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2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

An active year in the Farms

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Residents experienced an active year in the Farms in 2017. They elected Louis Theros in the first contested Farms mayoral election since 2003. Residents objecting to a long-standing lawn-sign ordinance spoke up

before a committed city attorney and engaged city council who went to work drafting and approving an ordinance amendment consistent with the constitutional right to free speech. Residents impacted by 2011 storm flooding gained closure when the city agreed to settle a lawsuit for \$4 million.

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2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

2017 brings change to Woods

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — An active city management and city council spurred change in the community by initiating new procedures for charitable candy sales, rubbish pick-up and park passes; the public safety department made 911 smarter and Woods leadership continued to work toward improvements with early planning for a 2018 ballot proposal to establish a Public Safety Authority, an incorporated “taxing entity” to levy financing for city services. Following are other

events from 2017:

January

- ◆ Two men are arrested and charged with felonious firearm counts following an incident involving a paintball rifle near Grosse Pointe North High School and Mason Elementary School.
- ◆ Former Woods public safety officer James DaDeppo requests a jury trial on stalking charges.

February

- ◆ City council approves selling the Woods trolley.
- ◆ During a committee

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55 S. Deeplands is at the root of a lawsuit regarding its development.

Residents file lawsuit against Deeplands developer

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Residents in the Deeplands neighborhood are taking matters into their own hands, filing a lawsuit against the developer of 55 S. Deeplands. The 16 neighbors claim Deeplands Development Co.’s proposed development is in violation of subdivision restrictions put onto the property by the original owners, the Stackpoles and Sheldens.

Deeplands Development Co. proposes to create a new road and 18 new houses in the 7.83-acre lot, the last remaining property from the Stackpoles. That proposal was denied by the Grosse Pointe Shores Zoning Board of Appeals in August, but DDC currently is appealing the decision at the county level. According to the suit filed by the residents Friday, Dec. 15, in Wayne County Circuit Court, when the Stackpoles and

Sheldens split their property for development in the 1950s they placed restrictions on size and use. Neighbors claim those restrictions apply to the property retained by the original owners and should be enforced. “We do not see any legal merit in the lawsuit recently filed by our neighbors,” defense attorney William Gilbride wrote in an email. “In the main, the neighbors assert an arcane legal theory known as a negative reciprocal easement.

A negative reciprocal easement is a promise implied by law that when a person sells a parcel of property and places restrictions on the use, those same restrictions will be imposed upon the property retained. In this case, the Deeplands’ acreage commonly known as 55 S. Deeplands is the remaining land. The neighbors are demanding that the deed restrictions applicable to their lots be applied to the

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The Hill business district can absorb more retail, according to the 2016 “Retail & Restaurant Market Analysis,” published by Birmingham-based Gibbs Planning Group.



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The Hill underserved in retail

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Pointers who grew up shopping on The Hill in the 20th century have witnessed the district become less Fifth Avenue and more Wall Street. A Grosse Pointe moviegoer in 1930 or child celebrating with a birthday party matinee in 1950 would not have predicted the end of the Punch and Judy Theater in 1984 and its repurposing for office space in 1987. Nor would — from 1971 until recently — a Grosse Pointe bride imagine not visiting The

Hill to register at The League Shop. The Hill can absorb more retail, according to the 2016 “Retail & Restaurant Market Analysis,” published by Birmingham-based Gibbs Planning Group. The study concludes the district’s trade area is underserved in the leading retailer categories of restaurants, grocery, pharmacy, apparel, jewelry and shoes. “The Hill has always been a major retail destination,” said Hill Association President Dan LaLonde, owner of LaLonde Jewelers at 91 Kercheval. “But there are now a lot of financial

businesses on The Hill and less retail.” “I would like to see the sidewalks on The Hill packed with shoppers just like when I was a kid,” said Gretchen Valade, owner of several destinations on The Hill, including Capricious, Morning Glory Coffee & Pastries and Dirty Dog Jazz Café. Jenny Boettcher, president of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, located on The Hill, said the study points to The Hill increasing “retail and restaurant development, which will

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A new location

Design Du Jour celebrated its opening Dec. 14, with an open house and sip-and-shop in its new location in Grosse Pointe Park, 15001 Kercheval. Design Du Jour is a functional showroom that operates as a retail space and full-service design studio. Call (313) 821-4526. The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce staged a ribbon cutting at the event. Pictured from left are Linda Reid, chamber director of membership; Barb Detwiler, Grosse Pointe Park councilwoman; Bob Denner, Grosse Pointe Park mayor; Sam Sobh, owner; Aaron Jacobs, designer; and Jennifer Boettcher, chamber president.



PHOTO BY ANTHONY VIOLA

Police nab package poachers

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

Two would-be grinchers were arrested approximately 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, after fleeing from police and causing a four-car accident at Mack and Cadieux. Farms officers were dispatched to Walgreens at Mack and Moross 1:17 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, following a report from a resident trailing two men in a light blue Buick Century. The caller, who lives on Chalfonte, said he witnessed the men taking packages from his neighbors' homes. When police arrived, the suspects fled westbound on East Warren. While in pursuit, the officers received a report of a multi-car accident at the intersec-

tion of Mack and Cadieux including a vehicle matching the description of the vehicle the suspects were driving. Witnesses of the accident told police two black males ran from the vehicle after causing the accident. Park police arrived quickly and apprehended the suspects, who fled south into Grosse Pointe Park. One of the suspects — a 23-year-old Clinton Township man — was detained in the Mack alley. Park officers said the suspect had residue of a deployed air-bag on him. The other suspect — a 26-year-old Detroit man — also was apprehended and arrested in the Park after a short foot chase. Items described as stolen from Farms residents were found in the vehicle.

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Deeplands' parcel." Among other things, the restrictions require a minimum 100-foot frontage on South Deeplands for new developments,

the plaintiffs claim. The DDC proposal breaches the restrictions as it places only four residential lots and a small park on South Deeplands, an approximate 650 foot span, and 14 lots on a new road that would cut through the property. The

hangup is the new road, according to the suit. Any new developments must be on South Deeplands, as that was the existing road when the restrictions were put in place and is named specifically in them. Neighbors also claim

the new development will cause irreparable harm to the neighborhood. According to the suit, it would add at least 36 or more residents and potentially 50 more vehicles; alter the character of the neighborhood from "stately single-family

homes" to a traffic-congested and densely populated area; increase the burden on the sanitary and storm sewers and water lines and decrease property values. Neighbors are asking for an injunction on DDC's proposed develop-

ment until it becomes compliant with the subdivision restrictions. A status conference is scheduled March 16, 2018. Attorneys for the plaintiffs could not be reached for comment by press time.

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generate thousands if not millions in new sales." Identifying The Hill as "a true city center," the

study assumes the district not fully benefitting from a captive consumer market with proximity of I-94, Mack Avenue and Jefferson/Lakeshore; a favorable trade-area density; and a desirable

demographic of stable, higher-than-average household income. The study assumes the primary trade area as north to 11 Mile Road, south to the Detroit River, east to Lake St. Clair and west to

Beaconsfield/E. Grand Boulevard — 151,600 persons in 2016 — and predicts household income growth in the primary trade area to support an increase in total captured sales to \$16.4 million by 2021, which could support the opening of 20 to 30 new restaurants and stores. "The big takeaway from the report," said Grosse Pointe Farms City Manager Shane Reeside, "is that the Grosse Pointes are a strong area for retail, office and restaurant uses." LaLonde, who has been in the jewelry retail business more than 40 years, said there's a stigma that The Hill is expensive. "When I talk to people and say that my store is in Grosse Pointe Farms on The Hill, they say, 'Oh, your jewelry is probably real expensive.' That's just what they assume," he said. Grosse Pointe commercial real estate professional John De Wald said

The Hill attracts a niche from Grosse Pointe and doesn't strongly pull from the market outside the Pointes. "It has the image of being more affluent," he said. "It's evolved over the years to be more of a prestigious location in Grosse Pointe. As a result we've found that the financial firms and high-end boutiques want to be there." The trade area of Grosse Pointe Farms proper included 9,400 residents in 2016, declining to 9,350 in 2021, the study predicts. In this demographic, 71 percent of adults older than 25 have a bachelor's degree or higher, the study reports, and average household income is high relative to the rest of the primary trade area — \$153,300 in 2016. The study recommends more corner and convenience stores on The Hill and in Grosse Pointe Farms. "I've had a hard time with people outside Grosse Pointe not understanding this market," LaLonde said. "The Grosse Pointe market and Grosse Pointe market trends are unique compared to the rest of the economy. And sometimes outsiders don't get a full grasp of it. "(Corner and convenience stores) won't make it," he continued. "The rents are too high. The land is too expensive. Unless these people can own their own grocery store and pay themselves rent, they won't make it." "Our rents in Grosse Pointe have always been comparably less than other affluent areas, but The Hill has been the highest in Grosse Pointe," said De Wald. Introducing an ordinance encouraging retail growth — such as The Village's designation of first-level space for retail only — Reeside said has been discussed over the



PHOTO BY MELISSA WALSH

Capricious is in the process of expanding on The Hill.

years, but deemed too difficult to support given the current mix, which is "pretty stable with a high occupancy rate." But the city may be able to support the area with improved internet availability. Reliable online service is critical for retail today, LaLonde said, noting issues with the district's internet service with infrastructure work. Without internet service, restaurants can't take reservations and retailers can't take online sales, he said. "The computer age is here," he said. "And a lot of the businesses here are old-school businesses and they're conforming to the new trends." LaLonde said The Hill Association's website — thehillgp.com — is undergoing an overhaul to increase online interaction between businesses and their markets. Boettcher said the chamber offers services as a community marketing resource and promotes businesses and events on The Hill with its social media outlets. "Grosse Pointe has the customers," said Valade. "We just need the stores."

This is one in a series looking at the Gibbs Planning Group report, "Retail & Restaurant Market Analysis," for the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.



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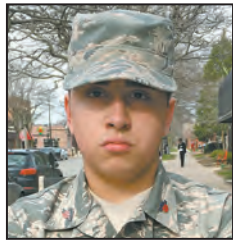
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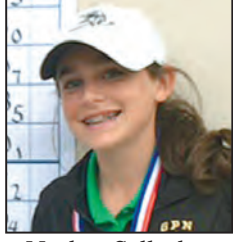
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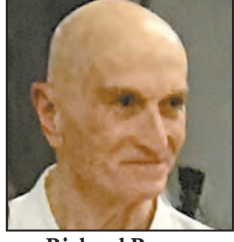
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Some children made Christmas cards for Park officers, including, from left, Lt. Colin Connaire, PSO Ryan Willmer, PSO Tom Taylor, PSO Dan Kolar and PSO Scott Gilchrist.



Members of the Nahas, Williams and Jakubowski families stand with Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety officers Tom Taylor, Lt. Colin Connaire and Tom Card.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Special delivery

Grosse Pointe Park resident Beth Kurta was inspired by Grosse Pointe Farms resident Tim Brandon, who has been cooking Thanksgiving dinner for Grosse Pointe Farms public safety officers since 2003. “We live in such a supportive community,” Kurta said, “that I knew we could easily pull it together to show our public safety officers how much we appreciate them and their sacrifices.” This is the second year Kurta organized other Park residents to bring meals to Park PSOs on duty Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day. “There are about 40 people all together who make sure that each of the four shifts are fed during the holidays,” Kurta said. Local families also brought meals to Grosse Pointe Woods officers Christmas Day.

City of Grosse Pointe

A rash of identity thefts

A number of identity theft reports were filed last week. Four separate residents filed reports between Monday, Dec. 18, and Friday, Dec. 22, claiming people were filing for unemployment benefits using their personal information.

Phone threats

Employees at a business in the 400 block of Cadieux said they received threatening phone calls during the last month. The employees contacted the suspect to remind him he had missed an appointment late November. When the suspect called back he said he thought the appointment was for late December, used vulgar language and made implied threats to employees. According to employees, the suspect said he was ex-military and had guns. He also said he would come in to “deal” with the receptionist and stated, “They call me the coffin maker.”

Neighborly dispute

A fence was damaged 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, in the 800 block of St. Clair. A resident heard a noise outside and went to investigate, only to discover two bolts and a bracket on their fence were damaged. The resident said she didn’t see who did it, but believed it was the neighbor as the fence has been a point of contention. — Anthony Viola Report information about these and other crimes to City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety, (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Shores

I know nothing

While on patrol Monday, Dec. 18, in the 100 block of Briarcliff police observed a parked vehicle with expired registration. When the officer ran the plate through LEIN/SOS, it was discovered the plate was marked stolen. Officers asked roofers working on an adjacent property if they knew whose vehicle it was. They denied any knowledge. When the car was searched, a Social Security card and a jar of marijuana were discovered. The Social Security card was subsequently linked to one of the roofers after investigation and questioning.

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However, because the man was not seen driving the vehicle, no arrest was made. The car was towed, the plate confiscated.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Computer stolen

A Microsoft service computer, valued at \$500, was stolen from an unlocked vehicle between Saturday, Dec. 23, and Sunday, Dec. 24, in the 500 block of Lakepointe.

Hit and run

A Park resident was ticketed for leaving the scene of an accident 11 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23. While on patrol, an officer observed a freshly damaged vehicle. The officer investigated, located and identified the driver. She admitted leaving the scene. — Anthony Viola Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety, (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Stun gun, no driver’s license

Patrolling officers pulled over a 60-year-old Detroit woman on Fisher near Mack for driving after dark without headlights 8:40 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20. The driver provided a Texas state identification card, but no driver’s

license. The driver — a track coach — had in the passenger seat a teenage female student, who was driven home when the driver was arrested for driving while never having acquired a driver’s license. An officer searching the vehicle found a stun gun in the front passenger door pocket. When questioned about the gun, the woman said it was a gift from a friend because her ex-boyfriend is abusive.

Drunken driving

Patrolling officers pulled over a 28-year-old driver from Warren at 1:47 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, for driving 51 miles per hour on Mack. An officer observed bloodshot eyes and noticed the odor of alcohol on the driver, who said he had left a bar after having a few beers. A preliminary breath test showed an .18 percent blood alcohol content. The driver was arrested for his second offense of operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Stealing Christmas

◆ A package of cosmetics valued at \$50 was taken from a home in the 700 block of Briarcliff between 1 and 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20. ◆ An Amazon package was taken from a home in the 1000 block of Canterbury between 2:09

and 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20.

Car theft

Officers responded to the report of the theft of a 2017 Dodge Challenger from a driveway in the 19000 block of Raymond, between 3 and 8 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 19. Broken tempered glass was found in the driveway.

Drunken driving

◆ Patrolling officers pulled over a driver for a defective headlight 12:13 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, and noticed the 48-year-old man smelled of alcohol and had bloodshot eyes. When a preliminary breath test showed a .165 percent blood alcohol content, police arrested him for operating a vehicle while intoxicated and for having 24 active driving suspensions. Found in the vehicle were an open bottle of tequila and a plastic cup with alcohol in a cup holder. ◆ When patrolling officers observed a minivan disregarding “No Turn on Red” signs at Mack and Vernier, they pulled over the driver. During the traffic stop, an officer detected the odor of alcohol from the 50-year-old man. He was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated after showing a .146 percent blood alcohol content following a preliminary breath test administered at the scene.

Broken windows

Police responded to a report Friday, Dec. 22, by

a maintenance worker at the Grosse Pointe Equestrian Center who said two of the center’s windows were broken and doors left unlocked from noon the previous day to the time of the report.

He said he boarded a window he found broken Thursday. When he arrived to the center Friday, he discovered another broken window. He also said a case of beer was taken from the kitchen.

Committed

◆ Police took a 20-year-old Woods man to St. John Hospital & Medical Center for mental health treatment approximately 11 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 24, following his strange behavior. A woman reported while driving eastbound on Blairmoor Court she spotted a man standing in the middle of the road. As she moved her car around the man, he leaped on top of the hood of the car, then jumped off. From the driver’s description, officers located the suspect speaking with a man — the father of the suspect’s girlfriend — in a driveway in the 1600 block of

Blairmoor. Shortly after, the suspect’s father arrived at the scene. The suspect appeared mentally unstable, according to officers, who took him to the hospital for care.

◆ Police responded to a complaint at 7:16 p.m. Monday, Dec. 25, from a woman requesting her sister be removed from her home.

When officers arrived at the home in the 19000 block of East Kings Court, the sister of the resident, 25, locked herself in a bathroom. When the resident convinced her sister to step out of the bathroom, officers arrested her for two active bench warrants — possession of cocaine and damaged property.

In the patrol car, the suspect repeatedly slammed her head on the prisoner partition. She also moved her seatbelt around her neck, attempting to choke herself. When the officers pulled over to remove the seatbelt from around the suspect’s neck, she spit at them and vocalized threats.

The officers took the suspect to St. John Hospital & Medical Center for mental health treatment.

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OUR VIEW

2018 wishlist

As one year is ending and a new one beginning, it is a good time to reflect. 2017 was a pretty good year for the Grosse Pointes. Home prices continued to rise, and homes sold quickly. Hopefully, spring will see more houses going on the market and new, young families moving in.

An influx of families would be a great thing for all the Pointes in that more children means more students and more funds and efficiency for our schools. Young families also ensure that Grosse Pointe will remain, for another generation, at least, a great place to live and raise a family.

Our 2017 graduates found easy acceptance to the best colleges and universities. While we have had our struggles financially, they do not appear to be affecting the caliber of students we matriculate — yet. Balancing the budget, more efficient use of buildings and staff and continuing to provide top educational value to our students and parents will continue to be a difficult task for the school board and administration in 2018.

Speaking of school finance, the Grosse Pointe board of education will go before voters November 2018, seeking approval of a 1.5-mill, \$111 million Critical Needs Bond. If approved, the funds will be used for maintenance of our aging buildings. Some of the biggest ticket items will be heating and air conditioning. Every building in the district will get “touched” in the process.

Meanwhile, the school board and administration will continue to eye the district’s building usage and needs. Will school buildings be closed five years hence? No one knows at this point, but the administration building at 389 St. Clair would be a good bet.

Elworthy Field, while not a school building, is district property and could easily be sold off to a developer, perhaps for a hotel near The Village commercial district.

Speaking of hotels, we would like to see a hotel in Grosse Pointe’s future — perhaps two hotels. One hotel centrally located in the Pointes would be ideal. We also suggest a hotel near St. John Hospital & Medical Center at Mack and Moross would be a benefit not just to the hospital but also to Pointers.

Speaking of Mack and Moross, we hope Grosse Pointe Farms officials will watch closely as Grosse Pointe begins building its new public safety building at Mack and St. Clair. We maintain that such a move would be good for the Farms Public Safety Department, as well as the court and municipal offices.

We also are pleased to see the Grosse Pointe Department of Public Works moving to a more appropriate location across Mack in Detroit. The zoned commercial property is more suited for garbage trucks, equipment and a DPW yard than the current location on Maumee at Neff surrounded by homes and condominiums. We also are excited to explore uses of the former DPW site.

Lastly, we would like to see the economy continue to improve in 2018 and our commercial districts continue to enjoy near 100 percent occupancy.

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OUR VIEW

Hotel idea under review

Our sympathy goes to Curt Pedersen, of Pedersen Development Co., who came before the Grosse Pointe City Council last week seeking direction.

Who could blame him? The hotel idea — not even a proposal at this point — has been the subject of scorn and misinformation and, perhaps, cost a longtime mayor his seat.

In the meantime, Mr. Pedersen has been twisting in the wind, not knowing which way to go. Wisely, he stopped actively working on a proposal when he picked up on the negativity of the November election.

Originally planned for parking Lot 3 between the Neighborhood Club and Kercheval, the hotel is now moved to Lot 2 between St. Clair and Notre Dame. Currently, Mr. Pedersen is talking about a five-story, 105-room Cambria hotel with 2,500 feet of retail space and a 193-space parking deck. This is hardly what one would call a “behemoth hotel,” though that was its epithet during the election cycle and still is today.

One resident speaking at last week’s council meeting decried, “We don’t want a ‘Choice’ hotel,” practically spitting out the word in disgust. True, Cambria hotels & suites is part of Choice Hotels, but its properties are not your typical Comfort, Clarion, Quality or Econo Lodge.

Cambria hotels & suites are upscale, modern and stylish. Rather than cookie-cutter, each property is custom designed to fit the site and the surrounding community. The only things common to

all Cambria properties, besides the quality and atmosphere, are the amenities — business centers and a full bar and bistro dining. Cambria hotels & suites can be found in some 21 states and the District of Columbia. The Traverse City hotel includes designer-grade fixtures and furnishings and is bright and modern.

This is not meant to be a plug or advertisement for Cambria hotels & suites, but rather an example of the misrepresentations being made about Mr. Pedersen’s proposed proposal. Using the derogatory “Choice” hotel label is a deliberate attempt to torpedo the hotel idea entirely.

Wisely, the mayor and council decided to keep the hotel trial balloon in the air another four months while a small committee of stakeholders decides the minimum parameters of an acceptable hotel for The Village and whether it is even worth proceeding further.

Recognizing the hours — and expense — Mr. Pedersen has put into the hotel project, the council extended his “preferred developer” status past Dec. 31 when it was due to expire.

While we, too, acknowledge Mr. Pedersen’s work and out-of-pocket, we wonder if we are even within the same realm as originally called for when the city went out for RFPs (request for proposals). Not in anyway diminishing what Mr. Pedersen and company have done, we wonder — after the ad hoc committee reports back in April — if the city should seek new RFPs.

Just a thought.

LETTERS

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True heroes

To the Editor:

We would like to take an opportunity to express how wonderful it is being business owners in a community like Grosse Pointe. On our busiest weekend of the year (Dec. 14 to 16) our furnace went out. At a whopping 54 degrees in our dining room, we were convinced that our sales for the weekend were going to be ruined.

It was a cold Thursday morning as we stood at the doorway of our diner and greeted each customer with a “I’m sorry it’s only 54 degrees inside. You’re welcome to stay. We’re going to remain open, but I understand if you’d like to take a carryout or perhaps come back another time.” This went on from Thursday to Saturday at 11 a.m., and can we tell you, much to our sur-

prise and joy and humbleness, not one person left. Our customers came in, sat down, kept their coats on, huddled together. They made jokes about it. They comforted me and we comforted them.

Then, at 11 a.m. Saturday morning when our furnace repairmen finished the job and came in to the diner to get their complimentary breakfast, we broke out in a cheer. They were definitely the heroes of the day.

But in our opinion, the real heroes are our loyal customers in the community of Grosse Pointe. We have been small business owners in the Pointes since 1992, and we can tell you we have never experienced such a loyal community.

Our philosophy is, “If you take care of them, they will take care of

you,” and nothing rang more true than when on the coldest weekend of the year, our furnace broke.

MEGHAN JOSEPOSKY
AND SHEILA TAYLOR
SideStreet Diner

Gun debate continued

To the Editor:

I wish to comment upon the worthwhile debate that has occurred in these pages over the past few weeks concerning possession and use by American citizens of handguns.

Margaret Potter wrote that she is strongly in favor of making handguns widely available, because “good guys with guns” will rescue innocent citizens from evildoers. Thus, the proliferation of guns in America to more than 300 million is a good thing.

John P. Jacobs effectively rebuts this position, pointing out that gun violence has taken more lives since 1968 than the combat deaths toll for our country during those years.

In my opinion, Mr. Jacobs has by far the better argument and wins the debate hands-down. I wish to add the following support for his position:

1) Some very eminent legal scholars argue

that the case authorizing personal possession and use of handguns was wrongly decided by the U.S. Supreme Court. It is possible that the Court could reverse that case and affirm the contrary law, which existed from 1789 to 1995.

2) The National Rifle Association, which has 5 million American members, often is called the most powerful lobbyist in Washington, D.C. Many feel that the NRA’s positions have done grievous harm by blocking reasonable gun restrictions, like background checks. If Congress had any intestinal fortitude (which it doesn’t), it would stand up to the NRA.

3) While respecting her free speech rights, I think Ms. Potter should understand there are not as many “good men with guns” as she avers. In fact, most of us humans are fallible, especially in life-or-death situations.

All in all, America would be better off with far fewer guns and I hope this discussion will continue in future issues.

WILLIAM D.
HODGMAN
Grosse Pointe Park

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I SAY By Melissa Walsh

The literature of civic life



With newspaper subscriptions on the rise, I'm hopeful the most irritating phrase of 2017 — "fake news" — will fade from public discourse in 2018. The phrase originated with a politician who called freedom of the press "disgusting" and admitted he hates journalists. Sad. The press is sacred to liberty. America's founders knew democracy and journalistic freedom rise and fall together. They knew, and we know today, despotic leaders that suppress freedom

begin by suppressing journalism. Why? Because journalism flows from citizens and is owned by citizens. In their book, "The Elements of Journalism," Bill Kovach and Tom Rosentiel call news "the literature of civic life." The book outlines 10 news elements, the first two laying the foundation for the rest: 1) Journalism's first obligation is to the truth; 2) Journalism's first loyalty is to citizens. Anticipating the Jan. 12 release of "The Post," I dove into 1971 news archives for coverage of the historic battle between journalists and the government over the publication of the Pentagon Papers. I read the laying out and building up of facts in context of the unfolding events. I read argu-

ments favoring the right to publish the papers and arguments supporting the government's efforts to suppress publication. I read the assenting and dissenting opinions of U.S. Supreme Court justices on the ruling granting the freedom of speech clause in the First Amendment exists for the governed, not for those governing. This ruling is rooted in the cause of America. The founders waged revolution because they believed reason would govern a nation much better than the rule of aristocracy. Thomas Paine — the pamphleteer and political theorist who coined the phrase "United States of America" and proposed American independence from Great Britain in the most widely circulated writing in American history,

"Common Sense" — viewed the press as society's "tongue to the eye." "A man does not ask liberty beforehand to say something he has a mind to say but he becomes answerable afterwards for the atrocities he may utter," Paine wrote in the 1806 essay, "Liberty of the Press." Paine, and the founders, understood the distinction of the right of free speech and the responsibility of a free press, believing an enlightened citizenry will demand journalistic truth. "Reason obeys itself; and ignorance submits to whatever is dictated to it," Paine wrote in "Rights of Man." "Fair and balanced" are not goals or quality traits of news. Facts are not required to be fair or balanced, only to be true. Journalism gathers

facts and verifies their accuracy. And because recording facts without context can mislead, journalistic truth requires witness and transparency and works best when it is accountable to an engaged readership discerning real news from fake. Like his friend Thomas Jefferson, Paine said a dishonest press has the same effect as suppression of the press. "The liberty of the press is not the liberty of lying," Paine wrote in an open letter in 1802. In April 1776, he argued, in a response to Tory critiques of "Common Sense," it is "the duty of every good man" to assess "the honesty of the press," as it is "as great an object to society as the freedom of it." In today's networked

age, when speed to market is tied to profit, journalists serve in verifying or refuting what anyone can publish. Journalists are no longer gatekeepers of what is published as news, but they bring inquiry and verification to today's news conversation, shining a light without assuming, judging or predicting. The role is not rooted in appeasing all equitably (fair) or recording statements from all sides evenly (balanced). The foundation of journalistic truth is accuracy, laid out brick by brick, over time and in context, because truth is complicated. And as the founders intended, journalistic independence demands the commitment to truth and loyalty to citizens without fear, favor or faction.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1942
75 years ago this week
HOLIDAY CAUTION URGED: The Grosse Pointe Office of Civilian Defense encouraged residents to be vigilant and prepared for action throughout the holiday season "because of the enemy's known proclivities to strike on holidays or when vigilance is relaxed."
CHILLY HOMES PROVIDE MUCH CONVERSATION: Many Pointers

have been forced to contract their living into smaller quarters. Fuel oil rationing has made it difficult to keep large residences — especially those with reception halls, big living rooms and dining rooms, libraries, sun rooms, great kitchens and numerous auxiliary serving rooms — warm throughout.
1967
50 years ago this week
POOL CONTRACT

AWARDED: The Park City Council accepted the low bid of Paddock Pools of Eastern Michigan to build two wading pools and a regulation swimming pool for the city. A regulation swimming pool and a wading pool will be constructed in the Waterfront Park as well as a wading pool in the Three Mile Drive park.
UNUSUAL WEATHER BRINGS FIRST SNOW ON CHRISTMAS DAY: The Pointe area rainfall during the last three months was the equivalent

of more than 115 inches of snow, according to official records kept at the Farms Water Filtration Plant. From Dec. 1 to 25, 5 inches of rain came down prior to the 1 inch of snowfall Christmas Day.
1992
25 years ago this week
REZONING BRINGS PARK CONDOS ONE STEP CLOSER: Sale by the Park of the former Esquire Theater site to

local businessman Diamond Phillips, who wants to build condominiums on the property, moved a step forward last week. The city council unanimously voted to rezone the vacant Esquire lot from office service and business zoning districts to residential districts.
EXCALIBUR BAR DENIED FURTHER EXPANSION: Brian MacLean, owner of Excalibur Park Lounge, can only have half of what he wants, the Grosse Pointe Park City Council decided. Last spring, MacLean asked the council for a variance to expand his lounge to two adjacent storefronts — one north of the bar and one south of the bar — that he owns and was using for storage. The council agreed to let him expand into the south storefront and tabled for six months a decision on the other half of the request.

2007
10 years ago this week
RESIDENTS SEEK CITYHOOD: The village of Grosse Pointe Shores has never known any other form of government. In its nearly 100 years of existence, it has always been classified as a township. But, in less than a year, that could change. Grosse Pointe Shores officials are looking to become a city.
VILLAGE COUNCIL TIGHTENS UP ON RENTERS: The Grosse Pointe Shores village council has sent a message to renters in the community: If you want to live here, it's going to be for at least one year. Responding to complaints over transient renters, the village council extended the minimum stay from one month to 12 months at its Tuesday morning meeting.
— Karen Fontanive

LETTERS

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'Write' on

Dear Mr. Minnis:
Your I Say op-ed column about rubbish containers was "write" on. I live on a corner and have a two-car garage with two cars and the rest of the space taken up with the usual stuff, so no room for two large rubbish containers. Since I live on a corner, there is no place to store one, let alone two outside out of sight of the passersby. I am approaching 80 years old. I'm not sure how long I can be hoisting those big things up and down the driveway. I hope I'm not reduced to having to store the containers at the curb as one of my neighbors tends to do over the weekend. How unsightly. My household refuse is easily contained in a relatively small plastic bag that I can take directly from my kitchen

can to the curb in the early morning (so the critters can't distribute it all over the place). This whole thing seems like overkill.
JANETA A. WEBER
Grosse Pointe Woods
Editor's note: When questioned at the Nov. 20 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council, Don Baretta, of Green for Life, responded:
♦ A smaller recyclable container (18-gallon) may continue to be used.
♦ A bag will be picked up in lieu of a garbage bin.
♦ If occasionally there are more trash bags than a cart will hold, up to five bags will be taken.
♦ If a resident consistently puts out 4-6 bags for pick up, an additional bin will be needed. The city attorney was asked to include these in the contract.

Re: bins, photos

To the Editor:
I am responding to

Mr. Minnis' editorial about the upcoming changes in the Woods. The change in the rubbish and recyclable bins: I too have concerns about these bins, except I do not know what "YUGE" is, so I do not know if I agree with this! What to do with the old red bin? At my old residence, I utilized it for storing my kindling wood; the bin kept the wood off the ground, away from mice and dry! Concerning park pass photos: One assault on a resident or park employee is one assault too many. I agree with (City Administrator Brett) Smith's efforts to keep our parks safe. Per the news article, I do not understand why park passes will now be renewed every five years instead of every year. Do I understand when a person/family moves out of Woods, they will have a valid park pass until the five-year expiration date? This I do not agree with. Finally I too agree with Mr. Minnis that Woods residents do not like change. I was in attendance of a Woods council meeting when the Woods/Shores Little League presented their desire to take total control of the baseball fields in Ghesquiere Park by locking the ball diamond gates! I hope the residents will voice their objections to this change too. I know I did! **MARGARET POTTER**
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2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

A year of change and growth

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

The past year in education in Grosse Pointe was marked by new leadership, national recognition for schools and students, kindness and community service projects, innovative curricular projects and the formation of a 50-member blue ribbon facilities committee to chart the future of the Grosse Pointe Public School System based on an enrollment and critical needs study.

Following are some highlights from 2017:

January

◆ The local chapter of the NAACP hosts a program in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and the 49th anniversary of King’s visit to Grosse Pointe. Audience members listen to an audiotape of his speech from March 14, 1968 — three weeks before his assassination. The recording includes interruptions from members of Breakthrough, an ultra-conservative right-wing group that protested outside the gym and forged tickets to gain entrance.

◆ Grosse Pointe Academy seventh-graders test their design and packaging skills by taking the Pringles Challenge to engineer a package most likely to protect a single Pringle on its journey from the U.S. Postal Service to the school.

◆ Monteith Elementary School’s Litter Critters, a group of first-to-fifth-graders who scour the Monteith campus several times a year to pick up litter, earn a “Go Green” grant from local nonprofit Peace, Love & Planet.

February

◆ Trombly Elementary School third-graders spread kindness from their own school to a school at the other end of the district. Through their Be Kind Club, they raised money to donate a buddy bench to Poupard

Elementary School. Buddy benches, popular at a lot of schools throughout the district, are places children can go at recess to let others know they are in search of a friend.

◆ Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School hosts an all-school art show showcasing the talents of students from 4-year-olds to eighth-graders. Juried by local artist and Grosse Pointe Artists Association member Josette Guiliani, the show runs the gamut from Jim Dine-inspired hearts and pop art candy wrappers to 3-dimensional architectural forms.

◆ Ferry Elementary School students learn how to turn big business into philanthropy. In an economic unit integrated with technology, math and social studies, students in James Fisher’s 4/5 magnet class create a business and product to sell and, over four to five weeks, they set up a business proposal, design business cards and create advertising and inventory sheets to track sales.

March

◆ Head of School Joseph P. Healey announces his retirement from University Liggett School, ending a 10-year tenure in which he transformed the school’s curriculum, unified two campuses, began an ambitious athletic construction effort, launched an all-school strings program and expanded the school’s regional footprint with the creation of the Liggett Merit Scholars program.

◆ Grosse Pointe North High School is among 11 public schools recognized nationwide for actively supporting, teaching and protecting First Amendment rights and responsibilities of students in its publications. North receives a First Amendment Press Freedom Award for 2017 in recognition of its student newspaper, North Pointe, northpointenow.org website and year-



COURTESY PHOTO

Eighth-grader Sarah Lewis as the Cat in the Hat and seventh-grader Karly Harris as JoJo in Parcels Middle School’s production of “Seussical the Musical” Nov. 2 and 3.



PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

The Grosse Pointe North cheerleading squad rallies the crowd during North’s homecoming parade Oct. 6.

book, Valhalla.

◆ Eighth-grader Luca Varnelli, winner of Parcels Middle School’s spelling bee, is declared champion of the Macomb County regional bee Feb. 25, after 24 rounds of competition, qualifying him for the national competition.

April

◆ The Grosse Pointe Public School System hosts “Raising Global Leaders,” an education forum to address diversity and equity April 12, at Pierce Middle School. A presentation of key elements of the district’s diversity plan — accepting human differences, using multiple instructional practices and providing differentiation and equitable instruction for all — is followed by a discussion moderated by Grosse Pointe League of Women Voters President Tom Wells, with questions submitted in advance by audience members fielded by a panel of education and civil rights leaders.

◆ Mason Elementary School organizes its first Pink-Out/Red-Out April 12, with students wearing pink or red items of clothing to school as part of an effort to stamp out bullying. The initiative began when a group of 10 fourth-grade girls approached

Principal Roy Bishop to say they wanted to help their community.

◆ Grosse Pointe public schools are among those selected worldwide for study as part of Saudi Arabia’s national transformation project, Saudi Vision 2030. A group of educators visit Grosse Pointe to experience firsthand the range of services offered from preschool through age 26.

Presentations focus on how the district supports school improvement and growth in learning, promotes collaboration and uses technology to improve curriculum assessment and instruction.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Our Lady Star of the Sea celebrated March is Reading month with a visit from the Detroit Tigers mascot. PAWS is pictured here with Monsignor Gary Smetanka.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Community service projects are alive and well year-round in the district. Pictured are Richard Elementary first-graders Elliott Larson and Vivian Parga, who worked together on a card for den pals at a school near Houston affected by Hurricane Harvey.

May

◆ The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education kicks off its three-year campaign at its “Be the Beacon” gala at the Grosse Pointe Club May 6. The goal of the campaign is to raise money for all nine elementary schools in the district to become Leader in Me schools. Accomplishing this goal will support GPPSS’s mission to become a “lighthouse” district for the Leader in Me program.

◆ The district welcomes new Poupard Elementary School Principal Hussain Ali to replace 14-year veteran Penny Stocks upon

her retirement July 1. Ali, who received a master’s degree in K-12 education administration from Michigan State University, returns to Michigan from his post as interim assistant principal at Longfellow Elementary School in Oak Park, Ill.

◆ Trombly fourth-graders accept a challenge by the Prosthetic Kids project to print, assemble and provide a prosthetic hand to a child in need. Using a new 3D printer donated to their classroom, students watch YouTube tutorials to master the art of printing a prosthetic hand.

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Teacher of THE WEEK



Linda Ascencio

School: Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School
Years at OLSOS: 22
Grade/Subject: Grade 5
Nominated by: Julie Aemisegger, principal
Principal’s quote:

“Mrs. Ascencio is passionate about teaching and we are pleased that she is teaching fifth grade at Star of the Sea. She enjoys reading and shares that enjoyment with her students. In past years, Mrs. Ascencio served on many different committees and currently is the chairperson of the Social Studies department and also has responsibility of fifth-grade safety patrol. Mrs. Ascencio finds joy in teaching language arts classes — students are always cautious to use proper grammar in her presence.”

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

The kids. Most definitely my students and the difference I hope to make in their lives. I often think back to when I was a child and recall that one teacher who really stood out and made a difference in my life. I hope that my teaching touches the lives of my students, making connections that will last a lifetime and providing them with inspiration that will

take them places in their lives. I am passionate about teaching and hope it shines through in the accomplishments of my students.

Describe a teaching accomplishment you’re proud of or a “teachable moment” you experienced.

We have Special Person’s Day at Star during Catholic Schools Week. On this day, each student invites a special person to spend the morning with them at school. A couple of weeks prior, we begin working on a speech in language arts class about that special person, explaining who they are and why they are so special. My students write, proofread, re-write and then type their final presentation piece on our classroom computers. On Special Person’s Day each student presents their piece orally to their special person in front of our audience of classmates and their special people. When they finish their speech they present it to their person as a loving way to thank them for their influence in their life and for joining them for Special Person’s Day at Star.



COURTESY PHOTO

Please share a book or person that has inspired you or your teaching.

I can honestly say that my students inspire me with their ability to take risks and try new things before they know whether they’ll succeed. Their willingness to experiment, learn new skills and participate in new activities motivates me to do the same. That is how real learning happens. I’m also inspired by my students who have a deep desire to help others. Their optimism and generosity gives me a lot of hope for the future.

Favorite quote:

“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”

— Maya Angelou

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YEAR:

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June

◆ Odes Bellinger from the Building Better Men program meets with students from Poupard and North as part of a mentoring and leadership program for young males ages 6 to 18. Bellinger, author of “7 Steps to Promote the Success of Young African American Males” and “100 Effective Strategies for Single Mothers Raising Black Boys,” started the program in 1991 under the core belief every young man can be successful.

◆ North students have “PhUn” with visitors from Beacon Day Treatment Center as part of a day of learning inspired by the American Physiological Society’s PhUn Week. PhUn stands for physiological understanding. This year’s theme for the day, planned by students in Susan Speirs’ applied medical research and clinical investigations class, was superheroes.

◆ South turns suicide awareness into a community event during its fourth annual Out of the Darkness walk June 4. The walk expands this year into a wellness fair.

◆ Poupard celebrates the completion of its second year as a Leader in Me school with its second annual Leadership Day. Guests, including GPPSS teachers and administrators and members of the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education, listen to remarks from students before visiting classrooms for hands-on demonstrations.

July

◆ Camp Invention returns to Brownell Middle School to provide new challenges to campers by tapping student creativity, inspiring innovation, spurring inventions and providing opportunities for good old-fashioned fun. The theme for the week was “launch.”

◆ Brock Dunn joins Liggett as head of upper school from Connecticut’s Ethel Walker School, where he was executive director of strategic initiatives.

◆ North teacher Sean McCarroll is among 10 grand prize winners for a Teacher Innovation Award, created by The Henry Ford and given to 20 innovative teachers across the country. Winners enjoy a week-long immersion experience with behind-the-scenes tours of local museums and the opportunity to meet other innovative educators from around the country. McCarroll helped pilot North’s innovative studies series.

August

◆ Lisa Rheume, a GPPSS alumna and 11-year veteran in the district, is appointed principal of Defer Elementary School upon the retirement of Karen Sullivan. Sullivan served 33 years in the district, the last seven as Defer’s principal. Most recently, Rheume taught fifth grade at Mason Elementary School, where she piloted one of the 21st century classrooms.

◆ Veteran North teacher Michelle Davis is appointed assistant principal and athletic director at North after Brian Shelson resigns to accept a position in Rochester. Davis taught business classes at North 17 years and was named head of the business and technology department in



Brownell Middle School sixth-graders, from left, Lauren McDonald, Elsa Marotzke, Rebecca Roberts and Gavin DeYoung learn how to carve a turkey in Taylor Barczyk’s life skills class. Students prepared and roasted turkeys to be donated to a soup kitchen in Detroit for Thanksgiving.



Student artwork, including this wood and metal sculpture by Gabrielle Miller, was on display at Grosse Pointe South’s ArtFest March 22 to 25.



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Mason Elementary School Principal Roy Bishop joins Poupard Elementary School students in an activity during Poupard’s second annual Leadership Day June 1.



COURTESY PHOTO

Maire Elementary School teachers combined Halloween fun with celebrating the school’s National Blue Ribbon award.

2010. Her 23 years of coaching experience includes girls basketball and softball at North.

◆ GPPSS is ranked the No. 1 school district with the best teachers, according to niche.com 2018 rankings.

September

◆ St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School welcomes Ann Tonissen as its principal. Tonissen comes to St. Clare with nearly 30 years experience in the Archdiocese of Detroit, primarily with middle school students.

◆ St. Paul Catholic School welcomes Detroit Red Wings veteran defenseman and Grosse Pointe resident Danny DeKeyser during an all-school assembly. DeKeyser speaks to students about the importance of education, dedication and setting goals.

◆ After engaging Plante Moran Cresa, the commercial real estate consulting affiliate of Plante Moran, to conduct a facilities and enrollment study, the district forms a blue ribbon facilities committee to determine a course for the future. The goal of the study is to provide a 10-year capital planning template consisting of three major components: critical need, deferred maintenance and property enhancements. The committee, made up of 50 community members, meets for the first time Sept. 21.

October

◆ Maire Elementary School is among 352 schools nationwide named a National Blue Ribbon School. The National Blue Ribbon Schools program honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools where students achieve high learning standards or are making notable improvements in closing the achievement gap. Maire is selected as a high performing school.

◆ The middle schools host “Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age” for students and parents to address the link between social media use and an increase in mental health

problems, including anxiety, depression and suicide ideation.

◆ Seven high school seniors in Grosse Pointe are named semifinalists in the 63rd annual National Merit Scholarship Program. They are Alexandra Dean and Maximilian Rakozy — Grosse Pointe North; Daniel Garan, Hunter Levine and Sebastian Simon — Grosse Pointe South; and Alexandra Diggs and Annelies Ondersma — University Liggett School.

November

◆ Pierce Middle School’s production of

“Letters” delivers an emotional punch to audience members. Written by Evelyn Merritt, “Letters” takes excerpts from letters written during the Civil War, World Wars I and II, and Korean, Vietnam and Iraq wars and weaves them into a series of monologues with intermingling themes. Shown at the conclusion of the play is a brief documentary based on a montage of historical artifacts from Grosse Pointe veterans and their families produced by students in Michelle Stackpoole’s video production class.

◆ The eighth annual Community Luncheon,

sponsored by GPPSS, the Grosse Pointe Community Health Coalition, Grosse Pointe News and Richard Elementary School and hosted by Richard Elementary School, is a Who’s Who of Grosse Pointe industry leaders. Keynote speaker Lt. Gov. Brian Calley addresses the importance of inclusion in special education.

◆ Following a national search for Liggett’s next head of school, the search committee unanimously concludes Provost and Chief Operating Officer Bart Bronk, named interim head following the retirement of Joseph P. Healey, “is the right person to lead Liggett into its next chapter,” according to Trustee David Nicholson, head of the search committee.

December

◆ North and South students enrolled in

exploring global issues-work on a joint fundraiser to generate support for Puerto Rico. Through bake sales and Penny Wars, students raise money to purchase a solar generator for a school in Puerto Rico without power.

◆ Top editors from Grosse Pointe South’s newspaper, The Tower, attend the National High School Journalism Convention in Dallas, bringing home a National Scholastic Press Association 2017 Best of Show award.

◆ North senior Michal Ruprecht is the first high school student to win an American Chemistry Society Ciba award in green chemistry since the program began in 2010. The Ciba travel award enables students with an interest in green chemistry to travel to an ASC conference.



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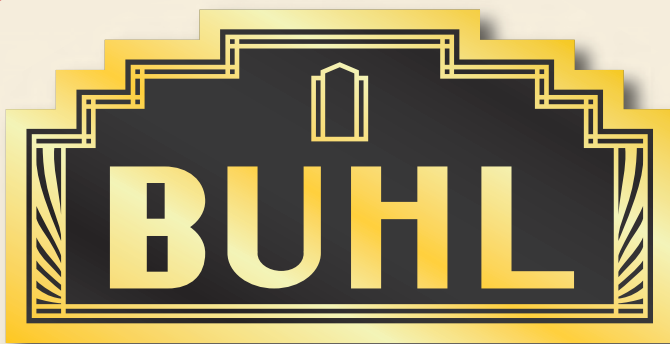
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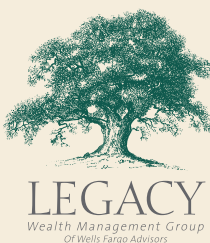
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Honored Former Pointer awarded French Legion of Honor

By Debra Kaszubski
Special Writer

World War II veteran Glenn Schuster, 94, received a letter from the French government earlier this year that reads in a roundabout way, “Sorry we’re 73 years late.”

Schuster was a radio operator aboard a B24 Liberator bomber plane as part of the 755th Squadron of the 458 Bomber Group in the U.S. Army Air Corp. He flew 35 missions throughout World War II, including a failed mission that crash-landed in France.

Tuesday, Dec. 19, Schuster received the French Legion of Honor Medal at Church of Christ Care Center in Clinton Township. Although he now lives in Macomb County, Schuster spent decades of his life in Grosse Pointe Park.

The French Legion of Honor is France’s highest national decoration. It has been used to honor the outstanding merits of citizens and designating them as models of French civil service.



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Deputy Consul General of France Frédéric Cholé pins the French Legion of Honor medal, France’s highest national decoration, on Glenn Schuster’s lapel.

“I feel very humbled,” Schuster said. “I thanked the Frenchman on behalf of the other nine members of my crew and the other Americans that helped out there.”

Schuster enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps February 1943. During the nearly three dozen missions he flew, Schuster and his crew practiced high-level and precision bombing.

Tuesday, Sept. 4, 1944, Schuster’s pilot left

plane formation because an engine had died and the craft was nearly out of fuel. The pilot aimed for a bomb-scarred runway north of Paris. The plane’s wheel hit a 500-pound bomb the Germans had rigged as a mine. The tire blew off and the detonating charge of the bomb exploded, but the bomb didn’t go off. Another tire hit a bomb crater and the plane skidded across the field. The

fuselage cracked into three pieces and the plane burst into flames.

Surprisingly, all 10 crew members walked away from the crash. The free French in the area contacted the U.S. Army engineers, who shuttled the crew back to England.

“After that they put us back on flying status and we flew nine more missions,” Schuster said.

He was released from the military December



The French Legion of Honor medal.

degree as an electrical engineer and had five children. He retired from Edison after 40 years of service.

Schuster has 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He enjoys reading and visiting with De La Salle High School classmates. He graduated from the school in 1941, where he learned enough French to communicate with the natives after the crash landing, he said.

During the presentation at Church of Christ Care, Deputy Consul General of France Frédéric Cholé thanked Schuster for his service.

“Mr. Schuster, you are

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Schuster briefly addresses the crowd after receiving his French Legion of Honor medal.

Diversity forum is Jan. 10

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

The community is invited to the diversity forum, “Understanding our Differences & Celebrating our Stories,” 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The forum follows the theme, “Detroit: Where We’ve Been ... Where We’re Going ...” and includes three panelists sharing personal stories, as well as small group discussion.

“After the Charlottesville vigil at The War Memorial in August 2017, a group of sponsors — including WeGP, The War Memorial, Grosse Pointe Ministerial Association, Bodman PLC, Dykema, Garan, Lucow & Miller PC, and Miller Canfield — joined with the diversity task force of Memorial Church, the Detroit Historical Society, the Michigan Roundtable and the Hudson Webber Foundation to help develop a series of important conversations with leaders from Grosse Pointe and Detroit, where we come together as a community to engage in discussions of past and present, as well as personal stories regarding inclusion, breaking down stereotypes and working toward understanding and celebrating our differences as neighbors,” said Maureen Krasner, of WeGP and an event organizer. “This event is the second in this series and

will focus on using our past to improve our future.”

Panelists include: ♦ Joe Hudson, former CEO of the J.L. Hudson Co., and a founder of New Detroit. Hudson, a philanthropic leader contributing to the welfare of southeast Michigan, currently is a trustee of the Hudson Webber Foundation and has served as director and/or officer of the Detroit Medical Center, Harper Hospital, National Bank of Detroit, DTE, Michigan Bell, National Steel and Masco Corp., among others, as well as charitable organizations including the Detroit Institute of Arts and United Way.

♦ Rochelle Riley, author and award-winning Detroit Free Press journalist whose work was included in the entry that won the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for Local Reporting. She recently received the 2017 Eugene Pulliam Editorial Fellowship from the Society of Professional Journalists and the 2017 Ida B. Wells Award from the National Association of Black Journalists. She also is author of “The Burden: African Americans and the Enduring Impact of Slavery,” which will be published by Wayne State University in February.

♦ Marlowe Stoudamire, project director of the exhibition “Detroit 1967: Looking Back to Move Forward,” on display at the Detroit Historical Museum. He also founded Mash Detroit, a neighborhood incubator and com-



Joe Hudson



Rochelle Riley



Marlowe Stoudamire

munity bridge, and owns the business consulting boutique Butterfly Effect in Detroit. He formerly was chief of staff at the Skillman Foundation and project director of Global Business Strategy at Henry Ford Health System.

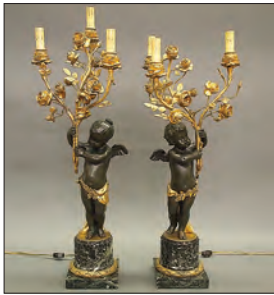
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BNI
Business Network International meets 7 a.m. Friday, Dec. 29, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

Blood drives
The American Red Cross offers the following blood drives:

◆ 11:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3, Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 1:30 to 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 788 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

To register, visit red crossblood.org.

Grannie Nannies
Grannie Nannies, for grandmothers who babysit their grandchildren, meets 1:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, at Big Boy Restaurant, 20710 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call (313) 882-9600.

Ecumenical Breakfast
The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets 7:45

a.m. Friday, Jan. 5, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Jim Biery, minister of music and organist at Memorial, speaks. Reservations are not required; all are welcome. Breakfast is \$7. Call (313) 882-5330.

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

◆ 10:30 a.m. Fridays, Jan. 5 and 19, Feb. 2 and 16, March 2 and 16, "A Morning Out," an art program for seniors and their caregivers.

◆ 2 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 9 to 30, "Pen and Ink with Al Sonnenberg."

◆ 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 9 to 30, "Acrylics with Al Sonnenberg."

◆ 2 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 10 to 31, "Charcoal Drawing with Dan Keller."

◆ 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 11 to Feb. 1, "Pastels with Dan Methric."

◆ 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 16 to Feb. 6, "Landscape Painting in Oil and Acrylic with Ed Duff."

◆ 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 20 and 21, "Black and White Woodcut Workshop with Nobuko Yamasaki."

◆ 3:30 to 6 p.m. Mondays, Art After School, a new club sponsored by GPAA offering

artists of all ages the chance to work together and share ideas.
For information, call (313) 881-3454.

PFLAG
Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays meets 1:30 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. For information, email pflaggp@gmail.com.

Toastmasters
Northeastern Toastmasters meets 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikielek at (313) 884-4201.

Senior Men
The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club meets 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Detroit Police Chief James Craig speaks. Members and non-members are invited to attend this event. Attendance is free of charge; lunch is \$15. Call (313) 550-9661.

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

◆ 11:30 to 11:45 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, January birthday celebrations. Celebrate your January birthday with the lunch, birthday cake and a keepsake photo. Reservations are

required.
◆ 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, "Keeping You Fit at Home — Core Strengthening Exercises," with physical therapist Craig Miller. Reservations are required.

◆ 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 17 to Feb. 21, Contract Bridge lessons with Cynthia Luce. Cost is \$20 for six sessions. Registration is required.

◆ 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22, "Living on Purpose Workshop," with certified mindfulness instructor Jennifer Raybaud. Reservations are required.

◆ 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, "Gifting Swap Bingo," with Audrey Bernier. Cost is \$2 per card, limit one card per person. Reservations are required.

◆ 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, "Between the Covers" with Kathleen Gallagher, outreach librarian. Reservations are required for this free program.

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

Tuesday Musicale
Tuesday Musicale of Detroit presents "A Celebration of Saxophone & Winds" at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, at St. Clare of Montefalco Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park, featuring Christopher Sacco, Matthew Younglove, Jeffrey Huisler and members of the Vanguard Reed Quintet. Visit tuesdaysmusicaleofdetroit.org.



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Farmers markets offer options for healthier eating.
New year, new you
Classes shake off winter blues, aid in adopting healthier lifestyles

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

As the community prepares to ring in the new year, some people likely are forming resolutions to help make 2018 more prosperous, healthy, happy or peaceful.

Hoping to aid on the healthy side of things, The Lake House — which offers programs and services to people touched by cancer — offers two programs that could meet resolution and lifestyle goals.

First up, The Lake House hosts Bollywood dancing with Asha Shajahan M.D., of Dance Medicine M.D., an organization led by volunteer physicians in metro Detroit.

The program, offered 6 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 4 and 18, teaches participants the lyrical steps of

Bollywood dance set to the happy melodies of exotic India.

"Dr. Shajahan suggested it," said Madeline Bialecki, executive director of The Lake House. "We've set up two dates in January and she'll set up other dates in February."

"She says it improves balance, strength and tone and it inspires joy," she continued. "It's relaxing, but it's still exercise."

No supplies are needed and dancers need only wear comfortable clothes they can move in.

A second program — Eat Healthy, Be Active — takes place 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays for six weeks, Jan. 9 to Feb. 13, and is a Michigan State University Extension program.

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“It’s a wellness program about nutrition, healthy eating and some exercise,” Bialecki said. “They’ll also do some cooking. They’ll help people see healthier versions of things.”

For example, Bialecki said, on the menu are black bean brownies

“that don’t taste at all like black beans, but they’re really good and they’re loaded with fiber.”

The class also teaches participants tips for reaching and maintaining a healthy weight; the effects of sugar, sodium and fats; eating healthy on a budget; managing high blood pressure, diabetes and other health conditions;

preparing quick, healthy meals and snacks; increasing physical activity and making healthy eating a part of one’s lifestyle.

This is the fourth year the popular program has been hosted at The Lake House.

“Every year I learn something new,” Bialecki said.

“It is amazing how little people know about

nutrition and how much there is to learn,” she said. “People think if something says ‘lite’ they can eat as much as they want.”

Bialecki said both programs are great gifts to the community.

“For us, there’s a correlation between obesity and cancer rates,” she said. “It’s important for people to become more aware that if they

eat healthy, keep their weight under control and exercise, they’ll be healthier all around.”

Both programs are free and offered at The Lake House, 23500 Pare, St. Clair Shores. Registration is required.

To register for Bollywood dancing, call (586) 777-7761 or email programs@milakehouse.org.

To register for Eat

Healthy, Be Active, call Natalie at (586) 469-6104 or email brumfie8@anr.msu.edu.

“This is a time people are making resolutions,” Bialecki said. “We want to give them concrete, easy, achievable things people can do to educate themselves and become more aware of what they can do to have an overall healthier lifestyle.”

World War II veteran Glenn Schuster holds his Certificate of Honor, presented to him by the American Legion.



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a true American hero,” Cholé said. “We will never forget what people like you did for us. We will never forget what we owe the American people, our oldest ally. Without the U.S., the French flag would not be flying today. In recognition of your exceptional deeds, your heroic actions, the president of the French Republic nominated you to the prestigious Legion of Honor, created by Napoleon Bonaparte in

1802, at a time when Louisiana was French territory. It is the highest honor that France can bestow upon those who have achieved remarkable deeds for my country.

“Mr. Schuster, thanks to your courage, to our American friends and allies, France has been living in peace for seven decades — the longest period of continuous peace in modern French history.”

Schuster also was awarded a Certificate of Honor by representatives of the American Legion.

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looking back at conditions leading up to the 1943 and 1967 Detroit conflagrations, the response to those events and how we can all learn from that past to move forward,” Krasner said. “Immediately following the panel discussion there will also be an opportunity to discuss the topics in small group conversations.”

“We approach diversity by educating people and finding opportunities to work together,” said organizer Howard Hill, with Memorial Church. “The demon is the stereotypes. In the absence of education, people fall back on stereotypes.”

One such opportunity was brought to the table by speaker Hudson, who as a teen led a charge at his Presbyterian church in Buffalo, N.Y., to meet and exchange ideas with members of a predominantly black Presbyterian church.

“It was a very productive session and it stuck with me the rest of my life,” said Hudson, a Grosse Pointe Farms resident. “I had not been

exposed to black people my age. I found it interesting to hear about their life I think it would be of value for young people in Detroit and Grosse Pointe to consider.”

Hudson said he plans to further share that experience, as well as talk about other efforts with which he’s been involved, including the development of New Detroit.

“I received a call after the 1967 riots from Gov. (George) Romney,” Hudson said. “He asked if I would take charge of recruiting a private sector group and come up with an agenda to improve matters in Detroit.”

Hill said he hopes the other two speakers will bookmark Hudson’s remarks about what happened during and immediately after the 1967 riots with Stoudamire’s comments on what caused the riots, wrapped up by Riley’s discussion on what still needs to be done to improve relations.

“The main role of this is to start the conversation and continue the conversation,” Hill said, noting he’s fond of the small group discussion following the panel discussion.

“I love watching the small groups. You’re forced to digest what you’ve heard, not just receive it placidly.”

“The whole purpose of this session is learning how we can all enjoy individual diversity and positive relationships in the future,” Hudson added. “I think it’s pretty clear not only in this community, but throughout the United States, that we need to have a clearer understanding among the races. Discussing people’s experiences has been helpful in strengthening relationships.”

Added Krasner, “This event and others in the Understanding our Differences & Celebrating our Stories series are an opportunity to follow up on that strong commitment we made as a community to hear from local leaders and have real conversations on celebrating our differences.”

“This particular event will be a fascinating exploration of different aspects and viewpoints from events past, which greatly affected — and still affect — Detroit as well as the entire metro Detroit area,” she continued. “Grosse Pointe and Detroit are neighbors,

forever linked geographically, economically and culturally. This is a tremendous opportunity to have conversations and come together from Detroit and the Grosse Pointe communities to use the past to discuss moving forward in a better way and help to bring unity and understanding between our neighboring communities through meaningful conversation.”

The program is sponsored by The War Memorial, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, WeGP, Detroit Free Press, Detroit Historical Society, Grosse Pointe Ministerial Association, Grosse Pointe News and Hudson Webber Foundation.

Hill said plans for future forums include a March program focused on youth, as well as a May program featuring Greg Bowens, president of the Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods NAACP chapter.

“We want to encourage people to come to all or as many as they can,” Hill said. “You can’t beat the price — it’s free.”

The event is open to the public. Register at warmemorial.org/diversity.



ENGAGEMENTS

McCoy-Yudina

David and Mary Anne McCoy of Grosse Pointe Park announce the engagement of their son, Michael McCoy, to Marta Yudina, daughter of Jeff and Albina Dunn of Fortville, Ind.

A September 2018 wedding is planned.

Miss Yudina earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Slavic languages, literature and linguistics from Indiana University in 2012 and an MBA in finance from Salem University in 2015. She is a recruiting partner at Diag Partners in Rochester Hills.

Mr. McCoy is a 2008 graduate of University Liggett School. He earned a bachelor’s



Michael McCoy and Marta Yudina

degree in 2012 and an MBA in accounting and finance in 2013 both from Indiana University Kelley School of Business. He is an investment banker with Angle Advisors in

Birmingham.

Garbarino-Damery

Steven Garbarino and Michelle Laboe of the City of Grosse Pointe announce the engagement of their son, Alexander John Garbarino, to Erin Frances Damery, daughter of George Damery of Ann Arbor and Mary Damery of Ossineke.

A June 2018 wedding is planned.

Dr. Garbarino earned a Bachelor of Science degree in microbiology and medical degree from



Alexander Garbarino and Erin Damery

Wayne State University. He is a chief medical resident at Henry Ford Hospital. He received a fellowship offer at the

University of Cincinnati hospital for pulmonary and critical care.

Miss Damery earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Michigan

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PASTOR’S CORNER By the Rev. Sean Motley

Christmas: Hope for the real world

A mother shoots and kills her 2-year-old son. A Chicago teen is slain delivering newspapers. A woman stabs her roommate over candy. All of these are headlines less than a week before Christmas and these are just a sample of the myriad stories of evil acts by people in this country and around the world. You may be thinking this is not a very inspirational Christmas article and not following in the spirit of angels on tree-tops, bright blinking lights and nativity scenes on the lawn, but this is Christmas. On Christmas morning Jesus was not born in a sterile hospital room or even a clean bed, but amongst the animals, clothed with rags and in the midst of sinful humanity. Christmas day comes each year and on that day people will hurt

and kill one another and spend their day committing acts that in no way resemble the works God has called them to do. In the face of all of this, with the backdrop for Christmas not being Linus sharing from the gospel of Luke, but human depravity run amok, I was asked, “Why do you do this? What difference does it make? Why do you spend your life as a pastor when it doesn’t appear that anything ever changes?” The answer is Christmas. Christmas is hope when it appears all has gone wrong. Salvation for all of humanity is found in the baby born in Bethlehem, lying on straw amongst donkeys and sheep. God with us in the midst of the dirt and grime and sin. Christmas is the beginning of the hope there is

no sin, no evil, nothing in the world that can take away Immanuel, God with us. (I say the beginning of hope, because we see the fullness of this hope Easter morning.) It is the real world that needs Christ, that needs the hope of Christmas. No matter how bad the news or how far human beings may wander astray, God is with us and nothing — not one thing in this world — will ever extinguish the light that is Christ, for Jesus has overcome the world. Christmas means there is hope — hope for me, hope for you, hope for this world that loves the darkness — and we will proclaim this hope found in the babe born in Bethlehem forever. Motley is the pastor at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church.

ASK THE EXPERTS By The Family Center

Indoor play option for little ones

Q: My family just moved to this area from out of state and I don’t know anyone yet. I have two toddlers and would love to meet other parents with children the same age. Do you have any options? A: With two little ones keeping you busy it can be hard to get out to meet other people. Your neighbors may be good sources of information. Ask about play groups or moms’ groups, etc. One great local choice many people don’t know about, however, is Play Central. Play Central is a drop-in open play group run by The Family Center, a local nonprofit organization. The program began Oct. 4, and runs 9 to 11 a.m. every Wednesday and Thursday through May 31 — for \$5 per visit for the whole family. Parents/caregivers meet in the gym at Barnes Early Childhood Center. Play Central follows the Grosse Pointe Public School System calendar, so holidays and snow days are observed.

The Family Center

ASK THE EXPERTS articles

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St. James welcomes Aeolian Chorale on Jan. 7

The Aeolian Chorale returns to St. James Lutheran Church for an Epiphany concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7. This concert, given in honor of the Feast of Epiphany, which concludes the 12 Days of Christmas, features both accompanied and unaccompanied choral music to celebrate the Christmas season. This event is free and open to the public and is appropriate for the entire family. A free-will offering is collected. St. James Lutheran Church is located at 170



McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms. Contact Kurt Hoyer, minister of music, for additional details at music@stjamesgp.org. The Aeolian Chorale is a small, mixed-voice ensemble based in southeast Michigan that specializes in a cappella

music. The chorale, under the direction of F. Marshall Dicks, recently received 501(c)3 status and now operates as a nonprofit organization. To learn more about the Aeolian Chorale, visit facebook.com/aeolianchorale/.



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Murray visit

The Grosse Pointe Men’s Ecumenical Breakfast was visited Dec. 8 by Grosse Pointe North High School Principal Kate Murray. Pictured with Murray is board member Eric Lindquist.

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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.

Dianne Kerley Rentschler

Beloved wife, mother and longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Dianne K. Rentschler, 82, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2017, surrounded by her loving family. Dianne, active to the end, lost a brief battle with cancer.

Born Nov. 5, 1935, in Detroit, to John and Cathrine Duncan, she was predeceased by her parents; brothers, John “Jack” and Barry Duncan and her loving husband of 55 years, David F. Rentschler.

A first-generation Scottish American, Dianne placed a high value on education. She attended Grosse Pointe Country Day School and the University of Michigan; both institutions impacted her life greatly. While performing in a high school production of “Carousel,” she met Dave Rentschler at the cast party and for the next 61 years they were inseparable. Dianne followed Dave to Ann Arbor. During their time in Ann Arbor, the couple forged lifelong friendships and a devotion to the university. Dianne was active in her sorority Alpha Chi Omega, becoming chapter president, the Panhellenic Society and Scroll Society. She graduated from the School of Education in 1958 and married Dave June 29, 1958, at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church. The newlyweds moved to Novato, Calif., where Dave was posted in the U.S. Air Force.

Aside from her time in Ann Arbor and two years in California, Dianne was a lifelong resident of Detroit’s eastside. The couple’s three children, Douglas, Amy and Brian, all attended Grosse Pointe Public Schools where Dianne was active as a Girl Scouts troop leader five years and serving as president of the Grosse Pointe North Parents Club. Never one to sit back and relax, after her children were on their own, Dianne joined Dave in the family business managing office affairs.

Dianne enjoyed a variety of activities with Dave. For decades, fall Saturdays were spent tailgating at U of M football games. They enjoyed golfing at Lochmoor Club and their Bridge group and impacted many lives through their work with the U of M Club of Detroit’s scholarship program. Dianne was deeply involved with Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church. Tutoring young children, providing housing to displaced Hurricane Katrina families, teaching Sunday school class, the book club, a member of the church Session, finance and garden committees, founding The Crew senior group and helping those in need were part of her involvement. Dianne was caring, smart, giving and could bake a mean cookie.

Dianne is survived by her brother-in-law, Donald Rentschler (Bunny); sisters-in-law, Marilyn Duncan and Susan Reiff (Alan); children, Douglas Rentschler

(Leslie), Amy Rentschler Hyde and Brian Rentschler; grandchildren, Eve Mosher (Koebe), Alex Breitmeyer (Tessa), Lauren Rentschler, Charles Hyde and Samuel Hyde and great-grandchildren, Harlan and Callum Mosher.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 29, at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit. Family greeting begins at 10 a.m.

Memorial gifts may be made to The Memorial Fund, Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48214.

Ruth E. Schultz Wilson

Ruth E. Schultz Wilson, 86, passed away peacefully Thursday, Dec. 21, at home in Grosse Pointe Farms. Ruth is survived by her devoted husband of 64 years, Francis M. Wilson M.D., of Grosse Pointe Farms; her brother, Edward Schultz; children, James Wilson (Lisa), John Wilson (Polly), Mary Wilson Heath (Steven) and Ann Wilson Green (Jason); and 12 grandchildren. Ruth was preceded in death by her siblings, James Schultz, Gerard Schultz, Thomas Schultz, Mary Draper and Louise Keenan and her beloved Jack Russell, Sparky.

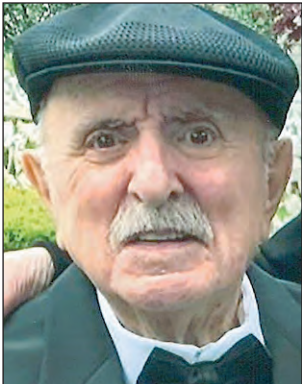
Ruth was born May 2, 1931, in Port Huron. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in home economics from Michigan State Normal, now



Dianne K. Rentschler



Ruth E. Schultz Wilson



Ronald J. Bedway

Eastern Michigan University, in 1953 and a Master of Arts degree in textiles from Wayne State University in 1983. Ruth was an accomplished teacher who taught a pattern drafting and sewing course called “The Perfect Fit” at Macomb County Community College and at a high school level school in St. Clair Shores. She was widely respected throughout the state for her expertise as a textile analyst and was an instructor at the Sterling Dry Cleaning Academy, where she taught spotting and dry-cleaning skills. She especially enjoyed teaching a group of formerly incarcerated men who had been affiliated with Young Boys Incorporated. She was the first woman to receive the Mike O’Neill Achievement Award for Outstanding Dedication and Service from the Institute of Laundry and Dry Cleaning.

Ruth’s creativity and passion for textiles and dressmaking were woven throughout her life, in her impeccable sense of style and the beautiful clothing collection she treasured. She was chief pattern and grade maker for Detroit-based C’est Simone and loved the friendships she gained through mentoring seamstresses and cutters.

Her love of plants and nature is reflected in the gardens, trees and shrubs she maintained. She was happiest when watching squirrels and rabbits from her kitchen window,

pulling weeds, planting flowers or at her sewing machine with a tape measure around her neck. Ruth cherished time at her cottage on Lake Huron with her 12 grandchildren who will forever be influenced by her unconditional love, sense of humor, values, work ethic and unwavering pursuit to live an authentic life.

Visitation is scheduled 2 to 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, with a prayer service at 7 p.m., at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. A funeral Mass is at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 170 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph, P.O. Box 29, Nazareth, MI 49074-0029, or online at csjoseph.org.

Ronald J. Bedway

Ronald J. Bedway, 82, passed away Saturday, Dec. 23. Ronnie was the loving husband of Rosemary; dear father of Thomas (Mary), Evonne Schott (the late Michael), René Ciaramitaro (Luke) and Michelle Lundgren (Eric); and proud grandfather of Andrea (Geoff), Ronnie, Christine, Sam, Tom, Francesca, Lexi, Eva, Noah, Rosemary and Vanessa.

Ronnie grew up working at Eastern Market with his father and pro-

vided for his mother and brother as a young adult following his father’s death.

Ronnie and Rosemary were married May 1, 1960. Working toward a better life for their family, with a knife, butcher block and a shoebox as a makeshift cash register, Ronnie and Rosemary founded Ronnie’s Quality Meats at Eastern Market.

Through a commitment to quality, affordability, service and community, the business grew over time and gained loyal customers. Today, three generations of the Bedway family work at the store, serving multiple generations of Detroiters. The past 50 years, Ronnie’s Quality Meats has remained a staple in the city.

Many will remember Ronnie for his unmatched generosity and kindness, donating to local charities and causes in metro Detroit. Ronnie made it a priority to look after those less fortunate and always would say to those in need, “As long as I’m in business, you will never go hungry.”

Despite health issues, the market remained a major part of his life and he could be found in the store greeting customers up until a week before his death. He will live on in the hearts of many, especially his wife Rosemary and family.

A funeral Mass took place Wednesday, Dec. 27, at St. Maron Catholic Church, Detroit. Light a candle and share a memory at verheyden.org.

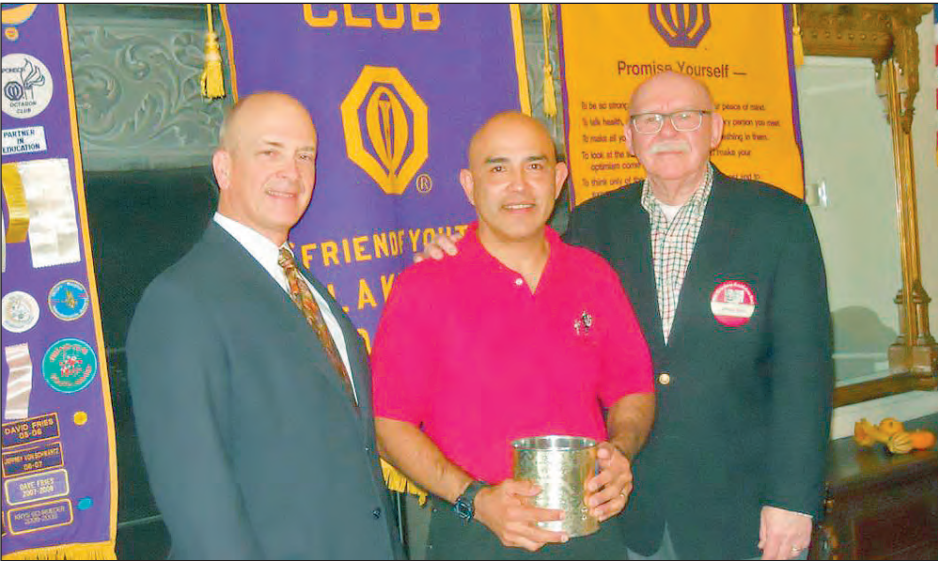
Lakeshore Optimist Club celebrates the season of giving

The Lakeshore Optimist Club presented a check for \$1,600 from the club, along with donations from members, to support the Goodfellows’ “No Child without a Christmas” program. Each year representatives from the Goodfellows organization speak at an Optimist meeting, providing an overview of their program.

The club also collected gently used coats and clothing, which were donated to Matrix Human Services in Detroit as well as the Full Circle Foundation.

The Lakeshore Optimist Club meets 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. All are welcome to attend for fellowship and guest speakers and to learn about the club’s contributions to the community.

For more information, visit facebook.com/lakeshoreoptimists or lakeshoreoptimist.com.



From left, David Franks, president, Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe; Emmett Iglesias, warehouse manager, Goodfellows; Conrad Koski, purchasing and distribution manager, Goodfellows.

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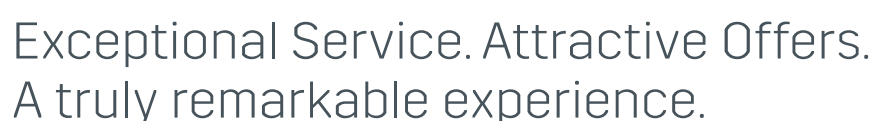
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Hockey

North girls, Liggett boys enjoy holiday tournament titles

Knights beat rival Blue Devils

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

McCann Ice Arena was packed. Parents, students and hockey fans had the chance to witness not just the boys championship game of the annual Liggett Tournament, but the combination of a rock concert and prize fight at Madison Square Garden all rolled into one momentous game.

University Liggett School battled city rival Grosse Pointe South in the title game.

Head coach Bobby McKillop and his Blue Devils enjoyed the upper hand in the past couple of years, but in this game it was head coach Mike Maltese and his Knights hoisting the trophy with a 2-0 victory.



Liggett players and coaches celebrate after beating rival Grosse Pointe South 2-0 in the Liggett Holiday Tournament championship game.

“What an atmosphere for this championship game,” Maltese said. “The guys played a strong game, we had great goaltending from Grant (Lindsay) and a couple of timely goals. The fans were great and

it was nice to win a game in front of a packed house. What a win for us.”

The game was intense. Hard body checks, great goaltending from Lindsay at Liggett and senior Camden Mills at

South and fans rocking the building.

It was a game of momentum shifts. The Blue Devils held the upper hand in the first period, but the Knights had the edge in the second.

Both teams had their scoring chances in the third period, but the home team broke the ice when senior Alex Johnson tallied at the 10:17 mark.

Junior Dan Bowen had the only assist and the Knights held the 1-0 advantage and Lindsay made that stand with an array of saves with his blocker, glove and stick.

With 73 seconds left in the game, McKillop pulled Mills for an extra forward.

However, Johnson put the game away, scoring his second goal of the game into an empty net with 38.3 left.

Liggett fans started to celebrate and South fans headed for the exits.

South’s stars of the game were Mills, senior Garrett Bollenbacher and junior Andrew Vyletel, while Liggett’s three stars were Lindsay, Johnson and senior Spencer Warezak.

Liggett improved to

8-1, while South dropped to 3-5.

In the consolation game, North was in the same spot at South, losing a 2-0 outcome to Berkley to drop to 1-9 overall.

In the semifinal games the night before, Liggett blanked Berkley 4-0 as Lindsay had a second straight shutout in net.

Scoring goals were Warezak with two, Johnson and Bowen with one.

North squared off against South and grabbed an early 1-0 lead. However, South won the game 4-1 as sophomore Keegan Spitz scored twice. Junior Conor McKenna and sophomore Thomas Daudlin also scored for the Blue Devils.

For the Norsemen, senior Austin Albrecht scored. North’s three stars of the tournament were sophomore goaltender Brian Clogg, Albrecht and senior Ryan Rokicki.

Norsemen knock-off Blue Devils

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South girls hockey teams have played some intense games during their long rivalry.

South has ruled the rivalry the past few years, but last weekend in the title game of the Liggett Holiday Tournament North ruled the roost, winning 4-1.

Adding more to the win was the personnel change North coaches Casey Quick and Emma Huellmantel made. A starting defenseman had a family engagement to attend and could not make the game. They moved senior goaltender

Erika Benoit to defense and senior McKenzie Obermok was in net.

Obermok was one of the three stars of the game, making 31 saves.

The Blue Devils had 20 shots in the first period and they scored 55 seconds into the game when senior Solana Bryson tallied, assisted by senior Lauren Kramer.

The Norsemen weathered the storm and tied the game five minutes later when junior Clare Murphy scored, with seniors Kylee Banaszewski and Natalie Barstys drawing assists.

“McKenzie was outstanding today and once we got through the first period, the girls settled down and played a great game against a rival,” Quick said. “This is a big win for our program. Emma did a great job getting McKenzie ready to face a very good South team.”

Murphy scored what turned out to be the game-winning goal at the 10:20 mark. Freshman Erin Murphy and Barstys had the assists.

The Blue Devils put a lot of pressure on the Norsemen defense, but they didn’t bend and Obermok made the key saves to keep it a one-goal game.

With 3:31 left, junior Maddie McIntyre scored an insurance goal as junior Bella Welke had the lone assist.

Clare Murphy had the hat trick with the clinching goal with 92 seconds left. Junior Hannah Martin and McIntyre had the assists and the Norsemen began to celebrate.

North improved to 7-2 and South dipped to 6-2.

In the consolation game, host Liggett lost 5-2 to Livonia Ladywood.

Senior Olivia Yates had both goals as the Knights



North girls hoist the Liggett Holiday Tournament trophy after beating rival Grosse Pointe South 4-1 in the championship game.

fell to 5-3 overall.

In the semifinals, North edged Liggett 4-2 and South destroyed Ladywood 8-0.

In the Norsemen’s win over the Knights, Welke and Erin Murphy scored two goals apiece.

For the Knights, Yates scored both goals.

As for the Blue Devils, they were in total control against league-leading Ladywood.

Senior Erin Brannagan had four goals and two assists for six points,

while Kramer finished with two goals and five assists for seven points.

Other goal scorers were junior Rose Williamson and sophomore Lauren Benoit.

Madeline Kelly earned the win in net.

Swimming

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils battle Pilots to the finish

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South boys swimming and diving team lost 94-91 to Warren De La Salle last week in a meet between two of the top 5 ranked squads in the state.

De La Salle, led by head coach Jim Singelyn, a Grosse Pointe resident, edged out South as the meet was close from start to finish. Each team won six events.

The Blue Devils opened

with a win in the 200-yard medley relay as Ethan Briggs, Matthew Koueiter, Matthew Melican and Khalib Rahmaan posted a time of 1:39.33 and Rahmaan came back to win the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 23.37.

Koueiter and Melican took the top two spots in the 100-yard butterfly, turning in times of 53.14 and 54.48. Grosse Pointer Ben Rancilio was third at 54.96.

Thomas Jogan won the

100-yard freestyle with a time of 51.64 and the Blue Devils won the 200-yard freestyle relay with A.J. Rizer, Jogan, Ethan Kinkade and Briggs posting a time of 1:35.55.

The Blue Devils took second, third and fourth in the 100-yard backstroke to keep the meet close. Melican was second with a time of 54.17, while Zack Grieser and Daniel Klepp took third and fourth with times of 1:01.95 and 1:02.26.

In the 100-yard breast-

stroke, Koueiter won with a time of 1:00.35 and Rahmaan was second at 1:04.89.

In the final event of the meet, the 400-yard relay team of Jogan, Melican, Rahmaan and Kouetier placed second with a time of 3:23.34.

In other action, South finished second with 352.5 points in the annual Pangborn Invitational at Midland Dow High School. The home team won with 413.5 points.

The 200-yard medley

relay first division team of Briggs, Koueiter, Melican and Thomas Jogan won with a time of 1:40.18.

Other top finishes were posted by the 200-yard medley relay third division team of Ryan English, Jackson Jogan, Christopher Bower and David Swegles, second with a time of 1:56.61; 200-yard medley relay second division squad of Ethan Rothenbuhler, Peter Costello, Kinkade and Klepp, third with a

time of 1:52.10; 200-yard freestyle relay first division team of Koueiter, Rizer, Kinkade and Rahmaan, third with a time of 1:34.08; 400-yard freestyle relay third division squad of Swegles, Bower, Raef Akkary and Joshua Dixon, second with a time of 3:59.40; and the 400-yard freestyle relay first division foursome of Thomas Jogan, Melican, Rahmaan and Briggs, third with a time of 3:22.95.

Girls basketball

Hard work yields wins

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School girls basketball team scored a season-high 56 points in its 56-14 division win over West Bloomfield Frankel Jewish Academy early last week.

“We needed a game like this when everything clicked,” head coach John Bandos said. “I could see the girls working the offense like we practiced and get layups off those looks. It was nice to see.”

The host Knights scored 22 points in the first quarter and led 22-2. It was 34-8 at the half and they put the game away in the third quarter, outscoring the Jaguars 16-0 to lead 50-8.

The fourth quarter had a running clock and the game was put in the win column.

Freshman Delaney Garvey led the way with 23 points. Most of her baskets came on layups.

Senior Delaney Bandos and junior Maria Pas each scored nine points, while junior Izzy Brusilow had six. Senior Teagan Cornell chipped in with four points, followed by freshman Aidan McFarlane with three and sophomore Melanie Zampardo with two.

“Now we have a day of practice before we get the rematch with Cristo Rey,” Bandos said. “I’m anxious to see how the

girls respond. We were in position to beat them at their place, but let things get away from us in the second half.”

Liggett earned a split of the season series, beating Cristo Rey 46-37 in front of the home fans.

“We came out on a mission, broke the press, put a little pressure on their ball-handlers causing turnovers, hit a couple of three-pointers, made our lay-ups and the first quarter ended in our favor 16-6,” Bandos said. “The second quarter is what I call a ‘dead quarter.’ Neither team took advantage of the opportunities to establish tempo of the game and at the half the score was 19-8, our lead after a 3-2 quarter.”

Cristo Rey continued to press in the third quarter, but the Knights handled the pressure as Garvey, Bandos and Pas hit clutch shots to keep the visitors at bay.

The Knights won the third quarter 16-12 to stretch their lead to 35-20.

In a fast and furious fourth quarter, Cristo Rey changed to a half-court trap, which posed a challenge. Bandos switched his press break, using Delaney Bandos at the forward/center position to add more ball-handling on the court and adjusted nicely to the pressure.

“Delaney Garvey, Izzy Brusilow and Maria Pas moved the ball well and



PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

Liggett freshman Delaney Garvey, left, goes up for two of her game-high 23 points in the Knights’ division win over Frankel Jewish Academy.

found the open player for easy scores,” Bandos said. “However, we did get into foul trouble. Cristo Rey had double bonus for the final 3:30 of the game and, as good teams do, they took advantage of it.

“Because we didn’t want to stop the clock, fouling was not an option. Instead we put three-quarter court pressure on their point guard to extend their possession time. Izzy Brusilow did a fantastic job guarding their ball-handler and not fouling.”

When the final buzzer sounded, the Knights won by nine points and improved to 3-2 in the Catholic League Intersectional Division and 3-4 overall.

“What a way to end

this year with consecutive victories, learning how to play the game, but from my perspective the most important thing I saw was the fun our team had rising to the challenges,” Bandos said. “Wow, it feels good going into the new year knowing the girls are having fun and are learning how to compete and prepare for the challenges that lie ahead.”

Garvey led the way with 18 points, followed by Bandos with 12, Pas with seven and junior Mimi Wujek with five points and nine rebounds.

Brusilow chipped in with two points and seven steals, while Zampardo had two points and eight rebounds.

Boys basketball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Division win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North and Utica opened their Macomb Area Conference White Division slate last week.

Host North, looking to rebound from its first loss of the season, played well in a 70-57 victory to move to 1-0 in the MAC White Division and 3-1 overall.

“Everything was better tonight, except we need to stop turning the ball over so much and play better defense,” head coach Ron Kochan said. “We had a lot of positives from this game.”

The Norsemen built a 17-7 lead late in the first quarter and held a 28-21

advantage at the half.

The Chieftains stayed close until the home team used a 9-0 run late in the third stanza to cruise out to a 51-35 lead. It was a needed cushion as Kochan’s squad kept the foot on the gas pedal in the final quarter.

Junior Ryan Webb turned in another double-double, scoring 20 points and grabbing 10 rebounds. Junior Troy Herd had 12 points and junior Hunter Levich added 10.

Senior Philip Ross and junior Joe Ayrault had seven points apiece, while junior Joseph Rheume had five points. The Norsemen blocked four shots with Levick collecting two.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Close defeat

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Chris Housey and his players can’t catch a break.

Early last week Housey’s University Liggett School boys basketball team dropped its third straight close game, 45-41, at home to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

They lost overtime games to Lutheran Northwest and Lincoln, too.

“We played hard and were down two with a minute left, but couldn’t pull it out,” Housey said.

Senior Anthony George led the team with 15 points, and senior Casey Scoggin had 10 as the Knights dropped to 0-4 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Cougars stop Blue Devils

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South boys basketball team opened its division slate last week, losing 64-54 to visiting Macomb Dakota.

The Blue Devils played a strong first half and had the Cougars tied at 24 at the intermission.

The Blue Devils found

themselves trailing 44-37 after the third quarter and the deficit hit 15 points midway through the fourth quarter.

Junior Ryan Downey scored 21 points and freshman Daryl Houston had eight points.

South is 0-1 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 1-4 overall.

Gymnastics

GROSSE POINTE UNITED

Working on routines

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe United gymnastics team lost 136.475-129.4 to Tecumseh last weekend.

The team dropped to 0-2 with the defeat.

Alexis Poulos scored an 8.3 on vault, 8.075 on floor exercise and 7.475 on the balance beam, while one of the team leaders was Elizabeth Byarski, who scored an all-around score of 33.2, netting an 8.75 on beam, 8.55 on vault, 8.225 on floor exercise and 7.675 on the uneven parallel bars.

Claire Yee competed in three events, earning an

8.3 on floor exercise, 8.15 on vault and 7.25 on the balance beam, while Amanda Nguyen scored an 8.8 on vault, 8.375 on balance beam and 6.575 on parallel bars.

Emma Scott also competed in all four events. She had an 8.875 on the floor exercise, 8.225 on the parallel bars, 8.25 on balance beam and 8.15 on vault to net a 33.5 all-around score.

Bella Camerson was in two events, scoring a 7.45 on vault and 7.25 on the balance beam.

The team is off until Wednesday, Jan. 10, when it hosts Birmingham Unified in a league meet.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Winning streak hits two

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls basketball team improved to 3-4 overall after beating Utica Ford 48-30 last week.

Head coach Kevin Richards and his Blue Devils outscored the Falcons in every quarter, 11-8 in the first, 11-10 in the second, 14-5 in the third and 12-7 in the fourth.

His pressure defense paid dividends as the Falcons turned the ball over 27 times, which led to a bundle of easy layups for the home team.

The Blue Devils played one of their best games of the season, dominating all phases of the game.

Freshman Alexa Downey led the team with 13 points, and junior Maria Hessburg had 10 points and five

rebounds. Junior Savannah Srebernak had seven points, while junior Sydnie Hall added six points.

Junior Lily Adams had six points and a team-leading 11 rebounds. Senior Margot Baer had two blocked shots.

The Blue Devils were at their best in the third quarter, turning a close game into a rout. They used an effective press to create turnovers and put another 14 points on the

board.

During the pivotal third quarter, the Falcons couldn’t score and any chance they had at winning went into the drain as the Blue Devils built the lead to 13 points, 36-23.

Earlier in the week, South traveled to Sterling Heights Stevenson and pulled off a 40-38 victory to give them a modest two-game winning streak heading into the holiday break.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen cruise to victory

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls basketball team got back on its winning ways early last week, beating host Chippewa Valley 50-30.

The Norsemen head into the break at 4-1 overall.

They jumped out to a 23-6 lead at the half and stretched it to 39-15 after three quarters.

Junior Julia Ayrault had 18 points, seven rebounds, four assists and three steals to lead the team.

Sophomore Christina Braker added 10 points,

seven rebounds and two steals.

Head coach Gary Bennett draws up an effective trap, hoping to force turnovers and turn those into easy transition baskets.

The trap defense worked well against the Big Reds as they built the large lead due to a tough defense.

Junior Evelyn Zacharias had six points and three steals, followed by senior Josie Ciaravino with four points and five steals. Sophomore Maddie Mills also had four points to go with four steals and two assists.

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The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on the following **Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Text**:
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18 Longtime talk-show legend

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24 Apprehensive feeling

28 Sunshades

32 Unmatched

33 Historic time

34 Sum

36 Tavern

37 Teen's facial woe

39 Archetype

41 Top

43 Take the bus

44 Knightly address

46 Interior design

50 Skydiver's

55 Hearty brew

56 Oodles

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

Solution for last weeks puzzle 12/21/17

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