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MONDAY, JAN. 14

◆ The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce business after hours is from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Coliseum International Salon and Day Spa, 75 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Bring business cards to enter raffles.
◆ The Grosse Pointe Public Library adult reading program begins at 9 a.m. at all branches with the theme "Hot Reads for Cold Nights." Enter online at gp.lib.mi.us.

TUESDAY, JAN. 15.

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores city council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 795 Lakeshore.
◆ Representatives from Grosse Pointe-area preschools are available to answer questions and provide information about programs from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods branch, 20680 Mack.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 16

◆ The Neighborhood Club Recreation and Wellness Center, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse

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A new neighborhood

Hundreds of Grosse Pointers attended the open house for the new Neighborhood Club Recreation and Wellness Center in the City of Grosse Pointe, including Morgan Bunn of Grosse Pointe Woods, who checked out the slide in the new nursery school space while parents and teachers look over the room.



Top, Ronan Gartrell, left, and his brother, Aidan, of Grosse Pointe Farms check out the elliptical machines that are among the new exercise equipment at the Neighborhood Club Recreation and Wellness Center. Above, Grosse Pointe Park residents, from left, Viviana and Alexandra Ostrowski, Caroline Parent and Miranda Ostrowski dip their fingers in the new pool and declared the water felt like bath water. Left, George Guo, Katie Cotzias and Sean Bruce register the hundreds of people who signed up for memberships after touring the new facility.

War Memorial president retires

After three decades, Weber steps aside

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

In his 32 years as president of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, Mark Weber's goal was to change people's minds. He retired Dec. 31.

Under his guidance, the iconic War Memorial evolved from a rental hall to a local cultural institution — by taking the community's pulse and responding with classes, lectures, dinners and cultural activities to meet those needs, he said, and honoring service men and women.

"It's an honor to have Memorial Day and Veterans' Day services," he said.

"The changes in programming we're trying to make Grosse Pointe the best place it can be. We're talking about understanding things differently. If someone comes to the War Memorial and changes a little bit, learns about the world, those lit-



FILE PHOTO

Mark Weber of Grosse Pointe Farms stepped down the presidency of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Dec. 31.

tle changes — it's significant."

Whether people attend a meeting of one of the 30 non-profits that call the War Memorial home, hear a lecture, see a play or attend a wedding reception, "you walk away with a good feeling, that's the basis of our philosophy," he added.

Weber said he is proud of the Memorial's tribute to the past and present service men and women, and the collaboration of the community

leaders and schools. The cable television station, owned and operated by the non-profit War Memorial, and lined with 24/7 programming with locally-based shows, is also a source of pride, he said.

A Grosse Pointe native, Weber graduated from Indiana University and earned a Ph.D. His goal was to be a small college or university. While teaching at

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PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Jason Osborne, a Farms fire division specialist, caps a nozzle on one of the department's two fire trucks.

Fire came at right time

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Public safety officers double-teamed a garage fire mid-afternoon Sunday, Jan. 6.

"Think of all the things people have in their garage: gasoline, propane tanks, all kinds of plastics and cars to provide extra fuel for a fire," said PSO Tom Shimko, a Grosse Pointe Farms fire inspector.

The fire, in an attached two-car garage on De Petris Way near Grosse Pointe Boulevard, grew from fireplace embers discarded with holiday

tree cuttings in a plastic trash can.

"The homeowner had a fire in the fireplace the night before," said Sgt. John Bruno, incident commander. "He was emptying his fireplace and had some pieces of Christmas tree and garbage in the garage."

"He said he threw some snow in, too," Shimko said.

Nevertheless, ashes can mask embers, which retain combustible heat longer than many people realize.

"Christmas trees go off like gasoline," Bruno

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Horse power

Nicholas P. Sinacori, left, presents the first copy of his book, "Horse Power, Men and Machines" to Dr. Michael A. Luberto of Grosse Pointe Woods. Sinacori spent 45 years researching the history of the Fairview area of Detroit and Grosse Pointe Park. He will sign his book at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, at City Kitchen. The book covers the history of horse culture, the automobile culture, area politics and organizational and church involvement of the region. The book can be purchased at the Grosse Pointe Historical Society.

Arrangement delayed

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Prosecution is delayed one month for a man arrested minutes into Christmas morning for drawing a pistol and demanding entry to the house of his estranged wife and their children.

The extra month allows Milton Maurice Green, 35, of Detroit, and his court-appointed attorney more time to prepare a defense.

Green is charged with assault with a dangerous weapon and possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony. Penalties total six years in prison.

Green returns to Farms Municipal Court at noon Wednesday, Feb. 6, for a preliminary hearing.

He admitted during

his arraignment Dec. 26, being refused entry to his estranged wife's house in the 400 block of Moross at about 12:15 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 25.

He'd arrived to help two of his children celebrate a belated Christmas Eve, he said. Green, licensed to carry a concealed weapon, denied responding to his wife's rebuff by pointing a loaded, semi-automatic pistol at her through a side-door window.

His preliminary hearing had been scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 2.

"Today's the date and time set for preliminary exam," said Judge Matthew Rumora, opening the session. "How are we proceeding?"

Terms of the adjournment maintain restrictions that visiting Judge Russell Ethridge

imposed while arraigning Green and setting bond of \$25,000, or 10 percent.

Restrictions forbid Green from contacting his wife. He also can't go within a mile of the house on Moross.

"He cannot call, e-mail, text — no communication whatsoever," Gary Bresnehan, principal attorney in the Wayne County prosecutor's office, said last week during the adjourned prelim.

"No communication towards the complainant," Rumora said. "Do you understand that, Mr. Green?"

"Yes, I do," Green answered.

"That includes mail, or e-mail, phone either through yourself or through third parties. OK?" Rumora said.

"Yes," Green answered.

The beauty of it all

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Begonias will replace impatiens next year in municipal flower gardens.

The switch stems from lingering contamination by downy mildew.

The fungus attacked impatiens so thoroughly last year the ornamental flowers were pulled from the ground before fall.

Downy mildew is composed of hardy spores that linger in soil for at least one growing season, making last year's beds untenable for impatiens in 2013.

Infestation also carries economic consequences to the Grosse Pointe Shores Beautification Advisory Committee, which plants and tends municipal gardens.

"We will have to purchase additional flats of flowers, since begonias do not spread as well as impatiens," said Helen Bai, committee chairwoman, during a year-end review last month.

Bai looks forward to next spring, which will mark the fourth consecutive year for the committee's Sponsor-a-Garden program to privately fund city-owned gar-

dens. Sponsors donated \$5,425 last year to adopt 48 municipal gardens, up from 27 gardens when sponsorships launched in 2010.

"In 2012, the total cost of purchasing flowers and bulbs has been covered by revenues raised through our project," Bai said.

Keep Michigan Beautiful thought so highly of sponsorships it awarded its highest honor, the Presidents' Plaque, to the Shores.

Imitation is the best form of flattery, and Bai was pleased to advise counterparts on the City of Grosse Pointe beautification commission how to set up garden sponsorships of their own.

Atypical activities by Bai's group during 2012 included hosting the Beautification Council of Southeast Michigan summer meeting.

"It is a group of 40-plus communities that get together quarterly," Bai said.

The all-day meeting was at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House.

"Doug Conley, the

master gardener and head gardener at the Ford House, was our speaker," Bai said. "He arranged a special tour for about 100 people

In 2012, the total cost of purchasing flowers and bulbs has been covered by revenues raised through our project.'

HELEN BAI
Committee chairwoman

who attended."

A new activity last year was participating in Keep America Beautiful's American Recycle Day.

Among potential projects this year may be creation of a rain garden along the lines of one installed a few years ago at Farms Pier Park.

"Their rain garden takes runoff from one of their buildings and completely waters a small garden," said Councilwoman Kay Felt.

She toured the garden with its designer Lev Wood, a Farms councilman.

Suspect caught on camera

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Police are counting down a larceny suspect's 15 minutes of fame.

The unknown male suspect's image, recorded on security video, is being distributed by media outlets.

Investigators hope someone can help put a name to his face, after which prosecutors intend adding his name to an arrest warrant.

Individual frames from the video show the man at 10:15 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, entering the office of an exercise studio on the Hill, from which an instructor's wallet was stolen from her purse.

"The wallet was found the next day in bushes at Ridge and Muir with no money, but the (victim's) drivers license and other things were there," said Detective Bryan Ford.

Officers obtained other security videos to tail the man leaving the crime scene.



PHOTO PROVIDED BY GROSSE POINTE FARMS PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Anyone who can identify this larceny suspect is asked to call the Grosse Pointe Farms Department of Public Safety at (313) 885-2100.

"I watched him walk out a back door northbound on Muir past the hospital," Ford said.

The suspect is a white male, 5-foot-6 to 5-foot-9. He appears to weigh about 170 pounds and wore a short mustache with no other facial hair at the time of the larceny, according to police.

Based on the man's outfit — a brown Carhartt jacket, blue jeans and a dark cap with a "W" or "M" on the front — police sought him among

construction crews.

"We had no luck at area construction sites," Ford said. "We decided to put the video on the news to see if we can find out who that is."

Tipsters may contact the Grosse Pointe Farms Department of Public Safety, (313) 885-2100. Ford's extension is 1213.

On stage

From left, Grant Hale of Washington Township and Leon Anderson Jr. of Fraser in Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of the musical "Big River" opening at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

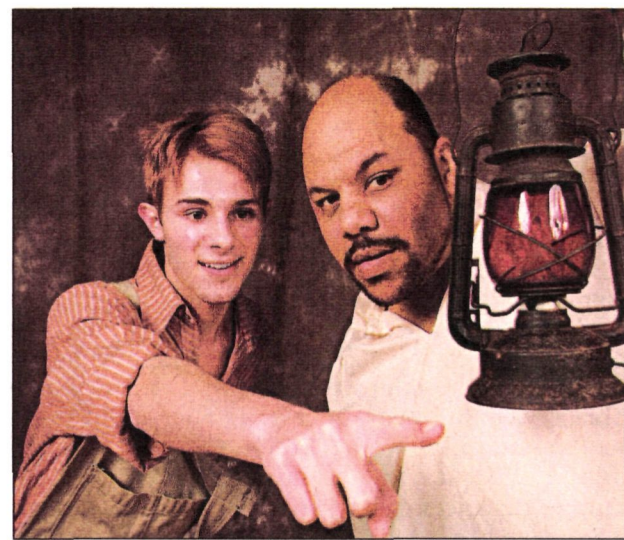


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Seniors discuss community-based services

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Area seniors, adults with disabilities and those who care for them are invited to a community information session that will not only provide access to community resources, but also seeks input on how to improve those services.

The Detroit Area Agency on Aging on Thursday, Jan. 17, hosts an Aging Summit at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial for residents from the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

The event runs from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Admission is free. Advance registration is required.

"This is going to be a wonderful opportunity for area seniors and adults with disabilities to not only learn about the

services that are available to them, but to also give government and agency officials ideas as to what is lacking," said Joan Thornton, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident and a member of the DAAA advisory council.

The summit provides residents with information on demographic trends and emerging issues participants should be aware of, as well as allowing residents to identify service gaps and make recommendations as to how funds can be better allocated.

In addition to service issues, participants will learn about new health and wellness strategies currently being developed for the area. Residents will register their input through KeyPoint Clicker Technology, allowing

for instant results and feedback.

"Our goal is to provide strong home and community-based services for our seniors," Thornton said. "But to do that, we need everyone's input."

The morning summit begins with a continental breakfast, and con-

cludes with a raffle at 12:30 p.m. Reservations may be made by calling (313) 446-4444, ext. 5854 by Monday, Jan. 14.

The DAAA is a private, non-profit agency providing services for residents 60 years of age and older, adults with disabilities and caregivers.

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Focus: power outages, millage vote

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Residents were outraged with all the power outage during the year and the council responded. Citizens also went to the polls to vote on millages.

March

With the concerns of residents in mind, the council at its meeting March 19, authorized a resolution to the Michigan Public Service Commission asking for a thorough review of the benefits and alleged downsides to installing the new "smart" utility meters in houses in Grosse Pointe Woods. The resolution states, in part, "A number of persons, including residents of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, have expressed concerns regarding smart meters in the area of health, privacy and a lack of consumer/homeowner options relative to the installation of these meters by DTE.

April

While there was no formal discussion at the Grosse Pointe Woods city council meeting Monday night of a possible vote on a Headlee Amendment override, opponents to it made their feelings known during public comments at the close of the meeting. At issue is a possible vote by Woods residents this November to approve an override of the Headlee Amendment that would allow city offi-

cial to increase the city's millage rate, currently set at 14.04 mills, to 17.69 mills. Money raised through the millage increase would be used primarily to fund major road repair projects. If that's the case, some residents noted then ask the residents for a designated millage increase strictly for road repair, rather than a general tax increase with no guarantee that money would be used for road repair. "We all know that many of our roads are in sorry shape," former city council member Pete Waldmeir told the council.

Waldmeir has joined forces with two other former council members, Lisa Pinkos Howle and Joe Sucher, to challenge any millage increase that would allow the money to go into the city's general fund rather than kept separate for a designated purpose such as road repair.

It isn't everyone who actually lives an episode of CSI on a daily basis. But for Todd Fenton, Ph.D., a forensic anthropologist from Michigan State University, his day wouldn't be complete without latex gloves, a microscope and bones. Fenton discussed his work with detectives from several of the Grosse Pointe public safety departments last week, and while it isn't often local public safety departments deal with bone fragments and skeletal remains, there was still much to learn from Fenton's presentation. As an investigator brought

in by law enforcement agencies on suspicious death cases, Fenton, along with his colleague David Foran, Ph.D., lends his expertise to cases that oftentimes have stumped investigators for years. Sometimes it can take weeks for the MSU professors and their graduate students to provide the answers bringing closure to these cases. Or oftentimes it can take just a few minutes. "You'll have to excuse me if I don't smell very good," Fenton said in his opening remarks. "Let me give you some advice, never stand downwind when opening a cooler that may contain suspicious remains."

Just before coming to Grosse Pointe, Fenton had been called to a potential crime scene by a local sheriff's department that had found a cooler dumped by the side of a road. Upon opening it, Fenton had an answer for the local police. "Why do deer hunters always keep the remains of their deer in a cooler?" he asked somewhat rhetorically. "You'd be surprised how often that happens and how often we get called to identify those bones."

May

A new program offered by Grosse Pointe Woods gives residents a chance to learn more of the day to day operations of their public safety department and gives them a better understanding of what happens when they dial 911.

A Citizens' Public

Safety Academy will be offered in September, providing participants an overview of their local public safety department, including operations, fire safety, dispatch services and crime prevention. In addition, it offers citizens tips on preventing identity theft and how to avoid phone, internet and mail scams.

June

It might be time to check the junk drawer for any unpaid tickets that were stashed away with the thought of paying them next pay day, because if that ticket was generated in Grosse Pointe Woods, pay day is upon you. And that pay day has paid off big for the Woods' general fund.

A year ago, retired Woods public safety officer Jim Lafer was given a desk and a phone and was put to work collecting thousands of dollars owed to the city through court-ordered fines, unpaid traffic and parking tickets and restitution orders. To date, nearly \$100,000 has been collected.

July

Representatives of DTE Energy heard complaints from Grosse Pointe Woods residents and provided few answers as to why many houses were without power for several days at the beginning of July. The officials attended the Woods city council meeting Monday, July 16. DTE's lack of response, both at the time of the outage and at the council meeting, prompted city officials to order a public hearing, at a date to be determined some time in August, where DTE officials will have to give residents an official reason why the outage occurred and a definitive plan to prevent these outages in the future. "I was among those without power," council member Art Bryant told the DTE representatives, "and that wasn't the first time. We were without power for four days a few weeks before that, and I know houses on Roslyn were without power another time. We're without power a lot. You generate \$10,000,000 in revenue from this area, and I want to know when you're going to put money back into this area to improve our service and guarantee an end to these outages." At issue is an outage that occurred in an area bounded by Mack, Vernier, Lakeshore and Blairmoor Court, referred to by many simply as "the quadrant." Most residents lost power about 5 p.m. Friday, July 6, and power was not restored until Sunday night, July 8, they had to endure a weekend with temperatures into the 90's without air conditioning or fans.

There are all kinds of ways to look innocent, but for a young man from St. Clair Shores, walking away from a police officer at 4:30 a.m. while carrying a woman's purse isn't one of them.

Grosse Pointe Woods police recently increased patrols in an area where several incidents of larceny from autos occurred, as well as two car thefts. During the early morning hours of Tuesday, June 26, a Woods officer on patrol noticed three young men walking near Blairmoor Court and Charlevoix. When he started driving toward them, the three turned and started walking away. It was then he noticed the one young man was carrying a woman's purse, while another had a backpack. After requesting backup, the officer stopped the trio, and while questioning them as to what they were doing out walking during the early morning hours, they appeared, according to the police report, "evasive and confused. They said they were going to a friend's house, but couldn't remember where the friend lived." Upon further questioning, one of the young men said he lived on Avalon in St. Clair Shores, which the officer recognized as the street where both stolen cars had been found abandoned just a few days before. By this time, backup had arrived and the young man's purse was searched. Officers found a radar detector, women's sunglasses, credit cards with women's names, a digital camera and perfume. The backpack was also searched, and police found money and women's glasses.

August

Officials from DTE Energy will meet with Grosse Pointe Woods residents Wednesday, Sept. 12, to discuss continuing problems with power outages in the city. The meeting was requested by city officials following an outage in July that left a large segment of the Woods in the dark for several days. At the time, DTE officials told the city the problem was caused by a burned out cable at the DTE transformer at Mack and Anita, which was replaced, but problems developed when attempting to restore power with the power grid tripping and blowing fuses. According to Woods city administrator Skip Fincham, DTE maintained recurring power outages had been resolved in January when upgrades to what is known as the 1481 Vernier circuit were completed. DTE officials met with the Woods city council earlier this year and assured the city these

upgrades would not only reduce the number of outages, but when they did occur, fewer residents would be without power as the result of "sectionalizing" done during the upgrade.

But that did not appear to be the case the first week in July when residents in an area bordered by Mack, Vernier, Lakeshore and Blairmoor were not only without power for three days or more, but were left with few answers from DTE.

That prompted Mayor Robert Novitke to place the outage on the July 16 city council agenda and demand a hearing with representatives of DTE. Several DTE officials attended that council meeting. While they offered apologies, they didn't offer much in the way of hard facts as to what DTE was doing to avoid outages like this in the future.

Knowing that minutes count when treating medical emergencies, St. John Hospital and Medical Center is proposing the installation of a helicopter landing pad to service air ambulance flights from Michigan's Thumb area. "Our primary focus will be on stroke patients," explained Carrie Stover, a St. John administrator. "We know that during a stroke, 32,000 brain cells per second are lost. Treatment options are time sensitive, so obviously time is of the essence for those patients." Plans call for a permanent landing site to be built on the Moross Road side of the complex, near the Emergency Room entrance.

Until then, the hospital hopes to have a temporary site established in the North parking lot area, but to do that, it needs the approval of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation will share its newest project as members and guests gather for a kick-off celebration Thursday, Sept. 6, at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. The new project is centered at the Woods Lakefront Park and includes a new entry way and a fitness trail. It is expected to be completed by next summer. "This is a project all residents can use and enjoy," said Peter Ahee, the foundation's vice president. The proposed fitness trail will feature 12 to 15 fitness stations along the park's 1.3 mile-long jogging and walking trail.

September

City administrators presented their case to residents Monday night on why the city is requesting voter approval of a Headlee property tax override on the November ballot.

About 75 residents attended the meeting. City treasurer DeAnn Irby explained a Headlee override is needed to make up for a loss in tax revenue due to declining property values. According to Irby, in the 2007-08 fiscal year, tax revenue was nearly \$15 million. In the 2012-2013 fiscal year, that revenue dropped to \$12 million. The decline in revenue represents a 30 percent decline in taxable property values.

At the conclusion of Irby's remarks, city administrator Skip Fincham introduced several department heads to residents and said they would be available to

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I SAY By Ann L. Fouty

Keeping resolutions is easy in Grosse Pointe

So many good intentions were declared late in the evening of Dec. 31 and the early morning hours of Jan. 1, 2013, that things will be different and better.

Were those grand resolutions to eat healthier? Exercise more? Spend more time with the family? Get organized? Spend less and save more? Did you resolve to eliminate stress

The Grosse Pointe News publishes club notices for non profits and all are looking for new members.

from daily life? Do you want to learn something new? Or do you just want to change the humdrum and lackluster days into fun interactive events with like-minded Grosse Pointers?

How's it going?

Health gurus and helpful "experts" are more than happy to impart their knowledge of how to change and rearrange your life so you will be a success at whatever good intention you filed at the beginning of the year.

They offer new equipment to shake, sweat and stretch off those Christmas pounds. There are plenty of men and women with certifications, degrees and ideas of how to change a lifestyle to reverse an existence of backsliding. The weight loss organizations have so many suggestions it makes a head spin. A pastry and latte are required to stabilize the spinning. Oops, there goes the resolution.

Instead of throwing up your hands and giving up, consider volunteering for a local nonprofit. Or join a club to fulfill a special interest or broaden your world.

Do your interests lean to cultural events — an instrumental or vocal concert or learning a new art form? Have you considered performing on stage or making sure the curtain rises on time or the props are available? Possibly an informative lecture is more your style. Do you need a support group and answers to your questions? Would a day trip be in your liking?

Meeting those who like to sing, act, paint, socialize, learn something new, serve the community; enhance their passions, skills, talent or interests are all around Grosse Pointe. There are so many offerings those resolutions to serve the community can also improve oneself.

If you have an interest, more likely than not there is a gathering of like-minded people to help you overcome your shyness to join.

You shouldn't be surprised there are willing and smiling members to ease you into their society.

Everybody was a new member at one time.

With that said, you can fulfill your new year's resolution because no matter what you declared and the vows of how 2013 will be different than 2012, it can be kept.

The Neighborhood Club Recreation and Wellness Center, Grosse Pointe War Memorial, Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center and Services for Older Citizens are just four local organizations offering a smorgasbord of fun and helpful classes, events and activities.

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Keeping a new year's resolution is quite easy and you don't have to travel far to keep that new year's promise.

Editor's note: Non-profits and service organizations should e-mail their information, photos and contacts to afouty@grossepointenews.com.

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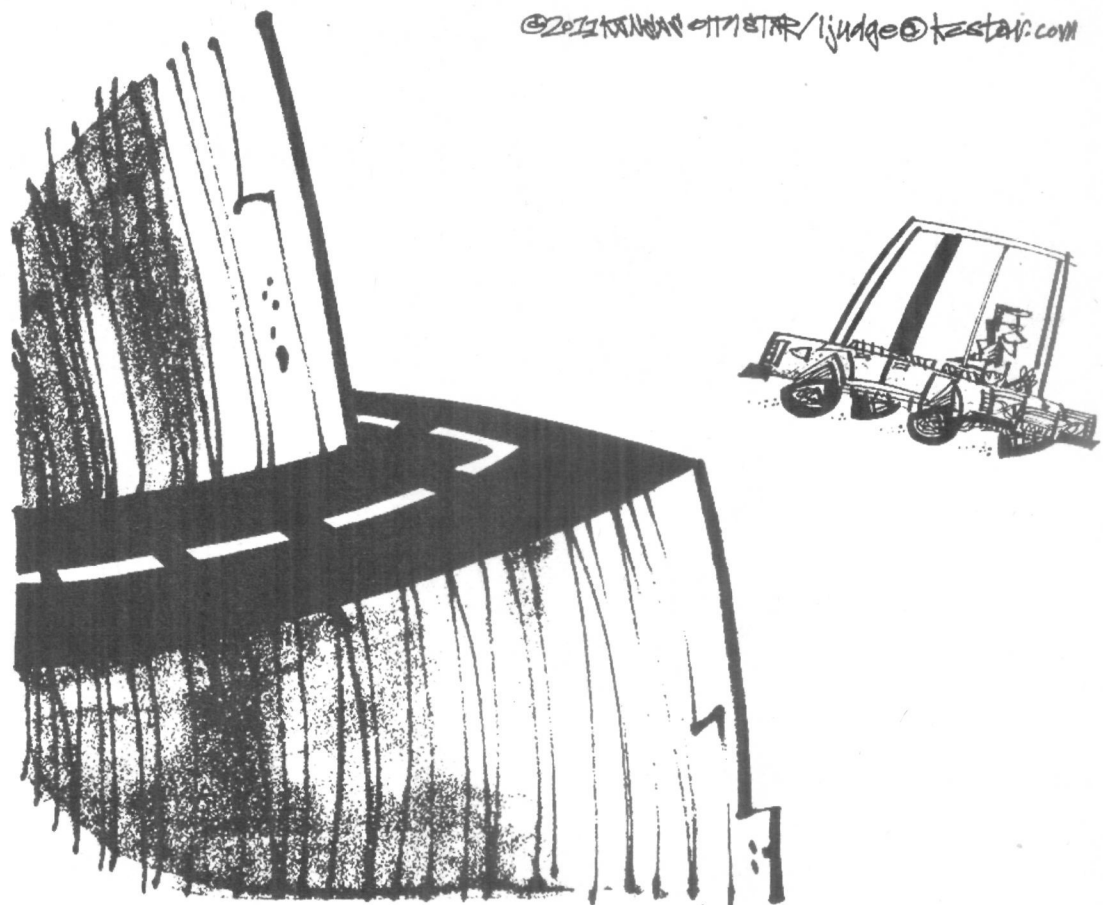
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The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday. Letters to the Editor can be e-mailed to jwarner@grossepointenews.com.

Grosse Pointe War Memorial president plans retirement

To the Editor:

I am writing to share with you my decision to retire as president of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial beginning this month.

Reaching this milestone in my career is a special occasion and it comes with both a sense of sadness and excitement for the future.

The decision to retire has not been an easy one for Judy and me. However, we have increasingly come to realize the great opportunities that drew us here more than 30 years ago have been, for the most part, achieved. Simply stated, the time is right for a change in leadership for this wonderful community institution, and for us a propitious time to seek out new challenges in our lives.

Looking over the last 32 years, I believe all of us in the Grosse Pointe community can take tremendous pride in what

we have achieved together. The War Memorial is unlike any organization or institution. Our mission of facilitating the educational, cultural, civic and patriotic needs of this community is a noble one and a shining example of what makes the Grosse Pointe community special.

The War Memorial enhances our quality of life, and all of this is accomplished in humble honor of our veterans and the remarkable men and women currently serving our country — a purpose that is uniformly inspirational and worthy of our deepest respect.

I want to acknowledge the War Memorial's success is due in large part to the outstanding and hardworking board members who have served over the past 30 years. Likewise, our experienced administrative team and devoted staff have consistently made significant contri-

butions to the success of our mission.

Not to be overlooked is the tremendous generosity of our strong corps of donors and volunteer supporters who give so much of their time and resources to keep the War Memorial vibrant. The combined effort to those contributing to the War Memorial's success has been a joy to behold, and our success would not be possible without their caring and kindness.

I am deeply grateful and humbly honored to have served as president of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. It gives me great pride to know our efforts have enhanced the Grosse Pointe community.

It is my professional legacy to have devoted my time building up the War Memorial's integral role in Grosse Pointe. The past is prologue to the future, and it is my parting hope the War Memorial's legacy to me will be one of continued growth, success, teamwork and an abiding passion for such a special place and mission.

Grosse Pointe is my hometown and the community where Judy and I brought up our children. I know the War Memorial will continue to help make Grosse Pointe a special place for all of us.

MARK R. WEBER
President
Grosse Pointe War Memorial

Catholic church concerns

To the Editor:

This is in response to Bill Hodgman's letter to the editor, "Restore Catholic church," pub-

lished in the Dec. 13 Grosse Pointe News.

The article starts by saying America has re-elected Pres. Barack Obama, a progressive politician. Therefore, the Catholic church needs to examine its performance and commit itself to progressive reform.

Mr. Hodgman, what happened to separation of church and state?

Mr. Hodgman, you elaborated on six ways the Catholic hierarchy need to make reforms. You continue by stating, "We American Catholics should convene a council to take up the hard issues and make clear recommendations to Rome."

It's clear, Mr. Hodgman, you don't understand the organizational chart of the Catholic church. Every organization has an organizational chart.

My suggestion to you is to pursue the following paths to make your concerns known:

1) Contact Cardinal Dolan, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. At his address in New York City.

2) Contact Archbishop Allen Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit.

3) Write to Dennis Coday, editor of the National Catholic Reporter, Kansas City, Mo.

4) Last, but not least, get on your knees and pray to the Holy Spirit for enlightenment as well as change.

My last comment regards the Grosse Pointe News. It is a community newspaper, therefore an article of this nature which criticizes any religion does not belong in a secular newspaper.

DOROTHY B. GRIGGS
Grosse Pointe Farms

GUEST OPINION By Bill Kalmar

Please don't shake my hand

It seems hard not to notice the number of people who have the flu, its symptoms or an upper respiratory cough.

It is the time of year when America succumbs to the illness bug and millions of people will be coughing, sputtering and sneezing. Some people who have had a flu shot may be immune from all this, but some who have had the shot may still fall victim — go figure.

What disturbs me is during some church services, an arcane practice is still done this time of year which promotes the passing of these diseases unto unsuspecting parishioners.

In the Catholic church, for instance, we have what is referred to as the

In the Catholic church, for instance, we have what is referred to as the "kiss of peace."

"kiss of peace," also known as Pax, which is the mutual greeting of the faithful during mass as a sign of their union with Christ. Some people merely shake hands while others engage in hugging and kissing.

While I understand the significance of the act, I think this practice should be abandoned during flu season. How about a nice smile to convey one's feelings to others?

I am currently coming out of the throes of a severe cold and an upper respiratory cough. During that time, I did not engage in any hand-

shakes while at church. Heck, I barely left the house.

I had the courtesy to not inflict my disease on others and I expect the same of others who are sick.

What also disturbs me is the Eucharistic ministers at mass who dispense communion and have shaken hands with others and then give me a wafer to digest that hopefully does not contain any viral ingredients.

If I sound like a germaphobe, so be it.

So here's my admonition:

◆ If you are coughing

and sputtering and either have the flu or flu symptoms, stay home.

◆ If you decide to attend church services and are sick, consider sitting in the back rows away from everyone.

Candidly, I think the good Lord will give you a pass during your illness — so once again, stay home.

◆ If you go to work with these symptoms, don't expect anyone to greet you with a smile.

◆ If you encounter me at church for the next several months, don't expect me to shake your hand. Just wait for my engaging smile!

Kalmar is the former director of the Michigan Quality Council and a former resident of Grosse Pointe.

WOODS: Residents speak out

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answer individual questions. Several audience members were vocal in their complaints that they had expected more of a town hall-type meeting, with a question and answer session done in the context of an open forum. Despite their comments, Fincham held firm.

Determined that complaints about recurring power outages stay not just at the local level, Woods officials voiced their concerns directly to the Michigan Public Service Commission, the state agency charged with overseeing local utility providers. Mayor Robert Novitke and city administrator Skip Fincham traveled to Lansing Friday, Sept. 7, where they met with several members of the MPSC, including Don Mazuchowski, Electrical Operations manager. At issue were the recurring power outages affecting a large segment of Grosse Pointe Woods, bounded roughly by Vernier, Brys, Mack and Lakeshore, and the fact that even though DTE had assured residents and city administration the problems had been resolved, power outages continued. had met with DTE to discuss our problem."

November

Residents soundly defeated two proposals that would have increased property taxes through an override of the Headlee Amendment to the state's Constitution. The first proposal, which asked voters to approve an increase of 1.85 mills over 10 years with the monies going to the city's general fund, was defeated by a 2-to-1 margin, 5,948 to 3,788. A second Headlee override, which would have been used for road construction bonds, was closer, but lost by a vote of 5,217 to 4,389. A citizens group headed by three former city council members, Lisa Pinkos Howle, Joe Sucher and Pete Waldmeir, organized a campaign against the proposals, saying the city had not made enough cuts to the city's budget.

Woods city council approved a temporary helicopter landing site for St. John Hospital and Medical Center, with several caveats, the most notable being a six-month time limitation.

It will also limit the number of flights during that time period to a maximum of 25. The approval allows St. John to install a temporary landing site for medical helicopter flights in the north parking lot.

The vote came following a public hearing, where several Woods residents who live on the streets bordering the parking lot spoke in opposition to the proposed site. St. John originally requested a one year time frame for the site, while it worked through the approval process for a permanent site with the city of Detroit. St. John asked

Grosse Pointe Woods officials to approve a temporary site for one year to allow sufficient time for the hospital to secure the necessary approval and financing for the project, as well time for constructing the facility, which would include installing a new elevator in the parking deck. The one year time frame and St. John's need for approval from Detroit causing council members to balk.

A 54-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident was found dead in his Hampton Road house between Mack and I-94 on Monday, Nov. 26. Woods Public Safety Director Andrew Pazuchowski said Don Dewulf was found by relatives and police are investigating the death as a homicide.

December

The year 2013 is still weeks away, but the Grosse Pointe Woods city council decided not to wait to begin budget talks for the next fiscal year. Faced with declining revenues that could mean a \$700,000 shortfall and a message from voters the way to balance the budget is to make cuts rather than raise taxes, the council has directed department heads to look to ways to cut costs as well as new revenue sources. Two department heads made recommendations that could have a dramatic impact on city services.

Declining water levels result in the council coming up with two plans in its marina, one for just the dredging of the channel leading to the lake, the other for the dredging of individual boat wells.



FILE PHOTO

Former president of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Mark Weber said one of his proudest events at the facility are programs to honor veterans, including the Memorial Day services.

WEBER: Proud of accomplishments

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IU, Weber was enticed to come home to change the facility from a rental hall into a continuing education facility to meet the needs and interests of the community.

"That's the part that interested me," he said in a phone interview, "to become a change agent, (meeting) cultural, educational, patriotic, civic needs and interests."

With his wife, Judy, also an IU graduate, they moved into the Alger House. Their son, Rob, was the first child to live in that house since the original owners. The family, including a dog, lived there for two years, until moving to a Grosse Pointe Farms house, where their daughter, M.G., calls home.

Their former apartment was turned into Weber's office and a development office.

Weber said he can't take the credit for the institution's achievements, but points to the War Memorial's active

board and staff who serve between 150,000 and 200,000 people a year in life-long learning offerings and special events and the kitchen staff preparing more than 60,000 meals every year.

Additionally, he has most recently overseen the installation of a new roof, cobblestone entry, handicap accessible features, an improved stage area and the veterans' garden. He modestly takes no credit. "It's just a lot of collaboration," he said. "I feel good about the War Memorial and what we have done over 32 years. I haven't done it, but it's been an honor for me to help."

Though retiring from the War Memorial, he said he is not retiring from the community.

"I'll be involved with the community, I'm looking at other challenges and things I'd like to do in the community, a promoter of synergy and volunteering."

BUDGET: City balances budget

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October

◆ Village Ace Hardware will close on Kercheval in late January, 2013.

Owners are moving the store to the former Lochmoor car dealership site on Mack in Detroit.

◆ City council members change retiree

healthcare benefits. New terms cost the city's 49 retirees up to \$468 more each year for prescription drugs.

◆ Residents seek increased police presence in response to last month's street crime against two young girls.

◆ The city could save

\$50,000 per year by eliminating rear-yard trash collections, according to Dame.

Additional savings of \$300,000 over five years is forecast by eliminating equipment for rear-yard collections, plus a larger refuse vehicle, he added.

November

◆ The adoption of an updated master plan follows through with designating a healthcare district on the square-block campus of Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe.

Establishing the district makes it easier for city officials to regulate the area and enforce zoning restrictions, according to council members.

◆ The annual audit for fiscal year 2011-12 reveals continued declines in property tax revenue.

"It appears that taxable values are going to stagnate for a while," said an auditor.

December

◆ A traffic study of blinking lights at three intersections — St. Paul and Lakeland, University and Goethe, and Charlevoix and Rivard — recommends the light at University and Goethe be removed and the intersection made a two-way stop for the cross street, Goethe.

"If the council wishes to pursue something, action will be in January," Dame said.

FIRE: Nine officers, two fire trucks responded

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said. The residents backed their cars out of the garage and tried to water down the fire.

They called public safety headquarters for help at 2:54 p.m., virtually when the day shift and afternoon shifts were coming and going.

PSO Traci Johnson, working days, was in street clothes ready to go home when the alarm sounded.

She was among nine officers and fire specialists responding in squad cars and two fire trucks. Each cruiser has a chemical fire extinguisher in the trunk.

"Basically, we had 1 1/2 shifts of people here," said PSO Vince Finn, first on scene with Shimko in separate cruisers.

They encountered fire melting two plastic trash bins.

"Flames showered the cabinets," Shimko said. "Wall plates melted nearby. Heat built up."

"Tom and I dumped two cans of dry chemical

on the fire to slow its growth, then backed out and waited for everybody else," Finn said.

Officers sprayed the area with water from a fire truck's on-board tank.

Stubborn embers needed another dose of drychem after officers hauled charred debris from the garage to the driveway.

Members of the road patrol began clearing the scene at 3:20 p.m. Other officers remained to roll up a fire hose and stow equipment.

Bruno advised homeowners to keep Christmas trees, garland and clippings away from heat.

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan**
NOTICE TO BIDDERS - 2013 Lake Front Park Channel Dredging AEW PROJECT NUMBER 0160-0356. Sealed bids will be received by the City at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 25, 2013, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Plans and Specifications are on file and copies may be secured on or after Friday, January 11, 2013, after 1:00 p.m., at the offices of Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc., 51301 Schoenherr Road, Shelby Township, Michigan 48315 (586) 726-1234. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities in the bidding and to accept any proposals it deems to be in the best interest of the City. The City of Grosse Pointe Woods, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, SubTitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.
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City of **Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan**

NOTICE OF PROPOSED HEARING AND PROPOSED STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT OBJECTIVES

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, January 28, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. by the City Council at the City Municipal Office, 15115 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230, for review of Community Development Block Grant.

The following activities are proposed for programming of 2013 funding under the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Sewer Repairs	\$37,949
Senior Services (SOC)	15,151
Joint Grosse Pointe Senior Housing Rehabilitation (SOC) ...	20,000
Administration	5,900
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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

Phone taken

Shortly before 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 2, a Grosse Pointe Park woman reported exiting Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe without taking her \$150 iPhone off a counter.

Returning a brief time later, it was gone.

"Using the 'find-the-phone' app, the victim was able to trace the phone to Eight Mile and Gratiot (before) losing the signal," said a public safety officer.

Her complaint was the first crime report filed during 2013 in the City of Grosse Pointe.

— 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

Life of the party

A 16-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms male drowned his whistle on New Year's Eve, according to police tending to him at 12:31 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 1, in the 200 block of McMillian.

Callers to public safety headquarters reported the youth knocking on a front door and vomiting on a parked car.

Police investigating the Farms' first complaint of 2013 found the teen lying in the roadway.

Concerned residents stood nearby.

"(He) was unable to stand without assistance," said a patrolman. "(He) had a laceration to his lower chin, which he was unable to explain."

Officers said the boy had a .16 percent blood alcohol level.

Medics took him to a hospital.

Round in chamber

At 5:27 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, two public safety officers went to Henry Ford Cottage Hospital regarding a disorderly woman with a gun.

"Dispatch indicated a mentally ill woman in the emergency room needed restraint," according to

an officer's report. "Dispatch indicated the (woman) stated she had a gun in her car."

Instead, a search revealed the woman's semi-automatic pistol and marijuana paraphernalia in her purse, according to police.

The gun, a Kel-Tec PF-9, was loaded with six rounds in the magazine and one in the chamber, police said.

Officers said they confiscated the firearm and the woman's concealed weapon permit.

Bash bashed

A man accused of letting his teenage son host an underage drinking party tried to lawyer up while patrol officers were

busy breaking up the bash at 10:21 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, at a house in the 400 block of Maison, according to police.

The man allegedly "raised his voice" to officers and presented his brother, an attorney from Colorado.

"(I) explained it was not the appropriate venue for such an argument (and) court was the appropriate venue for such discussion," said an officer at the scene.

Police requested open house charges against the 54-year-old father and his wife, 53.

Of more than 30 teens attending the party, police said 14 registered blood alcohol levels ranging from .022 to .120 percent. They're being mailed citations for possession of alcohol.

Some 19 teenage guests hadn't been drinking, police added.

— Brad Lindberg

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

her over on southbound Lakeshore near Briarcliff for operating a 2011 Nissan 2.5S more than 10 mph over the speed limit and without headlights activated. The car's license plate was expired, police added.

"(Her) eyes were watery and bloodshot," according to the patrolman. "(She) handed me a credit card instead of her driver's license."

She had a .129 percent blood alcohol level, according to police.

— Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Shoplifting

A manager of the Kroger on Mack was leaving at 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, and noticed a customer was also leaving with several items that had not been paid for.

The manager watched as one suspect loaded the groceries into a car with the help of the car's driver. Police were called, the two suspects were apprehended and arrested. Both had arrest records, with the driver of the car is currently on probation.

OWI

About 9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 1, police received a call warning of a car driving erratically on Mack near Edmundton. About 10 minutes later, they were called to an accident that had just occurred at Marter and Vernier, involving the same car.

No one was injured in the accident, but police detected a strong smell of alcohol on the driver, a 42-year-old Grosse Pointe Shores resident who failed a field sobriety test and recorded a .30 on a breathalyzer test.

She was arrested and the car impounded.

If it goes up, it comes down

A worker on the midnight shift at St. John Hospital returned to her car at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 1, and found the back window shattered and a .45 caliber bullet in her back seat.

Police believe the bullet was the result of an unknown New Year's Eve celebrant shooting off a gun at midnight.

Take it outside

Two women exchanged angry words while in a checkout line at Kroger's on Mack at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31.

Both women left the store, but police were called when one of the women blocked the other from leaving her parking spot.

Police were able to calm both women down, and neither chose to press charges.

— Kathy Ryan

If you have information on these or any other charges, contact Grosse Pointe Woods police, (313) 343-2400.

Grosse Pointe Park

B&E

At 5:45 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 5 an unknown suspect gained entry to a bar on Charlevoix by breaking a glass window and reaching in and unlocking the door.

The suspect fled when the alarm was activated.

UDAA

A 1999 Plymouth Neon was taken overnight Wednesday, Jan. 2, from the 1100 block of Maryland.

— Kathy Ryan

If you have information on these or any crimes, contact Grosse Pointe Park police, (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Shores

First of 2013

Grosse Pointe Shores police made their first arrest of 2013 less than an hour into the New Year.

At 12:50 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 1, a traffic stop resulted in a 21-year-old Clinton Township man being taken into custody.

An officer pulled him over on northbound Lakeshore near Vernier for weaving a vehicle between lanes.

The man was wanted in St. Clair Shores for failing to appear in court on an unspecified charge.

The purse of a 17-year-old female passenger from Grosse Pointe Woods contained a glass, strawberry-shaped pipe with suspected marijuana residue, police said.

"(The woman) states the pipe was hers, though denies using it or marijuana," said a public safety officer.

Officers cited her for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Lights out

The year began badly for a 22-year-old Warren woman.

Police arrested her for drunken driving at 2:18 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 1.

A patrolman pulled



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Head Start in their hearts



Lead co-teacher, John Ruiz, dances with the children of Poupard Elementary School's Head Start program. Director Teresa Harrington, middle, and a parent, right, participate as well.

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

There's a saying in Head Start circles around the country. "Head Start in my heart," said Teresa Harrington, Head Start Director at Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency, mostly because "if it gets in your heart, you're there for life, you're just a lifer."

Harrington is a former Head Start parent-turned-lifer, actively working with the federal school readiness program for early childhood-aged children of low-income families since 1994, with Wayne Metro since 1998. As director, she manages program operations in Hamtramck, Highland Park, Harper Woods and

now, thanks to principal Penny Stocks's relentless pursuit, in Grosse Pointe, specifically, at Poupard Elementary School.

The program started at Poupard this past September, allowing 20 Grosse Pointe families the benefit of an early childhood educational offering, using the High Scope Curriculum, that individualizes instruction based on students' needs in areas such as gross motor skills, pre-math, pre-science, pre-literacy, diversity and culture.

"High Scope works in a way where it's child-centered," said Maggie Schumaker, the lead co-teacher at Poupard, along with Juan Ruiz. "We find things that they're interested in and

we find ways to scaffold that so they understand."

Another component of Head Start to aid children's understanding is the program's focus on routine. Each day in Poupard's Head Start classroom plays out similarly, with some pattern of reading time, washing hands, breakfast, more books, message boards, letters and phonological awareness, numbers and number concepts, large groups and small groups, recess, singing and dancing, lunch, nap time and recall.

It's advantageous to children, Schumaker said, in that it offers them some security, some comfort and awareness in surrounding and expectation.

"The daily routine is what makes our class-

room work," she said. "With children, the way their brain works and the way they learn things is through repetition. So, having the same pattern everyday, with new materials and new things, of course, it gives them that sense of security. They know what to expect and they thrive."

Just as their children do, parents also thrive in the program. Through classroom volunteering, meetings and consistent communication between parent and teachers, parents become heavily involved in their child's education, a lasting impact of the program that Stocks sees as a positive as the children continue their educational growth through the school.

"Anything they do with the kids and the parents is going to be an advantage for us," Stocks said. "I just see it as a really positive partnership with Head Start and the school."

It's that foundational experience, that shared connectedness in education between child and parent that drew Stocks to the program and led her to a yearlong commitment to ensuring the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education approved the partnership between Head Start and the dis-

trict. For her commitment and efforts in working with Harrington and Wayne Metro to establish a community partnership, Stocks and the Poupard program recently earned an award from Wayne Metro for what Harrington said is for "being such awesome community partners."

"Because that's really

what it's about — community partnerships and working together for the good of the community," Harrington said. "It just worked really well. It's benefiting 20 kids and 20 families."

That's 20 kids and 20 families who, in time, may very well catch the bug Harrington once did and soon have Head Start in their hearts, too.



Lead co-teacher, Maggie Schumaker, left, teaches Konner Green gross motor skills, such as using scissors to cut on the lines.

Parental involvement key to Head Start

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

Back in July of 2011, a month after Head Start's initial rejection, then-board president, John Steininger, in defending his stance against implementing the program at Poupard Elementary School, referenced a TIME magazine article claiming the fading nature of the program's positive effects on children's academic performance.

Studies have found, the article said, effects vanish after first grade. And while many of the program's critics most often cite such studies for their main arguments, advocates point to other research that focuses on more long-lasting effects, such as the increase in parental involvement in a child's education, both during and after the program. Parental involvement, Poupard principal Penny Stocks and others say, is a key component to the program's success.

"There's so much more than really meets the eye," said Stocks, who was an outspoken supporter of having the program in the district. "The parents have to get involved and that's really the key. Teaching these parents how to get involved with their kids, how to read to their kids

at night, just how to be better parents. That's actually, to me, even more beneficial for the kids."

A recent study in the National Bureau of Economic Research analyzed data collected between 2002 and 2006 of a group of about 4,000 children, 3- to 4-years old, 60 percent of which attended Head Start and the other 40 percent other early childhood programs. The study found that parents of Head Start children tended to read more regularly to their children, practice the alphabet more, play more math games, keep more notes on their child's progress and attend more art galleries or museums, in part because "parents perceive their involvement to be complementary with child schooling in the production of child qualities."

Teresa Harrington, Head Start Director at Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency and former Head Start parent, attributes this to the program's emphasis on and encouraging of educating and involving parents in the day-to-day operations.

"We help them see what their child's strengths are," Harrington said. "We're able to educate them on

child development and appropriate expectations and age-appropriate activities.

"Not only are the parents involved in their children's education, their education planning, but they're involved in the menu planning, they're involved in the budgeting of the program. So parents earn a lot of skills, too."

Harrington worked with Stocks to coordinate the program at Poupard, which opened to 20 Grosse Pointe families this past September. Still in its infancy, it's uncertain the lasting impact the local program will have on children's academic performance, but in the few months she's worked as lead co-teacher, Maggie Schumaker already sees improvements in the children and their parents.

"You can tell that their parents work with them at home as well," Schumaker said. "Their parents are really interested in what we do in the classroom, they try to do those same things at home as far as the techniques I use to get my kids to write their name or their letters. The parents, while they're volunteering, they observe and then they do the same things at home."

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Grosse Pointe South High School senior, Charles Paul, was selected as a National YoungArts Foundation Merit Winner in double bass.

South student named YoungArts Merit winner

Grosse Pointe South High School senior, Charles Paul, was selected as a National YoungArts Foundation Merit Winner in double bass. He's one of 12 Merit winners from Michigan.

Chosen from approximately 10,000 applicants in nine disciplines in visual, literary and performing arts, Paul now has an opportunity to participate in the Emmy-nominated HBO series, "YoungArts MasterClass,"

as well as several events in Washington D.C. Winning applicants were placed into three categories — Merit, Honorable Mention and Finalist — and selected through a blind adjudication process. Michigan had five Finalists, 11 Honorable Mentions and 12 Merits. "This year's extremely talented students represent a diverse group whom we consider to be the most promising young artists in America

today," YoungArt's Executive Director, Paul T. Lehr, said in a press release. "The quality of this year's winners is a testament to the strength of our expanding program." YoungArts recognizes students in nine disciplines: cinematic arts, dance, jazz, music, photography, theater, visual arts, voice and writing, with a tenth discipline, architecture and design, set for the 2013 program.

Students showcase technology in education



Grosse Pointe North High School students interview with Brad Wilson, Educational Technology Consultant of 21nnovate, an online resource for learning about technology in education.

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

A group of seven students from Gary Abud's chemistry class traveled to the State Capitol Building in Lansing Nov. 28 to participate in the 12th annual AT&T/Michigan Association for Computer Users Learning Student Technology Showcase.

Sophomores Shannon McEnroe, Graham Eger and Chris Bahr, juniors Nathan Jones and Carter Bock and seniors Carly Broman and Emily Joseph represented Grosse Pointe North High School at the event as one of 35 elementary, middle and high schools statewide selected to present. Divided into three 90-minute sessions, each group, set up along two hallways in a poster-presentation style similar to a science fair, demonstrated to elected members of the Michigan State Senate and House of Representatives technology's varied uses in classrooms across the state to enhance student achievement.

"We tried to have a presentation that talked about how you can use any device in the classroom and that most of the stuff that we're doing is looking to have the paperless-classroom effect and give students the ability to use their devices productively and as a resource for themselves in their learning," said Abud, a strong advocate for integrating technology into the classroom ever since his days teaching in a small suburb of Scottsdale, Ariz.

This is the first year

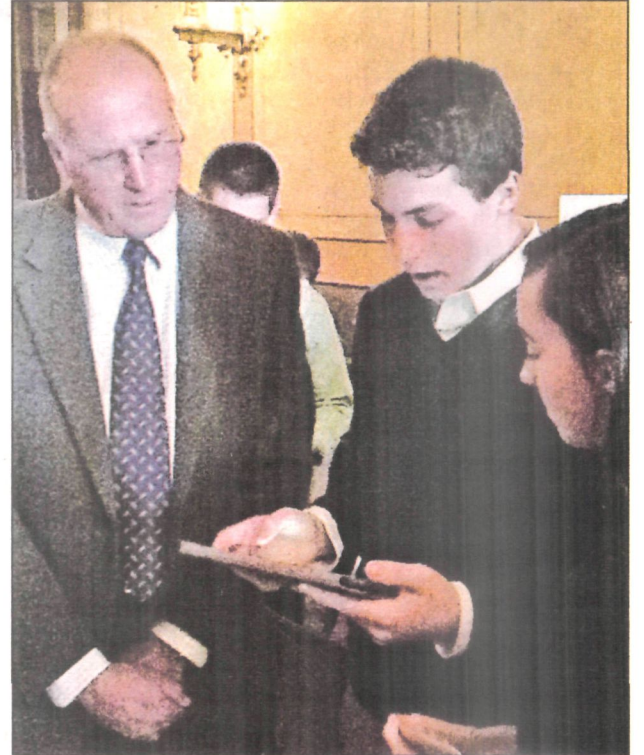
Abud has made technology usage a daily routine, his room a BYOD, or Bring Your Own Device, setting, incorporating student devices into anything from taking notes to individual or group activities and projects to class discussions. It's all in an effort to create an environmentally friendly classroom while teaching students to become "resourceful communicators and collaborators."

Some students, like the ones Abud selected to present in Lansing, have already exhibited exemplary work and "shined" using their devices in the classroom. And it's Abud's hope that by having them participate in the showcase and sharing ideas with students of all ages, kindergarten to seniors in high school, that they realize the

impact and connectedness of technology in education. In that realization, he said, they can become ambassadors not just for North but for the Grosse Pointe community as a whole.

"The other thing that I'm hoping that they come away with," Abud said, "there are some really great ideas that they can then go and share here at North and in Grosse Pointe to help us move forward as we look for what are things that we can do even better with technology in the district, to kind of use them as ambassadors to have gone and seen the great things that are going on around the state and to bring back some ideas that we can repurpose for our schools."

"They did a really good job."



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North sophomores Graham Eger and Shannon McEnroe present to former State Rep. Tim Bledsoe.




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City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan
SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES
JANUARY 7, 2013

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.
Present on Roll Call: Mayor Farquhar; Councilmembers, Wood, West, Joseph, Theros & Waldmeir.
Absent Were: None.
Also Present: Messrs. Christopher Cornwall, City Attorney; Shane Reeside, City Manager/City Clerk; Monica Irelan, Assistant City Manager; John Lamerato, City Controller/Treasurer; Daniel Jensen, Director Public Safety; Pamela Baker, Exec. Assistant/Deputy City Clerk.
Mayor Farquhar Presided at the Meeting.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 10, 2012, were approved as submitted.
The Council reviewed the Retirement System Ordinances and tabled the adoption for further study.
The Council approved the appointments of the following Board of Review Members:

Catherine Champion
Term Expires 02/2016
Thomas Youngblood
Term Expires: 02/2015
George Smale
Term Expires: 02/2014

The Council further approved the following dates for the Board of Review to be held at City Hall, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236:

Tuesday, March 12, 2013
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
6 p.m.-9 p.m.
and
Tuesday, March 19, 2013
9 a.m.-12 Noon
1 p.m.-4 p.m.
and
Tuesday, March 26, 2013
9 a.m. - 12 Noon
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.
THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 90 KERBY ROAD, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN 48236. THE MEETING IS PUBLIC. INTERESTED PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE CITY ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. YOU MAY ALSO VIEW THE AGENDA AND MINUTES ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE: www.ci.grosse-pointe-farms.mi.us/

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Happy holidays



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Maire Elementary School kindergarteners recently made holiday placemats for donation to St. Margaret's of Scotland Church's program for the homeless. Pictured, Vincent Wilhelm, Katelyn DeGrand, Julia White and Isabelle Groustra, each of Kristen VandeVusse's classroom, design their placemats.

Poupard shows spirit



PHOTO BY LISA VREED

Holiday spirit shined through in the 19 doors, like teacher Erin Ranieri's pictured above, at Poupard Elementary School decorated specially for Christmas and for the school's door decorating contest held Monday, Dec. 10. Student judges, as well as a small group of other judges from the community, voted Susan Chaklos's first-grade students' gingerbread house-themed door the winner, with Amanda Lane's fifth-grade class placing second.

Gift of reading



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

In hopes of offering less fortunate children the gift of reading, Monteith Elementary School's student council, pictured above, led by co-supervisors Vi Hadgikosti and Elizabeth Wang, hosted a book drive from Dec. 1 to 18. Throughout the month, student council members collected new and gently used books, of which resulted in their filling several boxes with books of all genres and reading levels.

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North hosts concerts on back-to-back nights

Grosse Pointe North High School's gymnasium plays host to two different district concerts on back-to-back nights next week. The first, the North-end Band-O-Rama, is at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, and features performances from all band students, grades 5 to 12, from all district elementary schools, grades 5 to 12, from all middle schools and high school. Admission to both concerts is a donation of \$1 or more at the door.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 17, 2012

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held December 3, 2012.
- 2) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 99015 through 99127 in the amount of \$478,732.13 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment in the amount of \$5,825.00 to the Michigan Municipal League for membership dues covering the period February 1, 2013 through January 31, 2012. (3) By Resolution, approve the request from the Shamrock Cab Company for taxicab licenses covering the cabs listed on the attached application for 2013.
- 2) To adopt the Performance and Indemnification Resolution related to the City's Annual Permit to Work on State Highways.
- 3) To renew the City's participation in the Michigan Municipal League's Liability and Property Pool for 2013 in the amount of \$200,687.00 for coverage as stated in their renewal proposal and, further that competitive bidding be waived in accordance with City policy.
- 4) To Amend, Approve and Adopt the attached Schedule of Fees establishing various fees for Housing Registration, Business Licenses, Plumbing, Building, Electrical and Mechanical Permits, Miscellaneous City Clerk, Department of Public Works, Police Department and Fire Department Fees as submitted by the City Manager with said fees to be effective immediately.
- 5) To approve the year end budget adjustments to the 2012 Budget as attached submitted by the Finance Director and the City Manager.
- 6) To approve the changes to the City Council meeting dates as listed by the City Manager for 2013.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

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PASTOR'S CORNER

By Rev. Judith May

Living into a beloved community

As we approach the annual celebration of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, I am reminded of his emphasis on working toward the creation of a "beloved community."

One of the qualities to be found in the "beloved community" is civility. We have just "survived" political campaigns for a variety of offices and a "fiscal cliff" scenario that demonstrated anything but civility. But it is not only in the world of politics we find a seriously short supply of civility.

Neighbors, families, organizations, churches — all struggle with issues that cause division and conflict hampering the building of community and the creation of peace. Before we put away everything Christmas, may we keep the true meaning of why this season is observed — the celebration of the gift of the One who brings peace and the ways to create a beloved community filled with hope and joy.

Jesus teaches us to communicate with authenticity, to care enough to confront difficult issues honestly, to build bridges with integrity, and above all, to relate with love and respect (civility).

The poet, Maya Angelou, writes in "Amazing Peace," that Christmas comes into a "climate of fear and apprehension and the world is encouraged to come away from rancor, come the way of friendship."

The word that comes for Angelou and, hopefully, for all is "peace."

As she says, "Not just the absence of war, but true peace — a harmony of spirit, a comfort of courtesies — so we may learn to look beyond complexion and see community — and on this platform of peace, we can create a language to translate ourselves to ourselves and to each other."

In 2013, let us work for, teach the children and live into the "beloved community" God created us to be.

May is the minister at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church.

CHURCH EVENTS

Men's breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical breakfast begins with coffee at 6:45 a.m. Friday, Jan. 11, at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A buffet breakfast is served at 7:15 a.m., followed at 7:45 a.m. by the speaker, Rhonda Barley, executive director of A Place for Refuge.

The event ends at 8:15 a.m. Men of all faiths can attend. For more information, call Dick Strowger at (313) 881-9806.

Christ Church

The Men and Girls Choir of Christ Church of Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Point Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, sings at the 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, evensong service.

The public can attend.

Unitarian Church

The Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe, hosts a women's book discussion group at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, in the church gallery.

The book, "Clara and Mr. Tiffany," by Susan Vreeland is the topic. Erika Baer is the discussion leader.

◆ The books "The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness" by Michelle Alexander and "In Between the Lines" by Mark Morrison Reed will be discussed

this winter.

◆ At 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, the movie "Lincoln," based on the book "Team of Rivals" by Doris Kearns Godwin will be discussed.

Attendees should see the movie prior to the discussion.

A light supper is served. The cost is \$9 and attendees can sign up in the church's foyer.

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St. Paul's

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 22915 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores, holds a preschool reading night at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16. Children and accompanying adults can hear stories read and make sock puppets.

◆ A community children's choir, for those aged 7 to 13 years old, has 11 a.m. to noon Saturday rehearsals, through May at the

church. A spring concert culminates the program.

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Religious leaders attend round table

Local religious leaders from two Grosse Pointe congregations attended a meeting of the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion in Warren. Attending were Rev. Shelley Page and Sarah Hassinger of the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, and Rev. Richard Yeager-Stiver and Paul Fugate of the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church.

The Roundtable's second annual Celebrating Faith Inclusion breakfast's speaker was Ross Murray, director of religion, faith and values for the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation organization in New York City.

The breakfast drew an audience both locally and from across the state.

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Nissan Rogue comes into its own

The 2013 Nissan Rogue, sibling of Nissan's



popular Murano, lacks Murano's high-riding and upscale looks, but is a lot less expensive and is up to most tasks in a more modest fashion — base price for a Rogue S is \$22,550; the Murano starts at \$30,000.

For 2013 the Rogue is available in S, SV and SV with SL package "trims;" there are two options — a special edition and premium package.

All Rogue models are available in all-wheel and front-wheel drive. All are powered by Nissan's 2.5-liter aluminum block four mated to the Nissan Xtronic CVT. The engine develops 170 horsepower and 175 pound-feet of torque.

Nissan said its CVT utilizes adaptive shift control and a high-speed central processing unit. This shift control offers the optimal shift pattern according to the driving situation and driver's demands. It uses input from driver operation, vehicle speed, road gradient, turning condition and acceleration to adjust shifting patterns accordingly. A "Sport Mode" switch is standard.

As is often — if not always — the case with this



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2013 Nissan Rogue SV with SL package.

type of transmission, we found the Rogue's CVT briefly hesitating at certain medium speeds.

Rogue fuel economy is rated at 23 miles per gallon city/28 mpg highway for two-wheel drive models and 22 city/27 highway for all-wheel drive models.

Standard safety features include the Nissan Advanced Air Bag System with dual-stage supplemental front air bags; front seat-mounted side impact supplemental air bags; roof-mounted curtain side impact supplemental air bags with rollover sensor for front and rear-seat outboard occupant head protection; front seat active head restraints, and adjustable upper anchors and Latch System for child safety seats.

The window sticker on our tester Rogue SV was \$30,965. Its all-wheel drive and \$3,900 SL options package added to the bottom line — its base price, \$26,050.

Rogue's standard drive computer includes displays for distance-to-empty, average fuel consumption and speed, elapsed time and outside temperature. Available steering wheel-mounted controls include audio, Bluetooth hands-free phone system and cruise control.

Heated front seats and mirrors are available, along with a fold-down front passenger seat which provides some 8.5 feet of front-to-rear cargo space.

The rear 60/40 split-fold bench seat, an oversize glove compartment and deep center console all contribute to Rogue's usefulness.

The SV model features upgraded cloth seats, a six-way power driver's seat, satellite radio,

17-inch aluminum-alloy wheels, a rearview monitor, Bluetooth and more.

The Rogue SV with SL package includes features such as leather-appointed seats, heated front seats and outside mirrors, leather-wrapped steering wheel, 18-inch aluminum-alloy wheels, Nissan Navigation System with 5.0-inch color touch screen display, Bose premium audio system with seven speakers, Around View Monitor, auto-dimming rearview mirror, Xenon headlights, automatic on/off headlights, power glass moonroof, automatic air conditioning and fog lights.

Two option packages are offered in 2013: the special edition and premium edition.

The special edition package includes 16-inch aluminum-alloy wheels, fog lights, 4.3-inch audio display, USB interface, RearView Monitor, steering wheel audio controls, satellite radio and Bluetooth Hands-free Phone System.

The premium package features the Nissan Navigation System with 5.0-inch color touch screen display, power glass moonroof, automatic on/off headlights, automatic air conditioning, Bose premium audio system with seven speakers plus subwoofer and fog lights.

King is an automotive writer who lives in the City of Grosse Pointe.

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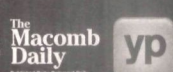
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A **blood donation** may give someone another day, another week or another month with their loved ones.

Resolution: Provide the gift of life

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

The American Red Cross would like you to use your New Year's resolution to get more involved in the community and give a pint of blood.

David Wrona of Grosse Pointe Shores has given four times because, the 21-year-old said, "It helps people out. I have a universal blood type."

Donating blood or platelets during 2013 more than once, more than twice and more than three times would make a world of difference because one out of 10 hospital patients requires blood for emergencies or ongoing medical care, according to Red Cross information. It would be apropos to donate in January, National Blood Donor Month, a month so designated since 1970.

"It's such an important thing," said Judy Weber of Grosse Pointe Farms, who was at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church Jan. 3 to donate her 114th pint of blood. "I donate six times a year. I've been giving since I was 18 and the only time I haven't given is when I was preg-



Grosse Pointe North High School senior Freddy Dodge donated blood for the first time last week. Watching over him is Red Cross LPN Rebecca Benedettini.

nant or nursing." Her donations began as a freshman at Indiana University.

"This is something I can do to help other people," she said. "There is always a need for blood somewhere in the world."

Howard Hill of Grosse Pointe Farms echoed both Wrona's and Weber's sentiments.

"It's the right thing to do," he said, while laying on a blue cot donating his type A positive blood. "I started in college and



Freddy Dodge gives blood for the first time at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church's blood drive last week.

DONATION DATES

- ◆ 7:45 TO 1:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 13, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. For more information, call Greg at (313) 884-4771 or visit redcrossblood.org, sponsor code STPAULONTHELAKE.
- ◆ 2:30 TO 8:15 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, Mason Elementary School. For more information, call Isabelle at (313) 432-4400 or visit redcrossblood.org, sponsor code MASON1640.
- ◆ 2 TO 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, at Trombly Elementary School. For more information and an appointment, call Jennifer at (313) 823-5811, or visit redcrossblood.org, sponsor code TROMBLY820.
- ◆ 2:30 TO 8:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4, at Richard Elementary School. For more information or to make an appointment, call Denise at (313) 432-4900.
- ◆ 9 a.m. TO 8:45 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. For more information visit redcrossblood.org, sponsor code GPBLOODCOUNCIL.

this might save a life."

Having donated her first pint of blood, 17-year-old Melissa Healy of Grosse Pointe Woods said she would give blood again because it's "a good thing to do." The medical profession can give people new limbs and transplant organs but it cannot recreate blood, said Beth Frahm, Red Cross donor resource development representative and Grosse Pointe Woods resident.

"It is life or death," she said of the need for blood.

According to Red Cross information, blood

donations are down during the winter months due to the cold and inclement weather. That makes it even more important for donors to give blood, if they can.

To increase the amount of blood given, the Red Cross localizes the mobile units.

"Donors want to go where it is convenient," Frahm said. "It is better than fixed sites."

For example, when blood drives are staged at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, some 60 pints are collected. About 65 pints are given when

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AREA ACTIVITIES

ART Center

The Grosse Pointe ART Center seeks entries from Jan. 9 through 12 for its exhibit Urban Edge. Tim Burke is the juror and opening night is 6:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18.

The art center is located at 17051 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe.

Le Leche League

The La Leche League, a mother-to-mother breast feeding information and support group, meets at 10:15 a.m. Friday, Jan. 11, at Grosse Pointe Public Library, Ewald branch, 15175 Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

For more information, call Jessie at (313) 417-1944 or Jennifer at (313) 821-9196.

Questers

The Grand Marais Questers meet Friday, Jan. 11, with hostess Jean Doelle. She discusses Georg Jensen, the Danish son of a knife grinder who studied at the Royal Academy of Fine Arts, training as a metal smith and founding a Copenhagen firm of silversmiths and designers in 1904, a contemporary of Faberge.

Historical society

The Second Saturday program is from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, at the Provencal-Weir House, 376 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Children make a rock-hopper penguin fleece scarf. The program is geared to children 7 years and older. To make a reservation, call (313) 884-7010 or visit digital@gphistorical.org. The cost

is \$15 for historical society members and \$20 for non-members.

The house museum is open from 1 to 4 p.m., as is the LaBelle Country Store.

Toastmasters

The Northeastern Toastmasters meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14, in the Brownell Middle School cafeteria, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

For more information, call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikielak at (313) 884-4201.

Camera club

The Grosse Pointe Camera Club meets 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, in Room C-11, Brownell Middle School.

The club is open to anyone interested in digital photography. For more information, call (313) 822-7080 or visit grossepointecameraclub.org.

Nursing Unlimited

Nursing Unlimited offers a free memory screening from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Jan. 15, at its office, 21131 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

To schedule an appointment, call (586) 285-0300.

Community chorus

The Grosse Pointe Community Chorus seeks new members as it prepares for the annual spring concert, Sunday, April 28.

Rehearsals are from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Grosse Pointe North High School choir

room. No auditions are required. Open registration is through Jan. 29.

Registration fee is \$40. The theme is "Can't Help Singing" and includes tributes to Stephen Foster and George Gershwin.

The director is Joseph Palazzolo, and Ron Pietrantonio is the accompanist.

For more information, call (313) 882-2482.

Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club meets at noon Wednesday, Jan. 16, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Following lunch, the program speaker is member Carol Dixon and her topic is "Hear, Obey, Move."

Guest reservations can be made by calling Sue Plath at (313) 884-5081. The cost is \$10.

For more information, call Peggy Hickney at (586) 407-1842.

Garden Center

The Grosse Pointe Garden Center holds its annual meeting and luncheon at noon Friday, Jan. 18, in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's reception room, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Lunch is served at 12:15 p.m., the business meeting begins at 1 p.m. and the program at 2 p.m., with Don Schulte of Notable Greetings providing a slide show of his photos of flowers.

The lunch costs \$25 and reservations are required. To make a reservation or for more information, call the Garden Center at (313) 881-7511, ext. 206, or visit gpgardenctr@warmemorial.org.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Winterfest is from noon to 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 26, in Grosse Pointe



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SERVE at Rotary

SERVE Coordinator Alicia Carlisle, left, addressed Grosse Pointe Rotarians at the Dec. 10 meeting as part of an "Avenues of Service," presentation by Suzanne Klein, right, the club's community affairs chairwoman. Klein explained that Carlisle first became involved in the district following Hurricane Katrina when she helped bring about the framing of a Habitat for Humanity house in the Grosse Pointe South High School's parking lot. The house was framed, messages added to the studs, it was dismantled and shipped to Mississippi. "We were the only high school in the United States to do something like that," Klein said, "and it was all due to this lady right here." That was the impetus for SERVE, a resource partnership with the Grosse Pointe Public School System whereby students, groups and organizations find volunteer opportunities. For more information, visit gpschools.org and click on SERVE Scholarship through Service at the left, or call Carlisle at (313) 432-3770.

Woods' Lake Front Park. The 12th annual event features chili and cookie cook-offs, ice skating and a SCORE-O competition, a giant slide, lunch and refreshments.

Grosse Pointe Woods residents and their guests are admitted free, but advance registration is required. Call the Community Center at (313) 343-2408 or e-mail parks@gpwm.org to make reservations. Indicate if you are planning to participate in either competition.

Chili cook-off participants should plan to arrive at 10:30 a.m. and bring about one gallon of heated chili and serving utensils. Crock pots are not needed because chili is served from supplied chafing dishes. Bakers should bring three dozen of one type of cookie to be judged on taste only. Judging begins at 10:45 a.m., and the winners are announced at 11:45 a.m. All cook-off participants are encouraged to stay. Space is limited for the chili and cookie cook-

offs, so early registration is recommended.

For more information, pick up a Winterfest flyer at the Community Center, or call (313) 343-2408.

◆ Shed holiday weight gain with a work-out program offered at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center.

Fitness, Vitality & Health — 8:35 to 9:25 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The workout, for all ages and fitness levels, combines low-impact aerobic exercise with light weights, Pilates and yoga techniques. Each session ends with gentle movements to relax and maintain flexibility.

Yoga — 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. The postures of Hatha Yoga help achieve optimal well-being and dispel restlessness, tension and fatigue.

Chair Yoga — 10:40 to 11:40 a.m. Tuesday and 9:45-10:45 a.m. Thursday. Despite physical limitations due to age, conditioning or chronic illness,

postures and movements are accomplished with the support of a chair.

The community center offers one membership card loaded with six visits. Woods residents pay \$30 and non-residents pay \$33 to attend any of the classes offered. The membership card is refillable. Participants also have a pay-as-you-go option of \$6 per visit for Woods residents and non-residents pay \$7. The community center is located at 20025 Mack Plaza. For more information, call (313) 343-2408.

Merry Little Tunes — 9:45 to 10:15 a.m. every Wednesday for children 1 to 2 years old. The sessions encourage active participation from adult and child. Music activities are geared toward developmental learning skills using scarves, instruments, balls, hoops, parachutes and puppets. Children have an opportunity to meet peers in a fun, learning play-group environment. Stories with finger plays and songs also are used.

Merry Melodies — 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., every Wednesday, exposes 2 to 4 year olds to musical styles and instruments, using rhythm instruments, puppets, colored scarves, streamers and pom-poms. Parachute activities and creative movement are incorporated into each session. Children can participate actively or passively. Short stories combined with interactive music reinforce letters, numbers and colors. Rhyming and sequence are part of lessons designed to increase speech, interactive language and thinking skills. Parents or caregivers must attend.

Six-class membership packages are available for \$48 for residents; non-residents pay \$53. Or, the pay-per-day option is \$10 for residents and non-residents pay \$11.

The Lake House

The Lake House, 26701 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores, hosts registered nurse Ed Neimaier at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15. His topic is "Getting Your House in Order."

For reservations, call

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Lori J. Warner, Ph.D.

Watch for 'Red flags' in child's development



Q. Our 21-month-old daughter does not respond to her name and when we tell her "no," she doesn't stop what she is doing. Is it OK to take a "wait and see" approach or should we be concerned?

A. Parents often worry about behaviors that are part of typical development, but some behaviors are "red flags," indicating the need for a closer look.

Always share your concerns with your child's doctor.

For more information about what milestones to watch for as your child grows, visit cdc.gov/actearly or the American Academy of Pediatrics at aap.org.

Q. Our 6-year-old son's behavior has become unmanageable. He bites, hits us and his sister, he is defiant and yesterday he hit another

child in his kindergarten class. What can we do?

A. Often, behavior changes are the result of learning or developmental struggles that overwhelm a child's ability to cope. The way we respond to undesirable behavior also affects how likely it is to be repeated.

A behavior analyst or child psychologist can help families and teachers get to the "why" of problematic behavior and develop effective strategies to decrease these issues.

Q. How can I tell if my child has an autism spectrum disorder?

A. Experts look for three core areas of impairment: delayed communication, impaired social interactions and restricted or repetitive patterns of behavior.

Children with autism have trouble communicating, playing appropriately and engaging with other people.

For an excellent "video glossary" see autismspeaks.org.

Q. Our daughter is really struggling with reading and writes a lot of her letters and numbers backward. Could she have a learning disability?

A. It is possible your daughter has a learning disability, such as dyslexia, although specialized testing is needed to determine this disorder. Dyslexia affects the ability to interpret language. It is not a vision problem, although it affects one's ability to recognize written words or separate sounds that make up words.

It often leads to challenges in writing numbers and letters and in rhyming tasks. Dyslexia does not affect overall intelligence and individuals with dyslexia may even have higher-than-average intelligence.

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apists.

Warner is director, Center for Human Development, Beaumont Children's Hospital and a

licensed psychologist. She can be reached at (248) 691-4774. Visit Beaumont Children's Hospital website at beaumont.edu/hope.

E-mail questions to <mailto:info@familycenterweb.org>.

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HEALTH POINT By Jeff and Debra Jay

Drugs can negatively alter brain cells



Dear Jeff and Debra:

My daughter is a high school junior and academic competition is tough. She hopes to be accepted at a top college, possibly Ivy League. Some of her friends have been prescribed Adderall, and my daughter tells me it gives them a real edge in writing papers, studying and taking exams.

Evidently, they go online to research the symptoms of ADHD to prepare for a visit to the doctor. After answering a few questions, they are given a diagnosis and supplied with a prescription for this drug.

My daughter has tried her friends' pills and says the improvement on her study habits is amazing. My first reaction was, absolutely not. With persistence, however, my daughter has me questioning my hard refusal. She took an online test for ADHD and scored in the range of "ADHD may be likely."

Am I, as she repeatedly accuses me, keeping her from using a medication that will help her excel?

NOT SO SURE

Dear Not So Sure:

From what you are telling us, your daughter wants to join the growing number of high school and college-aged young people who are using Adderall (classified as a Schedule II drug by the DEA, meaning it has a high potential for abuse) as an enhancer, not as a medicine to treat ADHD.

It appears that, by taking an online quiz, she is attempting to do to you what she tells you her friends have done to doctors: manufacture a fake disorder to gain access to a drug that would otherwise be illegal.

Culturally, we have a long history with psycho-stimulants, which have been called by many names: uppers, speed, cocaine, meth, white crosses, Dexedrine, Adderall, Ritalin, black beauties, the smart drug. Although we make up only 4 percent of the world's populations, the United States produces 88 percent of prescription amphetamine, nearly all being used to treat child and adult attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder.

Adderall is the most commonly prescribed, misused and abused trade name prescription drug.

The normalizing of drug misuse should be a concern to all parents. Unless your daughter

has a serious disorder that cannot be met by non-drug therapies, stay away from mood-altering medications. These drugs are not benign. Besides risk of addiction, studies show psycho-stimulants can change the shape of brain cells. This is important, because shape is crucial for a neuron's ability to communicate. When neurons are damaged, there are fewer points of contact between cells.

Adolescent brains have not stabilized and scientific research finds evidence the use of psycho-stimulants affects the ability to learn new things during this period of brain growth.

Much needs to be researched when considering drugs' effects on the brain, but prudence is key when making decisions about using medications that are mood-altering.

Jeff and Debra Jay are co-authors of "Love First," and Debra Jay is the author of "No More Letting Go: The Spirituality of Taking Action Against Alcoholism and Drug Addiction." Both books are available at the Grosse Pointe Public Library. The Grosse Pointe Farms couple, professional interventionists, can be contacted at (313) 882-6921 or at lovefirst.net.

New doctor joins cancer team at Henry Ford-Cottage

Lynette Sutkowi-Toomajian, D.O., a board-certified medical oncologist, has joined the cancer team at the Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Sutkowi-Toomajian sees patients on Thursdays in the Center for Medical and Radiation Oncology. As a

medical oncologist, she specializes in diagnosing and treating cancer.

Sutkowi-Toomajian received her medical degree from Des Moines University in Iowa, and completed postgraduate training at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation and Botsford General Hospital. She is also on staff at Henry Ford's

Macomb Hospital in Clinton Township.

The cancer team also includes a board-certified radiation oncologist, therapists, nurses, a dosimetrist and physicist. The latter two are involved in designing a treatment plan using chemotherapy and radiation technology equipment.

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'Big River' is a rousing musical

Grosse Pointe Theatre sets the stage for a rousing musical, "Big River," the opening at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Other performances are at 8 p.m. Jan. 24 to 26 and Feb. 1 and 2 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27 and Jan. 31. Tickets cost \$24. Group rates are available. For tickets and information call (313) 881-2258 or order online at gpt.org.

Taken from Mark Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," the audience is swept down the Mississippi with Huck Finn, who helps his friend Jim, a slave, escape to freedom at the mouth of the Ohio River. Their adventures along the way are hilarious, suspenseful and heart-warming, bringing to life characters from the novel: the Widow Douglas and her stern sister, Miss Watson; King and Duke (who may or may not be as harmless as they seem); Huck's partner in crime, Tom Sawyer, and their pals; Huck's drunken father, Pap Finn; Mary Jane Wilkes and her family.

The cast includes Grant Hale of Washington Township; Leon Anderson Jr. of Fraser, Dennis Martell of Livonia, whose wife, Deborah, is co-producing the show; Kevin Fitzhenry of Warren; Jeremy Harr and Laura Bartell, son and mother in the cast, with dad, Stan Harr music/vocal director, of Grosse Pointe Shores; Jarod Clark, with mom, Jennifer as assistant director, of Royal Oak; Chantelle Adkins of Romeo; Bridget Healey of Roseville; Eddie Tujaka and daughter, Jessica, and William Giovan of Grosse Pointe Farms; Madison Collier of Grosse Pointe Park; Kate and Bev Dickinson, daughter and mother, of Pleasant Ridge; Nicolas Doyle of Grosse Pointe Woods; Christopher Curtis of Eastpointe; Steven and Stevie-Joi Clark, father and daughter, of St. Clair Shores; and Ana Christinidis, Kate Connolly, Robert Mullinger, and Emmajean Evans of Grosse Pointe. Jacqueline DiSante of the City of Grosse Pointe is on stage, while her sister, Marisa of St. Clair Shores is co-stage manager.



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From left, Kevin Fitzhenry of Warren, Dennis Martell of Livonia, Leon Anderson Jr. of Fraser and Grant Hale of Washington Township in Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of "Big River."

The show is directed by Kathleen Lietz of Royal Oak. The crew includes: assistant director Laurane Walker and dance captain Randi Bartecki-Hamilton of Ferndale; co-producer Mary Stelmark of Grosse Pointe Farms; and technical director Jim Arnold and his wife, Gayle, who

is in properties and set dressing, of Grosse Pointe Woods. Co-stage manager Janie Burkey of Grosse Pointe Woods, will be helped by daughter, Stacie Longo.

Also on the crew are Mary Lou Britton, costumes, of St. Clair Shores; Carolyn Darby, properties/set dressing,

of Detroit; Lucy Meyo, lighting, of Milford; Bill Tuthill of Grosse Pointe Woods and David Hertzberg of Royal Oak, sound; Jeanne Chrisman, makeup, of Harper Woods, with daughter, Anna; and choreographer John Luther of Farmington. Upcoming produc-

tions:

"Doubt" by John Patrick Shanley, GPT's Purdon Studio Theatre production at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Visitor Center, Feb. 21 to 24, Feb. 28 & March 1 to 3.

"The Heiress" by Ruth and Augustus Goetz, adapted from the 1880 Henry James novel, "Washington Square," March 10, 14 to 17, 21 to 23, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

"The Drowsy Chaperone," book by Bob Martin and Don McKellar and music and lyrics by Lisa Lambert and Greg Morrison, May 5, 9 to 12, 16 to 18, at the War Memorial.

Grosse Pointe Theatre is a community theatre whose purpose is to engage and enrich the community by continuing a tradition of exceptional theatrical experiences.

It is a non-profit 501 (c) (3).

Membership in Grosse Pointe Theatre is open to adults age 18 and over who are interested in theater and theater craft.

For more information, visit gpt.org, or call (313) 881-4004.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Soup for a wintery afternoon



Saturday Afternoon Minestrone Soup

3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil (plus more as needed)
1 1/2 cups chopped celery
1 1/2 cups chopped carrots
1 1/2 cups chopped onion
2 potatoes (1 lb.), peeled and cut into bite-sized pieces
4 to 5 garlic cloves, finely chopped
4 cups shredded cabbage (slaw mix will do)
1 medium zucchini (1/2 lb.), chopped
3 quarts chicken broth
1 - 15 oz. can diced tomatoes, with juice
1 - 15 oz. can red kidney beans, rinsed and drained
1 - 15 oz. can pinto (or cannellini) beans, rinsed and drained, divided

1 cup tiny pasta (such as ditalini or elbow macaroni)
2/3 cup chopped cooked bacon
Salt and pepper to taste
Parmesan cheese, fresh basil leaves or pesto for serving

Heat olive oil in a large heavy pot over medium heat.

Add celery, carrots and cook (and stir) for 10 minutes or so.

Add onion, potatoes, garlic, cabbage and zucchini and continue to cook for another 10 minutes or so. Stir often and add a bit more olive oil while cooking.

Meanwhile, place 1/2 cup of the chicken broth and 1/2 cup of drained pinto beans in a food processor and pulse until smooth. Set aside.

Raise heat to medium-high and add tomatoes (with juice), remaining chicken broth, kidney beans and remaining pinto beans.

Stir in pureed bean mixture.

Bring mixture to a boil then lower to a simmer. Add pasta and bacon, cover and simmer for a half hour, stirring occa-



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This hearty minestrone soup takes only an hour to make.

sionally.

Taste and season with salt and pepper. Continue to simmer, covered, until ready to serve.

Ladle this hearty, delicious soup into bowls and top with grated Parmesan and a sprinkle of fresh torn basil. You may also

serve minestrone with a small dollop of pesto, which is the traditional choice of some of those seaside towns in Italy.

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St. John Providence Children's Hospital opens pediatric lipid clinic

Managing cholesterol issues used to be only for the adult population. However, physicians are now seeing very high (and some very low) total cholesterol labs in children as young as 4 years old.

According to James Maciejko, a lipidologist at St. John Providence Children's Hospital, abnormal cholesterol levels in children can be a result of genetics.

"Genes load the gun and lifestyle pulls the trigger," he said. "If we can catch this problem early, we can introduce dietary and other healthy changes that will positively impact these children."

Left unchecked, children with abnormally high cholesterol are at risk for heart disease and possible heart attacks in their 30s and 40s. Those with abnormally low cholesterol could have

vitamin deficiencies, of which the most common are Vitamins A, D, E, and K.

Maciejko and Premchand Anne, a St. John Providence Children's Hospital pediatric cardiologist, have teamed up to offer the St. John Pediatric Lipid Clinic, located at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

Appointments to the lipid clinic are available on a referral basis from the patient's primary care physician. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends a fasting lipid profile screening for many children after the age of two years. If the results are abnormal, the physician can make the decision to refer to the Pediatric Lipid Clinic for evaluation and management. Additional lab work may

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PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

St. Clare of Montefalco's blood drive was in honor of the Rev. David Brecht.

BLOOD: Save a life or three

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blood drives are held at either Grosse Pointe North or South high schools.

Each person has a pint plus small test tubes drawn. The actual donation takes six to 10 minutes and ends with the donor sipping juice and munching a cookie.

The blood is collected in plastic bags and vials and immediately stored in a refrigeration unit, then transferred to a lab where the vials are tested for a number of diseases.

It is spun in centrifuges to separate it into red cells, platelets and plasma. Red cells can be stored in a refrigeration unit up to 42 days. Platelets last five days and plasma can be frozen up to a year, according to the Red Cross website.

"It is rare not to be usable," Frahm said of the donated blood.

If there is a problem, the donor is contacted with a suggestion to follow up with a doctor.

In Michigan, donors must be 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds. Parental consent must be given for 16 year olds, she said. Otherwise, anyone healthy can donate.

Donation of whole blood can be done every 56 days; platelets every seven days, up to 24 times a year; and plasma every 28 days, up to 13 times a year.

Being well-rested is a good idea and staying hydrated both the day



Sarah Richardson, a Grosse Pointe North High School senior, ate crackers after giving blood. She has given blood three times.

prior to donating blood and the day of. Women should add high iron foods to their diet.

Which is what Weber said she does prior to giving blood, while also staying away from caffeine for a day.

"We do test for iron before taking the blood," Frahm added.

"During World War II, it was very big to donate blood. After the war ended, there is a whole generation who didn't grow up giving blood.

We have to re-educate the population," Frahm said.

"It's an easy, effective thing to do. I have been helped by a lot of people in my life. This is my way of helping people," Weber concluded.

When donating through the Red Cross, you are joining about four million blood donors nationwide.

Contact 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org.

Yesterday's headlines

1963

50 years ago this week

◆ **FIREFIGHTERS CRACK BRANCH BANK IN PARK:** Park firefighters broke into the Michigan Bank, Jefferson and Barrington.

◆ **THE ALARM WENT OFF AND POLICE ARRIVED — BUT THE FBI WAS NOT CALLED.**

The cause of the break-in was a smoldering fire in the basement of the bank building. The alarm was phoned in by an unknown DSR bus driver who noticed black smoke inside the edifice.

◆ **NAB 13-YEAR-OLDS RACING:** Two 13-year-old Woods boys were arrested by Woods police for drag racing. One boy was stopped after a

95-mile-an-hour chase.

Charges were filed against the youngsters in Juvenile Court. Police said they were driving two brand new 1963 automobiles, taken without their parents' knowledge.

1988

25 years ago this week

◆ **CITY, POLICE REACH IMPASSE:** Both command and public safety officers in the City have been working under the terms of a contract that expired June 1987, and while the command officers have filed for mediation arbitration, the other union hopes two more meetings later this month may result in an agreement.

◆ **VEHICLE SMASHES YACHT CLUB GATE:** A 20-year-old Detroit woman was arrested and charged with drunk driving after she drove her 1982 AMC through an eight-foot high ornamental wrought iron fence just south of the entrance to the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

◆ **ROBBERY:** A 24-year-old woman had her purse and jewelry taken at Kercheval south of Maryland around 10:18 p.m.

According to Park police, the woman had exited a nearby restaurant when she was approached from the rear by a man who demanded her purse.

The purse contained about \$100 cash and jewelry.

— Compiled by Karen Fontanive

CLINIC: Preventing diseases

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be required via the primary care physician before the patient goes to the clinic, where they are seen by both Maciejko and Anne. Appointments last about 30 minutes and include a comprehensive evaluation and treatment plan.

"Prevention of early onset atherosclerotic disease and other co-morbidities should start in childhood, especially in those with genetic causes. Lifestyle modification, including exercise and diet changes, should include not only the child but also the entire family," Anne said.

Sometimes, parents will simply need to be much more cognizant of their child's intake, to avoid future damage. Some patients require vitamin supplementation. Still others, who inherit genes that keep their body from "getting rid" of cholesterol, will require cholesterol-lowering medication.

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◆ Donations of platelets can be made every seven days, up to 24 times a day.

◆ Platelets are frequently prescribed to help patients undergoing treatment for cancer, leukemia and other serious diseases, babies in neonatal intensive care and burn victims.

◆ To donate platelets call (313) 494-2788.

BLOOD FACTS

◆ Every day, patients across the United States need an average of 44,000 units of blood. That's about 17 million donations — or nearly 23 million blood products — transfused to five million patients a year.

◆ One out of 10 people admitted to the hospital needs blood.

◆ Blood is needed by cancer patients, people with blood disorders, premature babies, transplant recipients and trauma victims.

◆ Whole blood donations may help save as many as three lives.

◆ The American Red Cross collects about 40 percent of the blood needed each year in the United States.

◆ All blood types are needed, but type O is a high-demand since it can be transfused to patients with other blood types such as A, B and AB.

ACTIVITIES: The Lake House

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(586) 777-7761.

◆ The bereavement group meets from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17.

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BOYS HOCKEY

Knights win Big Rapids tourney

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's boys' hockey team won the Big Rapids Holiday Tournament to put an official end to 2012.

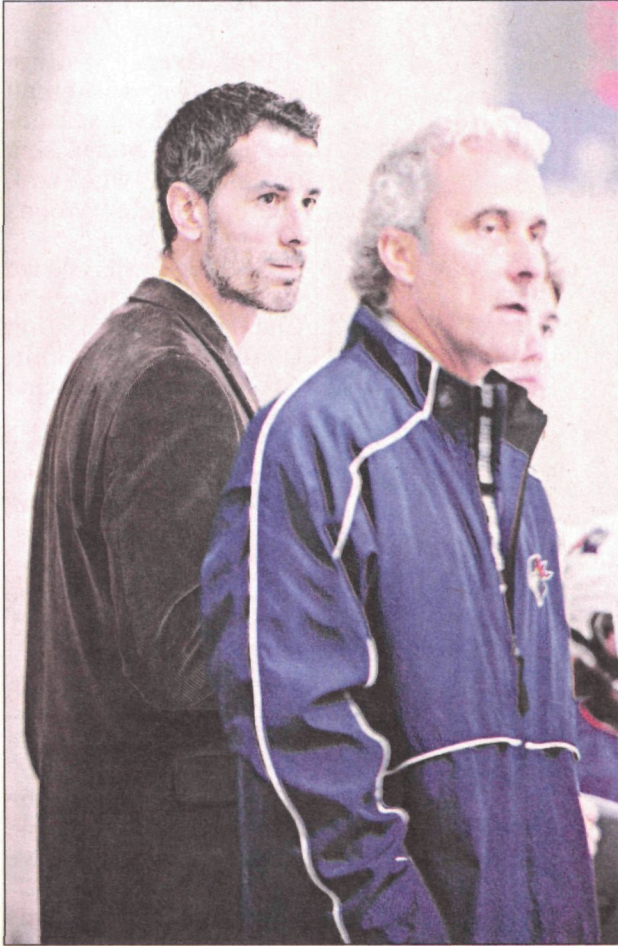
The Knights blasted Jackson Lumen Christi 9-0 in two periods. They earned the trophy in the city where head coach Robb McIntyre played during his collegiate days.

"It got better as the weekend went by," McIntyre said. "We got a lot done and were productive. It was nice to win the title, but we still haven't been able to play a game with our full roster."

Leading the way for the Knights were seniors Jake Soyka and Manny Counsman, as well as junior William Yates and sophomore Stephen Campau, who each had two goals.

Juniors Jake Jerome and Vincent Scarfone were also buzzing the Titans' goalkeeper as the Knights put five goals on the board in the opening period and ended with a four-spot in the second stanza.

In the first game,



Liggett head coach Robb McIntyre, far left, and assistant coach Doug Rahaim keep a keen eye out for the players' progress through the first half of the season.

Liggett edged Rockford 4-3, despite badly outshooting the Rams.

"We had a lot of chances to score more goals," McIntyre said.

"This was closer than it should have been."

It was a 1-1 first period as freshman Brett Abdelnour tallied and freshman Alex Minanov



PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

Playing in front of the home fans a week earlier, Liggett goalie Luke Soyka, right, and freshman Alex Minanov, No. 8, played well as the Knights won two games in Big Rapids.

assisted.

In the second period, Campau scored a power-play goal with Abdelnour and junior Cole Zingas drawing assists.

Jerome also scored with Yates netting an assist and a short time later scored the game-winning goal with Scarfone netting the assist.

Sophomore Luke Soyka was in net for

both wins and he received plenty of defensive support from junior Lordanthony Grissom, junior Sheridan Reilly, Jerome and sophomore Jacob Soyka.

With the tournament victories, Liggett improved to 7-6 overall and it has hit the halfway mark of the season.

"I'm giving the guys a week off to recharge the batteries and relax,"

McIntyre said. "We will return from break and practice for a couple of days before playing our next game."

Coming up for the Knights is an 8 p.m. home game Friday, Jan. 11, against Cleveland St. Ignasius, followed by a road game Saturday, Jan. 12, against Birmingham Detroit Country Day at Southfield Arena.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils blank foe

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It was a nice beginning to 2013 for Grosse Pointe South's boys' hockey team.

The host Blue Devils used a 23-save performance from junior goalie Andrew Wright to shut-out Dearborn Unified 4-0.

"This was a nice way to start the second half of the schedule," head coach Bobby McKillop said. "Andrew was solid in net, our defense was very good in our own end and the offense put the puck in the net. It was a nice game for all of our players."

McKillop rolled four lines and all three defensive pairings. Led by seniors Brad Kohut, Jake Corden, Ryley Maher and Blake Reece, as well as sophomores Will Barrett and Ian Corbett, the defense played well in front of Wright.

After giving up nine shots in the first period, the Blue Devils gave up only seven shots in the second stanza and seven in the third.

Neither team scored in the opening period, but the home squad put what would be the game-winning goal on the board in the second stanza.

Senior Max Corden scored on the power play with junior Andrew Bigham netting the assist.

Dearborn had its ample opportunities to get on



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Grosse Pointe South's Andrew Bigham, shown above playing Liggett a couple of weeks ago, played well in the Blue Devils' first game of 2013.

the board. It had two two-man advantages in the first period and another in the third period. Overall, South was whistled for 11 penalties, making its special teams play vital to the victory.

"It was tough to roll the lines in the first period since we were in the penalty box quite a bit," McKillop said. "I'm proud of how well our special teams played. They were on the ice a lot and they came up big, especially on those two-man advantages."

Dodging damage on the power plays was crucial and the play of the senior defensemen, led by Kohut, was huge. Kohut is gaining more and more confidence with his increased role on

the blue line. It was still a tight game until junior Andrew Hyde scored at the 13:04 mark of the third period, giving the Blue Devils some breathing room. Corden had the lone assist.

In a span of 43 seconds late in the game, the Blue Devils lit the lamp twice as sophomore Cameron Mogk scored on the power play at the 2:30 mark and sophomore Dominic Rinaldi tallied at the 1:47 mark.

Corbett and junior Wyatt Flynn assisted the first goal and Reece assisted the final tally.

With the win, South improved to 4-2 in the Michigan Metro Hockey League and 4-8 overall.

Coming up for the Blue Devils is a home game

Saturday, Jan. 12, against Allen Park.

"I can see a definite improvement from everyone on this team," McKillop said. "The guys are starting to understand the style of hockey I want them to play."

"The concepts are sinking in."

In other Michigan Metro Hockey League action, the Blue Devils play at Saline Tuesday, Jan. 15, and travel to Dearborn United and Ann Arbor Pioneer Wednesday, Jan. 23, and Saturday, Jan. 25.

The Blue Devils also compete in the Liggett Showcase the weekend of Jan. 18.

South plays Grosse Pointe North and either DeLaSalle or Liggett

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen earn title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys' hockey team extended its winning streak to six games last weekend after winning the Marquette Tournament.

It was 14 days between games for the Norsemen and a long trek up north, but it didn't stop them from edging the host school 2-1 in overtime in the first game and beating DePere, Wis., 5-2 in the championship game.

"We didn't find a rhythm against Marquette until the second half of the game," head coach Scott Lock said. "You could tell we had a couple of weeks between games because we were rusty."

"However, the guys picked up the pace and played some good hockey against a couple of nice teams. It's nice to win the tournament and keep our winning streak going."

Against Marquette, the Norsemen trailed 1-0 before senior Jack Guest scored a short-handed goal.

In the extra session, senior Jeff Herron tallied on the Norsemen's 45th shot of the game. They out-shot Marquette 45-11 as senior goalie Tanner Colborg stopped 10-of-11 shots to earn the win.

Lock watched his players jump out to a 2-0 lead in the championship game on goals by Herron and Guest.

Senior Jack Stander assisted on both and finished with three assists

in the game.

DePere rallied to win the second period, 2-0, to tie it 2-2.

"We didn't play very well in the second period and DePere tied it," Lock said. "Our guys stepped it up and played very well in the third period. It was a good weekend all the way around."

Junior C.J. Kusch, Herron and senior David Chavis scored goals in the third period and Colborg and junior Josh Champney split time between the pipes.

"Everyone played and our younger guys got ice time in the title game," Lock said.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 7-4 overall and upcoming is an away game Saturday, Jan. 12, against Trenton.

"It's a big division game," Lock said. "We beat them a couple of weeks ago by a goal, so I know they will be ready for payback. It will be a good game."

After playing Trenton, Grosse Pointe North competes in the Liggett Showcase the weekend of Jan. 18.

The Norsemen face both city rivals during the weekend games.

The Norsemen also have a string of three straight home games, beginning Wednesday, Jan. 23, against Warren DeLaSalle.

In addition, they host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood Saturday, Jan. 26, and host U-D Jesuit Friday, Feb. 1.

"We have some big games ahead of us," Lock said.

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Girls basketball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Two more wins

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Kevin Richards wanted to challenge his Grosse Pointe South girls' basketball team.

He was able to secure the challenge, entering the Motor City Roundball Classic at Detroit Country Day.

South faced two tough challengers in Livonia Ladywood and Woodhaven Thursday, Dec. 27, and Friday, Dec. 28. The games were played in a span of less than 24 hours.

"I wanted to give the girls a challenge that would replicate the state finals and we have it in the Roundball Classic," Richards said before his team took the court against Ladywood. "I want to see how the girls respond."

Richards was all smiles after South defeated Ladywood 49-34 and Woodhaven 49-41, improving to 7-1 overall.

The game with Ladywood was close at the half, but a big third quarter helped the Blue Devils take command against one of the top



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

South senior Claire DeBoer goes up for two points in the Blue Devils' win over Ladywood.

teams in the Catholic League Central Division.

Senior Claire DeBoer had 17 points and seven rebounds to lead the team, while sophomore Cierra Rice chipped in with 12 points and six rebounds.

Richards also had contributions from several players off his bench as he routinely extends his

rotation to nine or 10.

The Blue Devils used solid play from their guards, Rice and fellow sophomore Aliezza Brown, to help beat a solid Woodhaven squad.

Rice had 14 points and a career-high nine rebounds, and Brown was on fire from three-point range and finished with 12 points.

DeBoer got the job done in the post, scoring nine points and grabbing 12 rebounds.

Now with a strenuous non-league schedule behind them, Richards and South will focus on winning a Macomb Area Conference Red Division championship.

Macomb Dakota is another title contender.

Boys basketball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Victory in the bag

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys' basketball team ended its season-opening five-game losing streak last weekend, beating Harper Woods 46-41.

The Blue Devils opened the year with losses to Chippewa Valley, Detroit Osborn, U-D Jesuit, Grosse Pointe North and L'Anse Creuse.

"This is a big lift for our boys and it gives them some confidence heading into our division schedule," head coach Dave Grauzer said. "Before the game, I told them they had to do three things: bring defensive intensity, don't give up second and third shots and handle their pressure."

"I thought we did the first two things well and went to win a game we needed."

The host Blue Devils trailed 10-3 halfway through the opening quarter, but rallied to take an 11-10 lead.

Their second quarter was one of their best of the season. They were forcing turnovers and turning them into baskets.

The one-point lead turned into a 25-16 halftime advantage. Junior Darius Harris scored five points in the Blue Devils' 14-point surge.

Head coach Russell Collins had his Pioneers ready to play in the second half and they made a charge.

They cut the deficit to

37-33 at the end of the third quarter and eventually tied it at 37 with five minutes left in the game.

Grauzer's players didn't panic. Instead, junior Jabari Burton took over and converted a three-point play and hit two free throws as the Blue Devils took the lead for good, 42-37.

Senior Joe Becker converted a driving layup to make it 44-37.

It was 44-39 with 1:24 left and another basket gave the Pioneers life as it was 44-41.

A turnover gave the Pioneers a chance to tie the game, but junior Charles Davis missed a three-point attempt.

Harris was intentionally fouled and drilled his two free throws to put the game in the win column.

Harris finished with a team-high 16 points and had five rebounds.

Becker had nine points and five rebounds, while junior Dan Dixon had his best game, scoring five points and pulling down 10 rebounds.

Senior George Duffield had five points, while Burton finished with seven and junior Josh Gray had four.

"We're still a fairly young team and I can see the guys make mistakes," Grauzer said. "However, tonight they cut down on those mistakes and made some nice plays, especially down the stretch."

Grosse Pointe South is 1-5 overall with the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division slate dead ahead.

LIGGETT

Knights get elusive victory

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Omar Ahart earned his first win as University Liggett's girls' basketball head coach last week.

The Knights, playing the second of two games in the annual Motor City Roundball Classic at Detroit Country Day beat Romulus 56-52, improving to 1-4 overall.

"We built a nice 15 point halftime lead and had to hang on during the final minute," Ahart said.

"The girls played well against a big Class A program and it's a nice win for the program."

Sophomore Jessica Rotzoll led the Knights with 18 points and senior Haleigh Ristovski added 14 to help the team get the elusive first victory.

Sophomore Lola Ristovski also chipped in with 11 points.

It's been a tough opening couple of weeks for the Knights, thanks to a schedule loaded with state-ranked teams such

as Goodrich, Livonia Ladywood and Farmington Hills Mercy.

In their first game in the Roundball Classic, Liggett lost 46-45 to another ranked foe, Freeland.

Three players were in double figures as Rotzoll, Lola Ristovski and Haleigh Ristovski each scored 14 points.

The Knights couldn't connect on a potential tying three-point attempt and settled for a two-pointer instead.

They couldn't stop the clock and time ran out.

The Knights still have two more non-league games against tough competition.

They face Saginaw at the end of January and Woodhaven at the end of February.

"These games are getting the girls prepared for the state playoffs in March," Ahart said. "Once February hits, it's time to get on playing good basketball with playoffs coming up."

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LIGGETT

Back to .500

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

After starting the season with back-to-back losses, the University Liggett boys' basketball team beat Dearborn Henry Ford Academy 75-39 during a holiday tournament game played the week between Christmas and New Year's Day.

Head coach Sidney Johnson watched senior Connor Fannon nearly record a rare triple-double as he had 15 points, 11 rebounds and eight blocked shots.

Fellow seniors KeVaughn Jackson and

Eric Ewing also scored double figures, netting 15 and 13 points, respectively, for the Knights.

In other recent games, Liggett traveled to Sterling Heights Parkway Christian last weekend and won 76-31.

Ewing had 19 points and Fannon recorded a double-double with 16 points and 13 rebounds.

The win evened Liggett's record at 2-2 and put it at 1-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Coming up for the Knights is a home game Friday, Jan. 11, against league foe Bloomfield Hills Roeper.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Holiday loss

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys' basketball team took a 12-day hiatus into its holiday tournament game Dec. 26 against Detroit Henry Ford in the opening game of the PSL Holiday Classic IV at Detroit Renaissance.

The rust was evident as the Norsemen lost by three points, 60-57, to Henry Ford, falling to 2-2 overall.

"We played terrible," head coach Matt Lockhart said. "We couldn't make a shot to

save our lives. I don't know why we played so bad. Maybe I didn't have the guys ready to play."

"It's over and now we can look forward to our league schedule. Unfortunately, we have another 12-day layoff until we play again. Not very good scheduling."

North plays its Macomb Area Conference White Division opener Tuesday, Jan. 8, at Utica Ford.

Look for a much different and more focused Norsemen team, led by head coach Taiwan Wiggins and Ricky Watson, who had 20 points.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH



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Swimming, wrestling

Swim is 7th, wrestle 13th

Grosse Pointe South's boys' swimming and diving team placed seventh in the eight-squad Invitational held Dec. 28 at Zeeland West High School.

Saline won the meet with 523 points, followed by Birmingham Brother Rice with 519, Zeeland East/Zeeland West with 355, Hudsonville with 304, Holland with 292, Hamilton with 208, South with 67 and U-D Jesuit with 57.

Junior Patrick Jackson had a sixth-place finish in the 100-yard butterfly with a state-qualifying time of 55.98 for the Blue Devils.

Jackson also had another top-10 finish, placing seventh in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 58.90.

The Blue Devils' other top-10 finish was posted by the 400-yard freestyle relay team of freshman Doug Graham, sophomore Devlyn Francis, sophomore Tyler Leggat and Jackson, which was ninth with a time of 3:33.70.

The Blue Devils also finished 12th in the 200-yard medley relay with Jackson, sophomore Robby Koueiter, Graham and Francis turning in a time of 1:48.88.

Leggat was 20th in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:19.92 and Francis took 25th in the 50-yard freestyle, posting a time of 24.43.

In the butterfly, Francis was 18th with a time of 1:00.57, while Leggett and junior Sam Wilkinson finished 20th and 23rd with times of 1:02.39 and 1:03.34, respectively.

Graham was 15th in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 51.24 and the 200-yard freestyle relay foursome of Leggat, Koueiter, freshman Patrick Waterston and Wilkinson also placed 15th with a time of 1:42.08.

Graham also had a 12th-place finish in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 59.95 and freshman Jacob Montague was 24th with a time of 1:04.77. In the 100-yard breaststroke, Koueiter was 16th with a time of 1:09.25.

Gators info
The Gators' swimming and diving program has a meet coming up Jan. 25 to 27 at Grosse Pointe South High School.

Wrestling
Grosse Pointe South's wrestling team placed 13th in last weekend's 37th annual Dave Elliott Invitational at Clinton High School.

Manchester won the title with 201 points. "We had some decent results, but did not have a medalist," head coach Greg Snider said. Antoine Herrell was the top wrestler for the Blue Devils.

Learning the fundamentals

About 65 kids on Thursday and another 70 or so on Friday participated in an annual Dan Griesbaum baseball camp during the holiday break. They learned a lot about how to properly play the game of baseball from coaches and players. In addition, Griesbaum spoke at the American Baseball Coaches Association national convention in Chicago last weekend. The title of his talk was "Tradition Never Graduates," the Grosse Pointe South baseball program motto. Griesbaum spoke on building a consistently winning program, both on and off the field. He focused on several areas that made the program successful year in and year out, such as great feeder programs, as well as youth camps and coaches' clinics, community support and involvement, a great support system within the school, a credible coaching staff, the tremendous Dugout Club, and parental support, and an overall winning culture of high expectations. But, it is also about doing things the right way, with the utmost integrity, and teaching life skills in the process. Griesbaum was especially gracious about this community and its overall academic and athletic success and how others can emulate the Grosse Pointe South model. There were about 4,000 to 5,000 coaches there, both high school and college.

YOUTH HOCKEY



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Holiday helpers

Grosse Pointe Hockey's '02 Bulldog travel team, made up of 11-year-old local boys, led a month-long food drive to benefit Gleaners Community Food Bank. The team collected 326 pounds of food from Grosse Pointe Hockey Association families who left donations at the community rink in December. Pictured above are the players and coaches with donated items.

YOUTH BASKETBALL

Register for teams

The Michigan Junior Hooper fundamental program enters its fourth season and is the fastest growing basketball program for ages 4 to 9 in Metro Detroit.

Players experience success as each drill and instruction is adapted to a players' appropriate skill level.

The Junior Hooper program is also a feeder program to the Midwest Athletes Bitty-ball league for more advanced players.

Participants learn the importance of listening, work on improving body control, learn what the triple threat position is and when and why is it used, gain strength and confidence in ball handling, learn and practice proper shooting mechanics, learn different types of passes and when to execute them and focus on team concepts.

Rob Crandall Jr, a

South graduate, is the director and owner of FLASH traning. He has worked with many collegiate and high school programs within the past seven years.

In addition, he has spent time working with young players in middle schools and through AAU programs.

The cost of the winter II program is \$109 for each player. To register, go to mwabasketball.com and for questions, call Stephen Benard at (313) 580-0351 or send an e-mail to steve@mwabasketball.com

Tryouts for boys in grades three to six is 6 to 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21, and Wednesday, Jan. 23, and from 7 to 8 p.m. the same days for booyis in seventh and eighth grade. Tryouts for boys in all grades are 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26. All troyouts are at

Basketball City, 16400 Eastland Drive, Roseville, 48066. It is off Groesbeck east of 12 Mile. The cost is \$25 for all three try-outs.

The season includes two practices per week and each team plays a 10-game AAU schedule and one friendship event. Teams will compete in the 6th Annual AAU Detroit Winter League at Harper Woods High School. Games are played on Sundays, starting Jan. 30 through March 30.

Tryouts for the Michigan Lady Pride Girls' AAU basketball team for those in grades three to six is 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, and Thursday, Jan. 24, and 7 to 8 p.m. for girls in seventh and eighth grade the same days. Tryouts for girls in all grades are 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26. Tryouts are at Basketball City, too.

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6C | SCHOOLS

Choirs, strings and brass



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Above, Grosse Pointe South High School held its Pops and Pastries concert Friday, Nov. 30. Students performed music from classic and modern Disney movies. Below, Brownell Middle School orchestra students perform during the program's instrumental concert Thursday, Dec. 6. Included were selections from the sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade string orchestras, the jazz band and sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade bands.



Above, The Village Singers, Maire Elementary School's choir group, perform during the school's winter concert Wednesday, Dec. 19. Below, Grosse Pointe North High School choirs presented their annual Holiday Concert and Tea Wednesday, Dec. 5.



Above, third to fifth graders, as well as the choir from Poupard Elementary School, sing both modern and traditional Christmas songs during the winter holiday concert Tuesday, Dec. 11, at the Parcels Middle School auditorium. Right, Pierce Middle School's band and orchestra winter concert Tuesday, Dec. 11, included performances from the program's sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade jazz band, concert band, cadet band and orchestras. Pictured, Pierce eighth grader Genevieve Boyle, a violinist, warms up before the concert begins.



Above, Parcels Middle School's sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade strings, as well as its sixth-grade band, cadet band and concert band played Christmas numbers during the band's and orchestra's instrumental Holiday Concert Wednesday, Dec. 5. Left, first, third and fifth graders from Trombly Elementary School perform Christmas classics such as "Silver Bells," and "Deck the Halls" during the school's winter concert Monday, Dec. 10.