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FRIDAY, DEC. 20

◆ The Grosse Pointe South High School choir performs with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. Tickets are available at dso.org.
 ◆ Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe holds an American Red Cross blood drive from noon to 5:45 p.m. For an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org and use the sponsor code WBH or call Beth at (313) 550-3870.

SATURDAY, DEC. 21

◆ *First day of winter*
 ◆ Grosse Pointe Theatre presents the musical, "White Christmas" at 2 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. To buy tickets, at \$24, call (313) 881-4004 or visit gpt.org or the ticket office at 315 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe. There is a \$3 on-line surcharge.

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Grosse Pointe Woods public safety Lt. John Kosanke talks to Olivia Rokicki during the annual Shop With a Cop about what she wants for Christmas.

The spirit of giving

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES AND HARPER WOODS — Dirty Harry couldn't have made their day better.

Fifty law enforcement officers wearing red and white Santa hats served as personal shoppers for an equal number of special needs children during Shop With a Cop, Friday, Dec. 13, a lucky day for the Christmas spirit of giving.

Each child received a free \$100 shopping spree accompanied by his or her own uniformed police companion at Target, Eastland Center.

Shop With a Cop came courtesy of officers from more than one dozen jurisdictions, the department store and fundraisers sponsored by Fraternal Order of Police Grosse Pointe Lodge 102.

Sean Burdt, 7, of the City of Grosse Pointe, got Jake and the Never Land Pirates action figures for himself and a Barbie Doll for his sister, Cara, 6.

"He talked about this with his sister and what he was going to get her," said their mother, Sarah Burdt.

Officers from each of the



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

"OK, let's go," said Traci Johnson, right, a Grosse Pointe Farms public safety officer. She's accompanying Christian Grimmert, 9, to the toy department at Target, Eastland Center, during for Shop With a Cop, Friday, Dec. 13. "He's a typical kid," said his mother, Diana Grimmert, of Harper Woods, second from right. "He loves Star Wars, Minecraft and LEGO." Christopher Anderson, left, rounds out the group.

Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods, Ann Arbor, Detroit, Flat Rock, Macomb County Community College, Milford, Warren, Wayne County and Woodhaven donated their time.

"It's simple — it's for the kids," said Milford Sgt. Scott Tarasiewicz. "It's a cliché, but it's legitimately for the kids. A lot of guys get on the job to help kids."

Shores Sgt. Dan Pullen

helped Mekhi Gates, 9, a student at Tyrone Elementary in Harper Woods, choose his first bicycle. It has tires with deep tread for extra grip.

"I'll ride it to school," Gates said.

Farms PSO Frank Zielinski volunteered, too. As the father of a 3-year-old daughter, he knows that teaching children lessons of Christmas

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Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Officer Tim Harris talks with Jarrel Harris about the Marvel action figures.

City nixes contract

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Any homeowner left to deal with a difficult contractor can sympathize with Grosse Pointe Woods city officials.

In 2012, the city awarded a \$689,100 contract to Lanzo Lining Services for sewer repair projects. After Lanzo's work was determined to be unsatisfactory, city engineer Scott Lockwood recommended the contract be canceled.

He brought that request to the Woods city council, noting even after several meetings, the contractor could not perform the work to Lockwood's satisfaction.

"The project has not progressed satisfactorily," Lockwood said in a letter to the council. "We have met with Lanzo Lining Services Inc. on several occasions and, despite several attempts by the contractor, the project has not gotten back on track."

Lockwood said he had spoken with representatives from Lanzo and they were agreeable to closing the contract before the contract was completed. Lanzo will receive payment of \$175,060.

City officials agreed with Lockwood

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Mighty fire fighter

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The little fire engine that can enters service next summer.

Classified as a mini-pumper, the truck meets the Class A insurance-rating standards of the full-sized fire truck it is replacing, according to Stephen Poloni, City of Grosse Pointe public safety director.

A mini-pumper is half the price of a full-sized pumper, but matches the larger truck's 400-gallon onboard water supply and 17 gallons of foam.

Advantages of the small size and relatively light weight pumper include maneuvering in tight places, such as at the head of residential driveways, inside parking garages and on marina docks, Poloni said.

Trade-offs include less capacity to carry equipment, such as long ladders.

Poloni expects delivery in June or July.

During a mini-pumper demonstration earlier this year, representatives of the Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods mutual aid pact endorsed

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Public Safety Reports

City of Grosse Pointe 2, 4, whatever

A suspected drunken driver from Bloomfield Hills told police during a roadside investigation she drank two glasses of wine before driving westbound on Jefferson through the City of Grosse Pointe.

Later at headquarters, upon registering a .20 percent blood alcohol level, she reportedly said, "That's impossible. I only had four glasses of wine."

Officers arrested her because the alcohol reading was more than twice the state limit to legally operate a motor vehicle.

A patrolman pulled her over at 10:01 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, for speeding eastbound 53 mph in a dark blue 2003 Chrysler 300M.

Unlocked target

A criminal casing a store parking lot in the 17400 block of Mack

stole a Grosse Pointe Park woman's unattended purse out of her unlocked tan 2011 Buick Enclave.

She discovered the theft shortly before 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10.

Purse snatcher

A strong-armed robber riding a squeaky bicycle snatched a woman's purse in front of her house in the 700 block of Neff at 9:44 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, and pedaled across Mack into Detroit.

The victim, 65, of the City, described him as a roughly 35-year-old, 5-foot-6, black man, of medium build. He wore a tan knit cap, dark jacket and pants.

Public safety officers from the City of Grosse Pointe, Park and Farms were unable to find the suspect.

A short while later, a telephone caller reportedly told a public safety dispatcher that "a black man on a bike was brag-

ging about taking a purse; and he was at Neff and Munich" on Detroit's eastside.

Officers, again, were unable to track him down.

The woman said she'd exited her car in the driveway when she heard a squeaking noise.

"As (she) walked up to her front porch, a man ran up to her and grabbed her, demanding her purse," police said.

The man yanked the purse, breaking the strap, the woman told police.

"(He) ran to his bike and headed northbound on Neff," police said. "The bike was older and made a squeaking noise." The victim wasn't injured.

—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 Always plowed

A commercial snowplow driver caught the eye of a patrolman cruising the 100 block of Stephens at 1:04 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 15.

"The operator was plowing the snow across the roadway and depositing (it) on the neighbor's yard," said the officer.

Upon questioning, the officer detected a marijuana odor coming from the cab of the vehicle, a green 1994 GMC pickup without commercial markings.

The driver, a 30-year-old Detroit man, admitted possessing the drug.

"(He) stated he had a medical marijuana card," said the officer.

The card expired in August, the officer added. "He has not completed the proper paperwork to renew (it)," said the officer.

The driver also registered a .207 percent blood alcohol level.

"(He) does drink in this fashion almost each day of the week, functioning at the same blood alcohol level," the officer said. "He does wish to seek help for this ongoing problem."

Police charged the man with possession of marijuana and drunken driving.

They reportedly confiscated two grams of marijuana, one pipe and a half-empty pint of Popov vodka.

Rants

Police took a 49-year-old Detroit woman of apparent unstable mind to a hospital for a medical evaluation shortly after seeing her try to enter a house in the 400 block of Allard near Mack.

At 4:02 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, a patrolman saw the woman walking eastbound on the Mack sidewalk. Upon seeing him, she reportedly tried to open the door of the house.

"(She) continued to rant inaudibly," said the officer.

Costly lapse

A lapsed license plate registration is costing a 36-year-old Detroit woman a lot more than if she'd renewed it on schedule in July.

A patrolman conducting a traffic stop last week arrested her on an outstanding \$600 bench warrant from Warren for failing to appear in court on unspecified charges.

"(She) admitted knowledge of the expired plate and explained it was due to lack of funds," said the patrolman conducting the stop at about 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, off Mack in Detroit.

Two as one

Two sisters, ages 17 and 19, from the Farms, qualify for Santa's naughty list.

Officers arrested them last week for marijuana use and possession of narcotics paraphernalia.

"Both of the girls admit they had been arrested by Grosse Pointe Woods (police) for marijuana use already," said a Farms patrolman.

The latest arrests developed from a traffic stop for loud exhaust on Hillcrest near Chalfonte at 10:12 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12.

The 19-year-old "became very emotional" when questioned about an odor of marijuana in the black 1999 Jeep Cherokee she was driving, police said.

She eventually admitted the Jeep contained marijuana brownies, officers added.

The 17-year-old, a passenger, "stated that her sister had driven to a house nearby and purchased the brownies," police said.

Police reportedly recovered two glass pipes and a partially empty fifth of Tanqueray Sterling vodka.

Extradition

A man, 48, living in the 200 block of McKinley wasn't surprised when police with an extradition warrant showed up at his house a little past 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10.

"He admitted knowledge of the warrant," said one of the officers.

Police didn't specify why the warrant, calling for nationwide pickup, was issued by authorities in Gwinnett County, Ga.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Slipup

The fraudulent withdrawal of \$8,700 from a Grosse Pointe Shores resident's bank account is linked to a 53-year-old Detroit man in custody in Novi for a similar offense, according to police.

Photographs taken Nov. 30, of a man withdrawing the Shores victim's money from a bank in Macomb Township match descriptions of the Novi suspect.

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Cities asked to help fund new K-9

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Municipal leaders are adopting a pack mentality to fund a new police dog.

"The cost needs to be fairly allocated among the communities that are using the resource," said City of Grosse Pointe Councilwoman Jean

Weipert.

The City was the first and only Grosse Pointe to have a public safety K-9, Raleigh, a German shepherd, bought in 2005.

Even before the 9-year-old dog died in November due to illness, municipal officials were seeking ways to spread the cost of K-9 operations between the jurisdictions that sought its tracking and

drug-detecting skills.

"Everybody looked to us," Weipert said.

"Raleigh was good at what he did," said Councilman Christopher Boettcher. "The only problem was, he only worked as many hours as his boss did."

Demands for Raleigh often meant his handler, Sgt. Michael Almeranti, worked overtime.

"The vast majority of calls Sgt. Almeranti and Raleigh went on were not in the City of Grosse Pointe," said Mayor Dale Scrace.

"The city was eating a lot of the costs while the surrounding communities were reaping the benefits," Weipert said.

The K-9 team patrolled the community in a specially outfitted cruiser

and kept current on refresher training.

Raleigh proved his worth beyond public relations appearances at elementary schools by rounding up fleeing criminal suspects and finding illegal narcotics.

It wasn't enough for the other Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods to each contribute about \$2,000 per year to help support the City's K-9 operation.

Fears that the unit was becoming economically unsustainable prompted former City Councilman John Stevens to establish a tax-exempt fundraising group, K-9 Safety Partners of the Grosse Pointes.

Members of the group, including current and former municipal administrators and elected officials in the Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods mutual aid pact, voluntarily raise funds for pact members wanting to establish or expand a K-9 department.

"The need of a K-9 in each city is clear by providing additional daytime and nighttime safety on the streets," Stevens said in an e-mail.

In September, the partners donated \$2,400 to help establish a K-9 unit in Harper Woods.

Intended to double the eastside suburbs' police dog presence and reduce handler overtime, Raleigh's death means the cities are back at the level they started.

"The loss of Raleigh has created a real void," Stevens said.

Elise Garrett, a City resident, values a police dog's effectiveness.

"I know it costs money," she said. "But a K-9 can get somebody a lot quicker than someone with two legs."

She wants Raleigh's replacement patrolling the streets with Almeranti without delay.

If there's not room in the municipal budget to pay for it, Garrett said she'd support raising funds by issuing municipal bonds.

City Councilman John Stempfle said he thinks the matter will be resolved in one or two months.

A memorial for Raleigh is scheduled at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, in city council chambers.

At right, City of Grosse Pointe officer Lisa Monticciolo and Ciera Roberts check out the goodies in the bag Roberts received before shopping.

Below right, Michael Bamaszewski rides in the cart to the next aisle with Grosse Pointe Park PSO Ryan Willmer enjoying their time.

Below, siblings Mone', Melkhi and Morgan Gates talk with Grosse Pointe Shores Sgt. Dan Pullen about which items to put in the cart.



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involves more than giving toys.

"Shop With a Cop brings a sense of receiving something through the spirit of Christmas," Zielinski said.

Officers also want to establish bonds with youngsters.

"We're here to help and nurture people along," Zielinski said. "This is one way to show kids we're here to help."

Because more than twice as many children signed up for this year's

spree than last year, lodge president, City Officer Joe Adams, called in extra officers from other agencies.

"It's going better than I expected," said Farms Officer Veronica Cashion, event coordinator.

This was the second year Officer Brian Conigliaro of Grosse Pointe Woods public safety volunteered.

"It was a great time last year," he said. "With the kids, why would you not come?"

Harper Woods Officer Dan Schewe and his K-9 partner, Xander, won the popularity contest with children.

"He loves children," Schewe said of the dog, a German shepherd. "To have the interaction with the kids and the dog, the kids get such smiles on their faces."

Trinity Transportation supplied a bus to help pick up the children.

Target donated gift cards through its Heroes and Helpers campaign.

"Target will donate more than \$200,000 worth of Target gift cards to public safety organizations in almost 200 communities across the country," said Danielle Faulkner, asset protection supervisor at the Eastland store. "I'm

excited to help create this event and be a part of it."

The Detroit BBQ Company donated food for a free luncheon at Farms Pier Park after everyone finished shopping.

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to award the contract for completion of the work to LiquiForce Services Inc., one of the original bidders on the project. Lockwood said he was confident LiquiForce could complete the work for the remaining amount of \$514,040.

"We have worked with LiquiForce Services on several similar projects in nearby communities and they have performed satisfactorily," Lockwood said. "We have reviewed the remaining work and are confident the work can be completed with the balance of funds."

The Woods city administrator told the council he didn't think there would be any benefit for

putting the completion of the project out for bids.



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Hill & Hill Tobacconists a community fixture

By Joe Warner
Editor

Jim Simon dozens of stories he's happy to share. If you enjoy a good cigar or pipe, it's time well spent visiting Hill & Hill Tobacconists, a community fixture since

1974. Located at 19529 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, Hill & Hill's customers are greeted by Simon seven days a week. His blends of pipe tobacco and his exclusive brand of cigars, Supremo EXL, not only make his

store a destinations for tobacco users in Metro Detroit, but he ships his products all over the world. He's happy to discuss his longtime business, the tobacco, humidors and other accessories he sells. He also talks about the comeback of pipes.

"A good pipe is a wonderful way to enjoy tobacco," Simon said, as he puffed on a Dominican handmade EXL. "I own 697 pipes personally. I've enjoyed collecting them." Pipe tobacco from Hill & Hill was sold to the late "Sparky Anderson, the Fords, the Strohs and many others," Simon said. "Someone from President Bill Clinton's team stopped for cigars on a trip to town."

Simon, a Grosse Pointe Farms resident, said he has no plans to retire. "I'm going to do this forever, and my wife knows it," Simon said with a laugh. "This is the best job you could have. I get to meet people of all professions." Simon's most popular cigar, the EXL, is rolled special for Hill & Hill. "It's a smooth, even burn with great flavor all the way through," Simon



PHOTO BY JOE WARNER

Owner Jim Simon is happy to share a story.

said. "There's really nothing like it out there." His cigars, and the tobacco blends he produces with a secret ingredient "even my wife doesn't know," make Hill & Hill a destination for tobacco enthusiasts. "There are three Toronto cops who come here on the occasional Wednesday they have off to pick up some of the tobacco blend I make here," Simon said. "You meet many people. I have many loyal customers who have been coming here for years." For more information, call Simon at (313) 882-9452 or visit him at his Mack Avenue store.

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- ◆ Children can talk with Santa Claus between noon and 4 p.m. in his village on Kercheval between St. Clair and Notre Dame.
- ◆ The Grosse Pointe South High School choir performs with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at 3 and 8 p.m. at Orchestra Hall.

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OPINION

'Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus'

Eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon wrote a letter to the editor of The New York Sun, and the quick response was printed as an unsigned editorial Sept. 21, 1897.

The work of veteran newsman Francis P. Church has since become history's most reprinted newspaper editorial, appearing in part or whole in dozens of languages in books, movies and other editorials, and on posters and stamps.

His reply appealed to the imagination and hope of a young child's heart:

"Dear Editor:

"I am 8 years old.
"Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.
"Papa says, 'If you see it in The Sun it's so.'
"Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?"
"VIRGINIA O'HANLON
"115 West 95th Street."

Church's reply:

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

"All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.

"He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy.

"Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus.

"It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias.

"There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus!

"You might as well not believe in fairies!

"You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see.

"Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn?"

"Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there.

"Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond.

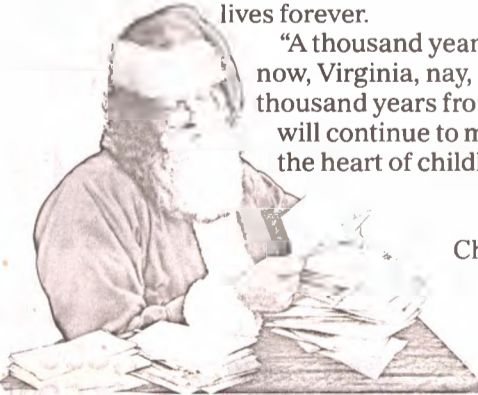
"Is it all real?"

"Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus! Thank God! He lives, and he lives forever.

"A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, 10 times 10 thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

Merry Christmas!



KEN SCHOP



LETTERS

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

Technology bond proposal on website

To the Editor:

The recent articles that appeared in the Dec. 12 Grosse Pointe News from the Maire Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization, "Technology bond support;" and members from Grosse Pointe Public School System, "Technology bond vote," only clarified the infrastructure has not been maintained over the years.

The bond proposal on the school system website still reflects the \$60 million proposal and does not indicate what has or has not been deleted to come up with the \$50 million that is

being called for.

The proposal has not been updated on the website to reflect the true representation of what is being asked for, which is far more than just technological improvement in its current form.

Taxpayers are being asked to vote on Feb. 25 for a millage that will exceed the current 28 mills that is currently being paid which is more than 40 percent of the current tax bill each of us pay.

The current information is far from clear and misleading as to what exactly is being asked of the taxpayers. There is no information as to what the four current school mills are being used for by the school system which we are

hoping to receive before the voting day.

The additional 2.29 mills will put the taxable rate more than 30 mills.

There are a number of questions that need to be answered since the buck has been passed to the voters to vet this matter — for example:

- 1) Why hasn't the current system been maintained with previous and current budgetary dollars?
- 2) What were the dollars gotten from the taxpayers to date spent on?
- 3) How has the sinking fund been used?
- 4) What is the correct proposal for the bond, for the one on the website is not accurate?
- 5) Is the sinking fund going away with this request?
- 6) The price quotes reflect in the current proposal, in our opinion, are inflated figures which is not a true representation of costs.

In summary, when we are being asked to support a 10-year program with hard earned dollars, we are asking for information that clarifies true need and associated cost of doing business.

We are also asking to find out what will change to insure the system is

maintained appropriately and not allowed to deteriorate to a level that appears to exist today. Therefore, when will the proper information be forthcoming for us to understand what is going to be done and how much money will be spent?

MR. AND MRS. L.E. MAJEWSKI
Grosse Pointe Woods

Technology bond for Maire

To the Editor:

A vote on Feb. 25 is asking approval for a technology bond. Technology means the application of science.

What type of bond is being offered and who is underwriting them?

This is a tax increase on all property.

I would like a quick look by some local residents such as handymen, mechanics and a small-business person, employing no more than five, to scan the budget. And to suggest ways to cut expenses and have more money for the desired technology.

I think of bonds as "Wimpy" bills — "I'll gladly pay you Tuesday for a hamburger today."

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GUEST OPINION By Thomas A. Kennedy, Ph.D.

Our veterans need more than a day; they need a career

America is home to 21.2 million veterans — men and women who were willing to risk their lives for our country.

Unfortunately, many of these veterans face a daunting personal battle here at home: finding work.

According to the labor department, more than 700,000 U.S. veterans are currently unemployed. This simply isn't acceptable. Our veterans have earned the opportunity to earn a living and take part in the very society they fought to defend.

The most effective way to help them succeed in post-military life is through targeted efforts to extend educational opportunity.

Since the 2008 financial crisis, competition for jobs has become fierce. Positions that once required a high school degree or less are being filled by college-educated applicants. This development presents a particular challenge for former soldiers, airmen and

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sailors, many of whom enlisted without much education or civilian experience.

Moreover, unemployed vets who find work typically take 43 weeks to land a job.

Joblessness is stressful for all who have experienced it. However, many veterans face additional obstacles. At least 3 million were wounded in battle and still suffer from some form of disability.

Among those who served in Iraq or Afghanistan, about 20 percent are living with post-traumatic stress disorder or major depression, and one in three cope with a serious psychological trauma.

All these stats are troubling — and illustrate why Americans must commit to making sure veterans have the tools they need to build

veterans who can encourage them as they further their education.

For similar efforts to grow in number and effectiveness, more Americans need to get involved with private initiatives such as Student Veterans of America and the Wounded Warrior Project. These two groups enable soldiers to draw on the skills they have already developed through military service and apply them to their post-military careers.

We should always welcome opportunities to show our appreciation for those veterans who risked everything for our safety and security.

But these brave men and women need more than our appreciation; they need our help. And, more specifically, they need more opportunities to arm themselves with the skills to create a prosperous, fulfilling life.

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the smaller apparatus, Poloni said in September. City officials accepted a \$172,431 bid this week to buy the new truck from HME in Wyoming. The price rises to \$179,971 with the purchase of hose to meet standards of the Occupational Health and Safety Administration and National Fire Protection Association.

"There are 42 departments in the state that have purchased apparatus from HME," Poloni said. The new truck is a MiniEvo model, manufactured since August 2012 and built on a Ford F-550, 4-by-4 chassis. The model is intended to satisfy "a market for a more maneuverable and cost-effective apparatus to fill the mini pumper role," Poloni said. "Saugatuck owns this style of pumper and they rated the performance of

the truck excellent." Representatives of "several" other communities endorsed the truck, too, he added. The pumper being replaced is 34 years old and relegated to a backup role. Because it can't be sold as a functioning fire truck, Poloni hopes to attract collectors. "I don't expect to get a lot for it, maybe \$3,000 to \$5,000," he said. The City is keeping its other pumper, built in 1999.

SAFETY:

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The Shores resident told police the withdrawal slip was forged and the name misspelled.

No tall tales

Honesty's the best policy, according to a Shores patrolman.

At 5:01 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9, the officer pulled over a 19-year-old Clinton Township man on northbound Lakeshore near Woodland Shore Drive for operating a vehicle with dark-tinted windows.

Despite detecting an odor of burnt marijuana coming from within the vehicle, the driver denied possessing the drug.

"(I) advised (him) that if (he) was honest and cooperative, things would go much smoother," the officer reported.

The driver admitted having an ounce of marijuana in a backpack.

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

the wallet on the console. There was no sign of forced entry. Police remind residents to never leave valuables in their cars.

—Kathy Ryan

Report information on this or other crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods police, 313-343-2400.

Grosse Pointe Park

UDAAs

A 2004 Dodge Ram, taken from the 1200 block of Lakepointe at 5:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, was recovered two days later in Eastpointe.

A 2005 Dodge Durango was taken from the 1400 block of Balfour the afternoon of Saturday, Dec. 14. The vehicle was locked.

While on routine patrol at 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, an officer observed a 2013 Dodge Charger being pushed by a Chevy Tahoe at Mack and Three Mile. When the officer attempted to investigate, both vehicles accelerated and fled across Mack into Detroit. The Dodge was recovered, but had damage to the gear shift. The Tahoe was not located.

Larceny

A handyman hired by a homeowner on Berkshire was seen on video surveillance tapes removing an aluminum brake bender from the yard at 2:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14. Police continue to investigate.

—Kathy Ryan
Report information on these or other crimes to Grosse Pointe Park police, (313) 822-7400.

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Larceny from an auto

A Hampton resident reported Friday, Dec. 13, his wallet was taken from his car. He had parked the car in his driveway the night before, leaving

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Liggett left in awe of Midori

By A.J. Hakim
 Staff Writer

Leonard Bernstein once knelt in awe before her. Her being Midori, at the time a 14-year-old violinist, who had just performed Bernstein's "Serenade" at Tanglewood, breaking two E-strings on two separate violins in the process before finishing the piece on associate concertmaster Max Hobart's Guaragnini.

The next day's headline in *The New York Times* read, "Girl, 14, Conquers Tanglewood with 3 Violins," setting in motion a legendary career that has included various awards and recognitions, such as Japan's prestigious Suntory Music Award and classical music's Avery Fisher Prize; and multiple community-based projects and outreach education programs for inner-city children and others around the world.

On Dec. 11, Midori, now 42, extended that outreach to University Liggett School, much to the astonishment of all involved.

"I can't believe Midori has arrived at Liggett school," said Helen Wu who, along with her husband, Dr. Clyde Wu, housed Midori during her stay in Grosse Pointe and



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Courtesy of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Civic and Education program and Dr. Clyde and Helen Wu, renowned violinist Midori visited University Liggett School Dec. 11. Pictured, Midori advises Andrew Wu, after the freshman's performance of Tchaikovsky's "Violin Concerto," on the importance of sound in conveying the performer's desired message.

was integral in Midori's visiting Liggett. The visit was courtesy the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's Civic and Education program, of which the Wus are supporters and Liggett has an existing partnership.

"I've never seen her live; I've only seen her on TV and YouTube videos," said Emmalyn Helge, in her first year as Liggett's orchestra instructor for grades three to 12. "And

she's going to be working with my students? I'm just beyond awestruck, really."

During an hour-long visit, Midori worked with the sixth-grade orchestra students and freshman Andrew Wu, all of who were preparing for their all-school holiday concert that weekend.

Midori opened the class playing three pieces from Bach on her 1734 Guarnerius del Gesu "ex-

Huberman" violin, before turning the class over to the students.

Sixth graders performed, "Joy to the World," after which Midori offered suggestions to improve the music, commenting on the tightness of their bows and its effect on overall sound, as well as the importance of posture — "Just make sure that we need to have good sound and we need to

prevent ourselves from getting injured, so good posture is truly essential" — and conveying the song's message.

"You want to look your part, and you want to really, really tell the message to your listener," Midori said. "It's not just about looking at the music and just playing it, but really feeling the part, being the part."

She shared a similar critique with Andrew Wu,


who performed the first section of Tchaikovsky's "Violin Concerto," and forced Wu to search deeper into the sound from his violin, paying special attention to the emotion conveyed with each note and making sure the conveyance matched the desired message.

"How well are you listening to your own sound?" she asked him. "Not only just to listen, you need to ask yourself, 'Do I like this sound? Is this the sound I really want?'"

Wu, like Helge and others in attendance, was in awe of Midori, clinging to her every question, to every word of praise or encouragement she gave.

After all, he likely knew of Midori's legend, that of the 14-year-old girl who brought Bernstein to his knees with the way she played the renowned composer and conductor's "Serenade" at Tanglewood, breaking two E-strings on two separate violins before finishing the piece on a third.

"I think it's a great opportunity and an honor," Andrew Wu said. "I think it's so rare; it's a not frequent thing that all schools have this kind of program ... I learned a lot from her. So, now I know what to work on."



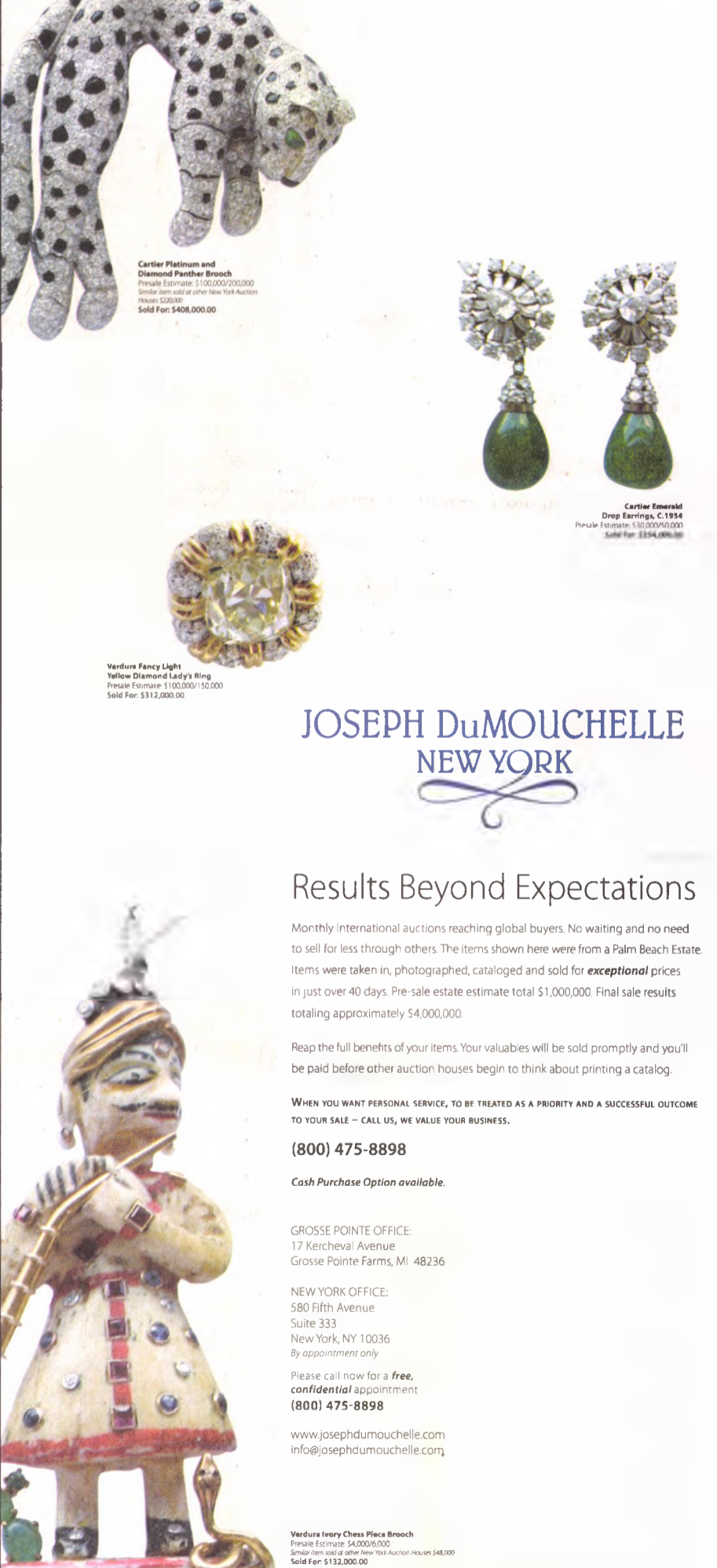
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Dear Santa...

The following Dear Santa letters are from Jacqueline Burrell's second graders at Defer Elementary School. Letters are printed as received.

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! Are Clarice and Rudolph married? And I want Skylanders Swap Force. How small are the elves?
Love,
Liam

Dear Santa,
Wuy are the corlers of Christmas white red and green. And wuy do you say ho! Ho! Ho! And how old are you. Riut the ansrs on the next 4 lins.
Love,
Andres

Dear Santa,
How do you go down a chimney?
Love,
G.M.

Dear Santa,
I hope I get a elf on the shelf. I hope I get a era sof gun. How do you make the magik? I hope you get Skylanders Swat Force.
Love,
Brendon

Dear Santa,
I hav a Kretrin for you. Can I dey a elf? Well you haf to thek adout it and I wot rolrldas. And ples. I hope you have a vare good, good crismis.
Love,

Lily
Dear Santa,
Does it always snow in the North pole? Just saing, for Christmas I want foot spa and a gymnastics matt too. How old are you Santa?
Love,
Kendall

Dear Santa,
I helped my mom clean up the house and she was very happy about it. Can I have barbies for Christmas?
Love,
Logen

Dear Santa,
Why do you wear red and white? Can I have a Furby Boom and Ugg boots, two friendship necklaces, an Ipod nano, an elf hat, roller blades, ice skates, an elf on a shelf, a guitar, and a teddy bear.
Love,
Sara

Dear Santa,
I would lik a elf on a shelf that comes with a avent calider. How can Rudolph fly? O, can I get a nuther pillow pet too? I also wanted a ipad. Well I hope you have a very mary Christmas.
Love,
Haddon

Dear Santa,
How do you reindeer fly? And what I really want for Christmas is a Ipod tuch. Because



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everyone else has an electronic. And how did Rudolph get his shiny bright beautifull nose?
Love,
Jack

Dear Santa,
How do you raindeer fly? And I wold like a colaco critter baby wind-mill play set and do you get presents to. And finaly was I nawtey?
Love,
Lauren

Dear Santa,
Can you pleas give me a tablit for Christmas? And how does your sled fly? Merry Christmas! And I want some ice

skates.
Love,
Sophia

Dear Santa,
I know I might have been a little nuty but for give me. First, I want Skylanders Swap Force. 2nd, I would like Call of Duty Ghost.
Love,
Malik

Dear Santa,
I want a skateboard. And I want the whole series of captin under-pants. And how do you fit in the chimneys? Have a great Christmas. P.S. I want a rope too.
Love,
Parker

Dear Santa,
How do you get down the chimney? I want a elf doll, please? Dose Rudolph actually have a red nose? For a idaness, can I please have a Santa doll too? Is it cold in the north pole? Have any of the rain deer ever gotten sick? Why is your beard so long?
Love,
Kate

See LETTERS, page 3A II

South students named finalists in math competition

Thirteen students from Grosse Pointe South High School have qualified as finalists in the 57th annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition. They are: Kelsey Baker, Alexandra Dalman, Jeannine Degnan, Shane Jackowski, Olivia Lang, Alex Mitchell, Ariane Troshinetz, Madeline Burgoyne, Kelsey Dame, Daniel Harris, Matthew Kennedy, Brian L'Heureux and Brian Sutherland.

Finalists represent the top 1,200 students from a pool of 6,300 who competed in Part I of the competition in October. On Dec. 11, the 13 students completed Part II of the exam, which consisted of five challenging problems to which students provided written explanations for their claims and mathematical proofs relating to their results.



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Mathematicians from 70 Michigan colleges and universities will grade the test at Albion College. They volunteer their time and expertise toward the annual project.

Parcells hosts geography bee

Parcells Middle School seventh grader Paul Treder was the overall winner in the National Geographic Society's 2014 National Geographic Bee school-level competition, which took place last Thursday, Dec. 12, at Parcells.

Treder's final question and winning response: The islands of Madura and Bali are part of which country? He correctly answered, Indonesia. For winning the school-level competition, Treder now advances onto the qualifying test stage, from which the top 100 scorers make it to the state-level competition in April. All compete for the national competition and prize of a \$50,000 college scholarship. Second- and third-place winners in the national competition receive \$15,000 and \$10,000 scholarships, respectively. At Parcells, Mariah Loper won the sixth-grade level and Alex Dean the eighth grade. Social studies teacher Scott Cooper sponsored the event. Treder won the sixth-grade group at last year's school-level bee.

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Collection schedule will be:
Tuesday, December 24, 2013 - All residential and commercial rubbish routes collected by **11:00 a.m.**
Tuesday, December 31, 2013 - All residential and commercial rubbish routes collected by **11:00 a.m.**
Please have trash out by 7:00 a.m.

There will be no rubbish collection on:
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Ferry's student council with their donations to MACS.

Helping homeless animals

Ferry Elementary School's student council sponsored a Help the Homeless Animals drive in support of the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society.

Better known as MACS, the 510(c)(3) non-profit charity provides refuge to stray and injured animals through sheltering organizations and pet adoptions.

In November, the student council started the drive, asking Ferry families to donate supplies from the MACS wish list. Supplies included items for dogs, cats and rabbits such as comforters, blankets, sheets, food, collars, litter, unfolded newspapers, and gift cards.

From Nov. 26 through Dec. 17, the student council filled multiple

boxes with food and litter, beds and a variety of other items.

"The donations are put to good use, rescuing homeless animals, medical care, shelter and adoptions," said Jane Ellis, Ferry's student council adviser. "The MACS credo is, 'The animals come first!' It's caring humans that help MACS help animals."

LETTERS: Second graders write to Santa

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Dear Santa,
I have always wondered how many elves do you have? I would like a Barbie doll house if you can not get it, it is ok. And how old are you? Where do you live?
Love,
Ally

Dear Santa,
One snowy day I actually saw you in the cloudy sky! How I noticed is that I saw red glowing lights. Also I would like pokemon x and y stuff.
Love,
Kaleb

Dear Santa,
How do the reindeer fly and can I have a magic ball? And by the way, how many elves are there?
Love,
Lina

Dear Santa,
What is your funniest elf? And what I want for

Christmas is a marboll trak and a Lego set.
Love,
Charlie

Dear Santa,
How many elves do you have? This is really what I want for Christmas. I want new skates. Does Rudolph really have a red nose?
Love,
Millicent

Dear Santa,
I will like a small car please. How do you rein-

deer fly? How does the sleigh fly? How do you fly around the Earth in 1 night? Did Rudolph and Clarice get married? How meny elves do you have?

Love,
Harry

Dear Santa,
How do you get around to 1,000 houses in one night? I want a football for Christmas ok? Have a good night!

Love,
Jake

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Obituaries: Loved ones remembered

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Myrna Mae Proctor

Longtime Grosse Pointe Farms resident Myrna Proctor, 83, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2013.

She was born Aug. 11, 1930, in Cottage Hospital in the Village of Grosse Pointe Farms to Harry and Doris Riddering.

She graduated from Grosse Pointe High School, married and moved around the country, while raising her children. The family returned to Michigan, where Ms. Proctor attended Macomb Community College, earning an associate degree. She divorced and became caregiver for her mother,

Doris, thus moving her back to her childhood neighborhood in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Ms. Proctor worked as a medical library technician for many years at St. John Hospital, in Detroit, from where she retired.

She belonged to many local organizations including the Detroit Zoological Society, Detroit Institute of Arts, Grosse Pointe Camera Club, National Audubon Society and the Grosse Pointe Red Hat Society. She enjoyed bird watching, photography, painting, attending plays at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and helping with her grandchildren.

Ms. Proctor is survived by her daughter, Janet Proctor; grandchildren, Christina and Nicole Sosnowski; great-grandson, Lucian Simer; son, Jerry Proctor (Karen), of Chicago, and grandchildren Scott, Julia and Zachary Proctor.

A memorial service will be held in spring 2014.

Fred H. Minturn

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Fred H. Minturn, 90, died Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2013.

He was the beloved husband of and predeceased by Helen Darbee Minturn and Julia Strawn Minturn. He is survived by children, Karen Minturn Brown (David), Fred K. Minturn (Michelle) and Patrick J. Minturn (Donna); grandchildren, Jacob Brown, Kathleen Minturn Ogilvy (Steven), Daniel Minturn, Kristine Minturn and Ryan Minturn and great-granddaughter, Helen Ogilvy.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to Boy Scouts of America at scouting.org; Frankel Jewish Academy at frankelja.org; or Great Lakes Caring Hospice at greatlakescaring.com.



Myrna Mae Proctor



Fred H. Minturn



Annette M. Osborne

Annette McBrayer Osborne

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Annette McBrayer Osborne Ph.D., 68, of Oxford, lost her fight with breast cancer Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2013, at Crittenton Hospital in Rochester.

She was a retired professor in the reading and language arts department at Oakland University.

She was born July 3, 1945, at Fort Sam Houston

in San Antonio, Texas, to Watt and Annette McBrayer.

Dr. Osborne is survived by her husband of more than 48 years, Allen B. Osborne; son, Bob, and his wife, Tracy, of Wheaton, Ill. and their daughters, Maggie, Ailish and Maeve and daughter, Amy, of Oxford, and her children, Chris, Alex and Ellie. She also is survived by her

brother, Terry McBrayer of Spring City, Tenn., and his sons, Jay, Brody and Adam.

A memorial celebration of life was held Dec. 18 at Lynch and Sons Funeral Home in Oxford.

Donations may be made to the Annette Osborne Memorial Fund, Oakland University, 2200 N. Squirrel Road, Rochester, MI 48309.

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PASTOR'S CORNER By Rev. Marianna Gronek

The fragrance of the Messiah

A good friend of mine had a huge rose bush that grew just outside the front door of his house. Though it was at least 15-feet across and had long shoots arching out and spanning almost a third of the way across the pathway to his door, it didn't grow many roses though it did have many thorns.

One year while visiting from seminary, after he commented his parents were visiting from the United Kingdom, I agreed to help my friend weed his yard. As he worked in the back, I stayed in the front, eventually confronting the thorny rosebush. Today is the day, I thought, I am going to trim this bush back.

Wearing thick gloves to avoid any bloodshed, I trimmed until the bush was about 3-feet across. Eventually, my friend came out to check on my

progress, and was speechless at the sight of his rose bush. I thought to myself, "maybe I went too far with the trimming."

"What did you do to my rosebush?" he said. "I trimmed it."

With the gift of British understatement, he said, "I can see that. I hope you haven't killed it."

Walking up the driveway a year later, I was taken by the fragrance of roses. Rounding the pathway's corner, I was stunned to see the glory of his rosebush. There were hundreds of fragrant and beautiful roses blooming on its branches. As he came to the door, I silently pointed to the rosebush in wonder.

"I can't believe it either," he said. "I thought you'd killed it, but, it's never looked this beautiful before and I've never seen so

many roses."

Did you know, in biblical times, rosebushes grew in many places in the Holy Land? Jesus probably walked among them as he taught and prayed.

Advent is a season of preparation, when we are called to look within ourselves and clear the behaviors blocking the path to wholeness and peace. As you and I walk the path to Christmas, let's put on our work gloves and prune out the overgrowth of unkind and self-centered behaviors inhibiting fragrant and healthy relationships with God and one another.

Let's take a look at those things inhibiting the son from reaching out shining upon and through us and work to rake them away.

As guests come to walk

See FRAGRANCE, page 8A II

CHURCH EVENTS

Ecumenical breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical breakfast begins with coffee at 6:45 a.m. Friday, Dec. 20, at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. A buffet breakfast is served at 7:15 a.m. followed at 7:45 a.m. by the speaker, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church's minister, the Rev. Peter Henry. The event ends at 8:15 a.m.

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

Unitarian church

A winter solstice celebration begins at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, at the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe.

The evening includes quiet reflection, live music and sing-a-longs. The public can attend.

St. Sabbas

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First English

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Christmas Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 24, three candlelight services are offered beginning with a 5 p.m. candle light service.

Before the 7:30 p.m. service, special music, is

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The 11 p.m. service has holy communion, begins with seasonal music at 10:45 p.m.

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A free will donation benefits the church's women's mission goals.

For a reservation, call (313) 884-5040.

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AUTOS By Jenny King

Mazda MX-5 captures sports car cachet



The 2014 Mazda MX-5 Miata imitates European sports cars of the past both in looks and sounds.

PHOTO BY JENNY KING



the original 1.6-liter engine in the 1990 Miata was specially tuned to mimic the sound of a dual-carbureted European sports car. Just turn up the radio, which, thank goodness, is right at hand in the diminutive cabin of

the MX-5. Standard equipment is a five-speed manual transmission with short-throw shifter — Sport models only. A six-speed manual is available as is a six-speed automatic. We

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AUTOS: The 2014 MX-5 Miata

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found fifth gear on our manual transmission a little weak if reached at a lower speed.

The 2014 MX-5 Miata may provide some challenges climbing in and out, but it offers a surprising amount of storage, with center console cup holders, a hard-plastic compartment between

the seats with lid that flips forward from the rear and an area behind the two seats. The trunk is not a golfer's delight, but it would hold carefully packed valises for eager travelers.

Mazda had the North American market in mind when it designed the MX-5 Miata. The company said its Miata has "become the world's best-selling two-seat convertible." It is offered with a choice of "head wraps" — a standard Z-fold design soft-top or the power retractable hard top.

Those wondering about

standard safety and handling equipment, will be glad to know antilock brakes, dynamic stability control and traction control, front and side air bags and side impact door beams are included.

The test MX-5, at \$28,665, included the power hardtop. Assembled in Hiroshima, Japan, the 2014 Mazda MX-5 Miata starts at \$23,720. You could get two for the price of that watch.

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



PHOTO BY JENNY KING

Miata's "True Red" instrument panel reflects the exterior and puts buttons and dials close at hand.

FRAGRANCE: The essence of the Messiah

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upon our paths, let us greet them with forgiveness and love, so the fragrance of God's grace may welcome them home.

The Kingdom of God is like my friend's rosebush after the overgrowth was trimmed away. Heavy with the fragrant knowledge of the Lord, its beauty is a sign to all people of the power of belonging to a community that works to feed the hungry, house the homeless, defend the cause of the poor and bring comfort to the lost.

Just as my friend was preparing for his visitors, so too are we getting ready for an important guest, Jesus, the Christ.

Take some time to clear your heart's pathway so your life may bloom with the fragrance of the Messiah.

Rev. Gronek is the minister at St. Michael's Episcopal Church.



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A revolution entrepreneur

A young man with stars and stripes in his eyes plans to be of service to his state.

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Remember this name — Michael Soviak.

The 20-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man plans to be on Michigan's gubernatorial ballot, date unknown. He is confident in his plans even though he is not in the political arena and has no name recognition Soviak points to Gov. Rick Snyder who was pretty much an unknown until he began running television spots.

Soviak has a history of overcoming obstacles to achieve his goals. He has prevailed over bad grades, a weight problem and started a business at the age of 16 that thrives today.

His mother, Connie Soviak, describes him as persistent, a trait that has rewarded him.

Soviak, a 2011 Grosse Pointe North High School graduate, will earn a bachelor's degree in political science from University of Detroit - Mercy in 2014 and attend law school to be one step closer to the governor's chair. And he will continue his flag business.

With his mother as his partner, and a seasoned part-time crew of six, Soviak sells and maintains either 5-by-8-foot or 15-by-25-foot nylon American, state and custom flags and flag poles in the tri-county area.

Connie Soviak said when her youngest of three sons began the business, Revolution Flag Group, she thought it was just a whim.

Starting with single clients and then securing Wayne County, Grosse Pointe Woods and the Grosse Pointe Public School System as clients, as well as banks and a health system, Connie Soviak was pleasantly surprised at the burgeoning business.

His next project is to refurbish the 20 flag poles in Hart Plaza, install solar lighting and see 20 American flags permanently on display.

"For 13 years there have been no flags," he said of Hart Plaza's empty flag poles. "You can see it (the plaza) from downtown. The size of



The Revolution Flag Group was established when Grosse Pointe Woods resident Michael Soviak was 16 years old.

the poles can be seen from the riverfront. This will help bring Hart Plaza back with big color and patriotism. It won't solve any major problems in the city, but it will help the heart start to beat again. The flag doesn't reflect political views, just freedom for all of us."

The unveiling is scheduled Memorial Day 2014.

Progress

During his sophomore year at North, Soviak said he wanted to start a business.

"I thought about landscaping but there wasn't much opportunity," he said. "I saw some tattered flags."

His mother continues the narrative. "I thought OK this is a whim when he came to me. Michael didn't give up. This was something a mother and son can do. I'm amazed. I thought we'd be doing this for a few months."

This seemed to be a pattern for Soviak — an idea takes root and he takes off not letting go until the goal is achieved. And it began with self image.

She said he had always struggled with a weight problem, even before he enrolled in school.

The lack of self confidence due to his weight coupled with bad grades, Soviak said he didn't

have a bright future.

"I didn't do bad in elementary school," he said. But, he said, people were surprised he passed middle school and was to enter high school with less than a 1.0 GPA.

"My freshman year I was 261 pounds and 14 years old. I was very overweight. One day the doctor sat me down. He told me how serious my weight was," he said.

The doctor pointed out Soviak was more prone to heart disease and diabetes and wouldn't live very long. "I was gaining 20 pounds every year. I weighed more than I should be," he said. "It took a couple days. I realized I had to change. I didn't see a future for myself. I gave up drinking pop. I stopped eating fast food and started working out. I ran around the block. I exercised at home. The hardest part was changing my diet. I didn't know what to eat. Mom helped with what I should eat.

"I saw the weight drop off and (was) energized. I didn't get sick as much. I went back to school my sophomore year. The other students didn't recognize me. It was a big change. I had more confidence."

Then he focused on his grades. The end of his sophomore year he had a

3.8 GPA and was 150 pounds. Next was to establish a business. Traveling around the area, Soviak wondered why tattered flags hadn't



Michael Soviak announced his project to refurbish all 20 flag poles at Hart Plaza, install solar lighting and hoist 20 American flags by Memorial Day 2014 during a fundraiser in November.

been replaced. From that question, the Revolution Flag Group was born. Another part of Soviak's confidence is the way he dresses. Every day, except when doing flag maintenance, Soviak puts on a suit, selecting one of 12 suits in his closet, a no wrinkle Donald Trump shirt with medium starch and one of 30 ties.

"I have to dress up because you don't know what opportunity might come up," he said. Soviak said he began with selling single flags to customers; gaining confidence, he began taking on larger accounts. He said he only buys American-made flags, poles and lighting.

Most recently, he installed a flag pole at the house of Sen. Bert Johnson D-Highland Park, and like all his accounts, the nylon flag will be replaced in three months.

"Nylon flies nicer. They fly the best," Connie Soviak said.

While Revolution Flag Group is a for profit business, Soviak said he is giving back to the community by supporting the Wounded Warrior Project, a support program for injured soldiers and their families.

Whether Soviak is giving back to the community, running a business or attending classes, he has a goal in mind — to be Michigan's governor.



Michael Soviak and his crew replace flags every three months. Here he is taking down a frayed flag at Piedmont Concrete in Farmington Hills.

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An alum welcome

With so many University of Michigan alums in Rotary Grosse Pointe, David A. Brandon, director of intercollegiate athletics for U of M, had a friendly audience as the speaker at the Rotary's Dec. 2 meeting. Brandon was chairman of the board, chief executive officer, manager of Domino's Pizza and a former U of M regent. Following the meeting, the U of M alumni in attendance gathered for a photo. From left, Lee Johnson, Sean Byrne, Ted Everingham, Jim Everett, Brandon, Tim Whims, Mike Kosinski, Liz Smith, Paul Rentenbach, Jon

Great Gatsby

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial spring gala planning committee has chosen the theme "Great Gatsby Gala" for the April 26 event. On the committee, in the first row from left Sue Davies, co-chairwoman Val Moran and co-chairwoman Diane Zedan and Pat Thompson; second row, Pat Duerr and Beline Obeid; third row, Anne Jennings, Patti Gmeiner and Linda Lloyd; fourth row, Kathy Schutter and Suzy Berschbach.

WMTV Programming Located in Classifieds Section C

Gandelot and Dick Allison. Grosse Pointe Rotary meets at 12:10 p.m. Mondays at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Lunch is \$15, and the public can attend.



White Christmas

Lead actors in Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of "White Christmas" are from left, Elenore Ellero-Groth, Brian Groth, Stephanie Butler and Don Bischoff.

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Deadlines

Due the holidays, deadlines are as follows: For the issue dated Thursday, Dec. 26, items must be in by 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19. For issues dated Thursday, Jan. 2 and Jan. 9, items must be 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26. For more information, e-mail afouty@grossepointenews.com or call (313) 343-6298.

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The Rotary members collected enough funds to purchase 3,396 coats — 1,734 boys and 1,662 for girls — in its Operation Warm project. Two semi-trailers, one 53-foot and a second 40-foot long delivered the 566 boxes to the Stroh River Place. Volunteers spent five and a half hours unloading the truck. The nearly 50 volunteers spent an hour sorting the coats for shipment or pick up by partner agencies. Children in Detroit, Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods are the recipient of the new coats. This is the second year the Rotary clubs have undertaken the project to provide coats to local children.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Prepare an English dish for Christmas morning

Christmas week is upon us. Time for all of the last minute details. What to serve on Christmas day comes to mind.

I love serving something special. This year I'll be preparing a family style take on Yorkshire pudding, traditionally baked in muffin cups. With eggs and bacon as the main ingredients, how can you go wrong. You'll begin this (simple) two part recipe on Christmas Eve and bake it in the morning.

Perfect.

Savory Yorkshire Pudding

1 lb. quality bacon, medium sliced
2 cups whole milk
4 large eggs
1 3/4 cups flour
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup chopped fresh chives



Cook the pound of bacon to just a medium crisp. Cut into bite size pieces, place in an airtight container and store on the counter over night.

Measure 1/2 cup of the bacon fat, cover and store over night on the counter.

In a large bowl beat the milk together with the eggs, flour and salt. Transfer to a secure container and refrigerate over night.

In the morning pre-heat oven to 400 degrees. Place the reserved 1/2 cup bacon fat in a glass 9-by-13-inch bake dish (or divide the oil into 2 pie plates, 1/4

cup fat each).

Place the bake dish (with the fat) in the oven for 5 or 6 minutes at 400 degrees.

Working swiftly and carefully remove the bake dish from the oven and givein a quick swirl to coat the entire bake dish with the melted bacon fat.

Scatter the cooked bacon pieces over the bake dish.

Give the refrigerated egg mixture another whisk then pour the batter over the bacon.

Scatter the chopped chives over the egg mixture then place in the oven and bake at 400 degrees for 35 to 45 minutes.

The pudding will be puffed up and golden brown around the edges. Serve straight from the oven.

After just a few minutes the puff will fall in-



PHOTO BY ANNIE ROULEAU-SCHERIFF

Begin this traditional English recipe Christmas Eve, bake it Christmas morning and watch the family gather at the table.

ding. A drizzle of warm maple syrup is a lovely complement to this yummy breakfast pud-

ding. And forget the cookies. It's the aroma of bacon cooking on the night before Christmas

that will get Santa down your chimney.

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Donation given in appreciation of St. John Hospital doctors

Gretchen C. Valade has donated another transformational gift to St. John Hospital and Medical Center to benefit the cardiology and orthopedics programs, two areas she has previously provided with philanthropic support.

With 80 percent of the gift, an endowment will be created for the exclusive purpose of supporting the structural and endovascular heart program within cardiology and cardiovascular surgery. The remaining portion of the gift will support an advanced imaging program for orthopedics, the newest Center of Excellence at St. John Providence Health System.

Valade's latest contribution is related to her 2009-2010 donations. Her past gifts provided funds for the Gretchen C. Valade cardiovascular hybrid operating room and structural heart program, Michigan's first CON-approved cardiovascular hybrid operating room, and a da Vinci® Si HD Surgical System, a robotic surgical device for minimally invasive cardiovascular procedures.

To date, nearly 1,000 cases have successfully been completed in the hospital's cardiovascular hybrid operating room. This includes more than 50 clinical trial cases for the Medtronic CoreValve® System, a minimally invasive option for patients with symptomatic, severe aortic stenosis who are at high risk, or are ineligible, for open heart surgery.

With Valade's recent gift, the door is now open for further valve and structural research possibilities, and the hospital is a contender for other key trials and research opportunities.

"The generous funding for an endowment to support these cardiovascular endeavors helps ensure the future of this nationally recognized program," says



Gretchen Valade

Thomas LaLonde M.D., chief of cardiology and cardiovascular services.

Valade's latest gift is in appreciation of the work done by doctors LaLonde, Sanjay Batra and Thomas Davis M.D., and the cardiology staff.

Previous donations from Valade to the orthopedic area include the Valade gym, education center and spa, a tribute to her friend, Michael C. Burke, in 2011. The center is focused around wellness and holistic care and features a state-of-the-art gym, including a car simulator to prepare patients for discharge; an education center for community outreach and family education; and a spa catering to the care of the body, mind and spirit.

With the purchase of an imaging system for orthopedics, the hospital assists orthopedic surgeons to use this innovative facility for their patients.

This gift to orthopedics is made in recognition of the work done by Christopher Lee M.D., section chief, orthopedic surgery, and the entire orthopedics staff.

Valade's past donations include support of: The Expansion Campaign, 5 North patient floor of the Pavilion in December 2006; The Suites in December 2004 and The Valade Healing Arts Center in January 2000

Additionally, she has been a strong supporter of the St. John Providence Health System Hospice Program, its emergency center and the hospital's General Opportunity Fund.

A lifelong resident of Grosse Pointe Farms, Valade is chair of Carhart Inc., CEO of Mack Avenue Records, owner of the Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, the Morning Glory Coffee Shop and Bakery and Capricious Boutique. She also supports Detroit's Jazz Festival.

Hospice benefits from fundraiser

The St. John Providence Health System hospice programs benefitted from more than \$89,000 in proceeds from the 11th Annual "Walk With Me Event," held Oct. 18 at the Detroit Athletic Club, to assist patients and their families in a most vulnerable time of their lives.

When people first hear of hospice, they may not think of healing. But with the support of hospice,



From left, Reverence Home Health & Hospice president Linda Young, event co-chairwomen Janice DiBattista and Gloria Kotas, honorary co-chairs Jeff Laethem and Mina Perkins and Jeanne Lewandowski M.D.

there can be healing of the heart at the end of life. Reverence Home Health & Hospice, a service of St. John Providence Hospice, focuses on the best quality of life for however long a patient may have to live.

For this year's "Walk With Me Event," Gloria Kotas of Grosse Pointe and Janice DiBattista of Grosse Pointe Woods were the co-chairwomen and honorary chairs were Mina Perkins of Detroit, and Jeffrey Laethem of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Hospice provides support through the Walk With Me program, a pediatric hospice and palliative care service which offers comfort care to children of all ages.

It also serves to alleviate the suffering of adults at their end of life by focusing on their physical, emotional and spiritual needs.

20th anniversary celebrated

Some 20 years after founding The Holley Institute, it was time to celebrate.

Chairman of the board, Daniel Megler M.D., and his wife, Branka Megler M.D. attended the event hosted by Drs. William and Virginia Rice, who are among the founders of the institute.

Other board officers in attendance were board treasurer Sean Gardella, his wife, Ann; secretary Sally Cytacki, her husband, Walter Cytacki Jr. and their son, Michael. Other directors who attended were Mark Weber and wife, Judy; Judy Christian and husband, Edward; Richard Caste and wife, Carolyn; Tim Grajewski and wife, Susan; past chair-

man John Scherer and his wife, Melodie; the Rev. Michael Depcik; and St. John Hospital and Medical Center president David Brooks and his wife, Laura.

Ardis Gardella, an institute founder, attended, along with members of Delta Zeta whose mission includes supporting the deaf and hard of hearing community.

Following a short presentation of the organization's history, Gardella introduced three new staff members, Jeremy Vinluan, Christian Young and Heather Johnson.

The Holley Institute's mission is "creating new worlds for children and adults with deafness, hearing and vision loss."

ASK THE EXPERTS By Carolyn Van Dorn

Identity theft can happen to anyone



nursing care facility and I have power of attorney over her finances. Do I still need to be concerned about identity theft for her?

Q. My mom has recently moved into a

A. Absolutely. Identity theft is rampant in today's society and has

no age boundaries. In February, the Federal Trade Commission released the 2012 Consumer Sentinel Network Data Book. Its statistics showed the occurrence rate in the under-20 group, which in-

cludes infants and children, was almost equal to the rate of occurrence in the 70 and older group.

Some consider the senior population to be easy targets due to the fact they are normally financially stable and less like-

ly to be opening new lines of credit. Most seniors also do not routinely check the status of their credit report, which allows for a lower probability of fraud detection.

According to the FTC, a child's Social Security number can be used by identity thieves to apply for government benefits, open bank accounts and apply for a loan or utility service.

Most credit reporting agencies have protocol in place to allow a parent or guardian the ability to check if a child's information has been misused.

You can also request an annual Social Security earnings record which could alert you someone has used the information to illegally obtain a job.

There are options available for you to protect yourself and your family. You can learn how to monitor your history on your own or register with a credit monitoring service. If you choose to use a service, take the time to do a little research to verify it is a reputable company.

A recent victim of identity theft myself, I realized how labor intensive it is to clear up a credit record. I found out I was a victim by accident. My auto insurance sent a renewal statement which showed my credit rating had dropped due to "items in collection."

Researching it, I found out my Social Security number had been used to open up several utility accounts.

Bills and collection notices were sent to the service addresses so I never received them directly. Thankfully, I am computer literate and was able to find publications and guides through the

Federal Trade Commission which helped me through the process.

The FTC has free materials you can order direct to help you protect yourself as well as clear up an issue. You can find the materials at ftc.gov. I have also ordered several of them in bulk quantities, available at my office. Visit the News and Articles tab at nursingunlimitedonline.com to view what I have available and for a list of helpful web links.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

North gets best of rival South

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

What a great opening Friday night for high school boys' basketball.

City rivals Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South battled in front of a packed North gymnasium and the game

went down to the wire with the Norsemen beating the Blue Devils 57-49.

It was a game of runs as South jumped out to a 16-8 lead and North responded in the second quarter, winning it 18-9 to grab a 26-25 halftime lead.

The Norsemen scored

the first eight points of the third quarter and pulled out to a 36-27 lead with 3:15 left in the period before the Blue Devils used a 21-12 run, capped by senior Dan Dixon's tip-in, to tie it at 48 in the fourth quarter.

One of the biggest plays of the game came when

the Blue Devils had a chance to take a 50-48 lead, but North senior Sal Ciaravino took a charge and the basket was erased.

On the ensuing possession, North senior Jacob Zacharias buried a long three-point basket to give the home team the lead for good, 51-48.

Junior Tim Herd scored a three-point play to increase the Norsemen's lead to 54-48 and the home team added three more free throws to win the game.

"We knew they would come out with a lot of energy since this was their first game of the season," North head coach Matt Lockhart said. "I told the guys we had to hang in there early, which we did, and then everyone chipped in and we earned the win."

"Wow, what a game of runs," South head coach Troy Glasser said. "We looked good early and made a nice run in the fourth quarter."

Dixon and fellow senior Jabari Burton were hot early, scoring 14 of the Blue Devils' 25 points.

For the Norsemen, senior Justin Kennedy was a beast in the paint, scoring eight points, grabbing his share of rebounds and blocking five shots.



North junior Tim Herd, right, made some big plays down the stretch in the Norsemen's victory over city rival Grosse Pointe South.



The battle in the paint between South senior Dan Dixon, right, and North senior Justin Kennedy, left, highlighted the Norsemen's tough win over the Blue Devils.

PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE

BOYS HOCKEY

Knights unbeaten

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett boys' hockey team remained undefeated after beating visiting Midland 6-2 last week.

"We were a little too complacent on the ice and didn't play our game," head coach Mike Hamilton said. "I've noticed that the last game, too, but the guys played better in the third period."

"We need that level of intensity to continue."

The Knights scored a goal in each of the first two periods to build a 2-0 lead.

Senior Jake Jerome

scored the first goal early in the first period, with senior William Yates assisting, and Yates tallied at the 5:29 mark of the second period, with sophomore Harrison Wujek and junior Stephen Campau assisting.

The Chemics scored in the first minute of the third period to cut the deficit to 2-1, but senior Vincent Scarfone tallied two minutes later to give the Knights the two-goal cushion. Yates and sophomore Alexander Minanov drew assists.

The Chemics scored with each team skating with four, cutting their deficit to one goal again,

3-2. After that, the Knights turned on the jets and put the game away by scoring the next three goals.

Junior Mason Demsey scored at the 6:13 mark, junior Jacob Smith scored at the 3:57 mark and sophomore Brett Abdelnour scored (power play) at the 1:47 mark to turn a 3-2 lead into a comfortable 6-2 advantage.

Smith assisted Demsey's goal, while Jerome assisted Smith's tally. The final two assists went to Demsey and senior Cole Zingas.

Junior Luke Soyka earned the win in net. Liggett is 5-0 overall.

NORTH & SOUTH

Rollercoaster ride

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys' hockey team had a second straight weekend of back-to-back games.

This time, the Blue Devils finished 0-1-1, tying Detroit Country Day 0-0 and losing 4-1 to Macomb Dakota.

In the scoreless tie with Country Day, senior goal-keeper Andrew Wright made a spectacular pad save to keep the game 0-0.

They were a step slow the following day in the road game against a tough, physical Dakota squad.

The Blue Devils trailed 1-0 after the first period and 3-0 after two.

Senior Ken Cervone scored the Blue Devils' lone goal in the third period and the Cougars added an empty-netter to round out the scoring.

Earlier in the week, South crushed Dearborn United 7-0, improving to 2-0-1 in the Michigan Metro Hockey League and 4-2-1 overall.

North results

Head coach Brad Case watched his Grosse Pointe North boys' hockey team play well in last weekend's tough 3-1 loss to Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

The visiting Norsemen trailed 2-1 and had chances to tie the game in the final period before the Shamrocks finished them off with an empty

net goal. Ryan Babcock scored the lone goal and Josh Champney played well in net.

"We played a great game and even had a goal disallowed, which really would have made this game interesting," Case said. "We didn't play very well the game before, but the guys came to play against Catholic Central."

In other action last week, North lost to Livonia Stevenson, falling to 0-7 overall and 0-4 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League.

Coming up for the Norsemen is a game Monday, Dec. 23, against DeLaSalle at Comerica Park.

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Girls hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Ladies win at home

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It took four long weeks before the Grosse Pointe South girls' hockey team finally played its home opener.

The Blue Devils hosted Northville Sunday, Dec. 15, and won 4-1 behind a solid team effort.

The Blue Devils scored twice in the first period, with senior captain Tenley Shield tallying at the 9:08 mark and sophomore Gennie Martin tallying at the 2:12 mark.

Junior Libby Erickson and sophomore Grace Moody assisted Shield's goal, and Shield assisted Martin's goal.

The Mustangs got on the board early in the sec-

ond period, with junior Marisha Hackett netting the tally.

Senior Anne Crowley gave the home team some breathing room, scoring a goal at the 6:00 mark. Freshman Emma St. John earned the lone assist.

Martin put the finishing touches on the scoring, tallying a goal at the 2:43 mark of the second period, with Shield and Erickson netting assists.

Sophomore goalkeeper Isabella Strickler earned another win in net.

In other action last week, South lost 8-1 at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood and defeated Livonia Ladywood 4-2.

Shield scored the Blue



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

South senior Anne Crowley enjoyed a good weekend, scoring goals in the Blue Devils' wins over Livonia Ladywood and Northville.

Devils' lone goal early in the third period to prevent the shutout at CK.

Against Ladywood, Strickler was the No. 1 star. She stopped three breakaways and several point-blank slap shots to help the Blue Devils earn the road victory.

The Blue Devils scored twice in the opening period, with Martin tallying at the 4:11 mark and Crowley scoring at the

1:30 mark.

Shield and freshman Margaret Reilly assisted Martin's goal, while St. John drew the lone assist on Crowley's goal.

In the second period, Shield scored, with Martin netting the assist, and Martin tallied at the 14:12 mark of the third stanza to give the Blue Devils a comfortable 4-0 advantage. Erickson had the assist.

Girls basketball

RIVALS

Blue Devils beat ULS

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

City foes Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett met in last weekend's Robichaud Classic at Dearborn Heights Robichaud High School.

Each team was scheduled to face a different squad, but a snowstorm forced a change of schedule.

"We needed a game, so we decided to play (Grosse Pointe) South," Liggett head coach Omar Ahart said. "It worked out for both of us and it was a good game."

"Once again we played well for the most part, but a five-minute lapse did us in. It was like that in our opener."

The Knights led 30-29 at the half, but the Blue Devils put together a strong second half.

The Blue Devils outscored the Knights 22-15 behind the efforts of junior guard Cierra Rice, who finished with a game-high 22 points. Junior Aliezza Brown followed with 9 points and senior Bre Andrews had 8.

"We survived," South head coach Kevin

Richards said. He is nearing the end of his six-game suspension and returns to the bench Friday, Dec. 20, at home against Romeo.

Liggett was led by junior Jessica Rotzoll, who had 15 points, and freshman Nia Ahart, who had 10 points, 10 assists and 7 assists.

Liggett dropped to 0-2 overall.

South returned home around midnight and had to return to Robichaud for a noon game. It was originally scheduled for 2 p.m. but it was moved up two hours, leaving the Blue Devils to play two games in 14 hours.

Despite playing with tired legs, South beat a good Chicago Bogan squad 58-41, improving to 5-0 overall.

The backcourt duo of Rice and Brown paved the way, scoring 21 and 9 points, and Andrews had eight.

During the five-game winning streak, South also defeated Harper Woods Chandler Park Academy 61-58, Port Huron Northern 56-49 and Farmington Hills Harrison 61-55.

LIGGETT

Knights get big road win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett girls' hockey team beat previously unbeaten Port Huron 2-1 last weekend, improving to 3-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

"We had our best game I've seen my teams play in my three years behind the bench," head coach

Cassie Jaeckle said. "We wore them out and I'm sure they will be ready to play us the next time we see them."

Sophomore goalkeeper Olivia Portillo stymied the powerful Port Huron offense, limiting it to a season-low one goal.

Offensively, senior Danielle Lorant scored, assisted by junior Jena Pangborn, and freshman Riley Marchin tallied the

game winner, assisted by senior Ania Dow.

Marchin is on a line with Dow and sophomore Allison Stapleton. Earlier in the week, Liggett edged Northville 4-2 as freshman goalie Haley Malewicz made her debut and earned the win.

A good penalty-killing unit helped the Knights stave off the Mustangs' upset bid. The Knights

had seven penalties for 14 minutes and the Mustangs had only three penalties for six minutes.

Sophomore Gracie Scarfone led the way with two goals, while Lorant had a goal and an assist.

The other goal scorer was Marchin, and drawing assists were Stapleton, Dow and junior Maranda Saigh (two).

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen edge Regina

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls' basketball team earned a tough 45-40 win over Warren Regina last week.

It was the second straight Catholic League Central Division foe for the Norsemen.

This time, the home team nearly let a 16-point halftime lead disappear.

"No lead was safe because we expected a close game," head coach Gary Bennett said. "We didn't hold our composure very well. We rushed some shots and took some ill-advised shots."

The Norsemen brought their 'A' game in the first half, bolting out to a 15-2 lead after the first quarter and it was 23-5 after sophomore Lucy Dodge hit a three-point basket midway through the second quarter.

The Saddlelites regrouped and ended the first half on an 11-5 run to help cut the deficit to 28-12, Norsemen.

The Norsemen did everything right in the first 16 minutes. They played great defense, created turnovers and shot the ball well from the field.

During the final 16 minutes, it was the complete opposite as the Saddlelites were able to get uncontested shots and their defensive pressure created the Norsemen to turn the ball over far too many times.

The once comfortable 16-point lead was cut to six, 34-28, after the third quarter and the Norsemen held just a four-point lead, 44-40, with two minutes left in the game.

The Saddlelites' comeback was fueled by sophomore Teresa Diehl's

three-point shooting and the low-post scoring of senior Erin Nelson.

In addition, head coach Diane Laffey had her team double-team Norsemen senior Maria Liddane all over the court. It was tough for her to get an open shot, but Liddane managed to convert some clutch baskets down the stretch to prevent the defeat.

A Norsemen turnover allowed the Saddlelites the opportunity to trim the deficit to a point, but a three-point shot missed. However, North junior forward Megan Lesha was called for a foul going for the rebound.

Two missed free throws and a Nelson miss on the putback was enough to help the Norsemen preserve the win.

Sophomore Erin Armbruster grabbed the rebound and was fouled. She made one-of-two free throws to up the lead to 45-40 and that turned out to be the winning margin.

Armbruster had the best varsity game of her career, posting a double-double of 13 points and 14 rebounds, while Liddane finished with 11 points, four assists and five rebounds.

Megan Lesha had seven points and senior Jayla Hubbard finished with six points and seven rebounds.

North ended the week with a 47-40 loss to host Plymouth, which improved to 4-0 with the victory and the Norsemen dropped to 2-2.

"They were much bigger than we were and they used that to their advantage," Bennett said.

Armbruster had another double-double, collecting 14 points and 10 rebounds, while Hubbard had 13 points.

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

South seniors enjoyed perfection

The Grosse Pointe South senior class of cross country teammates has had a remarkable run of success over their four year span.

"This group of seniors has been at the heart of our program for four years," head coach Steve Zaranek said. "We could see something special in place during the summer practices just before they began ninth grade. They understood commitment from day one. They understood work ethic from day one. And most of all, they understood the importance of being great teammates."

And, along the way, they were part of a team that, since 2010, accomplished a 60-0 dual meet mark, four Macomb Area

Conference Red Division championships, four state regional championships, 18 individual championships, four top-7 state finals finishes, including the runner-up title in 2012 and the state championship in 2011.

Members of the senior class included Alexa Calas, Allison Cornell, Ellie Costakis, Kara Couvreur, Gretchen Cozad, Janey Degnan, Arianna DerManulian, Megan Dziedzic, Christy Finkenstaedt, Lindsay Fisher, Rachel Forcillo, Caroline Forster, Devyn Gilbert, Anne Gutwald, Grace Harper, Bridget Hennessy, Ellen High, Mai Qiang Hipsley, Gen Hummer, Olivia Jones, Elise Koelsch, Alessandra Lai, Alex Martin, Rachel

Martinez, Bella McKay, Shannon Morris, Victoria Penman, Kaela Sanocki, Katie Savinov, Kelsie Schwartz, Eilizabeth Trudel, Evelyn Wheeler and Claire Zimmeth.

At the recent team awards night, Schwartz and junior Ersula Farrow were named the teams co-most valuable athletes.

Calas was given the Blue Devil of the Year Award; freshman Kamryn Leonard was named the team's Rookie of the Year, while freshman Katie Kuhr was named Most Improved.

Special Captain's Awards were presented to Finkenstaedt, Sophie Meszaros, Andie Anger, Hope Adams and Mary Spencer.

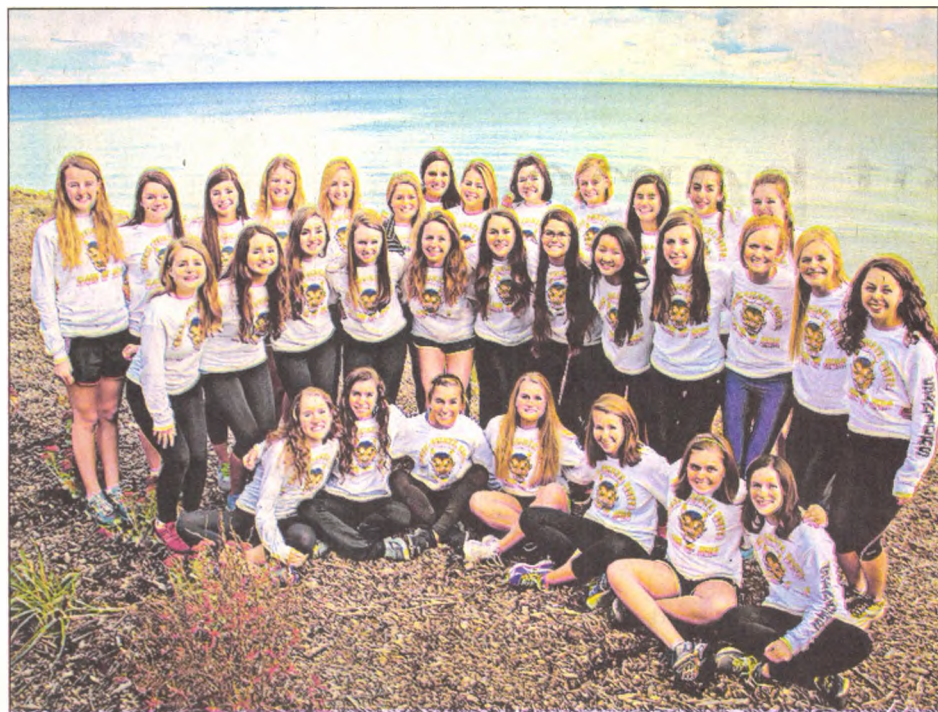


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The 2013 Grosse Pointe South girls' cross country seniors enjoyed a perfect 60-0 dual meet record during their four years on the squad.

YOUTH SOCCER



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Talented duo

Grosse Pointers Katherine Bird, front row second from right, and Greta Deloach, front row second from left, play on the 2000 Michigan Burn Black soccer team. They helped the Burn finish in first place in the Midwest Regional League Premier Division this fall. In addition, the Burn reached the semifinals of the State Up and was runner-up in the Mead Cup Tournament Five Star Division in Dayton, Ohio. During the club's tournament and league play, it defeated the State Cup champs from Michigan, Northern Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee. Currently the team is ranked No. 3 in Michigan and No. 7 in the Midwest. The Burn open its spring soccer season in March at the prestigious Jefferson Cup Invitational Tournament in Richmond, Va.

City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 203

On December 9, 2013 the City Council of Grosse Pointe Park (the "City Council") enacted Ordinance No. 203 (the "Ordinance"), to become effective on December 20, 2013, which Ordinance provides for a new Article IV to Chapter 13 requiring landlords to obtain a business license, for landlords to register residential rental units, to require background checks for tenants, to establish maximum capacity of rental units, and to amend Chapter 7, Sections 7-10, of the City of Grosse Pointe Park as to when certificates of occupancy and use must be obtained.

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Gymnastics

GROSSE POINTE UNITED

Depleted team drops meet

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe United gymnastics team evened its record at 1-1 last week, losing 137.225-133.75 to Farmington.

Several girls missed the meet due to illness.

The host Norsemen won the floor exercise, 35.85-34.625, but lost on vault, 35.7-34.3; bars, 31.8-29.8; and balance beam, 35.1-33.8.

Leading the way for GPU on vault was

Isabelle Nguyen, scoring a 9.15. She was followed by Cait Gaitley with an 8.50, Michelle Ellis with an 8.35, Maria Nguyen with an 8.30, Jen Gmeiner with an 8.25 and Gyanei' Johnson with a 7.95.

On bars, Isabelle Nguyen had a 9.00, followed by Gmeiner with an 8.40, Ellis with a 7.60 and Johnson with a 4.80.

Head coach Courtney Schafer watched nearly most of her gymnasts compete on the beam, with Isabelle Nguyen

scoring a 9.60.

Other scorers, in no numerical order, were Ellis with a 7.30, Gaitley with an 8.50, Gmeiner with a 7.75, Johnson with a 6.95, Amy Olson with a 7.95, Mychael Furman with a 6.25, Chandler McClarty with a 7.85, Kelsey Nawa with a 6.60 and Olyvia Shimko with a 7.90.

On the floor exercise, GPU had several record scores above a 9.0, including Isabelle Nguyen with a 9.30. Maria Nguyen scored a

9.05 and Gaitley had a 9.00. Others were Gmeiner with an 8.05, Johnson with an 8.35, Olson with an 8.50, Brenna Bromwell with a 7.15 and McClarty with an 8.15.

Wrestling

G.P. SOUTH

Nice job

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South wrestling team is getting its work in during the first two weeks of the season.

Last weekend, the Blue Devils competed in the Dansville Tournament with Pinckney and Linden also in attendance.

Leading the way for the Blue Devils were Antoine Hill, 152- and 160-pound class; John Gough, 152- and 160-pound class; Jacob Murray, 189- and 215-pound class; Matthew Ground, 189 pound class; and Earl Allard, 112 pound class.

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Swimming

NORTH & SOUTH

Blue Devils, Norsemen open seasons

The Grosse Pointe South boys' swimming and diving team opened its season last week, finishing third in the Dan Pangborn Invitational at Saginaw Valley State University.

Host Midland Dow won the First Division meet with 105 points, followed by Dexter with 102, South with 85, Heritage with 71, Howell with 56, Fenton with 43 and Bay City Central with 40.

In the Second Division standings, South was third with 80 points, and in the Third Division, South had 77 points.

In the Fourth Division standings, South finished with 92 points, and in diving, South managed 8 points.

The Blue Devils had solid performances in the

fourth division race with a time of 2:21.89. Other Blue Devils in the event were Samuel Wilkinson, 2:25.24; Koueiter, 2:19.41; and Francis, 2:15.07.

The 50-yard freestyle's fourth division race was won by Seagram, posting a time of 25.03. In the other three divisions, the Blue Devils finishers were Trost, 25.73; Cusumano, 25.77; and Martin, 23.46.

South's diving points came from Erik Romer, who was fifth with 148.35.

Wilkinson won the fourth division 100-yard butterfly, posting a time of 1:03.34, and his teammates who competed in the other three divisions were Trost, 1:03.51; Yoo, first in the division two race with a time of 55.70;

and Jackson, who also won the division one race with a time of 54.26.

In the 100-yard freestyle, Connor Mallegg had a time of 1:01.25, while Waterston had a 57.74. Martin swam a 52.95 and Francis had a 51.92 to round out the Blue Devils' competitors in this event.

In the 500-yard freestyle, Jack Warren had a time of 5:50.76, while Due posted a 5:40.78 and Yoo had a 5:13.70.

South had an entry in each of the four 200-yard freestyle relay divisions.

In division one, Graham, Cusumano, Stafford and Martin placed second with a time of 1:36.07, and in division two, Wilkinson, Spencer Rizer, Jimmy Fildes and Seagram took fifth with a

time of 1:47.86.

In division three, Clark Frick, Khaled Elbadawi, Andrew Harrison and Waterston placed fifth with a time of 1:58.63, and in the division four race, Jacob Bucior, Will Boyce, Estafano Lopez and Adam Elbadawi took fourth with a time of 2:07.10.

In the 100-yard backstroke, Mallegg had a time of 1:11.94, while Montague was at 1:05.24. Jackson had a time of 57.15 in his division one race and Graham was at 1:01.05 at division two.

Leggat posted a time of 1:14.81 in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Teammates swimming in the other three division races were Warren, 1:15.27; Cusumano, 1:12.51; and Koueiter, 1:09.07.

The Blue Devils' 400-yard relay team of Yoo, Francis, Graham and Jackson placed third in the first division race with a time of 3:30.08, and the division two squad of Koueiter, Leggat, Due and Stafford also placed third with a time of 3:48.84.

In the division three race, Wilkinson, Warren, Waterston and Trost took second with a time of 3:48.77, and Seagram, Labadie and Montague placed second with a time of 4:06.49 in the division four race.

North results

The Grosse Pointe North boys' swimming and diving team started

the season with a 111-75 victory over L'Anse Creuse last week.

John Cobau was a double winner for the Norsemen, taking the 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard butterfly.

Single winners for the Norsemen were William McNelis in 1 meter diving, and Michael Lemanske 100-yard backstroke.

Two nights later, North dropped a 141-41 decision to Division I top 10-ranked Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

Duncan MacAskill scored North's sole victory, taking the 1 meter diving competition.

Head coach Mike O'Connor said season-best performances were achieved in the 50-yard freestyle by A.J. Owens,

Graham Eger, Alex Blunden, Patrick Turnbull, Anthony Cafagna, Chris Ghanem and Trevor Mieczkowski; 100-yard freestyle by Turnbull, Owens, Joseph Cobau and Eger; 200-yard freestyle by Cobau, Paul Rakowicz and Adam Schreck; 500-yard freestyle by Rakowicz;

100-yard backstroke by Cobau, John Leone and Alex Owens; 100-yard breaststroke by Matt Stander and Blunden; 100-yard butterfly by Cobau, Daniel Leone and Cafagna; 200-yard individual medley by Turnbull and Alex Owens; and 1 meter diving by MacAskill and Phillip Gusmano.

North is 1-1 overall.

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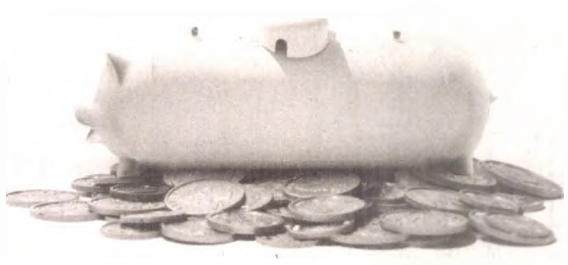
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VE-13

Thursday 12-19-13

E-14 SOLUTION 12-12-13

Sudoku solution grid: 7 3 9 2 5 6 8 4 1, 8 2 1 4 7 3 6 5 9, 6 4 5 8 1 9 3 7 2, 5 8 7 1 6 2 9 3 4, 1 6 3 9 4 7 2 8 5, 2 9 4 5 3 8 1 6 7, 3 5 8 7 9 1 4 2 6, 9 7 2 6 8 4 5 1 3, 4 1 6 3 2 5 7 9 8

DIRECTIONS:

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3 x 3 grid contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats.

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ACROSS

- 1 Rodgers collaborator
5 Kreskin's claim
8 Birthright barterer
12 Smell
13 Twosome
14 Swine
15 Paper
17 Responsibility
18 Charged bit
19 Good horseshoe toss
21 Burrito condiment
24 Shetland, for one
25 Spruce up
26 Piece
30 Help
31 Got up
32 Homer's interjection
33 Cellar
35 Landlocked African nation
36 Amateur-night prop
37 Imp
38 Call forth
41 Madam's counterpart
42 Henry -
43 Slumlord's building
48 Heidi's heights

Crossword grid with numbers 1-53 indicating clue positions

- 49 A Gershwin
50 Related (to)
51 Egg container?
52 Upper limit
53 Barbershop call
a person
9 Croon
10 Chills and fever
11 Cold War nation (Abbr.)
16 Extinct bird
20 "Bus Stop" playwright
21 Pierce
22 Operatic solo
23 Covers
24 Tine
26 Greatly excited
27 Dutch cheese
28 - contender
29 Reedy
31 Beyond control
34 One with "I" trouble?
35 Famed Broadway belter
37 Conk out
38 Terrible guy?
39 Cleopatra's water
40 Big shots
41 Break suddenly
44 Historic time
45 - out a living
46 Veto
47 Potent stick

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