answer the phone, he left voice messages.

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

**NOTE:** The Grosse Pointe News originally reported the charges were reduced by Judge Ted Metry, when in fact the charges were reduced by the Prosecutor's Office.

## City Winter Fest and roast at Neff Park

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — This year's winter festival at Neff Park fires up cold-weather fun for City of

Grosse Pointe residents and their guests.

Warming fires and a catered roasted meal balance games of the season, such as curling, broomball and a hockey shootout.

Activities begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28. The meal is 2 to 5 p.m. and costs \$5 per person.

Municipal park director Chris Hardenbrook hopes for continued sub-freezing tempera-

tures to make for smooth skating during the 13th annual Winter Fest.

"The event is free to all City residents," he

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## Gunman grabbed after threats reported

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — A trio of officers involved with saving a suicidal man from drowning in Lake St. Clair last month may have helped prevent someone from being shot this week by an alleged pistol-bearing braggart suspected of robbing a drug store in his hometown of Detroit.

Two witnesses reported the 22-year-old male suspect in and around the BP station on Mack at Moross in Grosse Pointe

Farms. He was flashing a gun to a male acquaintance and implying threats, according to Officer Roger Wierszewski, among many dispatched to the area at 2:31 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13.

"Dispatch advised (that an) employee of BP observed the suspect pull the gun from his waistband in the parking lot and waved the gun around the guy he was talking to," said Wierszewski in an initial incident report. "While en route, dispatch broadcast that the caller did

overhear the subject make a statement inside the establishment that he would 'smoke someone.'"

The acquaintance, 28, of Detroit, told Wierszewski he knows the suspect "from the area."

"He stated to me, 'He is bad news,'" Wierszewski said.

The suspect, Treamon Janel Hayes, was arraigned in Farms Municipal Court Sunday, Jan. 15, for carrying a concealed weapon, a felony, according to court officials.

He was released upon posting 10 percent of \$10,000 bond and scheduled for a probable cause conference after this week's Grosse Pointe News deadline.

"Detroit officers did advise me they did have a robbery at a CVS in their city with a description matching the subject from this incident," Wierszewski reported.

As Farms officers converged on the service station, Hayes allegedly ran away through traffic across Mack.

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"If I give somebody a 10-day jail sentence here, it's \$400 out of our taxpayers," Ethridge said. "I have to think how I use those resources."

Revamped staffing is based partly on advice sought from a state

regional court administrator.

"The recommendation is to return to the staffing structure the court had previously: a full-time administrator with two permanent part-time employees," said Peter Dame, city manager. "This will encourage stability and ensure the most professional services at all times."

Annual pay for the full-timer ranges \$48,734 to \$61,345.

The part-time opening pays \$15 per hour, about 25 percent higher than otherwise because the successful applicant requires to hold a certificate in court reporting.

"The added cost of these changes on an annual basis is approximately \$37,500," Dame

said.

The cost isn't budgeted in the current fiscal year.

"However, last fiscal year, the court exceeded budgeted amounts significantly," Dame said. "Year to date, those revenue projections continue on a similar pace. The city is projecting a \$37,500 surplus above budgeted revenues for this fiscal year."

## The Week Ahead

### MONDAY JAN. 23

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- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods city council meeting 7:30 p.m., 20025 Mack.

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Charities benefit from estate sale leftovers

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

There's a side to Lori Stefek's business she feels many people may not be aware of. Stefek, owner of Stefek's Auctioneers & Appraisers and Stefek Estate Sales, works closely with a variety of charities, donating items left over from sales so they may benefit others. "Some people think it just all goes into a Dumpster in the end," she said. "We try to recycle and give to people really in need."

The Grosse Pointe Woods resident has been in the business 20 years, working for another company until branching out on her own in 2000. "Anything to do with liquidation, I do," she said. "I love what I do, so it's not really work to me." Stefek was a legal secretary 20 years before switching careers. After her twin sons were born, she said she and her mother often went to estate sales. That's when she decided to try the business end of it. A lot of work goes in to

assessing a job, organizing, pricing, selling and cleaning up, Stefek said. It's rewarding once the sale is over and the charities come through. The Salvation Army and Capuchin Soup Kitchen representatives often are called in to take what they want. Full Circle Foundation collects clothing and decorative items. Animal shelters get blankets, towels and other items. Books often are donated to libraries or churches. World Medical Relief, local high schools and inner city schools

also have benefited from post-sale donations. "I consider the estate sale business the ultimate recycler. It feels good," Stefek said. "All my life I've been in the service industry. Customer service is important. It makes good sense to help these charities out. "When you have a business in the area, it's always good to give back," she continued. "Fortunately, we live in a small community and people like my work ethic. I'm getting business, so I try to give on the other end."

Stefek, who is married to John, volunteers for some of the charities to which she donates. She served on the auction committee for Full Circle's recent gala and was on the board at Services for Older Citizens. She also likes to garden and spend time with her family, which includes 21-year-olds Jack and Kyle, this year graduating from Western Michigan University and the University of Michigan, respectively. "You have to really love this job to do it. It's a lot



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT  
Lori Stefek

of work," she said. "There's a lot more to it than people realize. We really do help so many organizations in the area and the surrounding area."

Suspect 'sorry' for Kerby B&E

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Sometimes saying sorry doesn't cut it. Police dispute a man's excuse for entering a woman's house in the 200 block of Kerby. "(He) yelled multiple times he was in the wrong house and was sorry," reported Grosse Pointe Farms Officer Kristopher Desmadryl, investigating the 49-year-old woman's call for help at 3:25 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3. Her barking dog alerted her to a man

inside the front door of her house across from Kerby Elementary School. A second man stood at the threshold. "The suspects ran into a white Hyundai Elantra parked across the street facing southbound on Kerby," Desmadryl said. "(She) heard (the driver) yell, 'Sorry,' one last time before shutting the door, squealing the tires and fleeing southbound on Kerby." Officers acted on her cell phone photographs of the Hyundai and verbal description of the suspects — white males, 25 to 35 years old, short

dark hair, one wearing a black puffy coat. "From those pictures (I) was able to get the full vehicle description as well as the license plate number," Desmadryl said. "We know who he is," said Detective Lt. Richard Rosati. The main suspect, 37, is from Sebewaing. He lives in Troy and is on probation in Caro for unspecified reasons and in Missouri for a narcotics crime, according to Rosati. "This individual has a problem with cocaine," Rosati said. "When you

add 'problem with cocaine' to 'walking into a house' that does not equal a mistake. It's not a coincidence. It is what it is." Police are seeking a charge of entering the residence without the owner's permission. "The witness was awesome," Rosati said of the homeowner. "We did a photo lineup. She picked him right away. That's probable cause to get an arrest warrant through the city prosecutor." The second man isn't identified. "That's forthcoming," Rosati said.

Park judge gets a raise

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Acting on a charter amendment approved by residents in the November election, the city council at its meeting Monday, Jan. 9, approved an increase in annual compensation for the city's municipal court judge. On a vote of 4 to 2, the council raised the salary for Judge Carl Jarboe from \$15,000 per year to \$23,000. Approving the increase were Mayor Robert Denner, and councilmembers Dan Clark, John Chouinard and Barbara Detwiler. Councilmembers Laurie Arora and Dan Grano voted against the increase. "We just asked the residents for a tax increase because we can't cover our pension costs," said Arora in explaining her vote. "We share a police chief and a forester. We should be cutting back more, not spending more." The city's personnel committee recommended the salary increase following the approval by voters of a charter amendment that set a cap in compensation at \$30,000 per year. The committee, chaired by Clark, believed a raise was long overdue. "The salary had not been raised in 22 years," Clark said. "We wanted a figure equal to what \$15,000 would be based on the Consumer Price Index. We determined \$23,000 was a rational figure. We all felt something needed to be done." Denner, who along with Clark and Councilman Jim Robson make up the city's personnel committee, said the committee studied the number and complexity of caseloads handled by the court. "We concluded our municipal judge was under compensated based on the caseload of the court," Denner said.

Councilman Dan Grano also voted no, but said his vote was not against Jarboe, but against the court system. Long a proponent of a district court, Grano was vocal in his opposition to the charter amendment, saying the present municipal courts system in the Grosse Pointes should be combined into a district court. "If we combined into a district court, all the cities would pay less and the judge would earn more," Grano said. He also noted a district court judgeship is a full-time position as opposed to the part-time nature of the municipal court judgeship. "The judge also has a full-time law practice, so he's not doing this for the money," Grano said. "He's doing it for public service. Plus, when you run for the job, you know what the salary is and he ran anyway. I can't justify a 53 percent raise." Grano noted members of the city council serve because they believe in public service. "We get paid nothing," he said. Grano said the other municipal court judge salaries average \$12,000 to \$15,000, with the exception of Grosse Pointe Woods, where the salary is \$30,000 per year. But the Woods has the largest caseload and court is in session at least three times per month as opposed to twice a month in the other Pointes. "A salary of 12 to 15 thousand sounds right to me," Grano said. Robson was absent from the meeting.

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said. "Park passes are required. Each resident can bring two guests per park pass." A warm, rainy spell late last week melted the ice skating rink, which promptly froze smooth with the arrival of a cold front. "The way the rink looks now, it'll be like glass," Hardenbrook said. Winter Fest activities include a petting farm, scavenger hunt with prizes, ice sculpting, free hot chocolate, s'mores and photo opportunities with famous stars representing fictional characters from a surprise theme. "We continue our surprise theme with stars and activities with children," Hardenbrook said. The most popular part of Winter Fest is the meal. "Some people come just for that," Hardenbrook said. Ice skating is available all winter, weather permitting. A warming room is open noon to 7 p.m. through March. Offered weekends are warming fires plus, on Saturdays during skating, s'mores and hot chocolate. Donations of used ice skates are accepted at the park office. Skates of all sizes in good condition are accepted.

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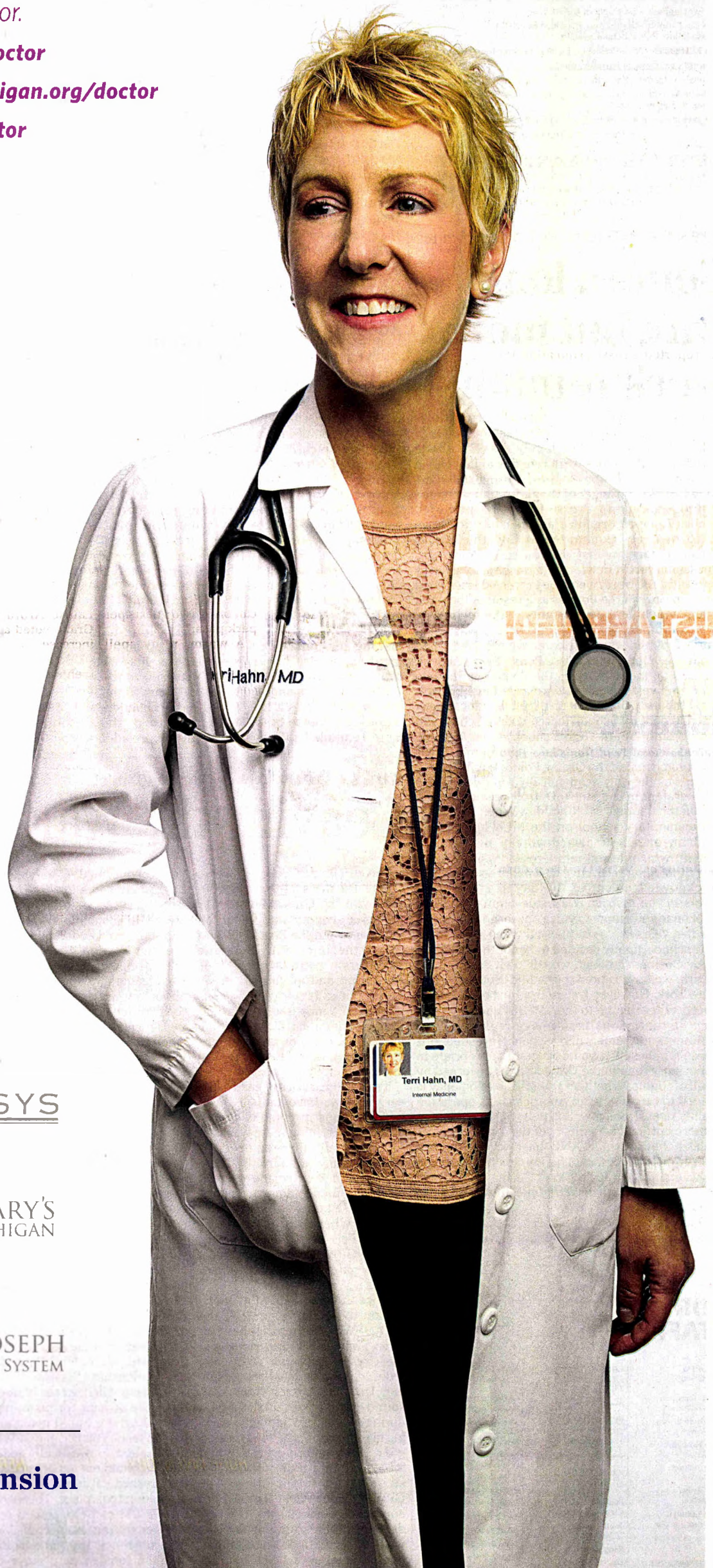
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**GUEST OPINION** By David J. Weiner

Come a long way, but more work remains

The excellent Jan. 5 article, “Remembering King’s visit,” by Mary Anne Brush, rekindled memories in the arc of my political and family life. The article reminded me that more work remains to be done in the country and in the Pointes. During the same period Donald Lobsinger of Breakthrough protested Dr. King’s speech in Grosse Pointe, he protested marches I helped organize as chair of the Wayne State University Committee to End the War in Vietnam. In fact, my first visit to Grosse Pointe was to the Unitarian Church for an anti-war protest. I was surprised at the warm welcome I received since I had grown up wary of the Pointes as a result of the point system, which kept descendants of the biblical 12 tribes and others from residing there. I was again surprised by the warm welcome we received when my fiancée, a longtime Grosse Pointe Park resident, prevailed on me to move to the Pointes in the late ’80s where we established warm relationships with our neighbors. Our son got an excellent education at Maire Elementary School, Pierce Middle School and Grosse Pointe South High School. As we became involved in the life of the school community, I was disappointed to find the Grosse Pointe Public School System was the only academically top-rated public school system in the metro Detroit area to remain open on the national MLK holiday. When we visited each elementary school on the MLK holiday, we found an excellent award-worthy program at Monteith which delved into Grosse Pointe’s racial history, including restrictive covenants on deeds, but no acknowledgement of the day at some other schools in the district. We made annual visits to school board meetings to voice our disappointment. After five years we were pleased when the Grosse Pointe schools finally decided to honor the MLK holiday by closing. Although we still own our home in the Park, we have retired to the Mid-Hudson Valley of New York. However, we are troubled because our property taxes that go to the GPPSS fund the harsh policy of continuous monthly re-registration of month-to-month renters and repeated investigations of these families that would be more appropriate in a Kafka story than in the United States governed by the Bill of Rights. Whether or not this harsh policy is intended to target African Americans, its operation certainly does. Ironically, this policy also places yet one more burden on members of the armed services based at the Selfridge ANG base who often are month-to-month renters. The Pointes have come a long way since Dr. King’s visit during my college years; I hope the journey continues now that I am retired.

Weiner is a resident of Rhinebeck, N.Y., and a property owner in Grosse Pointe Park.



Pure GP

Fog rolled in the morning of Jan. 17 as the weather changed to rain and slightly warmer temps. The grounds of the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House along Lake St. Clair were shrouded in fog during a mist that made a dreary day turn artistic. The reflection of the trees can be seen clearer in the rain puddled on the ground than the actual trees themselves.

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Adopt the dream

I extend great gratitude and thanks to the Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods Branch of the NAACP for sharing with us this past Saturday the 1968 audio recording of Dr. Martin Luther King’s speech, “The Other America,” in South’s gym. Dr. King’s stirring words and delivery were stunning and powerful, his thoughts and concerns so relevant still today. My hope for our community, our country, is that we honor him, others and ourselves by making his tenets and his dreams part of our own.

For some of us maybe this commitment started Saturday, or some of us were reminded just by

listening to a 1968 audio tape in the gym at South. Thank you again for this opportunity.  
SALLY OWEN  
City of Grosse Pointe

A dangerous decision

The last eight years has seen many long-standing precedents of governmental procedure fall by the wayside in the name of “getting things done” when the Democrats did not have the majority in Congress. These diversions from long-held policy and procedures were done as short-term fixes with no concern for long-term impact. Now I see 20 Democrats who will turn their backs on the president-

elect and not attend the inauguration. This is an incredibly dangerous decision from leaders that will have wide-reaching impact and effect. What these leaders are saying to the people they govern is: “Your government is illegitimate so feel free to riot against or disobey any laws or policies that are the byproduct of this presidency.” Protest and disagreement is one thing, but this display gives license to what can lead to widespread anarchy and disorder. I would ask these “leaders” to consider a long-held rule of thumb when making decisions: “For what you initiate, what are the implications and the impact?” If they thought this through, they would voice their disagreement with the incoming administration but for the sake of our country, would attend the ceremony and not delegitimize what was by all accounts a fair and free election.  
MURRAY W. SALES  
City of Grosse Pointe

Not right

Two weeks ago a U.S. soldier was killed in combat in Afghanistan.

He is posthumously awarded a Purple Heart. His mother is awarded a Gold Star flag for her front window.  
Vice President Joe Biden is awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom for being a politician. In 2016 Kareem Abdul-Jabbar was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom for playing basketball.  
What is wrong with this picture?  
B.J. KHALIFAH  
Grosse Pointe Park

Memorable evening

My wife, Nancy, and I attended the talk by Martin Luther King that evening at Grosse Pointe South. For sure, it was a memorable evening — certainly, it was a packed gymnasium. One of the things we really remember (I suppose because we have mentioned it off and on over the years) is that the sidewalk near South was crowded with protesters, so we had to walk in the street, Fisher Road. We were near the curb and a lady yelled at us something like, “That’s where you belong, in the gutter!” We just kept walking.  
TOM COLES  
Grosse Pointe Woods

**GUEST OPINION** By Michael Trudel

Leaving the War Memorial

The curtain will close on Grosse Pointe Theatre’s 54-year relationship with the Grosse Pointe War Memorial after our May production of “Beauty and the Beast.” GPWM is partnering with Emagine Theaters, renovating Fries Auditorium and opening as a movie theater next January. They have offered GPT nine weeks of theater usage, an impractical proposition, and less than half of what is necessary to support our theater season and Youth on Stage programs. It’s sad. Since Fries opened in the early ’60s we have annually been GPWM’s most profitable, consistent tenant, renting more weeks at Fries than all other renters combined. By any measure, GPT is a great tenant. We’ve made and paid for many facility improvements. We’ve raised tens of thousands of dollars whenever asked (e.g., Access For All elevator project), helping GPWM add improvements for all patrons, not just theater guests. Since the new GPWM administration took charge in 2014, the GPT-GPWM relationship has suffered. Popular, pre-show dinners in the Crystal Ballroom drastically reduced. Theater maintenance subpar. Double booking Fries with sound-intrusive events upstairs during shows, also adding to parking nightmares. Forbidding theatergoers from entering Fries grand lobby, sending them down back stairs to reach our lobby. The GPWM made it clear they did not appreciate our business. It was a disrespectful slap in our face, as well as to our 15,000-plus annual patrons and season ticket holders. Meantime, in Grosse Pointe Park, there have been talks for many

years about building a theater for performing arts with a true theatrical stage. Talks simmered down during the economic downturn, but with improved economics and the growing buzz on West Kercheval, talks heated back up. Last spring, Park leadership approached GPT about our interest in becoming their “resident theater company” if their theater happened. Given the deteriorating GPWM environment, GPT leadership said they’d listen; no commitments were made. A theatrical stage with fly space, an orchestra pit and a large back-stage is the dream of every theater group, but we’re a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization operating on a tight budget. The best we can afford is an old boarding house/nursing home, 315 Fisher Road, which is our “business/rehearsal” home, but not a theatrical space. Word got back to GPWM leadership about the Park meeting. In late November, GPT offered to sign a two-year lease with GPWM. In early December, a few days before the Grosse Pointe News front-page article, GPWM leadership informed GPT about their decision to collaborate with ET, essentially ending our relationship. Suddenly GPT was to blame as the party at fault for planning to leave, even if it wasn’t going to be for two years. This became GPWM’s justification to drastically reduce their commitment to GPT and spin their rushed ET decision. No prior discussion took place. This is how the GPWM chose to treat a revenue-generating, respected, long-time tenant. If the Park made a decision tomorrow to move forward with their new theater, it wouldn’t be operational until late

2018 at best. If GPT committed to the Park, they were prepared to extend the GPWM lease until the move. Considering the movie theater concerns voiced by many, this would buy some time for GPWM to continue to dialogue with patrons, arrange town hall meetings with local citizens and get a better feel for what they’d like. A win-win-win situation for all; the community, GPWM and GPT. Bottom line, the GPWM did not need to act so harshly, in the spiteful manner they did, and destroy a longtime relationship with a loyal, respected, nonprofit organization without any conversation or consideration. I am not an official spokesperson for GPT; these are my opinions, facts and observations as a current GPT member, past president and former board member. I’m not currently involved in this situation or privy to any information that isn’t already common knowledge. GPT will move forward. We’re keeping our fingers crossed that the Park facility becomes a reality and the GPWM maintains our relationship in the interim. Whatever the future holds, I’m certain our talented members will pull together and do everything we can to maintain the high level of theatrical excellence we’ve delivered since 1946 — excellence that has made us one of the top community theaters in southeast Michigan and the Midwest. We are preparing for our 70th season as the community theater in the Grosse Pointes. It won’t be our last. Michael Trudel lives in Grosse Pointe Park and is a 40-year member of Grosse Pointe Theatre.

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Man in hiding

The over-cuddly bed-side manner of a 52-year-old Pontiac man prompted a nurse at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe to suspect he slipped his girlfriend patient a dose of heroin early afternoon Tuesday, Jan. 10.

Two public safety officers responded at 2:08 p.m. to a report of the man last seen running from the hospital on Cadieux northbound on Notre Dame toward the Village shopping district.

An officer found him in the bathroom of a restaurant.

"The patient administered herself with heroin and her boyfriend didn't play a part in bringing or giving her the drug," reported an officer.

Five warrants

A man wanted on five traffic warrants in three Detroit suburbs is paying the piper because a City of Grosse Pointe patrolman caught him on Mack near the intersection of Lorraine at 12:27 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, operating a 2003 Saturn outfitted with a license plate for a 2002 Ford.

Police also arrested the suspect, 30, of Detroit, for violating 12 driving suspensions.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Elementary

Two middle-aged women living a block apart in the Farms don't see eye to eye about parking cars in front of Kerby Elementary School.

In an incident reportedly witnessed by the school's principal, a 50-year-old woman drove into the school's designated dropoff-pickup zone beside Kerby Road at 8:36 a.m. Friday, Jan. 13, where a 40-year-old female motorist in a blue BMW had already parked.

GRABBED:

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"On several occasions, the subject continued to grab at his right-side waistband as if he was attempting to grab or secure something," Wierszewski said.

Three other officers boxed in Hayes when he slipped and fell on Frankfort past Walgreens Pharmacy on Moross in Detroit.

"(I) located a silver semi-automatic pistol on the sidewalk (outside) Walgreens directly in the path the suspect Hayes had traveled," reported Officer Geoff McQueen.

McQueen emptied the weapon, a Smith & Wesson Model 1006, of eight 10 mm steel jacket bullets, none chambered.

"During transport from the arrest location to the station, Hayes freely, voluntarily and spontaneously admitted to carrying the handgun on his person while inside the BP gas station," reported PSO Keith Colombo. "The admission was captured on body camera and the

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One thing led to another, including the BMW driver allegedly ignoring the other woman's effort to discuss matters and nudging her with the BMW when moving to another spot.

"The principal stated she observed the exchange from her office window and tried to make contact with (the BMW driver) at the vehicle," reported a patrolman. "She stated (the BMW driver) would not acknowledge her. (The suspect) left the scene shortly afterward, at which time (the younger motorist) contacted police. (I) attempted to contact (the BMW driver) at her residence, but there was no response."

Credit fraud

An out-of-state animal lover is suspected of fraudulently charging three purchases totaling \$331.53 to the credit card of a City of Grosse Pointe woman, age 79.

While reviewing her recent Visa statement, she discovered unauthorized transactions at pet supply stores in Pennsylvania and Arizona.

"It appears all purchases were online," said a City officer. "(She) called the fraud department and was told one of the orders was shipped to Mishawaka, Ind."

Car break-in

Someone between 11 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, and 10 a.m. the next day smashed a side window of a silver Jeep parked behind a business in the 18700 block of Mack and rifled the contents.

"Nothing was taken from the vehicle, but the owner did state someone had gone through his stuff," said a patrolman.

Unlocked?

Loose change is all a car-breaker netted from entering a black 2007 Jeep Liberty parked in the driveway of a house in the 400 block of Cloverly.

scout car video-audio system."

"A check of the gun through the Michigan State Police returns not registered," Wierszewski said.

The whole thing's a misunderstanding, Hayes reportedly claimed. He found the weapon on Frankfort, he said.

"Hayes stated he was

The crime occurred between 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, and 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, the female victim told police.

"(She) does not recall if she left the doors locked or not," said an officer.

Pilfered

Three of four packages delivered to a house in the 300 block of Hillcrest Tuesday, Jan. 10, are missing and presumed stolen.

"(The female resident) contacted UPS, which informed her all four packages were delivered to the house at 1:30 p.m.," said a public safety officer.

Missing items consist of clothing purchased from Kohl's, Lands' End and Gymboree with a total value of \$152.39.

Fight

A female resident's complaint of a postal carrier conscribing a handicap parking spot preceded a beat down near the back entrance to the Grosse Pointe Public Library Central branch on Kercheval.

"(A female library employee) stated she thought two teens were fighting, but found that not to be the case," said a public safety officer.

Officers reportedly pieced the incident together by interviewing both combatants and three witnesses.

At about 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, a female carrier from Roseville parked in a handicap spot behind the library.

The handicap spot "is where she normally parked to drop off (and) pick up mail," an officer said, citing the carrier.

When a 61-year-old City of Grosse Pointe woman protested, the carrier reportedly told her to "shut up and mind her own business," added the officer.

Approaching the back door, the City woman reportedly hit the carrier on the leg with an umbrella.

"(The carrier) stated after she was struck, she

turned around and punched (the other woman) three times," said an officer.

Blows landed on the woman's chest and both sides of her mouth.

No one has pressed charges, according to police.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Suspended

A Mount Clemens woman, 40, was cited about 9:45 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, for operating a blue 2002 Oldsmobile Alero with an expired license plate on southbound Lakeshore near Woodland Shore.

She also lacked auto insurance, according to police.

Pistol permitted

A male motorist being questioned on southbound Lakeshore near the foot of Deeplands for speeding a yellow 2002 Pontiac Aztec carried a licensed pistol on his hip.

The driver, 34, of Detroit, informed a patrolman of the weapon early in a roadside investigation beginning at 11:45 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 5.

Police confirmed the man's concealed pistol permit but arrested him for violating an expired operator's license and lacking auto insurance.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Office closed

No reports due to the Martin Luther King holiday.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Stolen checks

A 26-year-old female Woods resident was taken into custody Friday, Jan. 6, for attempting to cash a stolen check at a bank on Mack. Bank employees had been notified by the account holder that several checks were missing from his home and when the young woman, who was the account holder's granddaughter, attempted to cash a check, police were called and she was arrested. In addition to possessing stolen checks, drug paraphernalia, including syringes, was found in her purse. The woman was familiar to police. Her boyfriend had been arrested Dec. 26 in con-

nection to two purse snatchings.

Apparently no one noticed

A building inspector alerted a local Realtor at noon Saturday, Jan. 14, he was unable to enter a house in the 1900 block of Littlestone because the lockbox on the front door was inoperable. Access was finally gained thanks to a local locksmith and it was discovered the furnace and hot water heater had been removed from the house. The owner of the home resides out of state.

Lawn damaged

A resident of the 1100 block of South Renaud reported to police Saturday, Jan. 14, someone had driven a car across his lawn as well as a neighbor's. The resident said this was the second time in two weeks that it happened.

Break-in averted

A resident of the 1500 block of Hampton was awakened at 3:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 9, by the sound of someone in his driveway. He saw three men, all dressed in dark hoodies, on his driveway near his cars. He shined a flashlight at them and they ran. The cars were locked and no damage was done.

—Kathy Ryan  
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## Sponsors warm up to Winterfest on Hill

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Patronage and sponsorship. They're good enough for Michelangelo — patronage anyway — and they make possible 2017 Winterfest on the Hill.

Sponsors are the sine qua non of Grosse Pointe Farms' annual celebration of winter starting 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, on the Hill commercial district.

"Sponsorships we receive are amazing," said Kara Hardenbrook, a Grosse Pointe Farms recreation administrator. "We're very thankful of the sponsorship."

"Support from businesses has been outstanding," said

Dick Huhn, recreation director. "A high percentage of businesses on the Hill participate."

Sponsorships this year come at various levels. They are, highest to lowest:

### Avalanche Level

◆ City of Grosse Pointe Farms,

◆ Russell Development Company (putt-putt course with nine ice sculptures),

◆ St. John Providence Health System (ice carving, live ice carving demonstration, petting farm) and

◆ Dirty Dog Jazz Café (ice carving, live ice carving demonstration, Winterfest games).

### Glacier Level

◆ Bologna Building Co. & Kercheval Development Co.

(ice carving, Soup Challenge) and  
◆ Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation (donation).

### Blizzard Level

◆ The Hill Association (donation),

◆ Roy O'Brien Ford (donation, door prize drawing),

◆ Luxe Bar & Grill (ice bar, door prize drawing),

◆ Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce (ice carving, s'mores) and

◆ Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage (ice carving, cookie decorating, characters).

### Iceicle Level

◆ American House (ice carving, face painting),

◆ Christian Science Reading Room (door prize drawing

sponsor, ice carving).

◆ Grosse Pointe News (discounted advertising, ice carving, coloring contest),

◆ Grosse Pointe Times (discounted advertising),

◆ Johnstone & Johnstone (door prize drawing, ice carving),

◆ LaLonde Jewelers (door prize drawing, ice carving) and

◆ Robert Loomis & Associates (two ice carvings).

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◆ Morgan Stanley (ice carving),

◆ Morning Glory Coffee & Pastries (ice carving),

◆ Mutschler Kitchens (ice carving),

◆ Northern Trust (ice carving),

◆ Oppenheimer & Company, Inc. (ice carving),

◆ Red Crown (ice carving),

◆ Saga Communications, Inc. (ice carving),

◆ Salon Seventy Six (door prize drawing) and

◆ Dan LaLonde, president of the Hill Association.

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### Soup contest

A Soup Challenge is judged by two separate panels 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. in the lower level of 131 Kercheval.

"You don't have to be a Farms resident to enter the challenge," Hardenbrook said. "There's two possible winners. Each receives a

\$150 gift certificate to the restaurant of their choice on the Hill."

Participating chefs must submit entry forms by Wednesday, Jan. 25, to the Pier Park office.

For more information, call the office at (313) 343-2405.

### Schedule

◆ All day: Ice carvings displayed along Kercheval.

◆ 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.:

Soup Challenge (judging panel) in the lower level of 131 Kercheval sponsored by the Bologna Building.

◆ 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Ice carving demonstrations in two locations —

Richard Park gazebo sponsored by Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe; and Grosse Pointe Central Library sponsored by St. John Providence Health System.

◆ 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Free hot chocolate and coffee

in the Richard parking lot tent sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation.

◆ 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.: DIA Away exhibit on Kercheval.

◆ 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Crafts at Grosse Pointe Central Library, 10 Kercheval at Fisher.

◆ 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Food trucks on Kercheval.

◆ 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.: Face painting at two locations — Grosse Pointe

Central Library sponsored by St. John Providence Health System; and Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage & Pierson Clinic sponsored by American House.

◆ 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Cookie decorating with visits by Star Wars characters and Cinderella at the Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage and Pierson Clinic.

◆ noon to 3 p.m.:

S'mores on Kercheval sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.

◆ 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Games on Kercheval sponsored by Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe.

◆ 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Ice carving and putt-putt golf on Kercheval sponsored by Russell Development Co.

◆ 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Animal Oasis Petting Farm on Kercheval sponsored by St. John Providence Health System

◆ 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.: Live music featuring The Relics in the Richard parking lot tent sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation.

◆ 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Coloring contest at the Richard parking lot tent sponsored by the Grosse Pointe News.

◆ 2:30 p.m.: Soup Challenge winners announced in the Richard parking lot tent.

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## DHS has successful 2016 Society Ball

On Saturday, Dec. 10, the Detroit Historical Society hosted its 2016 black tie Society Ball at Joe Louis Arena. As home ice for the Detroit Red Wings, the Joe has seen numerous Stanley Cup championships and hundreds of other sports and entertainment events, from the U.S. Figure Skating championships to sold-out concerts featuring Frank Sinatra and Michael Jackson.

Some 570 guests enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, entertainment by Nicole New,

a seated dinner for benefactor and patron ticketholders and live and silent auctions — all on the ice. Many guests also took advantage of self-guided tours of the home locker room and photo opportunities with a Zamboni and the Gordie Howe banner, both on the ice for the evening. In all, the evening raised \$520,000 to support the Detroit Historical Society and its educational initiatives.

2016 Society Ball co-chairs

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Bob and Mary Ann Bury of the City of Grosse Pointe and event co-chairs Olympia Entertainment President Tom and Linda Wilson of Oakland.



Cheryl and Paul VanTol of Grosse Pointe Park.



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The Hon. Meaghan Maher and Vince Brennan of Grosse Pointe Farms.



Brendan and Kelly Walsh, City of Grosse Pointe.



Carolyn and Michael Marks, City of Grosse Pointe.

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## Growth potential Chamber hosts community presentation Jan. 31

By Jody McVeigh  
 Editor

The public is invited to hear the results of a Retail/Restaurant Community Study conducted last fall by Gibbs Planning Group and sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.

The presentation takes place at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Robert Gibbs will discuss his findings as they relate to the community.

The study included the commercial, retail and restaurant areas of the Grosse Pointes, mainly The Village, The Hill, Grosse Pointe Park and Mack Avenue.

"The study is to serve as a third-party assessment of the qualitative and quantitative characteristics of the Pointes and to determine the amounts of additional retail and restaurant development that could be supported in the study

area over the next five years," said Jennifer Boettcher, executive director of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce. "The results showed key information on current and projected population, demographics and lifestyle characteristics in the primary trade area and what the growth for retail expenditures will be from now to the next five years. It also shows how much additional retail square footage is supportable and what retail uses should be encouraged as well as the achievable volume in sales."

"We thought it important to document what the Pointes had to not only potential retailers and potential residents, but also to prove to our current homeowners that the Pointes have more to offer to residents than great schools, libraries and parks, but the unique opportunity walkable communities bring to the

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# AREA ACTIVITIES

**Garden Club**  
The Men's and Women's Garden Club of Grosse Pointe welcomes Sue Grubba of Rochester, who will discuss uses of lighting to enhance landscape at its meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at Brownell Middle School, Grosse Pointe Farms. Guests are welcome. Coffee and doughnuts are served. Call (313) 473-8625.

**BNI**  
Business Network International meets 7

a.m. Friday, Jan. 20, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

**Ecumenical Breakfast**  
The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets 7:45 a.m. Friday, Jan. 20, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Reservations are not required; all are welcome. Breakfast is \$7.

Call (313) 882-5330.

**GPAA**  
The Grosse Pointe Artists Association offers the following programs:  
◆ 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20, "Taking the Leap to Abstraction Part I with Bonnie Wier." Wier explores creative abstraction with a series of exercises in a variety of mediums.  
◆ 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 23 and 30, and Feb. 6 and 13, "Pen and Ink with Al Sonnenberg." Learn the principles of pen and ink drawing with an etching approach. The primary focus is on landscapes and trees.

For more information, call (313) 881-3454.

**Libraries**  
**Central branch, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms (313) 343-2074**  
◆ 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20, Yoga in the Stacks, featuring Amy Koenig of Yoga Shelter, music by Chris Emmerson and snacks from Jungle Juice. Cost is \$10.  
◆ 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, Senior Coffee House. Book lovers share their favorite reads.  
**Woods branch, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods (313) 343-2072**  
◆ 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, coding class with

robots, Dash and Dot. Children ages 7 to 10 use robots to learn creativity, logic, problem solving and coding.  
◆ 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, mystery book discussion, featuring "The Maltese Falcon," by Dashiell Hammett.  
◆ 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, recently retired Detroit Free Press travel writer Ellen Creager talks about winter getaways and travel deals.

**War Memorial**  
The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, welcomes Hai Xin Wu to kick off its Arts at the Alger Winter Brunch Series. Doors open at 11 a.m. for this Sunday, Jan. 22, chamber music feature. The performance begins 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$39 and includes brunch, coffee service and mimosas. Cost for the concert only is \$30. Call (313) 881-7511 or visit war memorial.org.

**Audubon Society**  
The Grosse Pointe Audubon Society meets 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. Jim Hewitt of the Capital Area Audubon Society presents "Cuba: The Land, the People, the

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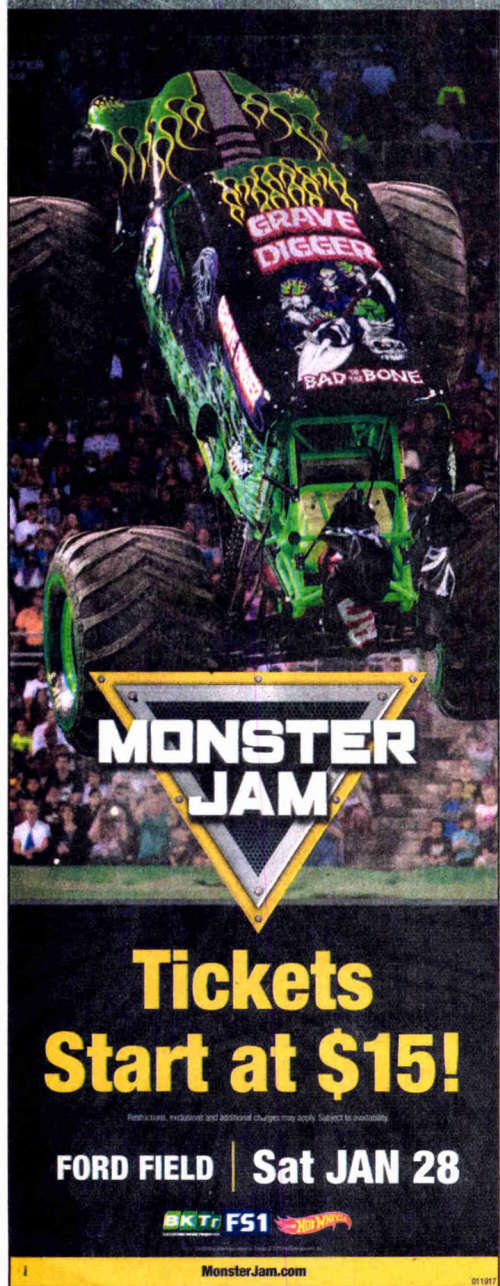


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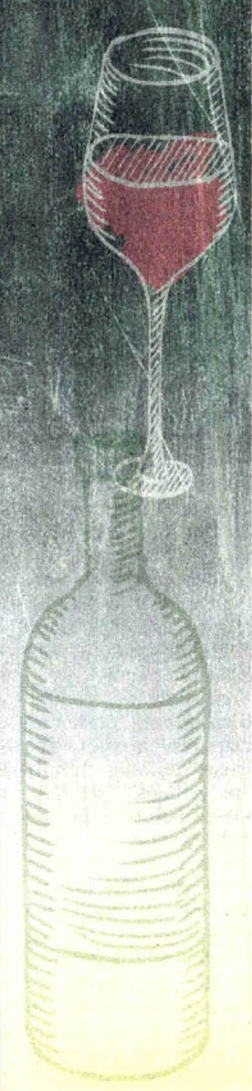
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ASK THE EXPERTS By Carolyn Van Dorn

# Protecting seniors from identity theft

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A: Absolutely. Identity theft tops the list of consumer complaints reported to the FTC and other enforcement agencies every year. This type of crime has no age boundaries. Social Security numbers, regardless of age of holder, can be used by thieves to apply for government benefits, open bank accounts or a loan or utility service.

Some consider the senior population easy targets because they normally are financially stable and less likely to open new lines of credit. Most

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seniors also do not routinely check the status of their credit report, which allows for a lower probability of fraud detection.

There are options available for you to protect yourself and your family. You can learn how to monitor your history on your own or register with a credit monitoring service. If you choose to use a service, take time to do a little research to verify it is a reputable company. Engaging a credit mon-

itoring service in advance of an issue can eliminate the headache of clearing up damaged credit due to identity theft. The FTC also has free materials you can order directly to help protect yourself or clear up an issue. You can find the materials at [ftc.gov](http://ftc.gov).

I also have ordered several of them in bulk quantities that can be picked up from my office. Visit the News and Articles tab at nursing

unlimitedonline.com to view what I have available and for a list of helpful web links.

Carolyn Van Dorn, CDP, is the director of client and employee relations at Nursing Unlimited in Grosse Pointe Woods. She has worked in the medical field since 1984 with a goal of educating families and caregivers about the services available to help them maintain a balanced home while caring for a loved one in need. Contact Van Dorn at (313) 642-1122 or [cvan@dorn@nursingunlimitedonline.com](mailto:cvan@dorn@nursingunlimitedonline.com). This email address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it. Nursing Unlimited is a member of The Family

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quality of life," said James Bellanca Jr., managing member of Kercheval Company and a member of its Economic Committee. Kercheval Company contributed to the cost of the report. "Things we take for granted are not available to all the suburban communities that surround Detroit."

The data was gathered through a series of focus groups, among them millennials, senior citizens, small business owners, municipalities and others, Boettcher said.

Among the findings, the study suggests Grosse Pointe can "support up to 563,200 additional square feet of retail and restaur-

ant development, generating as much as \$164.1 million in new sales."

Additionally, "in five years, household income could increase the total captured sales to \$172.4 million. The demand could partially be absorbed by existing businesses and/or with the opening of over 100 new restaurants and stores."

A study summary calls the Grosse Pointes "one of the most desirable areas in Michigan," citing demographics, commercial opportunities and housing stock as highlights.

"The report confirmed what we believed, but more than that, the report presents a unique opportunity to our municipalities, the residential real

estate marketers and our business community to reach out and promote all of the Pointes as a great place to locate your business or raise your family," Bellanca said. He hopes the survey results spur an appreciation for what Grosse Pointe has to offer and encourage development.

"The businesses that have stayed here need to be supported by the residents," he said. "Brick and mortar retailers are being challenged more than ever. A growing percentage of young people want to raise their families, work and play in communities like ours. We need to be cheerleaders for what we have to offer."

Bellanca said the results of the survey could benefit the close relationship the

Pointes have with Detroit.

"Grosse Pointe has always been tied at the hip to Detroit," he said. "Detroit's rebirth provides us with an opportunity to entice those urban pioneers who have been the foundation of that rebirth to think of Grosse Pointe as the No. 1 place to relocate when they begin to have children or want to buy a more traditional home."

Added Boettcher, "We hope the study will help current and future businesses develop their own strategic plans for future growth in the Grosse Pointe community."

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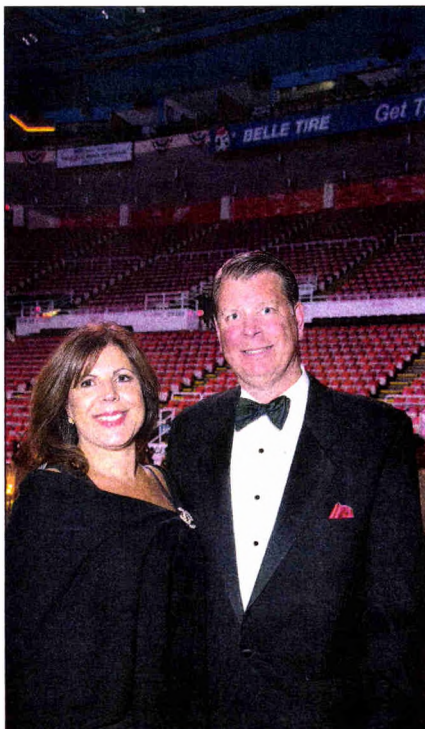
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# OBITUARIES

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

## Edward P. Gruca

Edward P. Gruca, a half-century resident of Grosse Pointe Park, died Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2016. He was 97.

He was born Oct. 4, 1919, in Chicago, to Joseph and Mary Gruca, and grew up with his brothers Walter and Joe in Logan Square. He graduated from Lane Tech in 1936, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering from the Armour Institute of Technology in 1940, and a Master of Science degree in management as a Sloan Fellow at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1951.

Ed was an engineer at Pullman from 1940 to 1955 and Stanray from 1955 to 1963 in Chicago, and was director of manufacturing engineering at Fruehauf from 1963 to 1989 in Detroit. His work included the design and production of trains, boats, trailers and shipping containers and factories for their manufacture. He was one of the engineers on

Harper Avenue at the center of the development of the shipping container.

In 1980, Ed began teaching neighbors about injecting elm trees against Dutch elm disease. This evolved into a city-wide program still active today, helping to keep Grosse Pointe Park elms healthy and beautiful. His accomplishments were recognized by the City of Grosse Pointe Park and the state of Michigan.

Ed was an usher at St. Ambrose Catholic Church until age 92. The eight-level model train tracks that he built in his basement are an engineering marvel. Over 90 years he read an extraordinary number of books from the public library. He enjoyed writing, fixing things, photography, stamp collecting and golf.

Ed was married to the love of his life, Jan, for 61 years. He is survived by his children, Susan Mazur (Al), Edward (Lourdes) and Leslie Chiarello (Vincent); grandchildren, Lisa Armentrout (Mitchell) and John Mazur and great-grandchildren, Mark and Charles Armentrout.

From his earliest years until the end of his life, Ed put his whole heart into everything he did. He was devoted to his family and will be remembered and loved as a great dad, grandfather and great-grandfather.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 28 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church.

Donations may be made to St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

## Stella Angeline Parker

Harper Woods resident Stella Angeline Parker, 94, died Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2017.

Born in Hamtramck, she was a private nurse who tended to many prominent Grosse Pointers. She created the Grosse Pointe Nurses Registry.

Stella enjoyed design, travel, gardening, Polish cuisine and baking what her family termed "her famous cheesecake" for family gatherings.

Stella is survived by her sons, Dennis (Judith Kingsbury) and Ronald; daughters, Karen Parker Murphy (Dennis) and Lauren Vogler (Keith); grandchildren, Barry, Kristen, Denise (John Ourand), David (Jane Wavrick), Lisa, Bradford, Lindsay, Heather, Elaine Murphy and Robert Vogler and great-grandson, Henry.

She also is survived by her sister, Helen Severson.

She was predeceased by her husband, Capt. Henry Parker; sons, James and Gary and daughter, Sharon. She also was predeceased by her sisters, Jane Radyko, Anna Nowak, Bernice Adamkiewicz, Caroline Ochenski and Genevieve Coleman.

Visitation will be 2 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20, at Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Road, Farmington.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Parish, 23815 Power Road, Farmington.

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## Margaret Delozier

Longtime Grosse Pointe area real estate agent Margaret "Peggy" Delozier, 72, died Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2017.

She was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., to Harry T. O'Connor and Catherine Harrigan O'Connor. She lived in Grosse Pointe Farms and sold real estate in the area for many years.

Peggy is survived by her son, Donald "Chip" (Elaine); daughter, Catherine (Kate); sisters, Barbara Burke and Mary "Kate" Stephenson (Rick) and brother, Thomas O'Connor (Susan).

A funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 14 at St. Philomena Catholic Church, Detroit.

Donations may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

## Anna Louise Basarich

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Anna Louise Basarich, 85, died Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2017.

Known as Beezie to friends and family, she was born in Bloomfield Hills and moved to Grosse Pointe at a young age. She attended Country Day School and Bradford Junior College. She became a bookkeeper and worked for National Garages and other companies before retiring from Grosse Pointe Eye Center.

Beezie was an avid Jeopardy watcher and enjoyed playing bridge, sewing and knitting. She had an extensive doll collection created by acquisitions made throughout her life. She was a lifetime member of Tau Beta and a former member of the Junior League of Detroit.

Beezie is survived by her daughter, Brandon B. Roisman (Tully) and son,

Guy S. Brossy (Meg); grandchildren, Carolyn Bracy and Victoria, Elizabeth, Caroline, Philip and Charles Brossy and great-grandchildren, Phoenix and Raven Bracy.

She was predeceased by her husband, George Basarich and sisters, Katharine "Kittie" Smith Jones, Barbara Smith and Marion Leigh Smith.

No service was held per her request. Her ashes were spread in the rose garden at Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

Donations may be made for Beaumont Hospice at [beaumont.edu/foundation/ways-to-give/](http://beaumont.edu/foundation/ways-to-give/).

## John Robert Testori

Grosse Pointe Shores resident John Robert Testori, 87, died Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2017.

John was the beloved husband of Josephine for 65 years; loving father of Jim (Julie) and Judy Pochmara (Chris); proud grandfather of Sandra (Brett), Raymond (Cassie), Clare (Mike), Rose (Brian), Marian (Andy), Sally, Theresa (Adam) and John. He was the treasured great-grandpa of Andrew, Liam, Anna, Julia, Conrad and Alexander.

He also is survived by his sisters, Marilyn and Rosemarie and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents, John and Theresa Testori and his sister, Florence.

At age 19, upon the death of his father, John took over American Beverage Equipment Co., which his father founded in 1930. John developed and expanded the company for 68 years. He was known throughout the beverage equipment industry as an intelligent, honest and fair businessman who was eventually joined at "the shop" by his son, daughter, son-in-law, grandson, cousin and many relatives and friends throughout the years. He will be remembered as a man of integrity, generosity and faith.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 14 at Our

Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church. Donations may be made to the Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207 or National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, 1169 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48108.

Share a memory at [ahpeters.com](http://ahpeters.com).

## Ronald J. Conklin D.P.M.

Ronald J. Conklin D.P.M., 71, died Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2017.

He was the beloved husband of Laura Conklin for 47 cherished years; devoted father of Hollie Kotwicki (Anthony) and Ryan (Jim Theophilakos); proud and adored papa of Jake and Max. He was predeceased by his brother, Robert (Mary).

Ron will be remembered most for his life led by faith, devotion to family and friends and generous spirit. He was a longtime standing member of the U.S. Power Squadron, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Detroit Navigators Club and the Navy League.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 16 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, St. Clair Shores.

Memorial contributions to the family are appreciated and will go toward Ron's various charities.

Share a memory with the family at [wujekcalcaterra.com](http://wujekcalcaterra.com).

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## OBITUARIES:

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**Therese T. Cardoze**

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Therese T. Cardoze, 56, died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017.

She was born in La Grange Park, Ill., to Joseph and Dolores Turek and moved to Grosse Ile, when she was a child. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Michigan State University. Prior to staying home to raise her children, she worked as a nurse at Bon Secours Hospital.

She was active in the community volunteering her time on the Richard

Elementary School PTO and Grosse Pointe South High School Mothers' Club. She served as president of the Assistance League to the Northeast Guidance Center and chaired many volunteer events, including Art on the Pointe for many years. She also enjoyed volunteering during Shelter Week at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church.

Therese was an accomplished seamstress and knitter, making gifts for those she loved in addition to donating many items to community causes. She also found great satisfaction designing and tending her garden and the gardens of friends and family.

She loved spending time with her family and

cooking for them during the holidays and whenever they visited. She was young at heart, fond of creating games, crafts and treats for her children and nieces and nephews.

More than anything, Therese loved her two children. She will be missed deeply.

Therese is survived by her son, Robert Cardoze; daughter, Alexis Cardoze; father, Joseph Turek; sisters, Mary Jo Gallagher, Anne Graves, Stacey McKay and brothers, Tom Turek and Tim Turek.

She was predeceased by her mother, Dolores Turek.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 18 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

**Eleanor Fisher**

Eleanor Colter Fisher, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods and Kentwood, died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017, in Palm Harbor, Fla., where she had been living the last five years. She was 90.

Her beloved husband of 59 years, E. Dawson Fisher, with whom she also spent many years in Leland, died in 2008. She is survived by her children, John Fisher (Melinda); James Fisher (Kate) and Janet Tyler (Gary); grandchildren, Kristin Fisher Stoll (Tim), Laura Fisher Bill (Michael), Garrett Tyler (Linda), Andrew Tyler (Natalie), Robert Fisher and Dawson Fisher and great-granddaughter, Lindsey Anne Tyler. She also is survived by her brother, R. James Colter (Grace) and sister, Carolyn Colter Wicker. She was predeceased by her brother, Lorne Colter



Therese T. Cardoze



Eleanor Fisher

and sister, Lois Colter Chapin.

A native Detroit, Mrs. Fisher, while a journalism student, was named Miss Page One by the Newspaper Guild of Detroit. She graduated with honors from Wayne State University in 1948, the first woman recipient of the David D. Henry Award for scholarship and leadership. In 1975, she was honored by the American Association of University Women with a

fellowship in her name and was an honorary life member of the AAUW. Through the years she kept a strong interest in civic affairs and the academic, athletic and professional careers of her children and grandchildren. Always active herself, she played tennis into her 80s.

Private interment will be in the columbarium at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

## CHURCH EVENTS

**Christ Church**

Christ Church Grosse Pointe hosts Family Game Night 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29. Bring a favorite board game and a friend. Pizza is provided. A freewill offering is collected. Call (313) 885-4841.

**Memorial**

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts Older, Wiser, Learning Still—or OWLS—noon Wednesday, Jan. 18. Charlie and Peggy Davis present "A Trip of a Lifetime," discussing their trip on a freighter to Marquette and back transporting iron ore to the Rouge Plant. RSVP for this potluck event by calling (313) 882-5330.

Bible 101 returns 6 to 7 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 22 to

Feb. 26, with no meeting Feb. 19. Learn about the first five books of the Bible.

**St. Clare**

St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park, hosts a Tuesday Musicales of Detroit community outreach music program at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24. Michigan Opera Orchestra first cellist Nadine Deleury, violinist Velda Kelly and harpist Patricia Terry-Ross perform. The concert also features internationally known Brazilian pianist Maria Meirelles, award-winning saxophone player Christopher Sacco, accompanied by pianist Kathryn Goodson, and 12-year-old flutist Ian Planskar with his teacher, Sharon Sparrow, assistant principal flutist with the DSO, accompanying

him on piano. Both of the latter are Grosse Pointers. Donations for Student League scholarships are appreciated.

**St. Paul on the Lake**

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, presents "Reconciliation — the Love of Christ Compels Us," an ecumenical vespers service, at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The program includes the choirs and congregations of St. Paul on the Lake, Christ Church Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. The Rev. Msgr. Patrick Halfpenny presides, while the Rev. Drew Van Culin preaches and the Rev. Peter Henry gives the prayers. All are welcome. Call (313) 885-8855.

**PASTOR'S CORNER** By the Rev. Justin Dittrich

## When is moving on a God thing?

I hear people move back to the Pointes all the time after they have been away. As a new member of the Pointes, moving here from Minneapolis, I wonder what it's like to move back into the Pointes after being away.

After some time away in ministry, Jesus comes home. At first the community thought he was a commodity they could use. They wanted command over his ministry. When Jesus no longer fit into their box, the community didn't need him anymore. Jesus no longer worked in their understanding of who the messiah was supposed to be. They had hoped for a hometown hero to be their light and savior, but this was not Jesus' plan. This is not how Jesus saw himself. He had a broader plan, one that was not theirs or maybe not his. It was God's. This enraged the community, so much they wanted to throw Jesus off a cliff, but Jesus somehow slipped through their grasps. Jesus

moved on. For their sake and for his, he moved on.

We are called to move on from a narrow understanding of ourselves. We need to let ourselves surprise ourselves. We are called to let people move on from who they were to become something different. Maybe that transformation is what God wants.

We are called as a community to think outside of our bubble, to see and understand and serve the life outside of this hometown. Not changing means missed opportunities.

We are called to move on, to change direction, to experience grace. When we do, our lives are reoriented to grab onto Christ and follow him when he passes through. We will see the opportunity of transformation and welcome it.

Dittrich is the pastor at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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# The housing market by the numbers

By Mario Como

Let's start with the first number, 2016. The good thing about 2016 was it was a very active year. We did not have a record number of sales. In fact, there were less sales than 2015, but the numbers were better than average — just under 900 Realtor-coordinated sales among all five of the Pointes. The market overall continued to favor sellers but is beginning to balance out from 2014 and 2015, which were predominately seller markets.

We saw total of just under 900 sales, which was a modest decline from the slightly more than 900 sales we saw in 2015. Average sales price in the end was very flat, although during certain peaks in the market there were indications of 5 percent plus apprecia-



Mario Como

tion. With a downturn in the late summer/early fall, prices only went up negligibly on the whole.

The trivia facts: Smallest House Sold — 820 square feet

Largest House Sold — 9600 square feet, the equivalent of 10 to 12 small houses.

The average house sold in Grosse Pointe for

2016 was 2244 square feet, 3.7 bedrooms with two full bathrooms and, of course, a basement.

Average number of bedrooms — 3.7.

Average number of bathrooms — 2.

As much as tiny houses may be the rage on HGTV, there are almost no tiny houses to speak of in the Grosse Pointes. The smallest home sold in 2016 came in at 820 square feet with only a handful of sales coming under 900 square feet. With an average size of 2250 square feet and small homes around 1000 square feet, all have good elbow room, but of course any one of the 900 members of the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors would be happy to solve the problem if a reader wants more.

Naturally, Grosse Pointe Woods being the largest community had

the greatest number of sales with 371 total sales. The always quiet — figuratively and literally — Grosse Pointe Shores came in with 49 sales, which is a healthy number of new residents, less than 2015 but a higher than average number of sales.

**Grosse Pointes collectively:**  
Average — \$318,420  
Median — \$291,250  
Average price per square foot — \$137

**Grosse Pointe City:**  
Average — \$335,950  
Median — \$286,000  
Average price per square foot — \$149

**Grosse Pointe Park:**  
Average — \$376,442  
Median — \$329,500  
Average price per square foot — \$136

**Grosse Pointe Farms:**  
Average — \$363,743  
Median — \$284,500  
Average price per square foot — \$151

**Grosse Pointe Woods:**  
Average sale — \$227,944  
Median sale — \$209,000  
Average price per square foot — \$125

**Grosse Pointe Shores:**  
Average — \$586,405  
Median — \$453,500

Average price per square foot — \$159

**Bragging rights:** Grosse Pointe Shores continues to maintain bragging rights of the highest average price at \$586,405 and a median of \$453,400. Grosse Pointe Park and Windmill Pointe Drive pull out a narrow victory of highest single-family home sales at \$2,549,000, edging out Grosse Pointe Shores' No. 1 sale on prominent Lakeshore Drive at \$2,450,000.

Mario Como is president of the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors.

## GPT hosts auditions

Grosse Pointe Theatre hosts auditions Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 21 and 22, for "Beauty and the Beast," directed by Arlene Schoenherr and produced by Jon Lechner.

Children ages 8 to 12 with dance experience audition 10 to 11 a.m. Jan. 21. Those with acting, singing and dance experience may audition noon to 4 p.m. Jan. 21.

New adult auditioners are invited 6 to 7 p.m. Jan. 22, with call backs 7 to 9 p.m.

Rehearsals occur at the rehearsal studio, 315 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe.

"Beauty and the Beast" tells the story of a wandering enchantress who transforms a cruel and vain prince into a hideous beast, leaving him only one way to reverse the curse — to fall in love and earn love in return. A girl named Belle

encounters the beast when she arrives at his castle to plead for her father's freedom, trading her own for his.

The play is performed May 7, 11 to 14 and 18 to 20.

For more information, call (313) 881-4004 or visit gpt.org.



## EVENTS:

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Birds." The meeting and refreshments are free and open to the public.

### Neighborhood Club

The Neighborhood Club Recreation and Wellness Center, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe, offers a 12-week weight-loss challenge for members Monday, Jan. 23, to Thursday, April 13. The program includes weekly weigh-ins, monthly coaching, nutrition consultations and a motivational leader board. Cost is \$40 and registration is required by Jan. 20. A mandatory orientation takes place 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 22. Email becky@neighborhoodclub.org.

### Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meets 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23, at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikelek at (313)

884-4201.

### Tuesday Musicale

Tuesday Musicale of Detroit presents "Nadine's Potpourri VI" at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park. This free program includes works by several composers. For more information, visit tuesdaysmusicaleofdetroit.org.

### Senior Men

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club meets 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

### Women's Connection

The Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe — a woman's networking and support organization dedicated to the enrichment and empowerment of women in their business and personal lives — hosts a dinner meeting Thursday, Jan. 26, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore,

Grosse Pointe Farms. Sarine John-Rosman M.D., a noninvasive cardiologist at the Cardiovascular Institute of Michigan, speaks about women's risk of heart disease. Doors open at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the program at 7 p.m. Cost is \$30 for members, \$35 for non-members or \$8 for the program only. For reservations, call Jan Baumann at (586) 243-2241 or for information, call Ellie Kaye at (586) 463-2463.

### AAUW

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library and the American Association of University Women of Grosse Pointe welcome recently retired Detroit Free Press travel writer Ellen Creager at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, at the Woods branch, 20680 Mack. Creager answers audience questions about winter getaways, shopping for airline fares and more during this free program. Reservations are not required, but guests should arrive early.



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# SPORTS

## GIRLS HOCKEY

## On a roll

South's hockey team gets three more victories PAGE 2C

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## BOYS HOCKEY

## North thwarts Knights

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

City rivals Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett boys' hockey teams clashed last weekend at McCann Ice Arena.

The visiting Norsemen used two third-period goals from senior Marko Tomovski and a 34-save performance from sophomore goaltender Julia McLellan to beat the Knights 3-1.

"We had a team meeting last week and talked through some things," North head coach Mike Maltese said. "I could see the improvement tonight, especially from our seniors who really led the way."

"This is a nice win and Julia played great in net. She made some fantastic saves."

McLellan was the No. 1 star. Several of her saves came off point-blank shots. She faced a lot of shots in the first and

third periods. The No. 2 star was Tomovski, who has elevated his game.

The Knights scored first when junior Ferg Roby scored at the 9:44 mark, with junior Spencer Warezak collecting the lone assist.

The Knights continued to put pressure on the Norsemen as senior Jaron Pangborn had a couple of good shots on net, as did senior Kester Stefani and his brother, junior Spencer Stefani. Warezak also was applying pressure, but McLellan was up to the challenge.

The Norsemen tied it in the second period when senior Paul Lucchese scored, unassisted. Each of the Norsemen's three goals were unassisted.

It was an evenly played game with each team whistled for four penalties and neither squad scoring with the man advantage.

Tomovski scored the



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

North's Julia McLellan makes one of her 34 saves to power the Norsemen past Liggett.

game-winning goal at the 10:24 mark of the final period and he added an insurance tally with only 3:07 left.

McLellan came up with three spectacular saves midway through the third period to help the Norsemen maintain the one-goal lead.

She made her final save with one second left on the clock and after the horn sounded the team celebrated with McLellan getting congratulations from her teammates. The final shots were 35 for Liggett and 22 for North.

In other action last week, North blanked host St. Clair Shores 6-0 behind Tomovski's hat trick and McLellan's 20-save performance in net.

Other goal scorers were senior Brian Moody and juniors Thomas Supal and Austin Albrecht.

North also lost 7-2 to Warren DeLaSalle to see its record stand at 2-11 overall.

Liggett also played earlier last week, losing 7-2 to Allen Park to drop to 7-8 overall.

## BOYS BASKETBALL, WRESTLING

## Norsemen on a roll

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys' basketball team improved to 3-0 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division last week, beating hosts Romeo 74-62 and Roseville 47-23.

Against Romeo, the game was tied at 27 at the half, but the Norsemen won the third quarter 28-20 and the fourth 19-15 to come out on top.

Head coach Ron Kochan watched his senior leaders, Steven Levick and Dillon Webb, lead the way. Levick had 27 points and Webb added 18.

Senior Sam Cross scored eight points and sophomore Joey Ayrault had seven points to help the Norsemen.

In the game at Roseville, Levick had 18 points, followed by Webb with 14 as North won its fourth game in a row and improved to 5-3 overall.

### Wrestling

Grosse Pointe North's wrestling team hosted its annual Norsemen

Classic last weekend and the home team finished 3-2.

Head coach Eric Julien guided his Norsemen to wins over L'Anse Creuse North, 65-20; Grosse Pointe South, 66-24; and Fraser, 60-36.

They lost 53-24 to Sterling Heights Stevenson and 49-30 to Warren Mott.

Leading the way were tri-captain Wil Moin and Dirk Drieborg, who each finished 5-0 to earn a pair of gold medals.

Erickson Glazard and Raymond Hamilton were each 4-1.

Earlier in the week, North defeated St. Clair 61-15 and Lake Shore 40-39 in division matches.

Against St. Clair, Terence Clemons, Arton Berisha, Owen Brown, Britany Howard, Nick Volpe, Hamilton, Aaron Rozich, Moin, Reed Boeckler, Julian Martin-Turner and Glazard won their matches.

In the tight victory over Lake Shore, Clemons, Berisha, Brown, Hamilton, Drieborg, Rozich and Moin were victorious.



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Blue Devils on fire

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South girls' hockey team put two wins in the Michigan Metro Girls Hockey League last week, blanking Bloomfield Hills 9-0 and Plymouth-Canton-Salem 3-2.

The Blue Devils are creeping closer to league-leading Livonia Ladywood, improving to 5-1-0-1 for 11 points. "The girls played very well and they were focused tonight," head coach Chris Booth said following the win over Bloomfield Hills. The Blue Devils scored four goals in the first period and five in the second to end the game via the mercy rule. Alyssa Czech, Carson Dennis and Lauren



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

South's Alyssa Czech is tied up in front of the Bloomfield goal in the Blue Devils' league win.

Kramer scored two goals apiece to power the offense. Natalie Clextton, Shannon McKenna and Maddalena Boyer also scored a goal. Solana Bryson and Rosie Williamson each had two assists as the Blue Devils finished with 14 assists on their nine goals. Bridget Donaldson had an easy night in net, making only three saves to post the shutout. South hosted PCS 15 hours later and it was a close, hard-fought game as Donaldson was much busier in net, stopping 18 of 20 shots to get another win. Dennis had a goal and two assists and Kramer added two goals and one assist to lead the offense. Alice Williamson and Rosie Williamson had assists. In other action last week, South beat previously unbeaten Walled Lake 5-1 as five different players had goals. Dennis, Kelsie Francis, Kramer, Boyer and McKenna lit the lamp. Donaldson was the winning goalie as Grosse Pointe South improved to 9-2-0-1 overall.

Girls basketball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen improve

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls' basketball team went on the road and earned a hard fought 35-32 win over Romeo early last week. Playing without senior starter Katie Snow, sophomore Julia Ayrault carried the load. She had a double-double, scoring 19 points and grabbing 15 rebounds. She also had seven steals and four assists as the Norsemen earned the Macomb Area Conference Red Division victory. Sophomore Maddie Mills chipped in with six points and eight rebounds and sophomore Meghan Gallagher had five points and three assists. "This was a big win for us," head coach Gary Bennett said. "It is very difficult to win at Romeo, and especially so when Katie Snow doesn't play." The game was tied at 15 at the half and the Norsemen outscored the Bulldogs 11-4 in the third quarter. The lead grew to 12 points in the fourth quarter before the home team stormed back to make it a 34-32 game. Sophomore Ava Stander hit 1-of-2 free throws and Romeo's last-second three-point attempt hit the rim. "We are seeing improved competitiveness in many areas, especially with our ball movement and defense," Bennett said. Two nights later, North hosted one of the top teams in Class A, Port Huron Northern. The Norsemen led 17-16 at the half, but fell behind 31-26 after the third quarter before falling 35-30. "This was a really good basketball game. Very, very physical," Bennett said. "I was really happy to see us compete so well in such a physical game. Our willingness and ability to compete, without fear, against a quality opponent is growing and improving every day. I couldn't have been happier with my kids. "They really showed some toughness tonight. It was our best defensive game of the year given that Northern is one of the top teams in the state." Both teams had trouble scoring in the final quarter. For the second game in a row, the Huskies hung on against a Grosse Pointe squad. Ayrault had 13 points, 11 rebounds and three steals, while sophomore Evy Zacharias added seven points and played a strong head-up floor game, according to Bennett. Gallagher had five points, two assists and two steals. Grosse Pointe North is 2-2 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 6-3 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen net victory

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Sophomore Bella Welke and freshman Darby Pickford scored two goals apiece to lead the Grosse Pointe North girls' hockey team to a 9-5 win over host Detroit Country Day last week. The win stopped a seven-game losing streak and evened the Norsemen's record at 3-3 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League. "It was nice to get a win," head coach Joe Lucchese said. Scoring one goal apiece were junior Kylee Banaszewski, senior Lia DeCoste, sophomore Hannah Martin, sophomore Natalie Barstys and senior Lindsey Ramsdell. Sophomore Maddie McIntyre and Banaszewski had three assists apiece, while DeCoste added two helpers. Welke and Pickford also picked up assists. The following night, host North lost a non-league game 8-0 to Livonia Ladywood. The Blazers ended the game with their eighth goal at the 11:20 mark of the third period. Grosse Pointe North dropped to 3-10 overall. Next for the Norsemen is an 8 p.m. road game Friday, Jan. 20, against Farmington Hills Mercy at Eddie Egar Arena, and a 5:30 p.m. home game Saturday, Jan. 21, against city rival University Liggett, at Eastside Arena.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils regroup

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

As expected from head coach Kevin Richards, his Grosse Pointe South girls' basketball team was focused and ready for its home game last week against one of the state's best squads, Port Huron Northern. The Blue Devils played a near flawless game and nearly pulled the upset, but lost at the buzzer, 61-59. "It was a great effort from the girls and they did a lot of great things right tonight," Richards said. "We had a few quick shots and turnovers in that fourth quarter, which helped Northern get off the hook. It's a great learning experience for us." The Blue Devils led 12-10 after the first quarter, 29-23 at the half and 51-44 after the third-quarter horn. They moved the ball well, hit open shots and kept their turnovers to a minimum. Then the fourth quarter hit and the Huskies turned up the defensive pressure, creating turnovers and turned up the tempo. Richards' squad took some ill-advised shots early in some possessions and a slew of turnovers helped the Huskies tie the game at 57 with 54.9 left in the game. Junior Grace Foster was fouled and hit both of her free throws to give the home team a 59-57 lead, but the Huskies scored a layup off a turnover to tie it at 59 and another turnover gave the visitors the ball back with 10.4 remaining. They called a play and got the ball in the post where they were able to hit the shot as the horn went off, winning the Macomb Area Conference Red Division contest. "This is a step in the right direction for us," Richards said. "We practiced hard the past few days and got ourselves in position to win this game." Senior Sayanna Roy led the way with 20 points, followed by sophomores Sydni Hall and Maria Hessburg with 11 points apiece. Sophomore Savannah Srebrnak had eight points, followed by Foster with five. South also lost to Cousino to fall to 0-5 in the MAC Red Division and 2-9 overall.

LIGGETT

Team drops two

The University Liggett girls' hockey team returned from the holiday break last week and lost 8-7 in overtime to host Ann Arbor Pioneer and 7-2 to host Farmington Hills Mercy. Head coach Anna Kuehnlein watched as her defense was a step slow in each game. However, they still had a chance to win the Pioneer game. The Knights trailed 3-2 after the first period, but won the second period 2-1. Each team scored three goals in a hectic third period, but the home team tallied in OT to get the win and two points in the standings. Last weekend, the Knights trailed 1-0 after the opening period and 3-1 after two. They gave up four third-period goals as the defending Division 1 Marlin's got the victory. Liggett is 1-5-1-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 2-7-1-1 overall. — Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

CITY OF HARPER WOODS  
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 19, 2016

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

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except Councilperson Hugh R. Marshall.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Councilperson Marshall from tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held December 5, 2016 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Ordinance Committee held December 5, 2016 and the Board of Review meeting held December 13, 2016
- 3) To adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing Collective Bargaining agreements.
- 4) To add to the agenda collective bargaining agreements for the TPOAM Clerical and TPOAM DPW Units.
- 5) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable/Payroll Vendor listing for Check Numbers 109823 through 109921 in the amount of \$269,344.30 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$19,924.96 for professional services during the month of November 2016 for the following projects: SRF Open Cut Repairs, #180-119; SRF SCIPP, #180-118; City Hall Boundary Survey, #180-183; 2016 TIP, Beaconsfield Recon, #180-174; 2016 Concrete Pavement Repair, #180-176; Construction Board of Appeals Meeting, #180-182; Suburban Wholesale CSO Share, #180-181 and the 2016 Emergency Sanitary Sewer CCTV, #180-180. (3) Approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$8,059.25 for contractual lawn cutting in various areas of the City, including City Hall, the annexes, Library and the Parks. (4) Approve payment to Uni-Dig, Inc. in the amount of \$7,440.00 for leaf disposal in conjunction with the curbside leaf pickup program.(5) Approve payment in the amount of \$6,177.00 to the Michigan Municipal League for membership dues covering the period February 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018. (6) Approve payment to SafeBuilt, Inc. in the amount of \$42,637.60 for the contractual building department services performed during the month of November 2016. (7) Approve payment to Michigan Municipal Worker's Compensation Fund in the amount of \$40,358.00 for the adjustment in our premium for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. (8) Approve the amendment to the Policy and Procedure for the Public Inspection and Copying of Public Records in Lieu of Customary Business Hours which specifically addresses how assessment records can be obtained.
- 2) To approve payment to L. Anthony Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$59,742.08 for Progress Payment No. 3 on the 2016 Concrete Pavement Repair Program, #180-176.
- 3) To renew the City's participation in the Michigan Municipal League's Liability and Property Pool for 2017 in the amount of \$211,896.00 for coverage as stated in their renewal proposal and, further that competitive bidding be waived in accordance with City policy.
- 4) To approve the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Harper Woods and TPOAM Clerical Unit for 2017 through 2019.
- 5) To approve the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Harper Woods and TPOAM DPW Unit for 2017 through 2019.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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Boys hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils beat high profile foes

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Head coach Bobby McKillop knew this would be a gut-check week for his Grosse Pointe South boys' hockey team.

The Blue Devils passed the first test with flying colors, beating host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood 3-2.

"We played a good game, especially coming back from a 2-0 deficit at Cranbrook," McKillop said. "It was a typical MIHL game. High level by both teams."

Evan Theros led the comeback, scoring two goals and Cam Mills earned the win in net.

The following night, South hosted league foe Allen Park. The Jaguars came into the contest right on the Blue Devils' heels in the Michigan Metro Hockey League East Division.

South won the game 5-2, but it was a far cry from the win the previous evening.

"We didn't play with



South senior defenseman Jack Liagre, No. 5, clears the puck during the Blue Devils' league win over Allen Park.

much discipline and that is disappointing," McKillop said. "We just can't roll into a game and expect to win. We have to play our style of hockey and we didn't do that tonight."

The Blue Devils started fast, building a 3-0 lead on goals by Alex Strehlke, Adam Pitters and Jack Flynn on the power play. The Jaguars scored just 10 seconds after Flynn, which came inside of the



PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE

South senior Adam Pitters, center, flanked by his father, Phil Pitters, left, and Lawrence Tech hockey player Adam Johnson, earned the Metro East Region Player of the Month for December. He received the honor before the Blue Devils hosted Allen Park.

one-minute mark of the opening period.

"We turned the puck over in front of our net and they scored," McKillop said. "That was a bad turnover and the goal gave them momentum."

Neither team scored in the second period and Strehlke tallied early in

the third period to make it a 4-1 game.

Allen Park scored on the power play at the 10:50 mark to make it closer, but Flynn put the game out of reach scoring short-handed with 4:38 left.

Pitters finished with three assists and senior Adam Cervone had two

as South improved to 6-1 in the Michigan Metro Hockey League and 10-2-1 overall.

Honored

Adam Pitters received an award from Lawrence Tech after being named the Player of the Month (for December) for the Metro East Region.

Boys basketball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils improve

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys' basketball team continued its trek through the rugged Macomb Area Conference Red Division last week, losing 69-62 to Sterling Heights Stevenson.

Senior Brennen Buszka played his best game of the year, scoring 28 points and grabbing 10 rebounds, but it wasn't enough to stop the Titans.

Head coach Troy Glasser had his Blue Devils ready to play and they had a great first

quarter as the game was tied at 18.

The home Blue Devils trailed 31-26 at the half, but fell behind 39-26 early in the third quarter before getting back in the game behind Buszka, who had eight points.

He had 11 points in the fourth quarter and got scoring help from sophomore Ryan Downey, who had 14 points, and senior Josh Adams, who had 10.

The trio helped the Blue Devils creep within a couple of baskets a couple of times in the fourth quarter, but the Titans made eight free throws down the stretch to win

the division game.

Last weekend, South traveled to Chippewa Valley and won 58-55.

Buszka had 13 points, while senior Zane Draper added 12 points and Adams finished with nine as the Blue Devils won their first division game of the season.

Grosse Pointe South is 1-2 in the MAC Red Division and 5-4 overall.

Next for the Blue Devils are home games Friday, Jan. 20, and Tuesday, Jan. 24, against Utica Eisenhower and Macomb Dakota.

Both are 7 p.m. start times.

MIHL Showcase



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Schedule set

University Liggett senior Jaron Pangborn, above, and his teammates play Stoney Creek Thursday, Feb. 2, at 7:40 p.m. and Romeo Friday, Feb. 3, in the 17th annual Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League Showcase at Trenton's Kennedy Recreation Center. Grosse Pointe North faces Gabriel Richard Thursday, Feb. 2, and Wyandotte Friday, Feb. 3, while Grosse Pointe South battles Novi Thursday, Feb. 2, and Brighton Saturday, Feb. 4. Liggett and Grosse Pointe North play both games in the Practice Rink, while South plays its games in the Teifer Rink.

LIGGETT

Boys split, girls fall in MIAC contests

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The University Liggett boys' basketball team won its first division game of the season last weekend, beating host Novi Franklin Road Christian 52-30.

"I told the kids we had a goal to win every quarter and take the game quarter by quarter since we have been getting off to so many slow starts," head coach Chris Housey said. "The boys played well and the next thing I knew, we had a solid lead."

Senior Jackson Walkowiak had 17 points and junior Anthony George added nine as the Knights won by its largest margin of the season.

Earlier in the week,

Liggett lost 55-47 at Plymouth Christian. They trailed by just two points with two minutes left, but couldn't complete the comeback.

"We got off to another slow start and battled back," Housey said. "I have to give the boys credit because they played hard and put themselves in position to get a win."

"We just need a little more consistency."

Walkowiak had 18 points, followed by senior Sam Durno and George with nine points apiece.

Liggett is 1-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 3-6 overall.

Girls results

University Liggett girls' basketball team lost its

two games last week, falling 59-38 to Plymouth Christian and 72-18 to Franklin Road Christian.

Senior Nia Ahart had 29 points and 10 rebounds in the first game and the Knights played PCA with only five players.

One is injured and another had a personal issue, leaving head coach Omar Ahart with no subs.

Liggett is 0-3 in the MIAC and 1-7 overall.

The Liggett boys and girls basketball teams will take a week off for mid term exams before returning to the court Friday, Jan. 27, to host Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

The girls start at 6 p.m. and the boys begin 20 minutes after the completion of that game.

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Swimming

RIVALS

South gets best of rival North

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South boys' swimming and diving team continued its dominance over city rival Grosse Pointe North last week, winning 138-47. It's been more than a decade since the Norsemen won this rivalry meet. The Blue Devils won 10 of the 12 events as Joey Cobau won the 500-yard free-style with a time of 5:20.62 and John Cobau won the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 55.98 for the Norsemen. The Blue Devils started

the meet by winning the 200-yard medley relay as Matthew Melican, Matthew Koueiter, Cam Francis and Thomas Jogan posted a time of 1:44.44. North's group of Paul Rakowicz, Alex Voronenko, John Cobau and Ben Sliwinski placed third behind South's squad of Michael Currier, Cam Sanders, Khalib Rahmaan and Ethan Kinkade. In the 200-yard free-style, South's Ethan Briggs won with a time of 1:54.46. Taking second was South's Nick Vallan with a time of 1:56.06 and

placing third was North's Joey Cobau, who had a time of 1:59.04. It was Koueiter winning the 200-yard individual medley, posting a time of 2:11.52. Teammates Jogan and Melican placed second and third with times of 2:12.87 and 2:13.08. North's Voronenko and Brian Veneri placed fourth and fifth. In the 50-yard free-style, Rahmaan and Jared Pearson took first and second with times of 24.13 and 25.06, while North's Hunter Adelson was third with a time of 25.07.

South's Grady Eger and Nicholas Rabaut placed first and second in diving with 228.60 and 152.90 points, while North's Austin Robbins was third with 147.65. Vallan and Cam Sanders led the Blue Devils to a first- and second-place finish in the 100-yard freestyle, turning in times of 53.66 and 53.89. Adelson was third with a time of 55.36. The visiting Blue Devils put more distance between themselves and the Norsemen after winning the 200-yard free-style relay, as Vallan, Rahmaan, Currier and

Koueiter had a time of 1:38.81. North's Adelson, Sliwinski, Veneri and Joey Cobau took second with a time of 1:43.16. In the 100-yard backstroke, South's Melican and Francis were first and second with times of 59.00 and 1:01.39. North's John Cobau placed third with a time of 1:03.81 and Voronenko was fourth in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:11.79. Blue Devils Sanders, Briggs and Jogan took the first three spots in the breaststroke, posting times of 1:05.00, 1:06.54 and 1:09.47.

In the final event of the evening, South finished first and second in the 400-yard freestyle relay. Francis, Vallan, Jogan and Briggs won with a time of 3:38.42. Taking second were Ethan Rothenbuhler, Pearson, Sanders and Melican, while North's John Cobau, Adelson, Voronenko and Joey Cobau placed third. Grosse Pointe South improved to 2-0 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 2-1 overall; Grosse Pointe North is 1-1 in the Red Division and 2-1 overall.

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GOLF

Rheaume is finalist

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ship's four selection criteria: a strong caddie record; excellent academics; demonstrated financial need; and outstanding character. The full tuition and housing college scholarship is valued at an estimated \$100,000 over four years. Currently, 935 caddies are enrolled in 20 colleges across the nation as Evans Scholars. When the selection meeting process is over, more than 270 caddies are expected to be awarded the Evans Scholarship this year, and will begin college this fall. The process includes more than a dozen selection meetings held across the country.

RIVALS



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Rivals collide

Grosse Pointe North's Lindsey Ramsdell, above, and her teammates host city rival University Liggett at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at Eastside Ice Arena. The last time they met was in the consolation game of the Liggett Invitational and the Knights won 4-2. The Knights and Norsemen meet one more time this season and it happens to be on Valentine's Day at McCann Ice Arena.



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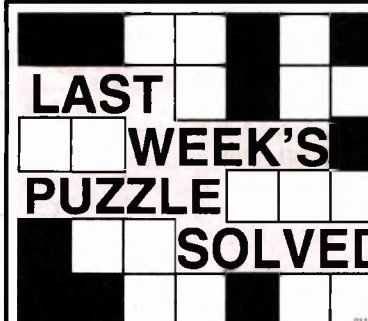
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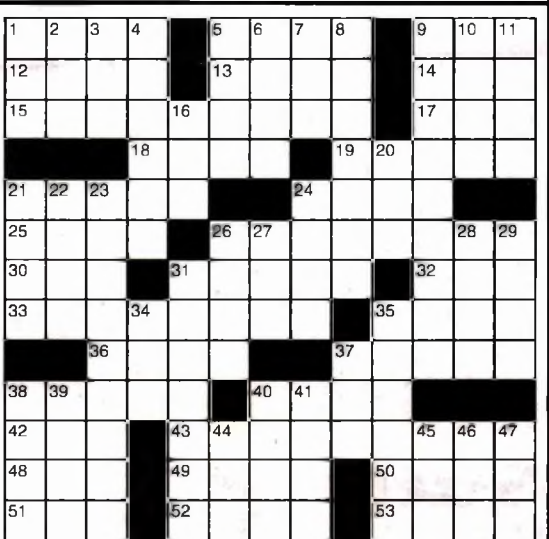
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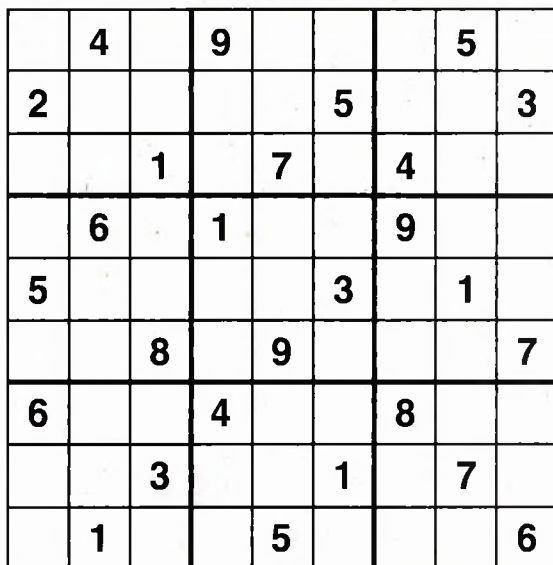
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## Staff and students sing the praises of unsung heroes

 By Mary Anne Brush  
 Staff Writer

Every employee of the Grosse Pointe Public School System is important to the smooth and efficient operation of the school buildings. But there are certain individuals who work behind the scenes with little recognition. They keep the lights on, the furnace running, the plumbing working and the classrooms clean. They turn the lights on in the morning and shut them off each day, set up chairs for events and take them back down, fix what is broken and work day and night to clean, scrub, dust, shine and maintain the historic buildings.

While many shy from the spotlight, their efforts have not gone unnoticed.

### Kindness matters

"When we think of schools, we think about the time when the students are in the halls and classrooms. What we sometimes forget about are the people that make those hours of the day run so smoothly," wrote Shelleyann Keelean, principal of Monteith Elementary School, in an email. "At Monteith there are two people who are there every day to turn on the lights and turn out the lights each night."

They are custodians John Shea and Tom Devich, two of the most hard-working people Keelean said she has ever met.

"These two men keep everything up and running each and every day," Keelean continued. "They put their heart and soul into our school and many of the things they do we don't even realize because they fix things before they are broken and they clean before you even know there was a mess."

In keeping with Monteith's motto, Kindness Matters, "These two men showcase and set an example for our students about what it truly means to be kind and put others before yourself," Keelean said.

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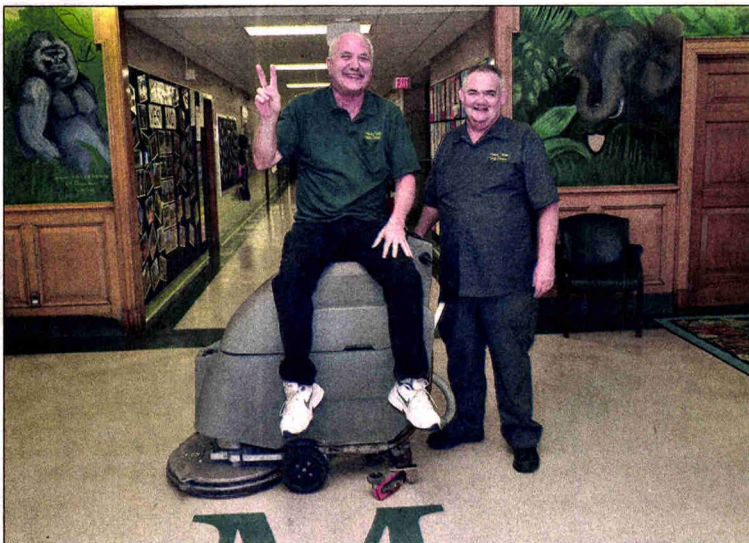
"This past summer before the school year had started, I had returned for my first day back in August ... It was a very hot summer. I walked into the building feeling a little overwhelmed after returning after my maternity leave and the first faces I see are Tom and John's and they have already broken a sweat and it's 7:30 in the morning. They are working so hard to get the building organized and ready to go for the start of the year. They both look up with smiles on their faces and welcome me back to school."

"All of a sudden that overwhelmed feeling leaves because I know I work with the greatest team of people and I know we are going to have a great year. Seeing the two of them working so hard in the heat and being able to smile the whole time shows you that they truly are doing what's best for kids and they continue to make Monteith a wonderful place to work."

— Shelleyann Keelean,  
 Monteith principal

### Making a difference

Richard Elementary School "runs like a well-oiled" machine because of the custodial team of Randal Baker and Diane Kozikowski, according to Principal Mary Montgomery-Barrett and



Tom Devich, left, and John Shea keep Monteith running, according to Principal Shelleyann Keelean.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

her teaching staff.

"Richard Elementary is a gorgeous example of Grosse Pointe historical architecture, but it is also an incredibly old building," said Beth Rainbolt, reading specialist. "Randal is a complete wizard when it comes to mending what is broken and Diane does an incredible job working through the night to clean, scrub and restore areas that would otherwise look so old and dingy."

Rainbolt provided an example for how each has made a difference.

"Recently I realized I had completely missed an important deadline, so I let myself back into the building late at night," she wrote. "Diane was there with a smile on her face, welcoming me in out of the cold. She also worked in my wing during that time, because I had informed her I was super scared to be in the dark building so late at night. She played her radio and we jammed along side by side as we both completed our work."

Rainbolt described

Baker as "one of the most uplifting and spiritual people I have ever had the pleasure to know. No matter my request, he has literally never said, 'No, that can't be done.' His response is always, 'Yep, got it covered' or 'I think we can figure something out.' Randal is so much more than Richard's head engineer. He is so beloved by the children at Richard. It's clear they feel comfortable asking him questions when they need assistance and at all times throughout the day, he has a team of students

ready and willing to inform him of what's happening throughout the building. During the school year, Randal emails uplifting stories/quotes/poems/prayers/meditations to the entire staff and his notes establish and maintain a positive vibe throughout the building."

Kindergarten teacher Jackie Rabaut praised Baker for his interest "in helping students with special needs to feel included at Richard" and his role with the school's Green Team.

"He has a recycling

crew, which includes students with special needs," Rabaut wrote. "These students are so motivated to help Randal and they never skip their responsibilities with recycling."

According to first-grade teacher Yvette Vetur, Baker completely redesigned a recycling bin to make it accessible for a student in a wheelchair to be "an important and valuable member of Mr. Baker's recycling team."

A favorite story about Baker, relayed by third-grade teacher Cheryl Briggs, has to do with a kindergartener anxiously waiting for her first loose tooth to fall out. "Finally, it did in class," Briggs wrote. "As Lily was rinsing her tooth, she dropped it and it fell down the drain. Randal took apart the pipes and got it out for her."

"Randal is always fixing things I break," Briggs continued.

Kozikowski has decorated the elevator for the holidays and the teacher's lounge to create a warmer and more inviting area for all staff members, along with the teacher's restrooms.

"She often leaves nice smelling soaps and lotions for the teachers to use," Vetur wrote.

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## A step back in time

Many people from the Grosse Pointes and beyond came to listen Saturday, Jan. 14, to an audiotape of Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech at Grosse Pointe South High School 49 years ago. Held in the gym — the site of the speech March 14, 1968 — the event was hosted by the Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods branch of the NAACP.

"To be able to dip back into time and relive it connects us and allows us to see how far we have come," said Greg Bowens, local chapter president.

The event concluded with responses from the audience.

"I was told the story of Martin Luther King, but I don't think I was told the whole story," said South student Ellie Connors.

Pictured are NAACP members, from left, Jenny Marck, Paul Dube, Stewart McMillin, Elaine Flowers and Marlene Washington.

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"Diane is always helping move my class around so it can be the most pleasant place," wrote Briggs.

## MAKING CONNECTIONS

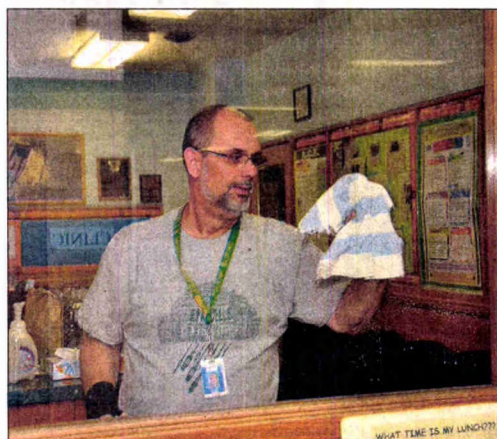
"Diane works so hard to get the kindergarten rooms ready. At the start of the school year, both Randal and Diane go out of their way to assist with prepping the kindergarten rooms .... Diane connects with students by leaving little treats when a class wins the 'Golden Dustpan Award' for the cleanest rooms throughout the school."

— Yvette Vctor,  
Richard first-grade teacher

## Above and beyond

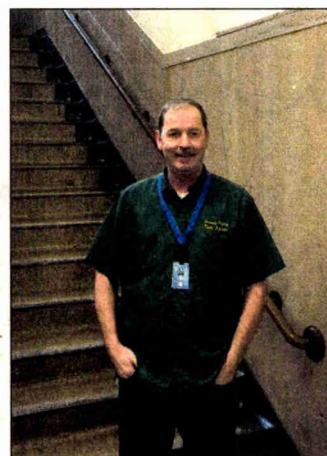
Bob Fradeneck, head engineer, and Jay Vernier, afternoon custodian, are an instrumental part of the Mason Elementary School community. According to Pat Bartos, school secretary, they treat the building as if it were their own home, taking pride in its upkeep.

"Given the age of the building, they pay special attention and care to maintain its classic beauty," Bartos wrote in an email. "They are dedicated to staff, students and families. They have gone above and beyond to help teachers. Whether moving classroom furniture, laying extra mats down on the damp floors, assisting teachers in hanging student work, checking on staff working in the building on weekends, they make sure everyone is safe. They readily respond to open stuck lockers, help students



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Top, Richard runs like a well-oiled machine thanks to the efforts of custodial team Randal Baker and Diane Kozikowski. Kozikowski holds the golden dustpan and treats she awards for the cleanest classrooms. Above, things shine a little brighter at Parcels with Frank Burns stepping up as building engineer, according to Principal Daniel Hartley.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MASON

Above, Bob Fradeneck puts a little elbow grease into making Mason shine. Right, Jay Vernier goes above and beyond, according to Mason staff.



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Above, Cherry Kimble-Bolden, left, and Roberta Hall are the cornerstone of Brownell's cheerful, empathetic culture, according to Principal Rodger Hunwick. Cleaning desks of pencil marks is one of a multitude of tasks they perform.

## MANAGING A MULTITUDE OF REQUESTS

"Bob has had the honor of digging through the lunch trash for the same retainer twice in one week. Jay has stayed beyond his work hours when we worked late getting ready for the start of school. Both Jay and Bob manage the myriad requests for immediate help on all fronts, teachers, office, parents and students from August to June. Magically they have a new desk ready within moments of the time a new student arrives at Mason. They worked extra hard with a bathroom renovation that had delayed completion. They have painted, glued wallpaper down, shampooed carpets and waxed hallways until the shine bouncing of the floors required sunglasses. They have put desks and furniture together, hauled items to the attic and down again. They have unboxed pallets of paper and school supplies. Supported Scout meetings and pine wood derby. Check boilers daily in the winter months and even launder their own dust rags."

— Pat Bartos, Mason secretary

## Stepping up

For Daniel Hartley, Parcels Middle School principal, the unsung hero who comes to mind is custodian Frank Burns, who has stepped into the temporary role as building engineer during an absence.

"During a year where we've had multiple long-term absences, Frank has stepped up in a big way at Parcels," wrote Hartley in an email. "Frank has helped lead our facilities staff, solved multiple building problems, learned some new aspects of our boiler and pool management systems — and has always done so with a positive

attitude. Frank has been a life saver this year."

For Brownell Middle School Principal Rodger Hunwick, Cherry Kimble-Bolden and Roberta Hall come to mind as "the cornerstone" of the school's "inclusive, empathetic, cheerful culture of doing whatever it takes to help one another grow socially and emotionally as well as academically."

Hunwick polled staff and students for the qualities that set Kimble-Bolden and Hall apart. These include being fun, kid friendly, accommodating, pleasant and positive; maintaining clean classrooms above and beyond expectations; and being "willing to help in any way, shape or form."

According to Hunwick, teachers and students consider Kimble-Bolden and Hall leaders of the Brownell community. They model by example, extending kind words and sharing personal stories with students to encourage them to do their best. Always cheerful and smiling, they are active participants in school spirit events and have created a special rapport with students.

They also go out of their way to work with students with special needs.

Hall has used personal days to accompany and chaperone students on field trips. She has decorated the cafeteria for a holiday, participated in class activities and made lemonade for art classes on a hot June day.

Kimble-Bolden often stops to listen to students play instruments or sing and arrives early every day for work to be in the hallway for sixth hour when students change classes.

"These two custodial employees maintain a work ethic that not only ensures a clean learning environment, but they also see to it that they build quality relationships with each student," Hunwick wrote. "Often the words 'it takes a village' are used to describe what is needed to guide our youth toward being positively impactful adults. Cherry and Roberta are part of the 'village.' Each and every day they model hard work and strong moral conviction and bring joy to the individuals they encounter."

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## South choirs present 'Winter Spectacular'

Grosse Pointe South High School competition choirs kick off the new year Thursday, Jan. 26, with the annual Winter Spectacular 7 p.m. at the Parcels Middle School auditorium, 20600 Mack.

Grosse Pointe Woods. The concert is a preview of the choirs' performance at Findlay Fest choral competition in Findlay, Ohio, Saturday, Jan. 28.

Tickets, available at gpsouthchoir.org and Posterity Gallery in the Village, are \$15 for all lower level seats. Balcony seats are \$12 or \$9 for students or senior citizens. Gold Cards are accepted at Posterity Gallery and the door.

"This is an important performance for the Pointe Singers, Tower Belles and South Singers since it's essentially a dress rehearsal for our first major competition of the year," said Christopher Pratt, choir director. "But it's also a great show that gives us all a chance to polish our performances a bit in front of family and friends, who are our biggest fans."

Concert highlights include music from "Jekyll and Hyde," "Phantom of the Opera," "Shall We Dance," "The Drowsy Chaperone," Bob Dylan and Maroon 5.

At last year's Findlay Fest, the Pointe Singers finished as Class A Champions with Best Vocal Sound, the Tower Belles took Women's Grand Champion and the South Singers were runners-up.

"These competitions really allow our young men and women an opportunity to perform in front of a neutral audience and compare their efforts against other major regional show choirs," said Pratt. "It's a great test and our students always seem to rise to the occasion."

For more information, contact Pratt at christopher.pratt@gpschools.org.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK  
GRANT PY 2017

A Public Hearing will be held at the City Council meeting on Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, to hear comments regarding the Program Year 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Proposed Estimated budget.

Agenda documents are available for inspection at the City Clerk's Office, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given opportunity for public comment. The public may appear in person or be represented by counsel. Written comments will be received in the City Clerk's office, up to the close of business preceding the hearing. A group spokesperson is encouraged on agenda items concerning organized groups. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact the Grosse Pointe Woods Clerk's Office at (313) 343-2440 seven days prior to the meeting.

Bruce J. Smith  
City Administrator

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Ferry students honor King with personal reflections

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

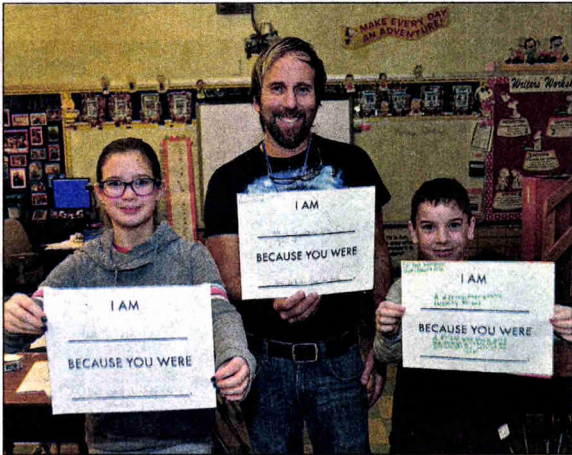
When preparing a lesson to honor the teachings of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., grades 4/5 magnet teacher James Fisher looked for a new way for his students at Ferry Elementary School to reflect on and carry out King's mission.

A project from the Montague Workshop called "I Am Because You Were," available online, provided the inspiration he sought.

"At this time of division in our country, let's bring people together," Fisher said. "You can start by loving the person next to you. You are who you are because of the people around you."

He asked the students to reflect on people in their lives who helped shape who they are. "It could be a parent, a teacher, a grandparent. A coach, a babysitter. A humanitarian. It doesn't even have to be someone who is still alive," he said, adding, "The whole point is to put your heart in the message. To put your beauty into your message."

Students filled out a worksheet with the words



Above left, Meredith Bayus, left, and Marisa Licavoli pay tribute to friendship. Above right, from left, Lauren McDonald, teacher James Fisher and Antonio Said reflect on people who helped shape who they are.

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"I am (blank) because you were (blank)." They filled out as many as they wanted. It was the students' idea to line the walls of their classroom with them, Fisher said.

They also videotaped their responses to be downloaded to the Montague Workshop website, available at [becauseyouwere.com](http://becauseyouwere.com). Students will be able to send recipients links to their messages.

"I wanted to make it open-ended so they could think about who they were," Fisher said. "They had to do a lot of self

reflection .... It wasn't as easy as they thought, being advanced learners ... but once the ideas started, they really started to flow."

Many students dedicated their messages to their mothers.

"I am the crazy, wonderful girl I am because you were always there with a shoulder to cry on, a person to hug, and you made me who I am," wrote Meredith Bayus.

"I am loving because you were there to teach me why to love," wrote David Rochon.

"I am the luckiest kid

ever because you were the people to let me do a lot of the stuff I ask to do," Axel Cooper wrote to both his parents.

Andriana Teftsis recognized a classmate: "I am a rainbow because you were kind enough to give me my colors."

Lauren McDonald paid tribute to a historical figure, addressing her message to Susan B. Anthony: "I am able to vote because you were strong enough to make a difference."

Several took the opportunity to recognize their teachers, including Fisher. "I am willing to go to

school because you make learning fun," wrote Michael Abood.

Jillian Nixon wrote to Pam Liagre, her former teacher from Monteith Elementary School: "I am a student in Mr. Fisher's class because you were my second-grade teacher."

Fisher said he connected the project to King's work because King believed in the human spirit and the actions of all people.

"The more they're writing, the more they're thinking, the more creative they're becoming," he said.

Week Ahead

**THURSDAY, JAN. 26**  
◆ The public is invited to a reading of historical fiction presented by students from University Liggett School's Latin American History class. Readings are 10 a.m. to noon at the Barnes & Noble on Mack. Students are selected by a panel of Liggett teachers and administrators. For more information, call (313) 884-4444.

**SUNDAY, JAN. 29**  
◆ St. Paul Catholic School holds an open house 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 170 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Call (313) 885-3430 or go to [stpaulontherlake.com](http://stpaulontherlake.com) for more information.

**COMING UP**  
◆ The Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCCLA) club at Grosse Pointe North High School is reserving tables for its Mom 2 Mom Sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 11. Early-bird admission is \$3 and begins at 8 a.m. Regular admission is \$2. Contact Stacy Krzyminski at [Stacy.Krzyminski@gp.schools.org](mailto:Stacy.Krzyminski@gp.schools.org) to reserve your spot.



Ariana Robinson, left, and Maggie Ghesquiere work on completing their sentences for their Martin Luther King Jr. banners.

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A banner day for King

"Martin Luther King Jr. was..."  
"I can be kind by..."  
"MLK changed America by..."  
"I have a dream..."

Given these four phrases, it was up to second-graders in Stacey Allemon's class at Monteith Elementary School to fill in the blanks in recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

"I have a dream that the world will change and people will get to know to not be so mean," wrote Brannon Shock. "I want the world to be better and way cleaner. I hope that black and white people and all skin colors will be nice to each other and be kind to each other and don't judge."

Allemon and her students talked about King, how everyone has dreams and how they can use King as an inspi-

ration to change the world. The banners hang in the classroom as a daily reminder.



Christine Geerer

**School:** Parcels Middle School

**Years at Parcels:** 19

**Grade/Subject:** Sixth-grade science and academic assistance

**Nominated by:** Daniel Hartley, principal

**Principal's quote:**

"Mrs. Geerer is an exemplary teacher and leader on the Parcels staff. She works tirelessly to develop science lessons that are engaging and creates numerous opportunities to meet the individual needs of her students. She spends her summers developing curriculum, presents at national conferences, and works with colleagues throughout the district to implement best practices in science education."

**What do you enjoy most about teaching?**

Teaching is a very creative profession. I really enjoy continually learning new things — both about science and about how people learn — and then creating classroom experiences for my students in which deep and meaningful learning can occur. Of course, I love working with kids as well. It's a blessing to have a profession that

allows me to make a positive difference in many lives every day. **Describe a teaching accomplishment you're proud of or a "teachable moment" you experienced.**

Recently I've been working with Michigan Technological University researchers, writing a new middle school science curriculum. Our new standards call for science education to be challenging and real life and require students to engage in science and engineering practices such as using system models, arguing from evidence and designing solutions. I am just finishing piloting one of the Michigan Tech units. My kids have been thoroughly engaged, have learned how to use models to solve water problems and now have a thorough grasp of how water moves through our watershed. In 16 years of teaching the water cycle, this year has been the most gratifying.

**Name a book or person that influenced you.**

I saw Eric Jensen speak at an ASCD (Association for



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Supervision and Curriculum Development) conference several years ago about his book "Teaching with Poverty in Mind." I brought what I learned back to Parcels, where we did a book study during late-start Mondays. Our talented staff then implemented much of his research in creating our positive behavior program called One Parcels. Our One Parcels program includes character education, behavior education, pep assemblies, motivational speakers and more, and has had a lasting impact on our school culture.

**Favorite quote:**

"You must be the change you want to see in the world." (commonly attributed to Mahatma Gandhi)

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## 4D | SCHOOLS

# Monteith litter team keeps it clean

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

Litter Critters is Monteith Elementary School's clean team. First- to fifth-graders scour the Monteith campus several times a year to pick up litter, according to Kate Barr, parent leader. Now in its sixth year, Litter Critters is part of the Green Team run by kindergarten teacher Diane Richards and parent leader Colleen Hughes.

"Litter Critters is an independent team that functions under the Green Team umbrella," Barr said. "It's like a subsidiary company."

Recently the group's efforts earned them a "Go Green" grant from Peace, Love & Planet, a local nonprofit promoting meaningful behavior changes to achieve a healthy, sustainable planet for future generations, according to its website. Barr wrote the grant proposal with her fifth-grade son, Preston.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MONTEITH

Monteith's Litter Critters received a "Go Green" grant to advance their clean-up efforts. Pictured with grades 3 to 5 team members are, from left, Principal Shelleyann Keelean, Green Team leader Diane Richards and parent leader Colleen Hughes and, far right, Litter Critters parent leader Kate Barr with sons Preston, in checkered shirt, and 13-week-old Dax.

the things we talk about is how (students) can use cloth grocery bags in their own homes."

Discussing what they can do at home and school to reduce waste and litter and "produce a healthy earth and healthy people" constitutes a major focus of the group.

In the grant proposal, Barr said they asked for \$155 to purchase reusable and washable garden gloves.

"Currently we are using donated plastic gloves from the Subway Shop on Mack, but we have to throw those plastic gloves away," Barr said. "Now we're getting reusable gloves." The funds also will pay for a new scale to weigh the waste — currently they use Barr's kitchen scale — and a large plastic bin to use for emptying and analyzing the litter.

"I like the kids to think about ways they can make a change," Barr said. One of these ways is to write government leaders. Students have written letters to and received responses from Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Robert Novitke, Gov. Rick Snyder, President Barack Obama and multiple senators and congressmen and women.

"When the kids write a leader, they can write about what they want," Barr said. "I really try to keep it apolitical. I encourage them to share what the Litter Critters do and ask what they are doing to reduce litter," adding when students offer suggestions to these leaders, it makes them think about the fact they can encourage change at a higher level.

A common topic for the students is the negative impact of litter on animals, Barr said. "What always tugs on their heartstrings is not only how litter affects us, but how it affects animals."

Students also talk about setting an example for others in their daily actions. Their ultimate goal is to create a model for other schools to follow, Barr said. Plans during Earth Week in April include organizing a litter pickup at every elementary school in the district, tallying their results and seeing how much litter was picked up.

"It's kind of a feel-good thing and will draw other schools into it," Barr said.

"If they are under 12, they have to have an adult help write it," Barr said. "We wrote it together. We got to tell ... Peace, Love & Planet about the work the Litter Critters do and how we are creating examples for other schools."

"We are thrilled with your commitment to cleaning up the environment," wrote Gina Adams-Levy, executive director and sustainable waste management consultant for Peace, Love & Planet, in the grant award letter. "Nice work."

The group's role is to "clean up the school," Barr said. "Then we take the litter back inside, weigh it. We analyze it, we talk about what could have been recycled, what could have been reused. We also talk about ways to reduce waste — using water bottles instead of plastic throwaway bottles. Using containers to put sandwiches in versus plastic baggies."

"The kids come up with these ideas," she continued. "That's one of the things that drives the group. I want them to come up with solutions, come up with ways we can reduce litter and take care of the earth. The big thing we always come back to is plastic and grocery bags because it's the No. 1 piece of litter we find in the ocean. One of

## Students selected for all-state band and orchestra

Several Grosse Pointe Public School System students were chosen to serve as musical ambassadors for the 2017 Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association all-state bands and orchestras.

More than 2,000 students from across Michigan auditioned in the fall for an event taking place Jan. 18 to 20 in conjunction with the Michigan Music Conference at the Amway Grand Hotel in Grand Rapids.

Selected from Pierce Middle School for the

MSBOA All-State middle school band was eighth-grader Matthew Balos, trumpet. Pierce students Grant Corrión, violin, Charlotte Parent, viola, and Igor Trifunovic, violin, were selected as members for the MSBOA All-State middle school orchestra. Grosse Pointe South High School senior Hadley Hermon, trumpet, was selected for the MSBOA High School Band, joining South sophomore Billy Beardslee, viola, and senior Kira Gurovich, cello, in the MSBOA All-State high school orchestra.

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