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FRIDAY, DEC. 13

◆ Grosse Pointe South High School choir hosts "Sounds of the Season" concert at 7 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe North Performing Arts Center. Main floor tickets cost \$15, balcony tickets are priced at \$10 and seniors and students pay \$9 for balcony seats. Gold cards are honored for balcony seats.

◆ Grosse Pointe North High School choirs perform at 7 p.m. at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church. Tickets are available at the door or at Wild Birds Unlimited.

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores Mayor Ted Kedzierski holds office hours from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. To make an appointment, call (313) 881-6565.

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

◆ Grosse Pointe Soccer Association hosts breakfast with Santa from 10 a.m. to noon at First

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A warm glow

Trees at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores are filled with more than 70,000 lights during It's a Winter Wonderland weekends. Visitors can walk the paths from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, Dec. 14 and 15, 21 and 22 and 28 and 29. After walking the paths, visitors can sit by a fire and listen to a storyteller while sipping hot chocolate or mulled wine. The cost is \$10. Tickets can be ordered by visiting fordhouse.org.



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Judge mulls request

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

DETROIT — Bob Bashara was back before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Vonda Evans Tuesday in a preliminary hearing where he requested a laptop computer so he could review documents related to his case.

Bashara is scheduled to go to trial March 3, on charges he murdered his wife, Jane, in January 2012. In addition to the first degree murder charge, he also faces charges of conspiracy to commit first degree murder, solicitation to commit murder, suborning perjury during a capital trial, witness intimidation, obstruction of justice and a felony firearm charge.

Bashara is currently serving seven to 20 years for attempting to hire a hit man to kill Joe Gentz. Gentz has pleaded guilty to killing Jane Bashara, but said he did so at the behest of Bashara. He is currently serving 17 to 28 years for second degree murder.

According to attorneys for both the prosecution and defense, there are "thousands" of pages of discovery in the case, and Bashara's court appointed attorney, Mark Procida, said, "There is more discovery in this case than any other case I have been involved with," adding he has practiced law for 27 years.

But Wayne County Prosecutor Lisa Lindsey immediately objected to Bashara's request.

"The people strenuously and vehemently object," she said, noting Bashara is being charged with witness intimi-

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Auditors bring good tidings

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Accountants may as well have shimmied down the chimney at city hall to deliver the annual audit report.

Auditors from Plante Moran's Southfield office concluded that Grosse Pointe Farms has an unrestricted general fund balance equaling 26 percent of annual operating costs.

The \$3,368,335 balance — a rainy day fund — increased \$160,000 from the year before and

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PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Here's my list

Three-year-old twins Adrianna and Logan Bogner discuss their wish list with Santa following the Grosse Pointe Woods tree lighting. More photos, page 3A III.

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Cottage's new direction

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Bob Riney had personal inducement to participate in a ceremonial groundbreaking to transform the top two floors of old Cottage Hospital into senior living.

"My 86-year-old mother has called me about 12 times saying, 'Get the shovel in the ground already. I'm doing fine in my house, but eventually I want to be there,'" said Riney, of Grosse Pointe Farms, prior to taking a chrome shovel in hand Tuesday, Dec. 3.

Riney is president and chief operating officer of Henry Ford Health System, which includes Cottage.

The health system and its partners, REDICO developers and affiliate company, American House Senior Living, are joining forces to reconstruct part of Cottage into senior living.

"It's a unique blending of talents, functions and missions to serve people



Bob Riney, center, with shovel extended, president and chief operating officer of Henry Ford Health System, leads the ceremonial groundbreaking to transform the top two levels of Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage into American House Grosse Pointe.

of the Grosse Pointe area and eastside Detroit," said Dr. Edward O'Malley, physician in charge at Henry Ford Medical Center - Cottage and a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods.

They anticipate the project to have national impact.

"The co-location of a senior housing facility and a medical facility is a first," said Dale Watchowski, chief executive office of REDICO and American House. "I believe it will be an indus-

try trend-setter."

Watchowski spoke of the liberty and sense of security that up to 100 residents will have living atop a medical center on the Hill, the commercial center of Grosse Pointe Farms.

"Our seniors will be able to walk down the street and enjoy restaurants, banking, shopping, get their hair done and go to the pharmacy," Watchowski said. "They'll also have the peace of mind of knowing this world-class health care operation is at their doorstep. That should give them and their families the peace of mind that's important to them."

The development is a

welcome addition to Pointe housing stock, according to Sharon Maier, president of Services for Older Citizens, headquartered on Ridge Road behind Cottage.

"It's exciting because there's a lot of choices for seniors now," Maier said. "They can stay in their community."

When the facility, American House Grosse Pointe, opens next fall, Cottage's second and third floors will be transformed into a total of 84 one- and two-bedroom apartments.

Renderings show the second floor transformed into 40 independent care units, a common area,



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

Dale Watchowski, chief executive office of REDICO and American House Senior Living, said he expects American House Grosse Pointe to be "an industry trend-setter."

dining room, kitchen and cafe.

The third floor has 29 assisted living units and 15 memory care rooms. Prices range from \$2,600 to \$7,150 per month.

A sales brochure promotes meals, housekeeping, laundry and transportation services; a life enrichment director; diverse programs; spiritual services and small pets welcome.

"The biggest problem we're going to have is finding a way to create more units," Riley said. "I've never had more calls than in the last year asking to hurry up the opening."

Hospital operations on the first floor of Cottage will continue as they are, including 24-hour emergency care, women's health, radiology and

ambulatory surgery.

"We are pleased for Cottage Hospital to remain a medical center," said Farms Mayor James Farquhar. "I'm glad to see it reused for senior citizens."

"For quite some time the building has been underutilized," said Shane Reeside, Farms manager.

"This is an opportunity to invest in the structure and the community by providing additional senior housing, which is needed."

Councilman Joe Ricci appreciates the historical symmetry of Cottage Hospital, established in 1917 when many Farms residents lived in vacation cottages, being renovated into the equivalent of retirement cottages.

"It also gets it back on the tax rolls," Ricci said.

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Dog issues on Mapleton

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — A couple of mutts on Mapleton are barking up the wrong tree.

They took off after a leashed border collie and, its owner told a public safety officer, are aggressive toward people, too.

The incident, reported by the border collie's master, at 8:07 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, was the third complaint in three weeks about nasty dogs

on Mapleton, a one-block road above the Hill.

The complainant, a 60-year-old male resident of the block, told police he was walking his leashed dog on the western sidewalk when a brown and black German shepherd mix accompanied by a red and white

beagle mix dashed from their owner's property across the street.

They approached him and his pet, barking and growling, the man told police.

The aggressive dogs' owner, a 71-year-old man

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Council adopts new landlord rules

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Landlords will be required to be licensed and hold a valid certificate of occupancy under a new ordinance approved by the city council at its Dec. 9 meeting.

The ordinance was developed at the request of residents concerned after the May murder of a Wayburn resident. A neighbor, who was living in the attic of a rental unit next door to the victim, has been charged with

her murder. Under the new ordinance, a property owner of any rental unit in the Park must be licensed by the city. That licensing information must contain the name of the person responsible for the unit, whether it is the owner, a caretaker or a rental agent. In addition, every landlord must register the property with the city. This registration replaces the current park pass registration process.

There is a \$10 fee for the license and landlords must register before March 31, 2014. The license application will be available on line on the city's website.

In addition, every landlord is required to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy for each rental unit they have, and will be required to post the certificate in the rental unit. That certi-

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Lakeshore crash kills 1

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — A 73-year-old man from Grosse Pointe Woods died Friday night, Dec. 6, at the scene of his sports car crash against two trees on the median of eastbound Lakeshore about 100 yards east of Moross.

"One tree was sheered off," said Detective Lt. Richard Rosati of the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety department. "He hit another tree with such tremendous force it practically folded the car in half."

"It would be an estimate, but he had to have gotten up to around 60 mph to do that kind of damage."

Rosati conducted a fatal investigation report at the scene the night of the wreck.

He said more information will be available upon completion of a toxicology report.

Another motorist witnessed the single-car wreck at 11:33 p.m. and

called 911.

Grosse Pointe Farms police arrived, followed by medics and fire personnel.

Public Safety Officer Veronica Cashion, first on scene, came upon a red 1993 Mazda RX7 with a crushed-in driver-side door and damaged front-end.

The lone occupant, later identified as Carl Robert Quarnstrom, didn't have a seat belt on, Cashion said.

Medics hooked him to an EKG monitor.

He registered an asystole rhythm, said Cashion, which she described as "a dire form of cardiac arrest in which the heart stops beating and there is no electrical activity in the heart. As a result, the heart is at a total standstill."

Medics pronounced Quarnstrom dead at 11:52 p.m.

"I observed swelling to the left side of his head where he struck the door frame," Cashion said.

She returned to head-

quarters and filed her initial incident report at 4:34 a.m.

The witness, a 64-year-old St. Clair Shores man, told police he'd been driving about 25 mph on southbound Moross from Kercheval, the Mazda behind him, both cars going 25 mph.

They stopped for a red light at Lakeshore. When the light turned green, they both turned left, eastbound. The witness entered the right lane of traffic, he said.

"(He) stated the (Mazda) turned onto the inside lane of Lakeshore (left lane) and observed it accelerate at a high rate of speed (approximately 45 mph)," Cashion said.

"He stated the vehicle struck the curb (driver side), jumped the curb onto the grassy median, slid across, striking a small tree, then slamming into a larger tree with its driver-side."

It was the first fatal car crash in the Farms in more than 10 years, police said.



Key to it all

Santa Claus greeted Grosse Pointe Park residents prior to his helping light the Christmas tree. The annual tree lighting in Windmill Pointe Park saw the ever-green tree decorated in red ornaments. Below, Park Mayor Palmer Heenan hands the key to the city to Santa Claus during the annual tree lighting festivities.



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DOG:

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living on the block, reportedly gave police a similar account.

"(I) asked (him) if I were to observe his dogs, would they be aggressive," said the officer. "(He) said yes."

"A German shepherd isn't the kind of dog to be irresponsible with," said Detective Lt. Richard Rosati. "They're high-drive animals."

Owning a dangerous dog can be costly. Repeated problems with a dog on Ridge resulted in its owner being convicted of harboring a vicious animal, Rosati said.

"They had to comply with all the restrictions, which are having a sign saying they have a

vicious dog and having a complete enclosure in their yard so the dog can't jump the fence," he said.

Owners of vicious dogs also need liability insurance, he said.

"It usually is a 100 percent increase in (the cost of) homeowners insurance to have a vicious dog," Rosati said.

Other recent incidents involving dogs on Mapleton are:

◆ On Saturday, Nov. 23, a dog being walked on a leash reportedly lunged at and bit a Farms woman.

◆ On Thursday, Nov. 28, a 3-year-old male German shepherd named Draven reportedly exited his master's rear yard on Mapleton and attacked Roscoe, a 4-year-old border collie being walked on a leash

by its owner, a resident of the same block.

Michigan law (MCLA 287.3321-323) defines a dangerous animal as "a dog or other animal that bites or attacks a person, or a dog that bites or attacks and causes serious injury or death to another dog while the other dog is on the property or under the control of its owner."

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On camera

A thief used a credit card stolen from a Grosse Pointe Park woman to charge a \$500 purchase last week at a store in the 17500 block of Kercheval in the Village.

The card had been in her wallet, which she mistakenly left behind at a restaurant in the same block of Kercheval at about 12:15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2.

"(A store employee) checked their security cameras and found video of the transaction being

made," said a public safety officer.

The wallet, worth \$150, also contained \$90 cash, the woman told police.

Canceled

A City man continues to face the costs of losing his wallet.

He lost it Oct. 25, having last remembered using it at a market on Mack in Detroit.

"He thought he canceled his credit card," said a public safety offi-

cer. "About one week later, his wallet was mailed to him at his house."

The only thing missing was an ATM bank card, which he thought he canceled.

On Monday, Dec. 2, the man told police he received a \$706.89 bill on the card he thought he'd canceled, said an officer.

The man contacted the bank.

"The card has been canceled," said the officer.

Public Safety Reports

—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

Reckless

A 19-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man is free on \$500 bond following his arrest at 10:53 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, for possession of marijuana.

Officers found .02 grams of the drug in the man's gold-colored 2001 Honda CRV.

The arrest resulted from an investigation for reckless driving on eastbound Lakeshore near Provencal.

"A 911 caller advised that the suspected vehicle struck the curb and nearly went into the lake," according to police reports.

An officer found the Honda parked in the right lane, both front tires flat.

A search of the car found a small plastic bag containing the drug.

"(He) stated he was not in possession of marijuana and gave consent to search his vehicle," an officer reported. "(He) stated he forgot that he had marijuana in his vehicle once it was discovered."

Hits parked SUV

A drunken, 32-year-old St. Clair Shores woman drove her 2002 Oldsmobile into an SUV parked in the 300 block of Kercheval shortly before 9:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5.

"The parked vehicle traveled 20 to 30 feet from its original position," said a public safety officer.

It ended up past the sidewalk onto a fence, officers said.

Officers said they came upon the woman sitting in her damaged car smelling of intoxicants.

She failed a series of field sobriety tests and registered a .14 percent blood alcohol content before being arrested for drunken driving, they added.

Medics treated her at the scene for a sore wrist. She refused transport to a hospital.

Calender girl

Officers confiscated a .44-caliber Glock model 27 semi-automatic pistol from a 46-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman, arrested during a traffic stop on eastbound Mack near Roland at 10:21 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4.

A patrolman pulled her over for passing his cruiser in the right, metered lane, near the driveway to the Van Elslander Cancer Center.

The officer detected an odor of intoxicants coming from her as she sat in her silver 2010 Lexus RX350 and slurred something about having a concealed pistol, but not a concealed pistol license.

"(I) asked what type of gun it was," said the officer. "(She) stated it was a '44 calendar,' (I) asked her to clarify if 'calendar' was a brand of gun. She explained, slurring, she meant 'caliber.'"

Her blood alcohol measured .02 percent, police said.

She reportedly said she smoked marijuana the day before and takes Motrin.

Officers arrested her for violating a suspended driver's license. Dearborn authorities wanted her on a \$168 parking warrant.

Cars damaged

Unknown vandals pelted at least two cars parked near the deck off Muir on the Hill last week with pumpkins.

Impacts broke the windshield of a 2010 Ford Flex and dented the hood of a 2004 Jeep.

At 9:50 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, one of the victims "heard a loud smash," she told police, later discovering damage to her car.

Crack

Officers hope a man will be ordered to forfeit \$452 cash he had at the time of his arrest for possession of cocaine.

A patrolman arrested the 33-year-old Detroit resident during a traffic stop at 1:51 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, on Linville at Lanoo on Detroit's east-side.

The officer spotted him on westbound Mack near Lanoo driving a white 2008 Chrysler Town & Country with an unlit license plate.

"While being searched at headquarters, (he) attempted to conceal (or) destroy two bags of crack cocaine," said an officer.

The bags contained a combined .97 grams of the drug, police said.

The man also had 14 suspensions of his driver's license.

Radar gone

Sometime between noon Sunday, Dec. 1, and 9 a.m. the next day, someone smashed the passenger-side window of a car parked in a Tonnancour Place driveway and stole a Passport 9500 radar detector.

"A broken Phillips-head screw driver was stuck in the frame," said a public safety officer.

A similar smash-and-grab theft was reported the same morning in Grosse Pointe Woods, said Farms police.

—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 over road'

At 12:23 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, a public safety officer intercepted the driver of a 2004 Jeep who'd been reported "all over the road."

The officer questioned the driver, a 45-year-old man from Sterling Heights, on Lakeshore near Oxford.

He slurred noticeably, the officer said, and refused to take a

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cate will be required to show the maximum occupancy allowed based on the International Property Maintenance Code.

The C of O will be good for two years.

While the registration process and certificate of

occupancy requirement are familiar to most Park landlords, it was another requirement that caused the most discussion among those property owners who attended the council meeting.

Under the new ordinance, landlords will be required to perform a background check on tenant applicants, and while the landlord is not required to report that

information to the city, the landlord is required to provide proof that a search was done if the city requests it.

Landlords are given three websites that provide background information free.

"I think this is a very good idea," one resident said. "I would want to know who was living next door to me," and also said he would

approve of the landlord being required to supply the city with the results of these background checks.

But another resident questioned why tenants were being singled out for background checks.

"Why aren't home buyers' backgrounds checked as well," he asked.

A landlord also objected to the check.

"I've never had a problem with a tenant in 30 years as an owner-landlord," he said. "I don't need a 15-page document to tell me what I need to do."

Councilman James Robson, however, praised the ordinance.

"This might be bitter medicine for some landlords," he said, "and we don't have the slumlords we're concerned about here tonight."

"I really think this will improve the rental market."

According to city manager Dale Krajniak, there are between 600 and 700 rental units in the Park.

Penalties to landlords who don't comply range from financial to revocation of their license, which would ban them from offering rental units

in the Park.

"This is not a magic bullet, but it is an invaluable tool we can use," said councilman Dan Clark, chairman of the Ordinance Review committee. "It holds the sword of Damocles over the slum landlords and allows us to address those few landlords who cause problems."

Councilman Dan Grano agreed.

"This is a tool," he said. "Our intent is not to go after good landlords, and if a landlord has a problem, we want them to come to council and tell us."

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dation and has admitted to attempting to hire a hit man to murder Gentz, having "unfettered access to a computer would be beyond foolhardy."

When Evans directed a question to Procida, Bashara interrupted.

"You're missing the biggest part of this," he told the judge. "I'm suf-

fering from macular degeneration and it is difficult for me to read pages without glasses." Bashara said his condition is a side effect of his diabetes and he is being treated at the Kresge Eye Institute.

Evans was still reluctant to grant the request, even after acknowledging that internet service is not available to prisoners.

"I don't want to give the appearance of giving Mr. Bashara preferential

treatment," she said. "But this is a difficult case, not at all typical or run of the mill."

Evans said she recognizes the prosecutor's concerns for safety, and with that in mind, she said she will meet with officials from the Wayne County jail, where Bashara is currently housed, before making a ruling on the request.

She set a hearing date of Thursday, Jan. 9, where she would rule on the request.



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Water fund not liquid enough

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The municipal water and sewer fund's negative unrestricted net assets have a bark that's greater than their bite, according to the administrator tabulating them at city hall.

"A lot of it has to do with accounting terminology," said John Lamerato, Grosse Pointe Farms treasurer and controller.

Although the fund has positive net assets of about \$9.5 million, the unrestricted net assets are negative \$1,055,862.

The negative amount is the difference between the value of capital assets, such as the filtration plant and miles of underground piping, and the value of current assets, such as cash and receivables.

"We improved our position from last year by \$138,000," Lamerato said. "But, we need to

continue to look at this." The state requires cities with proprietary funds having negative net assets to file a deficit elimination plan with the treasury department.

"The plan we have to submit to the state lets them know how we are addressing it," Lamerato said.

The Farms' plan includes:

- ◆ consideration of a mid-year "rate adjustment," Lamerato said.

- ◆ "We need to adjust rates and get more cash in the system," and

- ◆ possibly lowering the Farms sewage treatment bill to Detroit by containing more storm water and run-off.

Lamerato said the value of unrestricted net assets fell below capital assets due to negative cash flow, namely:

- ◆ higher legal and engineering costs associated

with two instances of basement flooding in 2012 and

- ◆ lower sales of water due to this year's rainy and mild summer.

Lamerato also is including in his report that he expects legal and engineering costs to abate due to completion of improvements to the sewage pumping station.

Yet, water sales aren't rebounding to forecasted levels.

"We develop our budgets on a five-year estimate of water consumption," Lamerato said. "Water consumption for the first six months of the (fiscal) year is more than 2 million cubic feet less than last year."

Overall sales may pick up because the Farms now supplies the County Club of Detroit, which used to buy water from Highland Park.

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"It was a great move here," Bank said. "Grosse Pointe is a perfect loca-



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- Joe Warner

Editor's note:

The Dec. 5 story, "Bond rating hits top of curve," should have included the City of Grosse Pointe as having a AA+ bond rating issued by Standard & Poor's.

"We do not expect to change the rating within the two-year outlook period, given our anticipation that the city will continue to make additional budgetary adjustments to maintain structural balance in response to declining revenues," according to the agency's rating report of May 2012.

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Dear Santa

Next week, a Grosse Pointe News tradition of Letters to Santa continues. Any last-minute wishes should be e-mailed to jwarner@grossepointenews.com. We'll publish them in the Dec. 19 issue.

More next week

Also in the Dec. 19 issue, we will feature longtime Woods business Hill & Hill Tobacconists, several ribbon cuttings and a story about the Wayne County Community College District's contest involving schools in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

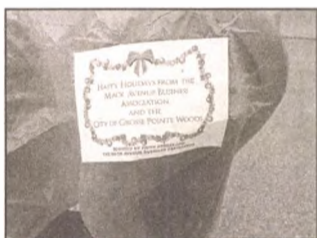
Congrats

To Henry Ford Health System - Cottage on the start of their new development on The Hill.

The top two floors will be converted into an American House Senior Living facility. The lower part of the facility will remain a medical center. A story about the unique development in the historic building is on page 2A.

Parking deals

Don't forget parking deals in the Grosse Pointe shopping areas, especially these two weekends leading into Christmas. More information is available at grossepointenews.com.



Still closed

Speculation is swirling about the barrier blocking Kercheval at Alter Road in Grosse Pointe Park. City administrator Dale Krajniak said the barrier will be in place about three more weeks.

At Monday's city council meeting, Krajniak said the street was blocked to relocate an electrical panel and do waterworks improvements. He expects the street to reopen around the first of the year.

Unless it doesn't. Krajniak said the city is looking at "long-term redevelopment in that area," which could include work that necessitates closing off Kercheval at the Park city limits.

"We would like to create a village square type of area there," he said, "but we don't have anything on the table as of now."

We'll share the announcement when it happens.



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Technology bond support

To the Editor:
What does the tech bond mean to Maire Elementary School? It means a lot.

It means so much more to us than just a "device for every kid."

The technology bond means a safe, secure learning environment. It means providing an enhanced learning environment that is free from 20-minute waits for programs to boot up.

It means having our teachers and students access the 21st century learning tools that are available, and utilized in many other school districts in our area, but that our infrastructure does not allow us to utilize.

In recent years the Maire Parent-Teacher Organization has attempted to bridge the technology gap. The PTO has provided Smart Boards, iPads, Netbooks and funding for technology maintenance.

Unfortunately, these measures have not been enough. Our system cannot service the technology that is in place, the

new devices cannot access the system.

Talk to just about any student, teacher, volunteer or staff member at the school, and you will hear stories of not being able to log in, or when they do get on the system, it crashes.

There is so much time wasted, it is simply unacceptable.

The technical bond will do away with the patchwork of quick fixes that have been done in the past, which has led us to this unsustainable situation.

It is imperative Maire receives the infrastructure overhaul needed to be able to support technology that will improve our security systems, improve the functioning of existing technology and provide us access to future technology.

The Maire PTO is supporting the technology bond, so we can continue our history of providing an excellent educational experience for all of our students.

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Technology bond vote

To the Editor:

On Feb. 25, 2014, the residents of Grosse Pointe will be voting on the Grosse Pointe Public School System Technology Bond.

We are writing to ask each and every one of you to support this bond proposal.

The 1,000-plus Grosse Pointe schools employees who work either directly or indirectly with our 8,000-plus students every single day are in need of a technology infrastructure that will allow us to provide an education second to none.

The people who are involved with the students in this district albeit head engineers, custodial staff, secretaries, counselors, psychologists, social workers, speech pathologists, reading specialists, classroom assistants, occupational therapists, media specialists, music, art, physical education and general education teachers, understand what is needed to provide the best education for our students.

However, an antiquated infrastructure stifles the ability of our exemplary staff to offer the very best to our students.

The current system is so outdated we cannot even guarantee the ability to use our basic e-mail system on a continual basis, let alone guarantee it will not shut down in the middle of a teacher or student presentation, or

perhaps lose vital information during student research or malfunction as a group of students are halfway through a national or state mandated assessment.

We struggle every class period and lesson to connect our students with the current and future world immersed in technology standards and expectations because of an inept system.

We are asking each of you, as a vital stakeholder in these students education, to support us in providing the most successful educational outcome with a "yes" vote Feb. 25.

We believe you will agree the students of Grosse Pointe schools deserve to have the most up-to-date learning experiences. Your yes vote supporting the Grosse Pointe schools technology bond is crucial to ensure our students are ready to compete not only for entry into the most prestigious colleges in the nation, but to better prepare them for careers in which they will become viable members of the Grosse Pointe community.

Thank you for your support with this important issue.

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GUEST OPINION By Brian Banks

Life sentence for juveniles

On June 25, 2012, the U.S. Supreme Court released its opinion regarding Miller versus Alabama, finding that the sentence of life without parole is a form of cruel and unusual punishment when given to juvenile criminal offenders.

In response, along with my fellow Michigan Legislative Black Caucus members, I am working to amend the juvenile offender life sentence bills currently before the Michigan Legislature — Senate Bills 318 and 319 — to include retroactivity.

Adding retroactivity would ensure 350 inmates currently in the Michigan prison system, who were convicted as juveniles and given life sentences, would have a chance at parole.

In accordance with the Supreme Court ruling,

Senate Bills 318 and 319 cover any future juvenile criminal defendant sentenced on or after the effective date of Senate Bill 319, those with a case still pending in the trial court or whose time for review had not expired as of the date of the Supreme Court opinion.

However, the bills leave Michigan's 350 inmates who were previously convicted as juveniles and given life without parole sentences with no meaningful opportunity for freedom, even though the Supreme Court decision was clear that youth and other mitigating factors need to be taken into consideration before imposing a life without parole sentence on a juvenile.

The 350 individuals currently serving these types of sentences deserve to have the benefit of the decision applied to

them, and that is what my colleagues and I are asking for by arguing these bills should include retroactivity.

Recently, judges and juries around the country have been swayed by studies showing adolescent brains don't function the same way adult brains do.

One study proving this was presented by a neuroscientist at Weill Cornell Medical College, Kristina Caudle. Caudle found adolescents act more impulsively when faced with a threat, and are, therefore, more likely to act on that threat than a person with a more developed, adult brain.

Sadly, even though science has proven juveniles do not have the brain capacity to act as adults, and therefore, should not be sentenced as adults, Michigan has the second highest rate in the country of juve-

niles sentenced to life in prison without parole.

The state of Michigan should not be stalling on implementing the Supreme Court decision and allowing convicted juvenile criminal offenders to try for parole. We should be implementing this decision in its entirety, instead of ignoring those juveniles who were convicted in the past.

The court has said they should have a chance of parole and that is what we are asking for.

For more information on the legislation being offered, and the changes I am working on, feel free to contact my office any time toll-free at (888) 254-5291, or by e-mail at BrianBanks@house.mi.gov.

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◆ Grosse Pointe South High School choir hosts "Sounds of the Season" concert at 7 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe North Performing Arts Center.
 ◆ Children can visit Santa Claus from noon to 4 p.m. in Santa's Village, on Kercheval between St. Clair and Notre Dame.
 ◆ Grosse Pointe Theatre presents "White Christmas" at 2 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Tickets cost \$24.

SUNDAY, DEC. 15

◆ The Grosse Pointe Community Chorus presents its 61st annual holiday concert, "The World for Christmas," at 3:30 p.m., at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church. Adult tickets cost \$12 and children's tickets cost \$5 and can be purchased at Moehring Woods Florist or at Do by Hair Co., or by calling (313) 822-8080.
 ◆ Grosse Pointe Theatre presents "White Christmas" at 2 and 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

MONDAY, DEC. 16

◆ 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 at 17147 Maumee.
 ◆ Chat with Wayne

County Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Detroit, from 9 to 10 a.m. in Grosse Pointe Park's municipal building. For more information, call (313) 224-0920.

TUESDAY, DEC. 17

◆ Grosse Pointe Theatre presents "White Christmas" at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial through Dec. 22.
 ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 795 Lakeshore.

THURSDAY, DEC. 19

◆ Men's Night Out in The Village is from 5 to 9 p.m. The registries premiered at Ladies Night Out are available at retailers. Participating stores have luminaries placed in front. More information, visit thevillagegp.com.

TIDINGS:

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represents a 6 percent cushion beyond the level auditors advise cities.

Farms officials credit the percentage for the city's high bond rating. "We're at AA+," said Shane Reeside, city manager. "They want you to have at least 20 percent of general fund operating costs in fund balance."

The city received a clean opinion in the audit for fiscal year 2012-2013 ending June 30, presented at the Monday, Dec. 9, council meeting, the last one of 2013.

All city departments operated within their budgets last fiscal year, despite a 1.6 percent decline in general fund expenditures compared to the year before,

according to Councilman Louis Theros, chairman of the finance committee.

He credited the city's financial standing to "30 years of good fiscal management, even with cutting taxes and millage rates five times over seven years."

Theros said, "Our public safety pension is 109 percent funded. Our general employee pension is 80 percent funded. That is exceptional."

Farms finances allowed spending \$1.2 million last year in capital improvements, such as \$627,000 for road repairs and \$145,000 for parking improvements, Theros said.

"The majority of city roads are categorized as in excellent or good condition, with no streets in poor condition," according to a report by Reeside and John Lamerato, city

controller and treasurer. The Farms' 14 mill operating millage consists of 11.5 mills (\$7,879,985) for operating purposes, 1.0834 mills (\$742,341) for debt service and 1.4166 (\$970,655) for rubbish removal.

Residential property taxes comprised 72 percent of city revenue.

The cost of operating the public safety department declined \$266,701 from the year before.

"Public safety expenditures decreased due to the restructuring of employees and a reduction in overtime," according to Reeside's report.

Spending for public safety last year represented 32 percent of overall municipal expenditures.

Costs went down nearly 9 percent for parks and culture due, in part, to staff cuts.

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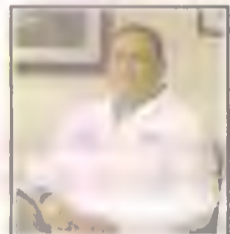


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SAFETY:

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Breathalyzer test.

Officers arrested him for drunken driving. They obtained a search warrant for the man's blood to be drawn at a local hospital and tested for alcohol content.

Tiny bubbles

Shortly before 10:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, a Michaux Lane resident complained to police about a constant humming noise, presumably generated by air diffusion equipment at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club harbor.

The equipment literally blows bubbles in parts of the marina to circulate water, preventing it from freezing and constricting boat hulls and lifting dock pilings.

A patrolman confirmed the sound and possible origin.

The officer will ask a supervisor to contact the club to muffle the hum by erecting sound dampening material around the bubbler pumps.

Flattens fence

The fourth motorist of the year to smash through the wrought iron fence at the foot of Vernier into Osius Park drove farther into the lakeside municipal park than her predecessors.

Instead of stopping against a large tree located just inside the park boundary or getting hung up on bushes along the perimeter, as others have done, the 44-year-old female driver from Detroit proceeded in her silver 2004 Lexus ES330 across the lawn toward the marina.

A public safety officer

stopped her 100 feet short of the boardwalk, he reported.

The wreck happened at 10:45 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2.

Officers arrested her for having a .15 percent blood alcohol level.

"(She) apparently was arguing with her husband on the phone and crashed through the wrought iron fence," reported the arresting officer.

Prior smash-throughs happened in June, twice, and once in October.

All of the motorists were accused of driving drunk.

Drunken driving

At 3:04 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 1, a patrolman pulled over a 47-year-old man from Allen Park on northbound Lakeshore near Renaud for weaving a 2002 Chevrolet.

The officer determined the man had a .18 percent blood alcohol level and arrested him for drunken driving.

With intent

A 16-year-old City of Grosse Pointe male enrolled in Grosse Pointe South High School was arrested last week for possession of marijuana with intent to deliver.

The arrest developed from a traffic stop at 3:26 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 1, on northbound Lakeshore near South Edgewood.

An officer pulled him over for not slowing and yielding at the scene of an unrelated drunken driving investigation on Lakeshore near Renaud.

A patrolman searching the suspect's vehicle reportedly found 12 grams of marijuana.

The drug was divided into "multiple" small, individually wrapped and sealed plastic bags contained in a mid-sized ziplock bag, according to police.

A search of the driver's pockets revealed a digital scale with marijuana residue, police added.

When the teen's mother came to headquarters at 4:21 a.m. to pick him up, officers reportedly turned her over to Grosse Pointe Woods on an unspecified outstanding warrant, without bond.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Items taken

A house guest is suspected in the Saturday, Nov. 30, theft of a laptop computer and an iPhone from a house on Harcourt.

Car recovered

A 2013 Ford Escape was unlawfully driven away from the 800 block of Barrington overnight Thursday, Dec. 5. The car was later recovered, minus four wheels, in Detroit.

LFA

A GPS device and designer sunglasses were removed sometime overnight Wednesday, Dec. 4, from a 2012 Ford Escape parked in the 1400 block of Maryland.

— Kathy Ryan

Report information on these or other crimes to Grosse Pointe Park police,

(313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Larcenies

At least two cars on North Oxford were broken into during the early morning hours of Monday, Dec. 2.

Car owners reported windows had been smashed and items removed, including a radar detector, a laptop computer and a backpack.

Police remind residents to never leave valuable items in cars.

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'Sweet' lessons about laws

By A.J. Hakim
 Staff Writer

Representatives from Ryba's Fudge Shops joined Sen. Bert Johnson at Defer Elementary School last Friday for a fudge-making demonstration and to lend support to proposed legislation to make Mackinac Island fudge Michigan's official sweet.

Ryba's fudge is a Michigan-based company with shops on Mackinac Island. Les Parrish, Ed Turbin and Ryba's president Todd Callewaert were present Friday, equipped with marble slabs, vat and, of course, fudge, to pay tribute to the students in Kari Mannino's 4/5-grade magnet class who wrote letters to Johnson requesting the legislation.

Johnson also spoke to students about their importance in the legislative process and in government matters as a whole. It's because of the student letters, in particular, the one written by Luke Srebernak, Hayden Barry and Jake McBride, that Senate Bill 571 is in consideration.

"I think every student left his speech that day feeling like they, too, could make a difference, even though only the one letter was chosen," said Mannino, who took a sug-

gestion from colleague Trish Gout about having students write to local representatives — Gout's students engaged in a similar lesson last year — and applied it to a social studies lesson.

For the lesson, Mannino's students studied current Michigan symbols and products, as well as the process of a bill becoming a law.

Using the set of 16 iPads Mannino received last year through a grant from the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education, her students researched several state brands and products created in Michigan.

They looked into things like the creation and economical impact of Vernors and Faygo, automobile companies, Kellogg's and Mackinac fudge and were given the assignment to write a letter persuading the senator to present the bill for vote.

"Every student worked hard and all of their letters were well researched, persuasive, and grammatically/mechanically accurate," Mannino said. "The goal is to encourage our students to be proactive citizens as adults. Through the process, they were able to see the impact of being proactive."

Little did Mannino know of the exact impact



Sen. Bert Johnson, pictured above folding fudge during a demonstration at Defer Elementary School, has supported the Defer students' request to name Mackinac Island fudge Michigan's official sweet.

her students were about to have. She never anticipated the kind of response students have received from Johnson and now Ryba's Fudge.

"Defer Elementary was extremely grateful to Sen. Johnson for helping our students realize their ideas and hard work can make a difference in the world," Mannino said. "To have Ryba Fudge and Sen. Johnson in our building, acknowledging the hard work of these students was amazing and truly appreciated. It was a day

they will never forget."

The experience isn't ending just yet for the students. Johnson and staff invited Mannino's class to Lansing to present Senate Bill 571 on the floor of the Senate. There, Berry, Srebernak and McBride will speak about the bill as the rest of the class experiences the process of a bill becoming a law.

"They know it may not pass, but anticipation is high," Mannino said. "As an educator, the whole experience is a dream come true."



Ed Turbin pours the cooked fudge into a pan on the marble-slabs, as Todd Callewaert, president of Ryba's Fudge Shops, helps hold the pan.

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF CINDY TECH
Lance Cpl. Chad Tech and the marines of the First Combat Engineer Battalion currently stationed overseas in Afghanistan with their just-received individual care packages.

By A.J. Hakim
 Staff Writer

Lance Cpl. Chad Tech and the other 49 marines of the First Combat Engineer Battalion currently serving overseas in Afghanistan have a message for the Grosse Pointe community and everyone else who contributed to the "Supporting Our Own" care package drive.

everyone that helped out and donated for the "Supporting Our Own" care package drive," Tech said in an e-mail to his mom, Cindy. "All the guys loved their packages. We really appreciated it. Thanks again."

Tech is one of four among his family and friends enlisted in the U.S. Marines. His brother, Pfc. Drew Tech, and friends Lance Cpl. Josh Stinson and Pfc. Jake

Stinson have also enlisted in various capacities. Last month, the community rallied around the Tech and Stinson families and donated ample supplies of foods, games, grooming products, books and magazines for individual care packages the families shipped overseas to Chad Tech's unit. The 50 care packages arrived in Afghanistan on Thanksgiving. "Our family would like

to thank the entire Grosse Pointe community for making this care package project all possible," Cindy Tech said, making particular note of the generosity from Harry and Lynn Kurtz, Dennis and Mary Anne D'Hondt and Tom and Judy Niswonger, as well as students at Grosse Pointe North and South high schools, the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, Ed Lazar, the Stinsons, the high school chapters of the National Honor Society and Young Americans for Freedom and Mason, Maire, Monteith and Richard elementary schools.

"I was just really happy with the turnout of everything and I think it went really well and the marines were really happy when they received all of it," said Christy Tech, Chad and Drew's sister who co-lead the care package drive along with Marissa Stinson, Jake and Josh's sister. "It was kind of cool to have everyone there to help."

Chad Tech's troop is due back in the U.S. late April or early May. They have been overseas since the end of August, making the support from family and friends back home feel more special.

"(The care packages go) a long way in providing a lot of happiness for these kids," Cindy Tech said. "A lot of these guys don't have what my son has. Not everybody has the support. That's why it's so important to thank the community and let them know what they did."

"(The troop) just couldn't believe that somebody would do this on (Tech's) behalf for everybody."



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Abby Evans takes a tag from the Ferry Elementary Giving Tree.

Pay it forward

By A.J. Hakim
 Staff Writer

Christmas Day will seem a little brighter and a whole lot cheerier and jollier for three children of need in Grosse Pointe, thanks to the students and staff at Ferry Elementary School and their Ferry Elementary Giving Tree.

"Our Ferry Giving Tree is our way of paying it forward to families in our community," said Jeanette Evans, library media assistant at Ferry and Poupard elementary schools and vice president of Ferry's PTO. She and school social worker Carrie Balderson chaired the project, which is a joint effort of the PTO and Ferry staff.

"I've always wanted to do something charitable as a PTO and Christmas seemed like the perfect time of year to do that," Evans said. "We can get so caught up in accumu-

lating 'things' that it's important to take a step back and figure out how we can give back ... We thought that by involving the students indirectly, they would have the chance to truly appreciate all that they have in their lives."

The tree, a red tinsel tree decorated with 195 tags, each representing one gift for a child for 65 total gifts per child, was on display last week in the hallway near the school office. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, during designated times at lunch, students and staff had the opportunity to pick tags from the tree and purchase the gift written on the tag.

Gifts ranged from a pack of Fun Loom Bands or a toothbrush to a winter coat or backpack. Before choosing a tag, students brought home and had their parents sign a permission slip acknowledging their desire to participate.

The response was overwhelming, with most of the 195 tags gone by the second day. Evans said she had to hang an additional 30 for Thursday, all of which were chosen during the lunch period.

"We couldn't be happier with how our Ferry families rose to the challenge," said Evans, who spent the past six months speaking to parents to gauge interest in the project, before pitching the idea to the PTO and Ferry principal Gloria Hinz.

"Based on the response we received, I think it's fair to assume that we will put up the Ferry Elementary Giving Tree again next year. I'm so proud to be part of the Ferry community."

Collection day for the gifts, left unwrapped, is Friday, Dec. 13.

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Holiday cheers

University Liggett School vocal and instrumental music students invite the community to their All-School Holiday Concert at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at the Masonic Temple in Detroit. Students from first through twelfth grades will perform a selection of holiday favorites. The concert is free and open to the public.

Seven Liggett students are recognized by National Merit



PHOTO COURTESY OF RON BERNAS

Top row, from left, are Commended Scholars Nicholas Zingas and Antonio Malkoun, and National Merit semifinalists Nicholas Wu and Thomas Fair; Front row, from left, are Commended Scholars Anna Rose Canzano, Nina Hampton and Natalie Caramagno.

Two University Liggett School students were named National Merit Scholar semifinalists and five others recognized as Commended Scholars in the 59th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Semifinalists are Thomas Fair, of Grosse Pointe Park, and Nicholas Wu, of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Nationwide, the semifinalist pool represents less than 1 percent of high school seniors and includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state. The number of semifinalists from each state is proportional to the state's percentage of the national total of graduating seniors.

As semifinalists, Fair and Wu now have an opportunity to advance and compete for about 8,000 merit scholarships worth about \$35 million. To become a finalist, they and Liggett must submit a detailed scholarship application that includes academic record, school and community participation, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors and awards received.

Semifinalists also must have an endorsement and recommendation from a high school official, write an essay, and have SAT scores comparable to scores on the merit scholarship qualifying exam.

About 90 percent of semifinalists are expected to advance as finalists, and more than half the finalists win one of three types of scholarships offered spring 2014

— National Merit \$2,500 Scholarships, corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarships and college-sponsored Merit Scholarships.

Students are notified in February of their finalist designations and between April and July of their scholarship status.

In addition to the merit semifinalists, Liggett had five students named as Commended Scholars. They are: Anna Rose Canzano, of Detroit;

Natalie Caramagno and Nina Hampton, both of Grosse Pointe Woods; Antonio Malkoun, of Shelby Township; and Nicholas Zingas, of Grosse Pointe Farms.

An honor given to about 34,000 students across the nation, these students placed among the top 5 percent of the 1.5 million entrants.

Hampton was also named a semifinalist in the National Achievement Scholarship competition.




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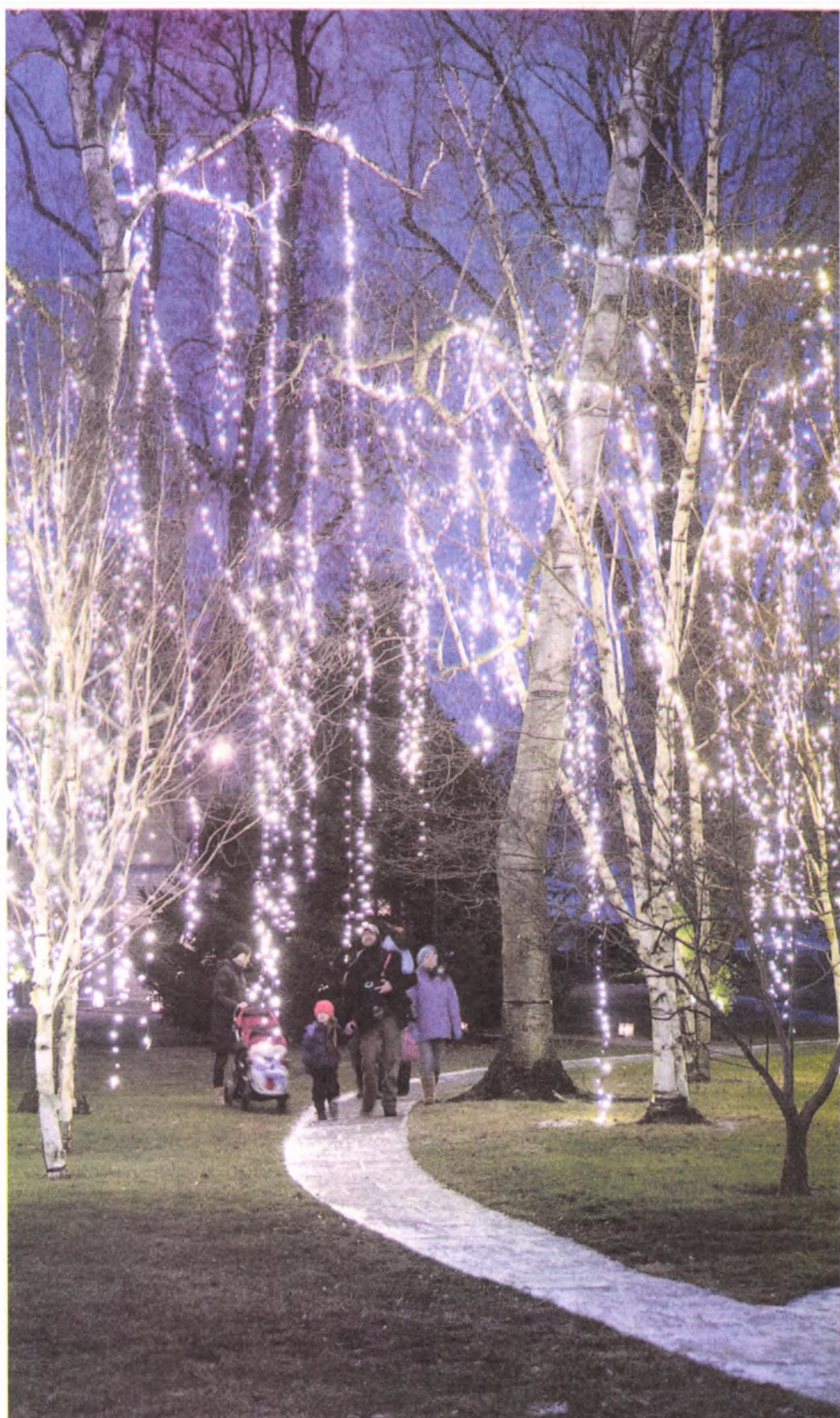


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4A II | **SCHOOLS**

Hats off to Maire

Students and staff at Maire Elementary School raised more than \$500 for victims in the Philippines.

In November, super typhoon Haiyan tore through the country of 96 million, killing thousands and leaving multiple cities in ruin.

To help, Maire held a fundraiser in which students and staff were asked to donate a dollar, which, according to a fundraiser flier, affords children either four pounds of rice, two cans of sardines or four liters of water.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Henry Domzalski and Johnny Klepp show off their hats during Maire's hat day. Klepp was born in the Philippines.

Their efforts, which were rewarded with a hat day UNICEF in the Philippines to help with the country's recovery.

Maire students, for



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Sixth grader Gabriela Moncivais finishes the Turkey Trot run in four minutes, 57 seconds.

Pierce students go Turkey trotting

The physical education department at Pierce Middle School, along with school officials and the PTO, sponsored the 41st annual

Turkey Trot Run Friday, Nov. 22, at the school.

This year's event had a record 279 participants. All runners earned a participation ribbon and the top two finishers from each run — students were divided by grade level and gender — received a Thanksgiving turkey.

Results from each half-mile run are as follows: in the sixth grade boys, Brian McKenna placed first and Alex Shaheen second, and for the girls, Jordan Zak finished first and Allison Vern second; in seventh grade, Roanan Lowell won the boys run and Chase Tomlin finished second, while Rachel Curran led the girls and Olivia Mynarek placed second; and in eighth grade, Conor Garvey won the boys run and Jhordan Rush finished second and Cameron Zak placed first for the girls, with Katie Konieczny finishing second.

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CHURCH EVENTS

Ecumenical breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical breakfast begins with coffee at 6:45 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13, 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 Bill Giovan Quartet. The event ends at 8:15 a.m.

Men of all faiths can attend. For more information call Dick Strowger at (313) 881-9806.

Star of the Sea

The Our Lady Star of the Sea Youth Chorale and Schola, comprised of the parish's young people, perform at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, with the seventh- and eighth-grade bell chimes group and student singers from kindergarten through fifth grade.

The youth chorale sings at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, at the Quibblers meeting at the Country

Club of Detroit.

For more information, contact Deacon Bill Jamieson at (313) 884-5554, ext. 212 or b.jamieson@stargp.org.

◆ The Judelaires sing at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, at the church. A free will offering is accepted.

Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms.

A free will offering is accepted.

For more information, call Eric Miller at (313) 881-6670.

cookie mart is from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 14.

Proceeds from the sale of homemade cookies and treats supports the mission work of the church's women.

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OBITUARIES: Loved ones remembered

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Alan A. Lockhart

Grosse Pointe Park resident Alan A. Lockhart, 53, died Friday, Dec. 6, 2013, at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

He was born March 10, 1960, in Detroit, to Philip and Joyce Lockhart.

Always known as Alan or Al to friends and family, he was an avid sailor and member of Bayview Yacht Club where he spent much of his time sailing, laughing and enjoying life. He loved classic cars, especially his '65 Mustang, which he spent many hours with in the garage. He also lovingly tolerated camping over the years for his wife, Donna.

He is survived by his wife, Donna; daughter, Emily; son, Andrew; sister, Nancy Lanyon (Roger) and brother, David Lockhart (Cheryl).

He also leaves behind his beloved dogs, Clifford and Alabaster.

He was predeceased by his parents.

A funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, at Bayview Yacht Club, 100 Clairpointe, Detroit.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to an educational trust fund for Mr. Lockhart's children. For more information, contact Charter One Bank at (313) 882-7697.

Nancy Clow Farrell

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Nancy Clow Farrell, 76, died Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2013, peacefully at home.

She was born Oct. 1, 1937, in Detroit, to Ralph and Lucille Clow and graduated in 1955 from Grosse Pointe High School.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Michigan State University in 1959 and a Master of Arts degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1964.

She was the retired owner and president of Promotion Services Inc.

Mrs. Farrell enjoyed gardening (she was a rosarian), knitting and spending time with her grandchildren.

She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Kappa Delta Alpha chapter at MSU.

Mrs. Farrell is survived by her spouse, Lee Farrell; daughters, Elizabeth Russano (Anthony) and Susan Kelly (Brian); son, David Farrell (Theresa) and grandchildren, Benton, Carolyn, Tristan, Ava, Charlotte, Madeline, Tilman and Zachary. She also is survived by her sisters, Maxine Cole and



Alan A. Lockhart



Nancy Clow Farrell

Gail Clow.

She was predeceased by her parents, and brothers, Donald Clow and Curtis Clow.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to Reverence Hospice, St. John Providence Health System Foundation, P.O. Box 673271, Detroit, MI 48267-3271.

PASTOR'S CORNER By Rev. Ben Van Arragon

First Advent anticipates the second advent

Christmas and Advent constitute the busiest season for just about everyone in the church business.

That said, I still agree with Andy Williams — "it's the most wonderful time of the year." The ways we work to beautify our homes and neighborhoods; the generosity we demonstrate to friends, family members and strangers in need; the potential for meaningful connection and even reconciliation with our closest loved ones. Even at its worst, this season embodies our hearts' longing and hope that the world can be made right — the possibility of life the way it's meant to be. Yet even at its best, this season cannot hold a candle to the ultimate peace and restoration God has in store.

During Advent we remember and celebrate God's greatest gift thus far: the birth of a baby called Immanuel — "God with us."

This baby embodied God's promises: to reconcile the human race to himself; to once and for all atone for our careless and selfish actions; to heal our broken hearts and bodies and world. In

a word, to bring heaven to earth.

The baby grew up to be the man, Jesus — "The Lord saves."

In his presence sick people were made well; insignificant people were given significance; and people on the margins were told unequivocally that God loved them. Jesus equipped and inspired a group of followers to continue this work. The disciples grew into a worldwide movement which, empowered by the Holy Spirit, continued to heal the broken, welcome the marginalized, and extend God's love to everyone.

The church grew because it embodied hope and wholeness — a little taste of the way life is meant to be. At its best, this is what the church continues to embody.

But we're imperfect. And the world is imperfect. Which can only mean one thing: the work God began at the first Advent isn't done. The God who comes to us in the person of Jesus Christ promises one day he will make all things new. One day heaven will come to earth. This moment is predicted in the Book of Revelation. Revelation — arguably the least accessi-

ble book of the New Testament — is a message to the church. Both the church at the end of the First Century, which struggled under intense persecution and lamented the brokenness of a world torn by plagues, wars and natural disasters. And the church today, struggling to maintain a posture of hope and expectation when the best human efforts to provide peace and basic human flourishing fall short.

The message of Revelation is this: The God who governs the universe hasn't given up on our world. Even now God is moving human history toward the second Advent and the renewal of all things. The Jesus who first appeared as a baby will come back to us as a King, claiming his victory over the forces of injustice, abuse, sickness, hunger and even death. Let your celebration of the first Advent anticipate the second advent by bringing a taste of this victory — hope, love, joy and peace — to the world around you.

Van Arragon is minister at First Christian Reformed Church, 1444 Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park.

Book highlights Detroit jazz scene

"Detroit Jazz Documenting the Legacy of Gretchen Valade," with photographs by John Osler, is dedicated to Detroit and points to Valade as champion of the local jazz scene.

She has been a longtime patron of jazz and is solidified in her establishment of The Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe on the Hill and continuing support of Detroit's annual free jazz festival held Labor Day weekend. She also formed Mack Avenue Records and Detroit Music Factory.

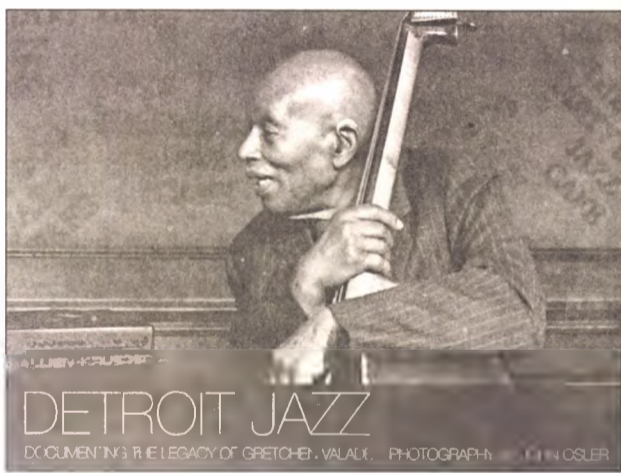
The 69-page coffee table read, with most photos in black and white, include familiar faces like Branford and Wynton Marsalis, Thornetta Davis, Shahida Nurullah and Marcus Belgrave, taken during their performances at the Dirty Dog and during Detroit's Jazz Festival in 2011 and 2012.

According to the dedication, "Gretchen's vision has enabled Detroit to ... become a citadel for the music."

In a press release, Osler said, "This book documents Gretchen Valade's legacy."

As well as being a photographer, Osler is a full-time painter having left his career in commercial art and photography after 30 years.

A jazz lover since he was a teenager in the 1950s sneaking into jazz clubs, he noted Detroit played a "key role" in jazz's development in the 1930s and

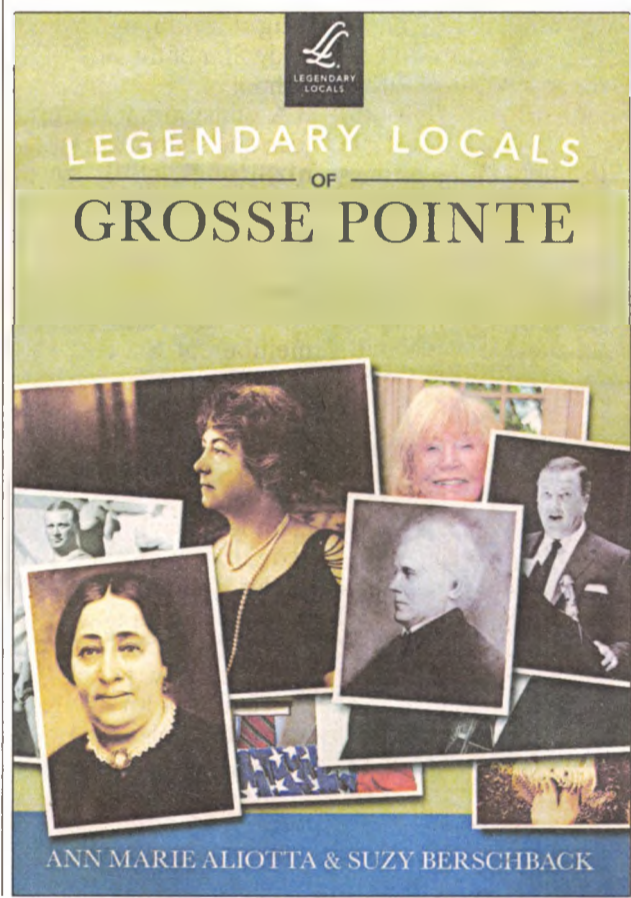


The cover of "Detroit Jazz," a photographic dedication to the city's place in the jazz world.

today remains an area where jazz thrives.

For more information about the 2013 self-published book, visit detroitjazz.net or johnosler.com.

— By Ann L. Fouty



Book signing

Authors Ann Marie Aliotta and Suzy Berschback will sign their latest Grosse Pointe historical book at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, at the Grosse Pointe Historical Society's Provenal-Weir House, 381 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. The book features stories about individuals and groups, past and present, who have had a lasting impact on the community. For more information, call (313) 884-7010.

CHURCH EVENTS: Continued from page 5A II

First English

Seasonal music is featured at the Festival service 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The Good News Singers and instrumentalists perform sacred Advent and Christmas classics. This year's musical selections feature a portion of English composer John Rutter's 1974 composition, "Gloria."

Nate Judson directs a seven-piece brass ensemble and two timpanists.

A free nursery is available for children 3 years and younger.

◆ The second annual Women's Advent candlelight service begins at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16.

The Rev. Chris Veres presides over the evening of reflection and celebration of women of all ages.

A social hour follows the service.

◆ The Grosse Pointe

Community Chorus presents its 61st holiday concert at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15. The program features songs from around the world and culminates with "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

Adult tickets cost \$12 and children's tickets cost \$5, to be purchased at the door.

The church is located at 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Christ the King

Christ the King Lutheran Church hosts a living nativity from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, at 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Performances take place every 45 minutes.

Free pizza and hot beverages are available in the church following the presentations. A free will offering is accepted. The public can attend.

Memorial church

Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings and Macomb's Dakota High School choir perform at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

Forty-five minutes prior to the concert, a sing-along is held.

Advance adult tickets cost \$35, seniors pay \$30 and student tickets cost \$15. Tickets can be purchased at detroitchamberwinds.org or by calling (248) 559-2095.

An additional \$5 per ticket is the cost at the door.

Christ Church

The Christ Church Grosse Pointe Chorale performs Handel's "Messiah" at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15. Tickets cost \$25.

The chorale is directed by Scott Hanoian.

The public can attend.

St. Sabbas

St. Sabbas Orthodox Monastery hosts its fifth annual Christmas cookie walk at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, at 18745 Old Homestead, Harper Woods.

All cookies are homemade.

Proceeds benefit the monastery.

For more information, call (313) 521-1894.

Capuchin

The Capuchin Services Center, a program of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, is collecting new hats, gloves and coats to distribute to children 11 and under as part of its CAPS, Coats 'N' Kids holiday program.

The items are included as part of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen's holiday food basket distribution Dec. 23 and 24.

Outerwear donations can be dropped off at the Center, 6333 Medbury, Detroit, between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.

Review of 'Elijah'

By Dina Soresi Winter
Special Writer

Mendelssohn's "Elijah" is not a work one gets to hear often. It is a massive work.

Nearly three hours in length, it requires outstanding soloists, an immense chorus, sub-choruses throughout the performance and a conductor who knows how to keep it all together with mastery and magic.

Grosse Pointe Christ Church has such a conductor in Scott Hanoian and no one in that packed audience, who came from all over metropolitan Detroit to hear this performance Sunday, Nov. 24, could be anything but uplifted and grateful for what they heard.

The part of Elijah was sung by Ed Pember, who gave us a completely convincing and masterful interpretation of this role. The voice was rich and commanding, at times plaintive but always true to the prophet's ordeals and un-failing belief in his oneness with God's aims and his task of fulfilling them.

It is hard to imagine anyone could have given us a more majestic presence and glorious sound than we heard in Pember's performance.

Noteworthy among the soloists was soprano Bonnie L. Brooks.

The chorus and orchestra gave an inspired and glorious rendering of this massive, seldom heard and uplifting work.

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A story that never gets old

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

For 30 years Susan Kvale has directed children in telling a 2,000-year-old story — the narrative of Jesus Christ's birth.

"It's a story that never grows old," she said while sitting in the lounge of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church. "Christmas is so commercialized today, this gives the kids a foundation."

With 35 children to include in the annual St. Paul pageant telling the story in words and music, she begins thinking in September what she will write.

"In September in



Evan Tigges holds the cue cards for singers.

Sunday school, they ask The parents are excited. if we are doing the All parents like to see Christmas pageant. their children up there "What part am I playing?" doing something like



The angels, Helena Moore, left, and Kaylee Junker, right, with Mary, played by Carys Rees-Baker, and Joseph, played by Matthew Magill.

this," she said. First graders are always angels, second graders portray the animals and the parts of the shepherds are handled by the third graders. Fourth and fifth graders get the roles of the wise men and Mary and Joseph.

Each class performs a song and a recitation significant to their roles.

Kvale said she has to pen original works because of the shortage of commercially produced scripts.

"Everybody has a star role in it," Kvale said. "There aren't many Christmas stories written that the whole Sunday school can be in."

The 2012 version of her Christmas story revolved around the stars and the

little drummer boy telling the story.

"I find new ways of telling the same story. I do a lot of original work. I usually pick a theme song. This year's is 'Were You There on That Christmas Night?'" she said.

The 2013 production, Kvale penned, is the original Christmas story.

Culminating the performance, Mary, Joseph, the angel, the wise men, Jesus and a shepherd,

Children's pageant

Time: 10:30 a.m.
Date: Sunday, Dec. 15
Place: St. Paul Lutheran Church
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Public can attend

played by the Rev. Krister Ulmanis, will explain how the story affects each one today.

As a side bar, Ulmanis never was in a Christmas pageant as a youngster, so he was drafted to be a shepherd, complete with flowing robes and a staff.

Along with the tradi- See PAGEANT, page 3B



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

The cast of St. Paul Lutheran Church's children's pageant, to be staged Sunday, Dec. 15. The public can attend.



Shepherds Anna Trempus, left, and Jenny Magill at the manger.

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AREA ACTIVITIES

des Jardinieres

The La Societe des Jardinieres has its December meeting and Christmas party at 6 p.m., Thursday Dec. 12, at Kathie Smith's house. There will be a potluck followed by a recycled gift exchange. Members will determine which charity to give a holiday donation during the meeting.



Awards tea

Deeplands Garden Club took first place in the 2013 Trial Gardens award with the theme "Weddings: Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed, Something Blue." Representing the sponsoring club, Grosse Pointe Garden Center, left, is event chairman Dennis Janowski, Carol Reed of the Deeplands Garden Club, Amira Soheim, of Windmill Pointe Garden Club, awarded second place; and third place was given to Cathy O'Grady representing the Grosse Pointe Park Garden Club. The garden center sponsored the Trial Gardens Awards tea Sept. 20, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Windmill Pointe Garden Club selects the 2014 theme for the garden plots at the War Memorial.

La Leche

The La Leche League meets at 10:15 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. For more information, call Jessie at (313) 417-1944 or Jennifer at (313) 821-9196.

Questers

The Grosse Pointe Questers No. 147 meets at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13, in the Commodores' Room of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. This

annual Christmas gathering features a silent auction of members' donated items and a drawing. Co-hostesses are

Marney Ramsey, Karen Joslyn, Mary Lamparter and Carol Stephenson. Members will celebrate Dorothy Denomme's 101st birthday.

Ford House

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House hosts It's a Winter Wonderland weekends from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, Dec. 14 and 15, 21 and 22 and 28 and 29. Tickets cost \$10 and can be ordered at fordhouse.org.

Visitors can stroll through an outdoor display showcasing nearly 70,000 lights, hundreds of luminaries, listen to carolers and sit by open fire pits to drink hot chocolate or mulled wine and listen to storytellers.

Children can visit the play house or Santa's workshop.

SOC

Services for Older Citizens is collecting supplies for holiday gift baskets to be delivered to Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods seniors. Donations can be dropped off at SOC by 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16.

Adult volunteers are needed from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, to assemble and deliver the baskets.

Among the items needed for the baskets include personal hygiene items, dried fruit, puzzle books, pens, hard candy, garbage bags, small games and snacks. For the entire list, call SOC at



Songsters

The women's a cappella group, Noteworthy, and Grosse Pointe's Grunions perform at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Tickets costing \$15 may be obtained by calling (313) 570-8883.

(313) 882-9600, or contact Heidi at socvolunteers@yahoo.com.

◆ SOC also needs holiday baked goods to be included in the baskets. They need to be delivered by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17. For more information, contact JoAnn Gerlach at socfoodandfriendship2@yahoo.com or call (313) 649-2109 indicating what is being brought in.

◆ Volunteers are needed to help serve and clean up at SOC's annual Christmas party from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, or from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20.

◆ Assistance is needed to pack and deliver Christmas meals on wheels to home bound seniors in Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods beginning at 9:20 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 25.

For more information, contact Heidi at the aforementioned e-mail address or at (313) 649-2107.

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mentally Ill's Eastside support group meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

For more information, call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

Memory screenings

Nursing Unlimited holds a free memory screening from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Dec. 17, at its office, 21131 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. To make an appointment call, (586) 285-0300.

Camera club

Grosse Pointe Camera Club meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, at

Brownell Middle School.

For more information, call Mike Florian at (313) 822-7080 or visit grossepointecameraclub.org.

Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club hosts Mrs. Claus at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial for the club's annual Christmas meeting. Mrs. Claus gives her viewpoint of the morning after Christmas.

Salvation Army representatives will accept gifts for the Denby Center from attendees. The center provides a home to mothers and their children while the mothers seek work. Mark the wrapped gifts with the gender and age of the child or if it is for the mother.

Guest reservations are requested and can be made by calling Susan Plath at (313) 884-5081.

For information about the club, call Peggy Hickey at (313) 407-1842 or Pam Zimmer at (313) 926-6726.

Cine-Club

The Alliance Francaise de Grosse Pointe's Cine-Club shows the film, "Nez Rouge," directed by Erik Canuel, at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods branch, 20680 Mack. Admission is free.

A discussion follows the film's viewing.

Garden club

The Men's and Women's Garden Club of America meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, in Brownell Middle School's cafeteria.

League of Women Voters

Grosse Pointe's League of Women Voters chapter meets from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Ewald branch. Lynne Pierce and Betty Ruud discuss "Women in the Military: Sexual Harassment and Other Challenges."

Historical society

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society hosts a free holiday open house from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, at the Porvencal-Weir House.

The parlor's Christmas tree was decorated by Fox Creek Questers Kathleen Conlon and Bonnie Medura.

Jack McCormick provides holiday music and an opportunity for a sing-along. The LaBelle

Country Store is open. For more information, call (313) 884-7010.

◆ Local authors Anne Marie Aliotta and Suzy Berschback have a book signing of their latest book, "Legendary Locals of Grosse Pointe," at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, at the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, 381 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The book documents stories of individuals and groups, past and present, who have had a lasting impact on the community. Vintage images coupled with facts and anecdotes culled by Aliotta and Berschback reveal the locals' stories.

The book covers both town greats and unsung heroes like William Newnan, the U.S. soldier who managed to escape a German prison camp in Italy in World War II and Edie Parker, the Grosse Pointe socialite who wooed Jack Kerouac when she met him at Columbia University in 1940 and later inspired the character of Judie Smith in his novel, "The Town and the City."

For more information, call (313) 884-7010.

Library

The Grosse Pointe Public Library is collecting new or like new children's books for the Detroit Free Press Gift of Reading book drive. Collection boxes are located at all the libraries.

ART center

The Grosse Pointe ART Center opens 2014 with the "Motor City" exhibit at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17. Art featured in this Detroit themed show is juried by street artist Sinister. The exhibit runs through Saturday, Feb. 22.

Artists may submit their work from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, through Saturday, Jan. 11, at the center, 17118 Kercheval.

For more information, call (313) 881-3454 or e-mail at gpaa@grossepointeartcenter.org.

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Biaglows named family of the year

In 1,000 words John Biaglow of the City of Grosse Pointe explained why his family is exceptional.

For his efforts, the family, including parents, John and Fran, and sisters, Allison and Elizabeth, was named the 2013 John Carroll University Family of the Year.

Biaglow is a sophomore at the Jesuit Catholic school in University Heights, Ohio, majoring in accounting, and is a 2012 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate.

His mother said she was proud of her son and his explanation of how his family embodied Jesuit teachings.

He opened his essay by saying the family could have lived anywhere, including Cleveland, where his father commutes weekly to his engineering job.

Yet, the Biaglows



From left Allison, John, Elizabeth, John and Fran Biaglow of the City of Grosse Pointe were named John Carroll University Family of the Year.

remained in Grosse Pointe for the public school education opportunities. He went on to honor his parents by saying they are dedicated to their children's upbringing and instilling "wholesome values."

The announcement of being the university's family of the year was made during the homecoming festivities, Sept. 29.

Instead of traveling the three hours to JCU to be recognized, the Biaglows opted to attend South's homecoming activities for Elizabeth, who is a junior.

For the recognition of being family of the year, Biaglow received a gift card to JCU's store and the family received an acrylic engraved plaque.

PAGEANT:

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tional songs performed during the presentation, the children's choirs and the congregation join in with a hymn sing during this once-a-year service.

Adding to the pageantry, all the children are appropriately costumed. "We have lots of costumes. I have had help making costumes," she said. "It is a sight to behold when the children are there."

During her three decades of directing St. Paul's children's Christmas pageant, she has seen two generations of families in her productions. Is it time to turn the project over to a younger director?

"This is a gift of love. I majored in vocal music (at Capital University in Bexley, Ohio). I taught school in Richmond, Va., and used to do all four choirs here. I started writing because I wanted all children to have a part. My love has been children. They look forward to it (pageant). This is the Sunday school's gift to the congregation at Christmas time. With children, if they make a mistake, people love it. "I've been doing it so many years, I know it

will fall into place. This is a story that lasts all year and forever. It (the story) brings it into our lives today," she said. "It gets the Christmas season off to a proper start," she said. "It puts Christ in Christmas. It's not a good Christmas without Christ."

And when the songs are sung and the story told, "Every year tears come to my eyes when it closes," Kvale said.

But, she adds, it's a story that lasts through the year.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Susan Kvale has been directing the St. Paul Lutheran Church's children's Christmas pageant for 30 years.

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9 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

What's ahead

Santa's sleigh is on the radar at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Youngsters can see Santa drop in by helicopter and enjoy a special story time. Adults can listen to the story during an evening that includes dinner and a trip to Fisher Theatre for a Broadway show.

Shutterbugs can take part in the War Memorial photo contest.

For reservations and details, call (313) 881-7511. Coming up in the days ahead:

Breakfast with Santa — 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 14, and Sunday, Dec. 15. A full, family-style breakfast is served, awaiting Santa's arrival by helicopter. He'll visit each table prior to listening to the Merry Music Maker performance. The cost is \$18. Advance registration is required.

Bedtime stories with Santa — 7 to 7:45 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16. Milk and cookies are served after Santa reads Christmas stories to children ages 4 and older. The cost is \$10 per child, free for adults. Advance registration is required.

Ski Hi Club information meeting — 4 and 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17. The club for skiers of all levels is open to students in grades 6 through 12 who reside in Grosse Pointe or attend Grosse Pointe schools. Club members travel to Pine Knob Friday evenings and take day trips to Mt. Holly. To join, young people must be accompanied by a parent. For new and returning members bring insurance card and a 2-inch size photograph. Trips are facilitated by the Ski Hi coordinator and chaperoned by parents.

War Horse — 5 to 10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18. The Fisher Theatre hosts the Broadway show featuring life-size puppets. Dinner is in the Alger House. The cost is \$105 and includes dinner, theatre ticket and bus transportation.

War Memorial photo contest — Photographers can enter images of the War Memorial, including its buildings and grounds, to be preserved in the

photo library and used to illustrate publications. Entries must be horizontal, jpg format, in color and high-resolution. Images should be 300 dpi, at least 3,000 pixels wide and no larger than 10 megabyte file size. If individuals in the photo can be identified, obtain a release for their image to be used.

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4B | HEALTH

ASK THE EXPERTS By Caelan Kuban

What is normal after a traumatic experience



Q My child has experienced trauma. What is normal behavior, and how can I help?

A Parents, caregivers and professionals should know that trauma can be any experience that leaves a person feeling hopeless, helpless, fearing for life or safety,

or feeling out of control. Children need to know that it is normal to experience reactions like fear or worry after exposure to trauma or an overwhelming life event. This knowledge reduces their concern that something might be "wrong" with them. It also provides them with assurance that they are not alone in how they are feeling.

During an initial four to six week period following the traumatic experience, any sort of behavior

is common and should be considered normal. Following this four to six week period, behavior outside of a child's norm can indicate trauma or post-traumatic stress. These behaviors include:

- ◆ Hyper-vigilance
- ◆ Asking lots of questions - "What if?" "How do I know it won't happen to us?" or "Will it happen again?"
- ◆ More afraid than normal
- ◆ Clingy - more than considered normal.

There are steps parents or caregivers can take to help a child in trauma.

- ◆ Limit the amount of exposure. Turn off the TV if a traumatic event is being shown to prevent overexposure.
- ◆ Actively listen to what they are experiencing. Be careful not to judge or state that, "It's no big deal" or "This is something we all go through."

◆ If a child has questions regarding a traumatic event, be honest and answer their questions without going into unnecessary detail. If questions are avoided, children will often make up a scenario on their own that is many times scarier. Be honest and give facts but at their pace.

You may want to explain that it is to be expected that the child is feeling jumpy or nervous. That is normal when something so scary hap-

pens. Professionals can reassure children by saying that a lot of kids they work with have felt the same way you do.

It is OK to be mad about what happened, and even grown-ups have similar feelings when they are scared or worried.

Kuban, PsyD, is the director of The National Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children (TLC), a member program of the Starr Global Learning Network. TLC offers professionals trauma-informed training, support, consultation, online learning opportunities, certifications and trauma intervention programs, tools and techniques for working with children and families. For more information, visit starr.org/tlc.

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HEALTH POINT
By Jeff and Debra Jay

Keep the holidays merry



The Great Pretenders Party Guide is part of AAA's ongoing campaign to reduce deaths and injuries caused by drunk drivers. Having tasty, nonalcoholic beverages available can help hosts moderate alcohol consumption by guests as a party progresses.

Here are a few other pointers:

Dear Readers:

Every holiday season, we select our favorite nonalcoholic drink from AAA's "The Great Pretenders Party Guide," that promotes safety and fun with fabulous alcohol-free recipes.

Our all-time favorite, submitted by Gerhard Schmiel of Grand Rapids, was given a 5 Diamond rating by AAA.

As the host, you are liable for what happens when people leave your party intoxicated.

Jeff and Debra Jay

- ◆ Don't allow guests to pour their own drinks.
- ◆ Hire a bartender or choose a designated bartender.
- ◆ Properly measure alcohol for each drink. One drink equals 12 ounces of

beer, 5 ounces of wine or 1 ounce of hard liquor. It's the bartender's responsibility to monitor anyone who's over imbibing.

◆ Offer a variety of creative nonalcoholic drinks, served in festive glassware.

◆ Serve foods high in protein to slow the absorption of alcohol into the bloodstream.

◆ Plan games so drinking isn't the primary focus of the party. Games are great icebreakers and make for memorable evenings. Search the Internet for ideas.

◆ Close the cocktail bar an hour before the party ends and set up a dessert and coffee bar.

◆ End the evening with a drawing for a gift. Ask everyone to put his or her car keys in a basket or bowl. Withdraw one set of keys to determine the winner. If a guest is intoxicated, this has the added benefit of providing an opportunity to discreetly offer to drive the guest home or to call a cab.

As the host, you are liable for what happens when people leave your party intoxicated.

Jeff Jay and Debra Jay are co-authors of "Love First: A New Approach to Intervention for Alcoholism and Drug Addiction," and Debra Jay is the author of "No More Letting Go: The Spirituality of Taking Action Against Alcoholism and Drug Addiction."

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Know Your Skin
By Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD

Eczema, or atopic dermatitis, is a common chronic condition that affects both children and adults. It is most common in children whose parents also have had eczema.

As winter approaches, it brings not only colder dry air, but also an increase in eczema flares. It most commonly occurs on the face, inside the elbow, behind the knees and on the hands and feet. However it can occur on any body part. Eczema usually presents as dry, itchy patches of skin that may be inflamed and red. Scratching the skin can also cause cracking, blisters, and weeping, crusting or thickened skin.

There are several irritants that are known to make the symptoms of eczema worse. These include soaps, household cleansers and fragrance detergents, and some perfume and makeup. Wool, man-made fibers & feathers can also be a factor.

Developing a good skin care routine is most important in the treatment of eczema. Make sure to moisturize daily with a fragrance-free lotion or cream, avoid long, hot showers & use a humidifier during the winter. Because skin affected by eczema is susceptible to infection, a physician's care may be appropriate. Treatments include topical steroids and oral antihistamines. More severe rashes may require oral steroids, and antibiotics if infection is present.

To learn more about eczema contact your dermatologist, or call us at Eastside Dermatology, Dr. Lisa A. Manz-Dulac and Associates

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Immersed in French

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

It's 330 years later and the French influence remains prevalent in the Grosse Pointes. From the names of families, streets, the lake and the cities themselves to legends and lessons about the strip farms, French is part of the local life.

What better place for a chapter of Alliance Française to have a chapter? The organization, with 150 members, promotes and encourages the understanding of French culture with lectures, book clubs, films, parties and conversation.

Grosse Pointe's chapter is relatively new compared to the Detroit branch established in the early 1900s. Grosse Pointers Warren and Mireille Wilkinson and Nicole Stroh signed the articles of incorporation for Grosse Pointe's chapter in 1970, one of more than 160 chapters across the United States.

"It is there to encourage French and American understanding through language and culture," said three-time president David Thoms. "As a local chapter, we emphasize the Detroit/French heritage."

The Grosse Pointe chapter, along with chapters all over the world, promotes understanding between citizens of both countries, he said.

French is the official language of 55 countries and is the second language that the United Nations uses in its printed material.

Some 150 Grosse Pointe members, half of whom admittedly don't speak French, but have an interest in French tourism, wine, art and culture, attend a variety of monthly club-sponsored activities.

Alliance Française's book club members read a book, printed in French, and discuss it. The Cine-Club sponsors movies once a month at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods branch, complete with subtitles, Thoms said.

Three conversation groups are held every month, half of the meeting time is conducted in



French, the remaining portion is in English. Conversations could cover culture or politics.

The club also offers French classes from beginners to advanced intermediate at Assumption Cultural Center.

And there are always parties, Thoms laughs. The Christmas party, of course, offers French food. This is followed by Galette de Roi in January featuring galette, a form of cake, into which a plastic baby Jesus has been baked.

"This is a Southern French tradition. Whoever gets the (piece with the baby) is king for the day," he said of the day organized for children. "And an age-appropriate film is shown."

Another event hosted by Alliance Française is "immersion day." Held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, it's a day filled with games and activities of French origin. Attendees speak French, eat French food and play French games.

Thoms said one of his favorite club activities is distribution de Prix, another French custom. Teachers from all area public and private schools select one exceptional student in their French classes to receive a book and certificate from Alliance Française.

"It's a big deal in France," Thoms said. "(Locally) If a senior has won the prize all four years, he receives a small college scholarship."

While the two afore-

mentioned events focus attend two to three lessons annually. These are

open to the public. Recently, a Tunisian immigrant was invited to speak. Following her talk, a traditional Tunisian meal was served.

Alliance Française and the Detroit Institute of Arts have co-sponsored an art lecture. A spring lecture with the DIA is being scheduled, he said.

An attorney, Thoms joined the group in 1980 after greeting a client with a "bon jour." Her reply was talking him into joining Alliance Française.

Beaujolais Nouveau

Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe celebrated Beaujolais Nouveau Nov. 21, a tradition noting the release of the new wine. When the clock strikes midnight Nov. 21, the French government lifts its annual ban on the sale of the wine produced from the grapes harvested this year. At the event were from left, event co-chairwomen Sarah Ollison, Mary Anne Quinn, Christine Stein and Mary Ann Shumaker.

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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Cranberry pudding is a taste of New England

Cranberries have to be my favorite winter fruit. Still available this season the tiny bells of red store beautifully in the freezer, for a very long time. This week I'm baking up cranberry pudding served straight from the oven with a drizzle of warm butter cream sauce. Yummy.

- 2 ½ teaspoons baking powder
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 3 tablespoons melted butter
 - 2/3 cup milk
 - 2 eggs
 - 1 1/2 cups chopped cranberries
- SAUCE:**
- 1 stick butter
 - 1 cup sugar
 - 2/3 cup half & half
 - 1/4 teaspoon vanilla

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a square 8 by 8-inch baking pan (or pie plate) and set aside. In a medium bowl com-

bine flour with sugar, baking powder and salt. Mix well. In a small bowl whisk together melted butter with eggs and milk. Add wet mixture to dry and beat or stir until smooth. Stir in cranberries and turn batter into prepared bake pan. Bake at 350 for 40 to 45 minutes, until set in middle and just beginning to brown.

While pudding is baking prepare butter cream sauce. Melt butter in a small sauce pan over medium heat. Stir in sugar and the half & half and

cook and stir until sauce is completely incorporated and smooth. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla.

Serve baked pudding warm with a drizzle of warm butter cream sauce.

I baked 4 smaller puddings (serves 2 to 3) in foil tins to pass along as a holiday treat. Sauce on the side.

This New England recipe has a soft, cake like texture that is just waiting to soak up that sauce.

A festive flavor indeed. Go grab some cranberries.



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Each year I like to add a new holiday cookie to my collection. Don't be scared, but this year's cookie is a take on fruitcake. You remember the dried out loaf crammed

with candied fruit and nuts that sat on Grandma's table untouched until someone had consumed too much holiday "spirit?"

Well, my fruitcake cookies are a far cry from that.

Sure there are candied cherries and pecans, but it's the cake surrounding all that stuff that makes these cookies taste good. Most notable, the bourbon.

Bourbon Fruitcake Cookies

- 1/4 cup butter, softened
- 1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons packed brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 cup flour, divided
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1/4 quality bourbon
- 1 tablespoon milk (preferably buttermilk)
- 3/4 cup red candied cherries, chopped

- 3/4 cup green candied cherries, chopped
- 1 cup raisins
- 1 cup chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 325 degrees

Beat butter with brown sugar until fluffy.

Mix in egg. Add 3/4 cup of flour, baking soda, pumpkin pie spice, bourbon and milk.

Mix well.

In a separate bowl combine chopped cherries

with raisins and chopped pecans.

Add remaining 1/4 cup flour and toss well to coat fruit and nuts.

Turn mixture into wet batter and stir to combine.

Drop the batter in rounded tablespoons onto a greased bake sheet about one inch apart.

Bake at 325 for 25 minutes, until golden brown. Allow to cool for a few minutes then transfer to a

cooling rack.

These not too sweet cake like cookies have a nice balance of fruit and spice.

Perfect with that last glass of red wine after dinner. Or a cookie exchange, of course.

Walnuts can stand in for the pecans.

Editor's note: This is the correct list of ingredients from a recipe printed in the December 5 issue.

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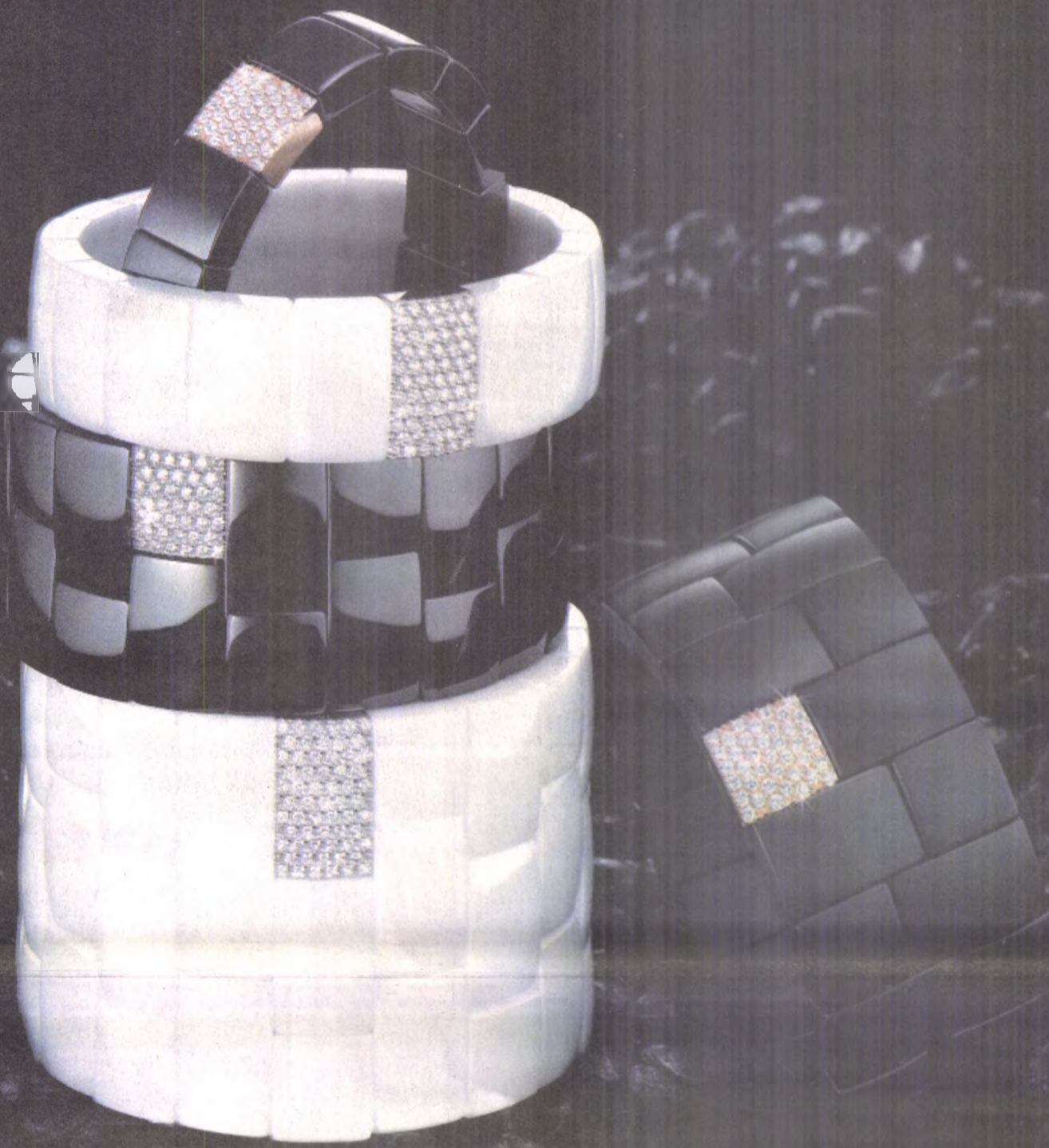
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BOYS HOCKEY

Blue Devils net two big victories

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Senior Andrew Bigham had two goals and junior William Walker added three assists to help Grosse Pointe South's boys' hockey team blank Marysville 4-0 last weekend.

Senior goalie Andrew Wright was also stellar in net, stopping a couple of mini-breakaways as the host Blue Devils posted their second straight victory after the opening night loss to Trenton.

"Big win for us," head coach Bobby McKillop

said. "I thought that was the best game we played this year because of their work ethic. I thought we worked very well to get the puck down low all night and did not turn the puck over.

"We kept constant pressure and came to work hard tonight and that is what we need to do to be successful."

Bigham scored early in the first period to give the home team a 1-0 lead. Walker drew the assist.

The biggest goals of the game came 52 seconds apart as juniors Jason Sommerville and



PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE

South senior goalkeeper Andrew Wright makes a save during the Blue Devils' 4-0 home win over Marysville.

Cameron Mogk scored at the 2:18 and 1:26 mark to make it a 3-0 advantage.

Bigham and Mogk assisted on Sommerville's tally, and Bigham and Walker assisted on Mogk's goal.

Wright came up with a huge save in the final minute to preserve the Blue Devils' 3-0 lead and made a couple of big saves in the second stanza to keep the Vikings off the board.

The Blue Devils' smothering defense did its job in the final period, keeping the Vikings' scoring chances to a minimum, and Bigham put the finishing touches on the win with his second goal of the game with 2:26 left.

Walker and junior Nikolas Minanov drew the assists.

Just 24 hours later, South traveled to Suburban Ice Arena in

Macomb to take on the host Utica Eisenhower Eagles.

"We have to get a similar effort and even work 10 to 15 percent more if we want to have success against Eisenhower, a very good hockey team that likes to work very hard and play physical," McKillop said.

The Blue Devils led 4-2 with six minutes left before Eisenhower scored twice to force overtime.

However, four minutes into OT, South scored to win the game 5-4 and improve to 3-1 overall.

"I thought Ike was very good," McKillop said. "Big and fast, loved to dump the puck and come after us."

"We had a hard time handling it at first, but thought we settled down well in the second and started pushing back. It was a big win for us."

BASKETBALL

Opening week

North, South and Liggett girls' hoops teams begin PAGE 2C

Knights win again

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett boys' hockey team made it 4-0 overall on the season after last week's 4-2

win over host Brownstown Woodhaven. "It wasn't the cleanest game and we had some heavy legs, but in the end we got the win, which is the important thing,"

head coach Mike Hamilton said. "I wasn't happy with our play, but the guys picked it up in the second half of the

game."

Senior William Yates had the big game, scoring the hat trick, and senior Vincent Scarfone had the fourth tally.

Junior Stephen Campau also played well, and sophomore Alexander Grimm earned the win in net. He made several saves early in the game to keep the Knights

in the game. The Knights trailed 2-1 before they scored the final three goals to earn the fourth consecutive victory.

Norsemen improve

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys' hockey team fell to 0-3 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League, losing 4-1 to U-D

Jesuit and 2-1 to Wyandotte last week.

Head coach Brad Case and the Norsemen played better, but still fell to 0-5 overall. Against U-D, the Norsemen led 1-0 on a Nick Murray goal.

Brendan Nelson and Adrian Quinlan had assists.

The Cubs scored the next two goals of the second period and added two more in the third, including an empty netter, to pull out the division victory.

Ben Borland stopped 32-of-35 shots.

Three nights later, the Norsemen once again grabbed a 1-0 lead, as Vince Romanelli scored, with Nick Cusmano and J.P. Navetta assisting.

The Norsemen outshot the Bears 22-19 and Josh Champney played well in net, stopping 17-of 19 shots.



South junior William Walker creates traffic in front of the Marysville's net.

GIRLS HOCKEY

North gains split

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' hockey team beat a vastly improved Bloomfield United squad last week, 4-2, at Grosse Pointe City Rink.

In year's past, Bloomfield was the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League's worst team. This would have been an 8-0 win for the Norsemen a couple of years ago.

This game was highly competitive and the Blackhawks were never more than two goals behind at any time in the three periods.

"We had a lot of scoring chances, but I don't think we played a smart game," head coach Joe Lucchese said. "Everyone wasn't on the same page and that was a little discouraging. However, it's great to see Bloomfield coming back strong and it was a good hockey game for both of us."

The Norsemen scoring was dominated by the Gallagher line.

Sophomore Lindsay Gallagher scored the lone goal in the first period,



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

North's Lindsay Gallagher was on fire against Bloomfield, scoring a hat trick in the Norsemen's 4-2 victory.

with sophomore Elizabeth Gallagher and junior Kelly LaBarge collecting assists.

Bloomfield scored early in the second period to tie it, 1-1, but the Norsemen surged ahead 2-1 on another Lindsay Gallagher goal. Elizabeth Gallagher and sophomore Tessa Ulrich had assists.

With only 1:57 left in the second stanza, sophomore Caroline Bock scored to make it a 3-1 game. Senior assistant captain Susan Tomasi

had the lone assist.

Not to be outdone, Bloomfield was able to cut it to 3-2 by tallying a goal with only 24 seconds left in the second period.

Lindsay Gallagher put the finishing touches on her hat trick, scoring a goal at the 12:08 mark of the third period. Elizabeth Gallagher had her third assist of the game and junior Devyn LaValley also collected an assist.

Both teams had several good scoring chances throughout the game, but

both goalkeepers played well.

"We have to play better because we have some big road games ahead of us," Lucchese said. "We will see where we stand with these early tests."

The Norsemen didn't play well in their first road test, facing Port Huron at Glacier Pointe. The visitors fell behind 2-0 after the opening period and 5-0 after the second.

With the loss, Grosse Pointe North fell to 2-2 in the league.

Knights fall to Cranes

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett girls' hockey team fell to 1-1 on the season after losing 3-0 to host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood last week.

It was a tight first two periods, with the host

Cranes leading only 1-0. The Knights put 16 shots on goaltender Annie Chen, but none found the back of the net.

"We hung tough, but we're not clicking yet," head coach Cassie Jaeckle said. "It was a

good game and we had our chances. It's all right because they are a front runner, but we will improve."

Head coach Terry Brooks and his Cranes were able to score twice in the final stanza to put some breathing room between them and the Knights.

Scoring for the Cranes were Frankie White Levin, Lucy Dembeck and Tara Chelios.

Jaeckle and her Liggett squad prep to host its annual holiday tournament Thursday, Dec. 19, and Saturday, Dec. 21.

Too close

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South junior Ellie Flom and her teammates went on the road and beat Walled Lake 3-2 last week, improving to 4-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

"It was nice to see our other lines producing," head coach Joe Provenzano said. "We are getting better and more of our girls are get-

ting comfortable with the system.

"We had good play from our defense and we won another close game. Scoring goals for the Blue Devils were seniors Tenley Shield and Anne Crowley, and freshman Emma St. John.

Sophomore Isabella Strickler earned the win in net.

The Blue Devils' defense has improved and kept Walled Lake's scoring opportunities to a minimum.

Girls basketball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen defeat SH

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Things couldn't have gone any better for Grosse Pointe North's girls' basketball team in its season opener last week.

Despite a slow start, host North soundly beat Sterling Heights 50-32 behind balanced scoring and good defense.

"I was happy with ball movement and finishing a lot better than last year," head coach Gary Bennett said. "We practiced against the zone and played a lot of man-to-man on defense."

"The girls looked comfortable out on the court." The Norsemen led early, 4-0, but the Stallions scored eight unanswered points to grab an 8-4 lead.

It was 8-6 after the first quarter, but the Norsemen won the second stanza 13-5 to take a 19-13 halftime lead.

After a couple of minor adjustments at the half, it was all Norsemen in the second half as they shot the ball well, and thanks

to nifty ball movement, put players in advantageous spots on the court.

The home team shot the ball well in the second half and converted at the free-throw line to win the final two quarters, 31-19.

"The girls did a nice job tonight," Bennett said.

Senior point guard Maria Liddane led the way with a double-double, netting 13 points and 10 assists, plus she grabbed five steals.

Senior Jayla Hubbard had 12 points, while junior Megan Lesha added six points and seven rebounds, and sophomore Erin Armbruster had nine points and seven rebounds.

Senior Phoebe Dodge had eight points and five rebounds, and sophomore Lauren Lesha rounded out the Norsemen's scoring with two points.

Things got much tougher two nights later when Catholic League Central Division power Birmingham Marian



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

North sophomore Erin Armbruster had a solid opener, collecting nine points and seven rebounds in a win over Sterling Heights.

came to North. The Norsemen fell behind 12-2 and never recovered in a 53-19 loss.

The Mustangs, No. 3 in the preseason state rankings, made life difficult for the Norsemen. The on-the-ball pressure forced several early turnovers, which they turned

into easy transition baskets. The Norsemen had trouble scoring as they never hit double digits in any quarter.

Hubbard had four points to lead the five starters, while Megan Armbruster had five rebounds.

Grosse Pointe North is 1-1 overall.

Gymnastics

GROSSE POINTE UNITED

Impressive victory

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe United gymnastics team opened its season last week, winning 131.1-105.325 over Troy Athens.

In the vault, GPU was led by Maria Nguyen, who had a 9.25. She was followed by Isabelle Nguyen, with a 9.20.

Caitlin Gaitley scored an 8.60 and Jen Gmeiner had an 8.25 for the home team.

On the bars, Isabelle Nguyen was first with a 9.25. The rest of the girls whose scores counted were in the 6-range with Gyaneil Johnson collecting a 6.75, followed by Maria Nguyen with a 6.60 and Gmeiner with a 6.50.

On the balance beam, Isabelle Nguyen was once again the team's top gymnast, scoring an 8.5, while Gaitley followed with an 8.1.

Maria Nguyen had a 7.7 and Johnson scored a 7.4 to help the home team increase its lead.

On the final event, the floor exercise, Isabelle Nguyen had a 9.30, fol-

lowed by Maria Nguyen with an 8.80, Johnson with an 8.65 and Amy Olson with an 8.25.

Other GPU gymnasts who competed on the vault were Emily Fleming, 7.65; Sam Rogers, 7.60; Chandler McClarty, 7.50; Michelle Ellis, 8.20; Whitney Reef, 5.85; Sarah Yee, 8.00; Marie Clark, 8.40; and Julia Mastracci, 8.70.

On the bars, other competitors were Ellis, 5.40; Gaitley, 5.00; Clark, 6.90; Mastracci, 8.05; and Nicole Wagner, 5.90.

Other GPU gymnasts who competed on the beam were Brenna Bromwell, 7.20; McClarty, 7.55; Gmeiner, 6.35; Olyvia Shimko, 7.25; Kelsey Newa, 5.75; Olson, 7.1; Meagan Curran, 5.75; Jenna Belote, 6.30; Reef, 4.65; Yee, 8.70; Clark, 6.45; and Mastracci, 8.30.

Those who competed on the floor exercise were Bromwell, 7.70; Fleming, 6.75; McClarty, 7.70; Gmeiner, 7.80; Gaitley, 7.60; Curran, 7.50; Yee, 8.25; Clark, 8.60; and Mastracci, 8.58.

Grosse Pointe United is 1-0 overall.

LIGGETT

Knights fall in opener

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett girls' basketball team began its season last week, losing 52-44 to Harper Woods Chandler Park Academy.

"We were in control up until midway through the third quarter, then our lack of rebounding caught up with us," head coach Omar Ahart said.

"The second-chance points killed us and that is something we have to

work on. "We're not a big team, so we have to run more and limit other teams from getting those put-backs."

"Overall, though, I thought the girls played hard and it was only our

first game of the season."

The Knights led 24-20 at the half as junior Lola Ristovski paved the way with 17 points and nine rebounds, and junior Jessica Rotzoll chipped in with 13 points.

Liggett is 0-1 overall.

Wrestling

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils earn medals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's wrestling team enjoyed a taste of success in last weekend's season-opening tournament at Warren Cousino.

"We had a good opening day and our kids had a chance to get their feet wet," head coach Tony Cimmarrusti said. "We have work to do, but it was nice to see progress

in our first action of the season."

Senior Alex Manchester had a big day, earning a gold medal in the 140-pound class, winning all five matches.

Senior Colin Brannagan won a silver medal, going 4-1 in the 189-pound division, and sophomores Earl Allard and John Gough captured bronze medals, going 3-2 in the 112- and 152-pound classes.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils face tough foes

The Grosse Pointe South girls' basketball team opened its season last week with three

games in seven days. The Blue Devils beat

Harper Woods Chandler Park 61-58 in the opener and finished with a 56-49 win at Port Huron Northern and a 34-25 loss to Farmington Hills Harrison.

Head coach Kevin Richards sat out the games and must sit three more after serving his six-game suspension handed down from breaking a Michigan High School Athletic Association rule.

Each of the Blue Devils' three opponents are ranked and posed different tests for Richards' squad.

South is 2-1 overall. The Blue Devils play Indiana Homestead and Chicago Baron high schools this weekend at Robichaud.

Football

COLLEGE NEWS

Local grads playing well

Grosse Pointe South graduates Alex Koski, Joe Srebernak and Eddy

Mollison enjoyed a successful 2013 season under head coach Keith Otterbein and his Hillsdale College football team.

The Chargers finished 5-6, including 5-4 in the GLIAC.

In seven games, Koski (who missed four due to injury) had 70 carries for 248 yards, with three touchdowns, and Mollison carried the ball one time for six yards in his nine games played.

Srebernak played in all 11 games and had 28 receptions for 343 yards, with three touchdowns, while Koski had five catches for 34 yards. Srebernak and Koski tied for fifth on the team with 18 points.

All three players return next season for the Chargers.

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