

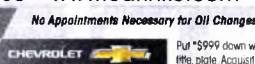
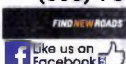
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Mixed review of mixed use hotel idea

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The idea of stitching a small hotel into the Village commercial tapestry is a decade out of fashion and 10 miles misplaced from downtown Detroit, according to some members of a standing-room crowd at a special meeting of the

City of Grosse Pointe council.

"Twenty years ago, it was a good idea to have a little hotel in the Grosse Pointes for visitors to visit their children or for children coming home to visit their parents," said Gerald Finazzo, a 37-year City of Grosse Pointe resident and father of two adults.

Detroit's recent

rebound changed his mind.

"Five years ago, I wouldn't have considered going to Detroit to rent a room for any of my children coming back to this area," Finazzo said. "Now, it's totally different."

"Downtown Detroit has rebounded and is a national success," said James Bellanca, an attorney

managing 14 commercial addresses in the Village district. "There are hundreds of hotel rooms available 20 minutes away from Grosse Pointe. I question whether (the need for) a hotel in Grosse Pointe is as urgent as in 2006 or 2007."

"My fear is it might end up a white elephant," Finazzo added. "Once

constructed, there's no going back."

Members of the public nearly overflowed the council meeting Monday, Feb. 13, in the circular sanctuary of Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church on Maumee across from city hall.

The sanctuary has about 20 times more capacity of council chambers and is used com-

monly for meetings of widespread or hot-button interest.

Public comment followed short presentations by three teams of developers.

They're competing to build a parking deck and hotel on municipal parking lots 2 and 3, respectively, in the central

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The candy man can't in GP Woods

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — They've been a fixture on street corners for years, those hearty souls who sell candy and newspapers to benefit local charities.

But due to a recent opinion by Michigan Attorney General William Schuette that the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code prohibits any and all street solicitations, that practice may end — at least in Grosse Pointe Woods.

That brought representatives of several local charities to the Monday, Feb. 6, city council meeting to protest the city's decision to abide by Schuette's opinion.

Dennis Janowski, rep-

resenting the Knights of Columbus from Our Lady Star of the Sea parish, asked the council to reconsider the ban in order to facilitate the group's annual Tootsie Roll sale at Mack and Vernier.

"We have been doing this for a lot of years and have raised over \$25,000 for charities, including local charities for kids with special needs and the Special Olympics," Janowski told the council. "Safety is key to how we operate. Our solicitors are Grosse Pointe Woods residents or volunteers from the groups we support."

Janowski also questioned why it appeared the Woods was the only

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Betsy Hall congratulates her son Isaac Hall on his frame decorating technique.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Woods marina upgrades approved

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — It may still be February, but that's not keeping boaters from thinking spring, which has city officials thinking improvements to the city's marina.

City council, meeting Monday night as a committee of the whole, approved electrical and water line upgrades to the Lake Front Park marina. The planned improvements go to city council for final approval.

According to Director of Public Services Frank

Schulte, work begins in spring on installation of new electrical power boxes on the docks, with plans calling for an electrical box for every two boats, rather than the current system of one for every four boats.

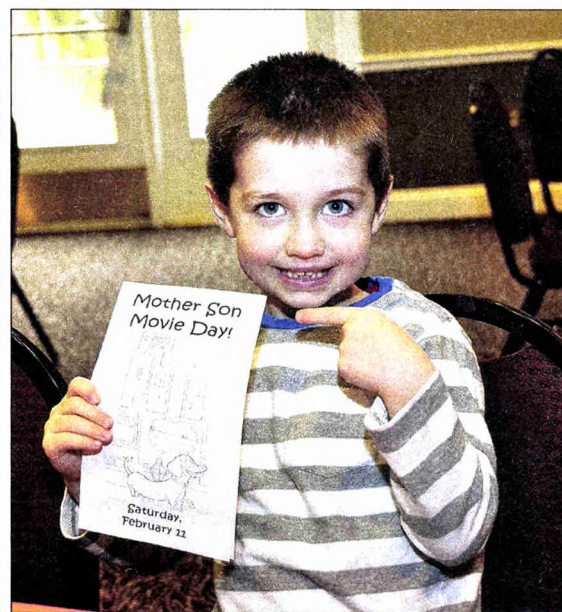
"Boaters have had to use extension cords, which, you can imagine, creates a hazard on docks," Schulte said. "This is a much needed upgrade."

In addition to the electrical boxes, new water lines will be run to provide a spigot for each

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Noah Flick relaxes with his mom, Shana Flick, as the movie was about to begin.



Ben Ross was excited to be at the Mother Son Movie event, as he points out on his movie themed coloring pages.

Mom-son matinee

Grosse Pointe Woods hosted its annual Mother Son Movie Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center. Each child who accompanied their mother or grandmother received a goodie bag with snacks, bubbles and movie-themed coloring pages. Each pair had their photo taken and decorated a frame for the photo, as well as watched the movie, "The Secret Lives of Pets." Lemonade, fruit, pretzel mix and a veggie tray were provided.

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DTE gas vault installed soon on Kercheval

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Regional gas line replacement breaks ground in the City of Grosse Pointe this month with installation of an underground gas vault on the north side of Kercheval close to Fisher.

Construction could last about four weeks, according to representatives of DTE Energy. "A vault is a big concrete chamber where our regulator is housed," said Jeffrey Parks, DTE project construction manager.

Regulators funnel gas from large supply mains to a net-

work of smaller feeder lines.

"High-pressure lines bringing gas from a long way away step down that pressure so residents can have gas come to their houses," said Daniel Sand, a civil engineer and project manager for DTE's gas program.

He oversees reliability of regulator stations in Southeast Michigan.

System-wide

"We're going community by community replacing old infrastructure, mainly cast iron pipes," Sand said. "The reason is to make sure we have reliability for all residents in the

area."

DTE replaced a vault last year on Kercheval below Moross in the Farms and, roughly a year prior, in Grosse Pointe Shores at the intersection of Lakeshore and Vernier.

Contractors in the Shores began the first phase of swapping iron residential transmission lines with plastic ones last year. They're finishing the job this year.

Gas line replacement spread this year to the Farms, evidenced by hard-hatted workers, drilling equipment, cone-shaped bits and supplies of yellow pipe on upper Moross and Mack.

Southern City

Upon completing the City vault, focus shifts to replacing pipes supplying houses between Maumee and Lake St. Clair.

"All of the City south of Maumee is going to be impacted," said Mayor Dale Scrase.

Crews lay new lines by directional drilling, not traditional excavation.

New residential meters are installed when linking houses to the new system.

Most meters are located at the sides of houses unless customers prefer somewhere else. "We try to work with the cus-

tomers the best we can," Parks said.

DTE retains contractors to repair damaged property.

The City's new vault replaces two almost directly across Kercheval, which are likely to be removed in 2019, according to Mark VandenHeuver, director of construction for DTE's gas operation renewal program.

The only visible sign of the new vault will be a vent pipe surrounded by 6-foot arborvitae.

DTE deposited \$10,000 to pay for restoration of damage not fixed to city officials' liking.

GOP leader to speak

A new president, the future of Obamacare, new state and national GOP leadership are all topics to be addressed by Rob Steele M.D., at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, to the Eastside Republican Club at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Ann Arbor cardiologist was selected last year as Michigan's National Committeeman to serve on the Republican National Committee.

Commenting in advance of the meeting, club chairman Dr. Annette DeSantis Feldpausch reflected on Steele's credentials.

"As a practicing cardiologist and member of the RNC, Dr. Steele is the right person to brief us on alternatives to Obamacare and the direction of the national Republican Party now led by Michigan's Ronna Romney McDaniel," she said. "We look forward to his insider's view of the Republican National Committee, as well as the



Rob Steele M.D.

Michigan GOP now, also, under new leadership."

Feldpausch added, "The forum is open to the public at no charge, so we invite anyone interested in current events to attend and take part in the discussion following Dr. Steele's presentation."

Steele grew up in Greenville and was educated at the University of Michigan where he earned his bachelor's degree with high honors followed by his doctor of medicine degree at age 23. After further training at the University of Cincinnati and

Washington University in St. Louis, Steele returned to Ann Arbor, joining one of his medical school mentors in private practice at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

A Fellow of the American College of Cardiology, he has received advanced certification in echocardiography and interventional cardiology and has performed more than 20,000 cardiac catheterization procedures.

In 2010, Steele's challenge to the longest-serving congressman in history, John Dingell, was Dingell's closest race ever. Steele raised more than \$1 million in individual donations, the most by any U.S. House challenger in the country. In 2012 and 2014, he was a statewide Republican nominee for the University of Michigan Regents.

The Eastside Republican Club Forum meets monthly September to May. Admission is free and the public is welcome.



Winter in the Woods

Grosse Pointe Woods hosted its 16th annual Winterfest Saturday, Jan. 28, at Lake Front Park, including a chili cookoff and cookie contest, an inflatable slide and games. Left, Jonas Wilborn prepares to shoot the puck during Score-O.



After winning third place in the Score-O contest, John Salter decided to give his trophy to Elizabeth Metry, a first-grader at Ferry Elementary School, because, he said, "She worked so hard and it was the right thing to do." Metry said, "This is my first ever trophy and I am going to put it on a stand in my room."



From left, Beth Masi, first-place chili winner; Bob Masi, second-place chili winner; Cindy Slajus, third-place chili and third-place cookie winner; Kelly Hedtke, second-place cookie winner; and Charlotte Duus, first-place cookie winner.

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Attorney to serve as panelist

Anne Widlak, a partner at Detroit-based management side labor and employment law firm Nemeth Law PC., serves as a panelist at the Career Mastered Leadership in Action Awards and

Symposium March 1, at the Henry Hotel in Dearborn.

The Grosse Pointe Farms resident will participate in a panel titled "It's a Powerful Time to be a Woman! 10

Leadership Tips to Accelerate Women's Careers." Widlak and other panelists will address the topic of women's leadership, career advancement, mentoring and facing and overcoming career challenges.

An attorney for more than 33 years, Widlak has successfully defended cases in state and federal courts involving a comprehensive array of claims, including workplace harassment; discrimination based on age, disability, sex, race, national origin and other protected categories;



Anne Widlak

retaliation; violations of the Family and Medical Leave Act; wrongful discharge and intentional interference with an at-will employment relationship. She is a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America, a trial lawyer honorary society comprised of less than one-half of 1 percent of lawyers in the United States. Widlak earned Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees in English from Georgetown University and earned a Juris Doctor degree from Wayne State University School of Law.

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FOOD AS ART

The War Memorial's Cuisine d'Art event Feb. 3 included lectures by Ivan Day, food historian; Frank Turner, executive chef at The War Memorial; and Alan Phipps Darr, a senior curator at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

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From top, smoked salmon parfaits, decorated salmon and oysters with pomegranate.



In addition to a full bar, several period drinks were available. From left are Kimberly Westenberg; Hal Westenberg and Jenevieve Lilly. Hal Westenberg tried the Rattle Skull, a blend of dark beer, rum, lime juice and nutmeg.



Guests sample the 18th century small bites on the appetizer table before the lectures.

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Grosse Pointe city adhering to Schuette's opinion. "By taking this away, you're hurting the kids," he told the council.

A representative from the Grosse Pointe Harper Woods Lions Club said without the annual sale, the group will be forced to turn away requests for assistance from local organizations like Services for Older Citizens.

City Administrator Bruce Smith said Schuette issued his opinion following the death of a firefighter who was soliciting in a roadway near Lansing and, considering the spike in distracted driving incidents, he supported the ban.

"Traffic deaths had been declining and now they are on the way back

up and it's related to distracted driving, with people on cell phones," Smith said. "My concern is someone could get hit and seriously injured or killed."

City Attorney Don Berschback said he was following the law in ruling against permits for these types of solicitations.

"The state code prohibits a person from standing in the street or moving through the street from curb to curb," he said. "We stand by our decision to enforce the state code."

However, the legality of that state code was questioned by Kristy Schena, president of Kids on the Go, a charity that serves local children with special needs and receives funds from the Knights of Columbus raised through the annual Tootsie Roll sale.

She said a ruling from the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals said a total ban on sales of this type is unconstitutional. She also spoke of the direct impact this ban would have on her organization.

"Without funding from this sale, I'm looking at 20 special needs children who will not be receiving therapy," she told the council. "I ask that you reconsider this ban."

With questions raised by several council members about the legality of the ban and also whether sales could be held only after acquiring a permit through the city, Mayor Robert Novitke asked Berschback to research the ruling from the 6th Circuit Court as well as to determine how sales are handled in other cities.

"We will give your request serious consideration," Novitke told representatives from the charities. "All of us know the importance of community involvement by our residents. We will bring this back for further discussions by council."

no increase for this season. City officials thought giving boaters a year's notice on an increase allows them time to budget for it.

One issue the city can't address is the installation of docks for larger boats. A resident requested the city look at the possibility of configuring the marina to accommodate boats up to 45 feet, but Schulte said to accommodate larger craft, a major redesign of the marina would have to be done, something the city can't afford at this time.

With the improvements to the docks comes a welcome addition for the nearby dog park. City Councilwoman Vicki Granger asked if, while the work on water lines is being done, the city could run a new water line and install a spigot in the park so fresh water will be available for dogs. Schulte agreed, noting it will be an easy upgrade and the nominal charge for the new line will not be drawn from the Boat Well Enterprise Fund.

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boat. The main water line also will be replaced.

The city also will increase capacity for personal watercrafts, with six docking spots scheduled to be added.

The total cost of the improvements, \$327,000, will be drawn from the Boat Well Enterprise Fund, funded through marina fees and currently with a balance of \$443,000. Cost for the electrical and water upgrades is estimated at \$304,000 and for the docks, \$23,000. While the improvements will be a major draw on the fund, city officials believe some of the usual projects paid for by the fund, like channel dredging, won't be an issue for a few years with higher lake levels predicted for the foreseeable future.

With an eye toward returning working capital to the fund, Schulte said marina fees will be increased 5 percent for the 2018 season. There is

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commercial district north of Kercheval between Notre Dame and residential backyards on Neff.

"Selfishly, I do not want to look at a parking deck," said John Schwartz, a Neff homeowner whose home abuts the Village. "It would be an eyesore."

"All of these points are not only valid, they're important," said Mayor Dale Scrace.

He stressed that any decisions by the council at this point are the first of many steps to vet applicants, steward planning for the betterment of the community and oversee construction, if any.

Chosen one

Each developer — GP Hotel Partners, Grosse Pointe Marriott and Pedersen Development Company — responded to the city's open solicitation for general plans to build a hotel.

The facility must have at least 60 rooms, a parking deck, retail and residential space such as apartments or condominiums.

Initial submissions are certain to change through an extended approval process, due diligence and responding to community concerns, said developers and city representatives.

Council members may whittle the three contenders to one at their regularly-scheduled meeting in chambers 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27.

"Many things — traffic studies, financial reports, community impact — are part of due diligence," Scrace said. "Many times, it takes six to eight months to get through that with a preferred developer."

"Then, if they don't satisfy community needs, the process might not go forward," said Councilwoman Sheila Tomkowiak.

"There's a multitude of things that have to be done, including multiple public hearings," Scrace said.

Cost-benefit

Proposals being considered represent:

- ◆ investments ranging from \$8.7 to \$46 million,
- ◆ an estimated \$84,000 to \$293,000 new municipal tax revenue and
- ◆ projected \$4.3 and \$9.9 million in municipal investment for infrastructure improvements, such as stormwater lines.

City costs extend to

yielding small but potentially legally-potent pieces of property.

"The state Constitution has three provisions that the state, counties and cities may not extend their money or property to a private citizen without proper compensation because that constitutes a payment-free transaction," said John Jacobs, an attorney from Grosse Pointe Farms.

"Keep in mind, they are not making any more land," City resident Kathleen Forster told the council. "For you to give land away doesn't make sense."

Dichotomy

Of 18 speakers from the general public, only one, a man identifying himself as a friend of one of the developers, made an outright endorsement.

"There's obviously a dichotomy between people who want to invest between \$10 and \$40 million and a room full of people who aren't too excited about it," said Councilman Chris Walsh. "Our job is evaluating whether the community is interested in this development."

Walsh was in office 10 years ago, before the recession ended the public's excitement for hotel and condominium construction in the Village.

"It appears the mood is a little different here this evening," he said.

"These proposals are out of sync with 2017," said Bob Halso, a City resident and father of a co-owner of Kercheval Dance studio on Kercheval.

Not next door

Hotels make bad neighbors, according to Bob Hoban, president of St. John Hospital & Medical Center, which invested \$8 million in the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Campus on Kercheval serving 20,000 patients annually.

Hoban has three problems with construction of a hotel next door on Lot 3.

They regard a shortage of parking space, maintaining street-level parking for elderly patients and those receiving phys-

ical therapy, plus parking disruptions during up to two years of hotel construction.

"It's a timely concern because we're getting ready to expand in the Village," Hoban said. "We're opening in May a senior assessment center in the (former) hardware store next to the dance studio."

He's not opposed to a hotel, but opposes construction on Lot 3.

"A couple developers make comments to us that they would need financial support from us to make the numbers work for them," Hoban said. "I want to be clear: We are not willing to support the city or hotel developers financially with any commitment to make the hotel a success."

Stuart Alderman, executive director of the Neighborhood Club, entering its 106th year in the Village and four years fresh from opening an \$11 million recreation facility and wellness center in partnership with Beaumont Health System, also is concerned about parking and disruption during construction on Lot 3.

"This severely affects not only our community patrons, but there's concern for Beaumont patients that will not be able to park near the building during construction," Alderman said. "Proposals reduce parking immediately adjacent to our building, thus affecting not only our members, but (Beaumont) patients that need assistance to enter and exit the facility, including special needs patients."

Hans Brieden, a Village businessman and resident of Grosse Pointe Park, doesn't want city officials to forsake current district inhabitants in favor of those to come.

"The growth you've inspired in the Village is excellent, but it's also fragile," Brieden told the council. "You don't want to quell that by putting other businesses that have worked so hard to develop it out of business."

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Full steam ahead

City man is youngest engineer at Greenfield Village

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

With eyes full of wonder, young Jacob Malbouef would watch the trains go by and get the biggest thrill from riding them during visits to The Henry Ford and Greenfield Village.

"My grandpa was a member and we used to go every summer," he said. "I was always into trains and railroads. Since I was a little kid, I wanted to work on the railroad."

Malbouef followed his heart and began volunteering there as soon as he was old enough. A year later, he was hired as a fireman, responsible for manually feeding the engine's furnace.

"I worked my way up from there," he said. "Now I'm the youngest engineer on the crew running a train."

Malbouef has been an engineer at Greenfield Village for three years, but he's not limited to his role.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF JACOB MALBOUEF
Every year, Jacob Malbouef constructs a train set and village at the Redford Theatre in Detroit — a popular attraction for many visitors.

"I've picked up on a lot of the mechanical skills on a locomotive," he said, adding he often helps inspect the locomotive at night. "And even as an engineer, I still shovel coal."

The work adds up to long days, Malbouef said. Firemen begin at 6:30 a.m. to get the fire started. Engineers begin at 7:30 a.m., oiling, inspecting and making sure mechanics didn't miss anything the night before.

"It takes three hours to

get the train ready each morning," he said. "The first train leaves at 9:45 a.m."

During the off season — the train runs April to October — Malbouef spends his days on maintenance, everything from operating to mechanics. During the active season, he works a lot of 10- or 11-hour days.

"I make that three-mile circle 13 times a day," he said. "It's cool when the little kids get excited about it. There are a cou-

ple of kids who know us all by name."

While children's reactions are his favorite part of the job, he also noted, "I think I'd go crazy sitting behind a desk."

Malbouef, who joined Cub Scouts in first grade and earned his Eagle Scout status at age 17, is the son of Maureen and Thomas Malbouef of the City of Grosse Pointe. He has a brother, Stephen, and a sister, Mary, both younger.

The Grosse Pointe South High School graduate and City of Grosse Pointe resident studied machine shop at South and said if a part on the locomotive breaks, he has to make them.

"It's a 140-year-old steam engine," he said. "You can't really buy a lot of parts."

Malbouef, who earned an associate degree in manufacturing engineering at Macomb Community College, is working on his bachelor's degree in industrial management at Ferris



Malbouef operates a steam engine at Greenfield Village.

State University. He isn't sure what direction he'd like to take with a career, but for now he's enjoying time on the train.

He also enjoys volunteering. He's been doing so at Detroit's Redford Theatre for seven years.

"It's a 1928 movie theater, one of two theaters in Detroit with an original pipe organ," he said, adding the building was purchased in the 1980s and later restored by the Motor City Theatre

Organ Society. Malbouef started volunteering in concessions his freshman year of high school, then got involved with sound and lighting. Soon after he carried on his love of railroading at the theater by assembling a giant display in the orchestra pit.

"It draws 16,000 each year," he said, "and more than 60,000 since I started. A lot of visitors say they come just to see that every year."

Suspect can't outrun year-old fine

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — A man running from arrest at a Mack and Moross bus

stop for defaulting on a traffic fine fled into Detroit until tackled in the parking lot of Pointe Plaza Shopping Center.

Detective Lt. Richard Rosati questioned him at

headquarters.

"I asked why he ran," Rosati said. "He said, 'I was scared.'"

"Scared of what?"

"Scared of being arrested."

"That's valid because we were going to arrest him."

Defendant Dion Dijaun Murphy, 22, of Harper

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Work begins on Milk River pump station

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — A three year, \$38 million upgrade of the Milk River pumping station is underway.

The project, funded and managed by Wayne County, centers on upgrading the pumps that control the flushing system used in the event of a major rain event.

In simpler terms, the pumps keep sewer water from backing up into basements in the Woods during heavy rains, according to Director of Public Services Frank Schulte. In the event of a major rain, the pumps would be activated and storm and sewer water would be released into the Milk River, which would carry it to the lake.

Schulte emphasized that would only happen in the event of what is called "a hundred year rain," and the city does not routinely channel

sewer water to the Milk River. Typically, storm and sewer water is pumped into Wayne County's Northeast Sewage Disposal System. In the event of a major weather event, discharges are screened, skimmed and disinfected before being discharged into the Milk River.

He also said the upgrade was long overdue at the station, located next to the Public Works yard on Parkway and, while nearby residents are facing construction noise and disruption for the near future, it is a necessary project to help ensure residents' basements remain dry during the heaviest of rains.

"What we're looking at is the replacement of seven storm pumps as well as upgrading the flushing systems," Schulte said of the project, noting pipes leading to the lake also have to be cleaned because of a problem with zebra mussels.

According to Schulte, each of the seven pumps is the size of a semi-truck.

"One pump will be replaced at a time," Schulte said, "so in the event of a major rain event, there will still be six pumps functioning."

Schulte said he will set up a town hall meeting with residents and representatives of Wayne County sometime in February. A date has not yet been set, but Schulte advised residents a notice would be posted on the city's website, gpwmi.us.

The Milk River pump station is part of an inter-county drain district established in 1908 and handles storm drainage from Harper Woods and St. Clair Shores and combined sewage from Grosse Pointe Woods.

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City of Grosse Pointe

10 suspensions

A patrolman monitoring Mack near Neff cited a Detroit man, 24, at 10:45 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, for numerous traffic infractions.

The man lacked auto insurance and violated 10 driving suspensions, according to the officer, stopping him for operating a 2008 Ford Fusion with a burned-out headlight.

Records showed him wanted on warrants from Detroit, Center Line and Hamtramck with \$3,900 total bond.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Phone scam

A woman fell for a telephone scammer defrauding senior citizens on the pretense of bailing a grandchild or comparable relative out of jail.

The woman, 81, of Grosse Pointe Farms, wired \$1,868 last week to a male caller portraying a New York City official on behalf of her grandson seeking bond for causing a traffic crash and injuring another driver.

When callers sought \$2,000 more, she notified her other family members.

"It was then she found out her grandson was home in Alabama safe," said a public safety officer, logging her complaint of fraud.

Deja vu

Police weren't having imaginary flashbacks

Public Safety Reports

upon discovering a man sleeping at the wheel of a car parked with its engine running on westbound Lakeshore east of Moran at 7:38 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9.

It was the second time last week they arrested a male motorist in the area for driving while under the influence of drugs.

This time it was a 34-year-old Roseville resident in a Pontiac Grand Am.

"The vehicle had heavy front and rear driver-side damage," reported an officer. "The vehicle was stopped in the roadway with its lights on blocking traffic."

K-9 Duke detected an odor of narcotics in the vehicle.

Police said they found a small amount of marijuana in a pocket of the man's pants.

Warrant

A defective headlight on a 2001 Oldsmobile Silhouette prompted a patrolman to investigate its driver, a 22-year-old Detroit woman, and arrest her on an outstanding Harper Woods warrant for retail fraud.

The officer pulled her over on Mack at Moross shortly after 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8.

I.D. theft

A patrolman didn't have to go far last week to question a 59-year-old woman victimized by someone seeking unemployment benefits in her name.

She's a Farms municipal employee. "She still works for Grosse Pointe Farms and did not apply for bene-

fits," said the officer. "Unknown persons applied fraudulently by obtaining her Social Security number."

Has drugs

Police said they found five grams of marijuana and several small packages tainted with cocaine residue in the possession of a 37-year-old Warren woman arrested shortly after 3:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs.

A patrolman pulled her over on northbound Moross past Mack for erratically operating a 1996 Chevrolet Astro van with loud exhaust.

"(She) was speaking extremely rapidly, often interrupting my questions and directions," reported the officer. "(She) stated she was following a friend. However, there were no vehicles in front of (her)."

Police also reportedly found two pipes commonly used to smoke marijuana and cocaine, respectively.

Tut tut

Whether interrupting road rage or retribution, police ended the four-wheel face-off of a Grosse Pointe Woods teenager and Detroit man in the area of Manor and Webster at 6:15 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6.

A patrolman spotted the 18-year-old Woods resident in a black Ford Ranger "head to head" with the Detroit man, 28, in a red 2010 Nissan Sentra.

Both drivers gave differing details of how they got

there, yet both described some degree of mutual conflict a short while earlier on Mack.

Police arrested the Detroit man for violating eight suspensions of his driver's license.

Drugged out

During roadside questioning at 11:11 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, of a man caught sleeping at the wheel of a smashed-up black 2015 Nissan Altima parked with its engine running on eastbound Lakeshore past Moran, he reportedly admitted consuming the pain killer Tramadol at 7 a.m., another narcotic at 10 p.m. and becoming confused.

"(A dispatcher) initially received a call from a driver who reported a black vehicle (on) eastbound I-94 (exiting at) Vernier southbound, running the red light at Marter (in Grosse Pointe Woods) and driving reckless," reported the first Farms officer on scene.

"There had been a vehicle matching this description reportedly driving recklessly in the area of Lakeshore and Vernier," added Officer Timothy Harris, handler of the department drug-detecting dog, Duke. "(The driver) appeared to be sleeping with the car running. (He) was difficult to understand and lethargic."

Police arrested the man, 29, of Sterling Heights, for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs.

Harris searched the Nissan, which had front-end damage and a shredded left front tire.

"(I) found several pill bottles, (a) straw and loose pills," he reported.

"Parts of his vehicle were in the left lane of Lakeshore between Kerby and Moran," reported an officer.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Find missing man

A missing, 81-year-old man from Sterling Heights is home again because a patrolman pulled him over for speeding 61 mph on northbound Lakeshore near Hampton at 1:27 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 12.

The officer traced the license plate on his 2011 Ford Explorer to a person listed as missing.

Shores police released him to his relatives.

—Brad Lindberg
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Grosse Pointe Park

Can't sleep here

A 69-year-old Park resident was arrested at 5:50 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, after being found slumped

over the steering wheel of his car parked at Jefferson and Maryland. He was charged with operating while intoxicated.

Stolen vehicles

A red 2002 Ford Econoline van was taken sometime overnight Friday, Feb. 3, from the 1400 block of Buckingham.

A 2007 GMC Acadia taken sometime overnight Monday, Feb. 6, from the 1400 block of Lakepointe was recovered by the owner at a gas station at Mack and Alter.

Car damaged

The owner of a 2017 GMC Canyon told police he parked his car at 8:30 a.m. in the 1400 block of Harvard and when he returned at 10 a.m., he discovered the car had been scratched on the two driver-side doors.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Fight

A call to 911 at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, reporting a fight taking place on a front lawn brought police to a house in the 2100 block of Lancaster. The resident of the house, who declined medical assistance, was allegedly being assaulted for not returning a cellphone one of the assailants had left at the house the night before. Police

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OUR VIEW



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Woods resident Chuck Bartels with his wife, Charlene, and son, Jeffrey.

Congrats!

When country music superstar Sturgill Simpson and his band took the stage at the 2017 Grammy Awards last Sunday, some Grosse Pointers may have noticed a familiar face.

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Chuck Bartels, bassist for the band, jammed onstage during the performance.

And we were cheering for him.

Bartels has been touring the world with Simpson since March 2016. Also with Simpson — as well as soul singer Bettye Lavette — he has appeared on Conan, The Daily Show, The Late Show with David Letterman, The Late Show with Stephen Colbert, The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon and, last month, Saturday Night Live.

The hardest part of touring, he said, is being away from his wife, Charlene, and son, Jeffrey.

But a highlight is seeing the world with Simpson. At the Grammys, the double nominee yielded to Adele for Album of the Year honors, but did win the Country Album of the Year Award for his album, “A Sailor’s Guide to Earth.”

Throughout Bartels’ many adventures and accomplishments, we wish him the best and continued success.

Another shout out

Former Detroiters Sam Richardson and Tim Robinson have debuted their Comedy Central pilot, “Detroiters.” The show centers on “fledgling ad men” who make low-budget commercials in Detroit. According to Comedy Central, “no matter what, Tim and Sam’s love for each other and their city never wavers in this new show co-executive produced by Lorne Michaels and Jason Sudeikis.”

The show, which premiered Feb. 7, was filmed in Detroit last summer and into fall at such landmark sites as the Belle Isle fountain, Campus Martius, Eastern Market and Lafayette Coney Island.

We encourage you to check out the show and see how much of the city you recognize.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Pure
Grosse
Pointe

The snow was perfect for packing Jan. 31, and the Brown family of Grosse Pointe Farms took advantage of the conditions. Pat Brown showed his daughter, Emersyn, and son, Hudson, how to make a snow fort by filling a garbage can with snow and turning it over just like his dad, Grandpa Steve, did when Brown was a boy. Steve Brown passed away unexpectedly last year and Pat Brown hopes to keep his dad’s memory alive by passing on this technique to his kids.

LETTERS

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A shame

The city of Grosse Pointe Woods has adopted a policy that no charitable organization, such as the Goodfellows, the Lions Club, the Knights of Columbus, etc., may solicit curbside donations within the city limits.

As far back as I can remember, Our Lady Star of the Sea Knights of Columbus Council No. 7780 has solicited donations for the benefit of special needs persons at the intersection of Mack and Vernier. The majority of these donations are then distributed to organizations within the local Grosse Pointe community (Neighborhood Club, Kids on the Go, etc.) to be used to benefit special needs persons. A small portion of the collected donations is for-

warded to the Knights of Columbus Michigan State Council for use by statewide organizations, such as the Michigan Special Olympics.

It is a shame the city of Grosse Pointe Woods has taken this action. Special needs persons within the Grosse Pointe area will suffer as a result.

MARK HRABOVSKY
Grosse Pointe Woods

Vernor
should top list

Recently, the city of Grosse Pointe Park published a list of road sections slated to be resurfaced in 2017. Missing from that list is the stretch of Vernor Road that runs through the Park from Alter to Cadieux. It is terribly pitted and patched and in desperate need of

repair along its entire length. How is it that sections of the far less trafficked sidestreets such as Balfour, Westchester, Lakepointe, Berkshire, Devonshire, Whittier and Harvard have priority for resurfacing over a major thoroughfare such as Vernor?

Some sections of Vernor were clearly marked with paint in spring 2016 in preparation for limited repair — and a couple of those sections were repaired in early summer — and yet nothing more has been done to Vernor since. The paint has faded and the deep pits remain. We GPP residents are perplexed.

I have been in contact with city officials. I was informed the administration is gauging how much (if any) funding will be left to add Vernor to the list. This is ridiculous. The residents of GPP passed a millage specifically targeted for road improvement. We expect a common sense approach which prioritizes the roads in need of most repair and/or most used. Vernor qualifies in both instances. As one official put it, “[Vernor] needs it terribly and I know everyone on council understands that.” If this is truly the case,

Vernor Road should sail to the top of the list. Why hasn’t it?

KELLY BOLL
Grosse Pointe Park

Disappointed

I am very disappointed Brian Banks was allowed to plea bargain, pleading guilty to a misdemeanor and having two felony charges dropped in exchange for resigning his seat in the 1st district. As ridiculous as it is, Banks was elected three times with more than 65 percent of the vote each election. Despite public knowledge of his numerous evictions, bad checks, fraud, alleged sexual harassment, two cars being repossessed and eight felony convictions, the people of his district wanted him. There is no surprise as to the man who was put into office.

Banks could have been sentenced to many years in prison on these latest charges due to the fact he is a habitual offender. Make no mistake, Banks will cry “reformed” again and will be back to his criminal behavior in no time. He probably will run for office again and get elected with a wide margin.

BETTY ANNE HODGES
Harper Woods

GUEST OPINION By Dave Robinson

What’s in your trunk?

The past month we have seen reports of weather-related traffic gridlock all across the nation. Recently, a young friend and her 9-year old daughter were stranded for several hours in her car in the Portland, Ore., area due to icy road conditions. I’m sure her story is repeated dozens of times every year across the nation.

Some don’t fare as well as my friend. Some are prepared, many are not. I have had occasion to discuss being “travel prepared” with a few folks. Invariably they ask me for a list of items to carry.

Here are 10 items I recommend:

1. A blanket. Try to find one that has its own carry bag. That will help keep it clean and in some cases, dry.
2. Warm clothes. A sweatshirt, some heavy socks, maybe a pair of long johns.
3. Snack food. Protein/granola bars, a jar of peanut butter, a few bottles of water.
4. First aid kit. Band-aids are always in style, some vaseline, antibiotic ointment.
5. Cell phone charging cable. Get the kind that plugs into your

cigarette lighter. Then leave it in your car.

6. Flashlight/headlamp. Spare batteries are always a good idea. I find if you leave batteries in a flashlight for several months corrosion happens.

7. Tow strap. If you simply slide off the pavement and need a little assistance, a tow strap will come in handy. Now all you need is a good Samaritan with a four-wheel-drive pickup.

8. A deck of cards or an activity book to keep the kids occupied. Even a book of crossword puzzles to keep yourself occupied.

9. Jumper cables. Everyone should have a set anyway. Maybe you can be someone’s hero.

10. Small, folding shovel. Maybe you need to toss a few shovelfuls of sand under your tires or move a bit of snow.

I’m sure you can think of more, or for your particular situation maybe your needs may differ. There are always the fire-starting items, candles, matches, cookpot to heat water for those Mountain House meals and the list can go on until your trunk is full.

One good rule is to keep your gas tank above the “half” mark. It costs no more to run on the top half of your tank than the bottom half. And when you’re sitting in sub-freezing weather along the road awaiting rescue, it’s nice to know you’re not going to run out of gas.

Remember it is usually best to stay with your car. FEMA’s website, ready.gov, recommends staying with your car unless you can see shelter or a safe location nearby. If you must travel, remember to let someone know your destination and your planned route. Then when you arrive, be sure to notify your friends of safe arrival. That’s what pilots call a flight plan.

One footnote; my young friend has since traded in her nice Ford Fusion for a more sure-footed all-wheel drive Jeep Cherokee. A good choice.

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Tips to buying your first home

By Mario Como
Guest Writer

I'll start by saying if you have the good fortune of being able to buy your first home cash, this article isn't for you. For the masses though, let's understand that buying your first home is as much about obtaining your first mortgage as it is surfing the internet looking at pretty pictures of Norman Rockwell-esque images of homes.

There are four aspects to getting a mortgage: credit score, income/employment, funds to close (down payment) and collateral (the house).

◆ **Credit score.** You don't need perfect credit to buy a home. A mid 600 score is sufficient.

The two most common loans are FHA, which is the most forgiving and allows a minimum credit score in the low 600s, and conventional. Conventional refers to 5, 10, 15 or 20 percent down, with 3 percent down also

available with some lenders. A conventional loan offers the most favorable terms when a consumer's credit score is around 700, but allows for a 600 range credit score also.

I must not overlook those wonderful individuals who serve or have served our great country. The VA loan has zero down payment. Closing costs still are required, but there are ways to minimize those and buy with literally no money out of pocket.

◆ **Income/employment.** You must have a reliable source of income. When we think of income we think of a typical 9-to-5 job, but other documented income anticipated for future years would be included. The same job for one to two years is ideal, but if you are fresh out of college and plan on staying in Grosse Pointe or the metro area, don't wait. Working in the field of your degree is an influencing factor. If you just



Mario Como

started your professional career and want to buy a place now to call home, start talking to a lender. You may be able to buy in 2017 versus waiting. In fact, if you're a doctor, you can obtain a loan before even starting work; talk with a mortgage professional for details.

◆ **Funds to close.** This has become one of the biggest barriers to home ownership. Here are some ways to hurdle the barrier. First, don't go out socializing as much; sacrifice a little. Good old-fashioned saving is the best strategy. How much

is needed is far less than perceived by consumers. The cash required can be reduced by various methods: 1) negotiating the payment of some closing costs by the home seller; 2) assistance from a family member in the form of a documented gift and 3) help from the state of Michigan at mi.gov/MSHDA. Look at the down payment assistance program. You can make \$65,000 a year and get interest-free, payment-free money of \$7,500 toward your down payment.

◆ **The house.** The house is the bank's collateral. In simple terms, you have to buy a decent house. A bank will not loan money on a dump. The house doesn't have to be perfect, but upon entering everything has to be working — plumbing, lights and furnace. There can't be holes in the wall, things missing or a threadbare roof. The great thing about buying now is foreclosures have dried up so

consumers are not seeing and dealing with as many dilapidated houses. Additionally, four of the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods require a city inspection upon the sale of a home. This is not a guarantee, but it provides the buyer some assurance. Also, where the seller agrees as part of the contract to provide that certificate of occupancy, the home generally will meet the lender's

required minimum standards.

In summary, pay your bills on time, save a little money, stop dreaming and call a local Realtor sooner than later. If you don't have a Realtor, reach out to the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors at GPBR.com for a recommendation.

Como is president of the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors.

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FINE:

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Woods, appeared in Grosse Pointe Farms Municipal Court last week on an outstanding traffic warrant.

"How come you didn't take care of this, sir?" asked Judge Matthew Rumora regarding the unpaid fine for committing an offense 13 months ago. "You had a payment plan of \$100 a month."

"I don't have any money at the moment," Murphy answered. "I just started back to work. It's

like a landscaping business. We pick scrap off the side of the road. In winter, we shovel snow."

Rumora set \$2,000 bond. Murphy must post only 10 percent to leave jail while his case is prosecuted.

He's scheduled back in Farms court at noon Wednesday, March 1, to face an additional misdemeanor charge of interfering with police.

Patrolman Matthew Hurner was in the area on unrelated business when he recognized Murphy for failing to appear in court on the delinquent fine.

Hurner tried to arrest him at the bus stop on Mack between Moross and Roland.

"He ran out of his black coat, went around the bus stop and began to run westbound across Moross," Hurner reported.

Murphy fled past Walgreen's Pharmacy onto Frankfort in Detroit. Pursuing officers ordered him to stop.

"No," Murphy reportedly shouted.

Off-duty Farms Sgt. Wesley Kipke, driving toward town on southbound Moross to start his shift, joined the

chase.

"Murphy had a good attitude in the jail cell and told the truth about why he ran," Rosati said.

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continue to investigate.

— Kathy Ryan
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Pictured from left are Bishop Elias Zaidan, Dr. Daher Rahi, Amira Kassab, Joseph Boumansour, Marie Karam, Samir Karam and Chorbishop Louis Baz, pastor of St. Maron's Church.

Cardinal Bechara Boutros Rahi Scholarships awarded

The inaugural Cardinal Bechara Boutros Rahi Scholarships were awarded Saturday, Feb. 4, during the St. Maron's Feast Day celebration at St. Maron Maronite Catholic Church in Detroit.

The scholarships — made possible by a \$50,000 donation by Grosse Pointe Shores resident Dr. Daher Rahi — were created to honor Rahi's cousin, Cardinal Bechara Boutros Rahi, Maronite Patriarch of Antioch and all the East, during a visit the Cardinal made to the Rahi home last summer.

Four students — three of whom live in Grosse Pointe Woods — received the scholarships, which recognize academic excellence and dedication to the church and the community:

♦ Amira Kassab, Grosse Pointe Woods, plans to pursue a higher degree in nursing at Wayne State University.

♦ Joseph Boumansour, Macomb Township, will attend Wayne State University in the fall.

♦ Marie Karam, Grosse Pointe Woods, attends Wayne State University.

♦ Samir Karam, Grosse Pointe Woods, attends the University of Detroit Mercy Law School.

"I am very impressed by these young men and women. They are extremely bright and their dedication to the church is commendable," Dr. Daher Rahi said. "I'd also like to thank their families. If it wasn't for their love, support and respect, these students would not have been able to accomplish this."

Girl power

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church recently hosted "GAGA: God's Amazing Girls Assembled," welcoming middle and high school girls who spent 24 hours, "exploring how God created them to be compassionate, capable and uniquely beautiful," according to youth leader Renata Conger.

Highlights of the program, which took place Jan. 27 and 28, were a tea party and a self-defense workshop, led by Divas in Defense.

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From left, Grosse Pointe North High School senior Eve Feldman, St. Clare of Montefalco eighth-grader Carys Rees-Baker and Parcels Middle School eighth-grader Mia Cassar enjoy tea and pastries.



Grosse Pointe North High School junior Nora Smith, left, receives self-defense training from a representative of Divas in Defense, based in Atlanta, Ga.



Middle and high school students attended "GAGA: God's Amazing Girls Assembled" at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Ismail family scholarships offered

Ahmed and Mary Ann Ismail of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the criteria for their family's 2017 Academic Excellence and Scholarship award.

The 2017 awards go to the graduating student at Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools with the highest grade-point average who is on the staff of their respective school newspaper and/or yearbook. This year's awards and scholarships will be in memory of longtime friend and former Grosse Pointe News publisher Robert G. "Butch" Edgar, who passed away in 2007.

"When Mary Ann and I decided to establish this award and scholarship, our goal was to recognize a graduating student at each of our high schools with high academic achievement who shares the field of interest of a mentor who was integral in forming my direction in life," Ahmed Ismail said. "Butch Edgar and I became friends while I was a stock boy at Studio Camera and our friendship became one so special to me over its 40-year span until his untimely passing in 2007. His unwavering dedication to making sure that the Grosse Pointe News reported accurate and fair coverage of the news in the Pointes no matter where the story led and his 101 percent dedication to our community will always be an inspira-



PHOTOS COURTESY OF AHMED ISMAIL

The 2016 Ismail Family Academic Achievement Award and Scholarships were given in memory of Dr. Clyde and Mrs. Helen Wu. The recipients were students with high academic achievement and a strong involvement in the instrumental music programs at each of their high schools in recognition of the Wus' commitment to music education through The Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Top, Grosse Pointe North award recipient Craig J. Ramsdell, center, stands with, from left, his mother, Michele Ramsdell; Ahmed Ismail; Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Gary Niehaus and North Principal Kate Murray. Above, Grosse Pointe South award recipient Jacqueline Kosmas, center, stands with her mother, Sherrie Kosmas, and Ahmed Ismail.

tion to me."

The awards will be presented at this year's Honors Night ceremonies at each high school. Interested applicants should contact Paula Staperfenne at Grosse

Pointe North High School at (313) 432-3200 or Carrie Calcaterra, scholarship coordinator of the Grosse Pointe South Mothers' Club, at

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BNI

Business Network International meets 7 a.m. Friday, Feb. 17, 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, Feb. 17, 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 hosts "Taking the Leap to Abstraction with Bonnie Weir" Friday, Feb. 17 and 24, and "Fall in Love with Figure Drawing" with Amy Foster Friday and Saturday, March 3 and 4.

Libraries

Central branch, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms (313) 343-2074

◆ 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, Detroit Writers in the Stacks. Cost is \$30 and includes an

evening with Wayne State Press authors Desiree Cooper, Terry Blackhawk and Kelly Fordon. Wine, chocolate, readings and questions are included.

◆ 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20, "Kung Fu Panda" family movie. Registration is required.

◆ Wednesday, Feb. 22, Learning Fun with Michigan Science Center, for ages 5 and older. A program about magnets begins at 2 p.m. and a program about states of matter begins at 3:30 p.m. Registration is required.

◆ 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, "Let it Snow" drop-in children's craft.

◆ 2 to 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, Tween Craft Break, for ages 10 to 13.

Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park (313) 821-8830

◆ 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, Oscar Night at the Library, featuring film clips and a presentation by James Gilmore, professor of journalism and film studies at the University of Michigan Dearborn. Registration is required.

◆ 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, "Hello, Dahlia," a hands-on workshop where participants

plant a tuber in a container with help from Tom Milano and Nancy Weigandt from Detroit Abloom. Cost is \$10 and registration is required.

Woods branch, 20680 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods (313) 343-2072

◆ 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, Owls of Michigan with Mr. Nick. Registration is required.

◆ 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, the movie "BFG" is shown.

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mentally Ill Eastside meets 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20, at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

Woods Community Center

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

◆ The center offers a trip to Motor City Casino 9 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 23. Cost is \$6 for Woods residents, \$8 for non-residents, and includes round-trip transportation, gaming time and \$25 in bonus play. Each participant must bring a valid photo ID to receive their incentives. Registration deadline is Feb. 21.

◆ Crafty Afternoons at the Cook Schoolhouse at 1 p.m.

the second Wednesday of the month. March 8 is rock painting. April 12, make a sea glass wire-wrapped pendant. May 10, make a wine cork wreath or candle ring. Cost is \$7 for Woods residents, \$8 for non-residents. Space is limited to 10.

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

Alliance Française

The Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe hosts a French wine tasting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, at The Ark at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park. Presented by Cost Plus Wines and its French wine expert, Robert Dassett, guests will be guided through the nuances of French wines and champagne accompanied by French cheeses, fruit and baguettes. Tickets are \$50 and reservations are accepted through Feb. 18. Reserve a seat by sending a check, made payable to "Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe," to 23009 Maxine, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080. Payment also may be made at PayPal by visiting afgrossepointe.org and clicking on "Events" for the PayPal button.

Blood drives

The American Red Cross hosts the following blood

drives:

◆ 9 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, The Neighborhood Club, 171500 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

SOC

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

◆ 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, "Keeping You Fit at Home — Decreasing the Fear of Falling," sponsored by Heartland Health Care Center — Grosse Pointe Woods. Reservations are required.

◆ 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, "Steve Jobs" movie. Cost is \$2.

◆ Tuesday, Feb. 28, Paczki Fest. Advanced orders are required by Feb. 24. The Fat Tuesday treats cost \$1 each and are provided by Sweetheart Bakery. For more information, call (313) 882-9600.

Senior Men

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club meets 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Shinola President Jacques Panis speaks. For information, call (313) 550-9661.



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Seeing red

Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe is showing support of GO RED FOR WOMEN, dedicated to garnering equal support for women in the study, prevention and treatment of heart disease. Through its Red Dress campaign, the hospital is displaying a collection of red dresses designed by Beaumont employees. Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of American women, affecting one in three — more than the next four causes of death combined. For more information, visit the main lobby of Beaumont, Grosse Pointe during February.

Dinner proceeds advance pancreatic cancer research

Lauren Marantette passed away from pancreatic cancer October 2015, at age 37, after an eight-month battle. She gave 100 percent with an optimistic attitude and focus on nutrition and strength during treatment. Her legacy will live on through her family and friends, who continue fundraising and education efforts.

Pancreatic cancer is

estimated to be the second most deadly cancer in the United States by 2020, yet it ranks eighth for receipt of federal research funds. Sky Foundation fills that gap.

To advance research and get closer to a cure, Sky Foundation hosts a strolling dinner and silent auction 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at Bayview Yacht Club, Detroit.

Sky Foundation is a 501(c)(3) dedicated to raising public awareness of pancreatic cancer and fund research for early detection and treatment of the disease. Sheila Sky Kasselmann, a pancreatic cancer survivor, established the organization in 2008.

Those interested in attending or donating may visit skyfoundation inc.org.



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Home tour

Grosse Pointe Questers No. 147 recently toured the former home of industrialist and art collector Charles Lang Freer. Completed in 1892, the home is located on Ferry Street in Detroit and today belongs to Wayne State University. It was designated as a Michigan State Historical Site in 1970. As a national group, Questers supports historic restoration and preservation.

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(313) 432-3500.

Ismail began his inter-

est in photography while attending Parcels Middle School in the 1960s as a result of a science fair project. While working on the project, he became

an afterschool stock boy at Studio Camera, a well-known Grosse Pointe business he ultimately purchased shortly after graduating from Grosse Pointe North. In 1984, he established Speedi Photo, one of Michigan's first one-hour photo labs, in the same location. His wife of 29 years, Mary Ann, established a portrait studio within Speedi Photo in the late 1990s, The Portrait Place. Ismail closed Speedi Photo in 2009 after suffering a stroke and now works part time with his wife at The Portrait Place.

In addition to his 50-year involvement with the Mack Avenue business community, Ismail serves as a trustee of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, member of the executive board of the Wayne County Association of School Boards and member of the Michigan Association of School Boards Legal Trust Fund and Resolutions and Bylaws committees in Lansing.

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Unsung Heroes: High school friends give poet first break

By Ray Reynolds Graves
Guest Writer

High school friends can see extraordinary talent in classmates and, responding to a desire to learn together, form supportive and beneficial relationships. So it was at Dayton, Ohio's Central High School where Orville Wright and Paul Laurence Dunbar studied together and, with Orville's brother Wilbur, became lifelong friends, beginning in the later years of the 19th century.

Before their ventures into making and selling bicycles and, of course, aviation, the Wright brothers ran a local paper, The West Side News, focused on events in their neighborhood. Orville started printing the paper in 1889 while still in high school and saw it begin to turn a modest profit. Dunbar, the only black student in the school and a friend of Orville's, was a promising writer, with no means to distribute his work. The Wright brothers published Dunbar's early works in The West Side News and extended him credit for publishing his own newspaper, The Tattler, which lasted only six weeks.

Dunbar wrote his first book of poetry, "Oak and Ivy," at age 20. Hoping to broaden his readership, he asked the Wrights to publish the work, but they declined because their print shop was not equipped to bind books. Undaunted, the trio turned to the Wrights' father, Bishop Milton Wright of the United Brethren Church who was in charge of the church's publishing operation. Dunbar paid \$125 to get the books published. According to Dr. Richard Stimson, a Wright historian, one of the books appeared on eBay in March 2006, with an

asking bid of \$2,000.

As Dunbar's poetry gained readership, he was invited to the 1893 World's Fair where he met the famous former slave and abolitionist, Fredrick Douglass. Dunbar, the son of former slaves, favorably impressed Douglass, who helped advance his career. Other leaders and literary notables helped Dunbar develop by providing financial assistance, speaking opportunities and supporting publication of his works. Despite the support, Dunbar's poor management of his personal finances left him plagued by debt during the mid-1890s.

A turning point came with a favorable review of Dunbar's second book, "Majors and Minors," in Harper's Weekly, June 27, 1896. William Dean Howell, a leading literary critic, praised Dunbar's work, especially those parts written in Negro dialect. Howell's favorable review boosted Dunbar nationally. Later, Dunbar was uncomfortable with what he perceived as Howell's desire to emphasize Dunbar's poems in Negro dialect while not giving full attention to equally important works written in conventional English. Over the course of his short life, Dunbar's work, in both styles, gathered a wide following.

Dunbar married another writer, Alice Ruth Moore, in 1898, when he returned from a literary tour in the United Kingdom. The couple settled in Washington, D.C., where Dunbar was employed by the Library of Congress, but soon left, at his wife's urging, to return to writing and literary tours. His health declined due to tuberculosis, leading to depression and alcohol dependency. After living briefly

in Colorado, a recommended medical treatment for TB in those days, the Dunbars separated and Paul returned to Dayton to be with his mother where he died of TB in 1906 at age 33.

Paul Laurence Dunbar was one of the first black writers to achieve national recognition in the elite ranks of publishers, editors, critics and the reading public. His works include poetry, musicals, novels, plays and essays taught in college classes in American literature today. Most published authors remember the friend who gave them their first break. For Dunbar, the first opportunity to publish came from Orville and Wilbur Wright, who are heroes in Black History Month.

This is the third of a four-part series commemorating Black History Month.

The article "Unsung Heroes: Act of kindness opens road to higher education," published in the Feb. 9 Grosse Pointe News, should have identified the former Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice as Conrad L. Mallett Jr.

Source material: David McCullough, The Wright Brothers, (Simon & Schuster: New York, 2015); Dr. Richard Stimson, Wright Stories, wrightstories.com/paul-laurence-dunbar-the-wright-brothers-friend/

Paul Laurence Dunbar, en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_Laurence_Dunbar#Use_of_dialect

Ray Reynolds Graves was a resident of Grosse Pointe Park, 1979-1994. He served as U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, 1982-2002.



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A CUT ABOVE

Jacquelyn Wang of Grosse Pointe Park, an eighth-grader at Pierce Middle School, had 11 inches of hair cut off Monday, Feb. 6, so she could donate it to Wigs 4 Kids. It took four years to grow her hair long enough since she last donated her first ponytail to the same organization. "Donating my hair is a small thing to do for someone who is going through so much," Wang said.

Patient's recovery powered by connected network, expedited care

Suzanne Babcock, 52, of Grosse Pointe was diagnosed with breast cancer five years ago this fall.

"The highest rate of recurrence is in the first two years," said Michele Ramsdell M.D., lead radiologist at the Breast Care Center at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe. "Patients who make it to the five-year mark are considered 'cancer free.'"

Babcock found a suspicious breast lump during a self exam in summer 2012 — and immediately scheduled a mammogram, albeit at another hospital.

"I was screened fairly quickly, but they told me I wouldn't get the results

for another two weeks," Babcock recalled.

That's when her sister recommended the Breast Care Center at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

Babcock showed up at the center on a Monday morning armed with films from her first mammogram. Based on this information, an additional ultrasound and core needle biopsies for three separate locations were ordered and performed that day and the next.

By 4 p.m. Tuesday, the final results were in and Ramsdell delivered the sobering news.

"It's cancer," Ramsdell said. "I'm very sorry."

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Women of Wayne hosts fashion show fundraiser

The Grosse Pointe Chapter of Women of Wayne State University presents its annual spring luncheon and fashion show Saturday, March 18, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Models feature the fashions of DRESSBARN and DRESSBARN WOMAN, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The event includes a silent auction and two vendors selling items to generate proceeds for university scholarships.

Registration begins at 11 a.m., followed by the luncheon at noon and fashion show at 1 p.m.

This year's models are Women of Wayne members Zenarr Dishmon, Charlotte Edwards, Cassandra Hall, Catrina Hurst, Marti K. Miller, Barbara Phillips, Sherill Piscopo, Debra Smith

Dawson and Stephanie Smothers.

Reservations must be received by Wednesday, March 8. Cost is \$33. Mail checks, payable to W.O.W. G.P., to Santina Miller;

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PASTOR'S CORNER By the Rev. Sean R. Motley

Only through Christ

As most of us are aware, during the elections there was a substantial amount of vitriolic speech and writings circulating on a variety of media. I more than once heard of people having friendships dissolve because of the caustic rhetoric shared on Facebook posts, emails and conversations that went poorly. It seems as if we have put our politics and ideology at the center of our lives and given it value above all else.

However, among Christians this is not to be so. What occupies the center of our lives, which gives meaning and value to all else and makes us what we are, is God.

There is nothing else; there is no one else; there is no higher thought or ideology or political premise that is the one true God. We become fools when we make idols of our wisdom or political penchant no matter how "right" we believe ourselves to be. Additionally, we damage and destroy our relationships when we use these as the base through which we relate to one another.

In the book "Life Together," author Dietrich Bonhoeffer writes, "We have one another only through Christ, but through Christ we do have one another, wholly, for eternity." It is only

through Christ that we have one another and we relate to one another through Christ. Which means we first see the other person as our brother or sister, as a fellow sinner who has been redeemed, as a child of God who has been received into God's mercy through Christ Jesus the same as ourselves and this is for forever. There will come a day when there is no more Democrat or Republican, Green or Libertarian, Communist or Socialist, but Christ will remain.

Whatever is at the center of our lives besides God will fade away and will take away from those

who are our forever family. For God is eternal and in Christ, God has given us a family, brothers and sisters to cherish and love through the one who has given his life for us. Before we tout our brilliance in front of others, before we send one more sarcastically clever comment on Facebook, may we, by God's saving grace poured out upon us, look at the other, our friend, our neighbor or even a stranger and remember it is only through Christ we have this brother or sister.

Motley is the pastor of First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Woods.

CHURCH EVENTS

St. Ambrose

St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, presents "Water: Inspiration and Vital Resource" at 9:45 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 19 and 26. Call (313) 822-2814.

Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe. All are welcome.

St. Paul on the Lake

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts a dinner for the homeless Monday, March 6, as part of Open Hearts-Open Doors Homeless Week. Volunteers are needed. Call (313) 885-8855.

Living Hope

The Living Hope Evangelical Church grief group meets at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20, at the

Women of Wayne celebrates statues

Last fall on the campus of Wayne State University, a small group of Women of Wayne Alumni Association members marked the end of an era for the organization.

The occasion was to honor four historic sculptures which once adorned the old Detroit City Hall and now are mounted on pedestals near St. Andrew's Hall on west campus. The historic Julius Theodore Melchers limestone statues were preserved when entrusted to WSU for storage after

the U.S. Supreme Court denied the efforts of preservationists to save the old city hall; the building yielded to the wrecking ball in 1961.

In 1973, the four statues were mounted near St. Andrew's Hall and in 2015 the sculptures were restored with the help of the Women of Wayne Alumni Association's \$15,000 gift. The statues include Jesuit missionary Father Jacques Marquette, explorer Robert Cavalier Sieur de La Salle, Detroit founder Antoine

Laumet de la Mothe Cadillac and Father Gabriel Richard, delegate from the Michigan Territory to the U.S. House of Representatives and co-founder of the University of Michigan.

During the years, the statues have been part of ArtWalk tours conducted by Women of Wayne volunteer docents showing the works of outdoor art on campus. With the restoration complete, a celebration of those statues took place Sept. 10.

Board members in attendance, along with WSU Art Collection Coordinator Sandra Schemske, included Debra Smith Dawson, Zenarr Dishmon, Charlotte Edwards, Teneesha Fields, Catrina Hurst, Catharine Lichty, Theresa Lorio, Marti K. Miller, Barbara Phillips, Stephanie Smothers, Cindy Thibodeau and Joan M. Wright, all former

Women of Wayne officers.

The installation of Melchers' statues was the last Women of Wayne activity as the organization and all alumni associations at WSU were discontinued as previously organized in 2014. Ultimately, the organization — and its Incentive Scholarship Fund structure — was handed over to the Commission on the Status of Women.

The COSW agreed to administer the Women of Wayne Endowment Fund and Ethel B. Chase W.O.W. Endowed Scholarship. To contribute, checks to perpetuate interest may be made payable to "Women of Wayne Endowment Fund Account 060331." Checks to grant scholarships may be made payable to "Ethel B. Chase Women of Wayne Endowed Scholarship Account 066093." All checks may be sent to the Wayne



The Women of Wayne helped restore these statues now located on the Wayne State University Campus. The statues are of Jesuit missionary Father Jacques Marquette, explorer Robert Cavalier Sieur de La Salle, Detroit founder Antoine Laumet de la Mothe Cadillac and Father Gabriel Richard, delegate from the Michigan Territory to the U. S. House of Representatives.

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While the Grosse Pointe chapter has offered a variety of projects, events, fundraisers and collaborations over the years, the chapter's annual fashion show and luncheon attracts more numbers and garners the most proceeds, which the

group often donates to the Ethel B. Chase Women of Wayne Scholarship Fund. For information on this spring's fashion event, March 18 in Grosse Pointe, send a request for an invitation including name and address to marlenemiller@yahoo.com.



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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.

Erik Anders Jensen

Erik Anders Jensen, 63, died peacefully in his sleep Saturday, Feb. 4, 2017, in Oakland, Calif., from complications related to multiple strokes.

He was born in Detroit to Viggo Wilhelm Jensen II and Viola Riegner Jensen and graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1971. He attended Michigan State University.

Erik was interested in biking and kayaking. He was generous with his time and knowledge regarding his interests.

He is survived by his sister, Susan Lee Jensen, of Oakland, Calif.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Viggo W. Jensen III.

Sally Ann Christ

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Sally Ann Christ, 95, passed away Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017.

Born Sally Ann Wiercinski Sept. 3, 1921, she married Gerald J. Christ in July 1945 and they celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary in 2016.

A loyal and dedicated wife and mother, Sally worked to support her husband and see him graduate from the University of Detroit while raising their sons. Energetic and loving, Sally promoted that to have a friend one must first be a friend. Lifetime friendships continued through all different facets of her life.

Sally was an avid bridge player belonging to numerous clubs. A keen business aficionado, she read the Wall Street Journal, Fortune, Forbes and other business journals as her educational focus. She won the primary contest in her stock investment club and was a cutting-edge business woman.

She was a member of the Grosse Pointe Woman's Club, Grosse Pointe Newcomers Club and Men's and Women's Garden Club of Grosse Pointe. Early in life, Sally formed a club, the EMCRONITSO Group, that endured throughout the lives of nine women and their husbands.

Sally is survived by her children, Thomas, Michael (Connie), Duane and Charles (Melissa); daughter-in-law, Sherry; grandchildren, Catherine Geltz, Mia and Elena and sister, Victoria Wiercinski.

She was predeceased by her husband, Gerald, in December 2016 and son, Gerald Joseph Jr.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

Interment is 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 20, at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org.

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Viggo Wilhelm Jensen III

Viggo Wilhelm Jensen III, 64, died peacefully in his sleep Thursday, Feb. 4, 2016, in Long Beach, Calif., after a long illness.

Born in Baton Rouge, La., to Viggo Wilhelm Jensen II and Viola Riegner Jensen, Viggo attended Grosse Pointe South High School and earned certification in radiology from St. John Hospital School of Radiology. He also earned an MRI technician license. He graduated from trucking school and obtained licenses to carry specialized cargo including gas and oil. Viggo drove until forced to stop due to health reasons shortly before he died.

Viggo enjoyed motorcycles, computers and big trucks, having driven 18-wheelers for years. He was known for his colorful personality.

Viggo is survived by his sister, Susan Lee Jensen, of Oakland, Calif. His brother, Erik Anders Jensen, survived him by exactly one year.

He was predeceased by his parents.

Edward J. Pavlovich

Edward J. Pavlovich, 81, died peacefully Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017, at The Rivers in Grosse Pointe Woods. Ed, known simply as "Unc" to many, was unable to recover from complications stemming from heart surgery.

Ed had three passions in life: his family, the Catholic Church and Ford Motor Co. As a child he came to St. Clair Shores from Beaverdale, Pa., with his mother and brother. After graduating Lakeview High School, he earned an engineering degree from Lawrence Technological Institute while completing an apprenticeship in the tool and die trade. He worked for a brief period with local auto supply firms before going to Chrysler and then, ultimately, his beloved Ford Motor Co. for 30-plus years.

Ed was devoted to his faith. While a lifelong parishioner at St. Isaac Jogues Church in St. Clair Shores, he also could be seen assisting with funeral Masses at St. Lucy and praying at St. Joan of Arc. He participated in prayer groups at Our Lady Star of the Sea and St. Paul on the Lake Catholic churches. Several of the people he prayed with became close friends. Ed will be greatly missed by those who knew him.

Ed is survived by his nephews and niece, Edward (Sharon) and John (Kim) Pavlovich and Connie LaPrairie (Paul), who thought of him as a second father; grandnephew, Reece Pavlovich; grandnieces, Brynne, Calle and Taylor; cousin, Ralph Bruette (Alice), whom he thought of as a brother; sister-in-law, Myrna and longtime, dear friend, Otalaj Krajcovic.

He was predeceased by his mother, Helen and brother and best friend,

Ronald.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, 21120 Madison, St. Clair Shores. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Fr. Solanus Guild, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

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Robert Gerald Coyle

Robert Gerald "Jerry" Coyle, 88, died peacefully Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017, at home surrounded by his loving family.

Jerry was born Jan. 2, 1929, in Detroit, to Anne (nee Grace) and Raymond Coyle. A native Detroit, Jerry graduated from Cathedral Elementary School and Catholic Central High School, class of 1947. After graduating high school, Jerry attended the University of Detroit where he played baseball as an undergrad. Jerry graduated from U of D Dental School in 1955.

Jerry proudly served as lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy.

Jerry practiced dentistry in Detroit, his beloved city, for more than 40 years. He practiced in the David Whitney Building from the 1950s until the 1990s.

In addition to his love of family and baseball, Jerry ran more than 40 marathons. He ran his first marathon in 1969 and his last in 1992. During those years, he ran three marathons every year. Some of his marathons included the Boston Marathon, Detroit Marathon, Chicago Marathon and the Nanisivik Marathon, which was north of the Arctic Circle. Jerry also enjoyed the many activities of his children and grandchildren.

Jerry was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. He was deeply loved and will be sorely missed by those who knew him.

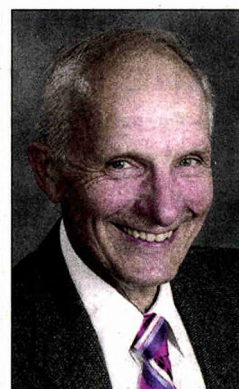
Jerry is survived by his loving children, Robert Coyle, Thomas Coyle (Elise), Patrick Coyle (Cynthia), Jerry Coyle (Marianne) and Mary Louise Coyle and his cherished grandchildren, Hanley, Charles, Connor, Gerald, William, Michael, Elizabeth, John, Henry and Oliver. He also is survived by his siblings, Ray Coyle (Audrey) and Edward Coyle (Ann) and many nieces and nephews.

Jerry was predeceased by his beloved wife, Marian and brothers, John Coyle and the Honorable James Coyle. Visitation is 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Road, Clawson, with a sharing of memories service at 7:30 p.m.

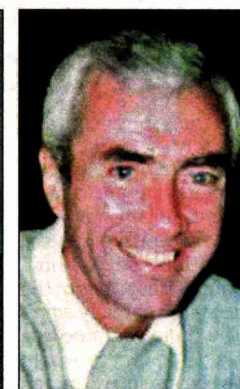
A funeral Mass will be celebrated at noon Saturday, Feb. 18, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation begins at 11:30



Sally Ann Christ



Edward J. Pavlovich



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Jeanne Maksym



Timothy Ryan Cushing



Josephine Mary Loosvelt

a.m. at the church.

Memorials appreciated to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

Jeanne Mary Hurley Maksym

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Jeanne Mary Hurley Maksym, 91, passed away Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017, surrounded by her children and beloved Yorkshire terrier, Tippy.

She earned a doctorate degree in education and was an award-winning and beloved kindergarten teacher for 58 years. Dr. Maksym's life was devoted to three things: Her faith in the Catholic Church, decades of inspirational instruction to hundreds of children and her student teachers and her family.

She was a proud member of St. Ambrose Catholic Church where she regularly attended Mass. Before closing her eyes each night, she said the rosary and prayed for those who needed help.

Dr. Maksym is survived by her children, Helen Mary Hicks (Darryl), Catherine Townsend (Paul), Anne Marie McBrien (Al), the Honorable John Maksym and Roy Maksym (Lynn); 20 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; sisters, Mary Meyer and Sharon Cure (Norman) and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Anthony; parents, Roy and Helen Hurley and siblings, Catherine, Jodie, Patricia, Joan and Edward.

Visitation is 3 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at

Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, 36900 Schoenherr, Sterling Heights. Rosary recitation is at 7 p.m.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 15, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15004 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park. Visitation begins at the church at 10 a.m.

Donations may be made to St. Ambrose Church, 15004 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

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Timothy Ryan Cushing

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Timothy Ryan Cushing, 46, passed away Friday, Feb. 10, 2017.

He was born Nov. 7, 1970, in Detroit, to Andre Cushing and Dr. Frederick Cushing. He was a loving, generous and gentle man who loved his Detroit Tigers, Michigan Wolverines and was devoted to his family. He also cherished the roles of uncle and godfather.

Timothy also was a graduate of Bishop Gallagher High School and Macomb Community College.

Timothy is survived by his mother; sister, Jennifer Geraghty (Michael); brother, Jeffrey Cushing (Debra); nephew, Timothy Geraghty and niece, Maya Cushing.

He was predeceased by his father.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 15 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to the Wounded

Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675 or The Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliot, Detroit, MI 48207.

Josephine Mary Loosvelt

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Josephine Mary Loosvelt, 93, died Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017.

She was the loving wife of the late George Loosvelt; dear mother of Ronald Loosvelt (Karen), Richard Loosvelt (Sandi) and George Loosvelt (Sherie); beloved grandmother of Ronald Marc (Georgia), Robert Adam (Stacy), Anne (George), Nathan (Kacey), Katherine Collignon (Bradley), Andrew and Jordan and cherished great-grandmother of Teddy, Will, Sara, Josh, Brynn, Hudson and Vaida. She also is survived by her sister, Mariann Baecke and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who will miss her dearly.

In addition to her husband, Josephine was predeceased by her parents, Joseph and Irma Billiet and sisters, Margaret Van Lent and Betty Paternoster.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 1 at St. Philomena Catholic Church, Detroit.

Donations may be made to the Fr. Solanus Guild, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

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KIM K. LIE

A Celebration of Life honoring Kim K. Lie will be held 11 a.m. Friday, February 24, 2017, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Dr. Lie, 84, passed away Nov. 16, 2016, on the MS Koningsdam while on a cruise in the Caribbean Sea.



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The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods can help. Its online resource listing of the Association of Professionals members has providers' profiles listed, along with easy ways to directly get in touch with them. The Family Center also hosts a number of "Meet & Greets for Professionals" throughout the year, for a chance to network and get to know other professionals to whom you may refer your clients.

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each other with referrals and provide their clients with a high level of service. At the Meet & Greet meetings they share ideas, meet new members, discuss upcoming events or activities and simply network so when they do need to make a referral, there is comfort

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Learn more about The Family Center's AOP online directory of professionals at familycenterweb.org/index.php/association-of-professionals.

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The next Family Center Meet & Greet for Professionals will be held at Grosse Pointe Academy. Visit familycenterweb.org to learn more and to register for this free event.

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As a result of Beaumont's connected network, Babcock met with a multidisciplinary team of specialists at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak three days later. These included a breast surgeon, radiation oncologist, reconstructive surgeon and nurse navigator.

"It was a complete whirlwind," Babcock confessed. "There was little time to worry."

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Beaumont's connected network and team of experienced, multidisciplinary staff, Babcock said, made all the difference in her treatment and recovery; her nurse navigator was particularly helpful.

"I didn't have to schedule a single appointment. She did it for me. That was huge," Babcock said. "Beaumont has an amazing staff and aggressive treatment protocol. I'm grateful to the entire team for my success."

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BASKETBALL

Blue Devils, Knights seize momentum

Offense in sync

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It's been a month-long struggle to score points and win games, but last week the Grosse Pointe South girls' basketball team cast aside those struggles in a convincing 59-37 win over visiting Port Huron.

"The girls played with confidence tonight and it showed with a great effort on the court," head coach Kevin Richards said. "They were aggressive from the opening tip. It was nice to see the girls put points on the board, play good defense and get a much needed win."

The Blue Devils set the tone from the get-go, outscoring the Big Reds 23-11 in the first quarter.

It was a 10-point lead, 33-23, at the half and the advantage stretched to 15 points, 46-31, after the third quarter.

Thanks to balanced scoring, the Blue Devils kept up the solid play and won the fourth quarter 13-6 to win their first game since beating Sterling Heights Stevenson 31-27 Dec. 22.



PHOTO BY LIZ NAPORANO

South junior Grace Foster goes up for two of her 14 points in the Blue Devils' win over Port Huron.

Senior Sayanna Roy led three Blue Devils in double figures, scoring 15 points, followed by junior Grace Foster with 14 and sophomore Maria Hessburg with 10.

Sophomore Savannah Srebrnak also had seven

points as nine Blue Devils scored.

The following night, South lost 75-39 to the No. 1 ranked team in the state, Detroit Country Day.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 3-15 overall.

Knights find groove

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett boys' basketball team put together consecutive wins last week, beating Oakland Christian 63-53 and Franklin Road Christian 67-47.

"I told the guys if they play our system and play hard, good things will come their way," head coach Chris Housey said. "The guys played some good basketball and they are growing stronger as a team."

Junior Anthony George led the way with 19 points against Oakland Christian.

Senior Jackson Walkowiak had 16 points, followed by sophomores Billy Kopicki with 10 and Logan King with 10.

Against Franklin Road Christian, the host Knights jumped out to a 16-9 lead and quickly doubled their guests at the half, leading 31-15.

The Knights shot the ball well from the perimeter and rebounded well.

It was nearly an even second half, but the two-touchdown lead was



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Liggett junior Anthony George, right, has played well in the Knights' recent victories over Michigan Independent Athletic Conference foes.

more than enough for the home team to use as an advantage.

"We played very well for nearly four quarters," Housey said. "We had a little defensive lapse in the third quarter, but other than that, it was a good effort."

George was on fire, scoring 30 points in a variety of ways. He hit three-pointers, layups,

mid-range jump shots and several free throws en route to his 30-point night.

Walkowiak had 25 points, while King and sophomore Casey Scoggin each had six points.

Liggett improved to 5-4 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 7-8 overall.

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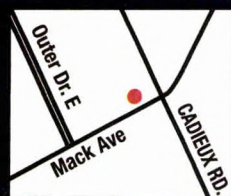
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Girls hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils whip foe

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South girls' hockey team celebrated senior night in style last weekend, beating Ann Arbor Skyron 7-1.

"The girls played really well on senior night and it was a big two points in the standings for us," head coach Chris Booth said. "We're trying to get the No. 2 spot and we feel good about our chances of doing that."

It was junior Lauren Kramer who recorded a hat trick.

She scored one goal in each period and others who had one goal were junior Hannah Miller, freshman Madison Ryszewski, junior Addy



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

South's seniors, Carmen Peck, Megan Michaels, Katie Carene - manager, Bridget Donaldson, Carson Dennis, Shannon McKenna, Skye Keith, Dominique Maes, Megan Ryszewski and Grace Scott, strike a pose before battling Ann Arbor Skyron in a league contest.

Hamel and senior Shannon McKenna.

Senior goaltender Bridget Donaldson was solid in net. She had a shutout going until Skyron scored with only 46.5 left in the third period.

Defensively, the Blue Devils were good, limiting the shots on goal to a

minimum.

It was the offense which controlled a majority of the puck possession as Skyron goaltender Riley Baker was busy.

The home team scored two goals in the first two periods and added three more in the third stanza to win another lopsided

game.

In other games, South beat Regina 9-2 in a league game and lost 5-4 in overtime to Walled Lake in a non-league contest.

Grosse Pointe South is 9-1-0-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 14-3-0-2 overall.

Boys hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Showdown looms

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys' hockey team remained one point behind Detroit Country Day in the Michigan Metro Hockey League East Division standings after beating host Wyandotte Roosevelt 7-2 last weekend.

Adam Pitters scored two goals, while Giovanni Lutfy, Conor McKenna, Garrett Bollenbacher, Liam Kavanaugh and Jack Flynn each had one.

Adam Cervone led the way with four assists, while three players had two, Jack Liagre, Bollenbacher and Flynn.

Cam Mills earned the win in net, stopping 12 of 14 shots.

The Blue Devils host the Yellowjackets at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, with the title on the line.

If the Blue Devils win the game, they play host University Liggett Tuesday, Feb. 23, for a chance to win the outright championship.

Head coach Bobby McKillop's squad, ranked in the top 10 in the state, heads into the showdown with a ton of momentum.

Their recent wins include state-ranked Brighton and Novi in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League Showcase.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Offensive explosion

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys' hockey team scored a season-high nine goals in a 9-3 win over host Anchor Bay last week.

Seniors Brian Moody and Marko Tomovski, as well as junior Thomas Supal, had two goals apiece to power the Norsemen.

Other goal scorers were seniors Joe Lucchese and Nate

Robinson, and junior Austin Albrecht. For Robinson, it was his first career goal as the Norsemen jumped out to a 4-1 lead in the first period and led 5-1 after 34 minutes. They put another four goals on the board in the final period to improve to 5-15-0-1 overall.

Sophomore goalkeeper Julia McLellan had 23 saves in the non-league game against the Tars of the Macomb Area Conference.

LIGGETT

Stung by Yellowjackets

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The effort was there, but the end result wasn't last week for the University Liggett boys' hockey team.

The host Knights dropped a 3-1 decision to division-leading Detroit Country Day.

"We played a great first and third period, but a not-so-great second period, and that was the difference in the game," head coach Mike Hamilton said. "We have to play three full periods of hockey to win games and tonight we were close, but that doesn't count. I liked the effort and it is something we

can build on moving forward."

The Knights scored first when junior Spencer Warezak lit the lamp at the 4:44 mark of the first period. Junior Dylan Paulsell and senior Kester Stefani drew assists.

It was a 1-0 game until the Yellowjackets tied it at the 9:53 mark of the second period. They scored what turned out to be the game-winning goal at the 3:00 mark later in the second.

The visitors added an insurance goal, tallying with a two-man advantage midway through the third period.

The Knights had chances, but couldn't get back on the board.

Last weekend, Liggett lost 3-1 to host Dearborn Divine Child to fall to 5-7 in the Michigan Metro Hockey League and 9-13-1 overall.

Senior Jaron Pangborn scored on the power play at the 13:24 mark of the second period. Junior Spencer Stefani and Paulsell had the assists.

DC had two goals in the first and one in the third period.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH & LIGGETT

Norsemen earn needed win

The Grosse Pointe North girls' hockey team boost last week, beating

visiting Detroit Country Day 9-5.

"This was a good game for us and now we have a couple of games we need to win to make the Division 1 playoffs," head coach Joe Lucchese said. "Our goal is to make the top eight."

It's the third time this season the Norsemen scored nine goals in a game and second straight time against Country Day. They also beat the Yellowjackets 9-5 on Jan. 11.

It was a 2-2 game after the first period and the Yellowjackets held a 4-3 lead before the Norsemen stepped on the gas pedal.

They scored the final three goals of the second period to grab a 6-4 lead and tallied the first three goals of the third period to break the game wide open.

Three players scored two goals apiece, Kylee Banaszewski, Clare Murphy and Bella Welke. Hannah Martin, Darby Pickford and Natalie Barstys had one goal apiece.

Players with assists were Banaszewski, Welke, Martin, Pickford, Lindsey Ramsdell, Rachel Stander and Lia DeCoste.

Last weekend, North lost to Farmington Hills Mercy to see its record stand at 4-16 overall.

Liggett results

The University Liggett girls' hockey team dropped its games last week, losing 6-1 to Plymouth-Canton-Salem and 6-3 to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood.

Both games were on the road. The Knights are 3-7-1-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 3-12-1-1 overall.

With only one league game remaining, the Knights are in a battle with Ann Arbor Skyron, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Grosse Pointe North, Bloomfield Hills and Country Day for one of the final two spots in the Division 1 state playoffs.

The top eight make the D1 tournament.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF FIRST PUBLIC HEARING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT PROGRAM
19617 HARPER AVENUE
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A public hearing is scheduled before the Mayor and City Council on Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council chambers of the Municipal Building, 19617 Harper Avenue for the purpose to:

Consider applying for the 2017 round of CDBG funds for (A) the creation, implementation and administration of a new Housing Rehabilitation project to continue the renovation of owner occupied homes for low and moderate income residents of Harper Woods and (B) to provide an affordable transportation program for disabled and elderly residents of Harper Woods.

The City of Harper Woods is asking for permission to apply to Wayne County for Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$87,912.00 for program year 2017, to be allocated for a Housing Rehabilitation Project, to provide an affordable transportation program for elderly & disabled residents and to administer both Programs.

Qualifying Project

This project would meet the qualifying standards for CDBG as follows:

- Enhance Suitable Living Environment Through Rehabilitations of Existing Owner Occupied Homes: Activities designed to benefit communities, families, or individuals by addressing issues in their dwelling units.
- Create Decent Housing with Improved Availability of decent housing to meet individual family needs through housing rehabilitation activities.
- Enhance Suitable Living Environment through Improved Accessibility of transportation for elderly and disabled individuals & families in their living environment.

The City will comply with all CDBG regulations pertaining to adherence to local building codes.

Proposed Funding Sources

The cost of a Housing Rehabilitation Program for approximately 5 homes is estimated to be \$67,252.68. The cost to provide an affordable transportation service for approximately 480 elderly and/or disabled persons is estimated to be \$11,868.12. The cost to administer both Programs will be \$8,791.20. The total costs of the proposed CDBG programs will be \$87,912.00. The City proposes to use the following funding:

- 2017 CDBG funds for Housing Rehabilitation - \$67,252.68: Activity # 14A
- 2017 CDBG funds for an affordable transportation service - \$11,868.12: Activity 05E
- 2017 Program Administration - \$8,791.20: Activity 21A

Everyone is encouraged to provide input regarding the proposed re-allocation of these CDBG funds.

Please write or call the Office of Economic and Community Development, 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, Michigan 48225. (313) 343-2501.

Leslie M. Frank
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City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council will be considering the following proposed ordinance for a second reading at its meeting scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The proposed ordinance is available for public inspection at the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Council meeting is open to the public. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Second Reading: An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 2, Article IV. Employee Benefits, Division 2. Amending Section 2-294 to Reflect the Current Membership of the Retirement System and to Allow Appointed Officials and Department Directors to Opt Out of Membership in the Retirement System and to Exclude Re-Employed Retirees of the Retirement System From Membership in the Retirement System.

Lisa Kay Hathaway
City Clerk

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Girls basketball

Boys basketball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen crunched

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North girls' basketball team lost 48-35 to Utica Ford in the first round of the Macomb Area Conference Red/White Division Tournament last weekend.

In the other first round games, Cousino beat Stevenson 67-24; Port Huron Northern defeated Utica 64-29, and Eisenhower beat Dakota 61-51. The MAC Red Division teams hosted each game.

The host Norsemen struggled to put points on the board as poor shooting plagued the ladies the entire evening.

"They shot the ball well and we didn't," head coach Gary Bennett said.

Senior Katie Snow made her first appearance after missing a few games due to an ankle injury. It took her a few minutes to shake off the rust, but otherwise her play was solid. She finished with a team-high 10 points.

The pivotal point of the game came early in the third quarter when the Falcons built a 27-18 lead. The Norsemen missed three straight layups, which could have cut the deficit to 27-24.

The Falcons took advantage and controlled the tempo the rest of the game and kept the



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

North sophomore Meghan Gallagher, right, runs a play in the Norsemen's loss to Dakota.

lead above double digits the second half of the third quarter and throughout the fourth.

Sophomore Julia Ayrault scored seven points. Ayrault also scored seven points in North's game earlier in

the week, a 42-30 home loss to Dakota. Sophomore Meghan Gallagher led the team with eight points.

Grosse Pointe North finished 4-6 in the MAC Red Division and is 9-8 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Lost chance

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys' basketball team had a shot to clinch its first outright division title since 2009 if it beat visiting Utica Ford last week.

The Norsemen lost their earlier battle with the Falcons on the road, but this time around they had the home fans cheering them on.

A rough stretch in the third quarter was the key in a 61-52 loss, leaving the Norsemen co-champs with the Falcons. Each finished 8-2 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division, but with the two losses to Ford, North settles for the No. 2 seed in the upcoming MAC

Tournament.

"We didn't shoot the ball well tonight and Ford did and they rebounded better than we did," head coach Ron Kochan said. "They were the better team tonight. It would have been nice to be outright champs, but we still should feel good about being co-champs."

The Norsemen trailed 18-14 after the first quarter and 30-27 at the half. They had the game tied four times in the third quarter before an 8-0 run put the visitors in control the rest of the game.

Senior Dillon Webb had 18 points and six rebounds and junior Sheldon Cage added 10 points.

Grosse Pointe North is 10-5 overall.

Gymnastics

GROSSE POINTE UNITED

Ladies fall to Farmington

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe United gymnastics team dropped a 138.950-135.100 decision to visiting Farmington United last week.

Izzy Nguyen, Elizabeth Byarski and Maggie Bowers led the way for

Grosse Pointe, competing in each of the four events. Nguyen scored a 9.150 on vault, 9.100 on bars, 9.625 on beam and 9.525 on floor for an all-around score of 37.400, while Byarski had an 8.450 on vault, 8.250 on bars, 7.650 on beam and 8.850 on floor for an all-around score of 33.200.

Bowers scored a 7.850 on vault, 7.000 on bars, 8.450 on beam and 8.475 on floor for an all-around score of 31.775.

Amanda Nguyen and Lexi Poulos competed in three events, earning all-around scores of 23.100 and 23.325.

Emma Burney scored 16.700 on two events and

Sydney Dugan had 15.225 on two events.

The girls who competed on the "B" team were Claire Yee, Kiyla Harris, Bella Cameron and Alyssa Micks.

The girls have a week to prepare for the League Meet, hosted by Grosse Pointe United Friday, Feb. 17.

Swimming

NORTH & SOUTH

Decent times at MISCA

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The two Grosse Pointe boys' swimming and diving teams had representatives compete in last weekend's Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association meet at Eastern Michigan University.

North had one swimmer compete, John Cobau in the 200-yard butterfly. He finished 53rd with a time of 56.87.

South had a dozen competitors, led by Matthew Koueiter, who was sixth in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 59.60.

Other Blue Devils in the 100-yard breaststroke were Cam Sanders, 17th with a time of 1:01.00; and Khalib Rahmaan, 36th with a time of 1:02.54.

In the 200-yard freestyle, Thomas Jogan and Nick Vallan finished 25th and 40th with times of 1:47.62 and 1:49.69, and in the 200-yard individual medley, Rahmaan was 37th with a time of 2:06.02.

Cam Francis competed in the 50-yard freestyle and 200-yard butterfly, placing 45th and 18th with times of 22.81 and 54.44, while Koueiter was 28th in the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 55.22.

For the Blue Devils, Michael Currier, 79th,

and Ethan Kinkade, 81st, also swam in the butterfly and had times of 58.72 and 58.85.

They had four in the 100-yard freestyle, with Jogan taking 29th at 49.64, followed by Vallan, 32nd at 49.87, Ethan Briggs, 45th at 50.46, and Sanders, 51st at 50.71.

A.J. Rizer was 44th in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:06.43 and in the 100-yard backstroke, Briggs was 17th with a time of 55.39. Also in the 100-yard freestyle was Currier, who was 52nd at 58.44.

The Blue Devils also had three relay teams compete. The 200-yard medley relay team was 10th with a time of 1:39.92, while the 200-yard freestyle relay was 31st at 1:33.96 and the 400-yard freestyle relay was ninth at 3:17.88.

Earlier in the week, North lost 95-82 to Dakota to finish 2-2 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 5-2 overall.

Winning events were Cobau in the 100-yard butterfly, posting a time of 56.50; Brian Wenz in the 100-yard backstroke,

turning in a time of 1:06.10; Alex Voronenko in the 100-yard breaststroke, posting a time of 1:12.97; and the 400-yard freestyle relay team of Joey Cobau, Brian Veneri, Voronenko and John Cobau, turning in a time of 3:44.19.

South is hosting the MAC Red Division League Meet Feb. 23, through Feb. 25.

North, Romeo, Dakota and Chippewa Valley also compete.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

First quarter dooms South

By Fletcher Sharpe
Special Writer

Despite a late rally by the Blue Devils, Grosse Pointe South boys' basketball team was not able to overcome massive nights from Macomb Dakota's big three of Thomas Kithier, Jermaine Jackson Jr. and Jack Ballentyne in a 79-54 defeat.

With the win, Dakota clinched the Macomb Area Conference Red Division title at 10-0 and South finished third at 5-5.

South was blitzed from the start, ending the first quarter trailing 23-5.

"We played hard. There isn't much differ-

ent we could have done," head coach Troy Glasser said. "We could have double teamed, but they shot very well tonight."

The Blue Devils began to cut into the deficit, led by the sharpshooting of junior guard Julian Harrell, who had 16 points.

"We have to run our stuff in the future," Glasser said. "We seemed too conscious about forcing bad shots. Our better players need to shoot more, and play smarter."

South sophomore Ryan Downey chipped in with 13 points.

Earlier in the week, South lost 63-53 to host Eisenhower to see its record drop to 9-7.

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9 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017
1 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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College signings

LIGGETT



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D1 football

University Liggett senior Tre Caine, center, signed his National Letter of Intent Wednesday, Feb. 1, to play football for head coach Dan Hunt at Colgate University. Joining Caine at his signing were his parents, E'Shaun Caine, and Charles Caine.

Wrestling

NORTH & SOUTH

Trio of medalists

Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South wrestlers competed in a Division 1 individual district tournament at Sterling Heights Stevenson last weekend.

Earning a trip to the regionals were South senior Tyler Thompson, who was fourth in the 130-pound class; North junior Dirk Drieborg, fourth in the 152-pound division; and North senior Wil Moin, fourth in the 160-pound division.

In the team districts earlier in the week, both schools saw their season end.

North tied St. Clair Shores Lake Shore 40-40, but lost on criteria, most first points scored per match.

South also lost a tough one, 42-36, to St. Clair Shores Lakeview.

For South, Steve Weideman and Miles Dearing won by pin to give the host team a 12-3 lead.

Devyn Griffin also won by pin to make it an 18-12 match in favor of the Blue Devils.

It was tied at 24 after Thompson pinned his foe and once again tied at 30 when John Drew earned a pin. Owen Bollaert won

by pin to give the Blue Devils a 36-30 lead with two matches left.

The Huskies were able to get two straight pins to win.

For North, Aaron Rozich won by pin, Drieborg and Raymond Hamilton pinned their foes for 18 points. Terence Clemons won by void, Ryan Duncan won by void and Matt Moores won by void to earn 18 points.

The final four points were earned when Moin won a 14-1 major decision.

—Bob St. John
Sports Editor

GROSSE POINTE NORTH



PHOTO BY KENNEDY WILLIAMS

He is a Cardinal

Grosse Pointe North senior Dillon Webb, seated center, signed his National Letter of Intent to play college football for head coach Jim Collins at Saginaw Valley State University. Joining Webb at his signing were family members, standing from left, brothers Anthony Bevere and Ryan Webb; and parents, seated, Tina and Derek Webb.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH



PHOTO BY KENNEDY WILLIAMS

Collegiate football

Grosse Pointe North senior Jared Jordan, center, signed a letter of intent to play college football at Siena Heights University for head coach Matt Kohn. Joining Jordan at his signing were his parents, Lawrence Jordan, and Kia Jordan.

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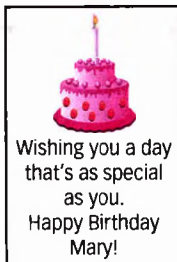
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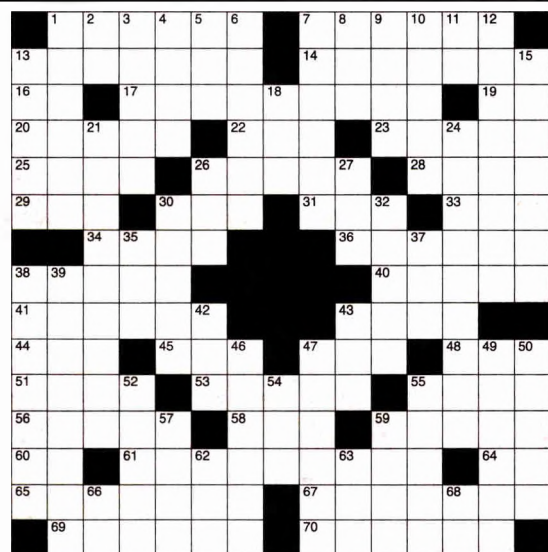
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31. Dash
33. The greatest of all time
34. Middle Eastern country
36. Ravine
38. Cup-like cavity
40. Chemical substances
41. Extremely stupid behavior
43. He built Arantea
44. Beverage beloved by Brits
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48. A bar bill
51. Comedienne Faris
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55. Stores grain
56. In a way, medicated
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10. Type of birch tree
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12. Coated
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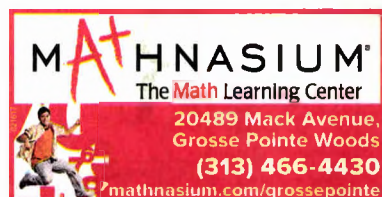
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Breakfast with Rosa Parks Mason first-graders celebrate civil rights activist

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

For Mason Elementary School first-graders, a school-wide focus on kindness, respectfulness and standing up for one's beliefs coincided with their research on courageous heroes during Black History Month. Civil rights icon Rosa Parks, one of several influential figures the children studied, presented a great example of these traits and more.

As it happened, Parks was a first cousin of the grandmother of first-grader Gabrielle Green. Carolyn Green joined Mason's two first-grade classes Monday, Feb. 13, for a "Breakfast with Rosa Parks."

During the visit, students enjoyed Green's account of Parks' birth Feb. 4, 1913, in Tuskegee, Ala.; work as a secretary for the Montgomery chapter of the NAACP and as a seamstress for a local department store; love of reading, sewing and quilting; desire for all children to reach their highest potential and groundbreaking decision Dec. 1, 1955, to defy a bus driver's demand to



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Mason first-graders gathered to hear stories about Rosa Parks from a relative.

relinquish her seat to a Caucasian person and change history.

Green described how Parks, returning from a long day of work, boarded a city bus.

"On this day, she'd had a confrontation with this bus driver once before and she got on the bus and she was just tired," Green said. "She was tired of the way people were treated. So when someone got on the bus, you would have to get up. Well, she refused to get

up. And they called the police and they put her in jail. They got her out of jail and then guess what happened? They started a boycott. It lasted for 381 days.

"After the boycott, after she got out of jail, they passed a law that everybody could ride together and she was the cause of them passing that law, that everyone could get on the bus and didn't have to sit on a special place and could just ride with everyone else."

Green, who lived in Detroit, was 11 when the phone rang. Green took the call. "I was told to wake my dad up, that Rosa Parks was in trouble," she said. "They brought her here and she stayed with us, in our house."

Parks and her mother remained with Green's family until they moved

to their own home in Detroit, later joined by Parks' husband, Raymond Parks.

"She thought all people

See PARKS, page 2D



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Top, Carolyn Green, pictured with her son, Dale Green, tells Mason first-graders stories about her first cousin, Rosa Parks. Left, Green's granddaughter, Gabrielle, reflects on Parks' life. Above, Green sits on the same spot where Rosa Parks sat on the bus.



Beth Rainbolt

School: Richard Elementary School
Years at Richard: 10
Grade/Subject: K-5 reading specialist
Nominated by: Mary MacDonald-Barrett, principal

Principal's quote:

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What do you enjoy most about teaching?

I love that I can focus on one subject area. Reading is a passion and it is fun to be able to share the love of reading with other children at various stages of reading development. I also love to see students from different grade levels throughout the day.

Many of the kindergartners are learning pre-reading skills. First-through third-graders are learning to decode fluently. Most fourth- and fifth-graders are

practicing comprehension skills. The school days are so busy and time flies. Most importantly, the teachers and families at my school are some of the most amazing people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. Establishing life-long relationships makes teaching the best job in the world.

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

It always feels great when former students come back for visits. I love to hear about all of the awesome feats they are accomplishing in life. In class with the younger students, we often practice repeated reading (reading the same passage four times). Sometimes on the first read, a student will sound a little choppy. By the fourth read, a student will often sound perfect. The look of pride displayed after that accomplishment is priceless. Those moments are great.

Name a book or person that has inspired you or your teaching.

I'm inspired by whatever we are reading in class. Right now, that would be "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio, "Children of the Dust Bowl" by Jerry Stanley and various decodable texts with younger children. Sharing literature with a



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small group of students often feels spiritual to me. When a character is going through an emotional time, the classroom gets so quiet that I can almost read with a whisper and we feel so connected to what is happening in the story. During those moments, I know I truly have the best job in the world.

Favorite quote:

This quote is from "The Three Questions," based on the story by Leo Tolstoy and retold by Jon J. Muth. The boy asked the wise tortoise three questions: When is the best time to do things? Who is the most important one? What is the right thing to do? His response is: "Remember then, that there is only one important time and that time is now. The most important one is always the one you are with. And the most important thing is to do good for the one who is standing at your side. For these, my dear boy, are the answers to what is most important in this world."

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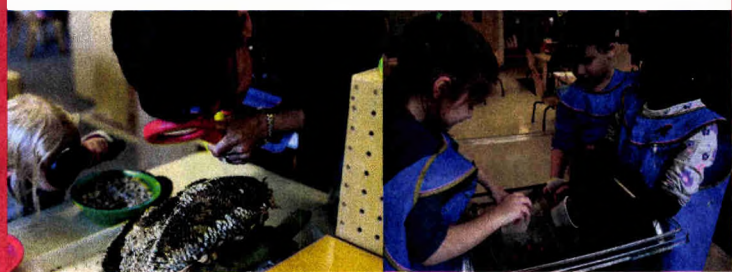
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Serving breakfast to Board of Education members, from left, Ahmed Ismail, Cindy Pangborn, Judy Gafa, Margaret Weertz and Brian Summerfield, are Daniel Allen and Michael Mourad.

Kerby students treat board members to a little kindness

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

January was school board recognition month. Who knew?

Apparently fifth-graders in Jody Randazzo's classroom at Kerby Elementary School did. To celebrate, they invited members of the Grosse

Pointe Public School System Board of Education for breakfast Thursday, Jan. 26. On the menu were pancakes, fresh fruit and whipped yogurt.

Students put together a presentation for their guests after researching the history of the district on their class iPads and

Chromebooks. One of the "fun facts" they learned, according to Christina Fett, was that Samuel M. Brownell, GPPSS superintendent from 1927 to 1938 and Brownell Middle School's namesake, helped pay teachers' rent and utilities during the Great Depression.

They also found quotes on the internet to create placemats for the event, such as "Knowledge will bring you the opportunity to make a difference" and "Teachers who love teaching, teach children to love learning."

Special guests for the morning were Brian Summerfield, president; Margaret Weertz, vice president; Judy Gafa, treasurer; Cindy Pangborn, secretary; and Ahmed Ismail, trustee.

"I've been on the board eight years and I've never been invited to a breakfast on board appreciation (month) so I'm very appreciative," said Gafa. "And the food was delicious."

For Pangborn, the visit was a walk down memory lane. Randazzo's classroom was her fifth-grade classroom as well.

"I always feel like I'm home here," she said.

The breakfast was one of several events the class planned as part of the Great Kindness Challenge Jan. 23 to 27, a week devoted to promoting as many acts of kindness as possible. Schools participated across the district.

The Great Kindness Challenge was started by Kids for Peace, an organization formed to create peace through youth leadership, community service, global friends and "thoughtful acts of kindness," according to its website. Randazzo serves as an ambassador for Kids for Peace, helping promote the challenge and sharing ideas to get students excited. Activities included raising money to build a school in Pakistan.

Randazzo said efforts to promote kindness are year round, with particular emphasis during the Great Kindness Challenge.

"This is the week we focus on (kindness) because of course we want it to be sustainable," she said. "We don't want it to end."

St. Paul forensics team places first

Fifth- and sixth-grade members of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School's forensics team walked out with the grand-prize trophy after a morning of competition Saturday, Feb. 4.

The 5/6 forensics meet was held at St. Anne Catholic School in Warren. Competing were seven area Catholic and private schools, including St. Joan of Arc School in St. Clair Shores and the Grosse Pointe Academy in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Each team may field up to 29 members. Team members compete in their chosen categories, performing a published literary work appropriate to their category before judges. Participants are ranked in three rounds of competition, with awards

given to the top performers.

St. Paul team members, coached by Beth Reilly, held practices throughout the fall to prepare, resulting in 59 individual first- and second-place awards, 14 first- and second-place plaques as well as the first-place trophy.

Winning plaques for overall best scores in their categories were Christian Potts, Joseph Schueneman and Savanna Cardaris in a three-way tie in poetry; Mia Pyenta in drama; Megan Dean, Emily Jaraki, Madelyn Zann, Isabella Kuras and Quinn Gorski in multiple interpretation; George Gardey and Noah Stiery in duo interpretation; and John Moreno in declamation.

— Mary Anne Brush

Pierce students win gold in writing competition

Seventh- and eighth-graders from Pierce Middle School received 59 writing awards from this year's submissions to the Scholastic Art and Writing competition, including six Gold Key awards, 22 Silver Key awards and 31 honorable mention awards. Awards in the regional competition were judged by the Midwest Region At Large-Belin Blank Center for Gifted Education — University of Iowa and included all counties in Michigan, Iowa, Illinois, Ohio and Indiana.

Gold Key winners Lilly Geer, seventh grade, and eighth-graders Bridget Clark, Katie Maraldo, Eva McCord, Shea Vatalaro and Jacquelyn Wang will have their writings sent to the next round of judging in New

York City, where the national winners will be announced March 14. National gold and silver medalists are invited to attend the exhibit in New York and award ceremony at Carnegie Hall in May.

Ryan Trombly of Grosse Pointe South High School also was a Gold Key winner.

The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards have been awarded since 1923 to creative students around the country. Alumni winners and judges include Andy Warhol, Sylvia Plath, John Updike, Stephen King, Zac Posen, Alan Arkin, Robert Redford, Joyce Carol Oates, Ken Burns, John Lithgow, Joyce Maynard and Garrison Keillor.

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The Board of Education of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, Wayne County, Michigan, will receive sealed bids to replace the hydraulic thrust stage equipment in the Performing Arts Center with a mechanized stage lift at Grosse Pointe North High School. The work generally consists of:

- Removal of existing hydraulic lift equipment including orchestra pit wood flooring system.
- Infill and cap the floor openings at the removed pistons and stabilizing bars.
- Install new mechanized stage lift with electronic controls.
- Installation of a new hardwood flooring system at the orchestra pit with power and AV boxes.

Specifications and bid forms will be available to General Contractors Monday, February 13, 2017 at Engineering Reproduction, Inc. for review and purchase. The office is located at 13550 Conant Ave., Detroit, MI 48212. Telephone: 313-366-3390. Contractor must purchase a full set of documents (PDF or hard copy), including drawings and specifications (i.e. no partial sets).

Bid documents are also available for examination (no purchase) at the following locations:

- Ehresman Associates, Inc.
- Construction Association of Michigan (CAM)
- McGraw-Hill Dodge
- REED Construction Data
- Construction Data Company

A **MANDATORY pre-bid** meeting will be held on **Friday, February 24, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.** at the Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236. Park in the parking lot off of Morningside Drive and meet in the scene shop behind the Performing Arts Center. General Contractors intending on submitting a bid to the Grosse Pointe Public School System must have a representative in attendance at this meeting (signed in) or their bid will be rejected by the Board of Education.

Sealed bids will be due **Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Administration Building of the Grosse Pointe Board of Education, 389 St. Clair Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI, 48230, in the Support Services Office at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud.

The School Board will not consider, accept, or open a bid received after the date and time specified for bid submission in this advertisement for bid.

The bids shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the board of the superintendent of the school district. The board will not accept a bid that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

The bids shall be also be accompanied by a sworn and notarized Iran Economic Sanctions Certification. The board will not accept a bid that does not include this sworn and notarized certification.

The owner reserves the unconditional right to waive any informality or irregularity, reject any or all proposals, or to accept proposals which in the judgment of the owner will serve its best interests, and to make in its judgment a determination as to the adequacy of the contractor's qualifications, experience, and capability.

This project will not be funded by federal or state monies.

Please direct questions to Richard VanGorder, Manager of Buildings and Grounds at 313-432-3082.

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should be treated the same, so that's why she decided to do what she did," Green said.

Green remained Parks' primary family contact

and was with her in 2005 when she died. She served as an adviser in the making of the 2002 Oscar-nominated documentary, "Mighty Times: The Legacy of Rosa Parks," and is featured in a new documentary, "My Life With Rosa."

Students prepared for Green's visit by reading stories about Parks and talking "in kid-friendly terms about her being brave and courageous," first-grade teacher Kari Krausmann said. "We talked about empathetic feelings if you looked different or were treated differently." They discussed how Parks was respectful and peaceful, even when she was arrested.

"She never was angry or used harsh terms or tones," Krausmann said. She also explained the concept of boycotting.

Parks, who is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit, won many awards, including the NAACP's 1979 Spingarn Medal, the Presidential Medal of Freedom and the Congressional Gold Medal — the highest American civilian award. There is a statue in her memory in the U.S. Capitol's National Statuary Hall and she was the first woman to lie in honor at the Capitol Rotunda.

"To us, she was just Rosie," Green said.

Paying it forward: One good deed deserves another

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

The unveiling of a new buddy bench, a gift from Trombly Elementary School to Poupard Elementary School, took place Friday, Feb. 10. The gift was a surprise to Poupard students, summoned for an impromptu assembly in the gym where visitors from Trombly awaited them.

Trombly Principal Walt Fitzpatrick led the presentation by describing the school's third-grade Be Kind Club. Club representatives followed to describe activities they participated in to spread kindness in their school and community and serve as ambassadors to other students.

One activity was to raise money to purchase a buddy bench for the playground.

"We decided it was important to get a buddy bench at Trombly because we didn't want anyone left out of games or not be having fun at recess," said Madeline Hexter.

"We wanted to spread

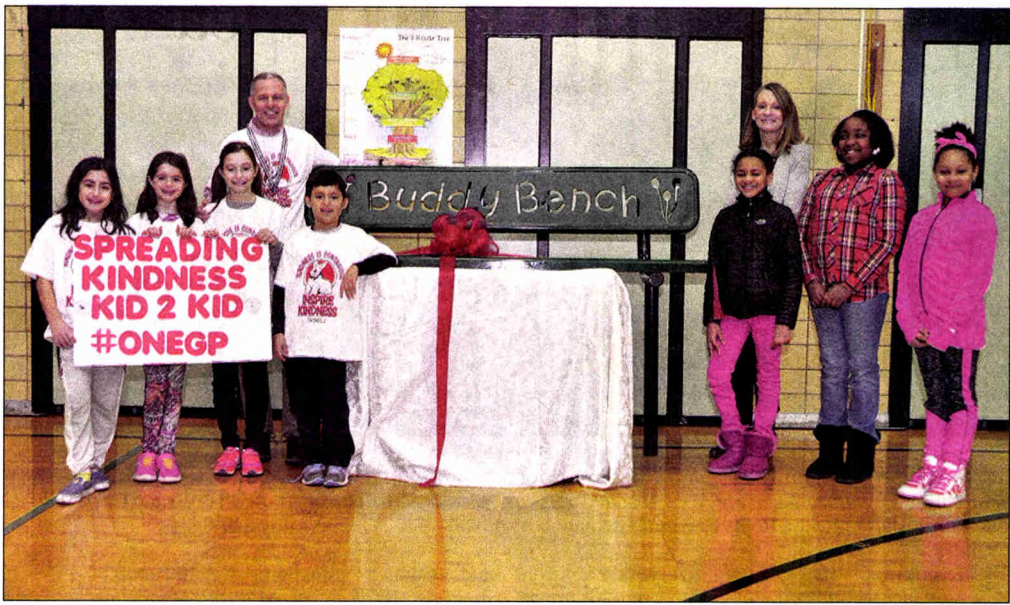


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Pictured by Poupard's new buddy bench are, from left, Trombly Be Kind Club members Ruby Lenhard, Madeline Hexter, Andia Nazarko and Anthony Kaminski, with Trombly Principal Walt Fitzpatrick behind them; and Poupard student lighthouse leaders Asia Slappy, Paris Jackson and Olivia Snead, with Poupard Principal Penny Stocks behind them.

kindness kid to kid," said Andia Nazarka.

When they discovered money was left over, they decided to buy a bench for Poupard after discovered the school did not have its own bench for its playground.

"We are giving you a buddy bench that will be placed on your playground so no one has to be on the playground by themselves. This is our gift to you from Trombly to Poupard," said Fitzpatrick after the unveiling.

"The buddy bench has been my dream for a long, long time," said Poupard Principal Penny Stocks, adding it was difficult to keep the surprise from the students.

She concluded her remarks by proposing an

idea to the students.

"How about if we have a fundraiser in our school and figure out if we can kind of like pay it forward? What do you think about paying it forward to another school?"

She suggested students

meet in their student leadership teams — known as lighthouse teams — to discuss ideas and decide on a school to be the beneficiary of their kindness.

Dona Johnson-Beach, whom Fitzpatrick credited with working with the students on forming the club, coordinating activities and raising money, told the Grosse Pointe News she was unaware Stocks planned to pay the kindness forward.

"I think it's an awesome idea," she said.

Fitzpatrick said he was proud of his students for starting a concept that may gain momentum throughout the district.

"(The students) did all the work," he said. "They deserve all the credit. They made a presentation to the PTO and to the Grosse Pointe Foundation (for Public Education). They come in early on Fridays to meet parents and collect the cans."

"They're not going to remember when they learned to multiply and divide, but they will remember this," he continued.

Be Mine

Monteith students send valentine grams

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Who doesn't love a valentine? Monteith students had the opportunity to send a message of love through a valentine gram the week of Feb. 6 to 10. The student council sold valentine grams for 50 cents at lunchtime. Each included a short note and lollipop.

Student council representatives delivered the valentine grams to their recipients in the classrooms.

The students raised more than \$1,000, according to student council adviser Elizabeth Wang. Proceeds were used to purchase 252 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies for Monteith's Girl Scout troops. The cookies will be shipped to those aboard the U.S.S. Detroit and delivered to Selfridge Air National Guard base to be shipped overseas to troops.

"It was a lot of hard work from our student council," Wang said. "They advertised it on morning announcements, made posters and decorated the school to promote the sales. Student council members gave up recess time to sell the grams, sort the grams, help count the money It came from the kids; they wanted to do it."

Parents and grandparents also helped, she said.

In planning the project, students thought about what would have the biggest impact, Wang said, describing it as "a win-win-win. It helped kids at Monteith feel good. It helped our Monteith Girl Scouts. And most important, it helped our troops. It showed our appreciation and gratitude for what they do."

"It was very successful and we feel really good that we can send (the cookies) to the troops and brighten their day," she continued.



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Above, from left, first-grader Ben Delind, fifth-grader Lynn Dennis and first-grader Jason Cato fill out their candy grams.



Third-graders Madeline Stroble and Lauren Kaled sort candy grams in room-specific bins for teachers to distribute to students.



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Pictured, from left, are Charlie Wade, Jack Green, Oscar DeLuca and Lindsay Darke.

Academy chess team competes in states

Grosse Pointe Academy competed in the Michigan Chess Association State Championship at Baker College in Auburn Hills Saturday, Feb. 4. Placing fifth in the K-3 division

was the team of Lindsay Darke, Oscar DeLuca, Jack Green and Charlie Wade. Darke received an individual silver medal for winning four of her five matches.

Another team made up

of Charlie Tourangeau, Dane Willson, Luke Brennan and Jennie Jerome competed in the K-3 division, but did not place.

The team is coached by All the Kings Men in was the team of Lindsay Darke, Oscar DeLuca, Jack Green and Charlie Wade. Darke received an individual silver medal for winning four of her five matches.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Review of the City of Harper Woods will be holding public meetings at 19617 Harper Avenue on Monday, March 13, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and on Monday, March 27, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to consider appeals on property assessment and exemptions. Property owners may obtain a Petition to the Board of Review in the Assessor's office or on line at www.harperwoodscity.org.

Residents who are unable to attend this meeting may submit their appeal by letter to the Assessor's office at 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225 on or before March 27, 2017 until 3:00 p.m. No postmarks are accepted. For information please call 313.343.2500.

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