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◆ The Graff Quartet performs a free concert at 7 p.m. at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

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◆ Richard Chasdi, an expert in international conflict and terrorism issues, author of three books on terrorism and counter terrorism and professor at Wayne State University in the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies, is the noon speaker at Rotary of Grosse Pointe at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The title of his talk is "World Understanding in the Age of Terrorism." Lunch costs \$15 and the public can attend.

◆ Naturalist Gordon Lonie shares three short videos on his experiences venturing into ponds at night to see frogs and toads calling, mating and laying eggs. Salamanders are featured, too. Social hour begins at 7 p.m. and the meeting is at 7:30 p.m. in the annex behind Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe.

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New and old

Over the next few weeks leading into spring, the Grosse Pointe News will feature several new businesses, several who have updated their businesses and still others that have moved around the corner or down the street. Among those being featured, above, the Red Crown opening in the historic Standard Oil building at 15301 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park.



Above, Wild Birds Unlimited moved to a new nest at 20381 Mack, just down the street from their old address. Below, Pointe Alarm moved from Mack Avenue to 17027 Kercheval, in The Village. More on page 2A.

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Above, Village Ace is settling into its new home at 18165 Mack Ave. Owner Mark Elmer said the move to a bigger building also offers free parking for customers. At right, the new Crowther Carpet & Rugs home at 19483 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods.



Gentz gets 17-28 years

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

DETROIT - Handyman Joseph Gentz apologized and was then sentenced for killing Grosse Pointe Park resident Jane Bashara.

He will spend the next 17 to 28 years in prison.

The sentence, handed down Tuesday by 3rd District Judge Vonda Evans, comes after Gentz pleaded guilty to second-degree murder.

Admitting he killed Jane Bashara in January 2012 at the behest of her husband, Gentz told the court on Dec. 21, "I killed Jane Bashara because Bob Bashara promised me money and threatened to kill me." The confession was part of a plea deal Gentz and his attorney worked out with Wayne County prosecutors that would allow him to plead guilty to second degree murder and allow for the dismissal of a second charge, conspiracy to commit murder. Gentz was originally charged with first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder, charges that both carry a sentence of mandatory life in prison without parole if convicted.

Shortly after the murder, Gentz turned himself in to Grosse Pointe Park police. He told police at the time he killed Jane Bashara at the request of her husband, but after being held for three days, he was released. In March, he was arrested and charged. He has remained in custody since.

Bob Bashara was arrested in June and charged with solicitation to murder Gentz after he was taped offering an appliance store owner \$20,000 to kill his former handyman. In October, Bashara pleaded guilty to the charge and is now serving six to 20 years at the Oaks Correctional Facility in Manistee.

Bob Bashara was named a person of interest in the death of his wife, but has never been charged. Both the Grosse Pointe Park police and the Wayne County prosecutors office maintain the case remains open.

Gentz's attorney, Susan Reed, said the plea deal her client accepted was in his best interest. At his hearing in December, she said that her client was taken advantage of by Bob Bashara.

"My client felt he has to pay for what he did, but without Bob Bashara, we wouldn't be here today," she said at the time.

Jane Bashara, a marketing executive and the mother of two adult children, was found murdered the morning of Jan. 25. Bob Bashara told police he returned home

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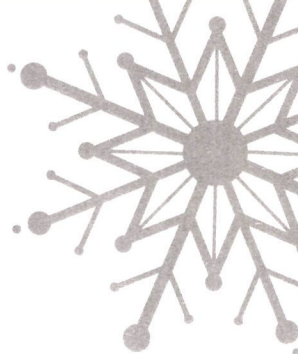
The Ray Laethem Motor Village on Mack continues with renovations. The dealerships sell Buick, GMC, Chrysler, Jeep, and Dodge vehicles at state-of-the-art facilities.



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At top, Coins & Stamps Inc. is open again at its original City of Grosse Pointe home, 17658 Mack Ave. The store was completely redone after an arson fire in 2012. Above, the new McDonald's on Mack has been part of the successful growth along the Grosse Pointe and Detroit border. A series of stories about business growth begins in next week's issue of the Grosse Pointe News.

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Dragon sightings

Jeanne Nosek wore a Viking helmet and her son, Christopher, held up a Viking-style mustache and beard during a photo-op at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center. The photo would be inserted into a frame children decorated during the afternoon. Below, Axel Cooper wore a tie in recognition of the first outing with his mother since the birth of his brother, eight weeks ago.



During Grosse Pointe Woods annual Mother - Son movie afternoon earlier this month, Zachary Pellegrini, above, decorates a frame to hold a photo of he and his mother. Along with arts and crafts, attendees watched the animated film, "How to Train Your Dragon." At left, Cole Champine wore his dragon band and decorated a shield

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Slide survives budget cuts

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — There's good news for young Grosse Pointe Woods residents who enjoy the waterslide at Lake Front Park on hot summer days.

The city council, acting as a committee of the whole, agreed to keep the slide open this summer, taking it off the list of city amenities and services that could be cut as the city tackles a budget shortfall.

But a proposed Wide Area Network didn't fare as well, with the council agreeing to cut the technology project, saving an estimated \$35,000.

"We need a technology infrastructure plan," councilwoman Vicki Granger said. "We need a technology road map, and while we won't go ahead with this project, we need to look at other options, and we need to look ahead."

The W.A.N. would have benefited the city's department of public works, and director Joe Ahee told the council it was an expenditure that could be delayed for now.

Another expenditure cut will be the mulching of flower beds along Mack Avenue, a move that could save the city about \$16,000. The mulching will now become an alternating year project.

"I think it's important that we maintain the city," said Mayor Robert Novitke, "and we do everything we can to keep the city looking as it should."

While the council

agreed to keep the water slide open, it did make several cuts in park services, including voting to not allocate money to repair the heater on a paddle tennis court at Lake Front Park and closing a baby pool that is leaking and needs a new liner.

Instead, the city will cover the pool and keep it closed, at least for this summer.

Another cut will be made in the city's bus service to Lake Front Park. The council agreed to save on the bus service by eliminating one of the buses and cutting operations. The current bus routes will be altered, and the service will end on Aug. 2, three weeks earlier than in previous years.

But the elephant in the room during the budget discussions on park services and amenities was a fee for park usage.

Councilman Mike Koester proposed a fee for park passes, indicating people who wanted to use the park would pay the fee, while those who did not use the park would not have to pay.

"I think if we implement a fee for park passes, we would not be facing these cuts," he said. "The fee would be used to repair and manage the wonderful asset we have in Lake Front Park."

The mayor agreed a fee needs to be discussed, but said it was not something that could be implemented for this summer. "It's definitely something we need to look at for the 2013-2014 budget year," he said.

Ricci, Vogel vie for Farms council spot

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Near the end of a candidate forum for the Tuesday, Feb. 26, special city council election came the question:

Serving on council requires a deep knowledge of financial management. What are your qualifications in this area?

Answers revealed one of many differences between candidates Joe Ricci and Elizabeth Vogel, racing to fill a mid-term opening ending in November 2015.

"I have a lot of responsibility to my current employers," said Ricci, 63, a semi-retired owner of automotive dealerships in metro Detroit. "The bottom line is, I know a buck. I know what it takes to make a buck and what you have to do to save a buck."

Both answered about two dozen written questions from audience members attending a forum Feb. 12 sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe at Farms City Hall.

Winner of the election completes the term of the late Councilman Joe Leonard.

Finances

Most questions involved finances.

Ricci, a Farms resident for more than 30 years, said his strong suit for council is his business success.

"With over 35 years of running and building my own businesses in six different local communities, with over 65 employees (and) \$63 million in annual sales, I've dealt with all phases of local government," Ricci said. "In order to navigate

these challenging times, our city will need strong and experienced leaders. This is not the time for learning on the job."

Vogel, a Farms native, said she'll bring to the council her passion for the community.

"I have been active in this community for nearly a decade," Vogel said. "I've been a trustee of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society for three years. I've been reviewing budgets to make sure that organization is viable. I also have been a member of the Hill Association for four years and during that time was elected vice president. Recently, I was appointed by the city council to serve on the communications committee."

Vogel rents a house. "Renters are an important part of our community," she said. "They are future homeowners. Renters are residents."

Ricci owns property. "I pay taxes, that's all I know," he said. "I've moved five times during my 30-plus years in the Farms. The only requirement in our family decision of where we would move was it had to be in the Farms."

Main challenges

Ricci said primary challenges facing the Farms include the employee pension fund, which is \$3.1 million underfunded; and a \$900,000 deficit in the water fund.

"I'm looking at today, tomorrow and the next three to five years," Ricci said. "This is our crucial period. This is when we have to do what we have to do to get us to the next step. If we do the foundation work now, the next 10 to 15 years will take care of itself."

Vogel said improving the city website, which is a project of the communications committee, is a short-term goal.

"We need to put our best face forward online," she said, adding that long-term issues also need addressing. "The next decade or so, we



Ricci



Vogel

need to come up with a strategy to attract people here. Then, we can talk about little things we can work on to get the community better."

Crime

Both candidates support crime prevention.

Ricci recommended locating a mini police station on municipal property at Mack and Moross.

"Visibility — officers on the road — that's the biggest deterrent to crime," he said.

"Crime is changing," Vogel said. "It's more brazen. I'd like a continued emphasis on patrolling. Our best defense is a good offense. We need to deter criminals, which means we keep police cars on Mack."

Water system

Ricci said he'd like to form a municipal water committee.

"Of all the committees we have, we don't have one for the water depart-

ment," he said. "I'd like to see implemented a dual meter system, where property owners could eliminate paying the sewage (fee) on irrigation. Also, there's things we could do to save water with a retention pond at the (country) club."

Vogel said, "A lot of our infrastructure dates to the 1930s. We need to make sure we have set in place to reevaluate pipes to make sure they're strong for generations to come. We're passed some of our life cycles on our water department and pipes. The Band-Aid thing only works so well."

Forum airs

Election Day is Tuesday, Feb. 26. Polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day.

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Negotiating WITH STRENGTH

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

— It's a small art world after all. Representatives of two museums, both built in the Beaux Arts style — one located on the banks of the Seine and headed by a Frenchman, the other a few miles north of the Detroit River and directed by a Brit — negotiated, in part by a Spaniard, to temporarily swap a Dutchman's masterpiece painted in France for a gothic nightmare rendered by a Swiss expatriate living in England.

It proves that the highfalutin world of art isn't above horse trading.

An exhibition of four Vincent Van Gogh paintings opening this week

at the Detroit Institute of Arts shows the museum's power to get as good as it gives.

"It's part of the DIA's effort to bring to the museum important masterpieces from around the world," said Salvador Salort-Pons, head of the museum's European art department. "At the same time, we want to showcase masterpieces in our permanent collection to underscore the importance of the DIA European collection."

Salort-Pons represented the DIA in talks with the Musee d'Orsay in France to borrow "Van Gogh's Bedroom in Arles" through May 28.

"It was an interesting negotiation," said Salort-Pons, holder of a doctorate in art history and an MBA. "This is one of

Musee d'Orsay's most popular pictures and one of Van Gogh's most famous paintings."

He leveraged the deal by lending d'Orsay the DIA's, "The Nightmare," by Henry Fuseli.

"We're prepping 'The Nightmare' for the trip," Salort-Pons said Monday afternoon, Feb. 18. "It's leaving next week."

French curators also were swayed by the prospect of "Bedroom" highlighting a pocket exhibition featuring the DIA's three Van Goghs.

"We have one of the best European art collections in the United States," Salort-Pons said. "We can ask for loans for temporary exhibitions. That's why we had the fantastic exhibition, 'Rembrandt and the Face of Jesus.'"



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Salvador Salort-Pons, head of the Detroit Institute of Arts' European art department, introduces "Van Gogh's Bedroom in Arles," borrowed from the Musee d'Orsay through May 28. Admission is free for residents of Wayne, Macomb and Oakland counties.

The DIA's Van Goghs accompanying "Bedroom" are "Self-Portrait," "The Diggers" and "The Portrait of the Postman Roulin."

"The Bedroom" really fits well in the DIA collection of Van Gogh,"

Salort-Pons said. "We wanted to create a small show to also give more exposure to our collection."

Last August, DIA holdings rounded out a Dutch exhibition featuring a Johannes Vermeer

work borrowed from the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.

"In October, we will have a painting by (Michelangelo Merisi da) Caravaggio shown with our Caravaggio," Salort-Pons said.

St. John expands program

St. John Hospital and Medical Center is expanding and renovating its neonatal intensive care unit and recently celebrated the lead donors supporting the "Little Miracles...Big Dreams" campaign to raise \$5 million for the project.

The largest gift came from the Van Elslander family, who made a donation through its family foundation for the new "Mary Ann Van Elslander Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and Special Care

Nursery."

For the past 14 years, Van Elslander has spent hours volunteering in the NICU's special care nursery with the tiny patients and their families, providing a personal, loving touch at a most vulnerable time.

As one of St. John Providence Health System's most loyal philanthropic families, the Van Elslander family has already made a huge impact on patient care by providing support to create the Van Elslander

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- ◆ Provide an enhanced environment with reduced light and sound disturbances more conducive to healing and growing and

- ◆ Equip the area with state-of-the-art life-saving technology including a cardio-respiratory monitoring system, Giraffe Omnibeds (combination incubator and radiant warmer), ventilators and an upgraded infant security system

In addition to the Van Elslander gift, the Fontbonne Auxiliary, made the lead gift. Fontbonne's contribution will be recognized by creating the Fontbonne Auxiliary NICU Gallery to showcase photos of NICU "graduates" who grow and thrive. The gallery also depicts many of the NICU's 40 years of accomplishments.

Other generous donors to the "Little Miracles...Big Dreams" campaign include: Dr. Premchand Anne and Mrs. Amitha Parvataneni, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Campau, the Cracchiolo family, Dr. and Mrs. Marc Cullen, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Cullen, the DeSerrano Family Foundation,

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Taking a bite out of crime

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — The wish for more police dogs in the Grosse Pointes is a tail wag closer to reality.

An organization was formally established this month to help cities fund a pack.

"We thought it would be appropriate to have a minimum of three dogs in the Grosse Pointes," said John Stevens, president of K-9 Safety Partners of the Grosse Pointes. "That means we don't overwork one dog."

The next step is making the partners a tax-exempt organization.

"We're going to try to provide support to communities so they can go out and buy the services of a dog," said Lev Wood, the group's treasurer and a Farms councilman.

"The general consensus among our group is to spread it out a little; one dog each in the Woods, City and Park," Stevens said.

Additional dogs allow more patrols in commercial districts, impromptu investigations, school sweeps and public safety demonstrations, said members of the partners.

Stevens was on the City of Grosse Pointe council in 2005 when it approved purchasing a K-9, later named Raleigh by a contest of Maire Elementary Students.

The partners' short-term goal is funding Raleigh's replacement.

"Raleigh is 8," said Skip Fincham, the partners' recording secretary and Grosse Pointe Woods city administrator. "Typically, the service life of a K-9 is eight to 10 years."

In addition to the costs of buying a dog and pay-

ing its veterinary bills, the animal is partnered with an officer.

Both undergo regular training and patrol the community in a cruiser outfitted for a K-9.

Stevens figures the program needs a \$20,000 annual operating budget. Start-up cost could reach \$50,000.

"We want to provide dollars to get it up and running," Wood said.

"We'll be researching grants," Fincham said.

"I'm sure the police have their own reasons to appreciate a dog, but as a citizen, I think it's a great publicity tool and a great deterrence," said James Fitzgerald, a partners board member from the City. "It behooves our community to have one."

"The dog program had a great kick-start," Stevens said. "Then, with budget cuts, the city said it couldn't afford it."

"The cost is more than any single city can bear because our budgets are cash-strapped," said Greg Theokas, mayor pro tem of Grosse Pointe Park. "People like to see the dog on the streets in commercial areas. The problem is, you can't split a dog that much among the five Pointes."

Raleigh's community-wide effectiveness is represented by each other Pointe paying about \$2,000 annually for deployments to track suspects and sniff for narcotics.

"A K-9 is a terrific supplement to officers," Wood said. "K-9s go out in front of someone with a gun. They can smell trouble before it comes."

"We're going to be fundraising through several media: mail, Internet, phone and letters," Fincham said. "It's an opportunity for the community to get involved."

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OUR VIEW

Temporary plan should work

A temporary landing pad on the Grosse Pointe Woods side of St. John Hospital and Medical Center has several area residents peeved that promises have been broken when it comes to the frequency of helicopter flights.

In fact, there are accusations the original helicopter used in the show-and-tell phase is dwarfed by the much larger, noisier helicopters now making trips to the hospital.

While any change is typically met with a "not in my backyard" attitude by residents everywhere, St. John Hospital and the city need to work out their differences on this agreement. In this case, the residents deserve that.

After a couple demonstrations, noise level testing in the neighborhoods and much deliberating, a six-month agreement was signed to allow up to 25 flights during that time. A permanent heliport is being built on the parking deck roof of the Detroit facility, a ways away from the temporary site.

At last week's city council meeting in the Woods, administrators said the permanent site construction should be complete within the 6-month window. That's encouraging news.

Directed by council, a meeting will take place between St. John and city officials to iron out problems with the agreement.

A sprawling facility in the middle of neighborhoods in Detroit and Grosse Pointe Woods, St. John is in the business of saving lives, which is what these flights are doing — getting people to medical treatment faster.

We trust St. John will continue to be a good neighbor and stick to the plan they agreed would work. The inconvenience all the way around seems temporary. We hope.

Gentz sentenced

The feeling is there for many that the Jane Bashara murder case isn't over after handyman Joe Gentz was sentenced Tuesday morning.

Gentz, who admitted he killed the Grosse Pointe Park resident in January 2012, will serve 17 to 28 years in prison.

Gentz worked as a handyman for Jane's husband, Bob. Gentz claims he was forced to kill Jane by Bob. Bob is serving up to 20 years in prison for trying to hire a hitman to kill Gentz while he was in jail awaiting trial.

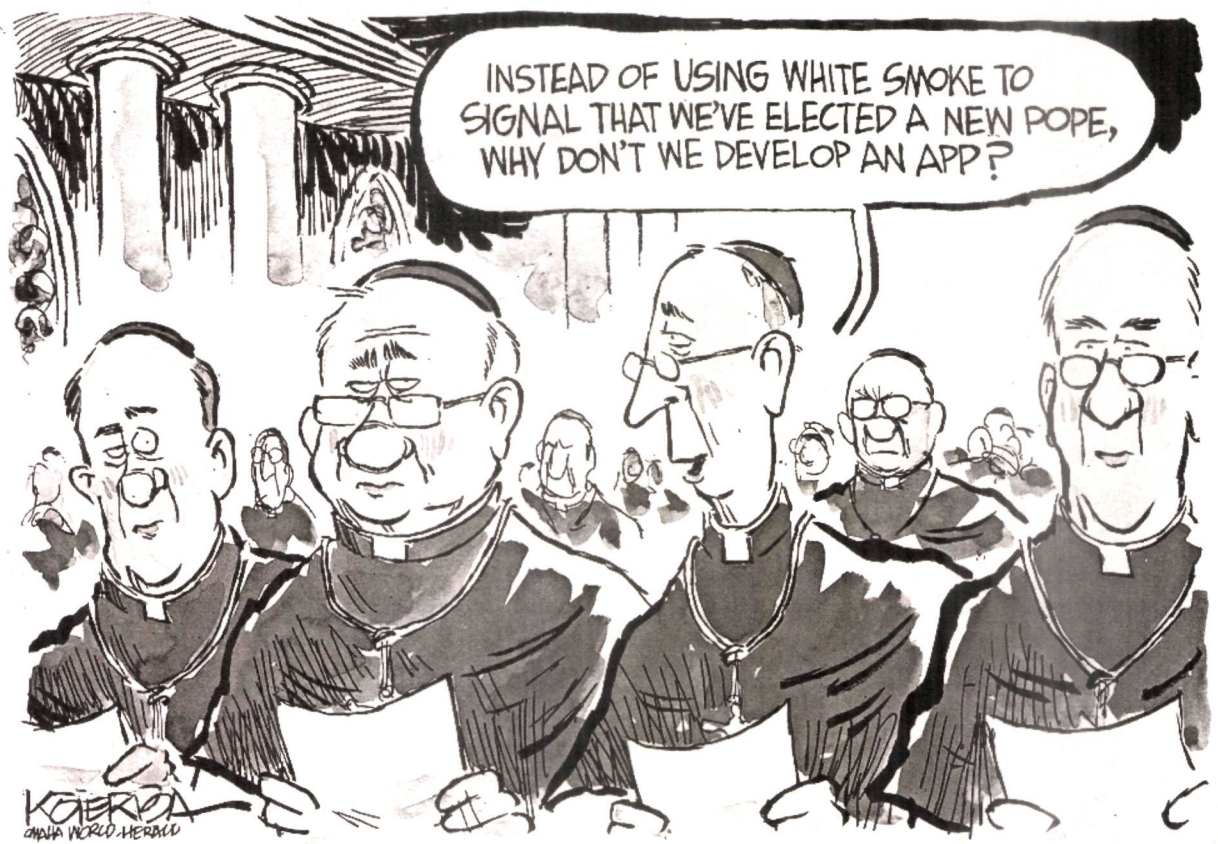
The businessman Bob tried to hire was wired and the case closed quickly.

While a person of interest only hours after the crime was committed, Bob Bashara hasn't been charged in his wife's murder.

Speculation has been he will be charged, while police and prosecutors say only that the case is still being investigated.

The thoughts and prayers of the community are with the family left behind to pick up the pieces and move on. Two children lost both their parents.

The families, hopefully, will one day have closure to this case.



LETTERS

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your letters to the editor. All letters should be typed, double-spaced and signed. Longer letters may be edited for length and all letters may be edited for content. We reserve the right to refuse any letter. Include a daytime phone number for verification or questions.

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

Expand Medicaid

To the Editor:

As a supporter of the Affordable Care Act, I was very pleased with Gov. Rick Snyder's decision to support the expansion of Medicaid in Michigan.

The governor provided all the correct reasons for supporting the expansion; increase coverage for

500,000 people in Michigan and an additional \$1.5 to \$2 billion a year in new federal spending for Michigan to pay for the expansion, help for the economy and create new jobs.

But there is another very important reason why we must expand Medicaid in Michigan

because it will help the business community in Michigan.

Beginning in 2014 businesses with 50 or more employees must provide health care coverage to their employees or pay a penalty.

For many businesses that employ minimum wage workers, if Medicaid is expanded then those workers will be eligible to receive health care and the employer is off the hook. But if Medicaid is not expanded then those businesses will assume responsibility for providing health care to those employees.

The cost to these businesses could be as high as \$5,000 a year to insure each worker.

Although the cost of providing health care is

tax deductible, the cost of paying the penalty if businesses chose not to provide health care, is not deductible.

I hope the Republican controlled State Legislature support Gov. Snyder's proposal to expand Medicaid. This will help a portion of the business community to continue to hire minimum wage employees who need health care coverage.

We may not all agree about all aspects of the Affordable Care Act, but it is the law of the land and Michigan should take advantage of all the benefits that an expanded Medicaid program will bring to Michigan.

JOHN FREEMAN

Director

Know Your Care Michigan

I SAY By Kathy Ryan

Are you *%\$#@# kidding

I'm stressed. I know, I know, who isn't? Work, kids, relationships, money, grades (usually your kids' grades, because if you notice, they're not stressing about them), illness, who's bringing the salad to the potluck luncheon... you name it, people are stressed.

So, following the advice of experts in the field, I decided to de-stress by taking an exercise/yoga class.

Are you #\$(*&* kidding me?

OK, first you needed the right clothes. Have you seen the price of yoga clothes? If you weren't stressed out about money, you would be after going shopping. I'm not sure how anyone remained calm while working up a sweat before Lululemon opened its doors, but it appears to be the required uniform for all those seeking inner peace. Apparently the Lulu ladies have never

seen my inner thighs or my checkbook. Being more of a Wanda Watermelon kind of girl, I grabbed an old pair of black pants from the back of the closet and headed for class.

I knew I was in trouble the minute the instructor introduced herself.

Young, tall, slender, lithe, the picture of health, she's someone you'd embrace as the perfect daughter or daughter-in-law, if it didn't quickly become apparent her idea of fun is to torture old ladies.

Let's be honest. Nothing good can come of an activity that requires you to get on your hands and knees.

Think about it. Scrubbing floors, cleaning the carpet after the dog throws up, looking under the couch for the \$10 library book that has now been slapped with an overdue fine of \$28, when was the last time you did any of those with a smile

on your face and contentment in your inner being?

But the next thing I know, I'm on the floor on a rubber mat, stretching every appendage and body part, visible or otherwise, being urged to relax, to go to my calm place, perhaps a warm beach or a lovely garden. The last time I was told to do that, I was in labor during the '80s when natural childbirth, obviously something invented by a man, was de rigueur. I was urged to huff and puff and think of a calm, quiet place as my husband stood there telling me what a great job I was doing. Thankfully, the statute of limitations has run out on what I was thinking at the time.

I sneak a quick peek at my classmates splayed out on the floor and they all seem to have gone to a better place, perhaps a date with George Clooney, a size 4 Lululemon shirt, a no-calorie hot fudge sundae, a grocery store with-

out parking meters.

You could cut the serenity with a knife.

So why is it, I wondered, do I appear to be the only one sweating bullets worrying about how I'm going to get up off the floor? Picture a warm, sunny beach? Are you *%\$* kidding me? All I can picture is that commercial with the old lady flat out on floor yelling, "Help, I've fallen and I can't get up."

I also made a mental note to myself to remember to wear a watch next time so I would know exactly how much longer I had to endure this abuse.

Perhaps I could use my watch as my new happy place, I'll just picture myself in a jewelry store picking up my new gold Rolex before heading off to the south of France for my date with George Clooney.

Yeah, that's the ticket to my inner peace. It beats the parking ticket I got at the grocery store.

GUEST OPINION By Bill Kalmar

Fly zone 'flapdoodle'

St. John Hospital and Medical Center is a 772-bed teaching hospital in Detroit which borders the Grosse Pointes. The emergency center is a Level II Trauma Center.

Recently an issue arose regarding the helicopters which transport patients to the hospital in a life or death situation. Some residents surrounding St. John are miffed because helicopters are bringing injured patients to the hospital in life saving journeys and the noise is disrupting the otherwise tranquil neighborhood.

It was reported one homeowner even mentioned "the noise of an ap-

proaching helicopter distracts him from watching television." Guess he is not aware reruns of "Gilligan's Island" are available from the local video store.

Seriously, we're talking about life and death situations here, so several minutes of a helicopter delivering its precious cargo to the trauma center should not be a cause celebre.

These whiners should take a lesson from my grade school nuns. Anytime we heard a siren, the nuns would ask us to pause and say a prayer for whatever prompted the emergency.

I find it incomprehensible why someone would complain about the periodic passing of a helicop-

ter on its way to a hospital. If you live near an airport you hear and see the passing of planes overhead.

Living near a highway means listening to the constant roar of cars and trucks. And up the road from an outdoor entertainment complex means you will be subjected to the distant sounds of some music that may not appeal to you.

We live in a house with woods behind us and thus we have to contend with the occasional smell of a squirrel or the intrusion of squirrels devouring food in our bird feeders.

Maybe our issues do not parallel the passing of helicopters overhead but many of us have factors in our neighborhood we deal

with on a daily basis.

So the next time a helicopter flies over the neighborhood near St. John, the residents should take a page from my grade school nuns and say a prayer of thanks they themselves or members of their family are not in the helicopter.

Perhaps a meeting with the families whose loved ones were transported in the helicopter in a life and death situation would jolt these complainers into some sense of reality. In the meantime, turn up the volume on the television.

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

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Night of honors

The sights and sounds of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce annual dinner, which featured the presentation of the year's Pointer of Distinction award winners. Above, the band G&G Music entertained the crowd. At right, Sarah Clarkson, Katie Szykowski, Sharon Maier, Tina Dziedzic and Beline Obeid enjoy the evening. Below right, Ted and Marcia Everingham with Congressman Gary Peters.

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PROGRAM: \$12 million investment in St. John NICU

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Center, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene LoVasco, Mr. and Mrs. John Nehra, Nothdurft Pediatric Endowment, Elena and Scott Russell, St. John Pediatric Faculty Group, Dr. and Mrs. M.C. Thirumoorthi and Debbie Van Elslander.

More than 120 people attended the special event kicking off the campaign for the expanded NICU, hosted by Van Elslander on Jan. 16 at her Grosse Pointe Shores home and sponsored by St. John Health Foundation.

With the total cost of the NICU project at \$12 million, the healthy system provided a capital investment of \$7 million. The unit cares for about 450 infants annually.

For more information on the unit's expansion project and campaign, call (313) 343-7483.



From left, Mary Ann Van Elslander; Patricia Maryland, president and CEO of St. John Providence Health System; Lisa Vallee-Smith, St. John Health Foundation board member and chairwoman of "Little Miracles ... Big Dreams" campaign for the neonatal intensive unit; and Susann Burns, St. John Providence Health Foundation president.



GENTZ: Grosse Pointe Park case remains open

around 8 p.m. the night before and said his wife was not there. After attempting to locate her, he called police to report her missing. Police have released very few details about the actual murder, though it is believed the murder took place in the garage of the Bashara family home on Middlesex. Jane Bashara had been strangled and beaten, her body put into

the back seat of her SUV, and then the car was driven to an alley on the eastside of Detroit and abandoned.

Video surveillance tape taken from a business in the area placed Gentz in the area the night of the murder.

Focus turned to Bob Bashara shortly after his wife's death when it was revealed he had an affair with a City of Grosse

Pointe resident, and that they had been attempting to buy a house they could share in Grosse Pointe Park.

In December, Gentz's attorney, a veteran criminal defense attorney,

acknowledged that this was the strangest case she had ever been involved in.

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

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE TO BIDDERS - 2013 Concrete Pavement Repair Program AEW PROJECT NUMBER 0160-0353. 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 Tuesday, March 5, 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 Monday, February 18, 2013, after 1:00 p.m., at the offices of Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc., 51301 Schoenherr Road, Shelby Township, Michigan 48315. Call (586) 726-1234 to obtain Plans and Specifications. 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.

Lisa K. Hathaway, MMC
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 2/21/2013

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROPOSED STATEMENT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME PROJECTS PROGRAM YEAR 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, February 25, 2013 at 7:00 pm by the City Council in the Grosse Pointe City Council Chambers, 17145 Maumee Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230 (telephone 313-885-5800) for review of Community Development Block Grant and HOME 2012 Programming Request.

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

2013 PROPOSED PROJECTS (estimated funding) AMOUNT:

ADA Ramp Improvements	\$30,000
SOC (Public Service)	\$8,000
Administration	\$5,000
SUB TOTAL	\$43,000

SOC (Countywide Housing Rehabilitation) \$30,000
(May be allocated federal HOME funds at County discretion)

GRAND TOTAL: \$73,000

The City invites all citizens as well as individuals or representatives of neighborhood groups to submit ideas and comments concerning this application.

G.P.N.: 02/21/2013

WEEK AHEAD: MONDAY, FEB. 25

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The event is free and open to the public.

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods city council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack Plaza.
- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 17147 Maumee.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park city council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.

TUESDAY, FEB. 26

- ◆ The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's business after hours meeting is from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at FlashPoint Photography, 20927 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

THURSDAY, FEB. 28

- ◆ A Wow Writing Workshop offer an ACT writing test prep from 7 to 9 p.m. at Grosse Pointe South High School. To register, visit wowwritingworkshop.com.
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Cheryl Coleman (right), President & CEO of NEGC instructs Audra through the application process.

Northeast Guidance Center Promotes Wellness with New Housing

By Emma Lockridge

Audra is a well-dressed attractive Detroit resident who looks like she hasn't a care in the world. In reality, she's valiantly battling depression and looming homelessness. "As I go through the fire, I want to shake off the ashes," she says. The 46-year-old mom suffered a fire that gutted a unit of her two-family flat and her possessions were destroyed, excluding clothing. She moved into her undamaged unit but what the fire didn't burn delinquent taxes eventually claimed. Audra's home was foreclosed on. She was forced to move into her mother's home with her seven-year-old autistic son and 21-year-old daughter. In addition, Audra is battling sarcoidosis, an autoimmune disease that leaves her unable to work. "I don't mind the Lord giving me a testimony," she says with a smile. "I just pray it's not too huge."

Audra is among low-income applicants applying for an apartment in the 39-unit Mack-Ashland Apartments on Detroit's east side. Under construction and scheduled to open this May, the apartments will provide a new start to people who suffer from mental illness, homelessness, aging out of foster care and special needs. Most of the applicants are in mental health treatment at the Northeast Guidance

The rent subsidized Mack-Ashland supportive housing is being developed by NEGC to meet the needs of the growing homeless population near the Connor Avenue based center. "In some cases we're dealing with people who are couch surfing," explains Cheryl L. Coleman, President and CEO of NEGC. "We have clients in treatment who are 24-hours away from being on the streets. There is a critical need for supportive housing."

The \$7.9 million project will provide clean, affordable housing for people like Audra and Krystle, a 27-year-old mother of two young children who also suffers from depression. Krystle lives with her grandmother and 20-year-old "out of control" brother in a neighborhood teeming with illicit drugs and violence. "My brother brings random people into our home around the clock. They play loud music, eat up our food and take over the house," she laments. "My daughters are confined to the bedroom. Depression runs in my family and I need to break the cycle. Stable housing would help."

Coleman says NEGC is in the process of securing furniture for the 39-unit apartment building which features studio to three-bedroom apartments. She hopes individuals or organizations, like The Links, sororities/fraternities, and houses of worship, will adopt an apartment. For instance, it costs approximately \$1,200 to furnish a studio and \$5,000 for a 3-bedroom unit in the building. "We will begin a rolling move-in schedule beginning in May and we want the units completely furnished right down to sheets for our residents." Interested parties should call 313-824-5641 to donate new or gently used home furnishings. Pickup of donations is available. The Michigan State Housing Development Authority is partnering with Northeast Guidance Center, Mack Ashland LDHA/LP, Southwest Housing Solutions Corporation, and RPI Management, Inc. to make this supportive housing available.



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Public safety reports

City of Grosse Pointe

Don't speed

Police arrested a 31-year-old Clinton Township woman on eastbound Jefferson at Fisher at 2:19 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, for violating driving suspensions.

A patrolman pulled her over for driving 48 mph in a 35 mph zone.

She was wanted on two bench warrants from Clinton Township and Ferndale, according to police.

—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

41 license suspensions

A traffic infraction last weekend resulted in the arrest of a 41-year-old Detroit man for violating 41 driver's license suspensions.

At 8:53 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, a patrolman investigated the man for driving a blue conversion van into traffic near Mack and Moross without

yielding.

Records showed his license suspended since 1997.

He was wanted in Sterling Heights for probation violation and in Pontiac on three other charges, according to police.

Paraphernalia

A 19-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms woman, expelled from her residence in the 100 block of Kerby shortly before noon Thursday, Feb. 14, for marijuana use, faces drug charges, according to police.

Officers responding to a report of the woman screaming on the front porch said they found a drug pipe and marijuana residue in her backpack.

"(She) was placed under arrest for (possession of) narcotic paraphernalia," said an officer.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

All quiet in the Shores

No new reports in the weekly public safety log.

—Brad Lindberg

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

GROSSE POINTE PARK

Steal one, leave a stolen one

A 2001 Jeep was taken Saturday, Feb. 16, from the 1100 block of Wayburn. In its place, police found a 1998 Dodge Stratus reported stolen earlier out of Detroit.

—Kathy Ryan

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

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Repeat food shoplifting

A 68-year-old Detroit resident who told police, "I have no money and I need to eat," was arrested on retail fraud charges at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12.

According to police, an employee of the Kroger store on Mack called police to report he had witnessed the man hiding food in his coat and leaving the store without paying for it. He was taken into custody outside the store as he attempted to leave on his bicycle. The items totaled \$39.75. Police had arrested the same man in October on a similar charge.

OWI and not happy

A 35-year-old Woods resident refused a field sobriety test and was placed under arrest on a charge of driving while intoxicated at 1:45 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 17. According to police, the man was clocked traveling more than 60 miles per hour on Vernier with road conditions described as snow covered and slippery. He was followed into his own driveway, and when confronted by police, he became hostile and refused to cooperate. He was arrested and transferred to Henry Ford Cottage Hospital. Tests showed a blood alcohol count of .11.

—Kathy Ryan

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The cast rehearses a song from "Brigadoon," Grosse Pointe North High School's spring production. PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Once in the Highlands

Under the direction of Don Bischoff, Grosse Pointe North High School presents its spring musical production of Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe's "Brigadoon."

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

Save for a few of the musical numbers, none of the three leads in Grosse Pointe North High School's upcoming spring production of "Brigadoon" had ever heard of the Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe musical about magic and mystery, drama and love.

"I'd never heard of 'Brigadoon,' so I was excited to see what 'Brigadoon' was," said senior Logan Hart, who plays Jeff Douglas, one of two weary American hunters who lose their way in the Scottish Highlands and stumble upon a mysterious village that appears one day every hundred years.

The other hunter, Tommy Albright, played by junior Marty Brown, falls in love with Fiona MacLaren (senior Kristina Kamm), a girl from the village, setting in motion the musical's central romance.

Having little reference to rely on hasn't deterred the lead trio. Rather, they said it has benefited the cast members with their character por-

trays, allowing for more ownership and creativity in the development of their respective characters.

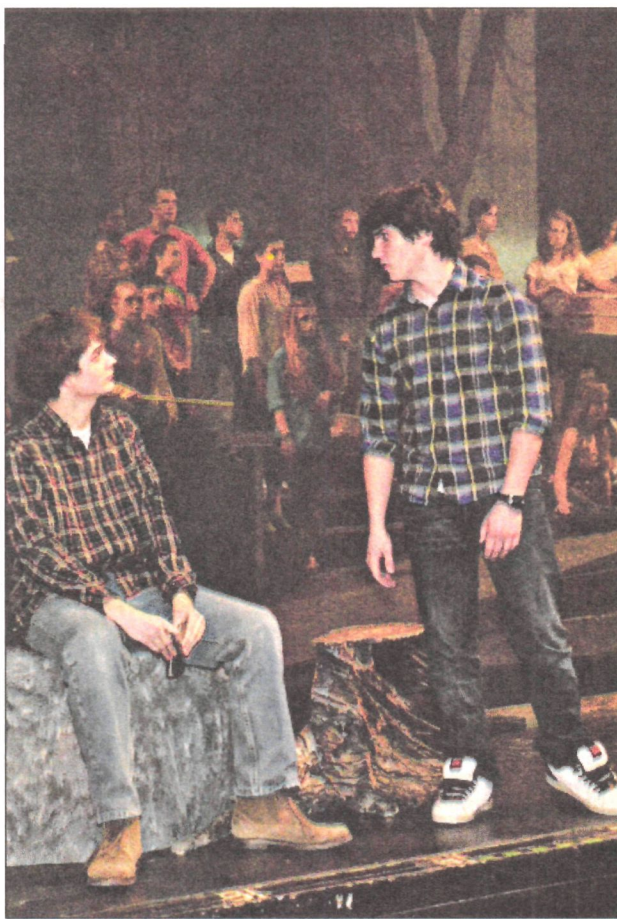
"We don't take people that we've seen do it in the past into consideration, so we can kind of like make it our own," Kamm said.

Added Hart: "You don't have that past, sort of, experience to affect your own creation of the character and how you interpret the play or the musical. It becomes your own."

Don Bischoff directs the 45-member cast, his first time at the helm for North. He choreographed the school's productions the previous three years.

"It's my first year directing, but I know everybody, most of the kids," said Bischoff, who's directed several plays with the Grosse Pointe Theater. "I think the transition to me directing, I think, went really well."

Of the production, which he acted in during his senior year of high school and a few years ago in Birmingham, Bischoff said, "It's not just a fluff musical. It's got a lot of



The two weary American tourists, played by Logan Hart, left, and Marty Brown.

drama to it. It's got some touching moments.

"It's not a big dance show, but it's a big drama show," he continued. "It gives the students something to work on and, as they go on, when they do shows in college or past college, community theater or whatever, at least they've had a taste of drama and not just a fluff musical."

The show also features accompaniment from a pit orchestra, made up of North

orchestra students, as well as a genuine bagpiper, parent Mary Beth Nicholson.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Thursday to Saturday, March 7 to 9, at North's Performing Arts Center.

Main floor reserved seating is \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors. Open seating on the balcony is \$8. Tickets are available at Wild Birds Unlimited or at the door.

Gold cards are welcome.

Committee recommends Murray

During the past few weeks, Jon Dean, deputy superintendent of educational services, has coordinated a thorough and involved process of identifying, reviewing, interviewing and selecting strong candidates for the vacant Grosse Pointe North High School principal position.

Given the importance of the position within the Grosse Pointe Public School System, a number of stakeholders were also involved in reviewing documents and interviewing potential candidates.

It led to last week's committee recommendation of promoting Kate Murray from assistant principal to principal.

Superintendent Tom Harwood met with Murray, a further exploration of her candidacy and ability to take on the role.

"I am pleased to support the recommendation to the GPPSS Board of Education to appoint Mrs. Murray for this principal position," Harwood said via press release.

Murray now awaits board approval. Her name will appear on the



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Human Resources report at the board's regular meeting Monday, Feb. 25.

Murray is available to take over immediately as principal and, pending board approval, would assume the new role Feb. 26.

She would replace Tom Tobe, who's served as interim principal since August 21.

"Please join the district in thanking Mr. Tom Tobe who has served as a valuable member of the North family as the interim principal for this school year," said Rebecca Fannon, community relations specialist.

South's Provenzano is MACUL technology-using teacher of year

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

Technology has always played an instrumental role in Nick Provenzano's classroom, as a source of inspiration to his students and a way of opening his classroom to other people from around the world.

The best example of both, said Provenzano, an English teacher at Grosse Pointe South High School, is The Epic Romeo and Juliet Project, a joint production from 2011 involving Provenzano's four freshmen classes and two freshmen classes from Van Meter Secondary School in Iowa.

"Our students re-wrote Romeo and Juliet and made an 80-minute movie that was co-pre-

miered on a Saturday and simulcast on the Internet," Provenzano said of the project, which utilized Skype, Wikispaces, blogs, Twitter, iMovie and other technologies. "The project was a huge success and kids still talk about it today. Those students learned more about (William) Shakespeare and Romeo and Juliet than any multiple choice test or class read-a-long could ever hope to impart."

The Epic Romeo and Juliet Project is just one of many demonstrations of Provenzano's dedication to and successful use of technology for educational purposes. That, as well as his continued push toward a

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A common approach

One of several life skills messages Detroit Red Wings Event Marketing Coordinator John Guerreno shared with Trombly Elementary School students, he showed a commonality in approach between Detroit Red Wings players and students.

While the majority of Wings players have already finished school, Guerreno said, they still study and concentrate and practice to achieve their highest potential as a player and as a teammate.

Similarly, students

have to study and concentrate and practice to meet their highest potential in school.

Guerreno, along with several others from the Red Wings organization, visited Trombly Tuesday, Jan. 29, for one of the Red Wings School Assembly Program's 115 stops during the 2012-2013 school year.

Jim Biewer, marketing manager, and Jessica Gadawski, event marketing assistant, assisted Guerreno in teaching students about exercise and healthy eating habits.

The event culminated

in a series of games, including the ultimate face-off of students against teachers in a hockey shootout competition.

Provided courtesy a partnership between the Detroit Red Wings Foundation, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and the Kroger Company of Michigan, the program is a street and floor hockey initiative.

It began in 2010 to introduce students to hockey and to encourage active and healthy lifestyle choices.

—A.J. Hakim



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Josephine Pinter, left, and Madison Payne show off their stickhandling skills, making their way around the cones before passing off to their teammates, Ryan Hexter and Paige Allen, respectfully.

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Ava Carr, Lily Parker and Ella Silva work together to personalize their Valentine's Day card.

Season's greetings

In the spirit of giving, students at Ferry Elementary School teamed up to make Valentine's Day cards for senior citizens at Services for Older Citizens and Sunrise Assisted Living.

Principal Gloria Hinz added, in regard to the student project, it also helped build a better sense of community and appreciation for giving back and doing things for others.



PHOTO COURTESY OF JULIE CORBETT

Western Michigan University and Wayne County Community College District agree to a partnership that will expand WMU's growing presence in southeast Michigan.

TECH: Technology shows more potential

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paperless classroom, his contributions to education technology blogs like Edutopia and others and his presentations at state and national conferences, has led the Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning to name Provenzano its 2013 Outstanding Technology-Using Pre K-12 Classroom Teacher

of the Year.

According to the MACUL website, the award honors organization members "who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in the use of technology to improve education."

"It's nice to be recognized by my peers," said Provenzano, one of six educators recognized by MACUL for such achievements. MACUL will honor all six at its annual conference March 20-22, at Cobo Center in Detroit.

Technology has always played an instrumental role in Provenzano's classroom, from the now-ancient times of LCD Projectors and TVs to the

current trend toward iPads and SMART boards. He doesn't see it changing anytime soon. In fact, Provenzano believes technology has the potential to benefit students and teachers even more in their classrooms, particularly in Grosse Pointe.

"I believe that Grosse Pointe is the perfect community to institute a one-to-one environment," Provenzano said about the possibility of each student having and using his own iPad, laptop, Chromebook or mobile device in the classroom. "Education is about access and we need to give our students access

to the best tools available because I feel we are the best school district in the state.

"Professional development needs to be there to support teachers who are new to technology and for students who are not as tech savvy as adults assume ... We do an amazing job delivering the content in our school district. We need to start looking at better and more efficient ways to do this while still maintaining the rigor that sets Grosse Pointe apart from everyone else. I think Grosse Pointe is poised to make some great changes in technology and I can't wait to see them happen."

Dancing with daddy



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Mikayla Pochert dances with her grandpa, Roy Porchert, during Mason Elementary School's Daddy-Daughter Dance.

South TV class sweeps awards

Advanced video students from Grosse Pointe South High School's TV Production program swept the music video category at the 2013 Orchard Lake Student Film Festival Friday, Feb. 1.

Junior Sally Ottenhoff and seniors Rami Nazarko, Carl Stafford and Victor Aguilera earned first place with their video, "I'm Just a Kid."

In second place: seniors Ingrid Shirar, Margaret Brennan, Ali Crowley, Kim Stavale and junior Bridgette Champane for "Aaron's Party."

Seniors Ali Yenckick and Jennifer Colosi,

junior Christian Baker and sophomores Lydia Burton and Emily Zink placed third with, "Golden Age."

Sponsored by West Bloomfield High School, the film festival was open to all Michigan high school students. Award-winning videos were displayed to the public that evening.

Winning videos are available at South's website, gpschools.schoolwires.net/domain/371.

For more information, contact TV Production teacher Stephen Geresey at (313) 432-3553 or steve.geresey@gpschools.org.

Liggett holds open house

University Liggett School is holding an open house from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, for parents and their children, aged pre-K to grade 8.

Parents and their children have an opportunity to tour the campus on Cook Road in Grosse

Pointe Woods and speak with other parents, teachers, administrators and students to learn about Liggett's curriculum and other programming.

For questions or to RSVP, contact at any time (313) 884-4444, ext. 407.

WMU to offer courses at WCCCD

A collaboration agreement between Western Michigan University and Wayne County Community College District will expand WMU's growing presence in southeast Michigan.

WMU president John M. Dunn, WCCCD chancellor, Curtis L. Ivery, and senior staff members from both colleges met at the signing ceremony and reception Wednesday, Feb. 6. The agreement paves the way for WMU to offer advanced classes at WCCCD's University Center in Harper Woods as early as May.

The initial WMU offerings are from a specifically designed curriculum leading to a bachelor's degree in university studies. The program allows students to complete their associate's degree and their credits to transfer seamlessly to WMU for the final two years of study.

"We have a long history of serving students in southeast Michigan, and nearly a third of our student population is from the region," said Dunn. "We are delighted to collaborate with WCCCD to meet the educational needs of more students."

Ivery expressed similar sentiments about the partnership.

"We are excited to be partnering with WMU by offering access to higher education and rewarding careers," he said. "Our

mission is to provide pathways to a better life through education and partnering with an institution the caliber of WMU only enhances that mission."

WCCCD was established in 1967 to serve approximately 2.3 million people who reside within the college's service district.

The University Center, which opened four years ago, is located at 19305 Vernier Road in Harper Woods.

Other universities offering classes at the center include: University of Michigan — Flint, Ferris State University, University of Detroit Mercy, Michigan State University, and Walsh College.

Established in Kalamazoo in 1903, WMU has an enrollment of nearly 25,000. It is designated by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as a "high research activity" university. For the past 22 years, U.S. News and World Report has included WMU in its list of top national universities.

Dawn Gaymer, WMU's vice provost for extended university programs, said the university plans to reach out to nontraditional students with its initial offerings. She notes that the program will be a cost-effective way for local students to earn an important credential.

Kerby, Beaumont partner for night

Kerby Elementary School's Parent Teacher Organization and Beaumont Hospital-Grosse Pointe have partnered for a night of shopping and learning.

The Kerby Mom 2 Mom & Beaumont Baby and Family Wellness Fair is 9 to 12 p.m. Saturday, March 9, at Kerby. Events include shopping, as well as free breakout sessions

with Beaumont health experts regarding family cooking classes and baby and family wellness.

Admission is \$3 for early bird entry, at 9 a.m., and \$1 for arrivals between 10 and 12 p.m.

Kerby's PTO requests that any resellers interested in renting a table e-mail kerby_mom2mom@gmail.com or call (313) 418-1061.

Six selected for state honors band

Six students from Pierce Middle School were selected to the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association's District XVI Honors Band.

They include: seventh graders Ellie Connors, Hailey Martin and Harry Susalla and eighth graders Sara Crader, Scott Leising and Evangeline Faussie. Faussie and

Sussala made first chair for bass clarinet and French horn, respectively.

Students were adjudicated, along with others in schools from Macomb County, eastern Oakland County, portions of St. Clair County and the Grosse Pointes.

The Pierce band is under the direction of Christopher Takis.

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BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE

The City of Grosse Pointe Park Board of Review will meet at 15115 East Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan on March 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th, 2013. The Board will organize and review assessments on Tuesday, March 5th. The Board will hear protests from aggrieved property owners by appointment on the following Tuesdays, March 12th, 19th and 26th.

They will be in session on these dates from: 9 a.m. to 12 noon, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Hearings are by appointment. Call (313) 822-5020, (313) 822-4365, (313) 822-4361 between 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to schedule.

Written appeals accepted if postmarked no later than March 21, 2013.

Diann H. Lulis
ASSESSOR

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City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

NOTICE TO BIDDERS: GROSSE POINTE WOODS LAKE FRONT PARK CONCESSION STAND OPERATION, 23000 E. Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080. 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 Tuesday, March 5, 2013, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing Grosse Pointe Woods Lake Front Park Concession Stand Operation, 23000 E. Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080. Copies of the specifications and bid sheets may be obtained from the City Clerk. The City of Grosse Pointe Woods 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.

Lisa K. Hathaway,
City Clerk

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CHURCH EVENTS

Ecumenical breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical breakfast begins with coffee at 6:45 a.m. Friday, Feb. 22, 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, the Rev. Randy Engle, North Hills Christian Reformed Church minister. The event ends at 8:15 a.m. Men of all faiths can attend.

For more information call Dick Strowger at (313) 881-9806

First English

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church hosts the Graffe Quartet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21. Admission is free.

◆ Sunday, Feb. 24, the sermon topic is "A Follower of Jesus Christ."

◆ "What is Love" is the topic for 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 28, services.

◆ The Wednesday morning service is followed by a luncheon and Wednesday's evening service is preceded by a supper. Lenten meals and services continue every Wednesday through March 20.

◆ The Open Door Series

presents the Detroit Lutheran Singers at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 10. A reception follows the concert.

Adult admission is \$10 and students and seniors pay \$7. Tickets are available at the door.

St. Michael's

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts the world premier of a composition written for Bulgarian pianist Angelina Pashmakova,

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PASTOR'S CORNER By Rev. James Rizer

Healing comes through Jesus

We have all heard it said, "Time heals all wounds."

This platitude is often offered when we or someone is going through a difficult time as an encouragement that things will get better merely with the passage of time. Yet, I wonder if this is really true.

Consider the physical wounds.

There are some wounds and illnesses that passage of time allow our bodies to heal. This tends to be true for "clean" cuts. Dirty cuts tend to get infected and without additional attention, these wounds rarely heal on their own even with the passage of time.

Consider the deep emotional wounds within.

Time alone tends to allow us to ignore or to learn to cope with these. There are plenty of walking wounded who still ache with the reality of broken relationship, festering anger, crippling insults and consuming bitterness. I remember talking with a person who had gone through a very painful divorce that said "I have every right to be bitter".

They might, but I wonder if that is what God intends.

Time alone doesn't heal these wounds.

Consider the grief that comes from lost opportunities, poor choices and the loss of loved ones. Time may help in numbing the pain, but true healing through grief takes so much more. I know a person who is still mired in grief some seven years after the loss of a spouse. Time has done very little for those wounds.

The good news is that what time cannot heal, God can.

The initial picture we get of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark is of one who has compassion on people and heals their wounds. He heals a man with an unclean spirit. He heals Peter's mother-in-law who is stricken with fever. He cleanses the leper. He heals the paralytic. He forgives sin.

As this list builds it displays Jesus's power and authority to heal.

Jesus invites us — "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." (Matt. 11:28)

To all those tired and burdened, wounded and grieving, Jesus offers healing, wholeness and rest.

Rizer is minister at Living Hope Evangelical Church. Sunday school begins at 9:15 a.m. and worship service is at 10:30 a.m. at Pierce Middle School, 15430 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park.

Christ Church calls minister

The Rev. Thomas Andrew K. Van Culin is the 10th rector of Christ Church Grosse Pointe. He begins his ministry at Christ Church in early May.

The announcement of the new appointment was made to parishioners by Senior Warden Mary Herring during worship services Sunday, Feb. 10.

Van Culin comes to Christ Church from St. John's Cathedral in Denver, one of the largest cathedrals in the country. There he served as sub-dean and canon for more than three years, with responsibilities for operations, programming, adult formation, pastoral care and worship. Prior to that he served four years as associate for Christian education at The Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea, Palm Beach, Fla., and



Rev. Thomas Andrew K. Van Culin

prior to that as priest-in-charge and rector at St. David of the Hills, Woodland Park, Colo.

Van Culin was born and raised in Hawaii, the son and nephew of Episcopal priests. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in classical humanities at Davidson College, N.C. in 1995, and a Master of Divinity from the Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, Mass., in 1999. He was ordained as a deacon in the Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii in 1999 and as a priest in 2000. He is 40 years old, married to Jessica, a nurse, and they have two young children.

"We are so happy that Drew has accepted the call to lead

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OBITUARIES

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Gwendolyn Elaine Bates

Gwendolyn Elaine Bates, 87, of Harsens Island, passed away Sunday, Feb. 17, 2013.

She was born Oct. 25, 1925, and was a longtime resident of Grosse Pointe Park. She married her high school sweetheart, "Bud" Bates, and graduated with a master's degree in biology from the University of Michigan.

Mrs. Bates was a community leader and volunteer, artist, avid gardener and world traveler. After retiring to Harsens Island, she was the president of the St. Clair Flats Association and member of the Old Club.

Mrs. Bates is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Martha Jean Bates-Lannen and William E. Lannen, and her cherished granddaughter, Rachel Nicole Lannen.

She was predeceased by her husband, Bernice A. "Bud" Bates Jr. and son, Kenneth Albert Bates.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday,

March 2, at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte Ave., Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Bates Foundation, a tax-exempt 501(c)(3), established in memory of her late husband and son, 40950 Woodward Ave., Suite 306, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304.

John R. Jennings

John R. Jennings, 88, died Friday, Feb. 15, 2013.

He was the beloved husband of Mary Alice "Marty"; dear father of David, John (Joanne), Mary Jo, Robert, Joseph (Kimberly) and Thomas (Silvia) and dear grandfather of Adam DeMara, Colleen, Brittany, John, Olivia, Joey, Mary, Nevaeh and Athena.

Mr. Jennings was a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He graduated from the University of Detroit and retired from the Tank-

automotive and Armaments Command.

A memorial Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at St. Lucy Catholic Church, 23401 Jefferson Ave., St. Clair Shores.

Donations may be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207-3485.

Heidi Wooten

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Heidi Wooten, 74, died Saturday, Feb. 16, 2013.

She was the beloved wife of Ronald; loving mother of Diane VandenBoom (Tim) and Sharon Feola (Steve); proud grandmother of Dr. Timothy G. VandenBoom II, Kayla M. VandenBoom and Sara E. VandenBoom and sister-in-law of Margaret Johnson and Flora Jean Carlyle.

Born in London, England, Mrs. Wooten came to the United States in 1958 with her husband, whom she met and mar-



John R. Jennings



Heidi Wooten

ried while he was stationed in London with the U.S. Navy. She was a cosmetologist for many years in Grosse Pointe.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to the Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Road, Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.

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EVENTS: Christ Church, Star of the Sea and Mariners'

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which she performs at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24 during the Music In the Woods concert.

Pashmakova is a graduate of the Bulgarian Academy of Music in piano performance and a winner of prizes at international competitions in Greece and Italy. She is staff pianist at Oakland University, performing with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the Metropolitan Opera Theater.

Flutist Yana Staples performs "B Minor Sonata" by J.S. Bach during the concert.

Concert donations benefit the restoration of the E.M. Skinner opus 75 organ.

For more information, visit stmichaelsgpw.org.

Christ Church

Lucinda Mosher discusses her new book at 10:10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, at Christ Church.

Her book is titled "Toward Our Mutual Flourishing: The Episcopal Church, Interreligious Relations and Theologies of Religious Manyness."

Christ Church Schola performs a concert at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24. The concert is titled "On the Baltic Sea." Music performed is by composers who lived near the Baltic Sea. The public can attend.

Star of the Sea

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, corner of Morningside and Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts a Lenten series Thursdays, Feb. 21, 28, March 7 and 14 in the parish center.

The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. with refreshments, followed at 7:30 p.m. with a discussion.

The Rev. Sean Wenger is the Feb. 21 speaker and Deacon Bob Ervin of Novi Holy Family Parish is the Feb. 28 speaker.

For more information, e-mail GenesisofFaith@comcast.net or call the parish office at (313) 884-5554.

Kelly Garver Nieto, 1986 Miss Michigan, 1987 Miss America first runner-up and creator and producer of the stage play, "The Cross and the Light," speaks at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at the church. Admission is free.

Nieto, an atheist who embraced Christianity in the 1990s, was moved by the Stations of the Cross.

In 2002, she wrote the play's script, lyrics and songs.

The production runs this year at the Music Hall from Sunday, March 24, through Sunday, March 31. Information is avail-

able at thecrossandthelight.org/index.php/sight_sounds/music.

A mother of five, Nieto shares her conversion experience and what moved her to create a play critics have called the "Broadway version of the Passion of Christ" because of its original musical score and theatrical production.

Friday fish fries are from 5 to 7 p.m. March 22, March 1, 8, 15 and 22 in the parish center.

The dine-in menu is fried fish, baked cod loin or fried shrimp, macaroni and cheese, sweet potato or french fries, salad bar, roll and beverages.

The carry-out menu features the same, except cole slaw instead of the salad bar and no beverages are included. The cost is \$10, children 4 to 12 pay \$5.

St. Ambrose

Lenten buffet dinners are served at the ARK at St. Ambrose Catholic Church from 5 to 9 p.m. every Friday through March 29.

The menu includes a salad bar, two soups, fried or baked cod, potatoes, macaroni and cheese, an entree, vegetables and beverages.

Adults pay \$15 and children, aged 6 to 10, pay \$10.

Carry-out service is available by calling (313) 822-1594.

Prayer day

World Day of Prayer service begins at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 1, at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

This year's service has been prepared by French women and focuses on the Christian responses to struggles concerning immigration and looks for ways to welcome "the stranger."

Women from area churches will participate in the service.

The public is invited. For more information, call (313) 884-5040.

Mariners' Church

Mariners' Church of Detroit offers classical music, performed by the church's organists, beginning at 12:35 p.m.

Kenneth J. Sweetman performs organ music by Herbert Howells, Feb. 21. Kevin J. Bylsma plays organ music by Bach, Mendelssohn, Brahms and Hindemith, Feb. 28.

A service with holy communion precedes the concert.

The public is invited.

Church creates task force on gun control

Parishioners of Christ Church Grosse Pointe have formed the Task Force on Violence, Gun Control and Mental Health to explore what can be done to support national and local efforts to address the problems of violence in the United States.

Established in response to the Sandy Hook massacre in December, the group meets from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturdays at the church. Others in the metro-Detroit faith community can attend.

"Over the last several

weeks, we have been exploring how to define our role, as people of faith, in reducing violence in American Society," said the Rev. David D. Dieter, lead priest. "We're are addressing questions like, what are the causes of violence, what are its manifestations, and what actions can we take to become agents of change?"

The purpose of the task force is: "We, a people of faith, are committed to a peaceful society. We are raising our voices and asking others to join

us, as we strive for an environment free from the culture of gun violence. It is our duty as citizens to work toward that goal. We are Republicans, Democrats, and independents. We are parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and children. We are the 'silent majority,' and we know the time for taking a stance is now."

The task force will explore the causes of violence; the impact of inadequate mental health support for individuals and families; how to curb the proliferation of

assault weapons; the issues of violence in games, television and movies; and specifically how its members can make their voices heard.

Christ Church Grosse Pointe is located at 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Ample, free, lighted parking is available adjacent to the church. The church is wheelchair accessible and assisted listening devices are available.

For more information visit christchurchgp.org or call the church office at (313) 885-4841.

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Maggie Fragel has been named to the fall 2012 Athletic Directors Honor Roll at University of Miami Coral Gables. The daughter of Mark and Deborah Fragel of Grosse Pointe Farms is a 2010 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

Matt Van Egmond was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2012 semester at Hillsdale College. He is a 2009 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School and the son of Tom and Jeanne Van Egmond of Grosse Pointe Woods.



Air Force Airman James M. Burns

Air Force Airman James M. Burns graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. The 2005 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate is the son of Michael and Angela Burns of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The following students were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2012 semester at Western Michigan University: Andrew Addy of the City of Grosse Pointe; Samuel Hartman, Clifford Dirksen, Timothy Livingston, Katelyn Lynch and Sarah Osborn, all of Grosse Pointe Farms; Courtney Maynard, Brian McGhee, Mary Platz, Michael Roach and Kelsey VanSlembrouck, all of Grosse Pointe Park; Caitlin Falletich, Alexandra Filippelli, Zachary Hanna, Laura Maisel and Kristine

Minturn, all of Grosse Pointe Shores; and Briana Badih, Nicole Crawford, Lauren Date, Robert Franey, Amanada Gay, Colin Hathaway, Stephanie Jerger, Alyssa Mammen, Kelly Mason, Ann Reilly, Melissa Roach and Evan Sunisloe, all of Grosse Pointe Woods.



Air Force Airman Ronald J. Mills

Air Force Airman Ronald J. Mills graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. A 2012 graduate of Fishers High School in Indiana, he is the son of Ronald Mills of Grosse Pointe Farms.




Somers Brush was named a college scholar for the 2012 fall semester at Middlebury College.

A Grosse Pointe South High School graduate, she is the daughter of Mary Anne and George Brush of Grosse Pointe Park.

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our inclusive and nurturing church community," Herring said.

In a letter to parishioners, Van Culin said: "I am deeply honored to be called to serve as the 10th Rector of Christ Church Grosse Pointe, and I look forward with excitement to serving among you as priest, pastor, teacher and friend. My wife, Jessica, our children, Sam and Catherine, and I are eager to be with you and to begin this new chapter in our lives at Christ Church."

The church is located at 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. Ample, free, lighted parking is available adjacent to the church. The church is wheelchair accessible and assisted listening devices are available. For more information visit christchurchgp.org or call the church office at (313) 885-4841.

AUTOS By Jenny King

Spark ignites interest in mini cars



Automakers are introducing micro cars into the North American market. This market segment is filling quickly, and as its occupants don't require much space, we're likely to see more as time goes on.

Enter the 2013 Spark, Chevrolet's first mini car for the United States and Canada in many years. The automaker said Spark is its first mini car here. We recall the Geo Metro as a small passenger car in the early 1990s. Apparently it was too big to be considered a mini.

The Korean-built four-seater is available in three models: LS, 1LT and 2LT. All are powered by an 84-horsepower 1.25-liter four. Transmissions include a standard five-speed manual or optional four-speed automatic. The manual transmission delivers an estimated combined 34 miles per gallon city/highway; with the manual transmission, the combined economy is 32 mpg.

Chevy is quick to remind consumers the Spark runs on regular fuel.

Ten air bags, StabiliTrak stability control with traction control and brake assist all are standard.

The price of the base



The delight is in the details of the 2013 Chevrolet Spark 2LT, with its bright exterior colors, chrome trim, global styling outside and creature comforts inside. Chevrolet describes the Spark as "a five-door with the look of a three-door." Handles for the rear doors are up on the C-pillars. A bright interior includes painted hard plastic accents and available two-color leatherette seat covers that are easy to keep clean.



LS is listed as \$12,295.

Chevy said the wheel-out, body-in stance, stretched windshield accentuated by a single arc roofline and lack of side cladding give the Spark a sleek appearance. Its wheels-at-the-corners design add to a get-up-



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2014 Ford Transit Connect Wagon

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AUTOS: The 2013 Spark 2LT mini car

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and-go attitude.

Fun and function

Surprise upon surprise: who says a subcompact has to be all about economy with no frills? Our Spark 2LT had a range of steering-wheel-mounted controls, from cruise control to radio buttons; heated front seats with one setting; a rear window wiper; large information display with touch screen; carpeting throughout the car plus carpeted floor mats; power windows and outside mirrors; a navigation system; Stabilitrak/traction control and brake assist; OnStar connection; outside temperature display; leather-wrap steering wheel; and chrome exterior accents including on the smart-looking taillights.

The Spark 2LT carried a window sticker that read \$16,720, which included the \$750 destination charge.

Spark lays claim to what might be one of the most compact cargo spaces around. The flip-and-fold rear seats increase room for bounty. When the rear seat backs are up, there might be space behind them for three modest bags of groceries.

The interior was small but vibrant.

"Leatherette" seats in bright red and black and red hard plastic trim accents added lots of cheer to our Spark. The faux leather is freezing on initial contact, and it takes a while for the engine to heat up the car.

But these surfaces are easy to wipe down. Head room is generous.

The Spark is equipped with belts for four; there is a center console between the two rear seats with a cupholder and access to another on the front center console. None of the total four cupholders can accommodate a mug, but cubbies on the inside panels of the front doors might handle that assignment.

Chevy's My Link infotainment system is standard on the LT models and includes a seven-inch color screen, Bluetooth streaming audio, voice recognition for compatible phones and it is compatible with apps for Pandora and Stitcher. A navigation app also is available.

Federal crash test information for front and side crashes and roll-over risk was not available for the Spark.

There is engine and

road noise in the Spark. The little 1.25-liter four is working hard, though it revs at under 3,000 RPMs at higher speeds. The shift lever on our four-speed automatic was sensitive enough that an unintended slight bump pushed it out of drive. If the rear seats are folded forward, the head rests must be removed for them to lie flat.

"Puleeze": luggage rack side rails? And belt-line chrome moldings? Chrome exhaust tip? Just who does this Spark 2LT think it is — a sporty luxury sedan? In some ways, it competes very well.

The front-drive mini car is touted as affordable and maneuverable, a good choice "for young city dwellers."

We suggest age is no barrier.

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

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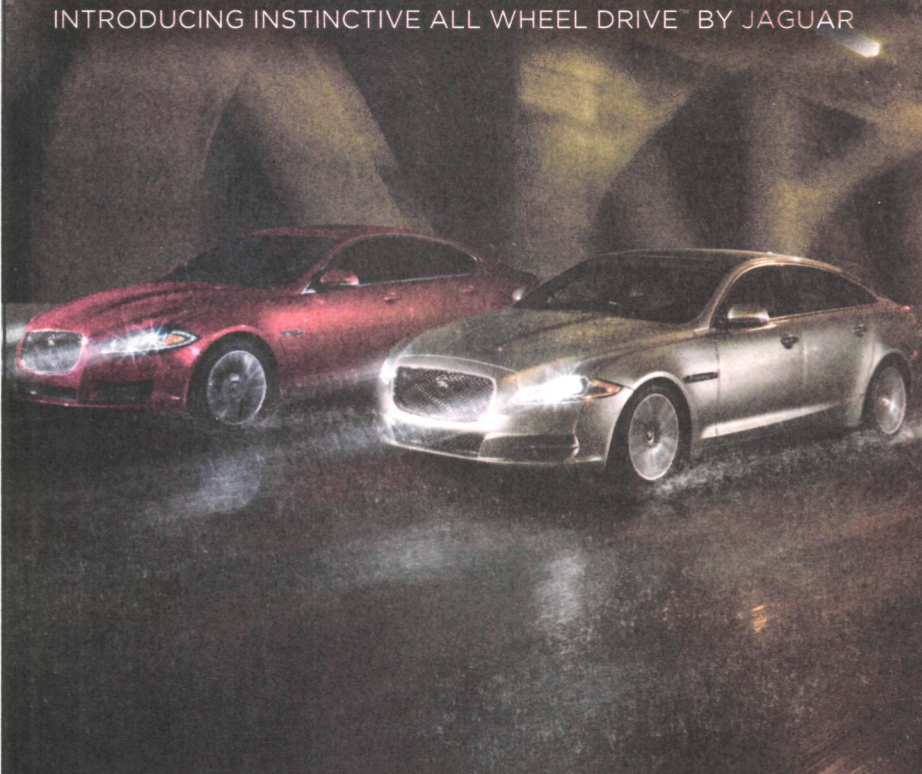
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Far left, Grosse Pointe North High School interim principal Tom Tobe, left, and Ferry Elementary teacher Nicole Brumme help fill food packets for Kids Against Hunger. Left, Brownell Middle School student Galen Vernon, center, and Elyse Schudlic, right, scoop rice into bags to be distributed by Kids Against Hunger.

Spirit of Giving offers a hand

There is a non-profit in need of your help.

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Some 60 non-profits needed a hand.

Gathered in Grosse Pointe North High School's gym last week, organizations were staffed to answer questions and educate attendees about their missions and how to become involved.

Grosse Pointe Woods rapper Hush wanted to get the word out about The Detroit Dog Rescue, a nonprofit in which he is involved. He said the 2-year-old organization is a rescue, rehabilitation and no-kill operation.

Volunteer Linda Sandercott said it is the mission of DDR to counsel dog owners to provide shelter, food and water and to spay and neuter their animals.

"Our goal," Daniel "Hush" Carlisle said, "is to raise awareness."

To date, DDR has 38 dogs in foster homes and has adopted and fostered 1,500 dogs in the past 24 months.

The Michigan Humane Society was also in attendance and captured the interest of Brownell Middle School seventh-grader Cameron Smolen who said he was looking for a charity at which to volunteer this summer.

His mother, Kristen Smolen of Grosse Pointe Farms, said she has volunteered with different organizations and was looking for another venue, possibly fostering children.

"There is such a demand and such a need to help in the community and its outskirts," said Patty Perry of Grosse Pointe Woods as to why she was looking for a non-profit to help.

Diane Soulliere

explained how easy it is to be come involved with her charity, International Brown Bag Lunches of Love. All it asks of willing workers is a few hours every now and then.

She became involved in 2011 with her St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church catechumens who filled 150 brown bags with peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, drinks, snacks and love notes in no time. Lunches are donated to various area homeless shelters.

Learning about growing food are the farmers who work on Special Dreams Farm in St. Clair County.

Jill Vance has been a farmer four years and her favorite chore is feeding and playing with the farm's cats. She also helps collect eggs.

According to the farm's program director, Michele Magan, the 31-acre working farm is a full-day program for the developmentally disabled who are out of high school.

The farm, she said, provides meaningful work to develop self-esteem for those with autism, Down syndrome and closed head injuries.

Magan said the adults care for a full-size greenhouse filled with flowers and vegetables, do landscaping and care for cats, rabbits, chickens and a turtle.

The Ford House seeks volunteers to help during the third annual fairy tale event.

A life-size white rabbit was greeting people at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House booth telling them this year's fairy tale festival is "Alice in Wonderland."

"I'm going to be on time," the White Rabbit said about the June 29



Making a no-sew blanket during the Spirit of Giving event were Grosse Pointe North High School students Lindsay Carlisle, Stephanie Walworth, Gabby Burchett and Michelle Austin. The fleece blankets are given to patients at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

event. "Alice and all her friends will be here this summer. Magic. There will always be a little magic, stories and performances."

It's no fairy tale there are hungry children and Kids Against Hunger was on hand to pack a few thousand meals.

"We are showing the community how easy it is to get together and solve the problem of hunger," said Michael E. Burwell, executive director.

Volunteers of all ages worked in assembly-line fashion filling thousands of plastic bags with rice, powdered soy, a blend of six dehydrated vegetables and a chicken-flavored vegetarian vitamin and mineral powder, sealing them and packing them into cardboard boxes.

Burwell went on to say, one-third of the bags filled that night went to a local food bank, another third would be sent to other countries and the final third to the National Disaster Relief fund to be distributed both nationally and globally.

Members of the black Grosse Pointe Hockey team came to help pack food packets because, as head coach Pat Street said, "This is team service. I wanted the kids to have an impact on the community."

It's all about team work for those 40 to 50 students designing and building Grosse Pointe South High School's first solar car.

From raising the \$35,000 needed to build and enter the July race, to transporting the car to the starting line in Texas, "It's about working together," said senior Alex Knuth, standing with team mates at the club's booth.

There are 40 to 50 members of the new club designing and building the 5-meter plexiglass covered car. The roof is

made of solar panels. The race, against 20 other teams from across the United States, travels on two-lane roads from Dallas to Los Angeles.

In a community-wide effort, hundreds of seeds in small dirt-filled containers, were handed out by the Full Circle volunteers. Recipients are to nurture the seeds and in the spring return them to Full Circle or Services for Older Citizens to plant in the community garden. The garden's produce is both given to seniors and served at SOC lunches.

From seeds to soup, seniors to students, the Spirit of Giving event offered residents a chance to lend a helping hand.



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Detroit Dog Rescue, with the motto "Rescue, Not Retail," was on hand to explain its mission and enlist volunteers. In back board member Dante Desario talks with event goers. In front is Lauryn and Kyle Krajewski with their 5-month-old dog, Charlie.

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AREA ACTIVITIES

Alliance Française

Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe hosts a French fun day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The event includes programs, games and activities conducted in French.

The registration fee is \$30 for members and students and \$32.50 for non-members.

A continental breakfast, lunch à la Française and snacks are included.

For a reservation, call David Thoms at (248) 267-3242, by Thursday, Feb. 21.

Toastmasters

The Northeastern Toastmasters meets at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25, in the Brownell Middle School cafeteria.

Learn to speak comfortably in front of an audience.

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

Center of Lifelong Learning

The Center of Lifelong Learning hosts registered nurse Sam Dabaja at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, at the St. Peter Parish House, 19851 Anita, Harper Woods. His topic is "Every Heart Matters." Dabaja, cardiac cath lab and project coordinator, cardiac services, St. John Hospital and Medical Center, provides tips to recognize early symptoms of a possible heart attack and the importance of calling 911.

To pre-register, call (313) 885-8063. A free will donation is accepted.

Senior Men's Club

Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe meets at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The speaker, Raymond Bauer M.D., of St. John Hospital and Medical Center, is the noon speaker. He discusses the Cracchiolo Inpatient Rehabilitation

Center. Men, at least 55 years of age or retired, from any community, can attend. Jackets should be worn.

For more information, call Eric Lindquist at (313) 469-8288.

Camera club

The Grosse Pointe Camera Club meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, in Room C-11, Brownell Middle School.

The club offers workshops, discussions and a competition for digital images.

For more information, call (313) 822-7080 or visit grossepointecameracub.org.

Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library shows the film, "Dancing Lady," at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, in the Woods branch, 20680 Mack. To register visit gp.lib.mi.us.

The book "Everyman" is discussed by Terri Tinkle at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, at the Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson. The cost is free for Friends of the Library members. Non-members pay \$10.

Mama and baby yoga begins at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at the Ewald Branch. The class is open to children 6 to 23 months. To register, go to gp.lib.mi.us, or call (313) 343-2071, ext. 204.

Parkinson's support group

The Eastside Parkinson's Support Group meets from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale, Grosse Pointe Woods.

For more information, call (313) 884-5778.

Women's Connection

Women's Connection hosts Realtor Beline Obeid at its Thursday, Feb. 28, meeting at Blossom Heath, St. Clair Shores.

The evening begins with a social half hour at 6 p.m. and dinner follows at 6:30 p.m.

For reservations, call Jean Porter at (313) 885-8338 or Marcia Pikielak at (313) 884-4201.

Family Center

The third annual LEGO Artists Challenge is from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 2, at Barnes Center, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods. The entry fee is \$10. Forms can be found on line at familycenterweb.org. Completed entry forms must be mailed by Saturday, Feb. 23.

Students in grades kindergarten through high school bring pre-constructed LEGO creations for judging March 1. Prizes are awarded then, as well.

Reservations for CharitTEA Bear's fifth annual tea party, March 10, at the Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores, are being accepted. Register either on-line at familycenterweb.org or by calling (313) 432-3832.

AAUW

American Association of University Women, Grosse Pointe Michigan branch, observes Women's History Month by hosting a luncheon and program titled "Honoring Women of the 19th Century" at noon, Tuesday, March 12, at the Assumption Cultural Center. Guest speaker Susan Nenadic has done extensive research on 19th century customs of women's health, education, employment and marriage and intimacy, and presents the history with humor.

Nenadic, a AAUW Ann Arbor branch member, has recently published, "A Purse of her Own."

The Assumption Cultural Center is located at 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. The cost is \$25.00. Send a check payable to AAUW GP MI branch by March 5 to vice president for programs Barbara Tecos, 1237 Balfour, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230. No walk-ins can be accommodated.

Women of Wayne

The Grosse Pointe chapter of Women of Wayne presents its annual spring luncheon and fashion show Saturday, March 17, at the Grosse Pointe War



Fontbonne girls

The Fontbonne Auxiliary of St. John Hospital and Medical Center kicked off Girls Night Out, "Casino Night," at the Grosse Pointe Farms home of Adel Dissett Jan. 9. Co-chairwomen of the event are Amy Danna of Grosse Pointe Shores and Liz Bsharah of Grosse Pointe Park. Casino Night is April 18 at the Assumption Greek Orthodox Cultural Center and includes casino-type games, large raffle prizes and food stations. Tickets cost \$75. Proceeds benefit the neonatal intensive care unit at St. John. For more information, call the Fontbonne office at (313) 343-3675 or visit stjohnfontbonne.org.

Memorial. Registration begins at 11 a.m. Lunch is served at noon and the fashion show is at 1 p.m. The cost is \$31.

Runway models feature fashions from dressbarn and dressbarn Woman.

A silent auction and vendors will be available at which attendees can shop.

Models this year are Zenarr Clopton, Charlotte Edwards, Cassandra Hall, Catrina Hurst, Marti Miller, Barbara Phillips, Stephanie Smothers, Susan Surlatta, Jean Wright and Joan Wright.

Reservations must be made by March 10 by sending a check payable to W.O.W. G.P. to Santina Miller, 20202 VanAntwerp, Harper Woods, MI 48225. For multiple reservations, include the guests' names.

Proceeds benefit scholarships for women returning to Wayne State University.

Women of Wayne is a constituent group of the Wayne State University Alumni Association.

Grosse Pointe Woods

"The Queen" is the featured movie Tuesday, March 19, at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, and offers a glimpse into the life of Queen Elizabeth.

After the death of Princess Diana, Queen Elizabeth struggles with her reaction to a sequence of events nobody could have predicted. Helen Mirren received the 2007 Best Actress Oscar for her portrayal. The cast also includes James Cromwell and Alex



Real Santa

Holley Institute's annual St. Nicholas Party hosted a Santa Claus who signed to which a young attendee said, "Mommy, I know he is the real Santa because he can sign." She is hearing impaired and uses American Sign Language to communicate. The event's proceeds benefit the Holley Family Village that hosts families during the summer. For more information about the educational and life-enhancing programs offered for the deaf, deaf and blind and hard of hearing, call Candi Royer at (313) 343-7484 or visit candi.royer@stjohn.org.

Jennings.

Lunch is served at noon with the movie following. Reservations must be in by March 8, and can be made by calling (313) 343-2408. The cost is \$9 for Woods residents and \$11 for non-residents.

Register for the Easter Egg Hunt at Lake Front Park beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 23. This year, the event includes treats and a petting zoo, especially for elementary school-age children.

The annual Egg Hunt is open to Woods residents and their guests who register by Friday, March 15. The cost is \$4 per child.

Upon entering the park, each child receives a bag for egg collection. Groups of children will be taken to a designated

park area for the hunt, and those who find a "golden egg" receive a special prize. The first hunt takes place at 11:10 a.m. and the last at about 11:30 a.m.

After the egg hunt, children trade in their cache for a treat bag at the activities building. The Easter Bunny is available from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. and again at 11:15 a.m. Register at (313) 343-2408.

Balduck Mountain

Grosse Pointe's Balduck Mountain Ramblers perform at 8 p.m. Friday, March 15, at the Historic Players Playhouse, 3321 E. Jefferson, Detroit.

Tickets cost \$30 and include snacks, a light dinner, refreshments and a tour of the 88-year-old playhouse. For reservations, call (313) 259-3385. Proceeds benefit the players Endowment Fund.

Outstanding

Anne Masterson of Grosse Pointe Woods joined the College for Creative Studies as senior director of Corporate and Foundation Relations. In this role, she works with the college's Institutional Advancement team to develop multifaceted corporate, foundation and government partnerships for the college.

Masterson has worked in the nonprofit and corporate arenas and most recently running her own business doing fundraising.

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Jennifer McMann-Buszka

Instilling confidence in young women



Q I have two sons and a daughter. My daughter is older and the boys are only 2 and 3 years younger.

I have witnessed the boys affectionately teasing her, but I can almost see her wither like a beautiful flower on a scorching day. How can I teach her to be strong and confident?

A From a very early age, women are portrayed on television and in magazines as beautiful with blemish-free skin, flawless sparkling white teeth and of course, a perfectly shaped body.

As girls mature and experience acne, braces and awkward bodies due to growth spurts, the contrast to television and magazines is glaring as they look in the mirror. It's important to reassure your daughter not to believe the women on television and in magazines always look like that.

They have a full crew of people to help them look like that — just before they step in front of the cameras. Bring out some photos of yourself from when you were younger with the horrible hair cut your mother gave you to save a few dollars. Let her witness how that teenager with half-inch bangs grew into a strong confident mother.

Q After a long, ugly marriage with an abusive man who totally

stripped my sister of all confidence and self-worth, she is finally starting a new life.

She has an advanced education and was quite a successful business woman before she got married. But after 10 years in an abusive marriage and out of the workforce, how does she promote herself and put forth a confident image when she goes on interviews?

A First of all, she must applaud herself for having the strength to leave an abusive, unhealthy marriage. Reinforce to her that not all women could do that — which proves she has the strength within her. Next, help her define her strengths.

Even though she may have been out of the workplace for 10 years, she ran a household, may have handled the finances, cleaned, cooked, shopped and took care of

her children's school and after-school activities.

Those may not sound very impressive in a resume, but having exceptional organizational skills, being financially responsible, detail-oriented and successful at multi-tasking, certainly look good on a resume.

Q I never had a career, but things have changed for my granddaughter. We all hear in the media men advance much quicker in the workplace than women. Do you have any tips on how to strengthen her career path?

A There is a strong link between managers' confidence levels and ambition.

Urge your granddaughter to build a mentoring relationship with a teacher, coach or a successful female family member. Seeing is believing. Witnessing the success of

others and learning from them as to how they achieved their goals, is a very powerful lesson.

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It is a non-profit organization founded to promote a deeper understanding of the role of parents and others in supporting our youth to become competent, caring and responsible community members.

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4B | ENTERTAINMENT

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Fix side dish of ratatouille during Lent

Ratatouille is one of my favorite side dishes. The Italian classic combines eggplant, peppers, onions, squash and tomatoes in a stew-like fashion. This week I'm turning that side dish into a meal. Perfect for the Lenten season.

Ratatouille Hot Pot

(adapted from BBC Good Food)

- 2 to 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 2 large onions (red or white or 1 of each) coarsely chopped
- 5 garlic cloves, chopped
- 4 bell peppers (red, orange or yellow) seeded and cut into bite sized pieces
- 1 large (1.25 lb. plus) eggplant, half skin removed and cut into bite sized pieces
- 1 lb. zucchini, cut into bite sized pieces
- 1 lb. yellow squash, cut into bite sized pieces

- ½ cup dry red wine
 - 2 - 15 oz. cans diced tomatoes with juice
 - ½ cup water
 - salt and pepper to taste
 - 2 handfuls basil leaves, torn to small pieces
 - 4 potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced
 - 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
 - 1 cup heavy cream
 - 1 cup shredded Gruyere cheese (or cheese of your choice)
- Heat oil in a large heavy pot over medium heat. Add onions and cook for five minutes.

Add garlic and cook five minutes. Add peppers next, cook for a few minutes then add eggplant, squash and zucchini. Cook and stir over heat just higher than medium. Toss in a bit more olive oil and cook until vegetables are soft, about 10 minutes or so.

Add wine to pot followed by tomatoes and water. Taste and season with salt and pepper. Bring mixture to a simmer then cover and cook



A few vegetables, a dash of wine, fresh basil and cheese are all it takes for a yummy side dish.

for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat, taste for more salt and pepper and stir in the torn basil leaves.

Meanwhile, prepare potatoes and place them in a large bowl. Toss sliced potatoes with nutmeg and season with salt and pepper. Pour cream over potatoes, toss gently and allow to rest and soak up the cream.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Ladle ratatouille into a large, deep (greased) bake dish, (or 2 medium).

Layer sliced potatoes in a spiral pattern (or in rows) overlapping ratatouille. Pour extra cream over top. Bake uncovered at 350 for 40 minutes.

Raise oven temperature to 400 degrees. Carefully sprinkle cheese over potatoes and return to the 400 degree oven for 20 minutes, until potatoes are golden brown on top.

Garnish with chopped fresh parsley.

This dish is yummy. Even my husband gave it two thumbs up!

Yesterday's Headlines

1963

50 years ago this week

◆ **BIG REORGANIZATION IN WOODS:** Grosse Pointe Woods has reorganized its public safety and public works departments for more efficient services to the taxpayers and for better economy.

Reorganization of the public safety department has taken place. The changes will not cost extra to the city taxpayers, although two new men have been added to the department.

The public works reorganization calls for a combining of various departments under one head and is expected to save the city an estimated \$35,000 annually.

◆ **ANNUAL FIRE AND TRAFFIC REPORTS:** The Pointe fire loss for 1962, according to reports sent to the State Fire Marshal's Office in Lansing by the Pointe fire chiefs, total \$624,762.63. Heaviest hit were the Farms and the Shores, with the Shores' loss minor by comparison to the other Pointe cities. The Woods recorded the only fire related fatality.

Three persons lost their lives in traffic accidents



FROM THE FEB. 18, 1988, ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1988: In the dough

The smell of baking bread filled the air at Maire Elementary School recently as 85-year-old Johnny Adams helped first-grade students in Jane Pattinson's class make their own loaves of bread. Students kneaded and shaped the dough, which was baked in individual loaf pans. They also churned their own butter, which they enjoyed with the bread. The young bakers are, from left, Trevor Szymanski, Darby Moran and Kelly Addison. Adams is far right.

in three Pointe communities during 1962, according to official police accident reports. One death each was recorded in the Park, Woods and Shores.

◆ **CHURCH ASKS FOR BIDS ON BIG ADDITION:** Plans have been submitted to contractors

for bids on the proposed addition to First English Ev. Lutheran Church, Vernier Road and Wedgewood Drive in Grosse Pointe Woods. Designed primarily for the educational needs of the congregation, the building is estimated to cost \$225,000, including

furnishings.

1988

25 years ago this week

◆ **STUDENT RESCUED:** A 12-year-old seventh-grader was pulled from the bottom of the Pierce Middle School pool and was resuscitated by the physical education instructor.

According to Principal Suzanne Klein, the student was in the pool as part of her physical education class.

The student was taken to Bon Secours Hospital. Klein said the student will be back to school this week.

◆ **TEEN ARRESTED ON DRUG CHARGES:** One 17-year-old Park resident was arrested and three of his friends taken into custody after a Park police car stopped them for speeding.

Police observed marijuana, and after a search, discovered several packets of suspected cocaine.

The occupants of the car included a 15-year-old Park boy, and two 17-year-olds, one from the Park and the other from the Farms.

— Compiled by Karen Fontanive

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It can also be seen Feb. 22 through 24, Feb. 28 and March 1 through 3. Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances begin at 8 p.m. Sunday performances are at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$15. Call (313) 881-4004 for tickets. Seating is limited.

The production of the Purdon Studio Theatre, a

performance arm of Grosse Pointe Theatre, is set in The Bronx, N.Y. in 1964. Sister Aloysius is the superior of her convent and principal of St. Nicholas School. Based on a few pieces of circumstantial evidence, she suspects the personable pastor, Father Brendan Flynn, of sexual misconduct



Kathleen Conlon of St. Clair Shores and Jerry Nehr of Grosse Pointe Woods in "Doubt, a Parable" at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford Activities Center.

with an altar boy. Sister Aloysius embarks on a relentless campaign to determine the truth.

Lois Bender of St. Clair Shores is the director. Cast members include Kathleen Conlon of St. Clair Shores, Jerry Nehr of Grosse Pointe Woods, Kristen Schultes of Grosse Pointe Park and Diane Flint of Oak Park.

Upcoming Grosse Pointe Theatre productions include:

"The Heiress" March 10, 14 through 17 and 21 through 23, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

"The Drowsy Chaperone" is May 5, 9 through 12 and 16 through 18, at the War Memorial.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Ruling the MIAC

Liggett's girls' hoops team wins division title PAGE 2C

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GYMNASTICS

Abessinio's records help win title

The Grosse Pointe varsity gymnastics team posted its highest score of the season in last Monday's meet against visiting Troy, beating the Colts 139.325-131.15, and then bested it again in its Wednesday meet against Dearborn, scoring 140.075 to Dearborn's 106.525.

Grosse Pointe finished the week by repeating as the Great Lakes League champions for the fifth year in a row.

Against Troy, Grosse Pointe started off strong on the first event, the vault. Emma Abessinio led the way with a 9.0, followed by Aubryn Samaroo with an 8.7. Madison Bush scored a personal best 8.5 on her vault, and Michelle Ellis's 8.4 also counted toward the final team score.

All of Grosse Pointe's other competitors also earned regional qualifying scores, including Caitlin Gaitley (8.35), Emily Griffith (8.05), Gyane'i Johnson (8.0), Samantha Rogers (8.0) and Emily Fleming (7.9).

On the uneven bars, all competitors earned regional qualifying scores, starting with Bush's 6.8, followed by Johnson with a 7.1, Ellis with 7.85, Samaroo with 8.0 and Abessinio anchoring the event with a 9.05 for her complex routine which included a pirouette, release move, and giants.

The team moved to beam where it turned in its best performance of



Grosse Pointe gymnast Emma Abessinio performs her vault routine during the league championships.

the season on that event to pull away from Troy. Abessinio was again the high scorer with a 9.55, and Samaroo was close behind with a 9.15, Bush an 8.9 and Ellis an 8.75. All four scores were personal bests.

The rest of Grosse Pointe's lineup also competed well and many gymnasts earned regional

qualifying scores, including Amy Olson with an 8.15, Callie Zingas with a 7.7, Olyvia Shimko with a 7.6, Angela Tibauda with a 7.55 and Brenna Bromwell and Meagan Curran with 7.4s.

Grosse Pointe finished the meet on its best event, the floor exercise, to solidify the win. Abessinio scored a season high 9.6,

followed by Samaroo with a 9.2, Bush an 8.85 and Gaitley an 8.725.

Also earning regional qualifying scores on the event were Olson with a season high 8.55, Ellis (8.475) Curran (8.45), Johnson (8.4), Fleming (8.15) and Bromwell (8.0).

At the meet's conclusion, Bush, Samaroo and Abessinio all earned season bests in the all-around, and Abessinio set a new school record for that total with a 37.2. Abessinio had just broken the school record the previous week when she scored a 37.05 at Plymouth.

"We have been working really hard in practice on competing better, and we were able to do that against Troy," said head coach Courtney Hamidi. "This is the first meet this season where we have not counted any falls on beam toward the team score, and it made a huge difference in our score."

Grosse Pointe United gymnasts repeated their success against Dearborn on senior night with all of its vaulters achieving a qualifying score.

Fleming started off with a 7.95, followed by Rogers (8.05), Johnson (8.25), Ellis (8.4), Bush (8.5), Gaitley and Samaroo (8.65), and Abessinio (9.0).

On the uneven bars, Bush led the event with a season high score of 7.05, while Samaroo and Ellis both showed upgraded

routines for an 8.1 and 7.7, respectively.

Johnson also contributed a 7.15, and Abessinio anchored the event with a 9.25.

On the balance beam, Gaitley (8.7) and Zingas (7.8) earned season high scores, while Amber Williams competed for the first time and had a solid routine.

Also earning qualifying scores were Curran (7.4), Shimko (7.65), Samaroo (8.5), Ellis (8.7), Bush (8.9), and Abessinio (9.45).

Finishing on the floor exercise, Grosse Pointe turned it its highest score of the season with five different gymnasts scoring more than a 9 - Ellis (9.125, season high), Bush, (9.35, season high), Gaitley (9.35, season high), Abessinio (9.4) and Samaroo (9.45).

The team compiled an impressive 140.075 team score, earning its highest score of the season.

Riding its success into the League championships last weekend, Grosse Pointe captured first place for the fifth consecutive year, scoring 137.575 to Fraser's 114.525 and Dearborn's 105.25.

Grosse Pointe also had much individual success, sweeping places first, second and third on every event.

For the second consecutive year, Abessinio won every single individual event and the individual all-around, while team-

mate Samaroo placed second on every event and in the all-around.

In the vault event, also taking home medals for Grosse Pointe were Gaitley, third; Ellis, fifth; Bush, sixth; and Johnson, ninth.

On the uneven bars, Ellis placed third, while Griffith was fifth with a season high score. Bush was seventh and Johnson ninth.

On balance beam, Bush took third, followed by Ellis in fourth, Griffith seventh and Gaitley ninth.

On the final event, floor exercise, Grosse Pointe took the top five spots with Gaitley coming in third, Bush fourth, Ellis fifth and Olson placing seventh.

Grosse Pointe's all-arounders also swept the top four spots on the podium, with Ellis and Bush placing third and fourth behind their teammates.

"We had a long week with three meets and ending with the league championships, and the girls really performed well all week," said Hamidi. "These were a great couple of meets to give us some momentum heading into the regional championship. If we can continue to compete like this, we will be in great position heading into March."

The regional championship tournament is March 2 at Plymouth High School.

RIVALS

South beats North, Ford to clinch title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' basketball team made quick work of city rival Grosse Pointe North last week.

The host Blue Devils, which struggled to beat the Norsemen the first time they met in January, scored the first 13 points en route to a 54-34 win.

"We wanted to set the tempo and we did a good job of that against a North team we knew would be ready to play," South head coach Kevin Richards said. "We played well and it was big to jump out to the big lead early in the game. It really set the tone."

"We have a hard time finishing at the basket and South did not and that was a big difference tonight," North head coach Gary Bennett said. "They're a very good team."

The Blue Devils used their full-court pressure to force the Norsemen into several first-quarter turnovers. They turned those into easy transition baskets and a 14-3 lead after the first eight minutes.

South senior Claire DeBoer went to work in the paint in the second quarter, scoring nine of the Blue Devils' 16 points.

North settled down, but it still trailed 30-21 at the half. North senior Stavi Varlamos helped keep the Norsemen within shouting distance after



hitting three three-point baskets in the second stanza.

The home team used a 10-4 third quarter to build a 40-25 lead and the margin remained in double digits throughout the final eight minutes.

DeBoer led South with 16 points, followed by sophomore Cierra Rice with 14, junior Bre Andrews with nine, senior Gretchen Shirar with six and sophomore Aliezza Brown with four.

For North, junior Maria Liddane and Varlamos

had nine points apiece, followed by senior Taryn Kiah with five. Five other players had one basket apiece.

North and South could meet again in a Class A district championship game set for 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 1, at Grosse Pointe South.

Both teams returned to the court last weekend with North beating Chippewa Valley 44-28 and South putting its shot to clinch the Macomb Area Conference Red Division championship



South's Cierra Rice, above left, is guarded by North's Maria Liddane during the Blue Devils' regular season sweep of the Norsemen. Pictured left, North's Stavi Varlamos scored nine points on three three-point baskets, but it wasn't enough to prevent a loss to Grosse Pointe South.

on the line at Utica Ford. The Blue Devils' job was made easier after Ford suffered a 42-40 loss at Romeo two days before.

Even if the Blue Devils lost, they would still have a one game lead with one league game remaining.

South clinched its first MAC Red Division title with a 56-42 win.

The Blue Devils trailed 16-12 in the second quarter before using a 15-0 run to grab a 27-16 lead.

"We want to win a league title, but we have

our sights on bigger things," Richards said. "Playing this tough league schedule and our non-league schedule has prepared us for the state playoffs."

It's the Blue Devils' fifth straight division title. They won two straight MAC Blue and two consecutive MAC White titles before taking the Red this year.

Rice, Brown and Shirar were in double figures, scoring 14, 13 and 11 points, while Andrews and DeBoer had eight

points apiece.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 11-0 in the MAC Red Division and 18-1 overall.

North led 23-16 at half-time, but opened it up with a 15-4 third quarter to extend the lead to 38-20.

Kiah and Liddane had 12 and 10 points, while junior Jayla Hubbard had eight and freshman Erin Armbruster added five.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 5-6 in the MAC Red and 8-10 overall.

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2C | SPORTS

Girls basketball

LIGGETT

ULS wins MIAC

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett girls' basketball team won its fourth straight Michigan Independent Athletic Conference championship last week.

First-year head coach Omar Ahart and the Knights blasted Allen Park Inter-City Baptist 77-38 and Auburn Hills Oakland Christian 69-6, improving to 11-0 in the MIAC and 13-4 overall.

"The girls have really done a nice job of playing team basketball," Ahart said. "We have to focus on playing tight defense if we want to go a long way in the state playoffs. I know our girls can get it done."

Against Inter-City Baptist, senior Haleigh Ristovski had 37 points and she added 12 points in one half against Oakland Christian.

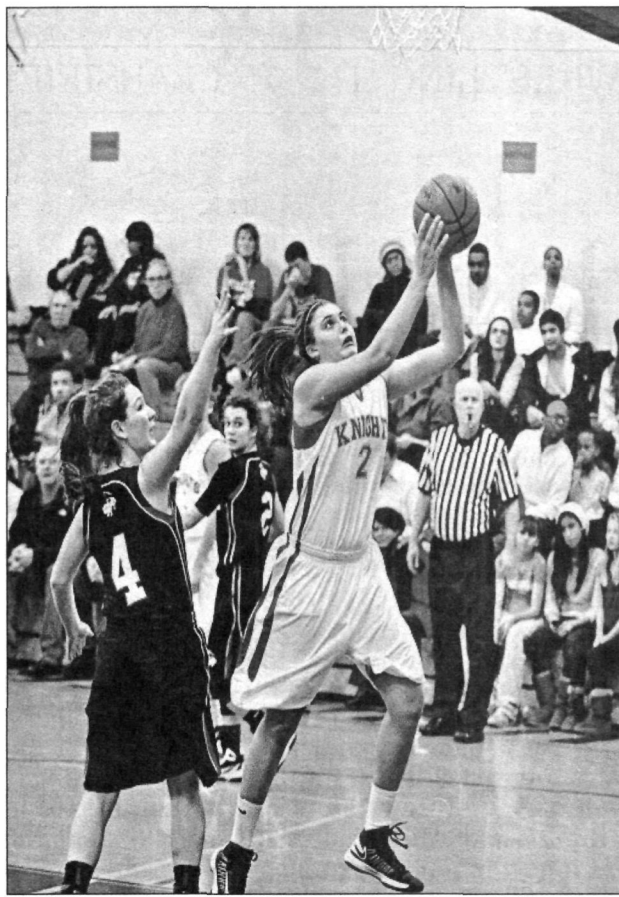


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Liggett senior Haleigh Ristovski, shown above from a previous game, scored almost as many points as the Knights' opponent, 37, in the Knights' 77-38 win over Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

The Knights did not give up a second-half point in the home win on senior night against Oakland Christian.

Sophomores Jessica Rotzoll had 17 points and Lola Ristovski 16 in the rout.

Liggett prepares for the upcoming state playoffs by playing a solid Woodhaven team at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22.

"It's a good opponent to play before the districts," Ahart said.

Boys basketball

LIGGETT

Knights collect big road victories

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The showdown is looming.

University Liggett vs. Southfield Christian, the defending Class D state champ, for all the marbles takes place Thursday, Feb. 28, at Southfield Christian.

The Knights took care of business last week, beating Allen Park Inter-City Baptist 57-52 and Auburn Hills Oakland Christian 61-52, improving to 11-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Southfield Christian won its two division games, too, to also improve to 11-1 in the league.

Both play one more division game before the showdown with Liggett hosting Rochester Hills

Lutheran Northwest and Southfield Christian facing Inter-City Baptist.

"Winning on the road at Inter-City Baptist was huge for our team," head coach Sidney Johnson said. "The guys really dug deep and won a big game against a very good team and then beat another well-coached team in Oakland Christian."

"We have to continue to play well because Northwest is a good shooting team and we have to play well to beat them."

In the big road win at Baptist, sophomore Freddie Saffold had 17 points and senior Connor Fannon added 15.

The Knights made some big plays down the stretch to nail down the victory. However, they came out slow against

Oakland Christian.

They put together a nice second-quarter run to take a 31-21 halftime lead and extended it to 48-30 near the end of the third quarter.

Oakland Christian made a fourth quarter run to cut it to five points, but big baskets by senior Eric Ewing, Saffold and senior Stephen Benard put a stamp on the win.

Fannon had 16 points, 12 rebounds and eight blocked shots, while Ewing had 15 points. Saffold chipped in with 13 points, followed by Benard with seven, senior Drew Jerome with five and senior KeVaughn Jackson with four.

Liggett improved to 12-3 overall.

Their final home game is Tuesday, Feb. 26, against Macomb Lutheran North.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Hoops at Roosevelt

Grosse Pointe South senior Gretchen Shirar, second from left, recently signed a letter-of-intent to play college basketball for head coach Robyn Scherr-Wells, second from right, at Roosevelt University. Joining Shirar at her signing were, from left, father, Mitch Shirar; Scherr-Wells; and mother, Ingrid Shirar. The Lakers are 21-5 this season and 16-3 in the CCAC. Roosevelt University is in Chicago and competes in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils drop 2

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' basketball team was extended to overtime for the second time in the past three games in last week's 63-61 OT loss to Madison Heights Madison.

Junior Darius Harris' last-second three-point attempt hit the rim, bounced, hit the rim a second time and went wide, leaving the host Blue Devils with another tough defeat.

"The guys played hard and were in position to win, but those mental mistakes cost us at both ends of the court," head coach Dave Grauzer said. "These kids aren't quitting and they're hustling."

The Blue Devils had

balanced scoring and rebounded better the second time around against an athletic Madison squad.

It was 15-12 South after the first quarter and 27-21, the home team, at the half.

Madison made its run in the third quarter, using a 10-1 run to grab a 36-35 lead. From that point, it was nip-and-tuck with both squads having chances to win the game in regulation.

Senior Josh Mays played well down the stretch and hit a tough shot in traffic to pull the Blue Devils to a 53-53 tie with 2:57 left.

The home team took a 55-53 lead when junior Josh Gray made a layup with 1:40 left, but the Eagles tied it on their next possession.

In the final 30 seconds of regulation, the Blue Devils had a shot to win the game, but missed, and the Eagles' final shot-attempt was an off-balance baseline jumper that missed the mark.

In the OT, both teams executed plays to get easy baskets, but the Eagles were able to generate one more hoop.

Junior Jabari Burton and Harris led the Blue Devils with 13 and 10 points, respectively, while Gray, senior Joe Becker (10 rebounds) and junior Dan Dixon (six rebounds) had eight points apiece.

Two nights later, South went on the road against a good Fraser squad and led 24-21 at the half.

Grosse Pointe South fell to 3-7 in the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division and 4-13 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen get split

By Fletcher Sharpe
Special Writer

Grosse Pointe North

won three of the four quarters against MAC White rival Warren Mott.

The downside is, the one quarter they lost, they allowed the Marauders to score 30 points en route to a 69-60 victory.

"You give up 30 in the second quarter, that's the game right there," said North head coach Matt Lockhart.

The Norsemen were outscored 30-17 in the second period after taking a 16-14 lead in the first quarter.

The Norsemen seemed to get whatever they wanted in the first, running out to a 13-6 lead, but the tide seemed to turn when pivot man Justin Kennedy picked up his second foul with four minutes left in the first quarter.

The 6-foot, 7-inch Kennedy finished the game with six points and six rebounds.

Height played a major factor in the game as Mott's starting lineup was all above 6-feet, 1-inch, with three starting players above 6-feet, 5-inches.

Lockhart noticed. "They're a big team, very big. I'm not dis-

pleased with the way we played, though," Lockhart said. "We rebounded well for our size. In Justin's absence, (freshman) John Fischer played really well."

Fischer finished with two points, one rebound and two assists, while playing valuable defense on their low post players.

All was not lost for North, however, as early on it was carried by the sweet shooting of junior Jacob Zacharias, who netted 17 in the first half, and finished with 20, on 5-of-7 shooting from beyond the arc.

Zacharias was not alone in scoring as he had help from guards Taiwan Wiggins (15 points, four rebounds, and four assists) and Ricky Watson (10 points, two rebounds and three assists).

Earlier in the week, North went overtime to beat host Utica, 66-63.

The Norsemen had four players in double figures, led by Zacharias with 18 points. Watson had 16 points, followed by Kennedy with 14 and Wiggins with 10.

Grosse Pointe North is 5-4 in the MAC White Division and 9-6 overall.

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Boys hockey

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

North wins MIHL South

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It's been an uphill battle all season, but the Grosse Pointe North boys' hockey team finally surpassed U-D Jesuit in its division with one-week left in the regular season.

"We didn't have any energy the first couple of periods, then the light went on," head coach Scott Lock said. "It was nice to see the guys fly around in the third period."

North was stuck in neutral after skating to a 1-1 tie after two periods with visiting Wyandotte.

Senior Anthony Allemon scored for the Norsemen with 1:25 left in the first period and the Bears tallied at the 11:54 mark of the opening period to create a 1-1 tie. Senior David Chavis assisted on Allemon's goal.

Neither team scored in the second period, leaving a tight battle with 17 minutes left.

Lightning struck for the Norsemen as senior Jeff Herron scored the game-winning goal at the 15:50 mark of the third period and junior Nick Murray tallied another goal just 39 seconds later.

All of a sudden, a 1-1 tie turned into a 3-1 North lead. North went on to win the game 7-1 with a six-goal third period. Junior Nick Cusmano assisted on Herron's goal, while juniors Vince Romanelli and C.J. Kusch



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

North's Patrick Lane cruises into the offensive zone in the Norsemen's win over Wyandotte.

assisted on Murray's tally.

"We played with a lot of energy last weekend in Trenton, but there wasn't as much energy in our building tonight," Lock said. "It took us a while, but we finally got going."

Senior Jack Stander's wrist shot that hit top shelf made it a 4-1 game at the 13:06 mark and sophomore Max Yoshida scored at the 10:51 mark.

Kusch scored goal No. 6 at the 4:47 mark and senior Tyler Capp had his first career goal with less than one second left to round out the scoring. Both goals were unassisted.

Grosse Pointe North wrapped up the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League South Division title with a win last weekend over host Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

"We're going there to get a win," Lock said. "We have to play well to beat them, but we can get it done."

North, on the road and playing in front of a packed house, silenced the crowd by scoring the first four goals en route to a 6-4 victory.

Grosse Pointe North won the MIHL South Division with one game left.

It improved to 8-4 in the league and 15-8 overall.

Six different players scored for the Norsemen, senior Jack Guest, Murray (power play), Cusmano, Kusch (power play), Chavis and Stander.

Senior R.C. Nelson had three assists, while Herron and Stander had two assists apiece to lead the Norsemen.

Girls hockey

RIVALS

Blue Devils, Knights tie 1-1

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett girls' hockey teams skated to a 1-1 tie last week at City Ice Arena.

It was a lost opportunity for the host Blue Devils to gain an extra point on second-place Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood and a step in the right direction for the Knights.

After a lackluster opening period, with each team collecting only five shots on net, the action heated up in the second period.

Knights freshman Allison Stapleton scored on a pretty backhand at the 4:55 mark, with senior Ania Dow collecting the assist.

Despite getting outshot 11-2, the Knights held a 1-0 lead, thanks to a solid effort between the pipes by freshman goalie Olivia Portillo. She made a couple of solid saves to keep the Blue Devils scoreless.

At the 7:32 mark of the third period, the Blue Devils tied it when senior Lindsay Makos used the same beautiful backhand shot fired by Stapleton to hit the back of the net. Junior Tenley Shield had an assist.

South senior goalie Anastasia Diamond came up with her share of solid saves as each team fired good shots on net in the final couple of minutes.

South held a 23-10 shot advantage after regulation and it added three more shots on net in the overtime, giving it 26. But the game ended in the tie.

Liggett played another 1-1 tie the following night. This time it was a



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Liggett's Allison Stapleton scored the Knights' lone goal in a 1-1 tie with Grosse Pointe South.

home tilt with Ann Arbor. Polack and Gabby Hartman.

Junior Hannah Hodges scored the Knights' goal. They had several great scoring chances in the final two minutes of the third period, but the puck refused to cross the goal line.

Liggett is 7-7-2 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 7-9-2 overall.

As for Grosse Pointe South, it edged Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood 2-1 on first-period goals by seniors Meghan

Polack and Gabby Hartman.

The host Cranes scored midway through the third period and had a power-play during the final minute of play, but the Blue Devils' defense kept them off the board to win and earn a huge two points in the standings.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 15-1-1 in the MMGHSHL. With wins in their final two regular season games, the Blue Devils earn the Division 1 championship and No. 1 seed in the state playoffs.

LIGGETT

Easy win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's boys' hockey team won its fifth straight game last week, beating visiting Hartland 10-2.

The game was called after two periods due to the eight-goal mercy rule.

"It was a little rough around the edges, but overall I thought we played a good hockey game," head coach Robb McIntyre said. "We really got the offense rolling and they had a tough time stopping us."

The only bad part of the game was the several 10-minute game misconduct penalties called, most against Hartland.

The Knights scored four times in the opening period, with sophomore Josh Soyka opening the scoring with a tally early in the first stanza.

Seniors Jake Soyka

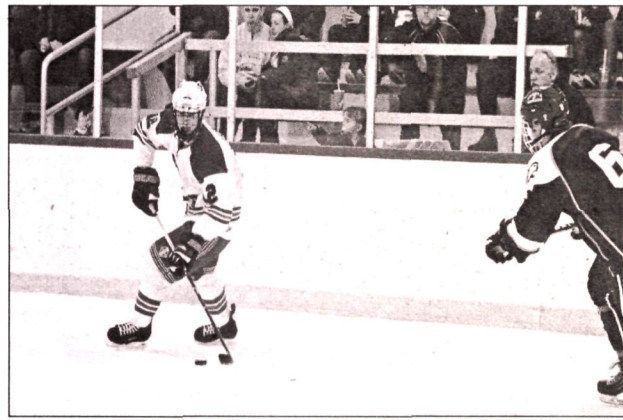


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Liggett sophomore Josh Soyka is a settling force on the Knights' blue line.

and Cam Marchese had the assists.

It was 2-0 when Marchese scored, with juniors Vincent Scarfone and Lordanthony Grissom netting assists.

Senior Manny Counsman and freshman Brett Abdelnour scored power-play goals in the final few minutes of the first period. Jake Soyka and sophomore Mason Demsey assisted Counsman's goal, while Grissom and Counsman assisted Abdelnour's goal.

Hartland scored in the first minute of the second period, but it would be

only one of a couple of highlights for the Eagles.

The Knights opened up the offensive floodgates, with Counsman netting another power-play goal at the 14:21 mark, with Jake Soyka and junior Cole Zingas had assists.

Jake Soyka scored at the 9:33 mark with Counsman and Abdelnour netting assists, and in the final five minutes Zingas, Yates, and Jake Soyka added goals to give the Knights 10.

Marchese, Scarfone, Counsman and Abdelnour had assists.

Liggett is 15-8 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen on target

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' hockey team still has an outside chance at claiming a share of a division title.

Head coach Joe Lucchese and the Norsemen earned 5-of-6 points last week, beating Farmington Hills Mercy 7-5 and Northville 5-3, plus tied Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood 2-2.

In the road win over Mercy, the Norsemen used a five-goal second period to claim the victory.

Seven players earned points, including freshman Elizabeth Gallagher, who scored a career-high four goals, and senior Bryn Moody, who had one goal and two assists.

Senior Katie Bowles had one goal and one assist, while freshman Lindsay Gallagher tallied three assists.

Senior Julia Henderson added a goal, with seniors Natalie Skorupski and Sara Villani netting two and one assist, respectively.

The visiting Norsemen were in a tough battle with state title contender Cranbrook-Kingswood.

Elizabeth Gallagher and Villani had the goals, with Moody and senior Jacci Sherry collecting assists.

Last weekend, North returned home to face Northville.

It wasn't pretty, but the Norsemen prevailed after Moody had a four-point night with one goal and three assists.

Elizabeth Gallagher

scored twice, with Lindsay Gallagher drawing assists, and other goal scorers were Skorupski and Villani. Sophomore Karina Lucchese also had an assist.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 13-2-2-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division I standings.

The Norsemen are in second place, as of Monday, Feb. 18, with one game left Wednesday, Feb. 27, at home against Grosse Pointe South.

If North beats South, it will finish with 31 points and if South loses to Northville and North, the Blue Devils finish with 31 points. CK would also have to lose two of its final three games to finish with 31 points.

COLLEGE NEWS

Olson on fire on the ice

Grosse Pointe Woods native Mac Olson is enjoying a ton of success in his freshman year at Hobart College.

Olson, 21, earned

rookie of the week honors twice this season and is second on the Statemen in points with eight goals and 13 assists for 21 points in 24 games.

Olson has played a large part in helping the team skate to an 18-4-2 overall record and 10-3-1 in the Eastern College Athletic Conference.

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, February 25, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. by the City Administration at the Municipal Office, 90 Kerby Road, for review of Community Development and Coordinations.

The following activities are proposed for funding under the Community Development Block Grant Program for 2013-14 (subject to full funding by HUD).

PROJECT	AMOUNT	PROJECT AREA
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MONICA IRELAN
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4C | SPORTS

Swimming, wrestling

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Ending with wins

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys' swimming and diving team ended its dual meet slate last week, beating U-D Jesuit 114-72 and Detroit Country Day 99-86.

Head coach Eric Gunderson and his Blue Devils finished 11-4 overall.

The host Blue Devils led off the double dual meet by winning the 200-yard medley relay, as Jacob Montague, Robby Koueiter, Patrick Jackson and Sam Wilkinson posted a state-qualifying time of 1:45.79.

They also won the second event, as Doug Graham took top honors in the 200-yard freestyle, posting a time of 1:53.34,

and Jackson was first in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:07.59.

In the 50-yard freestyle, Devlin Francis and Nick Yoo placed second and third with times of 23.36 and 23.41, while the Blue Devils repeated the second- and third-place finish in diving with Eric Addy and Erik Romer earning 178.30 and 169.15 points, respectively.

Francis and Yoo enjoyed a first- and second-place finish in the 100-yard butterfly with times of 55.41 (state qualifying) and 56.72, respectively, and Graham won the 100-yard freestyle by a little more than one second.

In the 500-yard freestyle, Wilkinson and

Zach Due finished fourth and fifth with times of 5:23.28 and 5:25.24, respectively, and the Blue Devils' 200-yard freestyle relay team of Yoo, Graham, Frank Cusumano and Jack Martin placed first with a state-qualifying time of 1:33.71.

Helping in the victory was the winning 400-yard freestyle relay team of Martin, Graham, Jackson and Francis. They had a state-qualifying time of 3:27.74 and won by seven seconds over Country Day.

In the final individual events, Montague was second in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:00.37, and Koueiter took fifth in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:09.41.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH



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K-Zoo baseball

Grosse Pointe North seniors Dave Kracht, seated above, and Evan Hayden, seated below, are both attending Kalamazoo College and playing baseball for the Hornets under head coach Mike Ott. The Hornets finished 16-24 last spring and 10-18 in the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Association. Kracht and Hayden are both anxious to play their final year of high school baseball for legendary head coach Frank Sumbera. Next year, their MIAA foes are Albion, Alma, Calvin, Hope, Olivet, Saint Mary's and Trine. Taking part in Kracht's signing were, standing from left, Grosse Pointe Redbirds baseball director Dave Bergman; mother, Sharlene Kracht; father, David Kracht; brother, Alex Kracht, and Sumbera. Pictured below were those on hand to help celebrate with Hayden, including, from left, Bergman; mom, Marianne Hayden; Sumbera; father, Mark Hayden; and another Redbirds coach, Jon Zalenski.



GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen swimmers, grapplers fall short

The Grosse Pointe North boys' swimming and diving team dropped its last dual meet of the 2013 season to Utica Eisenhower 109-77 last week.

Head coach Mike O'Connor said season-best performances were recorded in the 50-yard freestyle by A.J. Owens; 100-yard freestyle by Patrick Turnbull, Owens and Quinn Gallant; 200-

yard freestyle by Danny MacAskill and Michael Rieth; 500-yard freestyle by Rieth; 100-yard breaststroke by John Hales; 200-yard individual medley by Hales; and diving by William McNelis and Sam Shehadeh.

Grosse Pointe North finished its dual meet season 4-7 overall.

Wrestling

Grosse Pointe North wrestlers Jaron Nelson and Andrew Lock ended their year competing in last weekend's Division 1 individual wrestling tournament at Rochester High School.

Nelson, competing in the 119-pound division, was pinned in both of his matches, and Lock lost a 4-0 decision and 7-2 decision in his matches in the 152-pound division.

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