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MONDAY, DEC. 31

- ◆ New Year's Eve
- ◆ All local municipal offices are closed.
- ◆ Rubbish is delayed a day in all Grosse Pointes.

TUESDAY, JAN. 1

- ◆ Happy new year
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores residents should check water bill for its due date.

THURSDAY, JAN. 3

- ◆ An American Red Cross blood drive is from 2 to 7:45 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. To schedule an appointment, call Bryn at (313) 600-9980.

PSO leaves

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — One of two new public safety officers is returning to his previous employment in Harper Woods.

Although his last day with Grosse Pointe Shores corresponds with the Mayan prophecy of doom, Friday, Dec. 21, it's not the end of the world.

The highly-qualified officer's departure after just a few months doesn't represent a costly economic loss for the Shores.

"We expended very little funds on him when he started," Schulte said. "He was triple-trained (in police, fire and emergency medical service) when he came to us. We wish him well."

A search is on for a replacement.

— Brad Lindberg

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Gentz pleads guilty to murder

'Bashara offered me money'



PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

Joe Gentz in court on Friday.

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

DETROIT — "I killed Jane Bashara because Bob Bashara promised me money and threatened to kill me."

With those chilling words, handyman Joe Gentz admitted his role in the January 2012 murder of Grosse Pointe Park resident Jane Bashara.

The confession was part of a plea deal Gentz and his attorney worked out with Wayne County prosecutors that would allow him to plead guilty to second degree

murder and allow for the dismissal of a second charge, conspiracy to commit murder. Gentz had been charged with first degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder, charges that both carry a sentence of mandatory life in prison without parole if convicted.

Gentz appeared Friday before Wayne County Circuit Judge Vonda Evans, where the following statement was entered on his behalf:

"Bob Bashara offered me money to kill his wife. He threatened me if I did not kill her. I killed Jane Bashara

because Bob Bashara promised me money and threatened to kill me.

"This happened in Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan, on January 24, 2012."

Under the plea deal, Gentz will face no less than 17 years in prison and no more than 28. He will be back in Evans' courtroom Jan. 29 for sentencing.

The focus may now shift to possible charges against Bob Bashara in the death of his wife.

Gentz's attorney, Susan

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Jolly day indeed

At Christmas in the Woods, Brennan Welch met Santa for the very first time. Below, Henry Neville shows Santa his Frosty the Snowman. Frosty is a friend, Santa told the boy. Neville and his family are new residents of Grosse Pointe Woods, moving here from Chicago.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



Dressed in her winter pajamas, Charlotte Curtis asks Santa if he likes marshmallows in his cocoa. When asked what he enjoys most about Christmas, Santa replied "All the smiles on the children's faces."

Farms utilizes system

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES AND FARMS — It's rare to see a crime alert for Grosse Pointe Shores on Nixle.com, an Internet site for official public safety warnings.

This is mainly due to the lack of imminent danger in the residential community.

The Shores has a Nixle account, but it isn't active.

"The problem with Nixle is you have to have a dispatch center to post the information in a timely fashion," said John Schulte, Shores public safety director.

The Shores closed its in-house

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City questions landing

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — After what appeared to be an unauthorized landing of its medical helicopter, St. John Hospital and Medical Center officials said "it was a matter of life and death."

At issue was the landing on the north parking lot the afternoon of Tuesday, Dec. 18, by a University of Michigan survival flight helicopter, one that is considerably larger than the EC135 model operated by Superior Air Ground Ambulance Services approved last month by the Grosse Pointe Woods city council.

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A look back at 2012: The Grosse Pointes

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Many articles span the individual Grosse Pointes to encompass the entire community.

Pointe-wide issues during 2012 included:

January

◆ A single, all-Grosse Pointe public safety dispatch center could be built by next summer.

A \$300,000, 50 percent state matching grant for construction requires approval within two months by the five Grosse Pointe city councils.

“Technology being what it is today, probably means dispatch services can be done in a much more efficient manner than we’ve done for years,” said City of Grosse Pointe councilman Chris Walsh.

“One of the obstacles to immediately doing a five-city dispatch was we had to build space to accommodate at least four dispatchers to operate,” added Peter Dame, City manager.

February

◆ The Grosse Pointes’ man in Lansing wants to kick to the curb a proposal putting vehicle registration fees in overdrive.

Across-the-board fee increases of 67 percent would pay for road repairs, but weigh heaviest on people who drive the least, according to state Rep. Timothy Bledsoe, D, City of Grosse Pointe.

“A lot of people on fixed income don’t drive a lot,”

said Bledsoe, in his second term. “If this is pushed through, the little guys will be paying more than their share of road construction.”

◆ Bill Rapai, president of Grosse Pointe Audubon, signs copies of his new book, “Kirtland’s Warbler,” published by University of Michigan Press.

“There is talk that the Kirtland’s warbler is going to be taken off the endangered list,” said Rapai, of the City of Grosse Pointe.

March

◆ Ten paintings reproduced from the Detroit Institute of Arts are hung outdoors around the five Grosse Pointes as part of the museum’s “Inside|Out” program.

Each city gets two.

“The Grosse Pointes is one of our major audiences,” said Graham Beal, DIA director. “It always has been.”

◆ Farms officials join counterparts from the four sister cities in passing a resolution accepting grant money to build a combined public safety dispatch center.

The Pointes thereby qualify for the \$300,000 grant, should separate inquiry conclude centralized dispatch is feasible.

According to an initial study last year, a central dispatch would have nearly 29 percent less operating costs than the current set-up.

April

◆ Firefighter layoffs in Harper Woods cause aftershocks in the Grosse

Pointes.

Most impacted is Grosse Pointe Woods.

Its public safety officers are being deployed automatically to structure fires in Harper Woods.

The cities share roughly a 3-mile border.

“I have a vested interest in protecting our borders and helping neighbors in the short term while they work out their issues,” said Skip Fincham, Grosse Pointe Woods administrator and former public safety director.

May

◆ A charity basketball game teaming Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods public safety officers against present and past Detroit Lions football players is a win-win for Services for Older Citizens and Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods Special Olympics.

Event organizers from Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 102 present each of the two groups \$2,500 checks from proceeds raised at the game, played before 1,000 people at Grosse Pointe South High School.

June

◆ “Melancholy Woman” won’t feel so blue when a special exhibition honors her return this month to the Detroit Institute of Arts.

The painting, from Picasso’s blue period, of a down-in-the-dumps female prisoner adds hometown color to the exhibition of Spanish masterpieces.

◆ All proceeds from the

THE HEADLINES

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Jan. 5: Savings through shared services | Jan. 19: Rembrandt hours extended | Jan. 26: Tiger cubs fan favorites; Tickets on sale Feb. 1 | Feb. 9: DIA campaign on streets again; Bledsoe: Down with rate increase | Feb. 16: Central dispatch on deck | Feb. 23: Bird author signs book; Give a hoot | March 1: Santorum a distant second; Recycling deal in works; All about art, all about town | March 8: Why, I do declare; Resolution on home stretch; SOC scored grant | March 15: DIA gets bargain on Pointe painting; Spanish names | March 22: DIA paints the town; Inside|Out spots; Life with cars | April 5: The three bears; Taking to the water | April 12: Out to see freighters | April 26: Leaving well enough alone; Ash borer: 35 million; everyone else, a few hundred | May 3: Tour public art; Detroit Lions play hoops for charity | May 10: Green light to tour lighthouse; A beacon in the night | May 17: Hazardous waste day set | May 24: Doolittle legacy | May 31: Police dog campaign; Charities win the game; Competitive model boat show Saturday | June 14: Spanish masterpieces; Otter ups a splash | July 12: Clearly surreal | July 19: DIA on the line | July 26: New deal Pointes only; Forever fresh; Firing back at fireworks in the Pointes | Aug. 2: Primary election Tuesday, Aug. 7; B-29 thunders over Michigan | Aug. 9: Above and beyond; All-Pointe movie night Aug. 11 | Aug. 16: Final election numbers; U.S. and Canada field Superior plan | Aug. 23: Hill racing fest and auction next Wednesday; Artist used household tools | Aug. 30: The Navy way | Sept. 20: ‘Oklahoma!’ beyond OK | Sept. 27: Perspective on corn; Theater is like family; Honors fallen officer | Oct. 11: House foes debate; Local history authors seek tidbits; Shooting stars | Oct. 18: K-9 campaign would ask community to contribute; Mildew has gardeners down; Weather did help the cause; Mildew has three types of spores | Oct. 25: Another new float | Nov. 1: Pointe GOP influence cut in half; Two vie for new District 1 spot; Democratic Club won’t support its party’s candidate; Repeat campaign; Two challenge in District 2 | Nov. 8: Early numbers misleading; Lost mariners remembered; Who dunnit? | Nov. 15: Detroit votes count; Banks: Past is the past; Donations will help family | Nov. 22: It’s parade time!; Friends add carriage; Santa is ready for lists; This year’s parade entries | Nov. 29: Bellwether Claus | Dec. 6: Manet exhibit helps put things in perspective | Dec. 20: Shopping with friends; Commission helps departments | Dec. 27:

— Brad Lindberg

Grosse Pointe Yacht Club 2012 Annual Muskie Derby on Lake St. Clair benefit the Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods chapter of the Special Olympics of Michigan.

July

◆ Eugene Gargaro, chairman of the Detroit Institute of Arts and a resident of Grosse Pointe Shores, lobbies for voters to pass a tri-county millage next month ensuring the museum’s continued operation.

“Companies considering locating in Southeast Michigan want to know what cultural amenities are available to their executives, staff, employees and families,” said Gargaro, retired senior executive of Masco Corp. “You’ve got to have culture and arts as a viable complement of business.”

◆ Harper Woods, a longtime member of the Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods police and fire mutual aid agreement, is

omitted from a new, beefed-up automatic aid covenant ratified by the five Grosse Pointes.

The new arrangement instructs participating agencies to respond automatically to working fires in other jurisdictions without waiting to be summoned by multiple alarms.

“Automatic aid gets more equipment and manpower on the scene,” said Skip Fincham, Grosse Pointe Woods administrator. “You can reduce property loss and save lives.”

◆ The sky’s the limit for fireworks — and its driving some people ballistic.

“It was like the wild west,” Farms resident Andy Dervan said of the July 4 holiday period.

“I keep hearing them pop off,” Vito Cusenza, of the Shores, said after the holiday came and went.

State Rep. Bledsoe, D, City of Grosse Pointe, feels the same way.

He and many other

Michigan lawmakers want to amend the state’s new, free-wheeling fireworks law, which turned out to be more annoying in practice than festive on paper.

“At a minimum, we need to give municipal officials the latitude to regulate fireworks more than they are given latitude in the current bill,” Bledsoe said.

August

◆ Clark Durant, of Grosse Pointe Farms, wins the Pointe vote in the Republican primary election for U.S. Senate.

But, he concedes the statewide race to Pete Hoekstra.

◆ Two-term state Rep. Timothy Bledsoe, of the City of Grosse Pointe, the first Democrat elected to speak for the Pointes in Lansing, loses a third bid for office in the primary election.

Although Bledsoe, a

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Story time

Terry Neggeman read the traditional Christmas story, "The Night Before Christmas," at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. Young children listened to the story just before Santa Claus made his appearance to hear their present wishes.

At right, Nathan Manes and Santa share a Christmas "ho, ho, ho."

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT



Work with schools is constant

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — The community's five public safety chiefs are preparing to review school safety protocol.

The likely result will be updated tactics for the special response team.

Chiefs are meeting in response to a lone gunman's mass murder of students and teachers at an elementary school in Newtown, Conn.

"Our heart goes out to the victims," said John Schulte, public safety director in Grosse Pointe Shores. "We're going to make sure our schools and public buildings are safe."

Dan Jensen, public safety director in Grosse Pointe Farms, said the safety of school children is his biggest concern.

"We constantly work with the schools," he

said. "We train in the schools, including special response. This is an update of protocols and tactics to stay on top of it."

"Based on the tragic events, the area chiefs are going to meet to reevaluate our emergency response plans to schools," Schulte said. "We're looking at our response to a similar type incident."

Schulte was tactical commander of the SWAT team for 10 years before retiring as assistant director of Park public safety and contracting with the Shores.

Current protocols include school safety.

"We've made numerous updates to it over the years," Schulte said.

"We'll be reporting to our respective councils about how prepared we are. The special response team is going to conduct the training for all departments."

Fight continues

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Invasive phragmites threaten to close the curtain on the Pointes' lakeside vista.

"If we don't do something soon, phragmites in the Farms will come north," said Helen Bai, chair of the Shores Beautification Commission. "Ours will go south. We will no longer see a lake."

Phragmites is an invasive, hardy weed. It's clogging many wetlands around Lake St. Clair.

"They grow 10 feet tall and are dense," Bai said.

She said beautification members are committed to preventing phragmites from usurping the shoreline.

Farms officials this fall began attacking phragmites growing on accretion above Pier Park.

The two-year effort involves multiple applications of herbicide, cutting and a controlled

burn next year.

Nature isn't helping.

Phragmites spread aggressively onto exposed lakebed, more and more of which is above water due to declining Great Lakes water levels.

"Next year, they're supposed to recede another 10 to 12 inches," Bai said.

"More bottomland will be exposed. Phragmites is an opportunistic weed. It will encroach and, within a year or two, invade that bottomland."

Councilwoman Kay Felt is among lakeside residents with views of the eastern horizon interrupted by phragmites.

"I've done my own treatment," she said.

Felt advised homeowners not to cut phragmites without first treating them.

Without treatment, "the seeds simply spread and they get thicker and thicker," Felt said.

Book would tout Shores' assets

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — The public may soon read all about how nice it is to live in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Municipal officials want to use the book as a marketing tool to boost the community and its housing stock.

Donors are lining up to pay production costs.

"This (book) would represent Grosse Pointe Shores," said Mayor Ted Kedzierski. "But, it wouldn't involve any city funds."

"We also think it would be nice for people to have them in their homes to show their friends and to learn more about their village," said Councilman

Kay Felt.

She's spearheading preparations as council liaison to the Ambassador Committee.

Kedzierski appointed the volunteer committee, comprised partly of Realtors, this year to promote the Shores as a premier residential community.

One tool is publication of a book on the 101-year-old community's history.

Much of the content is due to come from private sources.

"We need historical information about properties and pictures from residents," Felt said.

Publishing options include contracting with Arcadia Publishing or doing it alone.

Arcadia publishes to a

rather strict format.

"The books are never more than 10 chapters, never more than 128 pages," Kedzierski said. "They usually have 200 to 214 photos. That's the recipe."

He said he had lunch Tuesday, Dec. 18, with a donor.

"If we self-publish, we would have more say over the layout," he said. "We probably could do it for half the cost. That's what I was talking to the donor about."

Kedzierski envisions publishing about 1,200 books.

"The purpose is not to sell the books, but to use it as marketing to attract people to move into the city," he said.

The book may be pre-

sented to businesses moving to downtown Detroit.

"The executives might be attracted to buy one of our homes as opposed to a home in Northville or Plymouth Township," Kedzierski said.

The city council has final say on the project.

"This would represent Grosse Pointe Shores," Kedzierski said.

An author hasn't been chosen.

Arcadia currently publishes three books about Grosse Pointe:

◆ "Grosse Pointe" and "Grosse Pointe War Memorial," by Ann Marie Aliotta and Suzy Berschback; and

◆ "Grosse Pointe: 1880-1930," by Madeleine Socia, Suzy Berschback.

Nice jump for values in Shores

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Property values are rebounding.

Assessed values increased 8 percent this year, according to Grosse Pointe Shores Councilman Bruce

Bisballe, citing Wayne County equalization figures.

"Our property values finally bottomed out," added Bisballe, head of the finance committee. "Last year, we were down 12 percent. This year, we're up 8 (percent)."

The increase won't

mean a corresponding jump in property tax receipts due to limits prescribed in the Headlee Amendment.

"The only thing we can capture is 2.4 percent," said Mark Wollenweber, city manager.

Still, that comes to about \$120,000, including new construction, according to Wollenweber.

"We have four new building sites on line," said Mayor Ted Kedzierski. "One's for sale now. The taxes won't be assessed and issued until it is sold at fair market value. It was previ-

ously assessed as an undeveloped lot."

"Homes are selling for more than their taxable values, so we're going to see increases in our taxable base," Bisballe said. "That should help our revenue stream."

Finance committee meetings resume in January with a focus on drafting next fiscal year's budget.

"We're finally getting some stability in terms of financial planning," said Bisballe. "We know where we stand at this point, which is encouraging."

Feds on case

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

It's the bane of every local cop on a big case:

"The feds are taking the lead on this investigation," said John Schulte, chief of public safety in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Homeland Security and the Secret Service elbowed their way into the Shores' pursuit of identity thieves.

"The complaints here are minimal," Schulte said. "However, it's going to be a large operation."

The suspects were traced to the personnel department of a company that Schulte didn't name.

"In May of this year, we began investigation into an identity fraud case involving two Shores residents," Schulte said.

Police learned the Shores victims were among those in "several other communities," Schulte said.

He and Detective Sgt. Scott Rohr worked with seven other agencies putting the investigation together, Schulte said.

"The more we peeled the onion, the more we saw it was a significant operation," Schulte said.

"Last week, we met with an investigator from Homeland Security and the Secret Service along with two federal prosecutors. They came here."

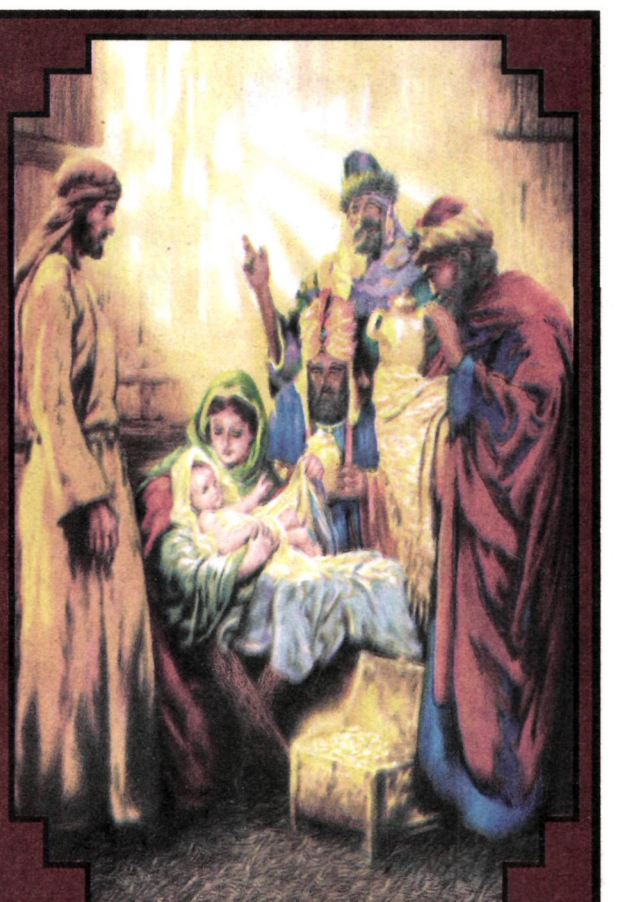
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A look back at 2012: Grosse Pointe Shores

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Municipal leaders focused on finances during 2012.

"We have to do more with less without sacrificing premium services," said Ted Kedzierski, mayor of Grosse Pointe Shores.

The annual budget, due in June, was passed ahead of time in May.

By year's end, work was well under way on the budget for fiscal year 2013-14.

"We've had a busy year," Kedzierski said. "We're trying to work on a rolling budget."

The year in review:

January

◆ Nearly 200 documents the Grosse Pointe News obtained under the Freedom of Information Act reveal the city's potential \$1 million water dispute with the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club regarding years of overbilling.

◆ Two dozen candidates apply to replace public safety Chief Stephen Poloni, retiring to direct public safety in the City of Grosse Pointe.

◆ City Manager Brian Vick reveals to the newly-elected mayor and city council a detailed summary of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club's claim of being overbilled nearly \$1 million for water purchases from 1997 to 2007.

Residents must curtail water consumption within limits of an updated Detroit water contract. New terms are being implemented July 1.

◆ The city manager is criticized for not telling the council of a nearly two-year old tolling agreement with the yacht club.

The agreement, signed March 15, 2010, suspended the statute of limitations regarding a nearly \$1 million water billing dispute. The suspension gives both parties time to resolve the matter out of court without the pressure of having to rush legal action due to expiring statute of limitations.

◆ John Schulte is sworn in as new public safety director.

He becomes a Shores contract employee. His one-year, renewable agreement doesn't include health or post-retirement benefits.

Schulte retired two years ago as assistant public safety director of Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ The often-criticized three-minute per-person time limit on public comments at council meetings is abolished.

February

◆ Members of the city council question a mandated switch to DTE

Energy high-tech meters, also called smart meters.

Critics claim smart meters suborn customer privacy and utility rate regulations.

◆ A 20-year old ordinance forbidding peddlers from pounding the pavement and knocking on doors is blamed for hindering Internet providers from doing business in the Shores.

Concern is prompted by Internet provider, Wide Open West, which won't try to tap the Shores market because of solicitation restrictions.

◆ Members of the city council resume their predecessors' drive to investigate withdrawing from Wayne County and joining Macomb County.

The main inducement is Macomb County's lower property taxes.

March

◆ City Manager Vick resigns effective March 3.

Terms of his six-month payout forbid him or city representatives from saying bad things about each other.

"It is what it is," said Kedzierski. "We wish Brian well in his future endeavors."

Vick, hired in October 2008 by the previous mayor, served during several controversies, including: taking four months to inform the council about an agree-

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Headlines during 2012 datelined Grosse Pointe Shores:

Jan. 5: Awash in rumors; Auto aid moves forward; Chief choice due soon in Shores; Special Shores water meeting tonight | Jan. 12: Vick: Council clued in; Auditor defends report; Recall effort leader: Voters kept in dark; New contract reflects usage; Linen on hit list; Free-form meetings | Jan. 19: Water info released; Budget work under way; Town hall meeting in Grosse Pointe Shores Jan. 21 | Jan. 26: Chief nearly hired; Watching out for water customers; Bottom land a no-go; Committee promotes Shores; Solar panel stay extended; Mayor named appointments; Nixle postings coming; Well rates raised 3% | Feb. 2: Chief sworn in; Council rule changes; Smart meters called dumb idea | Feb. 9: Charger due for change; Wooing WOW in the Shores | Feb. 16: Macomb switch revived | March 1: Vick out in Shores; Shores faces drop in property tax income; Top vendors to feel pinch; Angling for opportunities; Alarm fine considered; Water rates up 19.1 percent | March 8: Interim manager in place; Manager resigns, gets payout; Calling all cost-cutters; Ambassadors boost city's image; Clairview sewer relining | March 15: Macomb committee named | March 22: Councilman seeks former manager's laptop | March 22: To-do list starts with budget; Council has laptop access | April 5: Soil not so boring; Sail group features scholarships, events | April 12: New groups tackling challenges | April 26: Arrests down in 2011; Perk piques resident; Solar panel rules arising in Shores; Dispatch needs new phone system | May 17: Leaf the awards to City, Shores; Shores named a tree city | May 24: Tax hike coming | May 31: Council does 180 on Macomb | June 7: Solar panels allowed again in Grosse Pointe Shores; Osius Park preview | June 28: GPYC, Shores settle; Big bins are in; Shores budget revised downward; Phones now in sync | July 5: Tennis court repair OK'd; Top candidate chooses Shores; Smooth future for Lakeshore | July 12: Two officers promoted | July 19: County candidate arrested, faces charges | July 26: Macomb pilgrims show no progress; Macomb advocates show hand; Report lists pros of moving | Aug. 2: Not open to house signs; Firm wants door-to-door sales | Aug. 9: Tennis courts receive upgrades | Aug. 16: Move-to-Macomb discussions continue; City manager process takes turn | Aug. 30: City move on hold; Interim tag dropped; Meeting rife with shake-ups | Sept. 6: Decking issues surface | Sept. 13: Another officer hired | Sept. 27: Message riles mayor; Hold-up man hung up on fence; Wrangling with WOW; Shredding Nov. 10 | Oct. 4: Four-wheeling; New radios; Open to question; Island Lane pipe replacement; Lakeshore open; Big-time recycling; Bloomin' lovely | Nov. 22: Santa to the Shores | Nov. 29: Employees lead cost-cutting ways | Dec. 6: Officials to enforce leaf rules; City begins repaving projects; Santa starts the season; Marina decking needs to be replaced | Dec. 27:

— Brad Lindberg

ment he made with the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club not to reveal the club's claim it was due \$1 million for overbilled water purchases; and his appeal last year of a property value reduction, which translated into cuts in property taxes.

◆ Members of the finance committee are putting most of the city's top 20 vendors up for review and competitive rebidding.

The goal is obtaining bids lower than current ones from vendors eager for work in the bad economy.

◆ Budget-makers face a 12 percent decrease in revenues from the prior year.

"(That) gives us a preliminary shortfall of about \$500,000 we have to work through," said Councilman Bruce Bisballe, committee chairman.

◆ A 19.1 percent water rate increase from Detroit meets expectations.

◆ Mark Wollenweber is hired as interim city manager.

High on his to-do list is drafting next fiscal year's city budget.

"Every city these days faces challenges with budgets," he said.

Wollenweber was interim manager of Ferndale last year. He administered Grosse Pointe Woods for five years prior. Before that, he managed St. Clair Shores for 15 years.

◆ A six-member committee is formed to explore the feasibility, costs and benefits of the Shores switching jurisdictions to Macomb County.

The prior city council approved creating the committee in August. The present council approved its membership this month.

"A lot of investigation is going to be required before there can be any definitive recommendation," said resident Dr. Robert Lee, appointed to the volunteer, ad hoc committee.

April

◆ Members of newly-minted committees are starting to show their worth.

"I have a lot of enthusiasm for how active this group has tackled its

challenge," said Councilwoman Kay Felt, liaison to the Ambassador Committee, formed to promote Shores housing stock.

Likewise Councilman Dan Schulte, liaison to the Move to Macomb Committee, charged with analyzing the pluses and minuses of changing county jurisdictions to Macomb.

"It doesn't sound as daunting as originally thought, but we've got a ways to go yet," Schulte said.

◆ Mobile computers installed last year in public safety patrol cars streamlined operations by letting officers access law enforcement databases from the scene of roadside investigations.

Also documented is a 47 percent drop in major crime and a steady decline in larcenies from the previous year.

May

◆ Just in time for summer, property owners can season their roofs with solar panels and shingles.

A seven-month moratorium on panel installation ends with approval of a new ordinance regulating solar energy collection systems.

"(The ordinance) is flexible and written in a manner than can be amended," said Mayor Kedzierski.

◆ The main thing missing from a 1.5 mill property tax increase is public outcry.

A lesser increase a few years ago prompted a recall election.

Yet, passage this month of higher taxes for fiscal year 2012-13, effective July 1, goes off without uproar.

The increase is for one year only. Revenue from the tax is dedicated to road repairs.

June

The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club billing dispute is water over the dam.

A unanimous Shores city council agrees to compensate the club, which is the city's largest water customer, for mistakenly bloating water bills from 2000 to 2007.

Compensation totals

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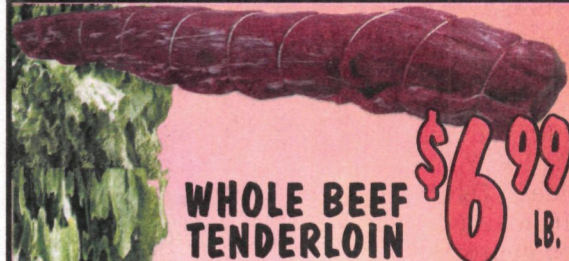
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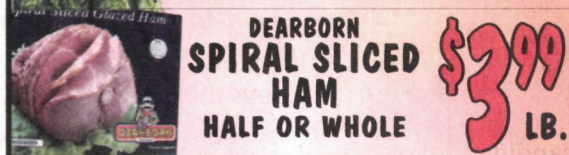
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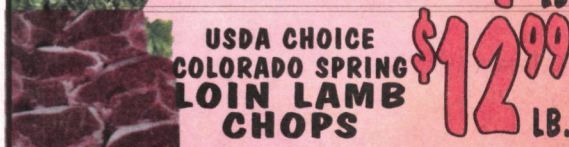
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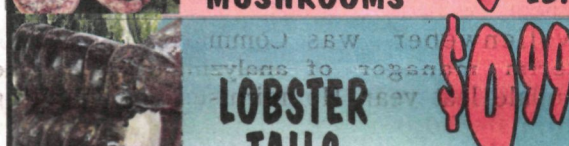
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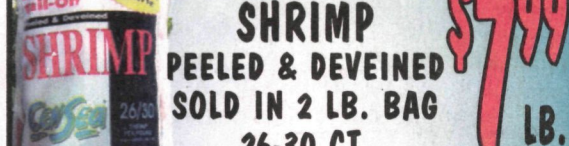
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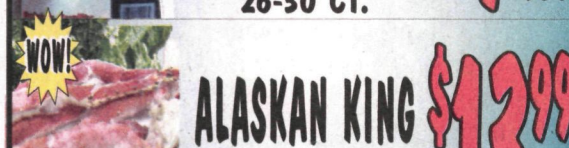
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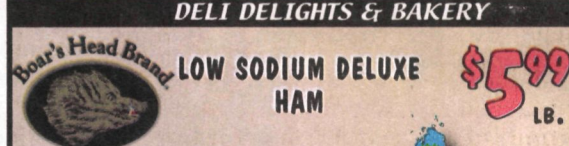


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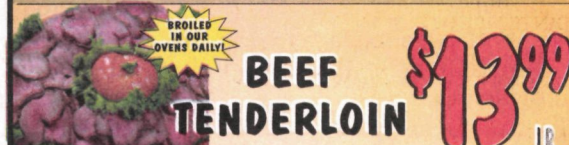
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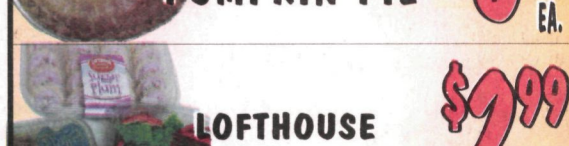
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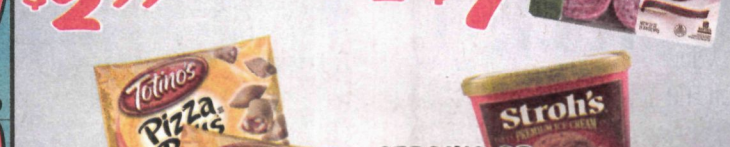
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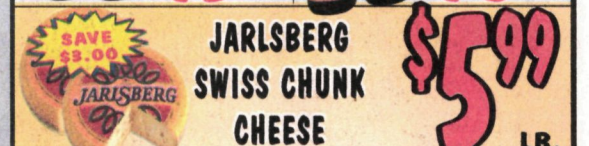
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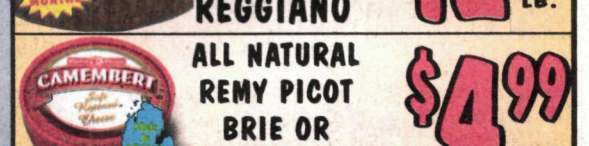
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Harry Crane of the City of Grosse Pointe goes over his Christmas wish list with Santa Claus who made a stop at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House. Crane included an electric guitar, Xbox controllers, head phones and a red and blue handkerchief on his list.

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Signals under review

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Blinking traffic lights at three intersections don't add up.

There's no statistical reason for their being.

Traffic engineers analyzed the intersections this spring and summer.

They documented traffic volume, direction, flow and frequency. They also reviewed crash data going back 12 years.

Engineers concluded no intersections met arithmetic thresholds to justify blinking lights, measured against standards of the Michigan Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

One intersection isn't even busy enough to justify a four-way stop.

Findings relate to intersections at:

- ◆ St. Paul and Lakeland,
- ◆ University and Goethe and
- ◆ Charlevoix and Rivard.

Despite quantitative findings, engineers recommended a light be removed from only one intersection.

They said the light at

University and Goethe should be taken down and the intersection made a two-way stop for the cross street, Goethe.

Studies of all three intersections during the 24-hour periods of Wednesday, March 14, and Tuesday, Aug. 7, found no reason for control beacons, according to a report by David Allyn, deputy executive director of engineering for the Traffic Improvement Association of Michigan, headquartered in Auburn Hills.

"Our study included a field review, traffic count and a review of crash data," Allyn explained.

Members of the City of Grosse Pointe council took no action on the report, submitted this month.

"If the council wishes to pursue something, action will be in January," said Peter Dame, city manager, in an e-mail.

Allyn's team weighed observations against minimum criteria to install control beacons: at least six accidents within two years considered preventable by a flashing beacon.

Allyn also compared traffic volume at the St. Paul and Lakeland and University and Goethe intersections with minimum standards for four-way stop signs.

Neither met the threshold of at least 300 vehicles per hour for any eight hour period on an average day.

St. Paul and Lakeland had the highest 8-hour volume: 236.

Charlevoix and Rivard had 221.

University and Goethe came in third with 103.

A review of crash statistics dating to January 2001, showed four wrecks at St. Paul and Lakeland, five at University and Goethe and 24 at Charlevoix and Rivard.

Allyn cited crash data when recommending the light remain at University and Rivard. He also said new trees at the intersection should be monitored for potential "sight distance problems."

The light at St. Paul and Lakeland should remain, due to sight restrictions caused by large trees on the southwest corner, according to findings.

Shores: Many new faces in 2012

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\$400,000. Payment is spread over 16 years.

"We will pay either in credit on their water bill, credits to their lease they pay us for boat wells or cash, a sum of \$25,000 for 16 years," said Councilman Bruce Bisballe, head of the finance committee.

"Total compensation has a present value of about \$250,000," said Councilman Robert Gessell, also on the committee.

"Being able to resolve this matter to the parties' satisfaction is in their respective best interests," said Club General Manager Tom Trainor in a Shores news release.

◆ New telephone equipment installed at Shores public safety headquarters means non-emergency calls no longer fade to nothingness when transferred to the consolidated dispatch center in Grosse Pointe Farms.

July

◆ Three tennis courts at Osius Park will be patched and filled this summer at a cost of \$20,000. The cost is far less than \$300,000 estimated to thoroughly resurface the courts and lay new asphalt.

◆ Lakeshore resurfacing from Vernier to the St. Clair Shores city limits continues with replacement of curbs and catch basins in westbound lanes.

◆ Findings by the Move to Macomb ad hoc committee are criticized as short on facts and long on bias.

A report by the six-member, volunteer committee recommends the city shift jurisdiction to Macomb County, yet

doesn't detail the practicality and many potential consequences of a move, according to most members of the city council.

"We've gotten off to a bad start with this," said Councilman Dr. Alex Ajlouni.

He suggested seeking outside assistance to tackle the complicated issue.

"I feel like we're trying to operate a motor vehicle without getting a license first," he said.

August

◆ A notice at city hall announcing the Aug. 29 meeting of the Move to Macomb Committee is removed after Kedzierski thanks and disbands the volunteer group.

A majority of the council also rejects the committee's recommendation to ask voters in the November election to switch county jurisdictions from Wayne to Macomb.

Instead, the council may replace the committee's work with research conducted some time in the future under professional guidance.

◆ Wollenweber is no longer interim city manager.

He is named permanent city manager

Wollenweber beat 16 applicants for the job. He remains a contract employee, without benefits.

September

◆ The second of two newly-hired public safety officers takes to the road.

◆ Councilman Dan Schulte claims to file professional grievances against Kedzierski's law and accounting licenses two days after being stripped of a political appointment.

Kedzierski removed

Schulte, a public relations professional and defacto head of the Move to Macomb Committee, as council public relations liaison.

"I filed a couple of grievances with the state board of licensing and board of ethics," Schulte told Kedzierski in a voice mail message.

Later, Schulte said, "I never said, in any capacity, that I filed complaints at all."

◆ Lakeshore resurfacing, a municipal project, is completed under budget.

October

◆ While making a dinner run to another community, a public safety officer on the overnight shift bags a drunken gunman in a stolen car at the corner of Vernier and Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods.

November

◆ Municipal employees are credited with helping city leaders cut operating costs enough to increase savings.

"Department heads are participating in (cost-cutting) decisions," said Kedzierski.

The annual audit, released this month, shows the city's fund balance increased \$205,111 despite more than a 3 percent decline in revenue.

December

◆ One of two public safety officers hired this year resigns and returns to the department he came from, Harper Woods.

◆ Kedzierski presents his predecessor, Mayor James Cooper, and past members of the city council, resolutions honoring their service to the community.

POINTES: A year of change

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Wayne State University political science professor, wins the Pointes handily, he loses the overall district to Rep. Alberta Tinsley-Talabi, D, Detroit.

It was the first election in newly-drawn District 2, which is dominated by Detroit Democrats.

September

◆ Grosse Pointe Theater's first show of the year, "Oklahoma!," goes off without a hitch.

◆ Patrolmen throughout the Grosse Pointes honor a murdered West Bloomfield officer by pulling curbside and activating their cruisers' lights and sirens for 15 seconds.

October

◆ Local history authors seek tidbits for their forthcoming work, "Legendary Locals."

The book is the third collaboration about Grosse Pointe by Suzy Berschback and Ann Marie Aliota.

The pair invite people to contact them with story and photo ideas through the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, (313) 884-7010; society offices at 381 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms; or

at gphistorical.org.

An organization is being developed to privately fund public safety K-9 units.

The goal is to promote "public safety in the Pointes by supporting local police dog programs," said John Stevens, former City of Grosse Pointe councilman and member of K-9 Partners of the Grosse Pointes.

◆ Downy mildew ravaged impatiens this summer.

Spores can survive in soil over winter, contaminating flower beds through next year.

November

◆ An eight-time felon is elected to represent Grosse Pointe Shores and Woods in Michigan House District 1.

Brian Banks, a Democrat from Detroit with a history of credit fraud convictions, beats Dan Schulte, a Grosse Pointe Shores Republican and councilman, in the general election.

"My past is my past," said Banks, citing his victory as another sign of his rehabilitation.

All candidates from the Pointes in the general election lose their bids.

◆ The long arm of the law reaches out to Eastcoast victims of Hurricane Sandy.

Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods public safety officers belonging to Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 102 raise money for a New York City policeman and family whose house was destroyed due to the storm.

◆ Friends of the Grosse Pointe Parade sponsor another float for the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade.

Making its debut this year is the White Christmas Carriage.

December

State Rep. Bledsoe opposes passage of right-to-work legislation, banning compulsory union membership.

He main reasons, stated in his capitol update, are:

"First, the claim that all workers have an innate freedom to decline to pay union dues or agency fees is inconsistent with the common practice of compulsory check-off fees in a variety of sectors.

"Second, there is no evidence that the presence of right-to-work laws produce more jobs.

"Third, right-to-work laws encourage 'free riders,' people who benefit from the presence of a union without paying union dues."

◆ Public safety commanders from the Pointes prepare to review and possibly update special response team protocols and tactics in response to the mass murder of students and teachers at an elementary school in Newtown, Conn.

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GENTZ: Odd case

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Reed, declined to comment on whether charges would be brought against Bashara, directing questions to the Wayne County Prosecutor's office. In a written statement, Maria Miller, spokeswoman for Kym Worthy, said, "The Jane Bashara homicide case remains under investigation, no other charges are expected at this time."

Reed said both she and her client felt the plea was in Gentz's "best interest."

"I believe Mr. Gentz was taken advantage of by Bob Bashara," she said after the hearing. "You can see that Bob Bashara always tries to get what he wants. He is used to using people that way. My client felt that he has to pay for what he did, but without Bob Bashara, we wouldn't be here today."

Bashara has maintained he had nothing to do with the death of his wife. Her body was found the morning of Jan. 25 in the backseat of her SUV that had been parked in an alley on the eastside of Detroit. She had been strangled.

Within days of the discovery of Jane Bashara's body, Bob Bashara was named as a person of interest in the case, but the case turned when Gentz turned himself in to police in early

February, admitting he had killed Jane Bashara. He was arrested in March and while he was charged with both first degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder, prosecutors never named who he might have conspired with.

Even with Gentz being held in the Dickerson Correctional Facility in Hamtramck, police and prosecutors maintained the investigation was ongoing and the case remained active. Then June 25, Bob Bashara was arrested and charged with trying to hire a hit man to kill Gentz.

Bashara pleaded guilty in October to those charges, and was sentenced to up to 20 years in prison. He is currently being housed in the Michigan Department of Corrections reception facility in Jackson, undergoing evaluation before permanent placement is made.

Reed said even with Bashara in prison, her client is still afraid, but will testify against him if Bashara is charged in his wife's murder.

"He has agreed to give details about the crime," she said, "but he is still afraid for his life."

Reed acknowledged this was a very unusual case.

"I've never seen a case like this one," she said, "and I've been doing this for 30 years."

CITY: Pact tested?

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The council approved the flights in and out of St. John for a period of six months, provided they were limited to no more than 25 flights during that time, that the helicopter be the EC135 model, and the pilot followed a flight plan stipulating the craft could not fly in over houses bordering the St. John property.

St. John had asked for permission to install a helistop in the north parking lot in an area in Grosse Pointe Woods pending construction of a permanent site on the roof of a parking deck located across from the hospital's emergency room entrance and is in Detroit. According to St. John officials, the site's construction is expected to be completed within six months. Grosse Pointe Woods, after lis-

tening to concerns brought forward by residents surrounding the hospital grounds about noise, granted approval for the temporary site, but with several conditions, including restrictions on the number of flights, the type of aircraft and flight patterns.

The landing on Dec. 18 was preceded by a similar flight the week before, and complaints came in that the approach by the helicopter on both dates did not follow the "fly neighborly" flight plan agreed to by St. John dictating the helicopter must approach the landing site from over Mack Avenue. The helicopter, a University of Michigan survival flight aircraft, also exceeded the noise level limit set in place by the Woods.

Carrie Stover, a St. John vice president, explained the hospital is being sensitive to the

concerns of Woods residents, but both flights were used to transport gravely ill patients unable to be treated at St. John.

"Saving lives is our first priority," she said. "One flight was for an 11-month old baby that our pediatric staff determined needed care we could not provide. Both flights were for patients with life threatening emergencies."

According to Woods city administrator Al Fincham, the city has been in contact with St. John officials. Fincham said St. John followed many of the procedures put in place with the agreement, including notifying the city of incoming medical flights, but the city expressed its concerns to St. John about noise and the flight path.

He said St. John officials told him the landings were a result of "miscommunication" between the hospital and

the U of M flight crew. In the past, the helicopter would land at City Airport, and patients were transferred by ambulance to the airport.

The U of M flight crew believed it was cleared to land directly at the hospital. A St. John official said the hospital has been in contact with U of M, and instructed them that their flights were not allowed to utilize the temporary landing site.

"I've also been assured that St. John is moving quickly on getting the permanent site in place," Fincham said. "They expect it to be in place before the six month deadline we set."

In the meantime, Stover asked Woods residents to be patient.

"We are in the business of saving lives," she said. "We're trying to be sensitive to the needs of the residents and we're trying to be a good neighbor, but our patients remain our No. 1 priority."

FARMS: Posting info

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public safety dispatch center last year and contracted the work to Grosse Pointe Farms public safety headquarters on Kerby.

"If we respond to an incident of significance, we need to get the Farms to coordinate with us and post (Nixle) information in a timely process," a Schulte said. "If my supervisors and officers are on the street handling the incident, they're not going to have time to come in and post the information."

Dan Jensen, Farms chief, said Nixle messages can be posted without a dispatcher.

"Once you have an account and account managers — and I have several who can post a Nixle alert — they do it," Jensen said.

All Farms Nixle alerts must be reviewed by a supervisor.

"The (Grosse Pointe)

Woods system works well, but they have two dispatchers on duty, which really helps them disseminate the information," Schulte said.

Shores officials solicited bids to subcontract their dispatching to save money.

"Since we took over the Shores, we have two dispatchers working the heaviest hours, from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., basically," Jensen said. "They're on midnights, too, when scheduling allows."

Farms commanders sometimes order Nixle alerts via e-mail or text message. Postings don't have to be submitted from a dispatch center.

"Lt. Andy Rogers has put out Nixle alerts from his cell phone at home off duty," Jensen said.

"The Shores knows how to get information to us," said a Farms dispatcher. "They're driving up and down Lakeshore every day anyway. Just turn up Kerby."

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MY VIEW By Joe Warner

Coverage took us closer than we wanted

I'm more than tired of the coverage of the tragic events in Newtown, Conn. Watching the moments after TV coverage was mind-numbing. It's hard to imagine – especially if you're a parent – how anyone could go through what that town has gone through.

The families, first responders, teachers and students in the school when the shootings took place, the investigators ... on and on.

But we could imagine it. Because the media let us imagine it. The detail and the interviews of young children – some felt that was needed – put us too close to it.

Twenty young children killed. And thousands of stories, many with errors in the beginning, were all over TV, the Internet, radio and newspapers.

I'm sure many are still glued to details of the case. They want answers. They want a reason. They want new gun laws – some of which were in effect but failed to stop the mass murders in a Columbine, Colo. school.

Schools in this area all discussed how they could prevent such a tragic event from happening. The truth is, most schools already have security measures in place.

Schools are supposed to be a safe place. My two daughters, one in second grade and one in sixth grade, know some of the details of the school shootings.

I couldn't allow them to watch coverage, because of the details they didn't really need to hear. They questioned their own school – which always required visitors to check in at the office and then be escorted through locked doors that led to classrooms.

The first day back was different. Two police cars were cruising near the school. Not totally uncommon because they like to tag the late mothers and fathers who rip down the residential street leading to the school.

Many times there's a soccer mom or lead-foot dad pulled over in the four-blocks of houses leading to the school.

At the school, the principal and a couple teachers were outside. I dropped my daughters off. They weren't scared. I've always told them I loved them as they jump out the door of the car and scurry to class.

A couple days later, as dumb threats came across social media, the schools tightened security. The front door was now locked. Someone let you in before you went to the office to sign in and someone else let you through the locked doors.

I spent three hours at the school Thursday morning. There were dozens of parents and no one discussed the tragedy of Connecticut. Not the children; not the parents.

Unless it happened to us, there is no way to imagine that kind of pain.

Our schools and our law enforcement folks have talked about this long before the events of Sandy Hook Elementary. There are plans in place. There would be heroes here, just as there were there. Selfless people who want to protect the children they love. The children we love.

So what happens next?

Getting rid of 300 million guns in the U.S. won't happen, but plan on restrictions of the types of weapons sold.

There will be a cry to do more – as there is with every tragedy this country goes through. In the end, heightened alert will only be temporary. The urgency from politicians will subside. And when we have the next tragedy, the cycle will begin all over again.

My thoughts and prayers are with the families of all of those affected.

We all wish we could do more.

KEN SCHOP



LETTERS

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GUEST OPINION By Stephen Wallace

Dangerous driving by parents equals same by teens

The link between the observed and self-reported driving behaviors indicates parents are modeling destructive driving and their teens are following suit.

During the holidays, many teenagers are behind the wheel visiting family and friends — often copying the driving behavior of their parents, which is not necessarily a good thing.

New research from Students Against Destructive Decisions and Liberty Mutual Insurance reveals an alarming example of “do what I say, not what I do” when it comes to distracted and dangerous driving. For example, 66 percent of teens believe their parents follow different rules behind the wheel than they set for their children, with approximately 90 percent of teens reporting their parents speed and talk on a cell phone while driving.

Specifically, the survey found teens observe their parents exhibiting the following driving behavior at least occasionally: talk on a cell phone, 91 percent; speed, 88 percent; text message, 59 percent; drive after drinking alcohol, 20 percent; and drive after using marijuana, 7 percent.

Teens also report nearly half of parents, 47 percent, sometimes drive without a seat belt.

Parents are the No. 1 influence on teen driving behavior. Thus, it may be no surprise teens repeat these driving behaviors in almost equal numbers to their parents: talk on a cell phone, 90 percent; speed, 94 percent; and 78 percent send text messages.

Also, 15 percent of teens report driving after consuming alcohol.

The link between the observed and self-reported driving behaviors indicates parents are modeling destructive driving and their teens are following suit.

“These findings highlight the need for parents to realize how their teens perceive their actions,” said Dave Melton, driving safety expert with Liberty Mutual Insurance and its managing director of global safety. “Kids are always observing the decisions parents make behind the wheel and may see unsafe driving as acceptable.”

Similar to past data showing the power of teens to correct poor driving behavior by peers, the same holds true for a car being driven by their parents: nearly three-quarters, 70 percent, of the teens surveyed reported that their parents listen to them and change their poor driving behavior when they point out dangerous driving practices.

Unfortunately, not many do. So, job No. 1 is to empower young people to make their discomfort with unsafe driving known to drivers, whoever they are.

Ongoing family dialogue about rules for the road that apply equally for everyone might help keep teens and adults safe and alive.

More than a decade of research by SADD and Liberty Mutual point to the potency of open, honest conversations between parents and teens — conversations often made easier and more effective by the signing of behavior contracts that make clear the expectations for both sides.

The Parent/Teen Driving Contract is one such tool and is available for free at LibertyMutual.com/TeenDriving.

This way, “Do as I say” becomes synonymous with “Do as I do.”

Wallace is the senior advisor for policy, research and education for Students Against Destructive Decisions and director of the Center for Adolescent Research and Education at Susquehanna University.

GUEST OPINION By Bill Kalmar

Our holiday obsession with guns

As our nation mourns the loss of 20 innocent children and six adults in the aftermath of the senseless slaughter in Newtown, Conn., it comes as no surprise the subject of gun proliferation, especially assault weapons, will be on the front burner — and rightly so.

The ban on the sale of assault rifles expired in 1994 and from what I understand, crimes committed with those weapons decreased during that time. We are now at the crossroads of another decision — should we once again ban the sale of these weapons of mass destruction?

We may not agree on a lot of subjects in our country but when it comes to assault weapons, there seems to be some agreement sales should be restricted to police and the military.

Our obsession with guns has even permeated our traditional Christmas songs and movies. In “It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas,” Bing Crosby sang a wish of Barney and Ben for “a pair of hopalong boots and a pistol that shoots.” And who can forget Ralphie’s request for a red Ryder BB gun from the movie “A Christmas Story.” A group called the Vandals sang “A gun for Christmas” which I’m sure was not covered on a Johnny Mathis Christmas album.

Children used to sing “All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth.” Those same children are now adults and some are singing “All I want for Christmas is a semi-automatic rifle.”

Maybe it’s finally time to restore some sense of sanity to this issue of gun control. I know we don’t want to trample on the Second Amendment, but when our forefathers were drafting that provision, they were looking at muskets — not AK-47s. And back then they were probably singing “Santa Claus is coming to town” and not “Santa Claus is coming to the firing range.”

How about having a New Year’s resolution that we no longer have to endure the carnage that has been sweeping our country attributed to the sale and distribution of assault weapons. We owe our children and ourselves nothing less.

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City of Grosse Pointe

B&E update

A burglary suspect waived his preliminary examination Thursday, Dec. 20, in City of Grosse Pointe Municipal Court.

The case against Henry James Crook, 22, of Detroit, heads to Wayne County Circuit Court.

Crook is accused of trying to break into a house in the 800 block of University at about 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4.

Gotcha

A few hours before sunup Friday, Dec. 21, Raleigh the K-9 officer helped Grosse Pointe Park police catch one of two suspected car thieves who bailed from a vehicle on Detroit's eastside.

At 4:46 a.m., the dog and its handler responded to the Park's request for mutual aid regarding suspects fleeing on foot in the 5700 block of Three Mile.

"(The) K-9 indicated a track eastbound through yards to a rear of (a house in the 5700 block of

Public Safety Reports

Audubon) where perpetrator No. 1 was hiding behind the garage," said Sgt. Michael Almeranti, Raleigh's handler.

Officers arrested the suspect.

Almeranti and the dog resumed the search. Raleigh tracked a scent to a garage in the 5800 block of Haverhill, but the suspect wasn't there.

—Brad Lindberg

Report information about these or other crimes to the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Department at (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Farms

A watt?

A Farms man learned Wednesday, Dec. 19, that someone charged a \$433, 60-watt solar charger to his Visa card.

The man learned of the

crime upon the charger being delivered to an address in Redford Township.

The Farms man canceled his credit card.

15 suspensions

At 2:27 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17, an expired license plate on a Ford pickup led to the arrest of a 49-year-old Adrian man for violating 15 driving suspensions.

An officer pulled him over on Mack near Allard.

Stolen gun found

When a Farms man

tried last week to register a Luger 9 mm pistol, officers confiscated it as stolen 35 years ago.

The resident, 50, told police on Tuesday, Dec. 18, a family friend gave him the gun 15 years ago.

"The serial number matches a report of a stolen firearm out of Albuquerque, New Mexico," according to a Farms officer. "The firearm was confiscated until an inquiry can be made with Albuquerque police."

Confused

A 46-year-old Detroit woman didn't have a clue

when pulled over at 7:57 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17, on westbound Mack near Roland and investigated for drunken driving.

"(She) repeatedly attempted to hand (me) her ATM card," said the arresting officer. "(She) had a strong odor of intoxicants on her breath," but seemed "offended" when asked if she'd been drinking.

The woman registered a .19 percent blood alcohol level before being arrested and booked at headquarters.

"She was loud and rude," said the officer. "She could not figure out how to use the drinking

fountain."

—Brad Lindberg

Report information about these or other crimes to the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department at (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Sign damaged

An officer on the mid-night shift discovered a damaged decorative light pole near the corner of North Deeplands and Ballantyne.

—Brad Lindberg

Report information about these or other crimes to the Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Department at (313) 881-5500.

Thanks for service

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Past Mayor Dr. James Cooper was doubly qualified this month to receive the President's Award.

Cooper's 12 years of elected office in Grosse Pointe Shores include being president during the Shores' final years as a village and as mayor during its reorganization as a city.

"Jim was our last president of the village and our first mayor," said current Mayor Ted Kedzierski, during a ceremony at the Tuesday, Dec. 18, council meeting.

The audience stood and applauded as Cooper, a dentist, accepted the award.

"Do you want to say a few words?" asked Kedzierski.

"Thank you," Cooper said.

Kedzierski said the tradition of awarding the outgoing president began with the late Ed Brady.

Brady, a village trustee from 1980 to 1989, and village president from 1989 to 1993, died in November.

Council

Honors didn't stop with Cooper.

Kedzierski gave proclamations to 10 former members of the village board of trustees and city council leaving office

within the last five years:

- ◆ Victoria Boyce,
- ◆ David Galbanski,
- ◆ Brian Geraghty,
- ◆ Robert Graziani,
- ◆ Dr. Brian Hunt,
- ◆ Karl Kratz,
- ◆ Fred Minturn,
- ◆ Glen Peters,
- ◆ Linda Somers and
- ◆ Rose Garland-Thornton, whose 21 years of service "has the record" of the group, Kedzierski said.

Kedzierski said the city couldn't operate without citizen volunteers.

"The ultimate volunteers serving their community are the elected council persons, who probably volunteer over 100 hours each year," he said. "These volunteers believe in the city and want to keep our city the premier community it is."

State Rep.

The final proclamation honored state Rep. Timothy Bledsoe, D, City of Grosse Pointe.

Bledsoe completed his second and final term this month.

"He wasn't a Democrat," Kedzierski said. "He wasn't a Republican. He was a Grosse Pointer."

"It's been an honor," Bledsoe said.

He lost his bid for a third term in the Democratic primary for newly-drawn District 2, which is dominated by Detroit precincts.

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THE GROSSE POINTES — One week after police from each of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods went to Eastland mall to help school children shop for Christmas gifts, a comparable contingent returned to the mall in their role as peacekeepers.

They were deployed en force the morning of Friday, Dec. 21, to quell a disturbance associated with the release of a new line of basketball shoes.

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NEWS II

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Schools: 2012 year in review



In May, Parcels Middle School students and staff celebrated “One Parcels,” the school’s theme for 2011-2012, in which it honored its diversity and celebrated its unity. Pictured above, an all-school photo taken outside on the field.

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

On a somewhat chilly April morning in Grosse Pointe Shores, the city’s ambassador committee, charged with marketing and promoting the area, hosted superintendent Tom Harwood and principals Tim Bearden and Cathryn Armstrong, of Grosse Pointe North High School and Parcels Middle School, respectively, in a meeting concerning, among other things, residency issues at the north-end schools. That meeting

Wednesday, April 18, in essence, sparked a controversy and six-month-long discussion, the effects of which, to this day, still linger throughout the district. Following a series of meetings with Residents for Residency, a community group made up of residents of the five Grosse Pointes who surfaced during a July regular meeting of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education, the board voted to tighten its residency requirements and restitutions. It now, for the first time, has an

actual value, \$13,030, attached to its tuition penalty for students found violating the state’s and district’s residency requirements. The district also re-verified leases and rental agreements which, to date, according to the district’s enrollment eligibility investigation numbers, has resulted in the removal of 21 students from 94 investigations. **Legislation remains issue** But all the controversy, all the frustration of the past six months, especially, may be for naught,

administrators and board members warn, if Gov. Rick Snyder establishes his desired “Any Time, Any Place, Any Way, Any Pace” learning model. “The word residency will be a thing of the past if (Gov.) Rick Snyder gets what he wants,” board treasurer Brendan Walsh said back in July, a caution several other board members and administrators have reiterated in the months since. “It’s not about the school of choice issue of last year. This is a much more dramatic effort Rick Snyder is taking ... which is a complete rewrite of the School Aid Act.” Just as it had last year, making headlines in its attempts to pass legislation forcing districts’ hands in regard to fund equity and mandating school of choice, the state government again ranks among the top in the list of education headlines for 2012. During November’s regular meeting of the board of education, Harwood acknowledged how previously passed and potentially looming reforms intend to change the landscape of public education in ways Harwood hasn’t experienced in his 26 years in education. The main legislations at issue, Harwood said, are: House Bill 6004 and

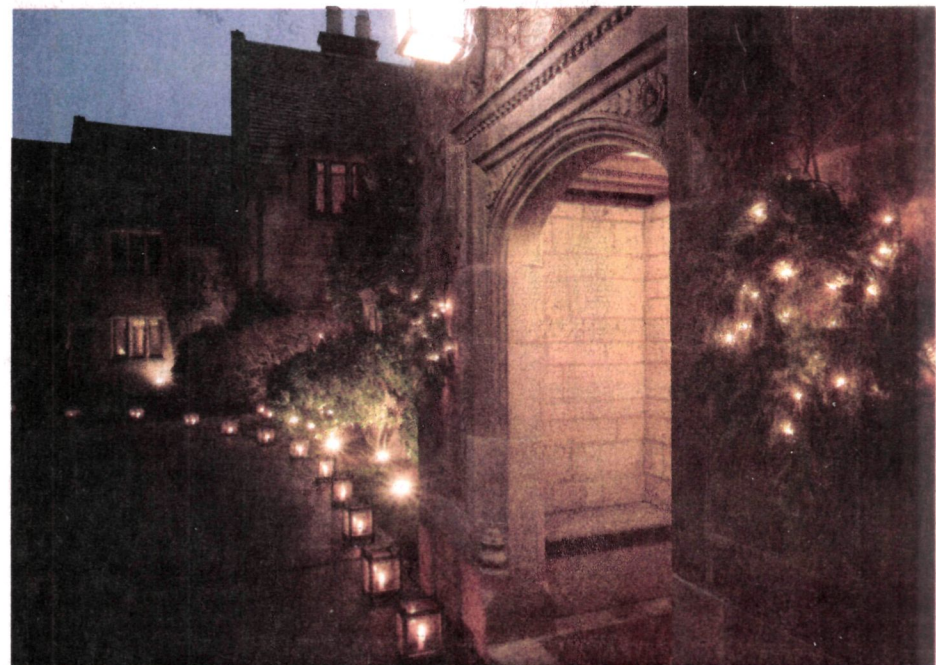
Senate Bill 1358, which expand the power of the Education Achievement Authority and allow it to oversee the “reform district,” consisting of the lowest-performing five percent of schools in the state; House Bill 5923, which creates several new forms of charter and online schools, including single-gendered schools, online schools, employer-supported schools, inter-

national cultural schools and others; Senate Bill 620, which grants parents and teachers the ability to convert into a charter school any school ranking in the lowest-achieving five percent; and the Michigan Public Education Finance Act of 2013, which aims to expand the market of educational opportuni-

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Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Tom Harwood, left, speaks during SERVE’s and Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce’s second community luncheon Tuesday, Sept. 25, at Grosse Pointe North High School.



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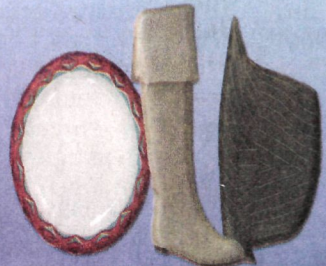


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Searching for the positives

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

Amid the seemingly endless barrage of negativity stemming from diminishing budgets, salary cuts and legislative reforms affecting teachers and the foundations of public education, Cheri Burley just wants to divert attention back to the positives.

"We have just gotten the focus off of what the great things are that are happening and what have happened," said Burley, president of the

Grosse Pointe Education Association. "The main thing is, through all this, everyone is still coming to work and doing their job and taking care of kids and trying to make things good for kids. Not much has changed as far as what people do in their classrooms and in their buildings. Even though everyone has that really huge extra burden."

For Burley, frustrations came to a head Tuesday, Dec. 11, as she joined thousands of union workers protesting the

Right to Work legislation outside the Capitol Building in Lansing. After that, she attended the Partnership for Different Learners' panel discussion featuring superintendent Tom Harwood, board president Judy Gafa and special education advocate Marcie Lipsitt, during which the trio discussed the devastating impact of proposed legislation on the community and public education as a whole.

Things needed to change, Burley thought, and it started with an

e-mail she sent to teachers, principals and administrators asking them to respond with a big event or small moment that made them "proud to be an educator."

"I spent about four or five hours just reading what people had written," Burley said. "And it's become, really, powerful."

Burley, at the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education's December regular meeting the following Monday, shared a

brief selection of the hundreds of teacher, student and administrative reflections and e-mails she received about outreach programs, community service projects, student success stories and other uplifting, heartwarming anecdotes. It was a mini sampling of what she says are the countless positives happening on a daily basis in Grosse Pointe schools, inside Grosse Pointe classrooms.

Now, Burley said, she wants to hear from par-

ents. "It can be the simplest thing like, 'My kid came home today so excited because they could read a book,'" Burley said. "I've gotten from that to letters from kids in universities who've written back to tell their teachers what the influence was they've had on them ... We're trying to find some positive out of the things we do."

To send in letters, stories, reflections or successes, contact Burley via e-mail at Cheri.Trefney@gpschools.org.



FILE PHOTOS

Ben Walker, Judi Preston and a committee of others in 2012 established the Grosse Pointe North High School Distinguished Alumni Award, a way to inspire the school's present student body while promoting community awareness to past students' successes. Pictured above are the inaugural award recipients, from left, Major Gen. Bob Brown, Carly Piper, Sandra Joseph, Hans Stricker, John Ahee and Bill Babcock.

REVIEW: Head Start approved

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ties for parents and eventually create a competition to drive better practices amongst all districts.

"Much of this legislation is not grounded in research but seems to be grounded in a reward versus punishment system," board of education president Judy Gafa said in September. "I have yet to see a report that proves school of choice improves student academic outcomes. The data on charter schools is mixed. I am not opposed to making improvements, but changes need to be based on evidence."

New order
At the local level,

change based on evidence was at the forefront in the board's decision to initially place former, award-winning Grosse Pointe South High School choir director Ellen Bowen on paid administrative leave after she allegedly struck a student on the head with his cell phone in June. Bowen, not a stranger to controversy, had a history of similar incidents ranging from misdemeanor assault for road rage against a former student to swearing at students to throwing a stapler at a student. Despite pleas from parents and students, current and former, administration maintained Bowen's administrative leave. She eventually agreed to retire this past August.

Around the same time, in June, administration fired Stephen Cross, South's and Pierce Middle School's former

director of bands, in part, due to his writing a letter to parents detailing his decision to either seek employment elsewhere or limit his amount of work and program performances. At the time, Cross's role had decreased from a Full-Time Equivalent to a .9.

Bowen's and Cross's replacements, Christopher Pratt and Christopher Takis, respectively, were hired in August, along with Melanie O'Neil, Kerby Elementary School's new principal. O'Neil's hiring was a result of Harwood restructuring central office after former assistant superintendent for curriculum, assessment, instruction and technology Monique Beels accepted the position as superintendent in Clawson and former executive director of instructional services Lee Warras retired. O'Neil replaced Maureen Bur, current director of pre-K – elementary curriculum, instruction, assessment and technology.

Joining Bur among new administrative hires in 2012 are: Aaron Johnson, director of secondary curriculum, instruction, assessment and technology; Jon Dean, deputy superintendent of educational services and Tom Tobe, interim principal at Grosse Pointe North High School who replaced Tim Bearden. In June, Bearden accepted a

position as chief academic officer and upper school director at Detroit Country Day School.

"What we're trying to do, which hasn't been in operation in this school district for quite some time, is to at least initiate some conversation in regards to where we need to go as a school district," Harwood said in June about the new organization.

A month later, members of Residents for Residency spoke out as to the direction they felt the district needed to go, at least in regard to residency, an issue that first gained momentum on a somewhat chilly April morning in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Other headlines in 2012

•Despite new, more rigorous cut score standards, Grosse Pointe schools' 2011 Michigan Education Assessment Program test results — released in February — remained consistent with previous years.

•Before Bowen's retirement, she and 95 students in South's choir traveled to Italy in February and performed in some of the country's more historic venues and institutions.

•All nine elementary schools participated in March reading month, several of which planned a one school, one book program.

•In March, following a year-and-a-half of

research, planning and campaigning, the board approved a collaborative partnership with Head Start at Poupard Elementary School.

"I think of the Head Start preschool program not as having an at-risk population, but as having a population of children with great possibility," principal Penny Stocks said at the time. "I'm so proud to be an educator in the Grosse Pointe district where the education of ALL children is important to everyone."

•During a ceremony in May at the Performing Arts Center, North inducted six alumni as its inaugural Distinguished Alumni Award recipients. They included: Carly Piper, Hans Stricker, Major Gen. Bob Brown, John Ahee, Sandra Joseph and Bill Babcock.

•Three national publications in May recognized North and South among their top high schools in Michigan. South ranked sixth in Michigan and 638 nationally and North 12th and 1,104.

•All schools achieved green status, according to the Michigan Green Schools Foundation.

•North and South high schools again exceeded state averages on the 2012 Michigan Merit Exam.

•Incumbents Judy Gafa and Cindy Pangborn won re-election in November, defeating newcomer William Broman in the school board election.

•Also in November, the district hosted its first open house, in which 212 families representing 245 students visited one of 15 GPPSS schools during the three-hour timeframe.

"We're very excited as a school district," Dean said of the open house's success.

•The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education, at the November regular meeting of the board, presented the board with \$99,568 divvied among eight grants awarded to teachers, students, support staff, administrators and counselors.



For most, including the students pictured above, the district's 91st school year officially opened Tuesday, Sept. 4. Students at Grosse Pointe South High School had an extra day off after a broken power line caused outages in about 20 rooms.

City of **Grosse Pointe Farms**, Michigan

**NOTICE OF DEADLINE
FOR FILING
NOMINATING PETITIONS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the deadline to file Nominating Petitions by the Candidates seeking to fill the Council Vacancy for a three-year term ending November 2015 must be filed with the City Clerk on Monday, January 7, 2013 no later than 4:00 p.m., in order to be placed on the ballot for the Special Election to be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2013 in the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236 (313-885-6600).

Shane L. Reeside,
City Manager/City Clerk

G.P.N.: 12-27-2012

City of **Grosse Pointe Farms**, Michigan

**Holiday Rubbish Schedule
for 2012 Christmas/New Year Holidays**

There will be no rubbish collection on
Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2012 or Tuesday, January 1, 2013

Collection schedule will be:
Monday, December 24, 2012 - All residential rubbish routes collected by 11:00 a.m.

Monday, December 31, 2012 - All residential rubbish routes collected by 11:00 a.m.
Please have trash out by 7:00 a.m.

There will be no rubbish collection on:
Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2012 or Tuesday, January 1, 2013
Residential routes for these dates and the remainder of the week will be delayed one day with Fridays routes collected on the following Saturdays; December 29 and January 5

Wednesday, December 26, 2012 - All commercial rubbish will be collected
Wednesday, January 2, 2013 - All commercial rubbish will be collected

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City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council adopted the following ordinance at its meeting held on Monday, December 17, 2012. The ordinance was adopted in accordance with the City Charter and the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, MCL 125-3401, will become effective January 6, 2013, and is hereby published by title:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 50 ZONING
ARTICLE VI SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS
BY ADDING SEC. 50-539 TO REGULATE SOLAR
ENERGY SYSTEMS**

The ordinance is available for public inspection or purchase from the Office of the City Clerk, at the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or www.gpwwi.us.

Lisa Kay Hathaway, MMC
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 12/27/2012



Melanie O'Neil, pictured above, in August replaced Maureen Bur as principal at Kerby Elementary School.

PASTOR'S CORNER

By Rev. Jason Coplen

Christmas meaning found in a manger scene

I have come to expect certain things each Christmas. I like the lemon bars my mother makes. I enjoy the gifts my son buys from his school and the thought he puts into them. I really enjoy the movie "Elf," and secretly wonder what spaghetti would taste like with syrup on it.

I also expect to see the manger scene in front of our church. My children love running over to it so they can see "baby Jesus."

Here I am, a pastor, thinking about lemon bars, Christmas gifts and Will Ferrell movies, and the simple enthusiasm of my children reminds me that Christmas is about something else, something more.

Christmas is about what the manger scene represents. It reminds us that when the time was right, God sent His Son to earth to be born in a humble stable. Jesus

came down from heaven leaving behind the glory and the honor befitting him in heaven. The manger reminds us God loves us so much that He came to us. The rebellion in our hearts prohibits us from going to Him. But rather than abandoning us, God came down to us. He came down, making a way for us to one day come home to Him. The baby in the manger will one day grow into the man who lays his life down for us. Jesus sacrificially offers himself on the cross for us, taking the burden of our rebellious nature upon Himself as His supreme gift of grace.

This is the true message of Christmas: a loving God who comes down to us so that we can one day come home to Him.

Coplen is associate pastor Crosspointe Christian Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Christmas tree walk

The feather tree, at left, is one of the many trees featured on the First Evangelical Lutheran Church's Christmas Tree Walk and Afternoon Tea from 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27. Below, the "music tree" features carolers.

For reservations, call (313) 884-5040. The church is located at 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. See more photos on page 4B.



The happy new year tree is dressed in white, black, gold and silver.

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MASS AT 4:00 P.M.
Sunday, January 6, 2013
MASSES AT 8:30 A.M. & 11:15 A.M.

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Saturday, January 12, 2013
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Sunday, January 12, 2013
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Christmas tree walk

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The Up North tree features a variety of animals, berries, evergreen trees and berries. Left: Santa Claus under the Up North tree.



Even this snowman shows the stress of the holiday season. He can be found on the snowman tree.

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OBITUARIES

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

Beatrice Cecelia Scanlan

Mt. Elliott, MI 48207.

Beatrice Cecelia Scanlan, 95, died Thursday, Dec. 20, 2012.

She was born Nov. 16, 1917, in Detroit to Charles and Martha Daschke and graduated from St. Catherine High School in Detroit.

A homemaker, Mrs. Scanlan was a member of the National Council of Catholic Women, St. Paul Altar Society, various bridge groups and the Questers.

Mrs. Scanlan is survived by her children, JoAnne Hoyer (John) and Christine McGrath (Robert); nine grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Joseph Michael Scanlan, sister, Leone Hogan and brothers, Arthur, Vincent and Leonard.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at noon Friday, Dec. 28, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation begins at the church at 11:30 a.m.

Donations may be made to The Capuchins, 1820

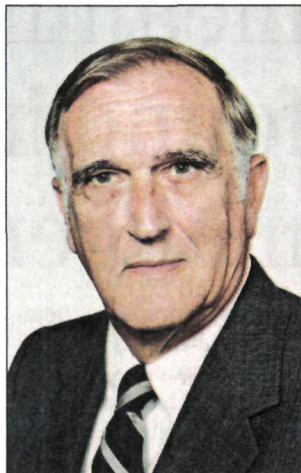
Douglas T. McClure

Douglas T. McClure, 88, died Monday, Dec. 17, 2012.

Mr. McClure retired November 1989 as executive director-marketing after 42 years with Ford Motor Co., where he held a number of sales and marketing posts after starting as a trainee in 1947.

He served as chairman of the board of trustees of Henry Ford Health System from 1989 to 1996. His father, Roy D. McClure M.D., was Henry Ford Hospital's surgeon-in-chief from its inception until his death in 1951.

Mr. McClure had been active on a number of professional and community boards including University Liggett School, The Hill School in Pottstown, Pa., Michigan Cancer Foundation, Association of National Advertisers, The Ad Council and the Adcraft Club.



Douglas T. McClure

He graduated from Princeton University in 1947, after serving in the Office of Strategic Services during World War II.

Mr. McClure is survived by his wife of 62 years, Marjorie Oberteuffer; sons, Douglas Jr. of Rye, N.Y., and Peter of Superior, Colo.; daughter, Julie Chandler of Philadelphia and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held for his family.

Donations may be made to the Henry Ford Health System, Office of Philanthropy, 1 Ford Place, Detroit, MI 48202-3450.

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Words of Wellness

You've got questions, we've got answers. These two questions are frequently asked of me while in a gym:

I have heard of this thing called "foam rolling." What is it and should I do it?

—Dominic, 68, Grosse Pointe

Foam rolling is a form of self-massage that triggers what is called myofascial release. The idea is it helps your muscles become malleable and primed for exercise. You know those "tight spots" in your muscles we call "knots"? A foam roller breaks up these areas, allowing the muscles to function more effectively. It also helps stretch the muscles that are difficult to reach with traditional stretching.

I'd suggest performing foam rolls prior to exercise. You can also do it afterward, but given its purpose to make muscles contract and relax efficiently, it makes greater sense as a pre-workout routine.

To foam roll is fairly simple to undertake. However, if you've never done it before, I'd suggest some homework before trying it. There are various sizes and densities of foam rolls, so it's a good idea to know which one might be best for you based on your physique and activity level. Likewise, if you have (or had) any injuries (i.e. back problems), it's not a good idea to foam roll in those areas. Why: Foam rolling is specifically meant for therapy on deep-muscle tissue and not on hard tissues like bones; to foam roll these areas can lead to more serious injury.

The most common way to foam roll is to lie on the roller and use your body weight to apply pressure to the region you wish to massage. Some people like to roll back and forth to knead muscles; personally, I target areas of muscle tightness and concentrate on those



Fitness trainer Mike Hackett.

areas for 30 to 60 seconds at a time. Be warned: Foam rolling sensitive areas can be painful, but the benefit of injury prevention can outweigh momentary discomfort.

Why are my muscles so sore the day after a workout? I've been told it is lactic acid buildup. Is this true? And if so, how do I minimize the soreness?

—Janice, 52, St. Clair Shores

Lactic acid often takes the blame for muscle soreness in the days following a workout, however, what you are most likely experiencing is something called delayed onset muscle soreness, or DOMS. When you exercise, and particularly when you train with weights, your muscles perform repetitive give-and-take contractions; these contractions actually tear the muscles at a microscopic level. Don't worry! These tiny tears are necessary to build muscle bigger. You know the adage when you break a bone it grows back stronger? The same applies to your muscles! When you break down

muscle fibers, they regenerate stronger.

My suggestion on how to minimize soreness is three-fold. First, be certain to warm up properly. My typical warm up includes a mixture of cardiovascular exercise, callisthenic and foam rolling exercises. Following your workout, be sure to stretch those areas you targeted and try to consume a high protein snack or shake within 30 minutes of your workout. This will help to repair muscle-tears quickly.

Lastly, and most importantly, the best way to minimize soreness is to exercise regularly. The biggest mistake you can make is to stop an exercise routine because the soreness is too great. Think of it as a test: Your body is taunting you to see if you're really ready to commit to exercising. And guess what? Once you push through those first days of discomfort, your body will cooperate with you. The more often you use your muscles, the more efficient they become, both at performing the exercises as well as recovering from them.

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Find your perfect fit

Five tips for purchasing a recliner. Choosing a recliner involves more than just aesthetics.

Here are five tips from Ekornes; makers of the Stressless recliner, to help you choose a recliner that fits your needs.

1) "Choose a chair with a feature that allows you to unlock the ottoman, so it tilts when you recline, which takes pressure off your knees," said Janet Odum, national sales trainer at Ekornes.

2) While quality recliners may cost more up front, the right recliner will provide years of comfort and support. According to Good Housekeeping magazine, the average recliner

lasts about 10 years with regular use.

3) Whether searching for a modern and sleek chair, or a love seat com-

posed of wood and leather, a recliner can be found to match your decor preferences.

4) Make a list of must-

have features such as a recliner that gives total body support — including lumbar support — when in the

reclining position.

5) If purchasing a recliner that will last for two decades or more, you may want to keep in mind decor preferences are likely

to change in that span of time. If you're still stumped, go with a classic model.

— Family Features

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The all-new Stressless Voyager.

Make New Year's party healthier

Give guests a leg up on their New Year's resolutions with these healthful tweaks to favorite holiday dishes.

Simple substitutions will jazz up appetizers, main dishes and desserts with flavor and nutrition.

Here are some crowd-pleasing ideas that draw on seasonal ingredients and are easy to prepare:

Appetizers

Finger foods should whet a healthy appetite without raising the cholesterol count.

Keep guests happy and well nourished by pairing sparkling white wine with nuts rather than simple carbs and empty calories. Nuts are a good source of protein, fiber and healthy,

monounsaturated fats. Nuts have powerful cholesterol-lowering effects.

A cheese ball made with goat cheese is a great choice for a party tray. It's lower in fat and contains fewer calories than cream cheese, while having more calcium, protein and vitamins A and B-6.

For a fun, sophisticated finish, roll the cheese in a nut coating that's free of artificial preservatives and flavoring, such as Sahale Crunchers Cranberries, Sesame Seeds + Honey. Serve with apple or pear slices instead of crackers.

Main course

Turkey is naturally tasty. Oven roast the turkey with spices and fresh herbs. Try using cayenne pepper, cardamom and



cinnamon, and herbs such as sage, thyme and dill, rather than extra fats, to flavor meats and vegetables.

For stuffing, use whole grain breads instead of white bread to add fiber, vitamins B6 and E, magnesium, zinc, folic acid and chromium.

For green bean casseroles, skip the French-fried onion rings and add a sprinkle of almonds for

crunch. Instead of adding brown sugar or marshmallows to yams, add a blend of nuts and dried cranberries for extra flavor and texture.

Salad

Serving a tossed salad is one of the easiest ways to bring fresh greens to the table. Leave off the croutons and extra cheese and give the salad some unique flair guests will find irresistible.

Dessert

Fresh, seasonal fruit is always a great choice for dessert. Simple baked fruit crisps and crumbles topped with nuts are also festive and satisfying.

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Misunderstood 3.8% Tax Hits Few Sellers Next Year

As of 2013, a new tax on home owners takes effect, but don't worry it's not likely to affect you. Here's why: Some sources have characterized the so-called Medicare surtax as a transfer tax on real estate, but it's not. What the tax is: A 3.8% tax on investment income from sources, such as dividends, interest payments, and capital gains; and a last-minute addition to healthcare legislation, to help shore up Medicare, affecting a limited group of high-income people.

Specifically, the 3.8% tax applies only to joint filers with an adjusted-gross income (AGI) above \$250,000 (\$125,000 for married couples filing separate returns) and single filers with an AGI of more than \$200,000.

Another limitation is that it's imposed on the smaller of a person's investment income, or the amount by which AGI exceeds the threshold amounts of \$250,000/\$125,000 or \$200,000.

What the tax isn't: It didn't change

the existing capital gains exclusions for profits on the sale of personal residences. If you sell your home, you're married, and you file jointly, you can still exclude up to \$500,000 in profit; if you're single or married and file separately, you can exclude up to \$250,000.

You just have to own and live in the property as a principal residence for at least two years out of the five-year period that ends with the date you sell the home. It only applies to home sale profit if the profit exceeds the \$500,000/\$250,000 exclusion or when the portion of the profit above \$500,000/\$250,000 causes the seller's AGI to exceed the threshold. Of course, other tax issues could come into play in your own situation, so consult a tax attorney.

The surtax, included in the law to offset the costs of healthcare reform, is expected to generate \$325 billion over eight years. For more information go to www.houselogic.com

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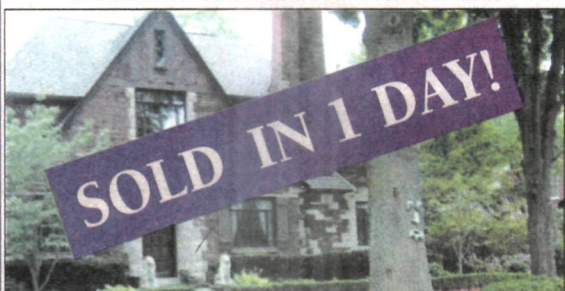


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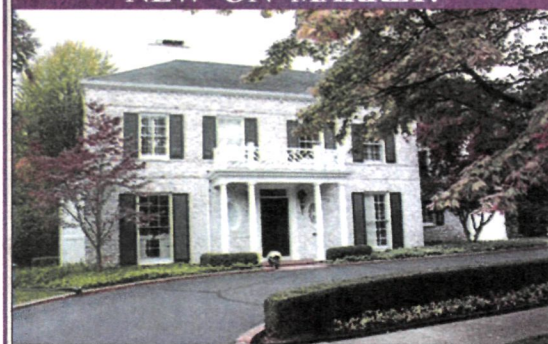
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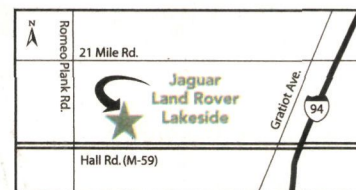


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Thanks to a re-engineered version of the Mitsubishi Innovative Valve Timing Electronic Control system with continuously variable valve lift, the 2.4-liter 4-cylinder engine, combined with a continuously variable transmission, will deliver fuel economy to place the Outlander among the most fuel-efficient vehicles in the 7-passenger CUV segment.

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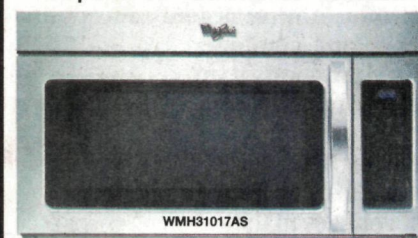
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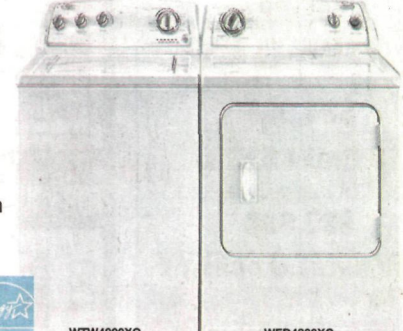
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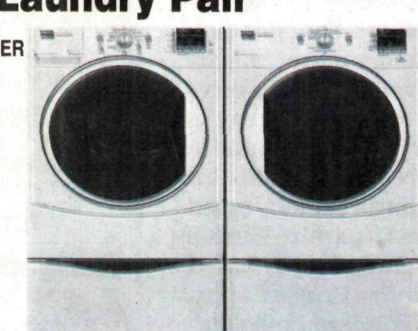
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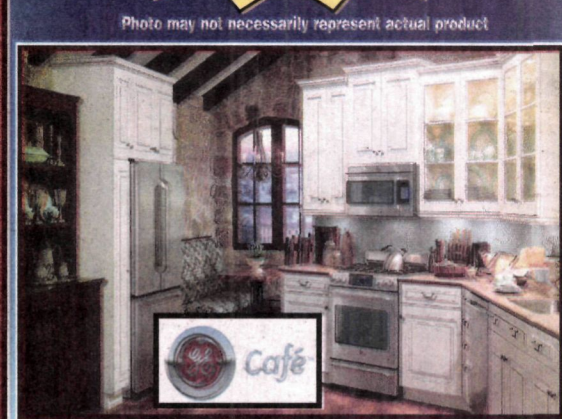
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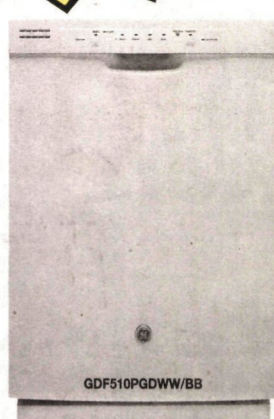


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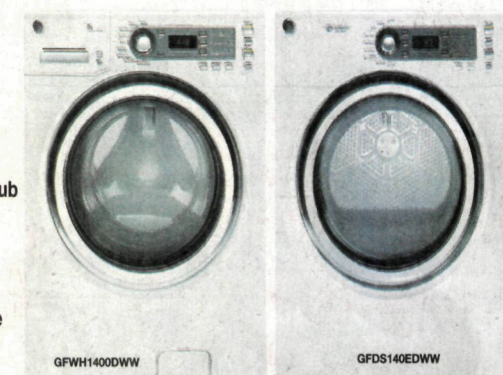
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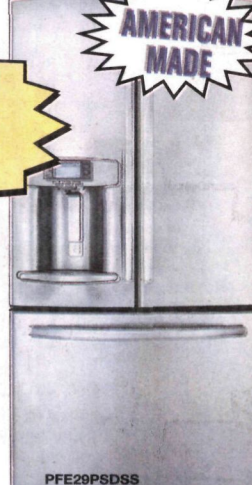
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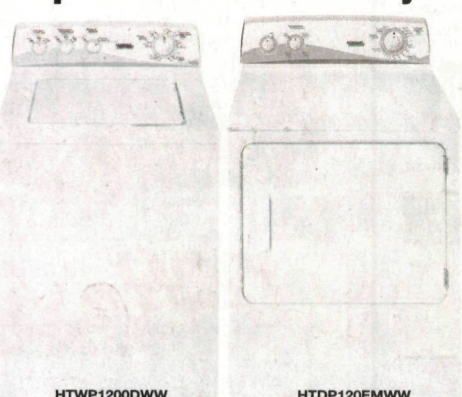
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Recreating miracles

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Since their September arrival from Greece, three iconographers have been working daily to restore the interior paintings of Assumption Greek Orthodox Church that were destroyed by a 2002 fire.

Iconographer Vlasis Tsotsonis, his assistant, Niko Gaitanidis, and technician, Ilia Broko, are working on Phase I of the church's restoration project. The second phase is repainting 16 prophets on the dome and is expected to take place in about 18 months.

Since the trio's arrival, the altar area and chapels were completed by December, prior to their departure for another job. The next phase includes repainting the church's dome and pendentives, as well as side arches and walls.

The smoke damage was so intense all the wood and gold leaf had been replaced, said Olga Cardasis, the church's office manager.

In an empty classroom, Tsotsonis first makes a small sketch of the biblically-inspired story, then a larger sketch in charcoal. The final step is to paint the scene on canvas. Gaitanidis and Broko transfer the five-meter by four-meter canvas to the sanctuary's walls. The canvas is glued to the walls, recreating what had been there prior to the fire, Tsotsonis said.

As Cardasis translated, Tsotsonis said, "I can't work on the wall itself. I work on canvas and it will be glued onto the walls. Once on the walls, we will do more details."



Top, Greek iconographer Vlasis Tsotsonis sketches and paints biblical scenes on a canvas. Upon completion, the canvas is glued onto the walls in the sanctuary. Above, Tsotsonis uses acrylic paints to recreate the biblically-inspired story.

Bright acrylic paints are used to depict various scenes. He is portraying 30 miracles and four scenes centering around the Virgin Mary.

"Every miracle has its own story," he said. "This is a large job for me... to show so many miracles."

"Tsotsonis depicts the beautification and the sanctification of the human person by the grace of God through paint and brush," said the Rev. Michael Varlamos. "The icons of the Lord, the Virgin Mary, saints and angelic hosts beau-



This illustration of Jesus, angels and apostles will be painted on the dome in Phase II of the reconstruction of the church.

tify the orthodox church in order to remind us of their presence in the world. They also encourage us to imitate them that we, too, may realize our God-given call to holiness."

This is the second time the iconographer has come to the St. Clair

Shores bordering Grosse Pointe Woods and nine years since he was first contacted to begin the project.

He said he was committed to a project in Jerusalem and unable to fit Assumption's project


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The baptismal area shows Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Attending angels 'halos glow, as do those around Jesus and John's head.




The Assumption Greek Orthodox Church interior was destroyed by fire in 2002. After four months of work, iconographer Vlasis Tsotsonis, his assistant, Niko Gaitanidis, and technician, Ilia Broko, have changed the sanctuary from plain white walls by painting them with vivid scenes of 30 biblically-inspired miracles, 16 prophets, Jesus and Mary.



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AREA ACTIVITIES

Grannie Nannies

Services for Older Citizens' Grannie Nannies meet at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, at Big Boy Restaurant, 20710 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Grandmothers who baby sit their grandchildren share information and ideas at their monthly meetings. For more information, call SOC at (313) 882-9600.

Blood drive

An American Red Cross blood drive is from 2 to 7:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, at St. Clair of Montefalco Catholic Church. To make an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org. For more information, call Tamara at (313) 779-9282.

Alliance Francaise

The Alliance Francaise de Grosse Pointe's Cine-Club hosts the showing of the film "Fanny Trilogie" by Marcel Pagnol at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 9, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods branch, 20680 Mack. Admission is free.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Eat lunch and watch the movie, "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel," at noon Tuesday, Jan. 15, at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center. Lunch is chicken marsala, tossed salad, rolls, dessert and beverage. The movie follows lunch. Judi Dench, Maggie Smith and Tom Wilkinson play British retirees who travel to India to take up residence in what they believe is a newly restored hotel. Less luxurious than its advertise-

ments, the Marigold Hotel nevertheless slowly begins to charm in unexpected ways. Reservations must be in by Jan. 4 by calling the Woods Community Center at (313) 343-2408. The cost is \$9 for Woods residents and \$11 for non-residents.

Belle Isle

The 43rd annual Belle Isle New Year's Eve Family Fun Run/Walk begins at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31, with a children's fun run. The 5K starts at 4 p.m. The top three 5K men and women winners are given awards. A trophy is given to every child completing the one-mile event. To register, visit belleislefunrun.com. Online registration is accepted through Dec. 30.

Assumption Cultural Center

Choose from a variety of fitness classes, self-improvement classes and events offered at Assumption Cultural Center. Several new self-improvement classes to the community: Texas Hold 'Em poker tournament style classes, taught by Harry Burkey; beginning bridge lessons; and bridge supervised play, where beginner bridge players are supervised by life master bridge player Jane Hall. Assumption has Acting for Stage and Screen Classes for Adults, where students are taught the fundamentals of acting for stage or film by Harry Burkey. For children, ages 8-12 years. There is an acting for the camera: Star in Your Own 30-Second Commercial, also taught by Burkey. Assumption introduces

Metropolitan Academy of Performing Arts that offers Youth Workshop — Intro to Musical Theater for beginners and intermediate students. Taught by Ellen Bowen, Melissa Smith and Melissa Peters, the class includes performances on March 6 and 10. To register, call (313) 377-4760.

Pickleball is offered and played on a badminton court with a perforated plastic ball and solid, composite paddles. The community can learn the rules of play at one of Assumption's three clinics: from 1 to 3 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 15.; 5 to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 22; or 8:15 to 9:45 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 24. Courts are available for open play from 1 to 3 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays beginning Jan. 28.

Kalosomatics exercise program runs from Monday, Jan. 7 to Saturday, March 23. Women's and co-ed, with cardiovascular emphasis incorporating aerobics, yoga and Pilates-like mat work, are offered at beginner, intermediate and seniors levels day and evening. Free babysitting is available during morning and night classes, and new students may attend any class free for one week.

Parents and Tots Play Group offers playtime exercise, music, creative activities and fun while developing cognitive, motor, social and emotional skills.

Other fitness classes are yoga, Tae Kwon Do Karate classes for adults and children and Zumba classes.

Assumption has scheduled two trips, one to New York City, June 24 to 30, and Boston, Sept. 23 to 29.

For more information or to register, call (586) 779-6111, ext. 4. The center is located at 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.



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Operation Warm

As part of Rotary's Operaton Warm coat drive, 110 new coats were delivered to the Grosse Pointe Public School System Dec. 10. They were given to students participating in the National Lunch Program at Defer and Poupard elementary schools and Parcels Middle School. On hand to deliver and take delivery of the coats were from left, Rotary of Grosse Pointe President Diane Strickler, Poupard Principal Penny Stocks, Defer Principal Karen Sullivan, Rotary Community Affairs chairwoman Suzanne Klein and Grosse Pointe Schools Superintendent Tom Harwood. Operation Warm is an effort by four Rotary District 6400 clubs in Detroit and Grosse Pointe to distribute 12,000 coats to children in Detroit, Harper Woods, Grosse Pointe and St. Clair Shores. For more information, go to SnuggleRotary.org.



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Adopt-a-family

The Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation donated \$250 to the Pierce Middle School Adopt-a-family program. Foundation president Dean Valente, center, presented the check to Andrea Bolton, left, and Gina Walker, right, both from Pierce Middle School, located in Grosse Pointe Park.

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1:00 pm Two in The Kitchen
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6:30 pm Shine a Light
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ASK THE EXPERTS
By Ann Luciura

Dyslexic children are no slouches

Q: Our fourth-grade son has been diagnosed with dyslexia, and we are about to start lessons with an Orton-Gillingham-trained instructor. The problem is, because of his frustration in school, our son is convinced he is stupid, nothing will change that, and tutoring is a waste of time. What can we do to give him hope?

A: Dyslexia does not mean a person is stupid. In fact, history shows, quite the opposite. Tell your son he is in excellent company. Albert Einstein was no slouch, revolutionizing physics. Fellow innovators Thomas Edison, Alexander Graham Bell and Henry Ford were dyslexic. In the art world, Leonardo da Vinci and Walt Disney are giants. Among today's dyslexic

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ENGAGEMENTS

Marowske - Manos

Gary and Kathy Marowske of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kerri Lynn Marowske, to Michael Chris Manos, son of Chris and Kathy Manos of the City of Grosse Pointe. A June wedding is planned.

Marowske is a 2007 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and education in 2011 from Albion College. She is a teaching assistant in Waltham, Mass.

Manos is a 2008 South graduate. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 2011 from The Ohio State University, majoring in music and modern Greek language. He is a candidate for a Master of Divinity degree at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in

Brookline, Mass.

McPharlin - Knapp

Thom and Linda McPharlin of Oakland Township, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristen Anne McPharlin, to Travis Bradford Knapp, son of Skip and Debbie Knapp of Grand Rapids. A September wedding is planned.

McPharlin graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in communication sciences and disorders. She earned a Master of Science degree from Rockhurst University and is a speech-language pathologist for autistic children at ABC'nD clinic in Kansas City, Kan., and the owner of Red Cedar, LLC.

Knapp is a graduate of

Iowa State University and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism and mass communication. He is an account executive with Perspective Software in Kansas City.

Graves - Derks

Sue and Larry Graves Jr. of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kaitlin Graves, to Zachary Derks, son of Pam and Jeff Derks of Muskegon. An August wedding is planned.

Graves graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 2008 and attends Grand Valley State University Kirkhof College of Nursing. She is to graduate in 2013 with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing.

Derks graduated in 2008 from Fremont High

School. He attended GVSU and is serving in the U.S. Air Force.

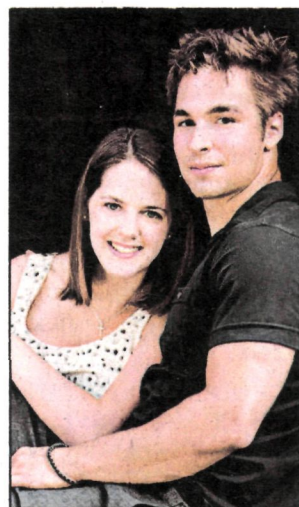
Repass - Harrington

Kathleen Repass of Geneseo, Ill., has announced the engagement of her daughter, Claire Analiese Repass, to Christopher William Harrington, son of William and Joanne Harrington of Grosse Pointe Park. Repass is the daughter of the late Dr. Rex Repass.

A September wedding is planned.

Repass earned a Bachelor of Science degree in recreation, sport and tourism event management from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana and is a senior event consultant.

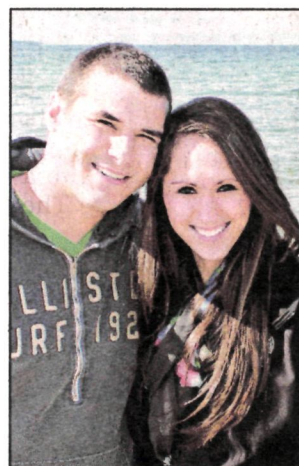
Harrington earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of Michigan and a juris doctor degree from Western State University College of Law, Fullerton, Calif. He is an attorney.



Kerri Lynn Marowske and Michael Chris Manos



Travis Bradford Knapp and Kristen Anne McPharlin



Zachary Derks and Kaitlin Graves



Claire Analiese Repass and Christopher William Harrington

DYSLEXIA: Thinking differently

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public figures are journalist Anderson Cooper, business tycoon Richard Branson, and authors John Irving and Stephen Cannell. Dyslexic entertainers include Jay Leno, Cher, Whoopi Goldberg, Quentin Tarantino and Henry Winkler.

I might refer you to "The Gift of Dyslexia: Why Some of the Smartest People Can't Read and How They Can Learn."

The book, by Ronald Davis and Eldon Braun, explains a dyslexic mind commonly thinks in three-dimensional pictures, not the slower, linear, language-based thinking of most brains. While this quality does not make every dyslexic a genius, the authors write, it does mean the person likely is unusually intelligent, inventive and creative.

The bottom line is — the brain function that makes reading and spelling so difficult for your son is the very trait that may turn out to be his greatest strength. Reassure him different learners just need different instruction to succeed in school.

proach, students can master the multiplication tables within hours. Whether introducing multi-digit addition and subtraction with number rearrangement, fraction operations, or geometry and algebra principles, making ideas something to see, touch and move is a powerful teaching strategy.

Laciura is an instructor at the non-profit Michigan Dyslexia Institute and a member of MDI's Detroit Metro Center's advisory panel.

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WEDDINGS

Mulkerin - Tassopoulos

Dr. Jennifer Lea Mulkerin of Santa Clara, Calif., and Dr. Alexander Mark Tassopoulos of Grosse Pointe Farms were married May 20, 2012, in Milwaukee.

The bride is the daughter of John and Lea Mulkerin of Santa Clara. The groom is the son of Andrew and Laura Tassopoulos of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Rev. Brian Mason performed the ceremony, after which a reception was held at Pier Wisconsin in Milwaukee.

The bride's Winnie Couture gown was off-the-shoulder, white satin with a bubble hemline.

She carried a floral bouquet of white hydrangeas and peach roses.

The bride's friend from Santa Clara, Linda Ngo, served as maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were the bride's sister-in-law, Esther Mulkerin of Santa Clara; and the bride's friends, Victoria Wong of Los Angeles, and Anna Cabigting

Almazan of Santa Clara. Zach Zemenick of Grosse Pointe Woods served his cousin as best man.

Groomsmen were the groom's friends, Robert Ginnebaugh of Grosse Pointe Farms, Jack Stevens of Grosse Pointe Park and Scott Kuzma of Milwaukee.

Scripture readers were the groom's sister, Alissa Tassopoulos of Grosse Pointe Farms, and the groom's aunt, Patrice Ticknor of Grosse Pointe Park.

Ushers were the groom's sister, Andreana Tassopoulos of Grosse Pointe Farms and James Mulkerin, the bride's brother of Santa Clara.

The bride earned a Bachelor of Science degree in physiology from the University of California, San Diego and a medical degree from Medical College of Wisconsin.

She is a physician resident in radiology at the Medical College of

Wisconsin.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Science degree in physiology from Michigan State University and a medical degree from Medical College of Wisconsin.

He is a physician resident in radiology at the same college.

The couple honeymooned at The Exumas, Bahamas.

They reside in Wauwatosa, Wis.



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Yesterday's headlines

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50 years ago this week

◆ POINTES OPPOSE FLUORIDATION:

Officials of three Pointes and Harper Woods are opposed to Detroit's proposed water fluoridation program. Against fluoridated water, besides Harper Woods, are the Park, Shores and Woods, all customers of Detroit.

Detroit proposed fluoridation program is opposed in a recent Harper Woods resolution as "an additional exercise of power over our inhabitants, who are without voice or vote thereon."

The Farms pumps its own water from Lake St. Clair, and supplies the City, its only customer. In 1951, the Farms started to fluoridate its water, but discontinued this in 1955.

The Farms city manager said the fluoridation debate has never been revised on a serious scale, and it appears to be almost a dead issue.

◆ MILK DEPOT HELD UP BY LONE GUNMAN:

A lone gunman held up the Johnson Milk Depot at 18534 Mack and escaped with a small sum of money grabbed from

the cash register.

By sheer coincidence, a witness who saw the man running, was the same person who witnessed two bandits leaving the milk depot after a \$40-holdup in January 1961.

◆ POOCH PLAYS HERO'S ROLE IN HOT SCENE:

The pet dog of a family on Bournemouth in Grosse Pointe Woods, woke up its owners at 5:40 a.m. when a cushion caught fire. The dog was a colie.

A resident told officers she heard her dog barking on the first floor of the house and got up to see what was the matter. She said she went downstairs and saw the pet struggling with a burning seat cushion.

The animal had the seat in its teeth and was dragging it toward the front door, letting it go at intervals to let out a few loud barks.

The woman said she and her daughter shoved the chair outdoors and waited for the firefighters.

1987

25 years ago

◆ NO VOTE UNTIL 1989 OR '90:

School board officials have decided to give the library expansion ques-

tion a rest, at least for the next year or two, as they consider in more detail what caused the November bond issue failure and where to go next.

◆ HOME CONSIDERS EXPANSION:

Things got off to a rough start for the Children's Home of Detroit in its initial request to build an addition and new building at the Cook Road facility in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The planning commission held a public hearing which took on sudden death when the project architect was unable to produce final elevations for the site plan.

The project calls for a new building to be constructed immediately north of the existing administration building, adjacent to University Liggett School and an approximately 3,000-square-foot addition to an existing building.

◆ WOMAN SAVED AFTER CAR PLUNGES IN LAKE:

A 20-year-old St. Clair Shores resident escaped serious injury when the car she was driving southbound on Lakeshore struck the center median, crossed over northbound lanes, hit the curb and skidded sideways into Lake St. Clair between Woodland Shore and South Deeplands.

The woman was pulled from the lake about 3:30 a.m. by a Grosse Pointe Shores patrol officer.

The officer had been alerted to the incident by a Woods resident who saw the car in the lake.

— Compiled by Karen Fontanive

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff



PHOTO BY VIRGINIA O. MCCOY

Create crab imperial for your new year's party and serve it with a bottle of bubbly.

Saving the best for last



Five! Four! Three! Two! One! Happy New Year!

I am saving the best for the last this new year's eve. Crab imperial and a good bottle of bubbly is my pick as we say so long to 2012. (Hard to believe.)

The recipe combines lump crab with a creamy sauce, lots of finely chopped veggies and just the right amount of spice. Baked to perfection! Served on toast points or crackers.

Crab Imperial

(Stingray's Restaurant, Virginia)

1 stick butter (preferably unsalted), divided
3 tablespoons flour
2 cups heavy cream
1 lb. fresh lump crab meat, picked over for shells
1 cup panko bread crumbs, divided
½ cup finely chopped

red pepper
1/4 cup finely chopped onion
1/4 cup finely chopped parsley, divided
2 tablespoons sherry (or white wine)
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1 ½ teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon paprika, divided
1 teaspoon dry mustard powder
½ teaspoon cayenne pepper
salt and pepper to taste

assorted breads or crackers for serving
Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Heat five tablespoons of the butter in a medium sauce pan over medium heat. Add flour and cook and stir for two minutes, until smooth. Whisk in heavy cream and bring mixture to a low boil. Cook and stir for a few minutes until mixture thickens. Remove from heat and stir in crab, ½ cup of panko, pepper, onion, two tablespoons of parsley, sherry, lemon juice, Worcestershire, ½ teaspoon paprika, dry mustard and cayenne. Gently mix to combine all ingredients. Taste and

season with salt and pepper.

Spread mixture into a greased pie or quiche dish so the mixture is just a bit over an inch deep.

Or you may divide the mixture into small ramekins for individual servings.

Melt remaining three tablespoons of butter and combine in a small bowl with remaining ½ cup panko, ½ teaspoon paprika and two tablespoons chopped fresh parsley.

Sprinkle topping over crab mixture (s). Bake at 400 for 20 minutes, until mixture is lightly brown around edges and bubbly in the center.

Serve with crackers or toasted breads.

Crab imperial is rich and creamy and full of great flavor. The ingredient list may be long but it is not sophisticated. It's the combination of them together that brings a sophisticated taste to your palate. Perfect with champagne. For sure.

Happy new year from my kitchen to yours.

PAINTING: Restoration under way

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in his schedule until recently.

Tsotsonis, the son of farmers, studied fine arts in Athens, Greece, learning the art of hagiography (biography of saints), including Byzantine painting and mosaic. He has worked all over the world, including Berlin, Jerusalem, Amman, Jordan, the monastery in Meteora, Greece, Germany and the United States.

He said he knew as a young child he would be depicting Christ through the arts.

"At 7 years old I was drawing Christ and God," he said. "I knew I was gifted. I feel the love with the iconography. I knew that was my gift. I went to school in Athens and to Venice to the university."

Tsotsonis works year round on his creations and said, "I work in the most beautiful places in the world. I don't need to take a vacation."

Now 61, Tsotsonis said he will keep painting, though once in a while his hands hurt. "I've been blessed to keep on with my work."

When one scene is complete, he begins another. "That keeps me going," Tsotsonis said.

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SPORTS

Girls basketball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils annihilate Cousino

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' basketball team avenged last year's loss at Warren Cousino with a more than convincing 69-27 win early last week.

Last year, the Blue Devils built a double-digit second-half lead against the Patriots, but went cold and eventually lost. It was the Blue Devils' only league loss and forced a tie atop the Macomb Area Conference White Division between Cousino and South.

South head coach Kevin Richards and his Blue Devils made sure this wouldn't happen again.

"We wanted to come out and jump out early, which we did," Richards said. "Everyone played well tonight."

The Blue Devils used their full-court press to force 10 first-quarter turnovers, which helped them take an 18-3 lead. A 9-0 run turned a 6-1 lead into a 15-1 lead and the route was on.

Senior Claire DeBoer paved the way in the first

quarter with six points and it was senior Gretchen Shirar's two three-point baskets and sophomore Aliezza Brown's 11 points that propelled the Blue Devils into a 39-16 halftime advantage.

In the third quarter, Richards subbed four players with four of his starters. They didn't miss a beat and turned the game into a blowout. They outscored the Patriots' starters 20-5 and the lead was 38 points, 59-21.

It was a running block midway through the third quarter and throughout the fourth.

"Our pressure and defense was very good tonight," Richards said. "We're getting our rotation set and the presence of Bre (Andrews) makes us an even deeper team."

Brown led the way with 17 points, followed by Andrews with 13 and Shirar with 11. DeBoer finished with eight points and seven assists from her post-position, and freshman Natalie Engel had eight points.

Sophomore Cierra Rice



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South senior Gretchen Shirar battles for a rebound during the Blue Devils' win over Cousino.

had six points. Others who played well were senior Christy Flom, sophomore Katie Kish and sophomore Cydney Webb.

Senior Emily Satterfield

played a few minutes in the opening half, but twisted an ankle and sat out the remainder of the game.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 4-1 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen net victory

By Fletcher Sharpe
Special Writer

The Grosse Pointe North girls' basketball team roared back from a first-quarter deficit for a dominating win over Plymouth, 53-35, last week.

The key to their victory was the pressure applied by head coach Gary Bennett's players.

"We knew they were bigger than us," Bennett said. "We had to be able to pressure them so that the size difference was nullified. Otherwise they'd dump it down to (Shelby Cheston) every single time."

Plymouth took control early as Kylie Robb and Jada Woody took charge, scoring early to jump out to a 13-9 lead after the first quarter.

The tide seemed to change when Bennett subbed in senior forward Taryn Kiah.

With six minutes left in the half, she made her mark with a powerful three-point play in which she spun into the heart of the lane, made the basket and was fouled.

"Kiah had been sick for most of this year,"

Bennett said. "She played about 12 minutes of our second game and was out since then. She rejoined us for practice Monday, so it's good to have her back."

Kiah finished with a game-high 14 points, including making 2-of-4 from three-point range.

The Wildcats fought back in the second half, but the Norsemen had timely three-pointers from Anna Giordano, Emily Armbruster, Phoebe Dodge and Stavi Varlamos, as well as off the bench from Erin Armbruster, to maintain the lead.

Maria Liddane had 12 points for the Norsemen and Jayla Hubbard added seven.

"It's always nice when the ball goes in the basket," laughed Bennett. "We have to make shots in order to pull away. Eventually we wore them out and stretched out a lead."

The Norsemen withstood 13 points from Robb and 10 from Woody by limiting the rest of the team to just 12 points.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 2-4 overall with the win.

College signings

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

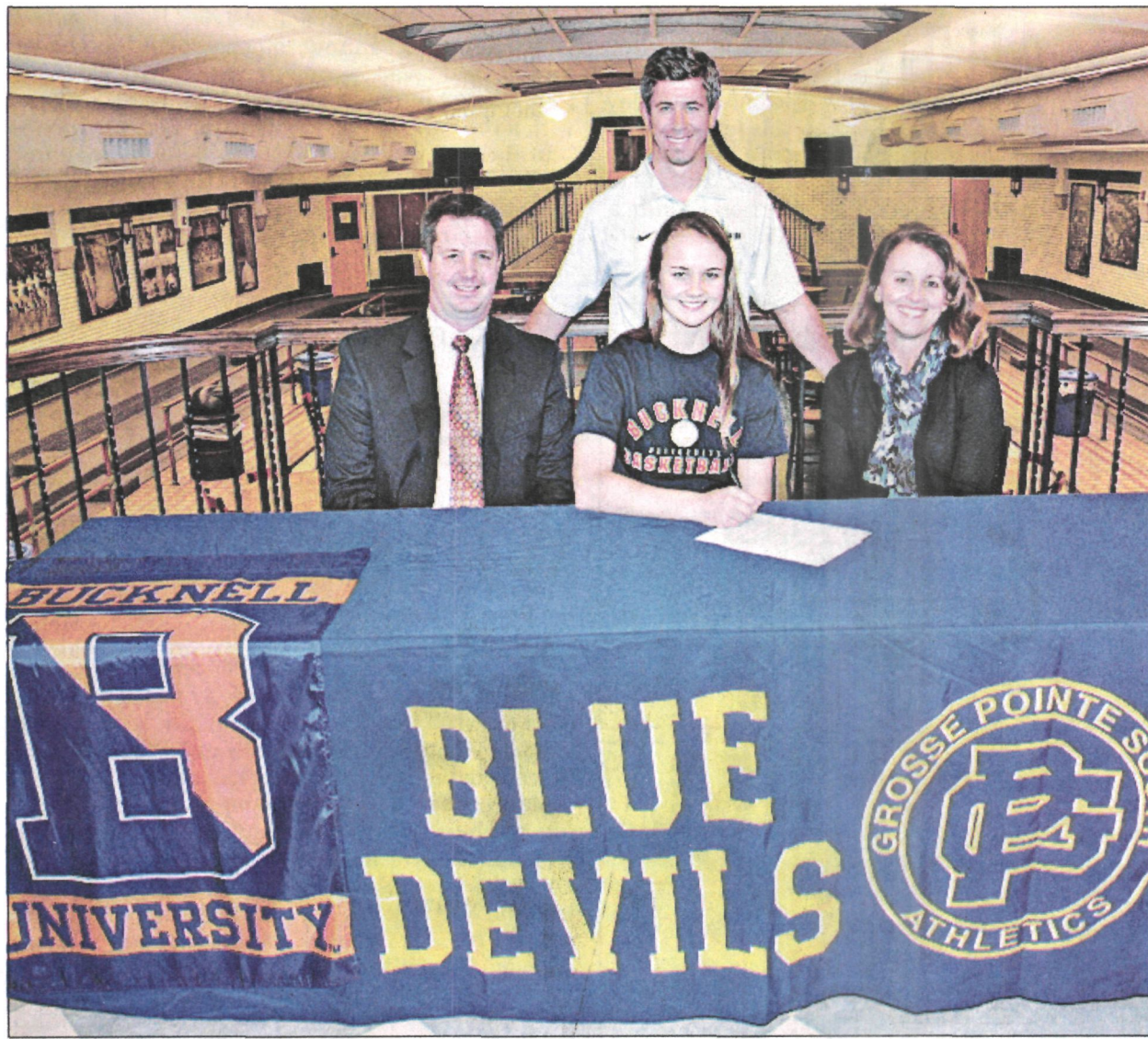


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Bucknell bound

Grosse Pointe South senior Claire DeBoer, seated center, recently signed a letter-of-intent to play women's college basketball for head coach Aaron Rousell and the Bucknell University Bison next year. The Bison are currently 3-2 overall, as of Nov. 28, and are gearing up for the Patriot League slate beginning in January. Bucknell's league foes are Army, Colgate, Lafayette, Lehigh, Holy Cross, Navy and American University. DeBoer is one of the leading candidates to earn league MVP honors this winter. Taking part in the celebration were Claire's parents and South girls head basketball coach Kevin Richards.

Boys basketball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Effort good, result bad

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys' basketball team gave it the old college try in its road game against L'Anse Creuse last week.

However, in the end, the Blue Devils lost 65-58, falling to 0-5 overall.

"We played hard and were in position to win, but that poor third quarter didn't help," head coach Dave Grauzer said. "We need some of our leaders to step up a little more. It's something we will work on during the break and come back ready to host Harper Woods."

The Blue Devils trailed 16-15 after the first quarter, but two three-point baskets by junior Josh Gray helped the visitors take a 24-18 lead with 3:33 left in the first half.

Grauzer's squad played well on both ends of the floor and outscored the Lancers 13-7 in the second to lead 28-23 at halftime.

Junior Jabari Burton drilled a three-pointer early in the third period as the Blue Devils built their largest lead, 32-23.

During the final six minutes of the period, the Lancers scored 26 points to the Blue Devils' 4 as the nine-point lead

turned into a 49-36 deficit.

Using a lineup including senior Neal Fleming, junior Jack Strachan, senior Daniel Handliah and junior Charlie Warren, the Blue Devils cut the deficit to five and had a shot to make it a three-point deficit, but Fleming's shot rolled around the rim and never went in.

The Lancers turned the miss into a make on their end and that, essentially, was the game.

Gray scored 16 points to lead the team, while senior Joe Becker had eight. Burton, Fleming and junior Darius Harris had six points apiece.

South has two weeks to prepare for its next game, Friday, Jan. 4, at home against Harper Woods.

After the Pioneers' game, the Blue Devils begin play in the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division with a home game Tuesday, Jan. 8, against Port Huron Northern.

South's division foes are Anchor Bay, Madison Heights Madison, Fraser, Port Huron and Warren Fitzgerald.

"We're in a tough division, so this non-league schedule should prepare us for this," Grauzer said. "We will see, but I know our guys will be ready."

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Boys hockey

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen play well

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys' hockey team is making it routine to play one-goal games.

For the third straight game, the Norsemen won a one-goal game. This time it was Trenton and the final was 4-3.

"We didn't play particularly well, but we found a way to win another close game," head coach Scott Lock said. "Trenton is a fine team and earning two points from them is big."

The host Norsemen broke a 3-3 tie in the final minute of the third period when senior Jack Stander scored. They tied it in the opening 16 seconds of the third period when senior Jeff Herron's wrist shot was misplayed by Trenton's goalie and found the back of the net.

The home team outshot the Trojans 15-4 in

the opening period, but found themselves in a 1-1 tie. Junior Nick Murray scored on the power play for the Norsemen at the 10:16 mark and the Trojans tied it with a power-play tally at the 4:40 mark.

Trenton scored twice in the second period to take a 3-1 lead. They had the home team on its heels, but Lock watched his Norsemen get a huge momentum boost when sophomore Nick Cusmano scored with only 29.4 seconds remaining.

"Scoring that goal late in the second period to cut the deficit to 3-2 was huge," Lock said. "Combine that with the goal at the beginning of the third period and we really had the momentum."

The Norsemen dominated the final period and senior goalie Tanner Colborg made a couple of key saves in the final



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North senior goalie Tanner Colborg makes one of his two dozen saves to help the Norsemen beat Trenton.

few minutes to keep the game tied 3-3.

Grosse Pointe North is

3-3 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League and 5-4 overall.

Swimming

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils beat Ford

Grosse Pointe South's boys' swimming and diving team evened its record at 1-1 last week, beating Utica Ford 136-46.

Head coach Eric Gunderson and the Blue Devils got off to a fast start as the top two spots in the 200-yard medley relay went South's way.

The team of Jacob Montague, Zachary Due, Andrew Trost and James Seagram won with a time of 1:55.77 and the foursome of Connor Mallegg, Jack Warren, Tyler Leggat and Samuel Wilkinson placed second with a time of 1:56.71.

Devlin Francis won the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:00.72, with Robby Koueiter and Andrew Harrison taking third and fourth with times of 2:04.84 and 2:06.21, respectively.

In the 200-yard individual medley, Patrick Jackson won with a time of 2:07.90 and Douglas Graham took second at 2:12 for the Blue Devils.

The Blue Devils took the top seven spots in the 50-yard freestyle, led by Frank Cusumano's time of 23.83. Wilkinson was second at 25.10 and Patrick Waterston was third at 25.31.

Eric Addy and Erik Romer finished first and second in diving, earning 165.80 and 151.20 points, respectively, and the trio of Graham, Koueiter and Cusumano finished first, second and third in the 100-yard butterfly with times of 1:01.78, 1:03.36 and 1:07.44, respectively.

Jackson won the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:20.75 and the Blue Devils' foursome of Francis, Cusumano, Jackson and Graham won the 200-yard freestyle relay with a time of 1:35.46.

In addition, the team of Due, Koueiter, Jimmy Fildes and Waterston took second in the relay with a time of 1:45.18.

In the 100-yard backstroke, Leggat was second with a time of 1:07.26, and Francis won

the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:09.29.

Also in the breaststroke, Due and Montague finished second and third with times of 1:14.70 and 1:14.91.

The Blue Devils won the 400-yard freestyle relay with Jackson, Seagram, Wilkinson and Cusumano posting a time of 3:43.16. The squad of Graham, Waterston, Montague and Trost took second with a time of 3:48.83.

In other recent action, South finished seventh with 148 points in the Warrior Relays. Birmingham Seaholm won with 288 points, followed by Birmingham Brother Rice with 270, Ann Arbor Pioneer with 256, Ann Arbor Huron with 196, Warren DeLaSalle with 172 and Grand Blanc with 158.

South also took third in the Midland Invitational. Dexter won with 406 points and Midland took second with 395. South was third with 342.

The Blue Devils' 200-yard medley relay team of Due, Jack Warren, Leggat and Seagram earned a silver medal with a time of 1:57.67.

In event four, another 200-yard medley relay, the foursome of Jackson, Francis, Nick Yoo and Jack Martin took second with a time of 1:43.57, and Leggat won the 200-yard IM with a time of 2:21.89.

Seagram won the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 25.03 and Wilkinson was first in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:03.34. Other winners were Yoo in the 100-yard butterfly and Jackson in the same stroke. The meet featured several heats of freestyles, butterflys and other strokes. Yoo had a time of 55.70 and Jackson's 54.26.

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, Graham, Cusumano, C.J. Stafford and Martin took second with a time of 1:36.07.

College signing

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH



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K-Zoo bound

Grosse Pointe South senior George Fishback, seated center, was joined by family, including father, George Fishback Sr.; mother, Suzy Fishback; and grandmother, Barbara Reed, as well as South varsity baseball head coach Dan Griesbaum, when he made it official he will play college baseball at Kalamazoo College. Fishback will play for head coach Mike Ott and the Hornets, which finished 16-24 last spring. Kalamazoo starts its season March 20 at Miami-Middletown.

GROSSE POINTES

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GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen win opener

The Grosse Pointe North boys' swimming and diving team started off the season with a 106-77 win over Utica Stevenson last week.

Matt Leone was a double winner, taking the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard backstroke to lead the Norsemen.

Single winners included Patrick Turnbull in the 200-yard individual medley, William McNelis in the diving competition and Danny MacAskill in the 500-yard freestyle.

North moved to 1-1 in dual meet competition, losing 121.5-63.5 to L'Anse Creuse.

Turnbull was North's sole first place winner, taking the 100-yard freestyle.

Head coach Mike O'Connor said season-best performance were recorded in the 50-yard freestyle by Matt Stander; in the 100-yard

freestyle by Turnbull and A.J. Owens; in the 200-yard freestyle by MacAskill and Jacob Flowers; in the 100-yard backstroke by Mathew Leone, Alex Owens and John Leone; in the 100-yard breaststroke by Stander, John Hales and Michael Rieth; in the 100-yard butterfly by Michael Lemanske; in the 200-yard individual medley by Owens and John Leone; and in diving by McNelis.

When North returns from the holiday break, it opens the Macomb Area Conference Red Division schedule at city rival Grosse Pointe South Tuesday, Jan. 8.

North also swims at Macomb Dakota Tuesday, Jan. 22, as well as hosts division foes Romeo, Tuesday, Jan. 15, and Chippewa Valley Tuesday, Jan. 29.

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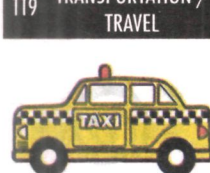
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