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2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

City has controversial 2017

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The City saw its fair share of controversy this year. From the proposed hotel in The Village to the DPW and public safety bond vote, residents were vocal and showed passion for their community.

Financially, the City had a great year. It was upgraded to a AAA bond rating by S&P and boasted a \$600,000 surplus from last fiscal year.

In the November election, Christopher Boettcher defeated long-

time mayor Dale Scrace in a contested election.

Following are other events from 2017:

January

◆ The Urban Forestry Commission is created and Grosse Pointe Park forester Brian Colter is hired part time to oversee the urban forest program. He'll oversee development of a master plan for municipal street trees and more.

◆ The municipal court looks to add a full-time administrator position. The court hasn't had the position since 2010 when the recession caused

city-wide budget cuts.

◆ Some small-craft marina fees are increased from \$50 to \$150 to help mitigate infrastructure repairs at Neff Park.

February

◆ Three developers submit proposals for a hotel in The Village. The hotel is sited for parking Lot 3 with a parking deck located on Lot 2. The proposed hotel is met with mixed reaction. Residents say with Detroit's recent revival, placing a hotel in the

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2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

Park faces off with Mother Nature

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GROSSE POINTE PARK — Mother Nature caused the biggest disturbances in the Park this year as a major windstorm ripped through the area in March and record rainfall fell on the community for the second year in a row causing sporadic flooding.

St. Ambrose Catholic Church celebrated its 100-year anniversary with a Mass Mob and PBS visited Robot Garage on Kercheval for its show "Under the Radar."

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◆ Bob Bashara files a request with the Michigan Court of Appeals asking for a new trial. Bashara, a Park businessman, was convicted of first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder for the 2012 death of his wife, Jane, and is serving two terms of life in prison without parole.

◆ The Park announces a new sculpture to be erected at Wayburn and Kercheval. The city hopes the sculpture will be symbolic of a new beginning for the turnaround area some see as a barrier against Detroit and its

occupancy. Gas and electric service were shut off earlier in 2016, resulting in the tenants running extension cords from an adjacent apartment, outside, through the windows.

◆ A major windstorm hits the Pointes, knocking over countless trees and knocking out power in some areas.

◆ Overall crime rates hold steady in the Park, according to Director of Public Safety Stephen Poloni.

◆ DPW moves to Joe's Garage on Ashland in Detroit. Paul Schaab recently purchased the garage for use by the city's DPW.

April

◆ A welcome addition, a heater for the baby pool at Windmill Pointe Park, is approved by council.

May

◆ Park resident Courtney McGuire receives a national volun-

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Snow much fun!

Grosse Pointe Academy kindergarteners Avery Miller, left, and Bella Quarles, enjoy a snow-filled playground at recess time in December.

Shores committees appointed for 2018

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Mayor Ted Kedzierski kept Shores committees relatively unchanged for the upcoming year.

The Municipal Buildings Committee did, however, expand its purview to include all infrastructure-related projects, including the crumbling seawall along Lakeshore. Councilman Robert Barrette will be

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Changing of the guard

Library foundation has new executive director

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

After six years with The Family Center, Beth Vernon steps down from her post to become the new executive director of the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation.

Vernon replaces Jennifer Bingaman, who has served the foundation six years.

"I plan to employ all the skills I've learned in my six years as assistant to the director of The Family Center to benefit the one public institution I've all my life held in the highest regard — the library," Vernon said. "I look forward to working with the wonderful board of directors of the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation, the Friends and the staff and administration of the Grosse Pointe Public Library to continue the brilliant work Jennifer Bingaman has established and to possibly grow the foundation in ways I haven't even thought of yet. I have much to learn and am thrilled to have this

opportunity to once again contribute to an organization whose sole intent is the betterment of our community."

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also helped form partnerships with other community organizations and was instrumental in helping The Family Center move to its new home at The War Memorial.

"Chairing HOLLYFEST for five years was certainly an accomplishment, but the thing I'm most proud of in my time

can. It listens to our concerns and responds with help.

"I'll forever be grateful for my time with The Family Center and all I've learned there," she continued.

Vernon has served as coordinator with the library foundation since September, so already had a foot in the door when the selection was

made.

"We are saying a bittersweet goodbye to a longtime Family Center employee, Beth Vernon," Family Center Executive Director Debbie Liedel said. "Our very successful HOLLYFEST benefit has grown under her notable leadership. We wish her the very best and are pleased that we will stay connected as she begins her new role as executive director for another local community organization."

Bingaman said she is proud of the work she and the library foundation have accomplished during her tenure.

"Through our board's leadership and the generosity of our donors, together we raised over \$500,000 to support library programs, services and resources," she said. "I am most proud of establishing the Breuer Preservation Fund and the successful completion of the restoration of Central's \$10.5 million art collection, but also grateful to have raised funding to bring



FILE PHOTO

Beth Vernon, left, and Debbie Liedel at the 2016 HOLLYFEST event. Vernon, who co-chaired the event five years, has left her post to become the executive director of the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation.

back Books on the Lake and the printed newsletter, to install little libraries and book return bins throughout the Pointes and to establish the book endowment.

"The success of our fundraising efforts would simply not be possible without the support of not only our donors and community partners, but of the librarians, staff and administration," she said. "I am so grateful to all of them. It has been a tremendous gift to work at the library, surrounded by books and art and the people who love them as much as I do."

Bingaman said she has faith Vernon will begin Jan. 1.

work tirelessly for the benefit of the library.

"As I step down to focus on my family and volunteer pursuits, it was very important to me to help the foundation board find the right person to build on our successes and help fulfill the goals of the library's new strategic plan," she said. "I am confident Beth, with her passion for the library and love of the Pointes, is the best person for the job. I'm excited to see her make her mark at the library and I'm looking forward to continuing to support the library as a patron, donor and volunteer."

Vernon's new job began Jan. 1.

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teer award at the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan National Volunteer Awards banquet. She earns the Volunteer of Excellence Award after creating

more than 10 FIRST LEGO League Junior teams and one FIRST LEGO League team.

◆ Park resident Bernadine Sherwood is honored for outstanding nursing at the 29th annual Nightingale Awards. Sherwood, a nurse at Beaumont

Hospital, Grosse Pointe, was selected for post-acute care and specialty nursing.

June

◆ St. Ambrose Catholic Church, celebrating its 100th anniversary, hosts a Mass Mob, inviting the public to worship in the

historic church building.

◆ Park resident Janet Guenche steps down from her post as pastoral associate at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church after 40 years on the job. "The parish is heading in the right direction," she says. "It's a good time to retire."

◆ Sierra Station has been a staple in the Park since 1977. The family-friendly Mexican restaurant, owned by Park resident Jeff Lee, celebrates its 40th anniversary with a party featuring giveaways and a mariachi band.

July

◆ PBS's "Under the Radar" and its host, Tom Daldin, visit several Grosse Pointe locations to film spots for a future episode, among them Robot Garage.

◆ Park resident Sam Smith celebrates his 11th year participating in the American Lung Association's Climb Detroit event. The 72-year-old regularly practices hiking the Renaissance Center's 80-plus flights of stairs wearing a 27-pound backpack.

◆ Smart911 is activated

in the Park. The new system allows residents to register and enter important medical information to aid first responders.

August

◆ The "Sail of Two Cities" statue is unveiled at the turnaround on Kercheval and Wayburn.

◆ Massive rainfall causes sporadic flooding for the second year in a row.

September

◆ The Michigan Court of Appeals denies Bob Bashara's request for a new trial in the 2012 murder of his wife, Jane. The former Park resident is serving two life terms without parole after being convicted December 2014.

October

◆ The southeast Michigan Hepatitis A scare comes to Grosse Pointe as an employee at two area restaurants is found carrying the disease.

◆ After eight years, Councilwoman Laurie Arora sets to retire from her post on council. She is honored at her last council meeting for her service to the community.

◆ Park resident Clem Fortuna is inspired by a man's hike across the United States and takes off on a trek of his own. The 60-year-old spends 13 days walking across Michigan, starting in South Haven and ending at Patterson Park.

November

◆ Lauri Read takes a seat as the newest council member. Read says she is drawn to the immediacy of local government. "What really matters for most people ... is politics is local and what happens in your own backyard is what affects you the most on a day-to-day basis," she says.

◆ The Park's Ewald branch library opens a digital media lab, offering a variety of services for cardholders. "It's essentially where you can create, copy and execute things into a new format," says John Clextion, Ewald branch coordinator. "For example, you can turn VHS tapes into MP4s, which can play on YouTube. Then we get into scanning pictures. Once the picture is in the computer, you can do touch-ups, embellish, whatever. We're starting off small, then we'll go big." A 3D printer also is part of the lab.

December

◆ The new Tompkins Center atrium at Windmill Pointe Park is close to completion. City Manager Dale Krajniak expects the atrium should be open for operation the first week of January.

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Informative walk

Library patrons and staff members walked in front of Central Library before the library board meeting Dec. 21. Library staff have been working without a contract the last six months. Supporters wanted to inform the public about the issue.

Laney Corrado, head of circulation, Central branch, said she wants a peaceful resolution to the contract dispute.

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March

◆ After a second driver, a 51-year-old, loses control of his vehicle and drives into Lake St. Clair, public safety considers purchasing an inflatable kayak to aid in rescues.

◆ A municipal ordinance is being written to prosecute motorists possessing fraudulent auto insurance. The estimated fine is \$500.

◆ The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House receives approval to begin construction on a 18,000-square-foot administrative building, a 40,000-square-foot visitor center with exhibition and classroom space and an expanded restaurant with outdoor seating.

◆ Crime is controlled, according to the annual report. "There are no dramatic increases and, as you'd expect with such a low crime rate, there's no dramatic decreases," Detective Lt. Scott Rohr says.

April

◆ Council approves the purchase of a new Jaws of Life after the public safety department's 25-year-old set fails in a training exercise.

◆ Shores city hall is adorned with a Grosse Pointe Historical Society plaque. The city hall was designed in 1915 by Albert Kahn.

May

◆ The proposed development of 18 new homes on 7.83 acres at 55 S. Deeplands is denied by council unanimously.

The denial is based on the more than 800-foot dead-end road proposed. City ordinances restrict dead ends to a 600-foot maximum.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club offers the community a new opportunity to get up close and personal with the sport of stadium sailing. Sailing Director Wally Cross says the sport has the potential to change the way people think about sailing.

June

◆ Public safety recovers a large amount of tools stolen from job sites in the metro area. Martin Michael-Alan Fegley is identified and arrested after stealing tools from a job site in the 900 block of Lakeshore. After a police investigation, a large cache of tools, \$100,000 worth, is found in a storage unit rented in Fegley's name.

◆ EyesOn Design — the No. 1 car show in Michigan and No. 4 in the country — celebrates its 30th anniversary with a show featuring more than 300 cars, trucks, motorcycles and limousines following a theme of body styles that defined an era.

July

◆ Plans for the Osius Park guardhouse and tennis courts are debated as improvement ideas evolve. Being considered is moving the tennis courts to a lesser-used corner of the park and reconfiguring the vehicle entrance off Lakeshore.

August

◆ Deeplands Development Company appeals in Wayne County Circuit Court the Shores Zoning Board of Appeals' rejection of its proposed development at 55 S. Deeplands.

◆ The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House hosts its first Pollinator Palooza, inviting the community to mix and mingle with live butterflies, peek into a living beehive, learn about gardening for hummingbirds and check out live bats.

September

◆ Council approves resurfacing the tennis courts at Osius Park in spring with the proposed guardhouse put on hold until more information on its financial impact is researched.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club appoints a new executive chef, Colby Newman, its youngest in the history of the club.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club officially opens its state-of-the-art marine recreation center.

The building features restrooms, second-floor classrooms and access to a balcony that spans three sides of the building — the perfect spot for watching stadium sailing events.

October

◆ The remaining cache of tools seized from Martin Michael-Alan Fegley are sold to Shores residents.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club officially opens its new Family Activity Center, featuring four Hartru tennis courts, four pickleball courts, two bocce ball courts, a shuffleboard court, a half-court basketball area, Playscape and splash pad.

◆ The seawall along Lake St. Clair is in rough shape; Shores city council doesn't think it's been touched since the Roosevelt administration. So Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen initiates a study by the Army Corps of Engineers to come up with a remedy.

November

◆ The Shores is deemed financially healthy after its annual audit. The city adds \$336,300 to its general fund, bringing the balance to \$1.8 million.

◆ The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House breaks ground on two additions to its campus — a visitor center and an administration building, marking the start of the first major construction on the historic estate in more than 25 years. The new facilities are part of a long-term restoration and rehabilitation plan for the National Historic Landmark estate.

December

◆ Residents in the Deeplands neighborhood file suit against Deeplands Development Co. in regard to the proposed development at 55 S. Deeplands. They claim DDC's development will be in violation of subdivision restrictions set by the Stackpoles, the original property owners.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club announces the hiring of new general manager, Aaron Wagner, who replaces retiring GM, Tom Trainor, come February.

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works and election commissions.

Councilman Matthew Seely, the newest member of council, will take Barrette's spot as the Harbor Committee liaison. Seely also was named liaison to the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation.

"(She will be) responsible for the newsletter and any press releases that are needed from time to time," Kedzierski said. "Tina will be responsible for handling any inquiries to the city requiring council input."

The planning and pension commissions and tree board all were reappointed.

City committees, commissions and boards are made up of council members, city employees and residents appointed by the mayor. To see a complete list of committee members and learn how to become involved, visit gpshoresmi.gov.

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, JAN. 7

- ◆ Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, 1:30 to 4 p.m. Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe.

MONDAY, JAN. 8

- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe council meeting, 7 p.m. council chambers, 17147 Maumee.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting, 7 p.m. council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation Trustee meeting, 7 p.m. city hall, 795 Lakeshore.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park City Council meeting, 7:30 p.m. city hall, 20225 Mack Place.

TUESDAY, JAN. 9

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club, 11 a.m. The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Detroit Police Chief James Craig speaks. Call (313) 550-9661.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens' Recreation Commission, 7 p.m. city hall, 20025 Mack Place.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 10

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Commission, 7 p.m. city hall, 20025 Mack Place.

THURSDAY, JAN. 11

- ◆ The Grosse Pointe-based episode of "Under the Radar" premieres on Detroit Public Television at 8:30 p.m. The episode features footage from The Robot Garage, Garrido's Bistro & Pastry, Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, K-Line Trolley and Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission, 7:30 p.m. city hall, 20025 Mack Place.

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Woods author uncovers secret Detroit

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

Curiosity has led Grosse Pointe Woods resident Karen Dybis, pen and notepad in hand, all over Detroit and deep into its past.

The Detroit business reporter and city-beat blogger took the journalistic skills and habits she's honed the past 20-plus years, covering all 139 square miles of Detroit, to author a book on Detroit's little-known and most unusual sites — "Secret Detroit," available this April by Reedy Press and Dybis' fourth book on Detroit history.

"If I hadn't been a reporter myself and hadn't had that education and background," Dybis said, "I couldn't have written these books and I wouldn't have fulfilled my own dream of being an author."

Each day last summer, Dybis, with her son, Pete, 12, and daughter, Robin, 10, visited a different site in Detroit, exploring 120 of the city's historic and unique buildings, landmarks and works of art.

"There's nothing they haven't seen or done in Detroit," Dybis said.

Developing the scope

of "Secret Detroit" began with a list of 200 sites Dybis noted as a reporter in the city and others she discovered from diving into history books and solicited from social media. Thinning the list to 120, she and her kids explored all, Dybis capturing photos and writing a 200-word description for each. For the final scope, she weeded the entries down to 90.

This project wasn't the beginning of Dybis' quest to discover Detroit. From 2009 to 2010, Dybis served as "Assignment: Detroit" blogger for Time. Calling herself the Suburban Mom, her beat covered all of Detroit on any topic.

"It reintroduced me to Detroit," she said. "This really forced me to invest in the city and to invest in writing every single day."

Dybis' fixed, daily writing routine and thorough



PHOTO BY MELISSA WALSH

Woods author Karen Dybis with three of her books. Her fourth, "Secret Detroit," will be released by Reedy Press in April.

knowledge of the city brought her assignments with other Detroit news sites, including Detroit Unspun and Daily Detroit, as well as Corp! and TBD magazines.

Originally from Bad Axe, Dybis moved to Romeo in fourth grade. By then, she was reading newspapers and sensing a call to become a journalist.

"I was like, 'What is

this byline? How do I become this person?'" she recalled of how she felt reading news as a child.

Dybis worked for her high school and college newspapers. After graduating from the University of Michigan with a journalism degree, Dybis became a staff writer with The Daily Telegram in Adrian. She later covered business news for The Oakland Press and The Detroit News. She said her experience at the business desk was "lucky" in teaching her how to tell a story and verify information.

"I stumbled into these wonderful jobs with great editors," Dybis said. "I remember going into journalism thinking it would teach me how to write a book. It doesn't, but it gave me the experience and background to do the research that leads to a book."

Dybis moved to the Pointes in 2002, renting

in the Park with husband, Mark. The couple bought their Woods home in 2003.

"I love the big community that is Grosse Pointe," she said. "I could not find a more beautiful community to live in."

Enjoying Grosse Pointers — especially the supportive community of her mom's club — and awed by the variety of architecture in the Pointes, Dybis said, "I love getting lost in Grosse Pointe."

The research for her four books about Detroit got her happily lost in Detroit, as well, where she uncovered fascinating Detroiters and their wilder-than-fiction true stories.

"I always had people I didn't expect to show up show up in the stories," she said.

After writing an article about a drive-in, Arcadia Publishing contacted Dybis about authoring her first book, "The Ford-Wyoming Drive-in: Cars, Candy & Canoodling in the Motor City."

A larger-than-life character Dybis discovered researching the drive-in's history was, among others, Dearborn's controversial mayor from 1942 to 1978,

Orville Hubbard, who fought against the Ford-Wyoming's founding and operation with zoning violations, packing city meetings with his supporters and even running whole-page newspaper ads opposing the drive-in.

Arcadia then commissioned Dybis to write the history of a Detroit family business mainstay, Better Made. Her research for "Better Made in Michigan: The Salty Story of Detroit's Best Chip" led her to the company's owners, the Cipriano family, whom Dybis said "couldn't have been more pleasant." The book describes Better Made's rather clandestine operations due to its fierce competition with New Era early on and later with Lays and speaks to "the highs and lows of running a small business in Detroit."

"It's nice to secure all that history," Dybis said. Research for her third book, "The Witch of Delray: Rose Veres & Detroit's Infamous 1930s Murder Mystery," released Halloween 2017 by Arcadia, introduced her to interesting charac-

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heart of Grosse Pointe is no longer needed and some fear it will become a "white elephant."

◆ The City amends ordinances allowing bars to stay open until 2 a.m. "We determined our general business hours-of-operation ordinances were superseded by (the) state," City Manager Pete Dame says.

◆ A stray bullet from

gunplay near Trolley's on Mack hits Alger's Deli & Liquor, setting off the burglar alarm. "Obviously, we're going to increase patrols in that area," Lt. Detective John Alcorn says.

◆ With the opening of its newly constructed medical building, Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe is able to offer more outpatient services — including hyperbaric oxygen therapy — as well as offices for many of its physicians. The two-story,

60,000-square-foot facility also frees up hospital space for private rooms.

March

◆ A developer with local ties, Pedersen Development Co., is selected as the preferred developer for a hotel in The Village. Pedersen will begin a \$19,000 traffic impact study.

◆ Crime is down 15 percent since last year, according to the Department of Public Safety's annual report.

◆ The City receives a AAA bond rating from Standard and Poor's.

April

◆ Lucky the dog lives up to his name and survives a three-alarm house fire in the 500 block of Washington.

◆ Gary Huvaere, long-time director of public service, is honored for 37 years of service in the City as he gets ready to retire.

May

◆ Council proposes to voters the issuance of nearly \$13 million in bonds to relocate public safety and public works. The bond issue will go to voters in August.

◆ The City holds its

tax rate steady for the next fiscal year.

◆ Councilman Christopher Boettcher announces he will not seek another term on council.

June

◆ Residents are invited to tour the public safety and services building to see firsthand the need for an upgrade and nearly \$13 million in bond money.

◆ For the second year in a row, the 4- and 5-year-olds in Sue Sullivan's class at the Neighborhood Club are national award winners. The youngsters win a contest, sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution, for their patriotic banner based on Yosemite National Park.

July

◆ After 43 years, the owners of Alger's Deli & Liquor announce retirement and the sale of their building.

August

◆ Smart911 becomes available to City residents.

◆ In an extremely close vote, residents OK the controversial \$13 million public safety and DPW bond. The bond money will be used to move the departments away from the Maumee city hall complex.

September

◆ Council announces the purchase of Alger's Deli & Liquor for \$1.65 million. The new public safety department will take over the spot thanks to August's bond vote.

◆ The City ends its year with a \$600,000 surplus. The funds will be deposited into the capital improvements fund.

◆ ReLeaf Grosse Pointe, a nonprofit fund-raising campaign set up by the City's Urban Forestry Commission, hopes to raise enough money to plant 100 trees and fill the gaps where Dutch elm disease and

emerald ash borer decimated the City's tree population.

◆ City resident Rufus McGaugh reaches the pinnacle of his journey: "I've accomplished my lifelong dream of going to every country, continent and state in the world," he says. "It took 49 and a half years to do, but I did it. It was a great journey, lots of fun and very interesting."

October

◆ Worried about child safety, parking issues and impact on Village businesses, opponents of the proposed Village hotel become vocal.

◆ In the run-up to November's election, council and mayoral candidates campaign in fervor. Longtime mayor Dale Scrase is opposed by Councilman Christopher Boettcher, who announced he wouldn't run for another term on council earlier in the year.

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◆ Sheila Tomkowiak and Chris Walsh retain their seats on council. Daniel Williams replaces Boettcher, becoming the newest member of council.

◆ Earning a black belt in karate is a difficult, disciplined feat for many, but perhaps more so for City resident Richard Raspa, who earns his degree in four short years — and at age 77.

December

◆ Council approves DPW's move to a facility in Detroit. The new 30,000-square-foot facility on Canyon will be purchased for \$2 million and renovated as the new DPW headquarters.

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Grosse Pointe Woods**No meter, no heat**

Public safety officers were dispatched to a home without gas service since July 2017 in the 600 block of Peachtree Lane 11:23 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, to conduct a welfare check on the 57-year-old resident.

The officers were following up from an earlier visit to the home Christmas Eve day when DTE technicians attempted to install a gas meter. The resident refused the installation due to the holiday and being unavailable to clear items from her basement for access to the installation site.

Officers notified Wayne County Department of Health and Human Services of the situation and contacted the resident Dec. 27, who said she will reschedule the meter-installation appointment with DTE.

Catalytic converter gone

Officers responded to a report from the victim of a catalytic-converter theft in the North lot of St. John Hospital & Medical Center, estimated to have occurred between 2:30 and 5 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 28. Officers reported the suspect appeared to use a

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power saw in the theft.

Drunken driving

Officers arrested a 55-year-old Detroit man at 1:41 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, responding to the report of a possible intoxicated driver in a dark-colored Dodge Ram, who was driving erratically and stopped at the Mobil gas station at Mack and Vernier.

The officers arrived in time to stop the driver before he exited the gas station lot. He smelled of alcohol and was speaking incoherently in English and Jamaican as officers detained and arrested him. A warrant for a blood test was granted after the man refused a preliminary breath test at the scene.

Street fight

Public safety units responded to a report of 20 to 30 people fighting outside in the 1900 block of Stanhope at 11:36 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31.

Several teens at the scene were interviewed by police.

Police arrested an 18-year-old Harper Woods man for possession of Ecstasy and mari-

juana.

—Melissa Walsh
Report information on these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.

Grosse Pointe Shores**El-em-en-uh-oh**

A man was arrested for operating under the influence of drugs 9 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, in the 800 block of Lakeshore.

Officers observed a vehicle traveling northbound on Lakeshore at a high rate of speed. While following the vehicle, the officer had to drive 55 mph and observed the vehicle continue to accelerate.

After initiating a traffic stop and asking for documentation, the driver handed over a prescription label. According to police, the driver was confused when he was informed it was not registration or proof of insurance. He eventually produced registration and an expired proof of insurance but no driver's license. Officers observed constricted pupils.

During the field sobriety test, the driver was

asked to say the alphabet and not sing. He continued to sing the alphabet. He failed the rest of the tests.

The preliminary breath test resulted in a .015 percent blood alcohol content.

—Anthony Viola

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

Grosse Pointe Park**Conducting traffic**

Officers witnessed a Detroit man interfering with traffic on his bike early Sunday morning, Dec. 31. The man was observed 1 a.m. on Jefferson and Lakepointe and a subsequent investigation revealed the man had multiple felony warrants. He was arrested on those warrants.

Remember your headlights

A Detroit woman was arrested for driving with a suspended license and warrants 8:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, at Mack and Beaconsfield. She was pulled over for driving without headlights. During the traffic stop it was found she had a suspended license and warrant for her arrest.

—Anthony Viola

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

the past year.

Video surveillance shows the suspect taking bottles of champagne without paying. He dropped one bottle during the chase.

While in custody at the Farms Public Safety Department, the suspect was caught using cocaine with a man arrested in the Shores for operating a vehicle while under the influence of drugs.

Surveillance shows the Shores prisoner removing rocks of cocaine he had concealed and sharing the drug with the Farms prisoner.

Homeless & high

A patrolling officer observed a woman stumbling along the sidewalk in the 18000 block of Mack. Assisting the woman, the officer observed her pupils were constricted and she appeared to be under the influence of narcotics. The 39-year-old woman from Algonac admitted to regular heroin use and said she was homeless.

Three syringes with suspected heroin were found in the woman's purse. A glass pipe with suspected cocaine residue was found in her coat pocket.

Medics took the woman to the hospital for treatment.

—Melissa Walsh

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

City of Grosse Pointe**Early New Year's celebrant**

A Georgia woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated 1:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, near Jefferson and Cadieux.

A parked officer observed a vehicle driving at a high rate of speed

early Sunday morning. The officer clocked the driver traveling more than 50 mph in a posted 35 mph zone.

After pulling over the driver, the officer observed glossy eyes and an odor of alcohol. The driver denied having anything to drink that night. However, after failing the field sobriety tests and blowing a .146 percent blood alcohol content, she was arrested.

Double-check your cart

A woman's purse was filched from her shopping cart Saturday, Dec. 30.

The victim was shopping at Kroger in The Village around 8 p.m. when she forgot her purse in the cart after loading her groceries and leaving.

She contacted the store and was informed later the purse was returned to the customer service counter. However, when she went to retrieve her property she discovered her blue leather wallet missing.

It contained \$80 cash, her Michigan driver's license and 11 credit cards.

iPhelony

An iPhone bought on Facebook was discovered stolen when the recipient attempted to activate the phone and was blocked Thursday, Dec. 21.

A woman gave her daughter's iPhone to a coworker to fix. He was unable to do so and instead bought a replacement on the social media site for \$320.

When the daughter was blocked from making calls, the mother called AT&T, which advised the phone was reported stolen.

The phone was turned into police along with the name, phone number and address of the seller.

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

SECRET:

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ters involved in the 1931 true-crime trial of Delray boarding-house proprietor Rose Veres and her 18-year-old son, Bill.

Veres and her son were prosecuted by Detroit's Duncan McCrea, known as "Dynamic Duncan McCrea" for his courtroom theatrics. Veres, an immigrant from Sarud, Hungary, dubbed "the witch of Delray," stood trial for murdering a boarder and pushing him out of an upper-story window. The prosecution alleged she killed as many as 11 other men since 1923. Her son, Bill, was tried as an accomplice.

Dybis read more than 300 pages of court documents from the 1931 trial convicting Veres and her son and the 1945 re-trial leading to Veres' acquittal and all of the articles from the three Detroit newspapers — The Detroit News, The Free Press and The Detroit Times. Dybis also inter-



PHOTO BY MELISSA WALSH

Books by Woods resident Karen Dybis.

viewed Delray residents — some in their 90s — who remembered the Delray "witch."

Records show Veres as silent during the trial. Not proficient in English, she could not speak in her own defense.

"Everything that could go wrong for this woman in 1931 more or less went wrong," Dybis said. "She already had the negative stigma of the witch of Delray by her neighbors. The newspapers all ran with that. All that pre-trial publicity every single day, from August when she was arrested to October when she was convicted."

Veres and her son were

convicted and sent to prison until being acquitted — the son in 1944 and his mother in 1945. McCrea, who, convicted of racketeering in 1940, found himself in prison with Bill Veres and offered him coaching for securing a re-trial.

Another character in this Detroit true-crime drama Dybis was impressed by was Detroit Times reporter Vera Brown, who, Dybis said, put on the news record thorough coverage of the trial with fine detail about the courtroom and people in it.

"It was really nice to see a woman mentor from 1931 that you could admire. So Vera Brown to me was a kind a hero," Dybis said.

Dybis said the books she's authored feel like long journalism. Going forward, she plans to write longer non-fiction related to her favorite topic — Detroit history.

"Detroit is such a conundrum," she said. "Every time I think I understand it, my mind opens up to a new place."

Grosse Pointe Farms**Stolen bubbly**

At 10:14 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, officers were dispatched to the area of Mack and East Warren, where an employee of a grocery store in the 18000 block of Mack was chasing on foot a subject he had seen stealing several bottles of champagne.

With assistance from City of Grosse Pointe officers, Farms officers located and arrested the 35-year-old Detroit man in an apartment building on Canyon.

The store manager and owner told officers the suspect and members of his family have been seen stealing from the store

on the phone was turned into police along with the name, phone number and address of the seller.

—Anthony Viola

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For those of you concerned about debt or the economy, keep in mind that small businesses reinvest a greater percentage of their profits back into the community, whether it's through donating to local schools or nonprofits or purchasing supplies from fellow local small businesses. More of their taxes go back into the city's coffers instead of being sent out of state.

So, I ask you all to choose local businesses for your spending in 2018. And to entrepreneurs looking for space to start-up a new business, I encourage you to choose local businesses to lease your new spaces. It will make your business more interesting and will deepen your community roots in Grosse Pointe.

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OUR VIEW 2017

Municipalities in the news

Grosse Pointe probably deserves the "Newsmaker of the Year" award for 2017. Not only did it see voter approval of a \$13 million bond for new public safety and department of public works facilities on Mack Avenue, it also experienced grassroots opposition to a proposed hotel in The Village — opposition that likely caused longtime Mayor Dale Scrace his re-election.

The City began the year in January by increasing some small-craft marina fees from \$50 to \$150 to help mitigate infrastructure repairs at Neff Park, and in February, the City amended ordinances to allow bars to stay open until 2 a.m.

Meanwhile, a stray bullet from gunplay near Trolley's on Mack hit Alger's Deli & Liquor (the future site of the City's public safety facilities) setting off the burglar alarm.

In March, a developer with local ties, Pedersen Development Company, was selected as the preferred developer for a hotel in The Village. Also that month, the City earned a AAA bond rating from Standard and Poor's.

In April, Gary Huvaere, long-time director of public service, was honored for 37 years of service in the City as he got ready to retire.

In May, the council decided to go to voters in August for nearly \$13 million in bonds to relocate public safety and public works. Also that month, Councilman Christopher Boettcher announced he would not seek another term on council.

The next month, residents were invited to tour the public safety and services building to see firsthand the need for an upgrade. After 43 years, the owners of Alger's Deli & Liquor announced retirement plans and the sale of their building — possibly to the City for its new public safety facilities should voters approve the bond referendum.

In August in an extremely close vote, residents approved the controversial \$13 million public safety and DPW bond. The money will be used to move the departments away from the Maumee municipal complex. In September, the council announced the purchase of Alger's Deli & Liquor for \$1.65 million. Also that month, the City ended its fiscal year with a \$600,000 surplus. The funds will be deposited into the capital improvements fund.

Councilman Boettcher, who announced he wouldn't run for another term on council, decided to run for mayor. In November, Boettcher won the mayoral election amid a contentious campaign revolving around the proposed Village hotel.

Ending the year, and after a rigorous comparison of the proposed Detroit vs. Maumee sites, council approved the DPW's move to Detroit. The new 30,000-square-foot facility on Canyon will be purchased for \$2 million and renovated as the new DPW headquarters.

In Grosse Pointe Farms in 2017, longtime Councilman Louis Theros was elected in the first contested mayoral election since 2003. His chal-



Pure Grosse Pointe

This photo of an icy sun-dog and freighter on rapidly freezing Lake St. Clair was taken mid-morning Thursday, Dec. 28, by City of Grosse Pointe resident George O. Young, who was led to believe the freighter is the Herbert C. Jackson, self-discharging bulk carrier out of Philadelphia. There are many apps to identify ships on Lake St. Clair. Ship Finder is one.

PHOTO BY GEORGE O. YOUNG

lenger, Councilman Joe Ricci, continued serving two more years left on his council term.

After six years of suits, counter suits and appeals, the homeowners affected in the 2011 flooding of basements reached a \$4 million settlement with the Farms. The Farms also began monitoring sewer flows with plans to separate sanitary and storm systems.

In January, longtime retailer on The Hill, The League Shop, was sold and relocated to The Village.

Things began to heat up in the Farms in February when word got out about The War Memorial's plans to modernize its theater in a partnership with Emagine Entertainment. In June, some 75 residents attended a work session of the city council, demanding information on The War Memorial's plans.

Dick Huhn, recreation director for 31 years in the Farms, announced his retirement in April. Also that month, one Gerald Day Jr. is arrested on charges of home invasions in multiple jurisdictions.

Contractors for DTE Energy, having begun new underground gas line replacement in February, mistakenly nipped sewer leads to two houses on Kerby Road.

In October, The War Memorial hosted "Understanding Our Differences, Celebrating Our Stories," an event sponsored by Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and We GP encouraging harmony in diversity.

Also in October, the Farms, Woods and Grosse Pointe entered a 90-day trial period with Medstar ambulance service.

Rounding out the year in the Farms, the city council, in response to opposition to the city's lawn sign ordinance, approved an amendment drafted by the city attorney.

As reported in this week's Year in Review, Mother Nature caused the biggest disturbances this year in Grosse Pointe Park.

Starting out the year, a fire critically damaging a building on Mack at Nottingham in October 2016 was found to have started in an upper apartment lacking a required certificate of occupancy. Gas and electric service were shut off earlier in 2016, resulting in the tenants running extension cords from an adjacent apartment, outside, through the windows.

Former owner of the aforesaid building, Bob Bashara filed a request with the Michigan Court of Appeals asking for a new trial. Bashara was con-

victed of first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder for the 2012 death of his wife, Jane, and is serving two terms of life in prison without parole. The Michigan Court of Appeals in September denied Mr. Bashara's request for a new trial in the 2012 murder of his wife.

A February major windstorm hits the Pointes, knocking over countless trees and knocking out power in some areas. Meanwhile, the Park DPW moved to a garage on Ashland in Detroit.

In June, St. Ambrose Catholic Church, celebrating its 100th anniversary, hosted a Mass Mob, inviting the public to worship in the historic church building. A 100th anniversary dinner was held at The Rattlesnake Club. In another anniversary, Sierra Station, founded in 1977 and owned by Park resident Jeff Lee, celebrated its 40th with a party featuring giveaways and a mariachi band.

In August, the "Sail of Two Cities" sculpture was unveiled at the turnaround on Kercheval and Wayburn. Also that month, massive summer rainfall causes sporadic flooding for the second year in a row.

Last fall, the southeast Michigan Hepatitis A scare came to Grosse Pointe as an employee at two area restaurants was found carrying the disease. Quick action saved the eatery and prevented an outbreak.

After eight years, Councilwoman Laurie Arora was honored at her last council meeting for her service to the community. In November, Lauri Read took a seat as the newest council member.

Culminating the year, the new Tompkins Center atrium at Windmill Pointe Park was close to completion. City Manager Dale Krajniak expected the atrium should be open for operation the first week of January.

The year in Grosse Pointe Shores began with a plunge — make that a pair of them — when two separate drivers drove their cars into the lake. Keeping their feet dry, the mayor and council began the year exploring upgrading security at Osius Park including a new, permanent guardhouse located closer to Lakeshore Road.

In March, the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House received approval to begin construction on a 18,000-square-foot administrative building, a 40,000-square-foot visitor center with exhibition and classroom space

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LETTERS

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Kudos to Ms. Potter

To the Editor:

Poor Margaret Potter. She's getting pummeled from all directions just about every week in letters to the editor of the Grosse Pointe News...

William Hodgman wrote, "All in all, America would be better off with far fewer guns," in his Dec. 28 letter to the editor of the Grosse Pointe News.

Our Founders revered the right of the people to keep and bear arms. The Second

Amendment immediately follows the freedom of religion, speech and the press, and the right of the people to peaceably assemble and petition the government for a redress of grievances as enumerated in the First Amendment.

The Second Amendment was adopted on Dec. 15, 1791, to prevent Congress from depriving people of the right to keep and bear arms in order to resist a tyrannical government — not for hunting, target practice or personal protection.

Over 600,000 homicides by firearms isn't a *de minimis* statistic, but most firearm deaths don't involve people shooting other people; they're the result of people shooting themselves. If America had far fewer guns as Mr. Hodgman wants, people would find other ways to commit suicide.²

More Americans were killed by hammers than rifles last year according to the Federal Bureau of

Investigation. Therefore hammers should be banned!³

There have been 3,613,732 motor vehicle fatalities in the US from 1899 to 2013 according to data compiled by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

This is more than twice the number of people killed by firearms in the US from 1968 to 2015. Cars and trucks should be banned too!

GREG WALTON
Grosse Pointe Shores

Editor's notes:

¹We do not advocate taking up arms against the U.S. government.

²The cited New York Times article also noted: "...strategies that make suicide more inconvenient or difficult can save lives. Guns, when they are in the home, can make self-harm both easy and deadly."

³Snopes.com, the fact-checking website, classifies Mr. Walton's "hammer" comparison as FALSE.

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I SAY By Renee Landuyt

The lure of a public library, books



When I was a little girl, I used to go to the Grosse Pointe Park Public Library which, back then, was connected to Pierce Middle School. I only lived a few blocks away and would go there as often as I could and sit on the floor for hours reading books. I loved books back then — still do. Even now, I'll go to the library a couple times a week. Through books, you meet new people, travel places,

learn things, explore new ideas, see things through other people's eyes and sometimes even learn about yourself.

I find I don't like reading a book on a tablet as much as I like holding one in my hands. If I'm reading something that's more of a learning experience, something nature- or science-based, I tend to read more slowly. If I'm reading a love story, then I'll savor it. If I'm reading a mystery, I might go a little faster and skim over the gory or scary parts. And sometimes when I'm reading and come across something profound or powerful, I stop, think about it and read it again slowly.

I like Barnes & Noble at Moross and Mack, and I

like that it is in the neighborhood. It is where, every year, I purchase my calendar book to keep my assignments written in.

They have one that works best for me because I can't use the ones with small squares. I need a larger space to write in for each day. I don't just write down the time of the assignment; I write down names, contact info if needed and sometimes an address. Who can write what they need for the day in a small square?

Anyway, I love books and I love to read and have always wanted a room filled with books — I mean wall-to-wall books. Currently, in my 600-square-foot apartment, I have four small

bookcases, four medium-size bookcases and a coffee table with storage inside that holds — you guessed it — more books.

On one of my visits to West Yellowstone, Mont., I went into a bookstore and promptly fell in love and wanted to open my own bookstore. Then I promptly realized I would read many of the profits and nixed the idea, being content with simply going to bookstores to browse, read, skim, be surrounded by and purchase books.

Which brings me back to Barnes & Noble on Mack near Moross. I'm sad about them leaving, or more aptly, losing their long-held spot on Mack. Don't get me wrong, I consistently shop at

Better Health, which will occupy the bookstore space come this spring and am excited about the expansion of the store with even more offerings, especially for a gluten-free, vegetarian like me.

But I like Barnes & Noble too. It's hard when we don't have a say in commerce or retail, and we just have to go with the flow.

I really hope Barnes & Noble finds a place in Grosse Pointe, because they've been a good, dedicated bookstore. Maybe they could take over the space Better Health is vacating? I know it is a smaller space, probably half the size, but perhaps it could be a good interim space? I don't know. I just don't want them to leave

the area.

Apparently that's an issue in the Pointes in that many of the spaces for retail are on the small side, so larger stores probably don't consider coming to the area. I'd even be OK with Barnes & Noble going to St. Clair Shores. They could be a super store on the corner of 13 and Harper where an old Kroger sits empty.

I hope they find a spot in the neighborhood or somewhere not too far away, because I think the closest one is in Troy.

Anyway, fingers crossed they stay local. I am barely over Borders dissolving and now this. Sigh.

Landuyt is the Grosse Pointe News staff photographer.

YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1943

75 years ago this week

"EVEN THE KEY FITTED": A Nottingham Road resident reported his car stolen from in front his house sometime between 9 p.m. and 11 a.m. the following morning.

In the meantime, a Detroit resident discovered a strange car in his garage. In discussions with his wife, who had been a visitor to the Nottingham house the evening before, he learned

she had driven the wrong car home. She explained it was their car because "even the ignition key fitted."

But it was not her car. The host and guest possessed the same make, color and model vehicle. The guest inadvertently drove home her host's car.

Police explained this happens with about every 1,000 ignition key for identical model cars.

1968

50 years ago this week

YULE TREE BURNING FESTIVAL

PLANNED: The Farms will hold its second annual Solstice at the Municipal Pier-Park.

The festival is patterned after an old German custom during which on the Twelfth Night of Christmas discarded Christmas trees are placed in a pile and burned.

Last year about 400 people watched the trees, piled 15 feet high, go up in flames.

VANDALS PAY SECOND VISIT TO

PARCELLS:

Woods police followed a trail of blood from inside Parcells Junior High School to the home of a boy involved in the latest vandalism in the school.

The boy implicated a second juvenile and together they implicated two more teenagers.

The teens smashed the glass of a basement window with a brick masonry hammer and proceeded to various rooms, including the library where they knocked about half the books off the shelves.

1993

25 years ago this week

ARMED ROBBERS HOLD-UP VILLAGE KROGER

City police are investigating a number of leads following the armed robbery of the Kroger grocery store in The Village.

They are looking for four men who entered the closed store about 9:10 p.m. by prying open the rear automatic exit doors and ordering employees at gunpoint to hand over

cash register drawers.

The robbers fled the store with an undisclosed amount of money in eight to 10 cash register drawers and two envelopes.

Two customers and 20 employees were in the store during the robbery. No injuries were reported.

2008

10 years ago this week

The Jan. 3, 2008, issue of the paper was devoted to highlights of 2007.

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and an expanded restaurant with outdoor seating.

In April, the Shores city hall, designed and built in 1915 by Albert Kahn, was awarded a plaque from the Grosse Pointe Historical Society.

In May, the proposed development of 18 new homes on 7.83 acres at 55 S. Deeplands was denied unanimously by the Shores council. In August, Deeplands Development Company appealed in Wayne County Circuit Court. In December, residents in the Deeplands neighborhood filed suit against Deeplands Development Company, claiming the development will be in violation of subdivision restrictions set by the original property owners.

In June, public safety officers recovered a large cache of tools stolen from job sites in the metro area. After a police investigation, the tools, \$100,000 worth, were found in a storage unit. Remaining unclaimed tools seized were sold to Shores residents.

In September, the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club appointed a new executive chef, Colby Newman. In December, the club announced the hiring of a new general manager, Aaron Wagner, who will replace retiring longtime GM Tom Trainor in February. Mr. Wagner, currently GM at Bayview Yacht Club, worked at GPYC for 15 years, rising to assistant GM before moving on. The executive chef and general manager, as well as the current commodore, are the youngest to fill those posts in club history.

The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club officially opened its state-of-the-art marine recreation center in September. The building features restrooms, second-floor classrooms and access to a balcony that spans three sides of the building — the perfect spot for watching stadium sailing events. In October, GPYC officially opened its new Family Activity Center, featuring four Hartru tennis courts, four pickleball courts, two bocce ball courts, a shuffleboard court, a half-court basketball area, Playscape and splash pad.

The seawall along Lake St. Clair is in rough shape and probably hasn't been touched since the Roosevelt administration. So in October, Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen initiated a study by the Army Corps of Engineers to come up with a remedy.

In November, the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House broke ground on two new additions to its campus, marking the start of the first major construction

on the historic estate in more than 25 years. The new facilities are part of a long-term restoration and rehabilitation plan for the National Historic Landmark estate.

Grosse Pointe Woods started 2017 on a sad note, selling its Mack Avenue trolley. It proved unreliable and too expensive to maintain. We hope the municipality can see its way to replace the trolley when warm weather finally arrives in Michigan!

In February the Woods began \$38 million upgrade of the Milk River Pump Station. In March, in an unrelated matter, the Woods court administrator pleaded guilty to embezzling some \$22,566 and ordered to pay \$2,266 in court costs as well and restitution of the funds.

In April, the same Gerald Day Jr. in the Farms case is arrested for sexual assault and home invasion and is arraigned in May as an habitual offender and possession of a firearm. In June, Day's list of felony offenses had grown to seven.

In June, The Rivers of Grosse Pointe faced foreclosure from Wayne County for not paying 2014 and 2015 taxes. However, the taxes were later paid, foreclosing proceedings.

George R. McMullen Jr. filed to run for the city council seat being vacated by Kevin Ketels. Lacking challengers, he was a shoo-in in November.

The Woods-Shores team makes it to the Little League World Series, but was eliminated by a New Jersey team. Nevertheless, the players became hometown heroes and were feted with a police escort, proclamations and a welcoming at Woods City Hall.

In August, John and Terry Minnis, of Grosse Pointe

celebrated its centennial in August.

The Woods Council Committee of the Whole approved the drafting of ballot language for a Public Safety Authority, which would allow it to form with another municipality in order to levy a tax for police and fire services.

In business news, Andiamo Trattoria manager Joe Serventi purchased the restaurant and rolled out a new menu under the name, Trattoria Serventi, and Barnes & Noble announced it was closing after its lease was up at Pointe Plaza in January. Better Health Market & Care, on Mack in the Woods, announced it will be moving to the former Barnes & Noble space.

Finally, the year ended in the Woods with habitual offender Mr. Day being denied bail and remanded for custody and trial on seven felony charges relating to the home invasion and sexual assault.



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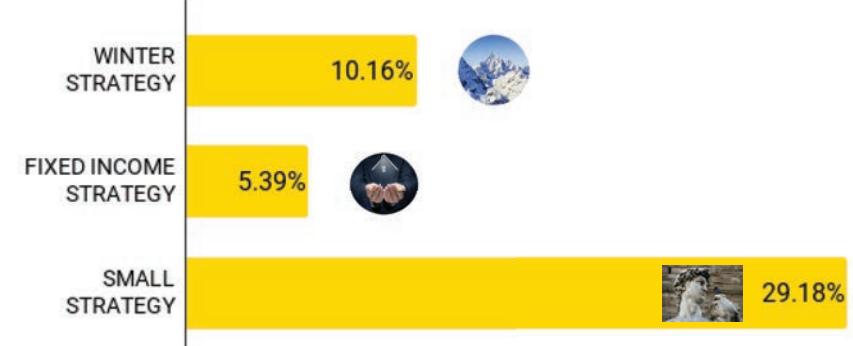
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District recognizes distinguished employees

Ten employees were recognized at the regular meeting of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education Monday, Nov. 27, for initiating a new program, service or activity and going above and beyond their daily responsibilities. The board established the Distinguished Employee Service Awards program in 2008.

Treasurer Judy Gafa said she and fellow selection committee member Kathy Abke had a difficult time choosing the honorees.

"We have so many employees who deserve to be recognized," Gafa said, adding the opportunity "to thank the employees who go above and beyond" was her favorite night in her years on the board.

Following are excerpts of the 2017 award recipients' accomplishments provided as part of the nomination process.

◆ Mason Elementary School teacher **Lisa Aouad** is known for her expertise in reading instruction, particularly as a Lexia ambassador for the district, and creating an atmosphere of positive behavior support. Her extensive background encompasses both general and special education.

◆ Pierce Middle School teacher **Brian Benz** has been the backbone of the eighth-grade student trip to Washington, D.C. for many years and works to provide students who don't attend equally enriching experiences. Benz steps up wherever needed, from coaching track, supporting colleagues and organizing the Turkey Trot to his dedication to Grosse Pointe South High School's rowing team. Less known is that he represented the United States in the Pan-American games as a rower.

◆ **Brooke Bertolini** has been a clerk at Maire Elementary School 19



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Distinguished employees, front row from left, Julie Walkley, Brooke Bertolini, Julie Huellmantel, Ann Marie Diehl and Lisa Aouad. Back row Brian Benz, Carolyn Gross, Andrew Praedel and Carla Palfy. Not pictured is Lynne Roby.

years, also serving at Richard Elementary School. Attendees at Maire's open house know she's behind the popular Maire Bear cookies. Whether it's organizing kindergarten transition, fifth-grade camp, science materials, lunchroom supervision or the transition to Google Docs, Bertolini steps up to help.

◆ **Ann Marie Diehl** is a longtime paraprofessional in the Brownell Middle School library. According to Principal Rodger Hunwick and Assistant Principal Holli McNally, she arrives early, stays late and often keeps the library open during her lunch so students can work on projects, read and use the computers. She's an integral part of standardized testing, attending professional development to best manage, implement and conduct testing for NWEA, PSAT and MSTEP. She also provides opportunities for students with special needs to assist in the library multiple days a week, learning important job and life skills under her supervision.

◆ **Carolyn Gross** has taught choral music at Brownell 22 years. Under her leadership, GPPSS has formed strategic partnerships with the Chippewa Valley School District —

where several of her former student teachers or students now work — as well as Warren City Schools in Ohio, Wayne State University and the University of Michigan, enhancing professional development, quality literature selection, instructional coaching and financial support for the program. Gross also is the co-founder of the revived Brownell Drama Club that has produced 16 consecutive productions, involving more than 100 students a year. She also frequently offers extension classes like Morning Girls and CrescenDudes Choirs that meet before school and at lunch for students who cannot fit choir into a six-period day.

◆ Barnes Early Childhood Center teacher **Julie Huellmantel** coordinates a summer program to keep students in the speech and language program from regressing over the summer months. She also uses creative approaches, such as backpacks of activities, for families to check out to work on speech and language development at home. She was nominated for her ongoing positive and insightful communication—not just during IEP meetings, but throughout the year and even over school breaks.

◆ **Carla Palfy** uses her wealth of knowledge to work tirelessly at Parcells Middle School not only as a counselor, but as an all-around student and teacher advocate. She initiated and organized the Parcells Career Day, a professional, multi-faceted event that is informative for students and draws in volunteers from across the community to share their expertise as well as their educational and career path. She also organizes assemblies like the recent "Screenagers" presentation and related extension activities for all three GPPSS middle schools and local parents. Palfy was also a champion behind the American School Counselor Association RAMP accred-

itation, a leader for Girls on the Run and Strong Girls, the Where Everyone Belongs—or WEB—program, Naviance and partnerships with The Family Center.

◆ Although **Andrew Praedel** only joined the plant staff at Grosse Pointe North High School a year and a half ago, his presence was felt immediately. In his first week on the job, he tackled a massive rainstorm that flooded the front circle, getting the knee-high water to recede before lunch. Always on the move, he has fixed vents that freeze every year in math class and doorstops known for never holding open doors. He also is proactive, setting up new processes to minimize future problems. Whether he is responding to gas leaks or stadium lights going out, he is somehow always on the scene in minutes — no matter what shift.

◆ Twenty-year Trombly Elementary School veteran **Lynne Roby** is the department chairwoman for student services, a mentor and a Wayne RESA committee member for resource teachers. Prior to joining Trombly's staff, she served students at Barnard, Mason and Defer. Her efforts at Wayne RESA assisted in creating professional development activities for resource teachers across the county. Her nominators described her as someone who unites and holds the bar high for students and staff.

◆ **Julie Walkley** has been a teacher at Ferry Elementary School 20

years and before that she served at North and Mason. She is a committee leader at Wayne RESA for the development of curriculum and report cards to support essential elements. She has attended many training sessions and facilitated training on curriculum development and assessment, often inviting colleagues to watch her implement the First Author program for the school's most challenged learners. She also serves on the positive behavior interventions and support committee at Mason and Ferry and assists with implementing The Leader in Me program.

Walkley is well known for creating an inclusive environment where all students feel involved and ensuring students with special needs have opportunities to succeed and shine.

— Mary Anne Brush

Week Ahead

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 10

◆ The Grosse Pointe Public School System hosts High School Information Night 7 p.m. at both Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools, designed for parents of incoming fall 2018 freshmen from Grosse Pointe public and private schools. South's event is in the auditorium, 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, and North's event is in the Christian A. Fenton Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

TUESDAY, JAN. 16

◆ The Grosse Pointe Public School System hosts Middle School Information Night 7 p.m. in the auditoriums at Brownell, Parcells and Pierce middle schools. The event is for parents of incoming sixth-grade students fall 2018.

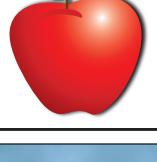
THURSDAY, JAN. 18

◆ The district hosts Young Fives & Kindergarten Information Night 7 p.m. for parents of incoming students at their neighborhood elementary school to explore options available for young learners.

THURSDAY, JAN. 25

◆ Parents interested in learning more about the Grosse Pointe Public School System's multi-age program are invited to a Multi-age Information Night 7 p.m. at Trombly Elementary School, 820 Beaconsfield, Grosse Pointe Park.

Teacher of THE WEEK



Donna Bednarczyk

School: Maire Elementary School
Years at Maire: 31
Grade/Subject: Grade 5 language arts and science
Nominated by: Sonja Franchett, principal
Principal's quote:

"Donna Bednarczyk has been teaching at Maire 31 years. She is retiring at the end of this school year. She has taught children in multiple grades, but her longest, and current, position is in Grade 5. Donna is a master educator, who always focuses on student needs. She truly listens to children's and parents' concerns and for that reason, Donna's students and parents have immense amounts of trust that she will support and enhance all of her students' education at all times."

"Donna loves teaching all subjects, but she has led the way in teaching both fifth-grade science and math. She brings in her own (engineering) son at times to work with children in physics lessons and she loves to teach dissection units for both the lung and the eye. Donna knows how to get her students excited about science."

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

Although the methods and curriculum have changed greatly over the last three decades, the role of the teacher to help ignite a love of learning and self confidence so that students can, in turn, be compassionate to others, has not changed. Watching a student succeed after

persevering through difficult academic tasks or social/emotional situations with confidence is what I truly enjoy. I am fortunate to work with the best people on the planet at Maire where we all work together to make the best learning environment for our students. Our goal is to have the fifth-graders leave elementary school in June with the foundational academic, social and emotional skills needed to move on to middle school and in their life."

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

Over 32 years of teaching, I have enjoyed many wonderful teaching moments. Here are two to share.

◆ A student with some severe health issues that limited the use of one side of her body was determined to climb to the top of the climbing tower at fifth-grade camp. She stuck with it for some time and made it to the top. The other students in the group kept cheering her on. It was a proud teacher moment, not only for the student who accomplished what many others could not, but also for the compassion the other students showed cheering on their classmate.

After that, the student said if she could climb to the top, she could do anything she set her heart and mind to do.

◆ My job is to help students find the gifts that



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lie within them and foster those gifts. Seeing a particular student who had tremendous science knowledge and interest, but difficulty socially navigating friendships, I helped guide him in creating some lessons that he shared with the class.

His confidence grew, as did his social awareness with peers. When he visited Maire a few years back as a young adult, he flashed a confident smile and said he was pursuing a career in science thanks to the beginning I gave him in fifth grade.

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

One of my favorite books is "The Little Engine that Could," by Watty Piper. I love the message that it's not always the new or powerful or shiny or boastful "engines" that get the job done. Many times, it's the "engines" that believe they can, coupled with determination and perseverance.

Favorite quote:

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Goals, resolutions and wishes for the new year

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Halfway through the academic year, school leaders throughout Grosse Pointe kick off the second semester with goals for 2018.

"My New Year's wish for our school community and myself would be to continue to possess a growth mindset for ourselves and our children. I hope that we remain open to new ideas, try new things, stay active, see the good in others, find time to read more often and become our best selves as we encourage each other."

— Mary MacDonald-Barrett, principal, Richard Elementary School

"My holiday wish and New Year's resolution is all wrapped in one. I have had the opportunity throughout my life to work and interact with a wide variety of people. All of these different and extraordinary people have played an important role in who I am as a daughter, sister, wife, mother, friend and educator. I want to make this new year about stopping in the moment and really being able to learn people's stories — who they are and how their lives have been impacted by others."

"I feel it is so important to make time for each other by having those face-to-face conversations so there are fewer assumptions and more empathy. I want to take the time to truly appreciate what each of us brings to our community that makes it such a special place."

— Shelleyann Keelean, principal, Monteith Elementary School

"My goal for the New Year is to make it a point to celebrate the good in each day. Hoping all students will continue to push themselves to reach their potential. Wishing my administrative colleagues a wonderful 2018."

— Walt Fitzpatrick, principal, Trombly Elementary School

"I hope that everyone enjoyed the holiday season with their family and friends. For 2018, my new year's resolution is to make more time for reading. I look forward to seeing the joy of learning at Defer in 2018."

— Lisa Rheaume, principal, Defer Elementary School

"My family faced some personal health challenges in 2017, which forced me to better prioritize what is important in life. That being said, my New Year's resolution is to find something positive in every situation. Often, when times get tough, it is easy to downward spiral into negativity, but my family's trials taught me that a positive mindset is half the battle. I will seek to maintain that philosophy as a wife, mom and principal in 2018 and beyond."

— Sara Delgado, principal, Kerby Elementary School

"My holiday wish is that our children inherit a world in which we are inspired by our commonalities rather than divided by our differences. My 2018 resolution is to complete and open the John and Marlene Boll Campus Center on time and on budget. It will be a fantastic new campus asset and wonderful resource for our 600 students."

— Bart Bronk, head of school, University Liggett School

"Wishing all at Star of the Sea and in our surrounding community a new year filled with happiness and peace."

— Julie Aemisegger, principal, Our Lady Star of the Sea

"Our wish from Pierce is for a happy and healthy holiday season for all and a sense of hope and joy that lasts throughout the coming year."

— Chris Clark, principal, Pierce Middle School

"This school year St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School is celebrating 130 years of educating. We have many families that have had two, three or even four generations attend St. Paul. At the end of January, we will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week and will have many activities celebrating many aspects of our Catholic school."

— Tina Forsythe, principal, St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School

"Professionally, I would like to see Parcells students and staff continue to strive for our vision and mission of learning every day and striving for their personal best. Personally, I would like to spend as much time as possible with my wife and one-year-old son."

— Dan Hartley, principal, Parcells Middle School

South student connects with many senior citizens

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

The worldwide web opens up a world of information, access to resources and opportunities to connect. Doors to this world remain closed, however, for senior citizens overwhelmed and intimidated by new and ever-changing technology.

Elise Whitney, a senior at Grosse Pointe South High School, is hoping to help open that world — and at the same time bridge the generation gap — for senior citizens in Grosse Pointe.

Two years ago Whitney started a nonprofit, Cyber for Seniors, and volunteers her services at senior residential communities, American House and The Rivers.

"I teach older adults the basics of technology because technology is such a huge part of society today and most older adults didn't grow up learning how to use it," Whitney said. "I thought I'd help bridge the gap between the generations by teaching them some of the benefits."

After watching the documentary, "Cyber Seniors," about a group of senior citizens who discovered the world of the internet through the guidance of teenage mentors, Whitney noticed there was a website associated with the documentary. She signed up to partner with the organization and receives suggestions on how to grow her nonprofit along with topics of interest to older adults.

Whitney was inspired in part by her mother's work. Kristin Whitney is a partner with K&K Eldercare, a concierge service that meets the needs of older adults and their families. Elise Whitney began advertising her services through the company and word spread.

At The Rivers, Whitney is available once a month to answer individual questions about specific issues. She also has conducted a class.

According to Tess Rodgers, activities director, Cyber for Seniors fits into The Rivers' other lifestyle offerings, such as fitness classes, beer and bingo, book club and Tai Chai.

"Some people are a little intimidated by newer technology," Rodgers said. "Some people are still very in tune with what's going on and different changes and for those people, it's



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Elise Whitney gives American House resident Jerry Bourke a tutorial on the basics of how to use his iPad and view American House's Connected Living menu and schedule.



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Elise Whitney

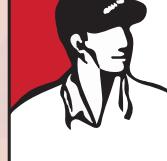
At American House, where all residents are provided an iPad, Whitney goes over the basics on how to use the device, from messages, emails and photos to card game apps. She also helps residents navigate the American House website to take advantage of the daily schedule.

What she teaches varies depending on skill level and interest. For example, many older adults want to communicate with loved ones. Others are interested in learning to use news apps.

"One woman loves to cook so I helped her find recipes online and got some apps for that," she said. Whitney, who hopes to hand the reins of Cyber for Seniors to her "apprentice," younger sister Hope — a freshman at South — when she leaves for college next year, understands the importance of senior citizens making connections beyond technology.

"It's good to go and talk to them because sometimes the conversation diverges from technology and we just kind of talk," Whitney said.

"It's good to get to know different generations."



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Taking the show on the road

Chefs plan Italy trip with pop-up dinner

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Since April, Cornwall Bakery has played host to four pop-up dinners — five courses, three chefs, one seating, as its website advertises.

The popular meals sell out hours after being announced. Guests — limited to 44 — are treated to delicacies prepared by executive chefs Freeman Gunnell, Matthew Dunaj and Gavin Russell.

Cornwall owner Freeman Gunnell and his wife, Megan, have made these special evenings a family affair, as her mother, Carol Mortensen, and his sister, Pam Dundas, serve food; their son, Elliot, serves as host and their daughter, Hannah, babysits the other chefs' children.

"In the future we might do Friday and Saturday seatings to make it more available," Freeman Gunnell said.

The idea for the pop-ups was sparked by the Gunnells watching "The Chef's Table," a show that goes inside the kitchens of six of the world's most renowned international chefs.

"Freeman said he missed that — doing something super cool," Megan Gunnell said. "He thought it would be fun to tap back into that."

"I wanted to be able to do something to showcase the talent we have from executive training," Freeman Gunnell added. "We just wanted to do something to have a creative outlet, something different from our regular jobs."

The three highly-trained chefs have done such a creative job winning over the hearts — and tastebuds — of their guests. "At the end of the meal, the plates look like they've been licked clean," Megan Gunnell said. Because of that success, the Gunnells decided to take the show on the road.



Gavin Russell and Matthew Dunaj keep busy in the kitchen.



Guests enjoy a five-course meal during a previous pop-up dinner.



Elliott Gunnell waits on a table.



Chefs and staff put the finishing touches on one of their courses.

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Left, Megan Gunnell prepares to serve a tray of hors d'oeuvres. Above, an assortment of dishes prepared at previous pop-up dinners.

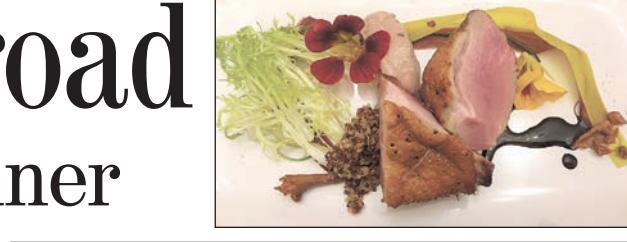


Combining the chefs' talents with psychotherapist Megan Gunnell's experience hosting international retreats, they'll host a pop-up dinner in Tuscany, Italy, next sum-

mer.

"We thought it might be cool to join forces," Megan Gunnell said. "It's all coming together at the right time, with the right people."

Cornwall Bakery and the Gunnells are looking for around 20 guests to join them on a five-day trip in August to Villa Podere Le Rondini, which includes a guided market



Megan and Freeman Gunnell.

tour, cooking class, Chianti winery tour and tasting and time to tour the area, capped with a five-course formal Tuscan feast featuring locally sourced ingredients and wines.

"It's cool to visit somewhere and feel what it's like to live there," Freeman Gunnell said. "When we go to Europe, we like to do what the locals do. We're not taking in all the attractions of that city, but we take in the daily routine to get more of the feel of the city and what it's like to live there."

Added Megan Gunnell, "The man who owns the villa is being incredibly hospitable. It took six months to find the property. Everything is going to be just right for our group."

Freeman Gunnell said while pop-up dinners run smooth and fast at Cornwall, he and the other chefs aren't quite sure what to expect on location in Italy.

"Here we do a specialized five-course menu that's executed so it's all served at the right time," he said. "There we have to source out ingredients, see what's available, what's fresh, what the kitchen can accommodate."

The trip is open to families; children are welcome.

"We were in this region in 1998," Freeman Gunnell said. "It's fascinating. We knew there'd be more to see in this

region. We're looking forward to it."

Online registration launched Monday, Jan. 1, on the "culinary tours" tab at cornwallbakery.com. Early-bird pricing is offered before March 1.

"These three chefs are like the three tenors; they whip up magic back there," Megan Gunnell said. "They work really well together. They're a great team. This is going to be a fun experience."

As August is a long way away, Cornwall offers its next local pop-up dinner at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20. Tickets go on sale Saturday, Jan. 6, online at cornwallbakery.com/classes or in-store.

"I think it's great he's created so much community," Megan Gunnell said. "You don't get that with a chain. This is an exclusive dinner with your neighbors."

Sometimes, she added, people sit down as strangers and become friends. It's also not unusual for passersby to press their faces against the windows during a pop-up to see what's going on inside.

"I like that the bakery has lots of possibilities, different avenues to utilize to make it not only successful, but also interesting," Freeman Gunnell said. "We can change gears and do something current with what the neighborhood is experiencing."

Cornwall Bakery is located at 15215 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park.

Entrepreneur checks off bucket list item

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Parts of Tom Nixon's life have been about taking chances.

The Grosse Pointe Woods resident embarked on a music career years ago, touring the country with his band, Jes Gru, opening for acts like Cheap Trick, The Verve Pipe and The Romantics. The journey lasted four years, but eventually Nixon decided to put to use the English degree he earned from the University of Michigan.

He started a career in public relations, then after 15 years took a chance and started his own firm.

"I was a managing partner," Nixon said. "But I had always wanted to be

my own boss and own my own company. So I started Alchemy. It's the next evolutionary step for marketing. Alchemy looks at the holistic organization that is the company, not only what's going on externally, but what's going on internally, in the boardroom I found in PR that there was a weird disconnect between what we tell people we do and what's actually happening. At Alchemy, we create alignment; then the marketing becomes easy."

That was nearly six years ago and the Royal Oak-based company is still going strong.

So it came time for Nixon to take another chance — fulfill a lifelong dream of becoming an author.

"As an English major, I



Tom Nixon

writing. I didn't know what I would write. A blog? A journal? Non-fiction? I did some soul-searching in January. I asked myself what I would do if I knew I could not fail. The answer was I'd write a book."

Nixon, 47, said after setting aside self doubt, he decided he'd just sit down and write the first

writing. I didn't know what I would write. A blog? A journal? Non-fiction? I did some soul-searching in January. I asked myself what I would do if I knew I could not fail. The answer was I'd write a book."

"And I was off," he said. "Over the course of 20 years of not writing, I had all of these ideas I took four or five ideas and baked them into one."

The central character of his book, "The Long Lost," is a "boring, unremarkable person" who one day disappears. The story drifts between the events of 30 years ago and the present-day mystery of the disappearance.

Nixon's first draft took less than eight weeks to write. The book, edited by his wife, Julie, was published in October.

"I've gotten way more positive (feedback) than I thought I was going to get," Nixon said. "The best is when people who don't know me say they

like it I've been really humbled by the response."

The book's two timelines were inspired by Nixon's favorite types of reads: quick page-turners with short chapters and classic books with depth and sentimentality.

Marking published author off his bucket list, Nixon — father of Jillian and stepfather of Joshua — next will focus on marketing the book.

For now, he's setting his sights on a productive 2018.

"There's one resolution I make every year," he said. "It's a silly quote I heard from Jim Harbaugh three years ago: 'Attack each day with an enthusiasm unknown to mankind.' It sounds stupid, but if you do that, what a life you'll lead."

"The Long Lost" is available on amazon.com and any online book-seller.

SENIOR Living

Staying active, connected important to beating winter doldrums

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

It's that time of year when the winter chill may cause more people to stay in — and alone — than usual. Cozying up to a warm fire with a blanket and a book may be more appealing than bundling up and heading outdoors for any reason.

While keeping warm and comfortable on chilly winter days is important, the benefits of being active, eating healthy and connecting with others is equally imperative to one's health.

"There's a lot of studies that show social connectedness improves physical health, mental health and emotional well-being," said Dr. Asha Shajahan, medical director of community health with Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

The effects loneliness has on the body, she said, are comparable to smoking 15 cigarettes a day. An absence of social connection can cause a person to feel increased stress and inflammation as well, she added.

"The genes impacted by loneliness are the same genes coded to your immune function," Shajahan said. "A lot of doctors are saying you have to pay attention to the signals of loneliness. Just like there are signals when you're hungry, thirsty, tired, there are signals for loneliness."

Shajahan recommends seniors stay active by volunteering in the community, getting involved at a senior center and reaching out to family and friends — not just when they're feeling low, but on a regular, perhaps weekly, basis.

"It's important to incorporate something in your life — like grabbing coffee with a friend, walking the dog, volunteering — where you have a schedule," she said. "It's important to reach out to others — make a phone call, send an email, mail a letter. Without that there's a higher chance of becoming more depressed. Executive Director Deb Miller agreed about the importance of being with others. It's easy to fall into a slump when one is confined to closed quarters, she said.

"Unlike influenza, there isn't a vaccine to protect against cabin fever that often comes with the onset of winter's short days and frigid nights, but there are tried and true therapies that can successfully treat the ensuing claustrophobia," she said.

SOC offers a variety of programs to keep seniors connected and active during long winter months (see story below). Other

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ASHA SHAJAHAN M.D.,
Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe

tips Miller recommended include:

- ◆ Don't let yourself or your loved ones become obsessed with current events. Overdosing on bad news isn't good for the spirit.

- ◆ Watch old movies and television shows like "Magnum PI," a comedy filmed in Hawaii. The sunshine can be intoxicating.

- ◆ Reminisce; organize your memories in a scrapbook.

- ◆ Vary your diet. Try new recipes.

- ◆ Consult with your doctor about your vitamin D and calcium levels. Are they where they need to be?

- ◆ Investigate aromatherapy. Buy a diffuser and experiment with the calming influences of fragrances.

- ◆ Throw open your curtains, sit in the sun whenever possible and make mental notes. Bask in the warmth of the winter sun even as it begins to fade, then remember the details of how much you enjoyed it. Those warm memories will keep you going.

Suzy Berschback, community affairs manager at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, is part of a coalition that promotes health — physical, mental, spiritual and emotional. She also runs the website happygoluckygirl.me, which offers inspiration and tools for a

happy life.

One of her recent goals is to combat loneliness, especially among the senior population.

"Did you know that increased mortality risk from social isolation is comparable to that from smoking and loneliness is about twice as dangerous as obesity?" Berschback said. "Social isolation also impairs immune function

and boosts inflammation,

which can lead to arthritis, type II diabetes and heart disease."

Berschback issued a challenge to seniors to get out of their comfort zone to help someone and themselves — to reach out instead of waiting for someone to come to you.

Last year Berschback compiled her JOY Workbook, or Just One Year, which connects people to 365 ways "to nudge you toward greater health, happiness and well-being." The workbook is downloadable at happygoluckygirl.me. It provides suggestions for making connections, trying new things, living mindfully, being accepting and resilient, among other healthy practices.

"We have grown up being told we need to stand on our own, but the reality is that we are hard wired to need others," she said. "The single most important factor to your well-being is your positive social connections and

relationships."

In addition to social connectedness, exercise and diet play a role in a person's overall well-being — not just their physical state, but their mental state as well.

Shajahan recommended seniors join an exercise class.

"Not only are you with other people, but it's exercise, which combats depression," she said.

For those who don't mind a little cold, experts agree walking with a friend is a great way to beat cabin fever; just remember to dress for the elements.

The Pointes keep walking paths in their parks well cleared during winter. Parks are free to residents. The grounds at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House are open to members. Of special interest is the nature trail on Bird Island. Membership fees connected to the Ford House start at \$35 for an individual.

Mall walking is another option. HAP has a website that provides information on the distances you can walk in each mall, special hours for mall walkers and phone numbers to call for more details. Visit hap.org/employers/worksites/pdfs/mall_walking.pdf.

Exercise goes hand-in-hand with eating right, another key to combating winter blues.

"Diet can play a factor if you're not getting the proper nutrients," Shajahan said. "It can contribute to a worse mood, so it's important to have a balanced diet full of fruits and vegetables."

SOC has you covered

Services for Older Citizens offers programs and activities to help seniors get out of the house and into a social setting.

For starters, its PAATS bus service offers transportation so seniors don't have to drive in the snow. Its door-to-door service makes it easy for seniors to get to appointments — social and otherwise.

SOC also offers a daily gourmet lunch made from fresh, healthy foods. Cost for a well-rounded meal is \$5.

Additionally, SOC continues to offer a variety of programming for seniors.

"Winter is a great time to try something new and there is no better way to fight off the doldrums," said Deb Miller, SOC assistant executive director.

Some SOC programs on tap this winter include:

- ◆ Living on "Purpose" Workshop — 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22, with Jennifer Raybaud, a certified mindfulness instructor. This free workshop demystifies "purpose" and allows participants the opportunity to engage. This workshop is designed to help those looking to find more purpose in employment, volunteering, hobbies or anything else. Reservations are required.

- ◆ "Between the Covers" — 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, with Kathleen Gallagher, Grosse Pointe Public Library outreach librarian. Gallagher shares tips for using the library as well as the latest and greatest new reads. Participants may bring their tablets, iPads or other devices and learn the basics. She also brings some of her favorite tools from the library's tool collection and explains the library's outreach services. Reservations are

required for this free program.

- ◆ Ballroom Dancing — 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 23 to March 20, with Otis Gatson. This free Wayne County Community College Continuing Education class is designed to teach the basic steps of ballroom dancing. Students also learn hand and foot coordination, posture, basic turns and spins.

- ◆ "Play for Fun — Beginning Piano Lessons" — 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 24 to March 28, with an instructor from Evola Music. Cost is \$49 for 10 weeks plus a \$20 book.

Students learn to play for the fun of it using a proven method. No experience is necessary and instruments are available for rent.

- ◆ "Sign Language — Beginners" — 10 a.m. to noon Thursdays, Jan. 25 to March 22, with instructor Stewart Glen. This free Wayne County Community College Continuing Education class introduces the role of American Sign Language in the lives of people with hearing loss. Students learn vocabulary, grammar, language function and how to sign the manual English alphabet.

- ◆ "Conversational French — Beginner" — noon to 1:30 p.m. Fridays, Jan. 26 to March 23, with instructor Dr. Dib Saab. This free Wayne County Community College Continuing Education class teaches participants to recognize and respond appropriately to basic questions, read, interpret authentic selections and read aloud familiar passages using acceptable pronunciation. Students create basic sentences using appropriate agreements.

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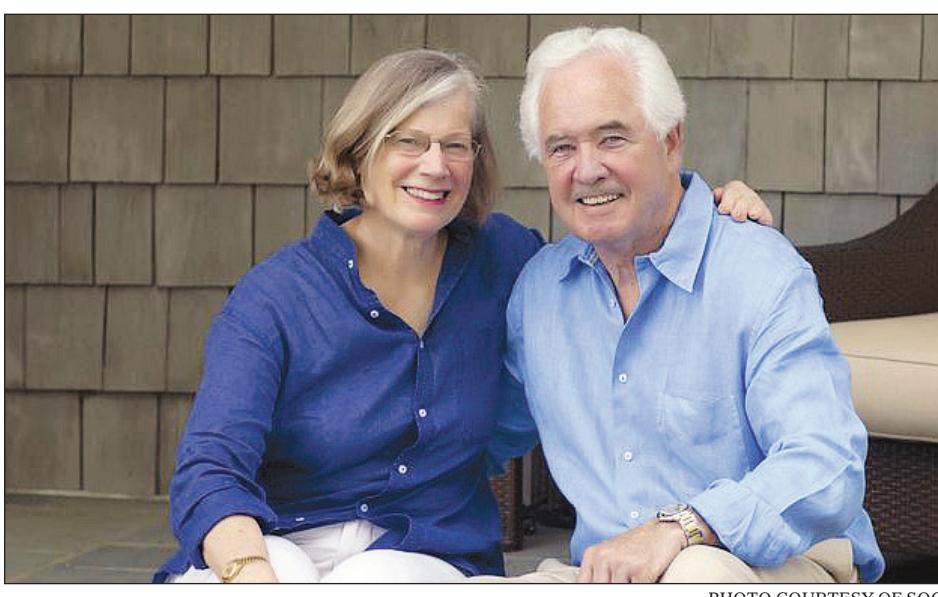


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The Nicholsons are involved in various charitable organizations.

The Encore Years: Ann & Jim Nicholson

At this year's Services for Older Citizens auction gala, SOC presented Ann and Jim Nicholson, honorary chairpersons for the event, with the 2017 Encore Award for their contributions to making the community a better place to live.

The theme of the auction gala was "The Encores," in keeping with SOC's continued focus on all that is possible in the "encore" stage of life. These years are characterized by purpose, contribution and commitment, particularly to the well-being of future generations.

The Nicholsons exemplify the encore spirit. Their list of accomplishments and honors would fill the biographies of a dozen people.

Organizations driving change and making a positive difference in the community largely include Ann and Jim Nicholson.

As CEO of PVS Chemicals, Jim Nicholson has had a long and distinguished business career and he

is sought out to serve on corporate boards throughout the country. He also serves as chairman of the Community Foundation of Southeastern Michigan, the State of Michigan Investment Advisory Committee and the Futures Foundation. He is chairman emeritus of the boards of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Business Leaders for Michigan, the McGregor Fund, Detroit Public Television, YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and Detroit Public Safety Foundation. Last year he was honored with the Neal Shine Award for Exemplary Regional Leadership.

Ann Nicholson was a driving force in the capital campaign that made it possible for SOC to accept Henry Ford Health Systems' gift and convert the former Newberry nurses' residence at Cottage Hospital into the John and Marlene Boll House. She currently is on the Board of Visitors of the Merrill Palmer Skillman

Institute at Wayne State University and is co-president of the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe. She served as an Oakland University trustee 16 years and secretary to the Board of Trustees of Japet School in Clawson five years. She also is immediate past president of the Young Woman's Home Association and is on the capital campaign committee for Alternatives for Girls, organizations that focus on improving life options for the girls and women of Detroit.

If you know someone who is breaking the stereotypes of aging, we'd like to feature them in the Grosse Pointe News. We are looking for individuals who are doing any number of things previously not associated with people 60 or older. Have a suggestion? Call or email Deb Miller at (313) 649-2104 or dmiller@socservices.org, or Jody McVeigh at (313) 343-5590 or jmcveigh@grossepointrnews.com.

CHURCH EVENTS

St. Paul Evangelical

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

◆ The Rev. Justin Dittrich leads Bible study

at 9:30 a.m. each Tuesday in the Harms Fireside Room.

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

◆ The Naomi Circle Women's Group meets in the Bethany Room for

Bible study and fellowship at 12:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month.

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

Call the church office for more information: (313) 881-6670.

Cold facts: As temperatures fall, potential dangers rise

Old man winter recently has kicked it into overdrive. Forecasters are calling for continued cold, frigid temperature readings through the start of the new year. As temperatures plummet, the chance of frostbite, hypothermia and other health dangers, such as chest pain, are on the rise. By following some practical cold-weather tips, most people may avoid a trip to the hospital emergency department.

James Ziadeh M.D., chief of emergency services at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, said people should be prepared before heading outside and exposing themselves to potential health risks.

"When we get extremely cold weather, as we've experienced the past 24 hours, we usually see some frostbite and hypothermia patients who have been out in the cold temperatures too long," Ziadeh said.

While young children and older adults are most susceptible to frostbite and hypothermia, Ziadeh stressed that everyone is at risk. Frostbite advertises itself by tingling, followed by numbness and occurs when skin tissues, fluids and blood vessels are damaged or

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frozen from exposure to cold temperatures. These signs indicate it's time to go inside and warm up before it's too late.

According to the American College of Emergency Physicians, signs of frostbite can include a change in the feeling of the skin in the affected area, as well as a change in color from pink to pale or white.

Hypothermia is another life-threatening condition that occurs when a person's body temperature drops. A body tempera-

ture below 95 or 96 degrees can affect the entire body. The common signs and symptoms include constant shivering, confusion, sleepiness, muscle stiffness, slurred speech, memory loss, pale skin and irrational behavior. It often is a companion who notices

these changes and should be alert to their importance.

Shivering usually is the first sign the body is trying to warm itself. Ziadeh urges

those who experience shivering to immediately go inside and warm up.

The chilling temperatures also can be dangerous for people with heart disease. Breathing cold air stimulates reflexes in the body that can provoke angina. Chest discomfort can be an early symptom of a heart attack. Those with heart disease should use protective clothing — a mask or scarf — when performing activities in temperatures less than 40 degrees.

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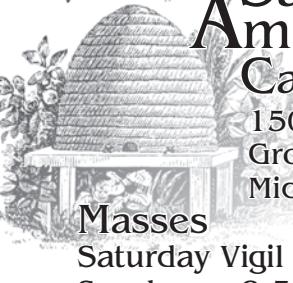
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OBITUARIES

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

Virginia J. Reardon

Virginia Johanna "Ginny" Reardon, 95, of Grosse Pointe Farms and St. Clair Shores, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2017, after a long and giving life.

Ginny was born July 20, 1922, in Detroit, the youngest of four children. She graduated from Holy Redeemer High School in June 1940 and married John J. Reardon May 19, 1945. Together they raised six daughters during their 70-plus years of marriage.

Ginny worked as a secretary for a short period before raising her family. In her free time, she enjoyed golfing, bowling, and playing pinochle and bridge. When her youngest daughter started school, Ginny made a commitment to join an exercise class. For more than 30 years, she walked through the doors of the Assumption Cultural Center for a class that provided both exercise and friendship. She became the senior member of the class at 90.

Ginny enjoyed adventures with "her girls." As adults, they traveled together once a year to enjoy the theater in New York City or Stratford, Ontario, Canada, walk the Golden Gate Bridge or take an architecture tour in Chicago and shop the Magnificent Mile. The Reardon women's long weekends provided cherished memories for Ginny and her daughters.

Ginny was an active member in the Rosary Altar Society at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church. In 2010, the society named her woman of the year. That honor provided a cherished papal blessing, which was proudly displayed in her home.

Ginny was predeceased by her life partner, John J. Reardon; parents, Grace (nee Franklin) and Charles Vogl; sisters, Dorothy M. Miloch and Mildred E. Miller; and a brother who died at childbirth.

She is survived by her daughters, Carol Raphael (James), Kathleen D'Amato (Joseph), Barbara Hogan (Paul), Mary Carolan (Joseph), Terri Mitchell (Larry) and Charlene Reardon (Denise Gonzalez); grandchildren, John Paul (Joy) and Jacqueline Hogan, Claire D'Amato, Michelle Nipe, Peter and Steven Mitchell, Jack and Kate Reardon Gonzalez, Natalie Petchenik (Graham), Michelle and Melanie Carolan and great-grandchildren, Piper, Darby and Kit Hogan and Connor and Caden Nipe.

Visitation will be held 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association - Greater Michigan Chapter, 25200

Telegraph, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48033 or at alz.org.

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A funeral Mass will be celebrated 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, 21201 13 Mile Road, St. Clair Shores. Visitation begins at 10 a.m. at the church.

Donations may be made to the Mary Fran Gilleran Scholarship Fund, Detroit Cristo Rey High School, 5679 W. Vernor Highway, Detroit, MI 48209; IHM Sisters, 610 West Elm Ave., Monroe, MI 48162 or Self-Help International, 703 2nd Ave. NW, Waverly, IA 50677.

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Kenneth R. Roach

Kenneth R. Roach, 90, of St. Clair Shores, lover of family, travel, business, hats and all things made of wood, passed away peacefully at home Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017, surrounded by family.

Born May 27, 1927, in Detroit, he grew up the third of four children of Raymond H. and Edna (nee Lenhardt) Roach.

He adored his older brother, Keith, admired his younger brother, Dean, and held his sister, Elaine's hand through thick and thin. He frequently told his family the best decision he ever made was to marry his loving wife, Helen (nee Gilleran) Nov. 29, 1952.

Ken was a proud co-owner of McCausey Lumber Co. for many years, a company started by Helen's father, George Gilleran, and which is now co-owned by his daughter, Heleen, and his nephew, Mike Gilleran, who are carrying on the family business as McCausey Specialty Products. He also shared his love of the wood business with his sons, Ken and Dan, who are co-owners of McCathay Timber Co. in Chicago.

Ken loved being a salesman, and his family said he often said, "You have to give 100 percent, even if 50 percent of your efforts don't pay off, because you never know which 50 percent."

Ken also was a proud World War II veteran. He dropped out of high school and enlisted in the Navy Feb. 5, 1945, at age 17. Later, with the benefit of the GI bill, Helen's encouragement and 10 years of night school, he graduated from University of Detroit in 1960.

Ken was an avid world traveler and taught his children and grandchildren how to travel. He flew on the Concord several times and visited 61 countries bringing home stories, wood carvings and even a totem pole from Alaska. While taking his children on business trips to Chicago, he would remind them that in driving, as in life, there's always somebody in front of you and someone behind.

He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Helen; daughters, Colleen Krausmann (Rick), Eileen Bogosian (Joe), Maureen Tobin (Terry) and Heleen Heaton (Bob); sons, Ken Roach (Robert) and Daniel Roach (Georgia); 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents; siblings; daughter, Kathy in 2013 and son-in-law, Gabe Chiucchiarelli in 2016.

The family expresses sincerest thanks to Linda and Linda, his loving caregivers from Senior Helpers, and hospice nurses at Residential Hospice of St. Clair Shores for their loving

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Patrick W. Moran

Patrick W. Moran, 79, of Gladwin, Michigan passed away on Friday, Dec. 29, 2017.

He was born Jan. 5, 1938, in Detroit, to Charles and Geneva (nee Curtiss) Moran. He married Cynthia Shaw Oct. 4, 1969, in Grosse Pointe and she predeceased him in 2011. On Oct. 12, 2013, he was united in marriage with Barbara Mikkelsen-Degen in Gladwin. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Patrick was employed as a salesman working for Wilson Welding and Medical Gases in Warren. His family said everyone considered him to be the "ultimate peddler." His family and friends were his world and his generosity was second to none.

He very much loved Grosse Pointe and was in the first graduating class of Austin High School in 1956.

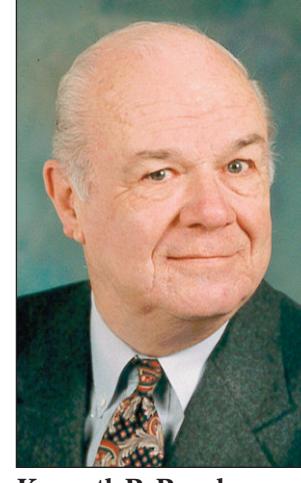
He was an avid sportsman and enjoyed fishing and hunting. He lived in Gladwin County the last seven years, previously residing in St. Clair Shores. He was a member of F.O.E. Gladwin Aerie 3292, the Forty and Eight club in Harrison; the Moose Lodge in Bonita Springs, Fla.; the American Legion in Holland; AMVETS and Grosse Pointe Lions Club and was a founding member of I Care of Michigan.

His memory will be forever cherished by his loving wife, Barbara Moran of Gladwin; son, John Patrick Moran (Virginia) of Grosse Pointe and daughter, Amy Frances Doppelberger (Roger) of Lexington. He was blessed with three beautiful grandchildren, Victoria, Meghan and Maria; one precious great grandchild, Jagger, and his beloved dog, Carter.

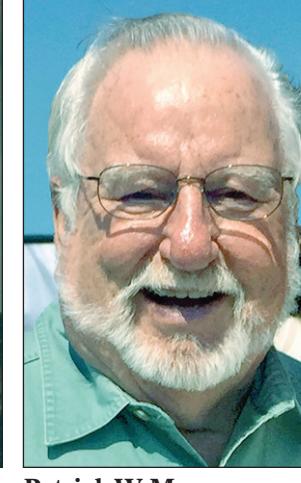
His memory also will be cherished by Barbara's daughters, Wanda, Cindy, Kathy and Marsha and their families. He will be dearly missed by his sister, Mary Gannon-Ford of Birmingham; sister-in-law, Shelley Smith of Lake Orion; brother-in-law, Scott Shaw of Cheboygan, Wis., and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his first wife, Cynthia Moran; parents, Charles



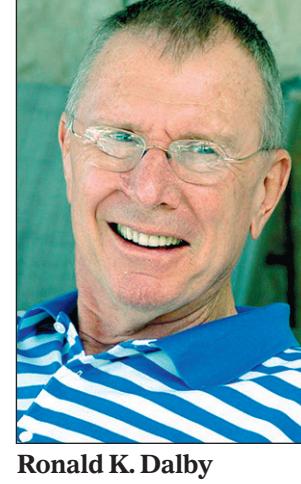
Virginia J. Reardon



Kenneth R. Roach



Patrick W. Moran



Ronald K. Dalby



Mary E. Schroeder

and Geneva Moran; brother, Thomas C. Moran; in-laws, Helen and Lloyd Shaw and brother-in-law, Thomas A. Smith.

A celebration of Patrick W. Moran's life will take place at noon Saturday, Jan. 6, at Riverwalk Place, 777 W. Cedar Ave., Gladwin. He will be laid to rest with full military honors 2:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Road, Holly. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Grosse Pointe Lions Club, P.O. Box 36160, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; I Care of Michigan at icare-mi.org or the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are in the care of Hall-Kokotovich Funeral Home, Gladwin. Share a memory at hall-kokotovichfuneralhome.com.

Ronald K. Dalby

Longtime Grosse Pointe Farms resident Ronald K. Dalby, 78, died Friday, Dec. 8, 2017, at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Born May 11, 1939, in Peoria, Ill., Ron spent his youth in McPherson, Kan., then Joplin, Mo., and graduated in 1957 from Joplin Senior High School.

Ron earned a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from the University of Kansas in 1961. While at KU, he served as both student body president and president of Sigma Nu fraternity. He was a member of the dean's advisory board, honor roll, Owl Society and Sachem, KU's honor society for students with exceptional character, high scholarship, and outstanding service to the community.

He earned a law degree from the University of Michigan Law School in 1964 and practiced at Dykema Gossett LLP from 1964 to 1970.

He then established himself as a real estate developer in southeastern Michigan. As president and CEO of Dalby Corp. and Property Specialists Inc., he directed the construction of hundreds of home sites throughout the region for more than four decades. More recently, he served as president and owner of Arcadia Corp. and Diversified Resources and was a member of the South

Romeo Gas Storage Co., a joint partnership with DTE Energy. Ron was a lifelong student and avid participant in the game of golf. After developing a 525-acre residential and golf community in Washington, in 1993, he was recognized as founder and president of The Orchards Development Co. and The Orchards Golf Club.

During his lifetime, he was predeceased by his daughter, Corrine "Marie," Joseph Ernest "Ernie" Bondy (Christine), Edward "Joe" James (MIA World War II), Catherine Abeli (John) and Casper "Pete" Bondy (Margaret).

Betty was a 1942 graduate of St. Martin High School, as well as a longtime member of St. Martin Catholic Church, Detroit. She attended the University of Detroit night college where she also met the love of her life, William.

Betty co-chaired

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Mary E. Schroeder

Mary E. "Betty" Schroeder, 93, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2017.

She was the devoted wife of the late William F. Schroeder Sr.; dear mother of Bill (Debbie), Ann, Michael (Shanlyn), Mary Kallam (Ben), Terry Lobb (Doug), Sally Stieber (Scot), Lisa Harden (Mark), and the late Susan Taylor (Tom); proud grandmother of 19 and great-grandmother of 18.

Betty was predeceased by her siblings, Corrine "Marie," Joseph Ernest "Ernie" Bondy (Christine), Edward "Joe" James (MIA World War II), Catherine Abeli (John) and Casper "Pete" Bondy (Margaret).

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American Red Cross blood drives many years at St. Clare de Montefalco Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park. Betty also volunteered 25 years at Bon Secours Hospital where she helped with admissions, information and gift shop support.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 30, at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church, Canton.

Donations may be made to Blessed Solanus Casey Center, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207 or St. Vincent de Paul at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church, 555 S. Lilley Road, Canton, MI 48188.

Share a memory at vermeulenfuneralhome.com.

NEGC program combats homelessness

The state of homelessness in the city of Detroit continues to grow even in the midst of a repurposed and flourishing city.

There are an estimated 16,000 men, women and children in shelters and on the streets of Detroit who are in need of basic necessities such as coats, outerwear, hygiene kits, a hot meal, a bath or someplace to lay their heads on a daily basis. In addition to homelessness, many of these individuals suffer from mental health issues.

"However, outreach to this unique population is not popular," said Assistant Chief of Police James White of the Detroit Police Department, "and we can't do it by ourselves."

Many local law enforcement organizations have partnered



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Detroit Police Department cadets undergo CAPPA training.

with the Northeast Guidance Center's Community and Police Partnership Advocacy, or CAPPA, a program to train and change the face of seasoned officers and recruits in the area of mental health.

Sgt. Jeremy James said, "We (law enforcement) have to overcome the stigma of mental health and with this



The Day of Restoration planning committee.

training we learn to listen rather than talk. We can't lock up everyone."

Recently DPD recruits, NEG staff and community resource organizations, with the assistance of 2017 Day of Restoration sponsors Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority and Janssen Pharmaceuticals, provided an outreach program where

more than 300 of Detroit's homeless received behavioral health assessments, primary healthcare screenings, haircuts, assistance with benefit applications, information on social services support, housing options, employment and skills training, substance abuse treatment and connections to other community ser-

son with NEG and coordinator with DPD.

Jones, a social worker, trains the DPD and surrounding first responders on de-escalation techniques for engaging people who may be experiencing a mental crisis.

"Everyone has a story," Jones said, "and on the street, everyday life happens."

"Programs like CAPPA and the intercept model for jail diversion, in addition to dedicated staff and volunteers who devote hours collecting coats and toiletries, make this outreach successful," said Lisa Marszalec, adult clinic program director at NEG.

To volunteer or for more information about CAPPA, call NEG Adult Services at (313) 308-1400.



It's going to be a snowy winter

By Rosann Kovalcik
Special Writer

What an exciting winter already in Michigan, with the appearance of so many snowy owls in our state. According to eBird reports, the Great Lakes region has a higher influx of snowy owls than anywhere in the United States so far this winter.

Locally, there has been a consistent sighting of this yellow-eyed marvel at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. The bird is usually seen at the farthest point of the property closest to the lake, surveying for potential prey. A snowy owl also has been seen at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House a few times and on a boathouse near Jefferson and 10 Mile. The Department of Natural Resources boat launch site in Harrison Township has been fairly reliable so far to see these arctic nomads sitting on the break wall.

This abundant influx of snowy owls is referred to as an irruption. This indi-



and the eggs are laid every other day with a five-week incubation period.

Snowy owls are the heaviest owls in the United States, weighing between 3.5

cates they most likely had an extremely successful breeding season this past summer. With less food available in the winter, snowy owls will roam into southern areas in search of better food sources. Our Great Lakes provide an abundance of ducks just as our farm fields provide an abundance of voles and mice. Small prey is eaten whole, with the bones, teeth and fur regurgitated as pellets.

When food is scarce, female snowy owls may lay as little as three eggs; in years of abundant prey, they have been known to lay up to 11 eggs. Nests are simple scrapes on the ground

and 6.5 pounds, with a wingspan of 49 to 59 inches. Their average lifespan is 10 years.

Keep your binoculars ready and scan along the shoreline. Unlike other owls in our area, snowy owls are diurnal, hunting during the daytime. Your potential for seeing one is not as unusual as you might think.

For more information about snowy owls visit wildbirdsgpq.com.

Enjoy your birds.

Kovalcik is the owner of Wild Birds Unlimited, Grosse Pointe Woods. Email comments, questions or suggestions about future columns to rosannkovalcik@comcast.net.

GPA awards artists

Artists whose works are displayed in the Grosse Pointe Artists Association show, "After the Sun Goes Down," recently were awarded by juror Birgit Huttelman Holz.

As she presented the awards, she praised the quality of art in the show and said she would have awarded more prizes had they been available.

Awards were presented to the following:

- ◆ Best of Show: "Muse" by Edward Duff
- ◆ Second Place: "Night Work" by Casey Wise
- ◆ Third Place: "Hitchcock Cuddles" by Liz Frankland
- ◆ Honorable Mention: "End of Day" by Nobuko Yamasaki
- ◆ Honorable Mention: "Stalker" by Nancy Kozlowski

"After the Sun Goes Down" is exhibited 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily through the end of January at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.



Mitten collection

The Grosse Pointe libraries are collecting mittens through Wednesday, Jan. 31, to benefit Mittens for Detroit. Collection boxes are located at all three branches.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Community chorus seeks new members

The Grosse Pointe Community Chorus seeks new members for its upcoming spring rehearsal season.

Now is the time to join the chorus; rehearsals begin Tuesday, Jan. 9, in the choir room at Grosse Pointe North High School, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Rehearsals take place

7:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and open registration is 7 p.m. the first two Tuesdays of rehearsal

season.

Auditions are not required. Participants need only love to sing.

The registration fee is \$50 per season.

GPCC is directed by Joseph Palazzolo, with accompanist Ron Pietrantonio.

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

Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit still seeks donations

The Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit continues its annual fundraising efforts and recently announced it has raised \$877,744 to date, representing 80 percent of its 2017 fundraising goal of \$1.1 million. The local charity still needs to raise \$222,256 to meet its goal by the end of its fiscal year Wednesday, Jan. 31.

"As the end of the year is upon us, we ask those looking to make a ... charitable contribution to consider our organization," said Mike Jennings, president of the Detroit Goodfellows. "In doing so, the gift will extend years into the future with a memory for the children who will always remember they were not forgotten at Christmas."

With all donations collected, the Detroit Goodfellows annually distribute 34,000 holiday gift packages through Detroit police precincts to needy children in Detroit, Hamtramck, Highland Park, Harper Woods and River Rouge. This year, 9,000 dolls were given to girls ages 4 to 9 as part of the Goodfellow gift packages

containing books, warm clothes, dental health kits, toys and candy. Four-year-old boys received a stuffed animal as part of theirs. It is estimated that two of every three Detroit public schoolchildren receive a Detroit Goodfellow holiday gift box. Tax-deductible donations may be sent to: The Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund

of Detroit, P.O. Box 44444, Detroit, MI 48244-0444. Donations also may be made using the organization's secure website, detroitgoodfellows.org and by texting DetKids to 56512. For more information, contact Detroit Goodfellow Director Sari Klok-Schneider at (586) 775-6139 or sarigoodfellows@gmail.com.

6B | FEATURES**ASK THE EXPERTS** By Charmaine Johnson-Fuller**Structure the day to feel motivated, empowered**

Q: I have so much I need to do between business and family, but I don't feel like I get anything meaningful accomplished even though I'm doing a lot. It's like I float from task to task with no focus. How can I structure my day so I get the right things done and feel motivated and empowered doing it?

A: Running a business and operating a family is a challenge. It feels as though you're either ignoring your business or ignoring your family and

feeling guilty about both. As an active mom entrepreneur, it's easy to start writing down everything you feel you need to do. When you do, it causes you to feel overwhelmed, resentful and burned out from your daily schedule. I'm going to share three ways you can structure your day to make sure you are getting done what you feel needs to be done.

◆ Clarity is Queen — Before you write a single item on your daily action plan (aka to-do list) get

clear on three things:
How do you want to feel at the end of the day?
What outcomes are you trying to create?

What actions do you need to complete to get closer to or complete those desired outcomes?

◆ Shut Down the Noise — Where do you find you get the most distracted? Whether your distraction lies in social media or random telephone conversations, identify those distractions and come up with a game plan to move through them.

◆ Create a Daily Action Plan — Create a daily action plan that works for you. Using the tips above you'll be able to create a daily action plan that doesn't feel overwhelming and gets things done that you care about.

Use the above foundation to create an empowered day that keeps you focused and connected to your big goals without the guilt.

Johnson-Fuller has been supporting moms more than five years by

guiding them to create harmony between self and family. She has served with the Special Education Action Committee for the state of Michigan, was the Wayne RESA Parent Advisory Committee representative for Grosse Pointe and currently supports mompreneurs by showing them how to create harmony between family and business. Visit fullerpotentials.com for more information. Johnson-Fuller is a member of The

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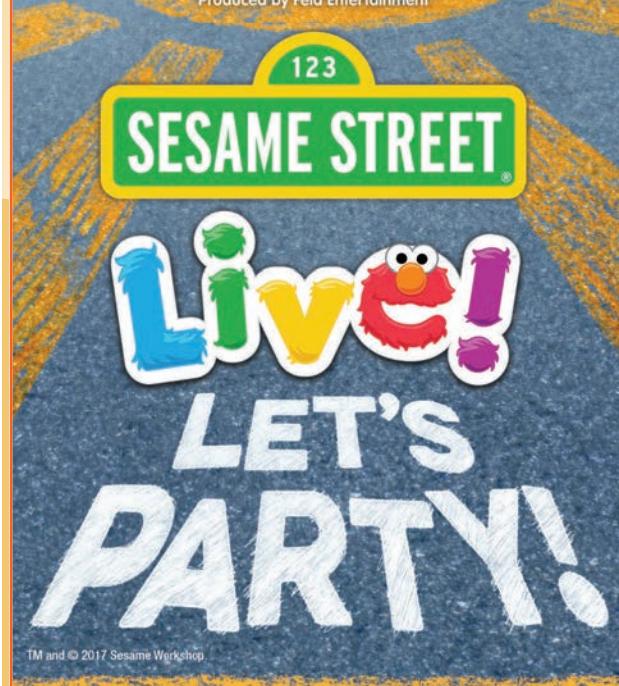
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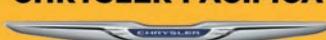
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Boys hockey

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Good run

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys hockey team spent the weekend in Traverse City, playing in the annual tournament hosted at Centre Ice Arena.

Head coach Mike Maltese and his Knights made it to the championship game before losing 5-0 to Saginaw Heritage.

The Hawks scored one goal in the opening period and added two more in each of the next two periods to beat the Knights.

Freshman Grant Lindsay suffered the defeat in net, stopping 25 of 30 shots, while each of the Knights' 37 shots on net were stopped. It was the first time this season the Knights were blanked.

In the tourney opener, Liggett beat Traverse City Central 4-1 behind senior Spencer Warezak's two-goal, one assist effort.

Sophomore Will Nicholson had one goal



PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

Freshman goaltender Grant Lindsay, left, and senior Spencer Warezak, shown against Grosse Pointe South, played well in the Knights' three tournament games in Traverse City.

and two assists and senior Alex Johnson had the other goal.

Seniors Dylan Paulsell and Spencer Stefani, junior Dan Bowen and sophomore Tristan Reilly each had one assist.

In net, Lindsay earned the win with a 20-save performance.

The following day Liggett edged Toledo St. John 3-2 in overtime as Lindsay stopped 16 of 18 shots.

Scoring for the Knights were Johnson, Stefani

and Reilly, and Paulsell had two assists as the Knights earned a spot in the championship game against highly ranked Heritage.

"This was a great test for our team and we fought through some adversity," Maltese said. "These are excellent games to get us ready for the state tournament, which is our ultimate goal."

Liggett heads into 2018 with a 10-2 overall record.

Year in review

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Boys tennis No. 1

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett kicked off 2017 with a rare lack of success.

The lone bright spot was the girls' hockey team under first-year head coach Anna Kuehnlein.

The team struggled during the regular season and qualified for the consolation tournament of the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League playoffs.

The Knights won the title game as Kara Francis scored six goals as they battled back from a 6-1 deficit to beat Ann Arbor Pioneer 8-6 to finish the season 8-11-1-1.

The boys' hockey team finished near the .500 mark under head coach Mike Hamilton and the boys' basketball program was under the tutelage of first-year head coach Chris Housey.

The girls' basketball team played only a handful of games before injuries and low numbers forced it to cancel the remainder of the season.

The spring season was definitely a step up and the biggest story was the boys' baseball team under head coach Dan Cimini.

It moved up to Division 1 and not only won pressure playoff games, but made it to the state semifinals.

Finishing 33-5 was quite an accomplishment for the Knights.

The girls' soccer team made the Division 4 state semifinals before losing 2-1 to Lansing Christian.

They won another Michigan Independent Athletic Conference title, a district crown and regional title under head coach David Dwaihy. They finished 15-7-1.

Another top team was the girls' softball squad under head coach Jim Schmidt.

The Knights cruised to a second straight unbeaten trek through the MIAC, as well as won a district and regional title.

The girls lost in a quarterfinal and finished the season 22-5 overall.

The boys' lacrosse team had a solid season under the tutelage of head coach Mike Costanzo.

The girls' lacrosse team was below .500, but made positive strides under first-year head coach Jennifer Larson.

Head coach Chris Smith took over the girls' tennis program and Melanie Zampardo made the Division 4 state finals.

Head coach Lindsey Bachman's track and field teams each had state finalists. Leading the way was 2017 graduate Nick Brusilow, who made All-State.

This fall, the athletic programs moved conferences and now reside in the Catholic League.

In total, the Knights enjoyed a fruitful autumn season with the boys' ten-

nis team taking center stage after winning a second straight Division 4 state championship.

Head coach Mark Sobieralski and his players were ranked No. 1 heading into the season and they edged Ann Arbor Greenhills and Traverse City St. Francis on the final day of competition.

The girls' field hockey team made it to the Division 2 state championship game before losing 2-1 in overtime to Grand Rapids Forest Hills. Head coach Jayant Trewn and his field hockey players finished the season 16-3-1 with senior Naomi Yoshida and junior Kate Birgbauer earning All-State First Team honors.

The girls' volleyball team and head coach Derek Arena finished 29-13-1. They won a Class C district title over New Haven before bowing out in the regionals.

Dwaihy and the boys' soccer team played in a district final, but lost 2-0 in overtime to Madison Heights Bishop Foley. The soccer team finished 8-6-1 overall.

The girls' and boys' cross-country squads tasted success this fall under Bachman.

Head coach Dan Cimini had a young, inexperienced football squad and finished 1-8 overall.

The Knights, however, won on homecoming for the ninth straight year.



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Boys basketball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Home losses

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South boys basketball team was in action during the holiday break, hosting Pinckney, Birmingham Brother Rice and St. Clair Shores Lake Shore in its annual tournament.

South played Pinckney in the first semifinal, losing 53-49.

It was tight throughout as neither team built much of a lead during the final three quarters.

The Blue Devils came out strong, leading 15-9 thanks to solid rebounding and balanced scoring.

The Pirates chipped away and tied it at 25 late in the second quarter before the home team scored the final four points to take a 29-25 lead into halftime.

The Pirates used a 13-5 run to take a 38-34 lead, but it was tied at 38 a minute later.

The Blue Devils eventually took a 43-42 lead when senior Cooper Lundh hit two free throws with no time left on the clock in the third quarter.

The fourth quarter had



PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

South's Daryl Houston soars to the hoop during the Blue Devils' game against Brother Rice.

several lead changes and ties, including a tie at 49

after freshman Daryl Houston drilled a three pointer with 1:10 left in the game.

Pinckney was able to hit a shot in the paint to take a 51-49 lead before the Blue Devils missed twice in the final 30 seconds.

The Blue Devils finished the scoring with two free throws.

Senior Theodore Niforos led the Blue Devils with eight points, followed by juniors Luke Adams and Ryan Buszka with seven points apiece. Junior Ryan Downey and Lundh had six points

apiece. South lost the consolation game 47-35 to Brother Rice as the Warriors were able to use its rebounding advantage to pick up too many second-chance baskets.

The Blue Devils led 13-11 before falling behind 22-21 at the half. It was 31-30 Warriors after three quarters, but too many turnovers and those second-chance baskets by the Warriors spelled doom for the Blue Devils.

Downey led the way with 13 points, while Buszka and Adams had six points apiece as South dipped to 1-6 overall.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL & GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Holiday tournaments

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Center Line.

George had 28 points and senior Casey Scoggins added 11.

Liggett is 1-5 overall.

North results

For a second time this season, Grosse Pointe North boys basketball team couldn't buy a basket.

The Knights fell behind 7-1 early, but used a 42-21 middle two quarters to move in front.

The Knights stood toe-to-toe with the Muskies in the fourth quarter to put their first win on the board before the calendar turned to 2018.

Senior Anthony George had 20 and freshman Cameron Strong had a season-high 16 points.

In the semifinals, Liggett lost 65-61 to

Several times the shot rimmed out, just a half inch from swishing through the net.

The 28 points were a season low. The Norsemen scored only 13 first-half points and 15 in the second half.

Junior Troy Herd led the way with nine points, followed by junior Joe Ayraut with six and junior Ryan Webb with four.

North faced Orchard Lake St. Mary's in one of the semifinals the previous day and lost 64-45.

Kochan's squad played a solid first half, but couldn't sustain the momentum in the final two quarters.

Webb led with 19 points as Grosse Pointe North is 3-3 overall.

LACROSSE CLINICS

Register for clinics

The Grosse Pointe-based 313 Lacrosse program has several upcoming events taking place at the Mack Athletic Complex and The Sports Academy.

The South campus is located at 4300 Marseilles, Detroit, and the North campus is The Sports Academy, 30845 23 Mile, Chesterfield, MI.

The Grosse Pointe Select and GP Hornets tryouts are Saturday,

gram.

Coach B's Goalie clinic is March 3 and the D1 Face-Off clinic, featuring Grosse Pointe North graduate and Detroit Mercy player Brandon Davenport, takes place the same day.

Sunday, Jan. 14, is the High School Indoor Training eight-week program at the South campus and the North campus starts with the eight-week Advanced Skill Development pro-

gram.

Register for these events at 313lax.com or call (586) 498-5500.

Year in review

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen enjoyed mild success in 2017

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's year began with success on the basketball courts.

The girls basketball team, under head coach Gary Bennett, captured a Division 1 district title with a 63-48 win over favored Lakeview.

The Norsemen played a perfect game as Julia Ayrault nearly had a triple-double, netting 17 points, 11 rebounds and seven blocked shots. Katie Snow added 24 points and eight rebounds.

The season ended with a 34-31 regional semifinal loss to Birmingham Marian and the ladies finished 12-11 overall.

Head coach Ron Kochan and his boys basketball team won a share of the Macomb Area Conference White

Division at 8-2 and finished 14-8 overall.

The Norsemen played two tough district games, beating Warren Woods-Tower 59-57 in overtime and losing 57-49 to host Lake Shore in the title game.

The senior core of Dillon Webb, Steve Levick, Sam Cross and Marvin Amerson played well in their final high school game.

The wrestling team, under head coach Eric Julien, enjoyed a successful season, led by seniors Matt Moores, Aaron Rozich, Will Moin and Reed Boeckler.

They captured a division title with a come-from-behind victory over Clawson, but lost in the team districts.

The unified gymnastics team, led by head coach Kristin Remillet, was led by senior all-stater

Isabelle Nguyen. They had a young team, but still finished .500.

The boys swimming and diving team finished 2-2 in the MAC Red and 6-2 overall under head coach Dan Hafner.

The boys and girls ice hockey teams suffered below par seasons, winning only a handful of games.

In the spring, the girls softball team led the way, winning a Division 1 district crown with a 7-6 victory over city rival Grosse Pointe South.

North nearly made the quarterfinals, losing 4-3 to Garden City in eight innings in a regional title game. The Norsemen beat Renaissance 7-0 in the semifinals.

The other diamond team, baseball, lost 7-2 to city rival University Liggett in a Division 1 district title game. Head

coach Frank Sumbera

was able to guide his Norsemen to another MAC White Division title at 12-3 and they finished 29-10-1 overall. The Norsemen did beat their other city rival, Grosse Pointe South, in a district semifinal.

The girls soccer team had a successful campaign, finishing in second place in the MAC White at 7-3 and they were 12-4-2 under head coach Olivia Dallaire. Graduate Meghan Louwers is now at U-D Mercy playing women's soccer.

Another division winning squad was boys lacrosse under head coach Mark Seppala. The Norsemen finished a perfect 8-0 in the MAC Red Division and 14-4 overall, losing to Warren DeLaSalle in a Division 2 regional championship

game.

Peter Kingsley's boys golf team had its share of success in the spring and Matt Beach made the state finals.

The track and field programs had solid seasons as several student-athletes made the Division 1 state finals and the girls' lacrosse team finished below .500.

This fall, the boys cross-country team made the state finals. Led by senior Mike Ciaravino, the Norsemen won a MAC Red Division regular season title. The girls also had their moments of success, finishing in the top third of the MAC Red.

The football squad shared a MAC Blue Division title, beat rival Grosse Pointe South in double-overtime and made the state playoffs under Sumbera.

The girls volleyball team won a district title and the boys soccer squad earned a MAC White Division championship.

Eric Vanston coached the soccer team and Chelsea Brozo coached the volleyball squad.

The girls swim team, under head coach Jim Singelyn, had one of its best seasons in a decade. A dozen girls made the state finals.

The girls golf team improved under the patient tutelage of head coach Kingsley. Junior Meghan Gallagher made the state finals and head coach John VanAlst and his boys tennis team made another appearance in the state championship tournament.

The girls field hockey team also had their good moments under head coach Paula Cornwall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils field several district champs

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South opened the 2017 school year with a full head of steam as the boys' and girls' hockey teams played well and won a ton of games.

Head coach Bobby McKillop's boys team was ranked near the top of Division 2 and had the makings of a state championship squad.

Standing in its way was perennial power Birmingham Brother Rice. The two met in a regional championship game and a standing-room only crowd watched the Blue Devils lose 6-3 to finish 21-3-1 overall.

They won another Michigan Metro Hockey League championship, too.

The girls' hockey team also had state championship mojo under first-year head coach Chris Booth.

They crushed city rival Grosse Pointe North in the first round before falling 2-1 to defending state champ Farmington Hills Mercy in the semifinals.

The Blue Devils finished 17-3-0-2.

Head coach Eric Gunderson did another masterful job guiding the boys swimming and diving program to another Macomb Area Conference Red Division regular season and

league meet championship.

Gunderson had a dozen state qualifiers, including All-State swimmers Ethan Briggs, Matthew Koueiter, Matthew Melican, Cam Francis, Nick Vallan and Thomas Jogan.

The wrestling program had its share of ups and downs under first-year head coach Patrick Salazar and the boys and girls basketball teams were eliminated in the district round of the state playoffs.

In the spring, the boys golf team was the leader of the pack, winning the Macomb Area Conference Red Division with a perfect 8-0 and the squad, under head coach

Rob McIntyre, won a Division 1 regional tournament.

At the state finals, the guys finished second yet again to Catholic Central. They had two All-State golfers, Coalter Smith and Oliver Livingston.

The girls track and field team was again under legendary head coach Steve Zaraneck. They won a Division 1 regional meet and several runners made the state finals.

The boys track and field team was led by 2017 graduate Patrick Nauert. He broke the school record in the discus with his throw of 166-feet in the Dakota Invitational and made the state finals where he was a silver medalist with a throw of 163-feet.

Head coach Mark Sobieralski and his girls' tennis team won another MAC Red Division regular season crown at 4-0, plus won a Division 1 regional tournament. In the state finals, they finished fourth with 17 points and had several all-state performers.

Both diamond squads finished below .500, as did the girls soccer team.

The boys and girls lacrosse teams were also below the break-even mark, which left the spring of 2017 as one of the worst in South history.

This fall, South enjoyed a plethora of positive news.

Head coach Tim Brandon led his football team to another state playoff appearance. The Blue Devils also won a second straight MAC White Division crown with another 5-0 record.

The girls volleyball team, behind seniors Lauren Toenjes and Chandlar Duff, put together a come-back win to capture a district title. They lost in the regionals to finish 20-17-4 overall and the soccer

Amanda Amine's field hockey team improved throughout the season and beat rival Grosse Pointe North to highlight its season.

The girls golf team made the state finals and return several top players, giving head coach Harrison Stackpole a reason to celebrate for the 2018 season.

The boys tennis team, under head coach John Willard, played its best at the end of the season. They made the state finals and finished in the middle of the pack.

The girls swim squad squeezed out a win in the MAC Red Division Championship meet and the ladies finished strong as several made the state finals, including All-State finisher Clarice Fisher.

The girls cross-country team was led by state-qualified Devon Krasner. The Blue Devils finished second in the MAC Red Division and fourth in a state regional meet.

The boys improved and should be ready to contend for a division crown next fall.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF FIRST PUBLIC HEARING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM 19617 HARPER AVENUE WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

A public hearing is scheduled before the Mayor and City Council on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. and on Monday, February 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council chambers of the Municipal Building, 19617 Harper Avenue for the purpose of:

Consider applying for the 2018 round of CDBG funds for (A) the creation, implementation and administration of a new Housing Rehabilitation project to continue the renovation of owner occupied homes for low and moderate income residents of Harper Woods and (B) to provide an affordable transportation program for disabled and elderly residents of Harper Woods.

The City of Harper Woods is asking for permission to apply to Wayne County for Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$87,482.00 for program year 2018, to be allocated for a Housing Rehabilitation Project, to provide an affordable transportation program for elderly & disabled residents and to administer both Programs.

Qualifying Project

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

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

Proposed Funding Sources

The cost of a Housing Rehabilitation Program is estimated to be \$36,734. The cost to provide an affordable transportation service for approximately 480 elderly and /or disabled persons is estimated to be \$12,000. The estimated cost of repairing sidewalks and constructing ADA ramps will be \$30,000. The cost to administer all Programs will be \$8,748.20. The total costs of the proposed CDBG programs will be \$87,482.00. The City proposes to use the following funding:

- 2018 CDBG funds for Housing Rehabilitation - \$36,734: Activity # 14A
- 2018 CDBG funds for an affordable transportation service - \$12,000: Activity 05E
- 2018 Program Administration - \$8,748.20: Activity 21A
- 2018 CDBG funds for Sidewalks and ADA Ramps - \$30,000: Activity 03K

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

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

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PY 2018

A Public Hearing will be held at the rescheduled City Council meeting on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, to hear comments regarding the Program Year 2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Proposed Estimated Budget shown below.

A second Public Hearing will be held at the City Council meeting on Monday, February 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, to hear comments and approve the Program Year 2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Proposed Estimated Budget and Application. All interested parties are invited to attend. The Proposed Estimated Budget is shown below.

The Grosse Pointe communities and Harper Woods are exploring a joint administration for CDBG.

Agenda documents are available for inspection at the City Clerk's Office, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. All interested persons are invited to attend both Public Hearings and will be given opportunity for public comment. The public may appear in person or be represented by counsel. Written comments will be received in the City Clerk's office, up to the close of business preceding each Hearing. A group spokesperson is encouraged on agenda items concerning organized groups. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meetings should contact the Grosse Pointe Woods Clerk's office at (313)343.2440 seven days prior to the meetings.

2018 Proposed Estimated CDBG Budget

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| 1. Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Service | \$7,725.00 |
| 2. Minor Home Repair/Housing Rehab | \$38,620.00 |
| 3. Administration..... | \$5,149.00 |

Total **\$51,494.00**

Bruce Smith
City Administrator

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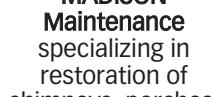
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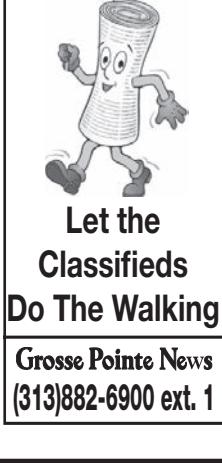


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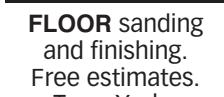


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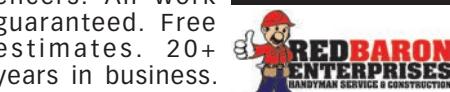


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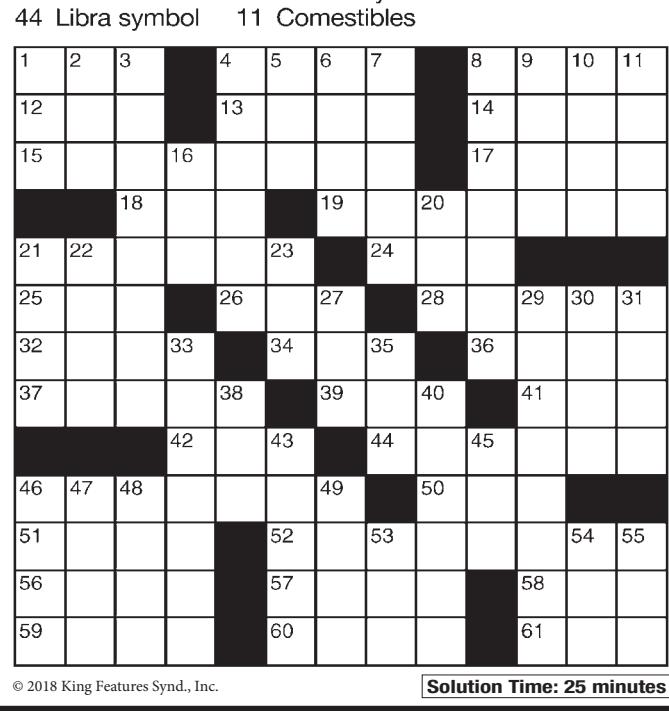
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60 Applications
61 Rep. rival

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23 Take off
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29 Put on a pedestal
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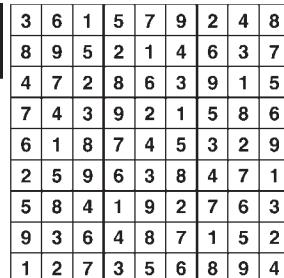
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

Solution for last weeks puzzle 12/28/17



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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