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Hotel committee appointed

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — City council appointed an eight-person committee to deter-

mine parameters for the hotel project Monday, Jan. 8.

Because of rhetoric surrounding the November election, the preferred hotel developer, Pedersen Development, halted work on the project. During the December 2017 council meeting, Pedersen asked for direction and guidance before moving forward with a

proposal.

The council's solution was to appoint a committee to provide guidance. It will be populated by council members, Downtown Development Authority representatives, business stakeholders and community members.

The goal for the committee is to give Pedersen firm direction in what the community expects for a

hotel. Committee members will not make any decisions, only provide direction. Meetings will be open to the public.

After the committee determines parameters, it will then be up to Pedersen to explore viability and whether or not it would be

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Gas line break halts event

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — A gas line break on Lakeshore near the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House Friday, Dec. 29, is shrouded in mystery.

A contractor apparently working for WOW Cable caused the break, but a representative for the cable company said the director of operations had no knowledge of work being done in the area.

City Manager Mark Wollenweber also said the city did not receive notice of the work, indicating the contractor did not call MISS DIG, a requirement for any work in the right-of-way.

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Chilling out

Scout Webber, Connie Bedsworth, Monroe DeSmyter, Hanley DeSmyter and Wells Webber take a hot chocolate break while skating Sunday, Jan. 7, at the Grosse Pointe Farms skating rink at Pier Park. For more photos of outdoor fun, see page 5A.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

K-9s nab suspects in home invasion

By Melissa Walsh
Staff Writer

HARPER WOODS — Police K-9 units —Kaiser of Harper Woods and Duke of Grosse Pointe Farms — caught two suspects following a home invasion and non-fatal shooting of a dog shortly before 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, in the 19700 block of Country Club in

Harper Woods.

Harper Woods public safety officers responded to the 911 call from the homeowner, who managed to exit the house after two adult males forced entry through a side door. The victim reported the men confronted him and another man at gunpoint, demanding they tell them where marijuana

was in the house. When the homeowner's dog responded by jumping on the men, one of the men shot the dog. The man visiting the home led the suspects to money and a garbage bag of marijuana in the basement.

Responding officers, observing the suspects fleeing by vehicle, stopped them on Merlin and King Richard streets in Detroit. When the suspects fled on foot, Harper Woods Officer Steve Johnson released Kaiser, who quickly caught one of the suspects.

As part of mutual-aid support from Grosse Pointe public safety departments, Duke arrived with handler Officer Tim Harris to assist in the pursuit of

the second suspect.

"Within two houses, Kaiser got the driver. He was taken into custody...." Harper Woods Public Safety Director James Burke said. "We searched the area for the second suspect with Grosse Pointe officers and Duke. He was found 10 houses away from the

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2018 Chilly Fest promises to be biggest yet

By Anthony Viola
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The Park is going big for this year's Chilly Fest.

Noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, both Windmill Pointe Park and Patterson Park will host myriad family activities. For \$5

per car, families can enjoy the season's first community event. The trolley also will shuttle people between the parks.

This year's event includes a petting zoo, pony rides, four-wheeler sled rides, inflatables, face painting and a s'more station. For adults, festivities include three manicurists and

masseurs at the McKeever Lounge in the Lavins Activity Center and, of course, the second annual Chili Cook-off.

Last year's cook-off "was a popular hit," said Chad Craig, director of parks and recreation, so this year they are expanding the prizes. Both the judge's and people's choice award winners

will receive either a three-month membership to the Meade Fitness Center or half off a Tompkins Center rental along with movie passes and special gift baskets. The second- and third-place winners also will receive movie passes.

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Costanzo at home in Grosse Pointe

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett School boys lacrosse head coach Mike Costanzo has found a home in Grosse Pointe.

After making several stops along the way, the 44-year-old settled into his new role, which now includes teaching physical education at Liggett's lower school and being the assistant athletic director.

"We had three choices and moving here to Grosse Pointe was the most logical for my family," Costanzo said. "It was comfortable and a great place to live. We packed up and moved three years ago. We love it."

Costanzo's wife, Morgan, is a mathematics



PHOTO COURTESY OF MIKE COSTANZO

University Liggett School lacrosse coach Mike Costanzo, center, is anxious for spring so he can get outside with his Knights.

teacher at Liggett's middle school and his children, Mac, 7, and Cash, 5, are in elementary school at Liggett.

Costanzo's passion is lacrosse.

He played the sport growing up in Pittsburgh and took his talent to the

college level, playing at Kenyon College. He earned a bachelor's degree from Kenyon and a master's degree in sports administration from Ohio University.

He also played lacrosse overseas where he spent a year in Australia before

heading back home to teach and coach at Sewickley Academy in the Pittsburgh area.

Costanzo also spent time coaching lacrosse in Berkeley, Calif., as well as in Memphis, Tenn., at Lausanne Collegiate School. He also coached lacrosse at Taipai American School in Taiwan.

"We were in a conference which included schools in several countries," Costanzo said. "We would get on a plane and fly to our conference lacrosse games. It was a fun time."

He moved back to the states, coaching at San Diego State University before making the move east to Grosse Pointe.

"I'm glad Morgan and I have found a home here in Grosse Pointe,"

Costanzo said. "It took a little getting used to with the cold and snow compared to San Diego, but now we are home and we love it."

Costanzo took over Liggett's high school lacrosse program a couple years ago and helps with Ken Brubaker's 313 Lacrosse program.

"Lacrosse is an exciting game and I love teaching it and coaching it to my players," he said. "I'm passionate about lacrosse and I really get into it during game time. We are prepared to play every game. Despite being a small program at the high school level, we hold our own."

Costanzo added middle school girls basketball to his coaching resume. They played a game at Little Caesar's Arena

before the holiday break. "I'm a sports junkie and coaching basketball is fun," he said. "It was fun playing at the LCA and we had a blast."

Costanzo remains a Pittsburgh sports fan at heart, rooting for his University of Pittsburgh teams, as well as his beloved Steelers and Penguins.

Even though temperatures are near zero and there is a foot of snow on the ground, you can bet Costanzo is thinking lacrosse.

"It will be spring soon enough and we're excited about the potential we can put on the field this season," he said.

The first day of lacrosse practice is Monday, March 12; the first game could be played Wednesday, March 21.

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If chili doesn't whet the appetite, Park Cafe offers a full concession with soups and sandwiches.

Also slated for Saturday, figure skater Jacqueline Budnick, representing the Olympic training site Onyx-Suburban Skating Academy, will perform 2 to 3 p.m. at Patterson Park. Budnick is a regional medalist and U.S. Figure Skating sectionals competitor skating at the Senior Ladies level.

Wayne State University's football and basketball teams, with their mascot, W the Warrior, will be on site running sports challenges and giving out prizes.

Along with W, the Detroit Lions' Roary and the Tigers' PAWS also make an appearance.

And what would winter be without some ice? Jeff Wolf from Finesse Ice displays his ice sculptures and conducts two live ice carvings throughout the day.

Craig said this year's Chilly Fest would not be possible without the sponsorships of Urban Renewal Initiative Foundation, O'Flaherty's, Chaz Gates of Adlhoch and Associates, Tradefirst.com, Duffey & Co., Red Crown, Grosse Pointe Sail Club and APCOR Construction and Development.

"We actually got a good amount of donations from these companies this year," he said. "That's how we've been able to go above and beyond what we've done in the past. Without these guys there wouldn't be a chance."

If winter weather rears its ugly head, Craig said the show will go on.

"If it's cold, we may cancel a few of the things we have outside and aim toward the inside stuff," he said. "But, for the most part, the horses, the rides, stuff like that, they are still going to go."

Just "make sure you bundle up and stay warm," he said.

For more information, visit grossepointepark.org or call (313)822-2812.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Mega donation

Ray Laethem Motor Village on Mack was an official drop-off location for Toys for Tots just before the holidays. Jeff Laethem, right, and retired U.S. Marine Sgt. James Elzerman loaded up the back of a Laethem minivan to bring the donated toys to Selfridge Air National Guard base so they could be wrapped and distributed for Christmas.

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car. It was a great effort. The K-9s worked together really well."

As Kaiser conducted an article search for a firearm, Duke and Harris followed north on Britain from King Richard, where the suspect was seen fleeing. Duke initiated a track in the 10300 block of Britain, leading to the alley between Britain and Merlin and a backyard in the 10400 block of Merlin. Duke found a large black bag of marijuana, then pulled north to another backyard on the same block and led Harris to the front porch where the suspect was lying and using a cell phone.

K-9 police dogs like Kaiser and Duke are trained to smell skin cells. Because adrenaline and sweat leave a strong



FILE PHOTO

Grosse Pointe Farms K-9 Officer Tim Harris with Duke, left, and Harper Woods K-9 Officer Steve Johnson with Kaiser.

odor, the dogs can track a running suspect who is sweating in freezing temperatures, as the second suspect was. In an article search — such as for a firearm — a police dog is trained to sniff out human scent left on the article.

"Scent freezes at cer-

tain temperatures," said Harris. "So there's nothing there for them to track. But if it's been just a few minutes they can."

Harris explained there are three environmental factors in a K-9's tracking success: time, temperature and terrain. In locating the second sus-

pect, the short time supported success. Because Harris commanded Duke to track the person, rather than a drug, Duke continued aggressively to pursue the second suspect even after finding the bag of marijuana.

"This was a great example of how effective K-9 units can be in the community — getting two dangerous (men) off the streets," Burke said.

Friday, Jan. 5, Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy brought felony charges against the two suspects — Michael Jason Gadie, 42, of Warren, and Timothy Wade Horton, 48, of Detroit. Gadie is charged with armed robbery; home invasion, first degree; felon in possession; animals - torturing/killing; delivery/manufacture of marijuana/synthetic equivalents; felony firearm - five counts; police officer - assaulting/resisting/obstructing; and animals - abandoning/cruelty to one animal. Horton is charged with armed robbery; home invasion, first degree; delivery/manufacture of marijuana/synthetic equivalents; and police officer - assaulting/resisting/obstructing.

"Kaiser's been extremely active the last several months," Burke said. "This was one amazing job by Officer Johnson and Kaiser, an amazing piece of work by all the officers and the K-9s. I appreciate the support we received by the Grosse Pointe public safety departments, our mutual aid partners. I appreciate their willingness to drop everything and help us if we need help."

The canine victim survived the shooting.

Editor Jody McVeigh contributed to this report.

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Pizza delivery man missing

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — After delivering a pizza to the first of three customers’ locations, Papa John’s employee and Woods resident Robert Ozark, 31, went missing.

Ozark’s parents reported him missing to Woods police approximately 1 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, after speaking with his girlfriend, who was expecting him to bring her a pizza following his shift.

According to a Jan. 6 police report, Ozark may have last been seen in the Pointes when making a delivery around 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, in the 700 block of Washington, City of Grosse Pointe.

When the Papa John’s franchise in the 19000 block of Mack received a phone call at 9 p.m. from a Farms customer expecting the second delivery of Ozark’s run, the owner called Ozark’s parents, with whom Ozark lives in the 1800 block of Allard. Ozark’s parents said they hadn’t heard from their son that evening.

Through a LEIN search, Woods police discovered at 5 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, Ozark’s vehicle was found by

Detroit 5th Precinct police and impounded. A Detroit police sergeant told Woods police the vehicle appeared to have been in an accident and was left abandoned at South Hampton and University.

Woods police checked area hospitals and police departments with no results.

Ozark is a 31-year-old white male, 6 feet tall, weighing approximately 195 pounds. He has brown hair and brown eyes. He wears dark glasses and was last seen in a black ballcap with the Papa John’s logo, a white T-shirt under a red T-shirt with the Papa John’s logo, a black zip-up hoodie and gray and coral Nike gym shoes. He was last seen driving a light blue 1995 four-door Buick with a Papa John’s topper on the roof.

Ozark’s employer told police Ozark, who has worked for his Papa John’s franchise about one month, is a good employee.

Attempts to reach a detective on the case have been unsuccessful.

— Melissa Walsh



Double-digit temperatures brought people outdoors Sunday, Jan. 7, to enjoy the recent snowfall. Molly Perkins and Lydia O’Halla, eighth-graders at Brownell Middle School, lace up their skates to skate on the rink at Pier Park.

Fun in the Farms

The Beck family enjoys the weather Sunday, Jan. 7. Right, parents Chris and Kim Beck share a sled down the hill. Below, Chris Beck, and daughter, Kendall, double up on a sled while Kim, and son, Trevor, get ready to follow them down the hill.



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Who am I?

A woman was arrested for operating while intoxicated 3:45 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, on Jefferson at Lakeland.

While traveling eastbound on Jefferson, an officer noticed a vehicle driving westbound at a high rate of speed then cross the double yellow line. Radar indicated the driver was traveling 65 mph.

The woman said she was driving her drunk passenger home from Connor and Kercheval to Tireman Drive. She was unable to indicate what city she was in.

A field sobriety test and preliminary breath test were administered. She failed both.

At the station after her arrest, she was unable to spell the name on the identification she provided officers and gave several different names in the process. She also was cited for providing false information.

Assault

An assault was reported at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe 4:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3.

A security guard stopped a patient attempting to leave the emergency room with an IV still in her arm. When the patient was stopped, she started to yell profanities and threats.

Nurses removed the IV and cleared the patient to leave; however, at that time the patient punched the security guard in the arm and said she was going to come back to fight him. She then left in an unknown direction.

Officers attempted to reach the suspect using the telephone number provided on the patient sheet, but the phone did not ring.

The hospital may send paperwork stating the patient is no longer welcome at the hospital.

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able to move forward with the project.

Appointees to the hotel committee are: Mayor Christopher Boettcher, Councilmembers Don Parthum and Sheila Tomkowiak, DDA Chairman Andrew Martin, DDA member David Katz, Marais business and property owner Dave Gilbert, Village Association President and business owner Kasey Malley and Lewis Gazoul, city resident.

Public Safety Reports

Caught red handed

Officers received a call of a possible retail fraud in progress 2:15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, at a Village store.

The store manager said she saw a store item in a suspect’s bag and noticed the same item missing from the shelves.

The suspect, a City of Grosse Pointe resident, approached the counter and paid for a number of other items and left the store. The suspect was met by police outside of the store and notified she was suspected in retail fraud. She dropped her bag and officers observed the alleged stolen item.

A receipt provided by the suspect did not have the stolen item listed and she subsequently was arrested for retail fraud.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

All nighter

An Arkansas man was arrested for operating while intoxicated 8:45 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, on Lakeshore at Windemere.

An officer observed a vehicle appearing to travel above the posted speed limit northbound on Lakeshore. When the officer used the turn-around, he observed the vehicle change lanes without signaling.

When the officer pulled the vehicle over, the driver opened the door, placed both hands out and exited the vehicle.

City Manager Peter Dame and Pedersen Development also will be present at the meetings to provide background and answer questions.

Officers noticed a strong odor of intoxicants.

Without asking, the driver said he had just driven overnight and was drinking with the two passengers. A six-pack of beer with three open cans was found in the vehicle along with several small bottles of liquor.

The driver failed the field sobriety test and refused a preliminary breath test. He was arrested for OWI and cited for refusing the breath test.

A blood test resulted in .12 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

Fraudulent insurance

A 27-year-old Detroit man was arrested for possession of stolen property and fraudulent auto insurance 4:50 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, on Mack at Audubon. The suspect was pulled over for speeding and provided fraudulent insurance. Subsequent investigation revealed the license plate was stolen.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Nothing to report.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Nothing to report.

Dates and locations for the public meetings have yet to be set. Check the city website, grossepointecity.org, for meeting notices and updates.



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OUR VIEW 2017

A blue ribbon year for GPPSS

2017 was a “blue ribbon” year for the Grosse Pointe Public School System. In September, a 50-member blue ribbon facilities committee was formed to determine the course of the district over the next five to 10 years, and the following month, Maire Elementary School was named a National Blue Ribbon School.

The blue ribbon facilities committee met some six times and discussed building utilization and declining enrollment, facilities’ critical needs and whether school building closures were necessary. While the committee did not recommend closing any schools, it did come back with a recommendation to go to voters in November of this year seeking \$111 million in bonds to pay for meeting the critical needs of the district’s aging buildings. Heating and air conditioning and security measures were some of the big-ticket items needing attention.

Following up on the blue ribbon committee’s findings, the school board and administration announced town hall meetings will be held in the spring to get public input on the bond referendum and critical needs and future of the district.

Maire was among 352 schools nationwide to be named a National Blue Ribbon School. The National Blue Ribbon Schools are public and private elementary, middle and high schools where students achieve high learning standards or are making notable improvement in closing the achievement gap. Maire was designated a high-performing school.

In other news, Grosse Pointe North was among 11 public schools nationwide in March to receive the First Amendment Press Freedom Award for 2017 for actively supporting, teaching and protecting First Amendment rights and responsibilities in its publications — North Pointe newspaper, northpointenow.org website and Valhalla yearbook. Not to be outdone, Grosse Pointe South’s top editors of The Tower student newspaper in December attended the National High School Journalism Convention in Dallas, bringing home a 2017 Best of Show award from the National Scholastic Press Association.

In April, Grosse Pointe public schools were among those selected worldwide to take part in Saudi Arabia’s national transformation project, Saudi Vision 2030. Educators visited Grosse Pointe schools to experience firsthand the range of services offered from preschool through age 26. Presentations focused on school improvement, growth in learning, collaboration and using technology to improve curriculum assessment and instruction.

In anticipation of the retirement of Poupard Elementary School Principal Penny Stocks at the end of the school year, the district in May hired Hussain Ali, interim assistant principal at Longview Elementary School in Oak Park, Ill. Mr. Ali earned his master’s degree in K-12 education administration from Michigan State University. Stocks was a 14-year veteran with the GPPSS.

Grosse Pointe South turned its fourth annual Out of the Darkness suicide awareness walk in June into



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Grosse Pointe Past

This view of The Village between St. Clair and Neff on the north side of Kercheval, including S.S. Kresge Co. and Himelhoch’s, originally was captured in 1964. William E. Keane Jr. snapped a photo of the photo October 1987.

a community event that included a wellness fair. North teacher Sean McCarroll was one of 10 grand prize recipients in July of the Teacher Innovation Award, created by The Henry Ford and given to 20 innovative teachers across the country. Winners were treated to a week-long immersion experience with behind-the-scenes tours of local museums and opportunities to meet other innovative educators from around the world. Mr. McCarroll helped pilot North innovative studies series.

In August, Lisa Rheäume, fifth-grade teacher at Mason Elementary School, was hired to replace Karen Sullivan as principal at Defer Elementary School. Ms. Sullivan retired after 33 years with the district, the last seven as principal at Defer. At Mason, Ms. Rheäume piloted one of the 21st century classrooms.

Also that month, veteran North teacher Michelle Davis was appointed assistant principal and athletic director at North after Brian Shelson resigned to accept a position in Rochester. Ms. Davis taught business at North for 17 years and was named head of the business and technology department in 2010. Her 23 years of coaching included girls basketball and softball at North.

The GPPSS ended the summer being ranked the No. 1 school district with the best teachers in the niche.com 2018 rankings.

Pierce Middle School delivered an emotional performance in November with its production of “Letters.” Written by Evelyn Merritt, “Letters” takes excerpts from letters written during the Civil War, World Wars I and II and Korean, Vietnam and Iraq wars and weaves them into a series of monologues. At the end of the play was a brief documentary produced by Michelle Stackpoole’s video production class based on historical artifacts from Grosse Pointe veterans and their families.

The eighth annual Community Luncheon, sponsored by the GPPSS, Grosse Pointe Community Health Coalition, Grosse Pointe News and Richard Elementary School, was held in November at Richard. The keynote speaker was Lt. Gov. Brian Calley, who spoke on inclusion in special education.

Rounding out the year in December, North and South students enrolled in exploring global issues organized a joint fundraiser with bake sales and penny wars to purchase a solar generator for a school in Puerto Rico without power.

OUR VIEW

Pointe parks gear up for winter fun

It takes more than cold weather to keep Grosse Pointers from venturing out of doors. In fact, we look forward to it.

Grosse Pointe Park kicks off this year’s winter festivals with Chilly Fest on Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. This year’s fest promises to be bigger and better than ever with events taking place at both Windmill Pointe Park and Patterson Park. Adding to the fun — and convenience — the trolley will be shuttling between the two parks.

This year’s event includes a petting zoo, pony rides, four-wheeler sled rides, inflatables, face painting and a s’more station. For adults, festivities include three manicurists and masseurs at the McKeever Lounge in the Lavins Activity Center and, of course, the second annual Chili Cook-off. Park Café will offer full concessions in Tompkins Center with soups and sandwiches and hot dogs with all the fixings.

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Wayne State University’s mascot, “W” the Warrior, will be on site running sports challenges and giving out prizes. Joining “W” will be the Detroit Lions’ Roary and the Tigers’ PAWS.

And, of course, it wouldn’t be Chilly Fest without

the ice sculptures by Jeff Wolf of Finesse Ice.

The \$5 per car cost covers events at both parks.

In Grosse Pointe Woods, the 17th annual Winterfest is scheduled Saturday, Jan. 27, from noon to 2 p.m. at Lake Front Park. Events include a chili cook-off, cookie challenge, inflated slide, SCORE-O Competition, lunch and refreshments.

Winterfest is free to Woods residents and guests; however, attendees must register by Jan. 20.

Breaking a 12-year tradition in Grosse Pointe Farms, Winterfest returns Saturday, Feb. 3, to Pier Park. In 2007, the Farms Parks and Recreation Department partnered with the Hill Association to host Winterfest on the Hill, with businesses taking part.

This year, new parks and recreation director Chris Galatis sought to show off the many amenities now available in the winter at the city’s waterfront park.

The event will feature a wide variety of activities including live ice carving, marshmallow roasting, food trucks, ice skating, putt-putt golf course and a demonstration by Duke of the Public Safety Department’s K-9 team.

The event also will include a heated tent with bands, beverages and a chili (soup) cook-off. Winterfest, from 1 to 5 p.m. at Pier Park, is open to all Grosse Pointe Farms residents and their guests.

Don’t let cabin fever set in. Bundle up and head on over for some fun and camaraderie with your family, friends and neighbors!

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I SAY By Mary Anne Brush

Life lessons I learned from my dog



This time of year, we hear a lot about how we can live more positively and improve our lives. Now that 2018 is underway and my new year’s resolutions already have fallen by the wayside, I realize everything I need to know to be happy, enjoy each day and get the most out of

life year-round is right in front of me. It’s modeled by my dog, Ronnie. What makes Ronnie happy are the simple things. A bowl of food. A belly rub. A nap on a warm patch of sunlit carpet. A walk around the block with plenty of time to stop and smell the roses — or whatever. For Ronnie, the return of a beloved family member is cause for celebration — even if that person left only 15 minutes ago. Certain words and phrases bring joy, excitement and anticipation. Walk. Treat. Dad’s home. Others fill

him with a sense of accomplishment or pride. Sit. Stay. Come. Good boy. Ronnie — true to a dog’s reputation as man’s best friend — embodies loyalty. He’s always there — literally: at my feet, by my side, on my lap. He’s an excellent listener and he never interrupts or argues. And he never holds a grudge, even if I accidentally step on his paw. The forgiveness is instantaneous and the way he wags his tail, it’s as if he’s apologizing to me rather than the other

way around. Ronnie has good instincts. When I get his leash from the drawer, he automatically stretches. Upward dog. Downward dog. He appreciates the importance of routine. Wake up, scratch, shake, go out back, eat breakfast, take a nap. He also understands when he’s needed. When the kids were little, we used to call on his services whenever they were sick. “Nurse Ronnie,” they called him. He knew intuitively to be present, the comforting weight of

his small body leaning against them, a warm tongue to offer reassurance, watchful brown eyes sending messages of love, calm, healing. Perhaps Ronnie’s most valuable asset is his boundless faith. Each day, after we leave, he knows we will return. All he must do is wait. Since time is not a concept relevant to his being, he is devoid of any of the anxiety you or I might feel as we watch — and worry — with the passing hours. If the wordless question — will they be back? — forms in his mind, the

answer is always yes. When is immaterial. Such was the epic patience of Argos, Odysseus’s dog, who faithfully awaited his beloved master’s return from a 20-year odyssey, only to greet him with one last wag of his tail before he died. Where there is patience, there is abiding faith. Where there is absence of doubt, there is only hope. Where there is both faith and hope, there is love. This is what I learned from Ronnie that I will take with me into the new year.

YESTERDAY’S HEADLINES

1943
75 years ago this week
ALLEY MAY CLOSE: Village Manager Lane of Grosse Pointe Park recommended the 210-foot-long alley between Maryland and Wayburn

and Goethe and Charlevoix be abandoned. The alley is only 10 feet wide and cannot be negotiated by collection trucks necessitating refuse be carried out by hand by the collectors. **55 TO BE SENT FOR INDUCTION:** The next group of service men

passing through Board 57 and numbering 55 names will be inducted Jan. 21. **1968**
50 years ago this week
MLK JR. TO SPEAK IN GROSSE POINTE: The

Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. will speak Thursday, March 14, on “The Future of Integration,” in the gymnasium at Grosse Pointe High School. **POLICEMAN SHOT IN ABDOMEN:** A Woods public safety officer was shot in the abdomen by a 12-gauge shotgun fired by a 24-year-old Woods resident who had been quarreling with his parents.

destroyed the residence and injured the homeowner and three public safety officers. One of three family pet dogs was asphyxiated by heavy smoke. The cause of the fire was under investigation.

under the floor and heat and humidity in the gym will cause the problem to recur. The district is seeking services of an architectural firm to evaluate and suggest remedies. **1993**
25 years ago this week
ARCHITECTS TO SURVEY MOISTURE-PLAGUED SOUTH GYM FLOOR: In September, excessive condensation under the gym floor caused it to buckle, making it unsafe. The warped boards were replaced and gym activities resumed. However, cool moisture

2008
10 years ago this week
SHORT-TERM RENTALS CONSIDERED: Several Farms residents petition the Grosse Pointe Farms City Council to enact an ordinance to make renters in the city commit to a one-year lease. A similar measure was adopted recently in Grosse Pointe Shores. — Karen Fontanive

Ismail elected chairman MASB Legal Trust Fund

Ahmed Ismail of Grosse Pointe Woods was unanimously elected chairman of the board of trustees of the Legal Trust Fund of the Michigan Association of School Boards at its annual meeting in Lansing Nov. 11. The MASB Legal Trust Fund was established in 1975 to assist Michigan school boards involved in litigation having statewide significance. It grants assistance in the way of financial support and amicus curiae (friend of the court) briefs to help school districts at all levels of litigation, from the State Tenure Commission to the Supreme Court. The Board of Trustees of the Legal Trust Fund reviews applications from school boards for assistance and determines the amount of financial and/or legal support that will be dedicated to the sub-



Ahmed Ismail

director of labor relations. “It was an honor to be elected chairman of the board by such an elite group of school board members,” Ismail said. “The opportunity to learn from and to lead such a group of dedicated school board members in the analysis of legal issues facing the school systems of Michigan is a true honor.” Ismail presently is a Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education trustee, first elected in 2004. In addition, he is a member of the executive board of the Wayne County Association of School Boards, member of the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee of the MASB and mentor for other board members around the state through MASB’s Board Member Mentoring Program.

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Trombly students create fan-tastic business

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Susan Howey is a fan of real-world learning. After challenging her fourth-grade students at Trombly Elementary School to start their own classroom-based business, she discovered there’s no better way to teach real-world skills and empower students to own their learning than by bringing innovation and entrepreneurial thinking into the classroom.

Howey came upon the idea last year at a conference. She applied for a grant from Real World Scholars and was awarded \$1,000 in seed money. Real World Scholars provides an e-commerce platform, allowing teachers to operate a business known as an education corporation — or EdCorp — under its nonprofit umbrella. Students come up with a product to make and market while RWC handles the banking and taxes and provides web support. RWC also assigns a staff mentor to motivate the class and give feedback.

The first step was to decide on a product. Students agreed a marketable product they could create themselves were fan faces — an enlarged picture of a face on a stick — to sell for sporting events, birthdays, recitals, graduations, parties — or anything else their customers dreamed up. For example, speech teacher Dori Martinuzzi ordered a “family in a box” for her son when he couldn’t make it home from college for his birthday. One family took fan faces with them to Disney World.

After customers submit a photo with their order, students “start by cropping the picture to make it the right size and just capture the face,” said fourth-grader Liam O’Mara. “Then we make it bigger and adjust the page size and shape.”

Students use Google Drive to share the image with Howey for printing.



Above, local business owner Ellen Durand and teacher Susan Howey field questions from the students on running a business. Right, Elizabeth Vassel holds a fan face of Gizmo the dog, the class’s first out-of-state order, and Susan Howey shows off her dog, Finn.

They cut out the face, laminate it, cut it again and glue it to a stick. A recent added feature is a sticker with the company website, fanfaces.org.

The students came up with the name for the business and created a logo and tagline: “Cheering people on is what we do!” To get the business off the ground, Howey invited Ellen Durand, owner of El’s Boutique in The Village, to share her expertise. On her first visit, Durand talked about what goes into starting a business, beginning with creating a business plan.

“You have to think about your product and what your end result will be,” Durand said. “What do you want to get out of this venture? Do you want to make money? Do you want to break even? Once you have that, then how do you go about all the things that entails? We talked about the physical manufacturing of the product — how they’re going to make their (fan faces) and what goes into it — the supplies you’re going to get and who is going to do what in making the product.”



From profit margins and packaging to advertising, marketing and promotion, Durand covered all the bases with the students. By her second visit, the class had completed many of these steps and students were able to present what they had done so far.

By her third visit, the students “were in full mode,” Durand said, complete with assembly line production.

“We talked about the next steps, which would be more marketing now,” Durand said. They also discussed cross-promotion and display, with Durand inviting them to set up a stand at her store on a Saturday to promote their product.

“It’s fun that Mrs. Durand comes because she is running her own business so then we can learn from what she’s doing,” said O’Mara.

She also shared ideas with them, according to

Khari Kumasi, such as creating accessories, and a Twitter raffle, with a name entered into a drawing with every tweet of a Fan Faces business tweet.

The success of the business has exceeded expectations, Howey said. The class set \$1,000 as a goal, which they hoped to reach by the end of the school year. They ended up hitting a \$1,200 profit mark within nine weeks and celebrated with a lunch at Coney Island, paid for with their profits.

The company also is socially conscious, donating 35 percent of sales to charity. Students selected Michigan Animal Rescue League, Crossroads of Michigan and Detroit Institute for Children’s SLIDE program, Howey said.

The SLIDE program, to which the class is donating its Christmas sales, is particularly meaningful to

Howey, as it represents the project’s interconnectedness. The Durand family established the summer program for children with special needs in Detroit with donations raised in her son Stephen’s memory. Stephen Durand was a former student of Howey’s.

Howey said the students “love it when Ellen comes in. They feel like an equal in a sense. But they respect her as a business owner because they see how much work it is.”

For her efforts, Howey was named Real World Scholar’s EdCorp Founder of the Month in January. According to the online announcement, Howey earned this distinction by creating a rich classroom experience and being “willing to hand over the reins to students and get out of the way.”

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PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Students master the art of cutting as they fill orders for their Fan Faces business. Top, Devin White cuts out holiday and winter accessories. Above, Isaac Brenner discovers the hardest part to cut is around the ears.

Week Ahead

TUESDAY, JAN. 16

◆ The Grosse Pointe Public School System hosts Middle School Information Night 7 p.m. at Brownell, Parcels and Pierce middle schools 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.

THURSDAY, JAN. 25

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

PRIDE OF THE POINTE

Meghan Butler of Grosse Pointe Park graduated summer 2017 from Marquette University with a doctor of philosophy, counseling psychology degree.

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The following area students graduated summer 2017 from Grand Valley

State University: **Kevin Barrett, Tatum Bristol and Tyler Sickmiller** all earned Bachelor of Business Administration degrees; **Isaiah Marion and Katlyn Navetta** both earned Bachelor of Science degrees and **Catherine Palazzolo** earned Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of

Business Administration degrees.

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Clifford Dirksen of Grosse Pointe Park graduated summer 2017 from Miami University with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

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Sarah Reno of Grosse Pointe Woods graduated

fall 2017 from Spring Arbor University with a Master of Arts degree.

The following area students were named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2017 semester at Belmont University: **Paulina Perakis, Emmanuelle Turco and Calyx Turco**, all of the City of Grosse Pointe; **Mary Reinman** of Grosse Pointe Farms; **Hannah Ayrault** of Grosse Pointe Park; and **Kynadi Echols** of Grosse Pointe Woods.

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Ethan Reeside of the City of Grosse Pointe was named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2017 semester at Champlain College.

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Christopher Gideon, a 2013 Grosse Pointe South

High School graduate, earned a Master of Science degree in molecular neuropharmacology with distinction from Nottingham Trent University fall 2017. He is attending Chicago Medical School.

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Jody Wycech graduated fall 2017 with a Ph.D. in geoscience from the University of Wisconsin. While a graduate student, Jody received the Schlanger Fellowship from the International Ocean Discovery Program and several departmental awards including graduate student of the year. She lives in Boulder, Colo., where she is completing a post-doctoral fellowship. The former City of Grosse Pointe resident is a 2007

graduate of Regina High School and 2012 graduate of Grand Valley State University.

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Carina Taylor of the City of Grosse Pointe and **Danae DiCicco** of Grosse Pointe Woods were named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2017 semester at Lawrence Technological University.

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Margaret S. Lally earned a Bachelor of Science degree magna cum laude from Wayne State University School of Nursing December 2017. She is an intensive care unit nurse at St. John Hospital, Ascension Health Corp. Lally earned a Bachelor of Science degree in oceanography with honors from the U.S. Naval Academy. She also earned a master’s degree in physical oceanography with a concentration in undersea warfare from Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif. She is a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve.

Lally lives in Grosse Pointe Farms with her husband, Ryan, and daughter, Kate. She is the daughter of Candy and Don Sweeny of Grosse Pointe Farms.

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Teacher of THE WEEK



Kathleen Polk

School: St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School
Years at St. Paul: 2
Grade/Subject: Preschool
Nominated by: Tina Forsythe, principal
Principal's quote:

"Kathleen has been a wonderful addition to our exceptional pre-school staff. Kathleen has enthusiasm and passion for our preschoolers. She has the drive to unlock every child's door to learning. Every child comes to school with a unique personality and learning style and Kathleen is able to reach each child and teach each child effectively."

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

Being a preschool teacher allows me to help my students grow into excited learners who want to explore the world around them and form new ideas about their environment. When I'm with them I witness new and exciting groundbreaking moments. Finding different teaching methods to match the different learning styles of my students allows me to tap into my own creativity. Spend some time with these adorable, little people and you will learn

to embrace the unexpected parts of life, accept the things you cannot change, smile more, have a childlike sense of humor and laugh more. But mostly, they will teach you to love, to be kind and to be accepting.
Describe a teaching accomplishment you're proud of or a "teachable moment" you experienced.

My greatest accomplishment is my ability to connect with each student and family on a personal level so that I can be available to help with any concerns or frustrations. Each child and each family brings new and different life experiences to our classrooms. I want every child I teach to feel safe, secure and a part of a loving Catholic environment. To do this, I make sure that I am easily accessible to offer educational and behavioral guidance. The educational and social growth I see in each child over the course of the school year is one of the reasons I love being a teacher.

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

When people ask me



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why I became a teacher? Who inspired you? Did you read something to inspire you to become a teacher? I think I would have to say all of the above. I still remember my second-grade teacher. She was the teacher who made learning fun and made you learn without knowing you were learning. Growing up I loved being around children. Their curiosity and love of learning always intrigued me and I knew that I wanted to be a part of that. Working with children and reading books about how children learn, all led me to teaching.

Favorite quote:

"Every child is gifted; they just unwrap their packages at different times."

Mason students deliver

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

What could be more socially engaging than sharing a cup of coffee and a smile?

This was the impetus for Laura Loveday and Meghan Smith, teachers of students with autism at Mason Elementary School, to start a Coffee and Smile program. With this year's focus on community engagement and social skills, Loveday and Smith couldn't think of a better way for their students "to get out and about in the building" than with a coffee cart delivering much appreciated beverages to staff members.

The coffee cart operates Fridays between 8:30 and 9:15 a.m. Teachers place orders online on a Google Docs form by 8 a.m. Students set up three stations — a Keurig station, cream station and sugar station — and work together to label and make coffee, tea and other beverage orders.

"Our higher functioning kids will write the teachers' names on the coffee sleeve," Smith said. "They'll help make the coffee and put the coffee and cream in. All the kids are excited to get out there and deliver."

Students wheel the coffee cart around the building to make their deliveries. They also collect money, which often requires making change — a valuable skill for them to learn.

Funds raised support field trips, sensory tools for the students and Mason's peer-to-peer program — which pairs stu-



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Top, Evan Brunette pours cream into a coffee order while ASD teacher Laura Loveday looks on. Above, Cameron Webb hands Mason Principal Roy Bishop his coffee order.

dents from the autism classrooms with their general education peers — with the purchase of board games and cooking and craft supplies.

The main purpose of the program, according to Loveday and Smith, is to provide opportunities for the students to interact with staff.

"I don't think we've ever delivered the coffee and don't get a huge smile," Smith said.

Not only are the teachers excited to see the students, Loveday said, but so are the students from the general education

classrooms.

"The other students get excited to see them, say hi, call them by name," Loveday said. "All the students are getting to know our students. They're excited to see them and have interaction with them as well."

Loveday and Smith started the coffee cart from donations of supplies through an Amazon wishlist, with products shipped directly to Mason, but say additional supplies are needed to keep the program running. To make a donation, go to amzn.to/2CRPzL5.

Liggett thespians excel at state festival

University Liggett School's Players thespian group scored superior ratings during the Michigan Thespian State Festival in Grand Rapids in December.

The event drew more than 1,600 participants from around the state.

The Liggett Players scored superior ratings in

a number of categories and two performances received perfect scores. Seniors Antonio Cipriano and Catey Elliott received a perfect score in the musical theater duet category and were featured in the all-state showcase. The performance of "Only Us" from "Dear Evan Hansen" received a

standing ovation.

William Higbie also received a perfect score in the short film category and Andrew Backer, Geoffrey Elmer, Quinn Nehr, Ross Kogel, EJ Service, Isabella Tomlinson and Mary Weiermiller received superior ratings, qualifying them for the national festival competition in June.

TROMBLY:

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"Working with Susan Howey and the fourth-graders of Fan Faces has been inspiring," said RWS program manager and class mentor Audrey Reimer, who sends the students video messages, retweets their tweets and provides lots of encouragement. "They are an incredibly creative group of young entrepreneurs, full of curiosity and drive. I have been so impressed by their dedication to Fan Faces and the community. They have accomplished so much in just a few short months and I can't wait to see what is next for them."

For Howey, it's all about increased student engagement leading to deeper learning across subject areas. Students use math to write a receipt, make a budget or track orders on a spreadsheet; test their creativity while creating flyers, marketing their product on social media or producing a commercial; and work together to resolve issues.

"This is problem solving at its best," she said. For example, when encountering difficulties with the order form, "we reasoned through it. We have conversations about everything. I think they feel empowered. They're co-owners in a business."

The Christmas season behind them, students look toward their next big



Anna VanDeputte cuts out a logo for St. Clare of Montefalco's hockey team. Accessories are an add-on to Fan Faces' business model.

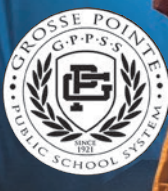
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season — graduation. They hope to market to parents of high school and college graduates. Athletic events also provide a potential market.

In 24 years of teaching, Howey said operating the Fan Faces business with her students has been a highlight.

"It's been a really special experience — so all-encompassing," she said. "The sense of community it's created, the real-world learning; it's 100 percent true. We need to teach like this more often."

To place an order online, go to fanfaces.org.



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Making it mindful

Class helps seniors let go, be their best selves

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

It's been just less than two years since Jennifer Raybaud, owner of Our Serendipitous Soul, started teaching a mindfulness class at Services for Older Citizens.

She was just starting her business — in which she trains people in mindfulness, meditation and life skills — when the opportunity came about.

"I heard SOC was looking for a mindfulness teacher," she said. "I thought it would be good practice. Now I do it as a labor of love. My students are so sweet and awesome."

"Finding Your Little Piece of Peace" takes place 9 a.m. Thursdays at SOC and has seen a steady flow of participants.

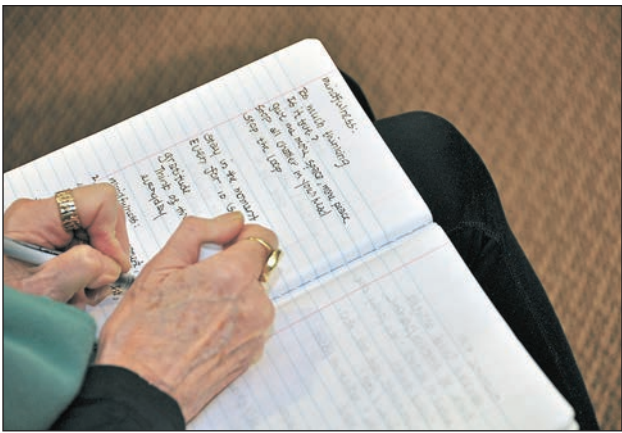
"There are people in my class who've really increased enjoyment in their life," said Raybaud, adding most of her students are older than 70. "But it's not for everybody. It causes you to be more self-aware and more self-reflective. There are things I say that hit people. Sometimes I see a tear in their eyes and sometimes it looks like they're angry at me. Mindfulness asks you to take responsibility for all aspects of your life People that stay are very open-minded people who, in their 70s, still have the ability to be aware they can be happier."

Mindfulness is the practice of being in the present, living each moment with purpose and being fully aware of the now. Raybaud admitted it's hard to define.

During a recent class, new and longtime students were reminded of the definition of mindfulness and its importance to lead a happy life.

After a grounding exercise to "pull everybody into the now," Raybaud led a discussion about a quote by author Jon Kabat-Zinn, who said mindfulness is, "Paying attention on purpose, in the present moment and non-judgmentally, to the unfolding of experience moment to moment."

Students who've attended the class a while



A participant takes notes during the session.

have seen the benefits of the practice unfold in their lives.

"I find I get a lot more done, I complete more, because I focus on that one thing I'm going to accomplish," said City of Grosse Pointe resident Mary Margaret

we do with what happens."

She said the practice doesn't happen overnight; it takes time to make it work. But the benefits are worth it, she said.

"Mindfulness teaches us to be with what is and



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Jennifer Raybaud, certified mindfulness instructor, leads the group in a closing meditation.

would be more of a benefit to share other people's ideas. What I get out of class is stopping, being

Johnson's mindfulness practice helped her get through what normally is a stressful holiday sea-

one thing at a time and feeling good about getting that one little thing done. It was great."

City resident Judith LeBeau attended class at the recommendation of her doctor and while she thought it was "just meditation," she's been pleased with the results.

"Every time I leave here, I always feel great," she said. "Jennifer is a tremendous instructor."

Grosse Pointe Park resident Jan Titiev has been attending since the start of the program.

"It's a good group, a pleasant group," she said. "It reminds me of things I've known and have forgotten and can get back into. And I learn new things, approaches, exercises."

After classes, Titiev said, she feels more relaxed and peaceful and she is able to "let go of some of the things I worry about and stew over," she said.

"Anybody who's open to it (should do it)," she continued. "If you're going to resist, it's not going to work, but if you're open to examine your own approaches and attitudes, it's wonderful."



Several participants braved the winter cold to attend a recent mindfulness session at SOC.

Bommarito. "And I complete it with a sense of pride that I've accomplished something without leaving a lot of loose ends."

Raybaud said day-to-day experiences can be richer and more fulfilling when practicing mindfulness, as it brings a person present to living life instead of sitting back and eventually wondering where it all went.

"We have a lot more choices than we think," Raybaud said. "We may not have control over what happens, but we have control over what

experience it fully, not just go with the flow, but be the flow itself," Raybaud said. "It's living life to the fullest with a gracious heart."

Added Bommarito, "If you live in the present moment, you're not thinking about your regrets."

Bommarito, who has attended the class more than a year, said she had been practicing mindfulness on her own before she joined the group.

"It's a great opportunity just to focus and be present," she said. "I knew getting into a group

aware, being grateful for what you have in the present moment."

She said the class leaves her with a sense of quiet and peacefulness, but also focus.

Classmate and Grosse Pointe Farms resident Mary Jo Johnson said the classes have helped her live more thoughtfully and consciously with intention.

"Life goes easier," she said, adding she regrets not starting the practice sooner. "Things fall together easier and I think that impacts you physically and mentally."

son.

"The house is in chaos during the holidays," she said. "In the past I would have been a wreck. But I sailed through it doing

For the community

Certified mindfulness instructor Jennifer Raybaud hosts the free workshop, "Living on Purpose," 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22, at Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms.

"It's not senior-centric," she said. "It's open to anybody."

Participants will learn to define their passions to find more purpose in employment, volunteering, hobbies and other areas.

"Living on Purpose is about finding your five passions so you can live a full life," Raybaud said. "Is your life in alignment with things that really set you on fire?"

Call (313) 882-9600 to reserve a spot.

2018 Rings in a New Year and Tax Law Changes



Suzanne Antonelli, CFP®
Wealth Advisor

The new tax law is effective for 2018. For many there will be a tax cut due to a small reduction in tax brackets and a doubling of the standard deduction: however if you itemize and have substantial state income tax or property taxes; or, because of the elimination of the personal

exemption, if you have more than one child you may be facing a larger tax bill. Space does not allow for a complete evaluation of the new bill, but I would suggest discussing your 2018 situation with your tax preparer or financial advisor so you do not face a big surprise early next year.

Financial Resolutions To Make A Happier New Year

Financial issues are one of the leading causes of stress. Worry about debt, if you are saving enough for retirement, paying for college, and all the other financial issues that come up can take a toll on your health, your relationships, and your peace of mind.

Much of this stress can be alleviated by frankly assessing your financial concerns and implementing a plan to alleviate or eliminate those concerns. Resolve in 2018 to take control of your financial future.

- **Reduce Your Debt Burden** Debt is your worst enemy and the greatest obstacle to retirement. Make a resolution to know what you owe and to pay off the high credit card debt first. Resolve to spend what you earn and put your credit cards on ice. Consolidate your debt and make more than the minimum payment. Mortgage interest rates are historically low; if you have not yet remortgaged do your research and

see if you can get better terms.

- **Spend Less** Studies have shown that most middle and upper middle class people do not consider themselves well off. The reason? People tend to spend all that they make and live from paycheck to paycheck no matter their level of income. Resolve to shop with a list and stick to your list whether shopping for groceries, clothes, or presents for the grandkids. For large ticket items, set a budget. When I go to buy a car I know exactly what I am willing to pay and I find the car that fits the budget.
- **Save More** Saving for retirement

cannot be put off indefinitely, the earlier you start the more comfortable your retirement! Resolve to increase your retirement savings, increase the percentage you allocate to your 401(k) or other qualified retirement plan, fully fund your IRA this year (it is not too late to fund 2017 you have until April 16, 2018), put a percentage aside in an after-tax account from every paycheck to build your safety net and accumulate wealth.

- **Make a Financial Plan** Create a personal balance sheet. Determine your level of assets and liabilities and decide how you can increase your assets and reduce liabilities. Reflect on your

financial goals and set reasonable goals. Draw a financial roadmap; do you need to increase savings or plan to work a few years longer, or are you on the right track? The fear of the unknown is more stressful than knowing the changes you need to make and to gain financial security.

All questions and comments are welcome. Happy New Year!

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Opiod awareness forum hosted Jan. 17

Education is key for all ages

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

In 2011, Phil Pavona’s son, Eric, 25, died of a heroin overdose.

“By the time my son died, I wanted nothing to do with this crap,” Pavona said. “I was emotionally drained. While we were going through it, we were quiet, embarrassed. We wanted him to maintain his reputation because we figured he’d come out on the other side. After he died, we had no reason to keep quiet anymore. Our phone rang off the hook — and it wasn’t just people offering condolences, but people saying, ‘We have this issue, too.’

“That was the first eye-opening thing,” he continued. “We thought it was just our bad luck, but he was just one of dozens and dozens and dozens of kids this is happening to.”

Soon after, Pavona joined the fight, helping start a chapter of Families Against Narcotics in Okemos, where he lives. He serves as chapter coordinator and has traveled the state — as well as outside of it — to speak about the opioid epidemic and help other communities start FAN chapters of their own.

Pavona shares his experiences during a Community Opioid Awareness Forum, sponsored by FAN, 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, at Harper Woods High School, 20225 Beaconsfield.

“With prescription medication and all the other issues kids are battling today, it’s a different world,” Pavona said.

Prescription pain killers — Vicodin, OxyContin, Percocet, Lortab, etc. — are opioids

and fall into the same class of drugs as heroin. Unknowingly, many people allow doctors to prescribe them for sports injuries and even wisdom teeth extractions.

Most believe they are safer than illicit drugs because they are prescribed by healthcare professionals.

Pavona said he hopes to educate the community about the dangers of prescription medication and how speaking up may be the difference between life and death.

“We were totally unaware of what was going on,” he said of his son’s addiction. “I’m a pretty smart dude, but we got caught with our pants down.”

Upon seeing his son’s medical chart, after he had died, Pavona concluded, “The system’s broken. The profession-

als in the system have no way of understanding what they need to do differently to fix their system. I’m not pointing fingers, but we can do things better.

“I try to give information about what’s really going on,” he continued. “I hope the folks who come are similar to those who’ve come to past events — professionals, community folks who are interested in learning more, some who’ve been personally touched by addiction This really is affecting every person out there. I don’t care if you do or don’t start a (FAN) chapter, but if you do, I’m happy to help.”

Pavona, a trained peer recovery coach, said educating others about the epidemic is therapeutic for him.

“As stupid and senseless as our son’s death was — because he could have accomplished anything — if we can stop

another’s death, then our son’s death doesn’t seem as inconsequential as it was.

“Each community has an obligation and opportunity to make things right,” he continued. “These are our sons and daughters It doesn’t matter how strong or smart you think you are, if you don’t have support, the only choices you have in your future are incarceration, death or getting clean. But to get clean, you need a support system.”

The four goals of FAN are prevention, family forums, changing the face of the stigma of addiction and having an impact in the community. Pavona said the stigma often prevents parents from speaking up.

“No one should be ashamed to say, ‘I’ve got a kid who’s struggling,’” Pavona said. “You need to realize your kid is at risk just as much ... as any

The facts

WHO: Families Against Narcotics

WHAT: Community Opioid Awareness Forum

WHEN: 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17

WHERE: Harper Woods High School, 20225 Beaconsfield

other kid.”

Addiction, he said, is not about self-control or being worse or better than anyone else.

“It really is a disease and you really need help with it,” he said. “It’s hard to ask for help when you’ve always had success. It’s seen as an issue of weakness rather than a strength.”

FAN offers more than 30 support group meetings across the state. For more information about FAN, visit familiesagainstnarcotics.org or call (586) 435-8500.

Deputy chief graduates from FBI National Academy

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Thousands apply for admission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s National Academy each year. Just 1 percent of applicants are admitted each quarter.

Harper Woods Deputy Chief Ted Stager was one of the chosen few. Not only did he attend 11 weeks of training in Quantico, Va., he graduated top of his class of 250.

“As a law enforcement executive, the career ending for most law enforcement officers is to attend the FBI National Academy,” Stager said. “It’s the ultimate milestone in a career. It’s the top training one could attend as a law enforcement officer.”

Applicants are selected from every state and more than 160 countries after passing a thorough background check and receiving certification.

The training is intense, Stager said.

“They consider it a three-pillar-style training,” he said. “First, there are graduate-level classroom programs every day. Second, we had physical fitness training four times a week. Third is networking and communications with fellow classmates. That combined is invaluable.”

While usually a 10-week program — during which students complete a semester’s worth of upper-level college classes — Stager and his classmates were there 11 weeks, Oct. 2 to Dec. 15, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

“I did live there 11 weeks, which was a challenge for myself and my fellow students,” he said. “To be away from family 11 weeks was personally my biggest challenge.”

He also commended his family for their support and understanding while he was away.

The 22-year veteran — 18 years in Harper Woods and four in Detroit — said he learned a great deal from the courses he took and hopes to imple-



Deputy Chief Ted Stager

ment a few in the Harper Woods Department of Public Safety.

“One was on employment law, which is beneficial as it relates to employment law within the police department and federal law with employers and employees. It will be beneficial to the department and the city,” he said.

“Another class was executive leadership ... which really focused on how to get the most of subordinates and yourself as a leader. I’ve already implemented some of what I learned with my superiors and officers. Another class was current narcotic trends in the U.S. It was kind of surprising that a major concern with law enforcement around the country is heroin and Fentanyl. They really educated us on the current trends and education for prevention on narcotic opioid abuse and for law enforcement coming in contact with drugs.”

On the physical side, Stager participated in high-intensity fitness regimens during his stay, meeting physical challenges to earn a chance to hit the famed Yellow Brick Road.

The academy’s Yellow Brick Road is a 6.1-mile Marine-built obstacle course during which students climb walls, run through creeks, jump

through simulated windows, scale rock faces with ropes, crawl under barbed wire in muddy water, maneuver across a cargo net and more.

As a reward for those who complete the course — one classmate broke an ankle, another shattered a heel — a commemorative yellow brick is presented.

Stager keeps his in his office.

Most important to the training, Stager said, were the bonds he built with fellow classmates — more than 200 law enforcement executives from around the world.

“At the drop of a dime, I can contact any of them with any questions I have,” he said. “Or if a crime begins here and ends up going out of state, I have communication avenues in every state in the country.

“This was the opportunity of a lifetime,” he continued. “The training and education are priceless. Not only am I able to bring back the training as a benefit to myself, the department and the community, but the lifelong friendships that developed through training, too. Those networks are irreplaceable.”

Stager said he had the full support of everyone in the department, whom he called his “close-knit family.”

“It’s imperative for success, not only with the police department, but in any form of business,” he said.

Harper Woods Director of Public Safety James Burke said he was proud of what Stager accomplished.

“This is a very prestigious program that’s difficult to get into,” Burke said. “Ted did extremely well and was at the top of his class I’m proud of how well he did there.”



Stager’s Yellow Brick Road award.

PHOTO BY JODY MCVEIGH

Hope Not Handcuffs in Harper Woods

It’s been just less than a year since the Harper Woods Public Safety Department launched its Hope Not Handcuffs program, offering help to drug addicts who voluntarily come to the police department.

“If you’re in Grosse Pointe or Harper Woods, you can come to the police desk, say ‘I have a problem and would like to be assisted,’” Public Safety Director James Burke said. “We have a 24-hour hotline we call. They have volunteers called angels who arrive within a half hour. They do a basic medical screening and then get placement (into treatment). They take care of the whole process.

“Addicts are afraid of the police,” he continued. “With this, there is no law enforcement activity. Just come in and ask for help.”

Hope Not Handcuffs is a program of Families Against Narcotics, established in 2007 by Judge Linda Davis.

Burke said since it began, Harper Woods has seen a couple saves each month, on average.

“It’s a resource I think is really criti-

cal,” he said. “People who are addicts are afraid of police. This breaks down that wall between people addicted to drugs and the police. Our whole mission is to serve the public.”

The key, Burke said, is an addict’s willingness to seek help.

“There’s no prosecution as long as they voluntarily come in,” Burke said. “If we stop you on the street and you have heroin needles on you and then you decide you want to come in, it’s not the right time. It has to be voluntary.”

Addicts also cannot be forced by family members to participate in Hope Not Handcuffs.

“The problem with addiction is it affects people from every social area, economic background, no matter where you live or your age,” Burke said. “There’s a lot of misinformation and people who are uneducated about addiction. It’s a huge problem in every community, not just Harper Woods But we can work together to get a handle on it.”

— Jody McVeigh

Crime down 14th straight year

By Jody McVeigh
Editor

Harper Woods Public Safety Director James Burke is deservedly proud of the officers in his department. Due to their efforts — and their relationship with the community — the crime rate continues to fall.

“It’s unprecedented,” Burke said. “For 14 years in a row now, the serious crime rate is down in Harper Woods. We’re extremely proud of that record. It’s an excellent team here we’ve assembled.”

Burke said he’s made a point the last 15 years to dedicate himself to building a relationship with the community. Where once residents were unwilling to phone police to report suspicious situations, now there’s little to no hesitation.

“A significant part of our success is our relationship with the community,” he said. “We work together as a team We do want you to call us. The number of arrests officers make is amazing. I’m extremely proud and hope to keep this downward trajectory going into 2018.”

Burke said records dating to the early 1980s and 1991 show the low-

est number of cars stolen at 195 — until 2017. Last year in Harper Woods, 75 cars were stolen.

“The average was 250 to 300 stolen cars per year, with some years over 500,” Burke said. “For us to be under 100 ... it probably goes back to the 1960s when we were at that low level of auto theft.”

Home invasions, assaults and other serious crimes also are “way down,” Burke said.

“Last year there was a significant reduction in crime,” he added. “From 2016 to 2017, it was down 24 percent.

“Harper Woods is a very safe community and continues every year to get safer,” he added. “We’re very appreciative of our relationship with the community.”

Boosting efforts going into 2018 is the hiring of two new officers, thanks to the department being

awarded a Community Oriented Policing Services, or COPS, grant by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Harper Woods was one of 1,100 police agencies to apply for the grant and one of 179 awarded.

“What I’m particularly proud of is in Michigan 35 police departments applied and five were awarded,” Burke said. “I’m proud and grateful for that.”

The department will receive \$295,462 to hire two new officers over the coming years.

“That’s obviously a huge benefit to our community,” Burke said. “In 2012, we lost 35 percent of our department staffing. We have 29 officers now. This will put us up to 31. We’re doing interviews and backgrounds now and we hope to get officers out on the street as soon as possible.”

Burke has applied for COPS grants every year since 2009. Harper Woods has received \$1.8 million in funding through the grants, helping the department keep a dedicated resource officer in the schools among other benefits.

“We’re one of the only cities, other than Detroit,

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PLACES & FACES

Pictured at the Forgotten Harvest Farms dinner at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Oct. 25 are, back row from left, co-chairwomen Lisa Mower Gandelot, Nancy Gandelot and Marge Sorge, and honorary chairwomen Nora Moroun and Patty Larson. Front row from left are Julie Christopher and Doris Christopher.



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ASK THE EXPERTS By Marilyn Spiller

Avoid triggers to maintain sobriety

Q: I have been in recovery from substance abuse almost a year now. I constantly worry about maintaining my sobriety and want to know how to deal with triggers I encounter?

A: A trigger is an event that gives someone the perceived justification to return to addictive behavior. These can be internal or external and can be equally disturbing to your new sober lifestyle. In early recovery, it's best to avoid situations that can be a trigger. If avoidance isn't possible, plan, in advance, to create a new reward to replace the "false reward" of alcohol or other drugs.

Universal relapse triggers can include:

- ◆ Vacations: Be honest with yourself. If you are planning a vacation with people who drink or use, you may want to cancel.
- ◆ Alone time: When it comes to long-term recovery, community is key. Be accountable to as many people and activities as you can schedule. Get out of the house.
- ◆ Sporting events/tailgating: This might be one to avoid altogether in early recovery — especially tailgating. If you can't avoid it, arrive for kickoff and leave as soon as the game is over.
- ◆ Parties/holidays: Arrive early and leave early. BYO mocktails.
- ◆ Open bottles and pill bottles: There is no excuse for having open bottles of alcohol or pills in your house. Why tempt fate?
- ◆ Familiar places (streets, liquor stores, grocery stores, etc.): If

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ASK THE EXPERTS articles

Spiller is a writer, speaker, sober coach and recovery advocate with a 20-year history of international hobnobbing and outrageous over-drinking. Four years sober, Marilyn is the director of marketing for Sanford House Addiction Treatment Centers, which offers residential and non-residential treatment for addiction. Find out more at sanfordhousegr.com or call (844) 776-9651. Sanford House Addiction Treatment Centers is a member of The Family Center's Association of Professionals. The Family Center's mission is to serve the community through programs and resources vital to today's families. As a nonprofit organization, it is completely supported by community donations. To learn more, visit familycenterweb.org, call (313) 447-1374 or email info@familycenterweb.org.

Harper Woods Public Library hosts events

The Harper Woods Public Library, 19601 Harper, hosts several events this month.

- ◆ After School Fun Club
Children in kindergarten through fifth grade are invited 4:15 to 4:45 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 9. Sessions include activities and fun with friends.
- ◆ Family Movie Day
The film "The Boss Baby" will be shown 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15. All ages are welcome.
- ◆ Tot Time
Beginning Monday, Jan. 15, toddlers up to age 5 and their caregivers are invited to the library at 11:30 a.m.
- ◆ Recipe Exchange Club
The first meeting of this new club takes place 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17. Participants are asked to share a meaningful recipe as well as the story that goes along with it.
- ◆ Ribbon Weaving with Ms. Davis
Teens and tweens are invited to the library 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, to learn the art of ribbon weaving. For more information, visit harperwoodslibrary.org or call (313) 343-2575.

Mondays to hear stories and songs, followed by unstructured playtime. This is a new day of the week for this program.

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to receive the grant almost every time since 2009," he said. "The new officers will only increase public safety ... (result-

ing in) a continued reduction in violent crime." Grants are awarded based on a scoring system that evaluates three key areas — 20 percent fiscal need, 30 percent crime statistics and 50

percent community policing initiatives already in place. "We ended up with the fourth-highest score in Michigan," Burke said. "That's a source of extreme pride for me. This is critical for us."

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PASTOR’S CORNER By the Rev. Ben Van Arragon

Bitter love

We are so quick to utter the phrase, “God is love,” that we fail to realize what a profound theological statement it is. Virtually every page of the Hebrew (Old Testament) and Greek (New Testament) Bibles repeats, “God is love.” The problem, of course, is we all mean different things when we say “love.” The Hebrew and Greek in which the Bible was originally written offer much-needed clarity. Where English is limited to one word, Hebrew and Greek have multiple terms to expand upon the multiple dimensions of love.

The Hebrew term for God’s love is “hesed,” which cannot be translated without accompanying adjectives “steadfast,” “enduring,” “faithful,” “long-suffering.” In Exodus 34, God introduces himself by name: YHWH (in the Masoretic text of the Hebrew Bible, God’s proper name is rendered without vowel markings to prevent anyone speaking it out loud). But to this holy name, God adds an entire phrase: “YHWH, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness [hesed]” (Exodus 34:6). God’s very

name is “love.” And what’s the nature of hesed, the defining love of God? Sacrificial self-giving.

One of my seminary professors called hesed God’s “bitter love” (“Like really expensive dark chocolate,” she used to say). Why? Because hesed is the love that costs God everything. The Hebrew Bible is a long love story. It details the relationship between the creator God and the crown jewel of his creation: human beings, made in God’s image. When humans exercise their godlike ability to choose by choosing life without God, a life-giving relationship is fractured. God spends human history putting the pieces back together. God starts by choosing one people, Israel, with whom to model the kind of relationship he desires with all people.

First, parenthood: “Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands” (Isaiah 49:15-16).

Second, marriage: “... they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares

YHWH” (Jeremiah 31:32).

The only way to have an intimate relationship with someone is to open your heart wide enough for them to hurt you. This is the kind of relationship God offers humanity. In the Hebrew Bible, YHWH is brokenhearted over his lost children. In the Greek New Testament, hesed comes to perfect expression when God takes on flesh in the person of Jesus Christ, then opens his palms to receive nails, pouring out his life at the cross so we might live. That’s bitter love — it costs the lover everything.

There’s only one way to respond to that kind of love: offer it back. Anyone who claims “God is love” as a refuge from their own sin and shame (and we all have some) must be prepared to love the same way: faithfully, enduringly, steadfastly, self-sacrificially. And those who invoke religion as a means of protecting their personal or political interests simply don’t understand the bitter love or the heart of the one true God.

Van Arragon is pastor of the First Christian Reformed Church of Detroit, Grosse Pointe Park. Visit firstcrcdetroit.org.

Scholarships offered

The Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Music Department announces a new scholarship program for high-school-age singers.

The purpose of this program is to encourage and educate high-school-age singers and welcome them to participate in the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church adult choir.

Students are invited to apply each semester for awards in the amount of \$400 each. The funds will be applied to private voice lessons at their high school or the church.

A maximum of four awards will be granted and paid directly to voice teachers. Each recipient will be expected to participate in the Grosse

Pointe Memorial Church adult choir. Allowance will be made for a specified number of excused absences to accommodate high school choral program activities and personal emergencies.

Recipients may be of any faith tradition and need not be members of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. Applicants may attend any high school, public or private, but must be active participants in their school vocal music program.

Applications must be submitted by Wednesday, Jan. 17, for the winter 2018 semester. For an application form, contact Donna Hartzell at (313) 882-5330 or dhartzell@gpmchurch.org or visit the church website at gpmchurch.org.

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Music at Memorial’s 2017-18 season continues Sunday, Jan. 21, with a performance by the Detroit-based ensemble CutTime® Simfonica. The string quartet and drums prove classical and symphonic music are not just for the concert hall anymore.

Former Detroit Symphony Orchestra bassist Rick Robinson’s transcriptions — from Bach and Mozart to Joplin and Ellington — are complemented by his gifts for profound, melodious and funky compositions. Robinson finds metaphors, from food to sailing, that immediately raise the value of classical music in the sanctuary of Grosse

Pointe Memorial Church.

CutTime® fans the secret passion for classical music with familiar hits and wild performances, game-changing metaphors, audience play-in, funky-romantic new music and rotating musicians that make sense of what can be a challenging, foreign and isolated art form.

The Jan. 21 concert begins at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door, and available at the church reception desk or online at ticketriver.com.

Memorial Church is located at 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information, call (313) 882-5330.



CutTime Simfonica

CHURCH EVENTS

Unitarian

Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe, welcomes Chamber Music at the Scarab Club, featuring tenor Anthony P. McGlaun, 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28. A reception follows. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, \$10 for students. Call (248) 474-8930 or email chambermusic@scarabclub.org.

First English

The Faith Circle at First English Evan-

gelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts its annual Valentine salad luncheon and card party at noon Tuesday, Feb. 13. Cost is \$12 and includes food, beverages and door and table prizes. Guests may bring cards or games. Reserve a seat by calling Chris Judson at (313) 886-4914.

St. Paul Evangelical

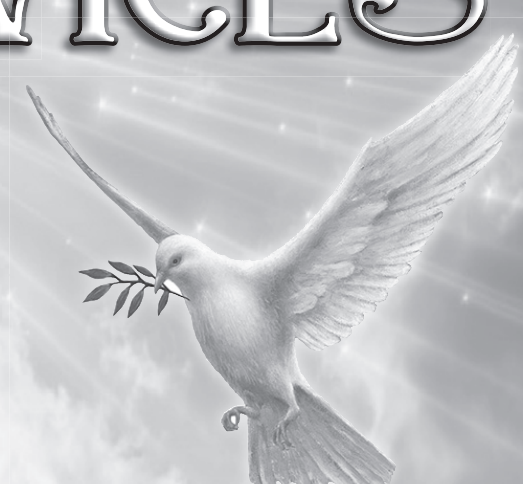
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OBITUARIES

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

Milton Robert Aitchison

Milton Robert “Bob” Aitchison passed away peacefully Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018. He celebrated his 100th birthday August 2017 with great fanfare, family and friends.

Bob is survived by his son, Kent; daughter-in-law, Nance; grandson, Alexander; granddaughter, Marica Ostrowski (Jon) and great-granddaughters, Miranda, Alexandra and Viviana.

He was predeceased by his dear wife, Catherine.

A celebration of his long life will be 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, at Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

Bob loved golf and fishing, sports and card games. He lived his life to the fullest to the very end.

His family said their hearts are sad, but comforted believing he’s in a place where his 100-year-old body can’t hold him back from doing all the things he enjoyed.

Emilie A. Marshall

City of Grosse Pointe resident Emilie A. Marshall, 80, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018.

She was the devoted wife of the late Robert; steadfast mother of Janis Sollenbarger and the late Pamela Wheeler; revered grandmother of Amy Hodges and Jack Wheeler and proud great-grandmother of Paige, Meghan, Gregory and Matthew.

She also is survived by her siblings, Roger and Joanne Roose and son-in-law, Gregory Wheeler.

She will join her husband at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly.

A commemoration of the joy she brought will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at Bayview Yacht Club, 100 Clairpointe Street, Detroit.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Development Office, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207 or at cskdetroit.org.

Alexandra Wines Turnbull

Alexandra “Sandra” Wines Turnbull, 79, died Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018.

Born at Kercheval and Fisher roads, Sandra and her older sister, Barbara, were the daughters of Cap and Jean Wines and lived in the Grosse Pointes their entire lives. Sandra’s one geographical exception was the 20 years the Turnbulls had a summer home in Riverton, N.C. There, too, fun, love and new, soon-to-be lifelong friends were introduced to the joy of the world as she saw it. A graduate of St. Paul on the Lake High School, class of 1956, Sandra matriculated at St. Mary’s College of Notre Dame and graduated from Marygrove College in Detroit.

Married to James Turnbull, Sandra gave him three sons, Douglas (Jaime Rae), Andrew (Alicia) and Matthew (Ann). Her sons and their wives, in turn, gave her five granddaughters, Abigail, Ella Marie, Julia, Alexandra and Madison, and one grandson,

Andrew.

Sandra was a loving, lifelong partner to Jim, a superb grade school teacher and gifted bridge player. An inspired chef, she owned a successful catering business, The Moveable Feast.

Sandra made a positive and loving difference to those she met. She was a member of the Bon Secours Assistance League the past 25 years and usually was seen buying and arranging items for the hospital’s gift shop. She also dedicated her organizational skills and loving enthusiasm, in her last 20 years, to Nativity of Our Lord Church.

A memorial Mass will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at Nativity, 5900 McClellan Ave., Detroit. Visitation begins 10 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Solanus Casey Center, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207 or at solanus center.org.

Merrie Lynn Ruzzin

Grosse Pointe Park resident Merrie Lynn Ruzzin, 79, died Thursday, Dec. 28, 2017.

She was born May 26, 1938, in Detroit, to Mary and Emmett Harbert and graduated from Dominican High School. Her first job was at a florist shop where she learned to arrange flowers. She loved flowers her entire life, especially roses, and she grew them very well wherever she lived. She also loved trees, especially the flowering trees in the spring around Grosse Pointe.

She liked cars. When she was 16, her father bought her a black 1949 Mercury with skirts so she could drive to work. Sometimes the gear linkage would stick and she would have to pull over, open the hood in her high-heel shoes and fix it.

After high school, she attended business school and then worked at Chrysler and became secretary for the director of marketing. Later she joined the U.S. Air Force so she could travel, but decided not to go after meeting Dick Ruzzin. They married Aug. 26, 1961. She always supported her husband in every way and was the love of his life.

Merrie Lynn and Dick had three children, Mark, Gregory and Alyssa. There was nothing she wouldn’t do for them. She married to be a mother and was so happy to have them. She also had three grandchildren, Tate, Oliver and Zachary, whom she adored.

Merrie Lynn loved animals. Small birds were a favorite — she fed and watered them year round — as were her cats. Her favorite time of day was evening, sitting in her pajamas and bathrobe on the couch with her two cats on her lap watching TV, with a cup of tea and the phone close by.

Her favorite charities were Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, Shriners Hospitals for Children and any veterans charity as she loved our country and those who protected it.

Merrie Lynn had many friends, but her family

was what she lived for. She was a wonderful wife and mother.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Thursday, Jan. 4, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Park.

Anne Elizabeth Krueger

Former Grosse Pointe resident Anne Elizabeth Krueger, 30, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018.

She was born Jan. 19, 1987, in Grosse Pointe, to Robert J. and Jeri A. Krueger and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from Eastern Michigan University. She was active with the Boy Scouts of America.

In addition to her parents, Anne is survived by her son, Dylan Jones; his father, David Jones; sister, Catherine Bielecki (Steven); brother, David Krueger (Katherine) and other loving family and friends.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 9 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Park.

Donations may be made to American Foundation for Suicide Prevention at afs.org or St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

Shirley Ann Van Becelaere

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Shirley Van Becelaere, 83, passed away peacefully Friday, Dec. 22, 2017, at St. John Hospital & Medical Center, having been surrounded by family and friends during her short stay in the hospital.

She was born July 15, 1934, in Paulding, Ohio, to Charles and Erline (nee Peeper) Clark. She grew up in Bexley, Ohio, near Columbus, moving to Fort Wayne, Ind., before her junior year of high school. She graduated from North Side High School, receiving a scholarship to attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, where she met the love of her life, Grosse Pointe native Jack Van Becelaere. After earning a Bachelor of Arts degree from the education school, Shirley taught elementary grades for many years at Beacon and Tyrone schools in the Harper Woods School District, finally retiring to be able to keep up with her commitments to family and church.

She was loving and devoted as a wife, mother, grandmother and friend, with a kind spirit and a quick and dry wit which will be missed by those who knew her. She was a longtime member of the Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, involved and supportive of the church’s many ministries. Rummage Sale and Cookie Mart workers especially will feel her absence.

Shirley is survived by Jack, her husband of 61 years; son, Charlie (Heidi); daughter, Jacki Rump (Gary); grandson, Christian Van Becelaere (Dana) and granddaughters, Alecia, Kayla and Faith Rump.

She was predeceased by her older sister, Peggy,



Milton Robert Aitchison



Emilie A. Marshall



Alexandra Turnbull



Merrie Lynn Ruzzin



Anne Elizabeth Krueger



Shirley Van Becelaere

and is survived by her younger sister, Cindy Scheele (John).

A memorial celebration of Shirley’s life will be held later in the spring at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the memorial fund at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Charles W. Baisch

Grosse Pointe Park resident Charles W. Baisch, 78, died Thursday, Dec. 28, 2017.

Born May 31, 1939, in Detroit to Clayton and May Baisch, Charles graduated from the Detroit Institute of Technology. He worked as a structural engineer for Shymanski & Associates LLC.

Charles enjoyed fishing, was passionate about animals and a Detroit Lions fan. He was a member of the Friends Group and a longtime friend of Bill W.

Charles is survived by his daughter, Melissa Baisch; nieces, Julie Cehula, Suzy Madding (the late Tom) and Melinda Stine; nephew Jim Cehula (Myra) and great-nieces and great-nephews, Bobby, Caroline, Kierstyn, Steven, Sam and Philena.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased



Charles W. Baisch



Suzanne Marie Scandalis

by his wife, Linda.

Visitation is 2 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. A memorial service begins at 6 p.m.

Donations may be made to the animal shelter of the donor’s choice.

Suzanne Marie Scandalis

Suzanne Marie Scandalis, 61, of St. Clair Shores, died Friday, Jan. 5, 2018, at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

Born April 9, 1956, in Grosse Pointe, to Margaret C. and Warren E. Damman, Susie graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 1974. She spent time traveling with friends before returning to Michigan to take college courses in the medical field. In March 1992, she married George A. Scandalis, her loving

husband of 25 years.

Susie was proud to have been a dedicated 26-year employee of Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, where she had many treasured friends. She also was an avid animal lover and owned numerous dogs and cats over the years.

Susie was cherished by her siblings, Lynda Grippi, Diane Laney, Warren Damman, Ronald Damman and the late Roger Damman, as well as her many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, whom she loved dearly. Her family and many good friends will miss her, her beautiful smile and big heart.

She was predeceased by her parents.

A memorial service was held Jan. 10 at Verheyden Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Park.

Donations may be made to Michigan Humane Society at michigan xhumane.org.

LOIS JEAN WARDEN

Lois Jean Warden (née Johnson) of Grosse Pointe, Michigan passed away peacefully with family and friends by her side on Thursday, December 21, 2017.

Lois was born in Oak Park, Illinois on April 3, 1942 and grew up in Chicago, where she went to nursing school at Presbyterian St. Luke’s. She met her loving husband of 52 years, Gail, while working at the hospital as a head nurse when he was a hospital administrator.

She continued her passion for caring for others by always being there to listen and offer love to her family, friends and so many people across the communities where she lived.

Lois worked tirelessly and offered her time, resources and insight to numerous organizations throughout her life. Her leadership skills, take-charge attitude and persistence resulted in successful fund-raising campaigns from school district bond levies to the founding of numerous charities from Chicago to Seattle to Detroit and Grosse Pointe.

Most recently, her commitment to and leadership of The Greening of Detroit, Grosse Pointe Garden Club, Services for Older Citizens, Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education, Detroit Historical Society, Moross Greenway Project and Detroit Zoo had a significant and lasting impact in her community.

Lois (Lo) wasn’t shy and those whom she loved and who loved her most always knew where she stood. She provided guidance and advice (sometimes unsolicited but always wise) to most everyone who crossed her path. Her steadfast support, outgoing personality and compelling presence played a significant and recognizable part in her husband’s success over his long career.

She will be dearly missed by her loving husband Gail, her children Jay, Janna and Jena, her grandchildren Hannah, Sam and Molly, daughter-in-law Kristie, son-in-law Will, nephew Ken and so many other family members and friends.

She was predeceased by her parents Roy and Dorothy Johnson, brother Ron, sister-in-law Marie, nephew Keith, in-laws Leroy and Juanita Warden, and her many family pets, most notably Prince, Rogue and Winnie.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 13 at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her name to Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education (www.gpfpe.org) or Humane Society of the United States (www.humanesociety.org).



Tuesday Musicale presents sax, cello concert

Tuesday Musicale of Detroit presents a saxophone and cello concert with top players at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park.

The performance includes an eclectic array of chamber music by Bach, Beethoven, Donizetti, Dvorak, Desenclos and Piazzolla. Nadine Deleury, cellist with the Michigan Opera Orchestra, and Christopher Sacco, saxophonist, open the program with music by Beethoven and Donizetti.

Matthew Younglove, professor of saxophone at Wayne State University, and Jeffrey Heisler, professor of saxophone at Oakland University, present two outstanding saxophone quartets — the Carpe Diem Quartet and the Vash Quartet — in selections featuring the diversified sounds of the soprano, alto, tenor and bass saxophones.

This performance is free to the public. Donations may be made to St. Clare of Montefalco for the church's Piano Restoration Fund. For more information, visit tuesdaysmusicaleofdetroit.org.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Blood drives

The American Red Cross offers the following blood drives:

◆ 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 21620 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores.

◆ 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29, First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

To register, visit redcrossblood.org.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets 7:45 a.m. Friday, Jan. 12, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Jim Biery, minister of music and organist at Memorial, speaks. Reservations are not required; all are welcome. Breakfast is \$7. Call (313) 882-5330.

GPAA

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

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

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

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

Yamasaki."

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

For information, call (313) 881-3454.

Woods Community Center

The Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack, sponsors a day trip to the Detroit Opera House to see "Romeo & Juliet" on Sunday, Feb. 11. Cost is \$60 for residents, \$65 for non-residents, and includes motorcoach transportation and a reserved seat. Reservations are required by Thursday, Jan. 11. Call (313) 343-2408.

The center offers a day trip to Motor City Casino, departing 9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23. Cost is \$6 for residents, \$8 for non-residents, and includes round-trip transportation, gaming time and \$15 in bonus play. Call (313) 343-2408.

Questers

The Pear Tree Questers host their first meeting of the year Friday, Jan. 12. The group and guests will go to the Detroit Institute of Arts to view two exhibits, "Monet: Framing Life" and "Church: A Painter's Pilgrimage." Members meet at 11:30 a.m. at the DIA cafe for lunch, followed by the tour at 1 p.m. Pam Barthel is the event coordinator.

Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club

meets noon Wednesday, Jan. 17, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. After a light lunch, Harper Woods Mayor Kenneth Poynter discusses "Harper Woods — Gateway to the Pointes," featuring common interests of the communities and Harper Woods' plans for the city. Guests are welcome. Register with Sue Plath at (313) 884-5081 by Saturday, Jan. 13. For information, call Pam Zimmer at (313) 926-6726.

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mentally Ill Eastside meets 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 15, at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

Garden Center

The Grosse Pointe Garden Center hosts its annual business meeting and luncheon Friday, Jan. 19, at The War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Registration begins at noon, followed by lunch at 12:15 p.m. and the meeting at 1 p.m. Susan Martin, gardener and garden writer, presents "Lessons Learned Under the Trees" at 1:30 p.m. Cost for lunch is \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members; there is no charge for the lecture. Lunch reservations are required by Thursday, Jan. 11. Call (313) 499-0743.

Connecting Communities

Connecting Communities presents Community Board Game Day 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Central branch, 10 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. The event invites senior citizens and teens to mingle, play games and build bonds.



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Boys hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils start 2018 with split

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South boys hockey team began the new year with a 4-3 win over Anchor Bay at Glacier Pointe Ice Complex.

“We dominated the game, but couldn’t put the puck in the net,” head coach Bobby McKillop said. “That has been a problem all year.”

The Blue Devils had two goals from junior Conor McKenna and single goals from sophomore Adam Strehlke and senior Garrett Bollenbacher.

They led 4-2 midway through the third period before the Tars scored late in the period to cut the deficit to one.

“We shouldn’t have been in a close hockey game, but we were, and the guys were able to hold on for the win,” McKillop said.

Sophomore William Strickler earned the win in net.

Last weekend, the Blue Devils returned to division action, traveling to Mount Clemens Ice Arena to battle Warren



PHOTO BY BRIAN MCKENNA

South senior Evan Theros scored the Blue Devils’ second goal in a 3-2 loss to De La Salle.

De La Salle.

After falling behind 3-0, the Blue Devils stormed back and came within one inch of tying the game as time expired.

South lost 3-2, despite out shooting the Pilots 15-2 in the third period and 33-15 for the game.

“Man we dominated that third period and that

is the kind of hockey I expect our guys to play game-in and game-out,” McKillop said. “We possessed the puck and forced them into a lot of

mistakes. We were right there in the end.”

The Blue Devils started slow, falling behind 1-0 after the first period and 3-0 after the second

period.

The Pilots scored twice on the power play, going 2-for-4, while the Blue Devils were 0-for-3 with the man advantage.

“Our special teams have to get better,” McKillop said. “We have the potential to be a good hockey team, but the guys have to play more consistent.

“We can be a good hockey team.”

The Blue Devils got on the board when Strehlke scored at the 6:13 mark of the third period. Senior Evan Theros scored a minute later and all of sudden it was a 3-2 game and the Pilots were reeling.

The Blue Devils continued to put a ton of pressure on the Pilots and had one final shot on net in the final seconds.

The puck hit the post. One inch to the left, and the game is tied and headed to overtime. Instead, the puck bounced harmlessly away, and it was a loss.

Grosse Pointe South dropped to 2-4 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League and 4-6 overall.

Basketball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen stumble

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North and Warren Cousino played a rescheduled game last week.

The game originally was scheduled for Dec. 14, but a snowstorm postponed it.

The Norsemen were as cold from the field as the weather outside, losing 46-36.

They shot only 28 percent from the field and scored in single digits in three of the four quarters. They also shot only 53 percent from the foul line, which didn’t help the cause.

“I thought we competed hard on defense and I was pleased with that,” head coach Gary Bennett said. “We really struggled offensively, making a number of unforced errors and doing a poor job of executing.”

The Norsemen trailed 19-12 at the half, but used an 18-13 third-quarter run to cut the deficit to 32-30 heading to the fourth.

That is the closest it would be as the Patriots won the fourth quarter 14-6.

Junior Julia Ayrault led the Norsemen with 18 points, eight steals and eight rebounds, while sophomore Christina Braker had 10 points and seven rebounds.

Grosse Pointe North



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

North junior Julia Ayrault, shown in a home game against Stevenson, scored 18 points in the Norsemen’s division loss to Cousino.

fell to 0-2 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 4-2 overall.

Boys results

The boys basketball team prepared for its upcoming Macomb Area Conference White Division schedule with a tough non-league game against Chippewa Valley last weekend.

The Norsemen lost 67-47 to the host Big

Reds to fall to 3-4 overall. It was the Norsemen’s third straight loss.

Now, head coach Ron Kochan and his team are ready to try to defend the co-championship it earned last season.

They are 1-0 and spend the next nine games playing two games apiece against Romeo, Roseville, Warren Mott and Utica Ford, plus a single game against Utica.

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NORTH, SOUTH & LIGGETT



Sweet

As we head into 2018, we take a look back at a few of the top teams from the local high schools. For Grosse Pointe North, the football team under head coach Frank Sumbera, hoisting the Great American Series trophy, enjoyed a banner fall. Below, the Grosse Pointe South boys golf team, under head coach Rob McIntyre, finished runner-up at the Division 1 state finals tournament for a second straight year. Above, University Liggett School's boys tennis team, with head coach Mark Sobieralski at the helm, won back-to-back Division 4 state crowns in the fall.



FILE PHOTOS

Wrestling

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen split two

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's wrestling team opened its Macomb Area Conference Gold Division dual meet schedule last week, splitting two matches. The host Norsemen started with a 46-30 loss to Warren Fitzgerald, but came back to beat Clawson 45-19. In the Fitzgerald match, Elliot Lyman, Dirk Drieborg, Logan Ladach, Joe Passalacqua and Artan Berisha were victorious and in the Clawson match it was Lyman, Drieborg, Berisha, Ryan Duncan, Ben Maday, Julian Martin-Turner, Crystal Gabriel and Corey Burton earning wins.

"It was nice to get back into the swing of things and we head into the division part of the schedule with a more complete team," head coach Derek Davison said. "We are getting our injured wrestlers back and some have been sick, but they are better. "We look forward to having good practices and wrestling better. They are working hard to improve." Grosse Pointe North is 1-1 in the MAC Gold Division and 3-6 overall. Last weekend, the Norsemen finished ninth at the Rochester Adams Invitational. Raymond Hamilton took first place in the 140-pound division and Drieborg was third at 152 pounds.

Hockey

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Rough week

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys hockey team started the new year off on the wrong foot last week, losing 8-0 to visiting Utica Eisenhower. The Norsemen fell behind 31 seconds into the opening period and the Eagles made it 2-0 with a goal 49 seconds later.

It was downhill from that point as the game ended via the mercy rule after two periods. The Eagles lead the Macomb Area Conference Red Division. Last weekend, the Norsemen hosted Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League South Division leader Trenton and lost 6-1 to see their mark fall to 0-5 in the MIHL and 1-11 overall.

Dance

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Sign up for dance clinic

The Grosse Pointe North dance team presents Kids Dance Clinic Monday, Feb. 5, and Tuesday, Feb. 6. The cost is \$35 and is for children in kindergarten through eighth grade. Participants will practice with the Grosse Pointe North dance team and perform at halftime of the Feb. 6 girls basket-

ball game. Each performer receives a GPN dance clinic T-shirt and poms, plus participate in a pizza party with the team. Everyone must register by Monday, Jan. 22. Registration after Jan. 22 does not guarantee a free T-shirt. Family and friends attending the performance will be required to pay the entrance fee into the game. All participants must be accompanied by an adult for this event. Dance team and/or parent volunteers will not be responsible for supervision other than half time performance. Make checks payable to GPN varsity dance team and mail to Dance Clinic, Leslie Genest, 1044 S. Brys, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236. A \$20 fee will be assessed for all returned checks. This fundraiser benefits the GPN varsity dance team. Email or call Genest with any questions at coachlesliegenest@yahoo.com or call (313) 432-3217.

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AND PROPOSED STATEMENT FOR
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT PROJECTS PROGRAM YEAR 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, February 5, 2018 at 7:00 pm by the City Council in the Grosse Pointe City Council Chambers, 17145 Maumee Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230 (telephone 313-885-5800) for review of Community Development Block Grant Programming Request.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Administrative hearing will also held on Friday, February 2, 2018 at 10:00 am by the City Manager in the City Hall Conference Room, 17147 Maumee Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230, for the same purpose.

The following activities are proposed and their funding estimated under the Community Development Block Grant Program. Final funding amounts are subject to the approval of the Wayne County CDBG Program and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and may be adjusted.

2018 PROPOSED PROJECTS (estimated funding)	AMOUNT
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Solution for last week's puzzle 1/4/18

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ROT		HIDE		HALO	
OXI		DIZED		ALSO	
LAM		SAMPLED			
SPIDER				LOP	
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		RES		SCALES	
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OTIC		FORE		ERA	
MEEK		USES		DEM	

ACROSS

38 Church section

1 Gymnast's surface

4 Expert

7 Pops

12 Brewery output

13 Sleep phenom

14 Unmoving

15 Rotating part

16 Reason to call 911

18 Pump up the volume

19 Heathen

20 Lumber

22 Run-down horse

23 Blue hue

27 Toss in

29 Political refuge

31 Groan-inducing, maybe

34 Take as one's own

35 Overacted

37 Lingerie item

39 — Khan

41 Traditional tales

45 Pilfered

47 Chum

48 Too thin

52 Storm center

53 Automaton

54 A Kennedy

55 Sinbad's bird

56 Lessen

57 One or more

58 Pismire

DOWN

1 Colorful parrot

2 Texas mission

3 Beat

4 Get ready, briefly

5 Order back

6 Last letter

7 Autograph

8 "A Chorus Line" song

9 Lair

10 Joan of —

11 Pigs' digs

17 Anger

21 "Inferno" writer

23 Type of wave

24 Swelled head

25 Dada artist

26 Say it's OK

28 Easter buy

30 Scratch

31 Shell game

32 Diamond arbitrator

33 Phone bk. info

36 Facts

37 Whalebone

40 Must, jocularly

42 Met performance

43 Silk alternative

44 Vote for

45 Locale

46 Vortex

48 Mound stat

49 Unruly bunch

50 Lawyers' org.

51 Barracks bed

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Solution Time: 27 minutes

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

Solution for last weeks puzzle 1/4/18

1	4	6	2	5	8	7	9	3
2	9	7	6	3	4	5	1	8
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6	1	9	3	4	5	2	8	7
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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.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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