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Artful tribute



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Connect the Dots was the theme at Pierce Middle School when students created their art project based on the Heidelberg Project, which they spent the week studying. Students placed dots, which had the words "the Heidelberg Project" stamped on them, on their lockers, the walls, the front hallway, their clothes and their shoes. Colorful dots hung in the trees along the path leading up to the front door of the school. Many students wore them in solidarity of the community effort to rebuild the project, mostly destroyed by arson. They watched a video showing the effects of the arson attacks and learned about the art houses and the project's founder, artist Tyree Guyton. Pierce art teacher Natalie Zoufal brought the Connect the Dots art project to Pierce and the students brought it to life, adding dots each day, discussing how art fit into the community and into their lives and turning their school into a work of art. At left, seventh-grader Chloe Skiles stands in the hallway announcing the project.

Election dust settles

By Joe Warner
 Editor

The \$50.2 million bond for the Grosse Pointe Public School System failed in last week's election by a tally of 8,617 to 3,718.

District Superintendent Tom Harwood said the administration and board of education will now look at what it can do within the budget to make necessary purchases and upgrades.

"I appreciate many individuals coming forth and giving us their opinion," Harwood said. He also indicated the district would be in favor of a community forum to address the concerns and work toward a solution.

The Grosse Pointe News has contacted groups on both sides of the ballot proposal to schedule a forum. An announcement should come in the next week.

Harwood said the district won't rush bringing another proposal to the ballot.

"We'll evaluate everything," Harwood said.

Former board president John Steining said communication and a clear plan will be key.

"Generally speaking, a price increase of this magnitude is a difficult sell, even in solid economic times," he said. "But selling it to an already highly taxed, recession-weary public is nearly impossible."

Woods crime down

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — It was the kind of report Andrew Pazuchowski likes to give and the city council likes to hear.

Pazuchowski, the city's director of public safety, presented the department's annual report to the council at its Monday night meeting. The report showed a 14 percent decline in crime for 2013 and the chief was quick to credit the public safety officers.

"I have to hand it to the guys," he told the council. "They are spending as much time as possible on the road, and their presence is making a difference."

Pazuchowski explained officers are using computers in their patrol cars to write reports, meaning they are spend-

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The worst seems over

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The Titanic's maiden voyage would have been a footnote in transatlantic history if the crew had spotted that iceberg a few minutes sooner and steered the ship to safety.

In somewhat the same manner, stewards of the City

of Grosse Pointe are using financial foresight and favorable circumstances to keep the budget out of harm's way.

The city's latest five-year financial outlook, completed this month, throws over the side huge projected deficits of prior forecasts.

Following years of spending cuts in accordance with

budget forecasts predicting declining revenue, a surplus is projected at the end of next fiscal year.

Thereafter, expenses overtake revenues at a much slower pace than in any of the city's annual financial outlooks this decade.

"The primary difference in this year's five-year projection and last year's is the sig-

nificant reduction in next year's actual known pension contribution, which will decrease from \$289,000 to \$41,000 next year," said Peter Dame, city manager.

The other major improvement is the stabilization of property values.

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Crime statistics trending the right way

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Overall crime reported in the city during 2013 decreased 15 percent compared to the year before.

The total last year is the lowest since at least 2008.

The statistics are in the City of Grosse Pointe public safety department's annual report for 2013.

"Our officers are aggressive on a day-to-day basis," said Stephen Poloni, public safety director. "We've had a significant closure rate on crimes. We hope word's getting out not to come to Grosse Pointe to make crimes because we

are going to prosecute."

Increased road patrols were among benefits forecast a few years ago when the department replaced 24-hour shifts with 12-hour shifts.

"Any time you have more officers on the street, you're going to prevent more crime," Poloni said. "By adding an officer to the road, there's going to be less crime, more traffic enforcement and a better public safety department."

The most serious types of crimes reported last year, categorized by the FBI as index crimes and ranging from murder (0) to auto theft (2), went down 19 percent during 2013 compared to 2012.

Non-index crimes, which are considered less serious and include family trouble (2), fraud (37) and non-aggravated assault (8), decreased 12 percent during the same period.

The most-reported serious crime in the city last year was larceny of property worth more than \$50. Some 70 incidents were reported compared to 79 during 2012, both down from the recent high of 96 cases in 2010.

There was one armed robbery, four felonious assaults and 11 burglaries. All totals were at or below last year's statistics, except one additional case of felonious assault.

Burglaries totaled less

than half of those reported in 2011.

Of lesser crimes, fraud occurred the most (37, up from 33 in 2012), followed by drunken driving (26, down from 28), intimidation (12, up from 10) and malicious destruction of property (12, down from 15).

Narcotics cases totaled 10, almost half the 19 reported in 2012, yet more than twice the four cases reported in 2010.

The department's 23 sworn officers responded to 5,011 calls for service during the year, an 11 percent increase from the prior year. Calls averaged 96 per week.

"Calls for service include a response by the police or an incident that has been discovered by

patrol units," according to the report, underscoring the importance of having officers on the street.

Arrests totaled 112, virtually the same as during 2012. Yet, arrests declined 28 percent from the overall average from 2010 through 2012.

Juvenile offenders reinforced the downward trend.

Some 19 persons aged 16 years old or less were detained last year, "a significant decrease from 2012," according to the report.

"The department has a decrease in juvenile contacts within the last year of 62 calls for service," according to the report. "In 2012, 189 cases were juvenile related."

The most common juvenile cases involved malicious mischief (40, down from 79) and family trouble (15 compared to 31).

Police logged only one open house party during 2013. There were four during 2012.

Traffic

Officers issued 1,500 vehicle violations last year, including 509 moving violations and 411 parking tickets.

There were 182 traffic accidents resulting in 19 injuries.

Nine wrecks were hit-and-runs.

Fires

Firefighting stayed virtually unchanged from the year before.

There were 375 responses, up 2 percent from 2012.

More than half (213) were ambulance runs.

Officers responded to 41 fire alarms, 34 instances of downed wires, 20 natural gas leaks and 12 carbon monoxide detections.

Firefighters extinguished six working fires, including four houses. Total property damage due to fire totaled \$31,000.

Officers also answered 17 requests for mutual aid from other communities.

Medical

Ambulance coverage of the city is conducted by Beaumont Medical Transportation Service.

"Beaumont provides ambulance service at no cost to our residents," Poloni said.

Medics handled 184 emergency requests during 2013. Some 141 calls

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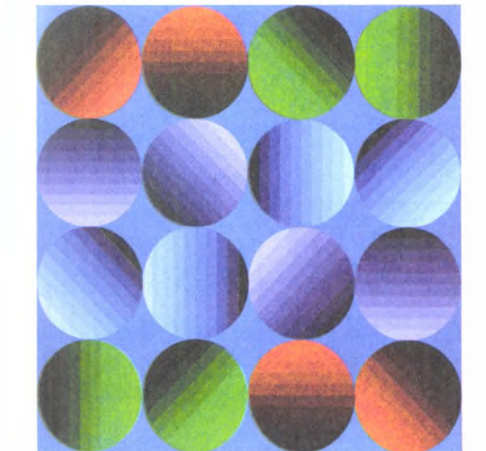


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Denise Kort has seen the business evolve over the years.



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Connie's celebrates 60 years

By John McTaggart
Special Writer

ST. CLAIR SHORES — Almost anyone who has lived in the St. Clair Shores area, knows about Connie's Children's Shop.

"I love this place," said Donna Schribner. "I took my kids here 30 years ago and now I'm here with my granddaughter. There isn't a finer group of people and staff anywhere. You come in here and you feel important. And, you buy something here and you know you're getting a good quality item, something that is going to last."

This loyalty, combined with customer service and merchandise has

been part of the formula that has kept Connie's in business for decades.

The shop is celebrating 60 years in business this year, and owner Denise Kort has seen the business evolve since her parents, Maxine and Sidney Kort, opened the doors March 4, 1954.

"My parents were 20 years old when they opened Connie's," she said. "They figured the area was in need of a children's clothing store so they opened up Connie's. That's pretty much how it all started."

Since then, the shop has been a staple in the community, supplying school uniforms, Communion dresses, boys' and girls' clothing,

children's shoes and other items.

Changes have certainly occurred in the market and at Connie's, Kort said. In the end, she believes the secret to the shop's success and longevity is easily explained.

"It's a great loyal group of customers and our service," she said. "Some people still value the service we give here. When you walk into Connie's, you're going to be helped. You don't get that many places anymore."

Customer Glenda Schmidt said she sees the value in that.

"I can come here and shop for my kids and know that someone who cares is there to help

me," Schmidt said. "It's clear from the moment you come inside. The staff care about me and about what they have here on the racks. I can't imagine going anywhere else."

"We have a niche," Kort said. "We specialize in things here that you might not find other places. That's a part of it, too."

"It's a real pleasure to be able to do this," she said. "I've been working here since college and it's really cool to see the moms that I would help then, come in now as grandmas and the daughters and sons are the moms and dads. It's really nice and I'm really grateful."

Outsourcing ambulance an option

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — It could save the city about \$250,000 a year, but is turning over the city's ambulance service to a private company the best move?

That's the question the Woods city council will be exploring for the next few weeks following a presentation at the Monday night council meeting from Medstar Ambulance on the benefits to residents of using its ambulances and paramedics.

According to city treasurer DeeAnn Irby, the cost to the city for operating its own ambulance is \$457,000 per year, and while the city recovers

about \$210,000 through insurance coverage and private payers, that leaves \$247,000 that must be included in the city's annual budget. Outsourcing the city's ambulance service would come at no cost to the city, and Medstar's revenue would be generated through billings to insurance companies and individuals.

Kolby Miller, CEO of Medstar Ambulance, in a presentation to the council, said Medstar is currently providing ambulance service to Grosse Pointe Farms as well as Harper Woods, Eastpointe, Hamtramck and several other cities throughout Macomb.

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The Week Ahead

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

◆ The Grosse Pointe ART Center's "The Green Show" exhibition opens to the public at 6:30 p.m. The free show is at 17051 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe.

◆ Grosse Pointe North High School's all-school musical, "Oliver!" begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Tickets are available at Wild Birds Unlimited, at gpdramaclubwebs.com or at the door.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

◆ Grosse Pointe North High School's all-school musical, "Oliver!" begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Tickets are available at the door or at gpdramaclubwebs.com.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

◆ Daylight Savings Time. Set clocks ahead one hour.

MONDAY, MARCH 10

◆ Chat with Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Detroit, from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Grosse Pointe Woods municipal building, 20025 Mack Plaza.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

◆ Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce holds a business after hours event from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Raymond James & Associates, 15 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

◆ Grosse Pointe authors Anne Marie Aliotta and Suzy Berschback discuss their latest book, "Legendary Locals of Grosse Pointe" at 7:30 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods branch. The program is free but attendees should register at gp.lib.mi.us or call (313) 343-2074, ext. 222.

◆ Services for Older Citizens holds a TED talk at 12:30 p.m. featuring David Gallow's "Underwater Accomplishments."

◆ Services for Older Citizens St. Patrick's Day tea is from 2 to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$6. Reservations must be made by March 10 and can be done so by calling (313) 882-9600.

Committee suggests change

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — The Blue Ribbon Operations Committee questions the economics of the city providing in-house ambulance service compared with out-sourcing medical runs to a private contractor, as in two of the other Grosse Pointes.

Out-sourcing could save Grosse Pointe Shores:

- ◆ the cost of an ambulance, \$8,000 per public safety officer — currently triple-trained in police, fire and medical care — and
- ◆ allow the department to operate with two less officers, according to the committee.

The trade-off "appears to be an established assumption of faith that emergency ambulance response time will always be faster, and therefore better, for a village-owned and operated ambulance service staffed by advanced EMT(s) rather than for one provided by an inde-

pendent ambulance service, such as MedStar or Beaumont Ambulance," according to the report released last week by committee Chairman Alan Broad.

The decisive issue is "what ambulance service is in the best interests of the residents," the report continues.

Options are listed as:

- ◆ maintaining the status quo,
- ◆ modifying current operations to eliminate the extra expense of staffing officers with emergency medical training, or
- ◆ "engaging a private contractor."

To resolve those questions, the committee wants the city council to compare the costs of current operations with a contracted service "from the initial resident call through hospital admission."

The nine-member, volunteer committee was established 12 months ago. It's comprised of nine Shores residents seeking more efficient municipal operations.

Broad said the committee spent the year roaming "around in the municipal attic, so to speak, ... to investigate and assess village operational efficiencies."

The committee intends to present its findings at the 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, Shores council meeting.

Public safety represented 42 percent of city expenses during fiscal year 2011, the latest figures available to the committee.

A portion of those costs could be reclaimed by charging other cities "the actual costs" of providing mutual aid.

"There is substantial disparity between the significant mutual aid that the village provides to other communities compared to the amount of mutual aid our city receives from those communities," according to the report.

Other savings could come from:

- ◆ eliminating all dependents, except surviving spouses, from employee health-care cover-

age,

- ◆ excluding employee spousal or dependent healthcare coverage if that same coverage is available from other sources, such as the spouse's coverage,

- ◆ benchmarking Shores operations with comparable communities and emulating better practices,

- ◆ creating an infrastructure replacement program to smooth-out replacement costs and debt,

- ◆ right-sizing services and
- ◆ stop issuing bonds except to refinance current bonds at lower interest rates.

On the revenue side, the city could generate income by:

- ◆ charging residents the full cost of ambulance runs,
- ◆ assessing a trash and waste fee for backyard or special pickups,
- ◆ assessing families a summer swimming pool pass and
- ◆ raising park-use and permit fees for private events.

New K-9 would be all-GP

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — A police K-9 unit is so costly that, if it is reestablished, it would likely be structured as an asset of all the Grosse Pointes, not of a single department, as in the past.

In any event, replacing the police dog, which died of illness last November, depends on joint municipal funding and, most likely, outside support.

"We're still working on the issue," said Stephen Poloni, public safety director for the City of Grosse Pointe, which established K-9 operations nearly a decade ago.

The costly operation was slated to be disbanded upon the 8-year-old dog's retirement.

But when it died, an outpouring of sympathy revealed its public relations value, especially as a communications tool between police and school children.

"I met with the public safety directors of the five Pointes, mayors and managers," Poloni said. "We talked about having a K-9 unit for all the Grosse Pointes, not just the City's dog."

Farms administrators are exploring options.

"We're not going to take on anything we don't think is financially viable," said Shane Reeside, Farms city manager. "There's a certain threshold that would have to be raised before it is achiev-

able."

"It would be contingent on a lot of factors," Reeside said.

Considerations go beyond the roughly \$12,000 cost of a dog, which usually retire at or before 10 years old.

"It costs approximately \$230,000 to \$250,000 over the life of the dog," said Dan Jensen, Farms public safety director.

Other factors include the interest of an officer to become a handler and, because the officer must be available during overtime hours, the proximity

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resulted in the transportation of a patient.

"BMTS's average response time for 2013 was 3 minutes, 2 seconds for all emergency calls," according to the report.

"BMTS was on scene within eight minutes for 92 percent of the 205

emergency requests for service in 2013 (and) within eight minutes for 90 percent of non-emergency requests."

Police dog

The K-9 unit was

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Red handed

An iPhone 4, reported missing at 3:44 p.m. Saturday, March 1, from a Grosse Pointe Farms woman's locker at the Neighborhood Club on Waterloo, was soon traced to a 23-year-old woman living in the 800 block of Westchester in Grosse Pointe Park.

City of Grosse Pointe patrolmen went to her house.

"(We) found the suspect in possession of the stolen phone," said an officer, although the suspect initially denied taking it.

—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

Take the long way home

A drunken driver took the long way home and wound up on a snowbank, according to police.

A patrolman arrested him standing beside his

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black 2008 Audi A4 sedan, stranded over the curb next to the foot of a driveway on Muir near Grosse Pointe Boulevard at about 1:43 a.m. Saturday, March 1.

Officers had been alerted to a dark car swerving and running off the road.

"(I) observed two subjects by the vehicle, which was on top of a 5-foot snowbank in front of 71 Muir," said an officer.

A 32-year-old Farms man, identified as the driver, appeared disoriented, smelled of intoxicants, slurred and wouldn't cooperate with the investigation, police said.

Another man, 31, of the Farms, identified as the passenger, told police he and the driver had been at a restaurant on the Hill.

"They decided to drive around the block to finish listening to a song on the radio, at which time (the driver) lost control and collided with a snowbank," the passenger reportedly told police.

"I was just trying to turn around in the driveway," the driver reportedly explained.

Officers took the driver to Henry Ford Cottage Hospital for his blood to be drawn and sent to a crime laboratory for testing of alcohol content.

"At the start of the draw, (he) stated he did not want a blood draw unless his father was present," said an officer.

Officers obtained a search warrant for the blood test and completed the draw.

It was the man's second arrest for drunken driving, according to police.

53 suspensions

A man with 53 driver's license suspensions was caught at 3:55 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, in possession of 8.4 grams of marijuana while operating a maroon 1999 Ford Explorer on westbound Mack at East Warren.

"(He) informed (me) that he was in possession of 'the legal amount of marijuana to possess in Detroit,'" said the arresting officer.

The patrolman pulled over the man, 37, of Detroit, because the Explorer had a broken brake light.

Officers said they found marijuana in a Crown Royal bag sticking out of his coat pocket.

Big beers

During a drunken driving investigation at 3:07 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, on southbound Moross near Piche, a 49-year-old Detroit man with a blood alcohol level more than twice the legal limit to operate a motor vehicle in Michigan claimed he drank only two beers.

"(I) asked how big were the beers," said the arresting officer. "(He) replied, 'Two beers.'"

Police said he had a .17 percent blood alcohol level.

It was his second arrest for drunken driving, they added.

Officers took him to a hospital for blood test upon suspicion he was under the influence of drugs.

Failed B&E

Someone tried to break into an unoccupied, bank-owned house in the 400 block of Calvin between 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24, and 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26.

A man in the process of buying the property, located next to a wall bordering the Mack alley, discovered the rear steel door damaged.

A patrolman investigating the scene said, "(I) observed footprints in the snow that appeared to come over the brick wall off the Mack alley and go to the back door of the house.

"The footprints appeared to have been snowed on and melted slightly, causing no discernible snow pattern to be visible."

Mouthy

During a traffic investigation at 9:48 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, at Mack and Moross, a passenger in a gray 2005 Ford Taurus was arrested for possessing small packets of marijuana weighing a total of two to eight grams.

Officers said the 20-year-old male suspect from Detroit tried to hide the packets in his mouth.

"(He) was mumbling and appeared to have something in his mouth," said an officer.

The suspect reportedly spit them out after an unsuccessful struggle with authorities.

He'd been riding in a car driven by a 23-year-old man from West Bloomfield.

Police pulled him over because he was reported driving suspiciously in the area of Kercheval and Muir.

Tipped off

Acting on a tip, police pulled over a 20-year-old male driver of a silver 2004 Honda Pilot at about 10 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24, and confiscated 24 grams of marijuana, two pipes, a scale, knife and a prescription pill.

The driver, of Grosse Pointe Woods, was taken to a hospital for evaluation shortly after the stop on Mack near Colonial Court.

Fraud

On Sunday, Feb. 23, someone accessed a Farms woman's Amazon.com account and made two unauthorized purchases totaling \$1,809.94, consisting of a digital camera and a \$700 gift card.

"The items were to be shipped to Dayton, Ohio," police said.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Over limit

A man with a .114 percent blood alcohol level reportedly told police he was speeding and straddling lanes on northbound Lakeshore near Fairlake Lane while taking a passenger to the hospital.

A patrolman pulled over the driver, a 55-year-old Sterling Heights resident, at 1:43 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25.

Upon hearing the medical explanation, the officer called for an ambulance to transport the passenger.

Officers arrested the Sterling Heights man for drunken driving.

No license

A 30-year-old Detroit man had a concealed weapons permit, but lacked a valid license to drive a 2006 Chevrolet Trailblazer SS last weekend on northbound Lakeshore.

A patrolman pulled him over near the intersection of South Edgewood at 1:59 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, because the Trailblazer had a tinted windshield.

Officers secured the man's Taurus stainless steel .45-caliber hand gun while investigating his driving history, which revealed two suspensions.

He was arrested for the driving infraction and released upon posting \$300 bond.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Unsportsmanlike parenting

Police were called to the gymnasium at Liggett University School at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28, on the report of a fight during a regional basketball tournament.

According to police, a couple from Eastpointe

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Lisa K. Hathaway
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G.P.N.: 3/6/2014

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SANTA RITA 120 **\$6.99** 750 ML.

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declining property values," Dame said. "We're actually anticipating, and building into the projection, an increase in property values."

The current forecast builds upon a 1.6 percent increase in residential taxable values for 2014-15.

The projected increase drops to 1 percent in each of the following four years through 2019.

"We tried to err on the side of caution," said Kimberly Kleinow, finance director.

On the income side, she expects a 3 percent increase next year in state revenue sharing.

"We also expect increases of 2 percent for

the following four years after that," Kleinow said.

Next year's surplus is uncertain, but may be around \$250,000.

"Once we finish the budget, we'll know for sure what that is," Kleinow said.

Projected deficits resume in fiscal year 2015-16 (-\$14,204) and build annually to -\$285,272 in 2018-19.

"Once we have to start paying for retiree health care and our pension contribution goes up, that's when you'll start to see a shortfall in 2015-16, 2017-18 and 2018-2019," Kleinow said.

The current five-year plan assumes no municipal wage increases.

The newly-forecast deficit in 2018-19 compares favorably to the one in last year's outlook, in which expenses topped reve-

CONCERT IS MARCH 9

The Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra's 7 p.m. Sunday, March 9, concert is at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra's pianist Rob Conway and Wayne State University profes-

sor performs Beethoven's "Piano Concerto No. 3."

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nues by \$500,000 in 2014-15 through 2018.

In the 2011 report, a \$400,000 budget shortfall loomed.

The 2010 edition forecasted a -\$2 million gap in 2014-15. The general fund balance under such circumstances would be \$5 million in deficit.

City officials countered those projections by cutting costs.

Examples include, but aren't limited to:

- ◆ freezing wages and hiring,
- ◆ cutting city manager pay,
- ◆ contracting public safety dispatching to Grosse Pointe Park,
- ◆ replacing retired administrators with contract employees without benefits,
- ◆ reducing landfill costs by expanded recycling and
- ◆ reducing part-time seasonal and contract employees.

Administrators use the five-year outlook as a planning tool.

"In general, the outlook is better than any time in the last six years," Dame said.

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ing less time in the station.

"You will see squad cars in parking lots or on the street, and the men are actually doing their reports in their cars," he explained. "They are even spending their break times in their cars. It's making a difference."

Statistics for 2013 include 208 "index" crimes, meaning serious crimes including homicide, assault and robbery, and 385 non-index crimes, for a total of 593 crimes, down from 689 in 2012.

REPORTS:

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City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

BOARD OF REVIEW

Meetings for the purpose of reviewing the 2014 Assessment Roll for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held by the Board of Review on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014
From 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
and
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

and

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2014
From 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
and
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

at City Hall, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236.

Hearings will be scheduled by appointment. Please contact City of Grosse Pointe Farms at (313) 640-1618. You may also petition the Board in writing through the mail if you cannot make the hearing dates. These letters **HAVE TO BE IN THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 14th.**

TIMOTHY E. O'DONNELL,
City Assessor

GPN: 2-27-14; 3-6-14; 3-13-14; 3-20-14

"Why All the Household Dust?"

I'm Keith Meadows, owner and operator of American Power Vac, Inc. For years, I've been improving our community's health one family at a time. By now we've all heard the statistics: 50% of all illness is a direct relation to dirty indoor air and our indoor air is up to 90 times more polluted than outdoor air. Yet, 90% of the calls I receive everyday are from desperate people complaining about dust. They tell me they dust the TV on Friday, but by Sunday they are pushing the dust out of the way again so they can watch Dancing with the Stars, and none of them know exactly where it's coming from. Well, I'm here to tell you that it's not because you're a bad housekeeper, I tell people that by simply having your ducts cleaned will drastically reduce household dust, and the reason is, your cold air returns.

Cold air returns suck in dirty air, and over time it builds up until you have the same type of debris that you would find in your vacuum bag. Visit our website at www.APVClean.com for an actual photo of the debris that is pulled from a typical home.

Cold air returns are also the reason new homeowners are experiencing dust. While your drywall was being sanded, your cold air returns

sucked all of the dust through the system and it settled on the bottom of the duct lines where a little at a time gets blown back into your home. To prove it, take a walk down into your basement, look up at the ceiling for thin sheets of tin nailed between your floor joists. These are your cold air return lines. Give them a good pounding. You'll see puffs of dust seeping out of the edges. That my friends, is the reason you have uncontrollable dust problems!

This debris cannot be removed without a professional. Which brings me to my next point: choosing an air duct cleaning company. Most companies use portable units, which are like a shop vac that you would vacuum your car with, obviously absolutely useless. Then there are companies

who claim they have a truck-mounted system. In reality, they have a low powered portable system attached inside a van, again, absolutely useless. Visit our website for photos of our equipment vs. portable or truck mounted equipment at www.APVClean.com.

American Power Vac has the equipment that is powerful enough to get the job done right and that equipment is a Power Vac truck. It is the most powerful equipment in the industry. This is where the entire truck is the vacuum and the truck motor powers the equipment. You'll know it's a Power Vac truck because it's the size of an ambulance and when engaged twelve large air bags will come out of the roof. What makes the difference in equipment? Power! To put things into perspective, your furnace moves 2,000 CFM's (cubic feet of air per minute), basically what you feel coming out of your register. Truck-mounted equipment only moves 4,000 CFM's. American Power Vac moves over 16,000 cubic feet of air per minute, more than quadruple the power of most competitors.

Beware of companies using cheap equipment and advertising cheap prices.... most are unlicensed or advertise that they are licensed and are not!

Avoid Scams by not falling for cheap get you in the door prices.

When asked what sets you apart from your competitors Keith says "Honest service is number one, equipment is number two. I know the importance of being on time, working with a smile, and respecting people's homes and their belongings." There are a lot of duct cleaners around but rest assured you'll receive the same Quality and Service we expect. American Power Vac is family owned and were here to help by offering a

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Salon Tresor in the Woods

Salon Tresor, located at 20951 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, is a full-service salon offering hair care, nail services, facials, waxing, makeup and more. Celebrating ribbon cutting ceremonies with the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce is Kimberly Heimberger and her staff. Call (313) 882-2239 or visit salontresor.com.

Pazuchowski pointed out the biggest drop was in larceny, which historically has been the most significant crime in the Woods. Those numbers showed a 17 percent drop, from 169 in 2012 to 140 in 2013. He also pointed to a significant drop in auto thefts, with 19 thefts reported in 2013 compared with 46 in 2012. He specifically noted the dramatic drop in stolen vehicles from the St. John Hospital parking lot, with only one theft being reported in 2013.

"This decrease was largely due to the special attention that St. John's security has been giving

to the north parking lot areas as well as increased patrols by Woods public safety officers," he said.

Pazuchowski also pointed to the increased use of auxiliary officers, and especially their role in monitoring vacant houses and foreclosed properties, as well as the use of bike patrols in warmer months.

Fourteen fires were reported in 2013, up one from 2012.

City administrator Skip Fincham also told the council the Woods was recently named the 13th safest community in the state, based on a report by a state-wide real estate association. The study

ranked 102 cities, based on the number of violent crimes, property crimes and the chances a resident would be a victim of a crime. That report was based on 2012 crime statistics.

Mayor Robert Novitke praised Pazuchowski and his officers.

"We have exemplary leadership in the department," he said, "and we are asking you to do more with less."

Pazuchowski again praised his officers.

"I give the guys a lot of credit, and I'm very proud of them," he said.

The annual report is available on the Woods website, gpmi.us

accused a Harper Woods woman of slapping their daughter. The Harper Woods resident denied any contact with the daughter, at which point the girl's father punched her in the face with a closed fist.

As the father started to leave the building, the victim yelled for someone to stop him, at which point she was struck from behind by the man's wife. After a brief melee, the couple were arrested and charged with assault.

Plowed

A snowplow operator from a local landscaping company had cleared a parking lot on Mack at 6 a.m. Sunday, March 2. He left the truck running while he finished the job with a snow blower. As he was making a return pass, he saw the snowplow being driven off down Mack. It was recovered shortly after at Canton and Lancaster, but the driver's wallet,

cell phone and keys were missing.

— *Kathy Ryan*
Report information on these or other crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods public safety at (313) 343-2400.

Grosse Pointe Park

Carry out order

At 11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28, an unknown suspect entered a restaurant on Mack, pulled out a handgun and demanded money from the waitress. He took \$150 from the cash register and ran out the front door across Mack. The suspect is described as a black male, 25 years old, 5'10", wearing dark pants with a white stripe, dark mask and a green hooded jacket.

— *Kathy Ryan*
Report information on these or other crimes to Grosse Pointe Park public safety at (313) 822-7400.

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County of Wayne, Michigan

NOTICE OF MEETINGS FOR BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Assessor will submit the Assessment Roll of the City of Grosse Pointe for the year 2014 to the Board of Review and that the Board of Review of said City will meet in the Conference Room in the Municipal Building, 17417 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, Michigan on March 4, 17, 18 and 19 for the purpose of transacting any and all business pertaining to the duties of said Board of Review.

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	TENTATIVE MULTIPLIER
Commercial	50.00%	1.0000
Residential	50.00%	1.0000
Personal	50.00%	1.0000

Persons deeming themselves aggrieved by the assessment may be heard at the following times:

Monday, March 17, 2014 9:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Tuesday, March 18, 2014 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
Wednesday, March 19, 2014 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Call City Hall at 313-885-5800 to schedule your appointment.

Wendy Moya, Assessor
City of Grosse Pointe

GPN: 03/06/14, 03/13/14



Hospital district created

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The expansion of Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe within its square-block campus can occur under a uniform zoning regulation now that the property has been transformed into a hospital facilities district.

"This rezoning is critical to the hospital," said Rick Swaine, hospital director.

The new district, established this week by a unanimous City of Grosse Pointe council, replaces a quilt of separate zoning districts on the block, many reflecting previous usage for single and multi-family housing.

A single code is intended to give municipal officials more cohesive oversight of hospital development.

"It allows the hospital to continue to evolve and have state-of-the-art facilities while protecting the surrounding neighborhood residents," said John Jackson, the city's planning consultant.

Beaumont occupies a block bordered on three sides by residential roads Cadieux, Maumee and

Notre Dame and, to the south, Jefferson, a major artery.

The hospital formerly shared the block with single and multiple-family housing, which the hospital acquired and either razed or will tear down, to the alarm of some nearby homeowners.

"We're trying to deal with the reality that we have a hospital on this space, and to change the zoning to allow the hospital use currently there and take away this hodgepodge of other uses that aren't consistent with what is going on there," said Councilwoman Jean Weipert.

Beaumont representatives revealed plans last October to expand facilities at the Grosse Pointe campus.

Plans consist of a:
♦ roughly half-block long, two-level, semi-underground, 420-space parking deck along part the hospital's eastern boundary on Notre Dame.

♦ two-story outpatient services building bordering Cadieux.

♦ four-story inpatient building — the same height as the hospital to-

day — in the center of campus.

♦ 200-space, semi-underground parking deck on lower Cadieux.

"We have major parking issues," Swaine said. "Now, we park about 25 percent of our employees off-site. We have patients and visitors circling on a daily basis looking for parking. It's absolutely critical we have some relief from that standpoint."

Construction of the outpatient building frees space in the main hospital structure for in-patients rooms.

"The goal is to open more private rooms because that's what people want," said Dr. Donna Hoban, chief medical officer. "They don't want to be in semi-private rooms and share a bathroom."

"The hospital facilities district has development standards — setbacks, building heights, landscape requirements, permitted uses and parking requirements," Jackson said. "Those standards will apply to any future development on this property."

Future construction involves an application process requiring the

hospital to submit to the city a community impact statement.

The study addresses traffic and delivery patterns, noise and more.

"We're putting the rules in place," Jackson said. "Right now, we're operating under no set of rules, really. So, we're trying to get a set of rules in place that we can all understand."

K-9:

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of the handler's house to Farms headquarters.

Then, there's training time the dog and handler are out of commission.

"The first year, the dog trains once per week," Jensen said. "After the first year, its' twice per month."

The City's former dog handler said he trained 16 hours per week at a

facility downriver.

Poloni said fundraising efforts include meeting with the school board, corporate foundations and the K-9 Safety Partners of the Grosse Pointes.

A contribution from the Safety Partners helped establish a K-9 unit last year in Harper Woods, a member of the Grosse Pointe mutual aid pact.

"We don't know, due to fundraising efforts, if we'll have enough for two dogs," Poloni said.

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CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 3, 2014

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

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file, the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on January 22, 2014 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Ordinance Committee meeting held on January 6, 2014, the Board of Trustees Employees Retirement System meeting held on January 27, 2014, the Election Commission meeting held January 29, 2014.
- 2) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 102034 through 102131 in the amount of \$593,630.70 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$11,669.00 for sidewalk salting and snow removal in various residential and commercial areas of the City. (3) Approve payment to Statewide Security Transport in the amount of \$10,352.50 for prisoner lodging and maintenance for the months of November and December 2013. (4) Approve payment to the City of Grosse Pointe Farms in the amount of \$12,114.45 for Harper Woods' proportionate share of the Inter-municipal Radio System for the period July through December 2013. (5) Approve payment to Oakland County Information Technology in the amount of \$6,425.00 for fees relative to the CLEMIS computer system utilized by the Police Department. (6) Approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$13,433.20 for professional services during the month of January 2014 for the following projects: SRF FCIPP, #180-117; SRF Open Cut Repairs, #180-119 and the SRF SCIPP Repairs, #180-118. (7) Approve payment to Angelo's Supplies, Inc. in the amount of \$10,086.65 for 205 tons of rock salt and a wiring harness for the snow plow. (8) Approve payment to Litho Printing Service, Inc. in the amount of \$6,715.00 for the printing of the 2014 City calendar. (9) To appoint Deborah Flatt to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a three-year term ending in January 2017.
- 2) To accept the proposal from Lumerica in the amount of \$25,456.23 for the installation of 611 lights at City Hall and the disposal of existing bulbs and further to waive competitive bidding as Lumerica is the sole provider of this type of lighting and also they provided low bids for the City of Burton and Rochester Hills.
- 3) To authorize the conversion of streetlight circuits 5181 and 5174 as proposed by DTE in the amount of \$11,694.00.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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Lapeer, Oakland and Wayne counties, servicing 80,000 patients per year.

"Our goal is to provide the same excellent service your residents expect," Miller told the council. "Our response time and care would be the same as you have now."

In order to accomplish that, Medstar would lease the current facility used by paramedics at the Woods city hall complex on Mack. Medstar would also explore the possibility of leasing or buying the city's ambulance. Miller also said that his company would interview current Woods employees to fill the EMT positions with Medstar.

Medstar, a 501(c)3 corporation, was formed in 1993 by two Macomb County hospitals. It has grown to include 50 ambulances and 300 employees. All of its ambulances include advanced life support technology.

According to Woods city administrator Skip Fincham, he spoke with representatives from Grosse Pointe Farms and they are satisfied with the service provided by

Medstar, which has provided ambulance service for Farms residents since 1995.

According to city officials, residents should not notice any difference in response time or service if Medstar takes over ambulance and paramedic services. In an emergency, residents would still dial 911 and the ambulance would be dispatched through the Woods public safety dispatch service. The Medstar ambulance would also be part of the city's mutual aid pact.

Robert Figurski, an attorney from the union that represents the city's paramedics, urged the city to retain its current city-provided ambulance service.

"I strongly urge you to

reject this offer," he told the council. "You're talking about a three year contract with Medstar, while many of your current paramedics have been here for decades."

He also questioned while the council could not use money from its fund balance in order to continue the "superior service" his union members have provided.

While no formal action was taken at Monday night's meeting, Mayor Robert Novitke said the council would discuss the matter at its next committee of the whole meeting, scheduled for Monday, March 17. Novitke also said it was important for the city to settle the matter before budget hearings began next month.

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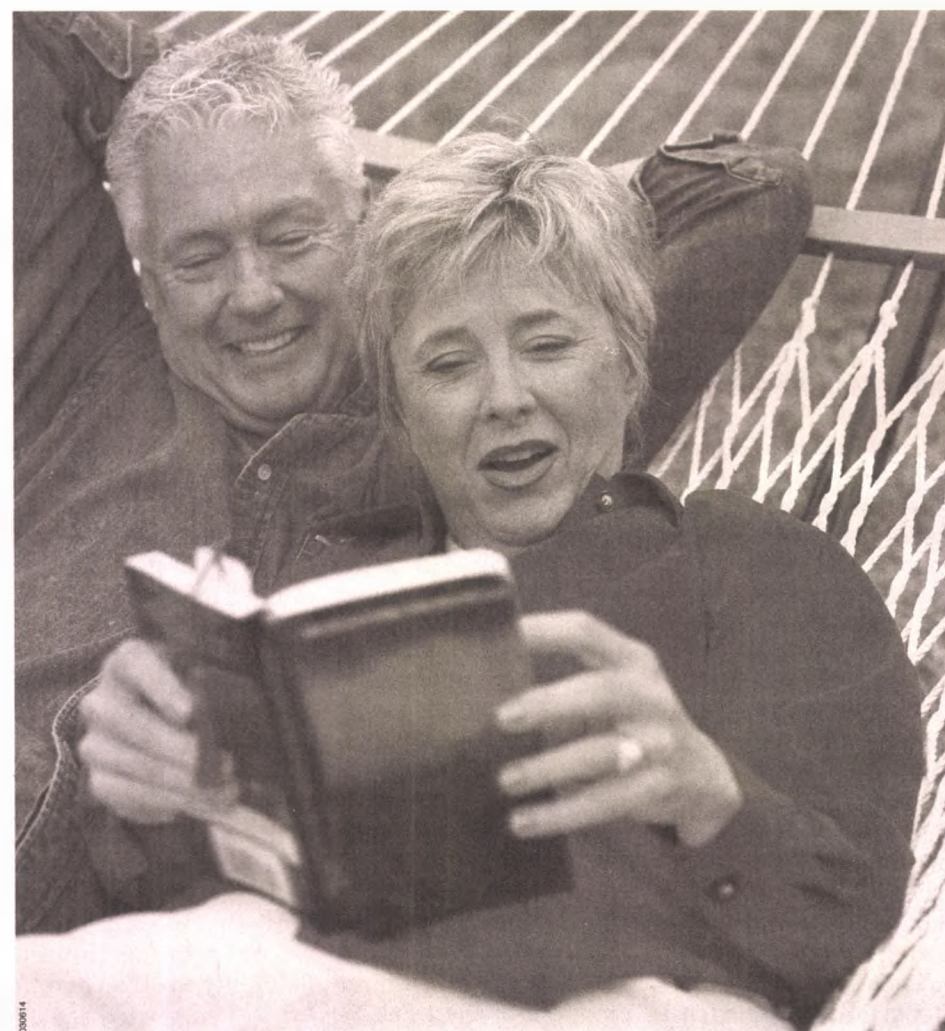
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The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday. Letters to the Editor can be e-mailed to jwarner@grossepointenews.com.

Renewal requests

To the Editor:

I applaud the community for recognition of questionable recommendations of our Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education and the Grosse Pointe schools administration.

I also applaud the fair and balanced reporting done by the Grosse Pointe News to present both pros and cons of the debate.

Our educational leaders truly have shown during this process the need for more transparency in decisions of our school system. This process has shown the leadership thinks our educated community would back down. Well we spoke.

The whole budgetary process needs to be reviewed as to how budgetary priorities are made and why areas needing improvement are being defunded. We have a problem when pool projects are costing over \$12 million and 86 percent of the operating budget is dedicated to solely salaries and bonuses, while the physical plant and equipment are failing and not being replaced with general funds.

Instead of focusing on areas to save and where mismanagement is occurring, they feel a "Band-Aid" approach and infusion of money is the solution at our expense, via the millage route.

Are they truly concerned with education of the children at all levels? And if they make these types of decisions, what other decision are they making that you and I don't know about that affects the school system? Poor decisions and mismanagement would justify a change of leadership in any occupation.

Again, the school board needs to detail what they are spending our tax dollars on and how they are being managed.

Also, let's put salary freezes in effect if our schools are in this bad shape. Use the money toward repairs, etc.

The use of millages once approved seem never to go away. This is

not the way to budget.

The upcoming millage renewal requests being planned need to be totally justified before any further approvals.

L. E. MAJEWSKI
Grosse Pointe Woods

Move forward

To the Editor:

Now that the technology bond vote is over, I am feeling both inspired as well as deeply disturbed by the behavior of some of my fellow Grosse Pointers. And it has absolutely nothing to do with the outcome of the vote.

First, I want to thank those who were always respectful when disagreeing with my and other pro-bond voters' views. I am sincerely heartened by and grateful to them for already offering their time and energy to find solutions to our Grosse Pointe Public School System technology issues to get behind a technology bond in the future.

That kind of inspirational spirit is what it will take to allow us to learn and move forward, keeping our reputation as a wonderful, healthy community intact. I respect them and would gladly work with any of them with the goal of helping the district solve these technology issues.

What I am still reeling from is how some voters behaved in the weeks leading up to the vote — again not because they were campaigning against the bond, but the way they acted when doing so.

I saw social media posts riddled with personal insults and accusations that had people from outside Grosse Pointe commenting we all look like children.

I heard of people voting "No" to avenge some complaint they had against the administration.

I sat in a Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting — see GPPS Educational Access Channel 20, Feb. 10, 4:36 minutes — and listened to trustee Cindy Pangborn sneeringly disparage the very students and teachers she is entrusted to protect, calling the Brownell Technology Showcase shameful and



embarrassing, accusing the kids of being scripted to push for the bond.

Last week, one member of the opposition group actually called the police because a GP Tech Yes member was standing over the line at a polling site. And a cochair of the same group yelled, "Liar" at a current trustee while passing by her in a restaurant. These same people are saying they want to work with us on formulating a new technology bond plan — see the letter to the editor, "Be ready to assist," Feb. 27 Grosse Pointe News.

Why would anyone feel safe working beside people who cannot maintain respect for the position they hold or their fellow community members?

We won't get anywhere if this kind of malicious behavior continues.

We all need to take a deep breath and decide if we really want to find a way to improve our district, or if we are motivated by hatred or revenge for something completely unrelated to the issues we are facing in our schools.

If the former, come to the board of education meetings or watch them live-streamed and keep the positive ideas coming, stay involved and have an open mind. If the latter, I hope you will try to harness your fervor in a more positive, constructive and inclusive direction.

Bottom line, we need to act as a community and respect one another despite our differences. And maybe, just maybe, we might discover the differences aren't as great as they once seemed and might actually yield some results we can all be proud of.

LAURA GUSHEE
MONAHAN
Grosse Pointe Farms

Community values

To the Editor:

The voters have sent the Grosse Pointe Public School System the message it must live within its means.

I suspect Grosse Pointe residents pay a premium to maintain some of the school buildings, such as Grosse Pointe South High School, under the aegis of historic preservation which drains funds that could have been used for technology infrastructure.

Before expecting voters to renew the sinking fund, the school district needs to evaluate how the sinking fund has been allocated, whether taxpayers have paid a premium to maintain our schools just the way they are and the extent to which this ideal is valued.

Rather than assuming this is what residents want in the 21st century, the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of

Education should appoint a committee of community members — residents, local politicians, parents — to evaluate how our schools have been maintained and should be maintained in the future.

Supporters of the technology bond said young families were attracted to the district for the quality of education, not the quality of tile used in its bathrooms.

Now is the time to make certain the district knows what the community values and how much it is willing to pay to support those values.

CHRIS KACZANOWSKI
Grosse Pointe Shores

Genuine crisis

To the Editor:

Grosse Pointe Woods' residential streets are in sad shape.

Years of neglect — much of it caused by officials steering taxpayers' money to other pet projects and exacerbated by recent bad weather — have pockmarked our fair city with crumbling curbs and potholes big enough to swallow a full-grown Volkswagen.

Soon the Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Robert E. Novitke and city council will be forced to produce a reasonable budget, balancing old and new money to finance much needed road repairs and replacements.

Spring arrives shortly and with it a genuine crisis, not only in blown tires and busted steering gear, but in citizen confidence.

The Woods' elected leadership has put itself on the spot. This summer, if not before, the mayor and council likely will go hat-in-hand to taxpayers once more with a revised roads rescue plan funded by a property tax increase. It is vital the administration seek input from the people who foot the bills prior to composing any new finance scheme if they expect to earn taxpayer support.

The Woods' administration's failed extravagant \$20 million Headlee override and roads bond proposals in 2012 — and the lop-sided rejection of last week's bizarre \$50 million Grosse Pointe Schools technology bond referendum — are classic examples of how out of touch our public servants can get when it comes to asking residents to open their personal check-books.

Woods officials need to get back in touch — and fast. We won't go into all of their past mistakes. They are too numerous to detail here. But the days of just dreaming up a number, the bigger the better, and telling Woods taxpayers they must "trust" the administration and rubber stamp

approval are over.

To paraphrase the late Illinois Sen. Everett Dirksen, "\$20 million here, \$50 million there. Pretty soon you're talking about real money."

Unlike our elected mayor and council reps, the majority of Woods taxpayers have no cash cow to milk when things get tight. But we can be pragmatic when it comes to genuinely important issues such as roads. We realize full well that while the squeaky wheel may just need a little oil, the broken axle usually requires more than a lick and a promise.

The undersigned, incidentally, are not just some anti-tax kooks. We're all former elected or appointed Woods' public servants. We understand how much decent roads enhance real estate values. But we also know full well — as our mayor and council should have learned from their stunning November 2012 bond defeat — the folks they serve must be treated fairly, with dignity, and not insulted by a "Big Brother-knows-best" attitude.

Toward that end, we stand ready to ensure the Woods' leadership this time genuinely seeks citizen input while composing any new roads appeal. And it had better not be a repeat of their prior \$10 million for 10 years blank check disaster.

Once they demonstrate they can spend a reasonable amount of our money wisely, they can always come back for more. But they must earn voter confidence.

We've all had our fill of sham public hearings. The days of citizens being told to sit idly by while elected officials stonewall legitimate discussion and try to hoodwink them with fabricated statistics are long past. Woods taxpayers deserve respect and, one way or the other, they're going to get it.

DR. JOS. SUCHER, PHD
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Grosse Pointe Woods

Work together

To the Editor:

In the wake of the technology bond defeat, the Page 6A editorial of the Feb. 27 Grosse Pointe News, "Our View: Let's figure this out now," opined: "We weren't happy to learn, on both sides of the issue, that some letters were written and then sent out for signatures..."

For the record, I wrote and signed my own letters to the editors of the Grosse Pointe News and Grosse Pointe Times published Feb. 6; and my wife wrote and

signed her own letters to the editors of the Grosse Pointe News and Grosse Pointe Times published Feb. 20.

To accuse some people of writing letters and then sending them out for signatures, without identifying who those people were by name, impugns all letter writers. "Tail-Gunner Joe" McCarthy would be proud.

Some people blame Superintendent Thomas Harwood for the Outlaw and Flint controversy, but I know of no one who's playing the "blame game," as you put it, over the technology bond defeat. Why deliberately incite trouble when it doesn't exist?

To admonish your readers, "No one should gloat here," is uncalled for and insulting. What is there to gloat about in wasting \$77,000 of taxpayer money, earmarked for education, on an ill-timed election?

Finally, I read dozens of letters this year, for and against, leading up to the technology bond election. One letter in particular, however, written by Mr. William M. Roche, "Excellent rating," page 8B Feb. 20 Grosse Pointe News, reveals the blind mendacity behind the "TechYES" coalition, which explains to a large extent, why the \$50.2 million bond proposal for the Grosse Pointe Public School System failed so miserably in all five Pointes and Harper Woods.

Mr. Roche, who purports himself to be an investment backer specializing in municipal finance for close to 33 years, pathetically attempted to convince Grosse Pointe schools voters the addition of the new bonds to our tax rolls would not be an undue burden, would be something we could comfortably afford, would be very manageable and would still make our overall debt burden low compared to other school districts. Compared to whom? Pontiac? Highland Park? Detroit?

Mr. Roche obviously didn't read or understand the "Global Credit Research - 27 Aug. 2013" report by Moody's Investors Service, which clearly stated:

"The district has \$47.8 million of rated general obligation unlimited tax debt outstanding. An additional \$1.9 million of unrated general obligation limited tax debt is also outstanding. Concurrently, Moody's has assigned a negative outlook.

"The negative outlook reflects the district's modest reserve levels which provide limited flexibility to offset poten-

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tial budget variations.”

The district's fiscal 2011 unfunded pension liability, allocated by Moody's on a reported basis, consists of an estimated \$105.3 million share of the total unfunded pension liability of the statewide Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System, as of the actuarial valuation date of Sept. 30, 2010.

Moody's adjusted net pension liability for the district, as of fiscal 2011, under our methodology for adjusting reported pension data, is \$237.3 million, or an above average 2.52 times fiscal 2011 operating revenues.

“Failure to restore positive financial operations and increase General Fund reserves, as projected,” could move the rating down.

“Deterioration of the district's tax base or demographic profile” could move the rating down.

“Larger than anticipated increases in debt” could move the rating down.

These are not my words. These are excerpts taken verbatim from the 27 August 2013 Global Credit Research report by Moody's Investors Service. One can put all the lipstick and fur coats on every pig one desires, but after all is said and done, they will still be pigs.

Mr. Roche further attempted to convince Grosse Pointe schools voters our school district's Aa2 credit rating, which was downgraded last summer from Aa1 to Aa2 by Moody's Investors Service, is nothing to be concerned about. After all, the state of Michigan has a Moody's Aa2 credit rating, but are we expected to believe this makes a Moody's Aa2 credit rating an excellent credit rating for our school district, too?

Moreover, are we expected to accept a Moody's Aa2 credit rating for our district, because the state of Michigan has a Moody's Aa2 credit rating, too? Nonsense. We shouldn't settle for a Aa2 credit rating for our district; we should strive to attain a Aaa credit rating, like the best school districts in Oakland County have and have had for many, many years.

Even Christian Fenton, the Grosse Pointe Public School System Deputy Superintendent for Business and Operations, lamented at the Brownell Feb. 10 school board meeting that Oakland County has several school districts with a Aaa credit rating from Moody's.

For a long time, Oakland County has boasted a Aaa credit rating from Moody's, but so have its best school districts, such as the Birmingham Public School District and the Bloomfield Hills School District, which includes the prestigious International Academy where many parents in my neighborhood are now sending their children, to get the best secondary education possible for their kids.

Mr. Roche and other members of the TechYES coalition deliberately disseminated erroneous information to Grosse Pointe schools voters in a vain attempt to obfuscate the facts and blind the public to the truth by confusing them on what actually were very clear and simple points.

They had hoped to gain a victory for their mendacious cause at great taxpayer expense, but the majority of Grosse Pointe

schools' voters were not to be fooled by these inane tactics.

No one wants a second-class education for our students, but our children also deserve an education from a school system that isn't bankrupt.

It won't be an easy undertaking, but this community must grow up and work together, instead of acting like a bunch of infants, who do little more than squabble and throw toys at one another.

The first step is to agree to attend a joint forum together. The second step is to lay down firm ground rules that provide for the necessary dialogue: 1) We need to agree to allow anyone to speak without interruption; 2) we need to agree to listen attentively to what other people have to say; and 3) we need to agree to make our most sincere effort to move forward together.

Finally, everything must be put on the table, to formulate a viable plan.

Unless we, as adults, agree to accomplish these fundamental tasks, it will be our own children who suffer the most from our folly.

GREGORY F. WALTON
Grosse Pointe Shores

Technology bond failure

To the Editor:

The bond did not fail for the lack of communication. The “lack of communication” resulted from the inability of the school district to clearly articulate the need for all items and how the request will enhance education in the short term and long term.

For a future proposal to succeed, the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education needs to address the following:

1) The school district needs to put forth a plan to utilize modern technology within the school district that lasts more than 10 years. Young couples/parents, like myself, will have children entering the school district over the next 5-plus years.

With the current plan of funding new computers and devices through the bond, my children will face the same situation the current children of the school district face. They will be using out-of-date equipment with no money and no plan to replace it. We will be back to square-one in 10 years.

2) Equipment that is frequently replaced — computers, telephones, mobile devices, servers, software, etc. — should not be financed through bonds. These items need to be incorporated into the annual school district budget to ensure the needs of current students and future students 10, 20, and 30 years from now are adequately met. The current solution was only a temporary fix.

3) Before the school district proposes a new plan, they need to clearly outline how all of this technology will be incorporated into the curriculum. It is unacceptable to ask for money without knowing what you need because you are currently conducting “beta testing” in multiple classrooms.

They need to answer what in the curriculum is changing through the incorporate of technology? How will this prepare students for “real life” after graduation? Does it mean that instead of dissecting a frog in biology, we dissect a frog on a tablet computer? If that is the case, then these changes may not be acceptable.

4) Throughout my life, I have been told “perception is reality.” Many lost the trust of the school board by calling this a technology bond and by scheduling the vote for February. It is difficult to call this proposal a technology bond when you incorporate items such as new doors, security cameras and generators. Most residents do not see this as supporting education.

Secondly, scheduling the vote for February was a mistake. As a new resident who lives here year round, I did not realize the impact on voter participation that a vote in February could have until it was brought up recently. I do agree with many others that all votes should be scheduled at a time when the majority of residents are in town except in emergency circumstances.

Because of these two issues, many residents decided the school board was trying to “pull a fast one on them.” I personally give the benefit of doubt to the school board; however, the perception exists. As a result, it is the reality for many of the residents.

An open forum is needed moderated by an independent outside observer. In the Feb. 27 Grosse Pointe News article “Voters say ‘no’ to bond,” George McMullen from GPTechYes is quoted as saying: “We will be meeting to assist the administration in developing a new plan that we can take to the voters.”

I would hope the administration provides Residents for Responsible Spending the same amount of access as GPTechYes along with any other citizen groups that are formed. If we don't, we will have a one-sided discussion that will produce another proposal that will be rejected as the current vote shows that GPTechYes does not represent the desires of the residents of the Pointes.

KEVIN HASSELMAN
Grosse Pointe

Responsible approach

To the Editor:

The bond's overwhelming defeat last week was a public mandate for a more fiscally responsible approach to addressing the Grosse Pointe Public Schools' technology deficit.

To that end, Residents for Responsible Spending will be offering ideas to enable funding of the district's most pressing technology needs beginning in the 2014-15 budget, without dependence on another bond proposal.

Our suggestions will emphasize the use of existing or accessible funding sources to create a permanent place in the ongoing operating budget to avoid recurrence of this problem — without affecting staffing or class size.

We will focus on technology acquisition through leasing and managed services that were precluded in the defeated bond proposal. This will allow for greater future technology flexibility and will not saddle the district with unnecessary obsolescence costs.

We look forward to a collaborative working relationship with school board members, district administrators and staff, parents, students and interested community members in an effort to address our schools' needs in a fiscally prudent manner.

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Becoming better stewards of the Earth means learning how to clean with non-toxic products.

Being environmentally conscious

By Ann L. Fouty
 Features Editor

It's spring cleaning time.

Time to throw open the windows allowing fresh, spring air to replace winter's stagnant air.

It is also time to clean out the season's accumulation of dust and dirt.

LocalMotionGreen@Ecology Center's environmental health educator Melissa Sargent, suggests this is also the time to replace harsh chemical cleaning products with environmentally friendly products, both homemade and those found on local grocery and health food store shelves.

She provided this information during a free February workshop at the Neighborhood Club and began by citing a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency air quality test that determined a house's air quality.

"The EPA tested the air quality in the home and immediately outside," she began telling a room filled with people interested in green cleaning information.

The results showed the inside of houses were two to five times more polluted than outside. The contaminated air quality was attributed mainly to two points: an air tight house being more energy efficient allowed for little outside air exchange, and chemically-laden household products and furnishing release toxins into the air.

According to the EPA site, inadequate ventilation corrals air-borne gases and particles, keeping them in the house. Without the flow of outdoor air to dilute and carry away the air-borne gases and particles, indoor pollution increases.

Sargent said in addition to opening the windows encouraging air exchange, the use of chemicals in day-to-day activities should be avoided thus reducing more chemicals infiltrating the house's atmosphere.

Attendees avidly listened because they had a variety of reasons to attend from being good stewards of the earth to paying more attention to their lifestyles.

Jenny Elliott, who owns a business in Grosse



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT
 Gary and Sue Scheiwe, left and center, watch as Melissa Sargent mixes the soft scrub ingredients.



Environmental health educator with LocalMotion Green @ Ecology Center Melissa Sargent discusses green cleaning.

Pointe Park, said she grew up with a mother who was ecologically attuned. With that background, Elliott is sensitive to her business surroundings and to her customers. Elliott said she wants to use cleansers that eliminate odors and will not be offensive or harmful to her customers or her dogs.

While Rob Watt of Grosse Pointe Woods said he attended the hour-long session because he is becoming more health conscious.

"There are things I can do to improve my health. I'm trying to watch my diet, exercise more... Do basic common sense things that we get away from when we get busier. I want to take a more clean, basic approach," Watt said.

Traci Torp of Grosse Pointe Farms took a strong stand for health reasons being a lymphoma survivor.

"It's time to step up.

This is not a disposable planet," she said. "We must be good stewards of the planet. I have health concerns."

When Sargent began with the basics — reading labels on cleaning products, all three were tuned in.

"The signal words on household cleaners are caution, warning and danger," she said.

Home cleaning recipes

SOFT SCRUB PASTE

3 Tbls. liquid Castile soap
 1/4 cup baking soda
 1 Tbls. distilled water
 Mix to frosting-like consistency. Use in tubs and sinks.

GLASS CLEANER

Anti-bacterial spray
 Pour equal amounts of distilled white vinegar and distilled water in a spray bottle. Wipe dry with crumpled newspaper, a lint-free soft cloth, or use a squeegee. The spray also works to prevent mildew and kill germs on surfaces. No need to wipe dry.

ALL PURPOSE SPRAY

1 teaspoon borax
 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon laundry detergent with baking soda
 1/4 teaspoon liquid Castile soap
 10 drops essential oil (optional)
 Put borax and detergent in spray bottle. Add 8 oz. hot distilled water. Shake to dissolve. Add liquid soap and essential oils. Leave out detergent if using on fiberglass because it will scratch it.

SINK OR STOVETOP CLEANER

Put 1/3 cup baking soda in a bowl. Mix in enough warm water to a paste. Put paste on a sponge or brush and scrub.



Pete Ferrara pours white vinegar into water to make a surface spray cleaner and mild disinfectant.

Caution on a container of cleaner means it has low toxicity. A lethal dose ranges from an ounce to more than a pint.

Warning means it is moderately toxic. A lethal dose is a teaspoon to a tablespoon.

Danger indicates a highly toxic product such as oven cleaner, drain openers, rust removers and toilet bowl cleaners. A few drops to a teaspoon is lethal. These are EPA

standards. flammable and VOC — volatile organic chemical. "By law, manufacturers don't have to list the ingredients," she said of VOC is carbon based with chemicals that readily product labels. Other buzz words are

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Workshop attendees learned how to make a soft scrub by adding Dr. Bronner's castile soap to distilled water and baking soda for use on sinks, bathtubs and formica countertops.



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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Annie's crumb cake receives top rating



Crumb cake is a household favorite at the Scheriff house here in Michigan.

However, the love affair began in New York many years ago where the crumb cake is said to have originated. My mother-in-law is an expert. I mailed her my homemade crumb cake last week and she gave it top ratings. Phew!

Homemade Crumb Cake

(Adapted from Yankee magazine)

Crumb topping

- 3/4 cup flour
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/3 cup chopped nuts (your choice), optional
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon



PHOTO BY VIRGINIA O. MCCOY

Annie's crumb cake is a recipe to rave about.

6 tablespoons butter, melted

Cake

- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 stick butter, melted
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Prepare topping by combining flour, brown sugar, nuts and cinnamon in a small bowl.

Use a fork to mix well

then stir in melted butter and mix until crumbly. Set aside.

In a large bowl combine flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. In a small bowl whisk melted butter together with egg, milk and vanilla. Pour mixture over dry ingredients and stir just until combined.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Pour batter into a greased 8-by-8 inch baking pan. Scatter crumb topping over batter.

Bake at 375 for 25 to 30 minutes, until cake is done and edges of pan are golden.

Cool for a bit then sprinkle with a very light dusting of powdered sugar.

The thick crumb topping is the real signature of this classic crumb cake. Yummy.

Clip and save this recipe for Easter brunch.

GPT opens a comedy March 9

Grosse Pointe Theatre presents "Fox on the Fairway" by Ken Ludwig, opening at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 9, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Additional performances at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 13 through 15, March 20 through 22 and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 16.

Tickets are \$18 and can be purchased at (313) 881-4004, online at gpt.org or from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Saturday at the Grosse Pointe Theatre ticket office, 315 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe. Tickets are also available on show dates at the Fries Auditorium lobby box office.

The production is a comic farce, revolving around an annual golf tournament between rival country clubs Quail Valley Golf Club and Crouching Squirrel Golf & Racquet Club. Quail Valley's general manager, Henry Bingham, and Crouching Squirrel's GM, Dickie Bell, usually enjoy a friendly wager, but this year's

betting gets a little out of hand. Add into the mix the antics of young lovers and Quail Valley employees, Justin and Louise, the sexy candor of Bingham's assistant Pamela, and Muriel, Bingham's domineering wife and owner of an antique shop, The Olde Crock, and the action is unpredictable.

It is directed by Grosse Pointe Park resident Michael Trudel.

Cast

Playing the role of Henry Bingham is Tim Reinman of Grosse Pointe Farms. Elizabeth Perkin Moen of Grosse Pointe Woods is playing Pamela Peabody, Kevin Fitzhenry of Warren has the part of Justin Hicks, Sara Shook of the City of Grosse Pointe has the part of Louise Heindbedder, John Leo of the City of Grosse Pointe is playing Dickie Bell and Anne Maters of the City of Grosse Pointe performs the role of Muriel Bingham.

Show staff

Assisting Trudel are: producer Gretchen Archinal of Grosse Pointe Park, stage man-

Fox on the Fairway

Time: 8 p.m.
Show dates: March 13, 14, 15, 20, 21 and 22
Time: 2 p.m.
Show dates: March 9, 16
Place: Fries Auditorium
Grosse Pointe War Memorial
Ticket price: \$18

ager/assistant director Geoff Proven of Grosse Pointe Woods, set designer Art Thompson of Grosse Pointe Park, tech directors Jim Arnold and Don Corbin both of Grosse Pointe Woods, Tom Archinal of Grosse Pointe Park is on lights, Bill Tuthill of Grosse Pointe Woods and David Hertzberg of Royal Oak are on sound, Ruth Ellen Mayhall of Grosse Pointe Farms handles costumes, Kathy Lusk of Detroit is in charge of props and set dressing and Rachel Settlege of the City of Grosse Pointe is the makeup artist.

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SOC activities for the spring

Services for Older Citizens offers lunch, movies, exercise classes and parties. For reservations, call (313) 882-9600.

Bingo is played at 10:15 a.m. in the Great Room and the cost is \$2. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. in the cafe.

St. Patrick's Day bingo — Tuesday, March 11, and Thursday, March 13.

St. Patrick's Day Party — 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 12, or 4 p.m. Friday, March 14. John Needham provides entertainment and there is a buffet-style meal, fishbowl raffle and a box lunch to take home. Make a reservation by Friday, March 7. The cost is \$12.

March birthday celebration — 11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 13. Those with March birthdays receive a piece of cake with a candle, are serenaded in at least three languages, a photo and a free lunch.

Spring is in the air bingo — Tuesday, March 18, and Thursday, March 20.

Planning for your future — 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 19. Financial health information, how to remain independent in your own home, future care options, estate planning, long term health care and Medicare are discussed. Reservations are necessary.

Cookies r us bingo — Tuesday, March 25, and Thursday, March 27.

Creating confident caregivers workshop — 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays, March 25 through April 29. Instructors are from the Alzheimer's Association and the Detroit Area Agency on Aging. Admission is free. New information, skills and attitudes to manage stress and increase effective care giving skills are presented.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Special delivery

The Trombly Elementary School's Destination Imagination team made valentines for the Sunrise of Grosse Pointe Woods residents, some of whom are afflicted with Alzheimer's disease and dementia. The seven-member team created a QR code to take them to a website providing Alzheimer's and dementia information and posted the codes on Trombly's hall walls. Delivering the cards were from left, Jacquelyn Wang, Lauren Cooper, Katie Bennert and Elli Richter.

The workshop is available to anyone providing care for a family member or friend at home who is experiencing dementia symptoms. Caregivers who are assisting the primary caregiver are also eligible to participate. Registration is necessary.

All you ever really wanted to know about death but afraid to ask — 1 p.m. Thursday, March 27. Staff from Mount Olivet Cemetery answer questions. Reservations are necessary.

Jet setting jewels bingo — Tuesday, April 1, and Thursday, April 3.

April Fool's Day party and spelling bee — 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 1. Lunch is free but reservations are necessary.

Spanish for the traveler — 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Fridays, April 4 through May 16, and May 30

through July 11. Admission is free. Wayne County Community College District offers practical conversational Spanish. Reservations are necessary.

April birthday celebration — 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 9. Those with April birthdays will get a piece of cake with a candle, serenaded in three languages, a photo and free lunch.

April showers bring May flowers bingo — Thursday, April 10.

Spa bingo — Tuesday, April 15, and Thursday, April 17.

Land of the Ice Bears - An In-Depth Exploration of Arctic Svalbard — 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 16. Photographer Peter Haley shares his photos of the Arctic. Reservations are needed.

Acting for stage and

screen — 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, April 16 through May 21. Learn the fundamentals of acting for stage or film with instructor Harry Burkey, a member of Screen Actors Guild and American Federation of Television and Radio Artists. The cost is \$50 and registration can be done by calling (313) 885-1393.

It's so easy being green bingo — Tuesday, April 22, and Thursday, April 24.

Better Business Bureau "Senior Scene" — 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 23. The Better Business Bureau presents the newly launched "Senior Scene," a program designed to keep seniors informed of scams and deceptive business practices. Call for reservations.

Life's short — Eat dessert first bingo — Tuesday, April 29, and Thursday, May 1.

PATH - Personal Action Toward Health workshop — 1 to 3:30 p.m. Thursdays, May 1 through June 5, 2014. Registration Fee: \$15.00

Nancy Grace, Cindy Cavanaugh and Audrey Coffey, trained by Area Agency on Aging 1-B in the PATH lead the workshop designed to provide

the skills and tools needed by people living with ongoing health problems to improve their health and manage their symptoms. The cost is \$15 and must be paid by Friday, April 25.

We've got you covered bingo — Tuesday, May 6, and Thursday, May 8.

Cinco de Mayo Party — 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 7, or 4 p.m. Friday, May 9. The Mexican meal is followed by music played by DJ Luis Correa. Reservation deadline is Friday, May 1, and the cost is \$12.

SOC Singers are Springing Back — 2 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays beginning May 7, in the living room. Brian Foss, director of music at Our

Lady Star of the Sea, is the director

Easy Solutions Bingo — Tuesday, May 13, or Thursday, May 15.

May birthday celebration — 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 14. Those with May birthdays get a piece of cake with a candle, are serenaded in three languages, a photo and free lunch.

Detroit Institute of Arts — "Diego Rivera and the Detroit Industry Mural" at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 14. Reservations are needed.

Thumbs up for Michigan bingo — Tuesday, May 20, and Thursday, May 22.

You've gotta have art bingo — Tuesday, May 27, and Thursday, May 29.

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Rose society

The Grosse Pointe Rose Society hosts a free lecture at 7 p.m. Friday, March 7, at the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Dorian DeDene discusses the handling and care of garden chemicals, identification of pests and a practical approach to a pest control program.

BNI

Business Network

International meets at 7 a.m. Friday, March 7, at Assumption Cultural Center.

The organization's purpose is to help local businesses network.

Historical society

Bill Loomis signs his latest book, "Detroit Food: Coney Dogs to Farmers Markets," from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 8, at the Provenal-Weir House Museum, 276 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The book celebrates old neighborhoods coming back to life through a variety of food. It highlights the city's restored art deco clubs and speak-easies.

For information, contact the Grosse Pointe Historical Society at (313) 884-7010 or info@gphistorical.org.

Teen council

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PASTOR'S CORNER
By Rev. Ben Van Arragon

Good grief

About 10 years ago I found myself in a Grand Rapids music store. My wife and I had just moved from Toronto. She was shopping for professional resources. I was killing time.

For lack of anything better to read, I picked up a book entitled, "How to Teach Yourself the Bass Guitar." My curiosity was piqued because, 12 months earlier, I had tried to do that very thing. I thought I'd assess how well I'd done.

As I flipped through the first few pages, my curiosity was replaced with shock; then with sadness. I discovered I'd learned everything completely wrong. I was grieved. And I had a choice to make. I could forget I'd ever opened that book and go back to playing (badly) in blissful ignorance, or I could start over and learn the right way.

In 2 Corinthians 7:8-16, the apostle Paul addresses a church that has experienced grief. Their grief was induced by Paul's first letter, a harsh indictment in which Paul confronts habits and practices that are killing the community and eroding the faith of the Corinthian church.

The recipients could have dismissed Paul's criticism out of hand. They could have said, "How dare you judge us?" and gone back to the way they'd been living.

But in his follow-up letter, Paul commends his church.

Why? Because they didn't say "Forget it." They grieved. They accepted the apostle's word of correction. They repented (which means, literally, "to turn around" or "to change your mind"), and started fresh. Paul calls the Corinthians' grief "good grief." They acknowledge they've gotten it wrong. They lament the time they've wasted and the pain they've caused. And they turn around and accept a better way.

In our narcissistic society we have almost completely lost the ability to repent. When someone confronts us with something we have done wrong our first reaction is, "How dare you judge me?"

When we react that way to the truth, we condemn ourselves, and the world around us, to further damage.

Grief is better. Good grief. The kind that refuses to return to blissful ignorance. The kind that owns up to damage done. The kind that leads to a change in direction. If someone loves you enough to confront your errors, love them (and yourself) enough to receive the truth. Trust that there is still time to get it right.

Embrace the good grief now. And choose a better way.

Van Arragon is minister of First Christian Reformed Church of Detroit in Grosse Pointe Park. To read more of his writing visit benvanarragon.blogspot.com.

CHURCH EVENTS

call (313) 886-4301.

Ecumenical breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical breakfast begins with coffee at 6:45 a.m. Friday, March 7, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A buffet breakfast is served at 7:15 a.m. followed at 7:45 a.m. by the speaker Nancy Schulte, the director of Mornings at Memorial Early Childhood Care Center. The event ends at 8:15 a.m. Men of all faiths can attend. For more information, call Robert Fortunate at (313) 886-3383.

Queen of Peace

Our Lady Queen of Peace, 20955 Bournemouth, Harper Woods, holds the World Day of Prayer at 11 a.m. Friday, March 7. The theme is "Streams in the Desert," prepared by Egyptian

women to help people learn about Egypt's history and cultural diversity. Women from all area churches can attend.

St. Ambrose

St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, hosts a Lenten buffet dinner from 5 to 9 p.m. March 7, at the church. Adult tickets are \$15 and children's tickets cost \$10. Carry-out service is available by calling (313) 822-1594.

Star of the Sea

Our Lady Star of the Sea hosts six Friday fish fries during the Lenten season from 5 to 7 p.m., March 7 through April 11, in the parish center, located on the corner of Morningside and Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. The cost is \$10 for those 13 and older, \$5 for children 4 to 12

and free for 3 and under. Featured on the dine-in menu are four entrees: fried fish, baked cod loin, fried shrimp and macaroni and cheese. All dinners come with an entree, one side dish, salad bar, roll and butter, dessert and a beverage. Side dishes are french fries, sweet potato fries or macaroni and cheese. The take-out menu features one of the four entrees, one side dish, cole slaw, roll and butter and dessert.

Presbyterian Church

The musical group Balduck Mountain Ramblers performs at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 8, at the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack. The public can attend the free concert. An in-kind donation is requested. For more information,

First English

"Parable of the Tenants" is the 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday, March 9, sermon topic at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church.

"Parable of the Two Sons" is the topic for the 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, Lenten service.

A free will Lenten buffet lunch is offered following the morning service and a free will 6 p.m. Lenten supper precedes the evening service.

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

For more information, call (313) 884-5040.

Christ Church

The professional core choir of Christ Church Grosse Pointe sings at the 4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 9, Evensong service.

The church is located at 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Book helps sister accept brother's death

Carey Neesley of Grosse Pointe Farms struggled to accept her brother's 2007 death in Baghdad on Christmas day. Part of her healing process has resulted in a book, "Welcome Home Mamma and Boris."

Neesley and her brother, Peter, were close, she said, and when he shipped out to Iraq, they kept in touch via weekly phone calls.

"(I) knew that he was doing something he loved and fulfilling his sense of duty," she said in an e-mail.

During his deployment, Peter

Neesley befriended a stray dog and her pups, Neesley said. Three pups died and Peter Neesley worked to save the mother, Mamma, a Labrador mix, and remaining pup, Boris, by building a doghouse outside the base.

He fed them Meals Ready to Eat and Chef Boyardee, according to an Aug. 26, 2010, Grosse Pointe News article.

When Peter Neesley was killed, his sister asked for help to bring the two dogs to Grosse Pointe Farms.

A Utah animal rescue organiza-

tion, the Best Friends Animal Society; an Iraqi family, Gryphon Airlines, TMG Security team and Peter Neesley's friends, helped bring the two dogs to Michigan in February 2008.

Neesley said the 224-page book is part memoir and part suspense and includes photos of Peter Neesley, the dogs in Baghdad, their rescue and homecoming.

The book costs \$19.99 and can be found at Amazon.com or at local bookstores.

—By Ann L. Fouty

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OBITUARIES

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

Rockina G. DiCicco

Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Rockina G. DiCicco, 92, died Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2014, in WaltonWood in Sterling Heights.

"Rocky" was born July 1, 1921, in Hartford, Conn., to Francesco and Anna Silvestri. She was raised in New York City and was accustomed to walking great distances, a practice she continued throughout her life. Many Grosse Pointe merchants and residents enjoyed meeting and visiting with her during her walking routines to complete her errands.

Mrs. DiCicco loved to cook and entertain at dinner parties in her Grosse Pointe Woods home. Dancing and singing were common party activities for those who attended.

She traveled extensively in the United States and abroad.

Mrs. DiCicco is survived by her children, Carol Ann Sedlock (Jim), Ron (Pam), and Connie Hudas (Larry); grandchildren, Lisa, Lori, Christopher and Kelly and great-grandchildren, Charlie, Kelsie, Cassidy, Mia, Jack and Blake.

She was predeceased by her loving husband, Anthony, and five sisters.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 18, at Holy Name Catholic Church, 630 Harmon, Birmingham.

Donations may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Stuart Hyland Cammett Jr.

Stuart Hyland Cammett Jr., of Naples, Fla., 83, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2014. He lived in Grosse Pointe 50 years before moving to Naples in 2010.

He was born Jan. 27, 1931, to Stuart H. Cammett Sr. and Belle (nee McKay) Cammett and graduated from Southeastern High School in Detroit. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and a bachelor's degree in law from the University of Michigan. He also studied abroad in Perugia, Italy.

Mr. Cammett was president of Chrysler Realty in charge of all corporate owned dealerships in the United States and negotiated all leases with Chrysler dealers throughout the country until his retirement in 1991. He was the former chairman of the National Association of Corporate Real Estate Executives.

Mr. Cammett was a member of Indian Village Tennis Club, former member of Gowanie Golf Club and Vanderbilt and Foxfire country clubs, and was a passionate fisherman. He was a history buff of the world wars and studied French and Italian languages. He and his wife enjoyed traveling throughout Europe.

Mr. Cammett is survived by his wife, Barbara (nee Dewey) Cammett of Naples; sons, Stuart H. Cammett III, Bryan D. Cammett, and John

Cammett (Sylvia); granddaughters, Barbara and Elizabeth Cammett and great-granddaughters, Jasmine and Cameron. He also is survived by his sister, Joanne Hansen (Robert), and his sister-in-law, Sandi Cooper.

He was predeceased by his brother, John Cammett.

A memorial service was held March 3 at Naples United Church of Christ.

Donations may be made to Naples United Church of Christ Endowment Fund, 5200 Crayton Road, Naples, FL 34103.

James Christopher Kiriazis

James Christopher Kiriazis, 65, passed away Saturday, Feb. 22, 2014.

He was the beloved husband of Ginny; dear father of Kasey and future son-in-law, Eric Gilliland; and brother of Billy (Dawn). He also is survived by many nieces, nephews, family and countless friends.

Share memories, stories and photos at jmkiriazis.com.

Patricia Jean LaGrasso

Longtime resident of Grosse Pointe Woods and later of Boca Raton, Fla., Patricia LaGrasso died Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2014. She was 99.

Patricia Jean Saber was born April 8, 1914, in Detroit. Despite not finishing college, she was fluent in Italian, Polish and German. She met the love of her life, Joseph LaGrasso, in 1934 and they wed Feb. 22, 1935.

Mrs. LaGrasso was instrumental in supporting her husband and his brothers as they started LaGrasso Brothers Produce. She spent many hours sorting, cleaning and boxing produce. She also served as the company's bookkeeper.

Mrs. LaGrasso and her husband were members of a group that founded Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church. Mrs. LaGrasso was a passionate advocate of the parish and remained active in church activities throughout her life. She also was supportive of the Capuchin Monastery and Capuchin Soup Kitchen, volunteering her time and talents.

Mrs. LaGrasso, her husband and their family traveled throughout the United States and internationally. She enjoyed golfing and bowling.

Card games were second only to her love for her family. Euchre, pinochle, poker and most any card game were competitively played with all comers. At her final residence, Sunrise Senior Living in Grosse Pointe Woods, family visits were interspersed by card games with close friends and dear caregivers.

She will be deeply missed by her family, friends and caregivers.

Mrs. LaGrasso is survived by her children, Joseph (Joy) of Palm Harbor, Fla., Catherine Gallette (the late Jim) of

Tampa, Fla., and Frank (Joyce) of Grosse Pointe Shores. She also is survived by 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband and grandson.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 26 at Our Lady Star of the Sea.

Donations may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 6333 Medbury St., Detroit, MI 48211.

Thomas E. Swantek

Thomas E. Swantek, 85, died Sunday, Feb. 16, 2014, at Huron Woods in Ann Arbor.

He was born in Detroit to Theodore and Ann Biddulph Swantek and served in the U.S. Army during World War II during the Japanese occupation. He graduated in 1952 from what is now Michigan State University.

Mr. Swantek enjoyed jazz music and travel. He was a member of the Detroit Racquet Club, Detroit Boat Club, Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, and Farmington Country Club in Charlottesville, Va.

Mr. Swantek is survived by his wife, Anne Hopkins Swantek; daughters, Susan Swantek, Amy Uffelman (Mark) and Molly Dicken (Chuck).

He was predeceased by his brother, Thaddeus Swantek.

Per Mr. Swantek's request, no service was held.

Thomas H. Auch

Former Grosse Pointe resident Thomas Henry Auch of Edison, N.J., died Thursday, Feb. 27, 2014.

He was born June 26, 1931, in Detroit, to Frederick and Beatrice (nee Higgins) Auch and grew up in Grosse Pointe Park. He graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1949 and the University of Michigan in 1954 with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He earned a master's degree in business administration from Farleigh Dickinson University in 1980. He served as an officer in the U.S. Navy from 1955 to 1958. After service, he worked for IBM and then Oakland Community College.

In 1968, Mr. Auch was one of three college administrators hired to begin Brookdale Community College in Monmouth County, N.J., where he worked 22 years and saw the college from its infancy to a valued community resource. He served as vice president of finance and administration, as well as interim president on a number of occasions during his tenure at Brookdale. He then was vice president at Montclair State University until he retired in 1996. He helped form other community colleges in New Jersey.

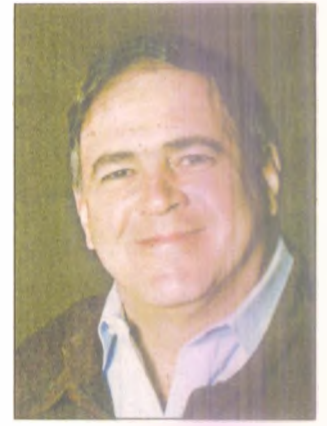
Mr. Auch was a founding member of the World War II center at Brookdale,



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Thomas H. Auch

chairman of the New Jersey County College Business Officers Association and an evaluator for Middle States Accreditation Association.

His family said he was a loving father and inspired family and friends with his work ethic, sense of humor and love of play. He enjoyed playing the ukulele and was a proud past member of the Grunyons singing group. He also enjoyed bridge, tennis and golf and was a huge University of Michigan sports fan. He had a zest for life and always had a twinkle in his eye.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Auch was predeceased by his beloved companion, Joan K. Davidson; brother, Walter Auch (Patricia); sister, Betty Parr and sister-in-law, Jean Cotter Auch.

He is survived by his loving daughter, Julie Auch (Rick Brown) and her mother, Jean Corbett Auch; brothers, G. William "Bill" Auch (Sue) and Fred Auch.

A memorial service was held March 2 in Red Bank, N.J.

Donations may be made to the Brookdale Community College Foundation, 765 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft, NJ 07738.

Thomas Darwin Neil

Thomas Darwin Neil, 72, of Clinton Township, passed away Sunday, March 2, 2014.

He was born March 4, 1941, in Detroit, to Clarence and Dorothy (nee Gothro) Neil.

Mr. Neil took great pride in being a guidance director at Grosse Pointe North High School, enriching students' lives for 37 years. He also enjoyed his orange Corvette and taking it for joy rides. But his biggest love was being "Papa" to Liam and Reilly.

Mr. Neil is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Joanne (nee Jamroz) Neil; beloved children, Jennifer Munroe (Robert) of Sterling Heights and Thomas Ryan Neil of Clinton Township; and his cherished grandchildren, Liam O'Donovan and Reilly Munroe.

Visitation will be held 2:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 7, at Kaul Funeral Home, 40800 Hayes, Clinton Township.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 8, at the funeral home. Visitation begins at



Thomas Darwin Neil



James Duthie McWatt

10:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children at shrinershospitalforchildren.org/donate or The Miracle League of Michigan at michiganmiracle.org/donate/.

James Duthie McWatt

James Duthie McWatt, 87, a resident of Henry Ford Village in Dearborn and former resident of Grosse Pointe and Macomb County, died Thursday, Feb. 20, 2014.

He was born Jan. 18, 1927, in Detroit, the fourth child of Robert and Margaret Duthie McWatt. He graduated from Cass Technical High School in 1945 and was drafted into the U.S. Army. When he finished basic training, he became a member of the occupation in Germany. He was granted a furlough and used the time to travel to Scotland to meet relatives from his mother's and father's families.

After being honorably discharged in 1946, Mr. McWatt enrolled at Wayne State University. While studying to become a teacher, he taught Sunday school at Calvin Presbyterian Church and was introduced to Anne June Gordon. The two married Sept. 1, 1950, and Mr. McWatt began teaching social studies at Mason Elementary School in Detroit.

He earned a master's degree in education at WSU and a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Michigan. In 1969, he became a school social worker with L'Anse Creuse Public Schools where he worked with the new special education department to develop improved programs for children with special needs.

Mr. McWatt was involved in Grosse Pointe Little League throughout the 1970s. He retired from the public education sys-

tem in 1986 and became involved with multiple social service and humanitarian organizations including Veterans for Peace, the Presbytery of Detroit Peace Committee, People Making a Difference (volunteers who entertained at nursing homes) and the Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers. He also was an active member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

His family said Mr. McWatt lived his faith through his work and his volunteer efforts. He participated in the Civil Rights movement and heard Martin Luther King Jr. speak in Detroit in 1963 and in Grosse Pointe in 1968. He marched against the Vietnam War, in support of women's rights, and supported LGBT rights.

Mr. McWatt is survived by his beloved wife, June; loving children, Catherine (Bruce Robb), Lorna (Craig Tarbeck), Jerilyn Jurewicz (J. John) and Gordon; cherished grandchildren, Jillian Robb, Gordon and Jack Tarbeck, Nichole Nowicki (Ray) and James and Joseph McWatt and dear great-grandsons, Max and R.J. Nowicki.

He also is survived by his sister, Jessie Petroni (the late Pel); brother, Albert McWatt (Elaine) and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his sister, Elizabeth Paulick (the late Erich) and brother, George (Ruth) McWatt.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, 8075 Ritter, Center Line, MI 48015 or Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

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Francis Thomas Day

Francis Thomas Day M.D., 86, died Friday, Feb. 28, 2014.
He was born Aug. 18, 1927, in Detroit to Richard W. and Anita S. (nee Shannon) Day. Known as Frank to family and friends, he graduated from the University of Detroit in 1948 and Wayne State University Medical School in 1952. He served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy at the end of the Korean War.

Dr. Day was a general surgeon from 1952 to 2000 with privileges at Detroit Memorial, Holy Cross and Bon Secours hospitals. He completed his career working exclusively at Bon Secours.

He enjoyed skiing with his children and grandchildren. He was a member of the Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, American Medical Society and the Detroit Medical Society.

Dr. Day is survived by his beloved wife of 61 years, Ruth Marie (nee Saylor); children, Barbara Day M.D., Debora Marino (Gregory), Michael Day (Bethe), Teresa Day and Anne Falvey (Joe); daughter-in-law, Nancy Day, 18 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his son, F. Thomas Day M.D.; brother, Dick Day and sister, Anita LaValley.

A funeral Mass was celebrated March 3 at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Park.

Donations may be made to St. Clare of Montefalco School, 16231 Charlevoix St., Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

June Iris Davis

A beloved aunt, sister-in-law, cousin and friend, June Davis, passed away Thursday, Feb. 20, 2014, in Ann Arbor. She was 88.

She was born in 1925 in Detroit to George and Lamina Davis and graduated from Detroit Southeastern High School.

Miss Davis grew up attending Jefferson Avenue Baptist Church in Detroit and followed the congregation to Grosse Pointe Farms when it merged with the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church. After many years of service as the executive secretary for the president at Michigan National Bank, she retired to her beloved family home in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Miss Davis enjoyed living in Grosse Pointe and sharing the Farms park with her nieces and nephews every summer. She was also an avid supporter of the Grosse Pointe Theatre, where she particularly enjoyed the musicals.

Family was the center of her life, and she was a special part of the family to her nieces, nephews and cousins.

Miss Davis was predeceased by her parents and sister, Frances Jelinek.

She is survived by her nieces, Judith Zachrau (Manfred) of Ramstein, Germany, and Jennifer Kunec (Rob) of Ann Arbor; nephew, Jerome Jelinek (Jill) of Traverse City; brother-in-law, Jerome Jelinek of Ann Arbor and great-nieces and great-nephews, Ashley and Aria Jelinek and John and Ben Kunec.

She also is survived by cousins, Nancy and Leighton Smith of

Bloomfield Hills, Carol Fairbanks of Troy and Tom Prescott of Troy.

A memorial service was held March 1 at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Frederick J. Zelewski

Frederick J. Zelewski, 76, of Washington Township, passed away Monday, March 3, 2014. He was an insurance agent employed by State Farm Insurance for more than 30 years.

Mr. Zelewski is survived by his children, Martin (Donna), Peter (Teresa) and Irene Blalock (Darrell); grandchildren, Joseph, Andrew and Jamie Zelewski and Neil, Nathan and Nicholas Blalock; sisters, Diane Voza, Grace Camus (Miles), Christine Nelem (Gerry) and Judy Cossette (Sam) and many extended loved ones and friends.

He was predeceased by his wife of 53 years, Celesta, "Tina."

Visitation will be held from 2 to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 6, at Lee-Ellena Funeral Home, 46530 Romeo Plank, Macomb Township. A scripture service will be held at 7 p.m., followed by a time to share memories.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, March 7, at St. Clement of Romeo Catholic Church, 343 South Main St., Romeo. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

Donations may be made to Detroit Goodfellows, P.O. Box 44444, Detroit, MI 48244.



Francis Thomas Day



Frederick J. Zelewski



Florence L. Leonard

Florence Lucille Leonard

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Florence Lucille Leonard, 101, died Friday, Feb. 14, 2014.

She was born Aug. 28, 1912, in McKinney, Ky., to Zora Porter Smith and Maudie Johnson Smith and was in the first graduating class, 1930, of McKinney High School. She earned a registered nurse degree from the University of Louisville Hospital in Louisville, Ky., and did post graduate work at Woman's, now Hutzel, Hospital in Detroit.

Mrs. Leonard was a member of the Grosse Pointe Woods Garden Club and enjoyed hosting the club's annual Christmas meeting. She was a member of Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian church and participated in and volunteered for many of the church's activities crafting classes.

She loved traveling and going out to dinner. She especially appreciated a meal of good fresh fish accompanied by an old fashioned. Her favorite restaurant was The Hill Seafood and Chop House.

Her family said she was known for her sense of humor and making the best applesauce.

Mrs. Leonard is survived by her daughter, Colleen

VanGelderren (Ted); daughter-in-law, Linda Leonard; grandchildren, Rick Leonard (Linda), Leigh Backon (Steve), Deborah Devnew (Bruce), Jeff VanGelderren (Jade), Michael VanGelderren (Freda) and John VanGelderren (Julie Miller); 18 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

She also is survived by her sisters, Bess Phelps, Hattie Chap, Roxie

Barrows and Emma Caldwell and brother, Zenas Smith.

She was predeceased by her husband, Frederick Leonard and son, Dwight Leonard.

A funeral service was held Feb. 20 at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church.

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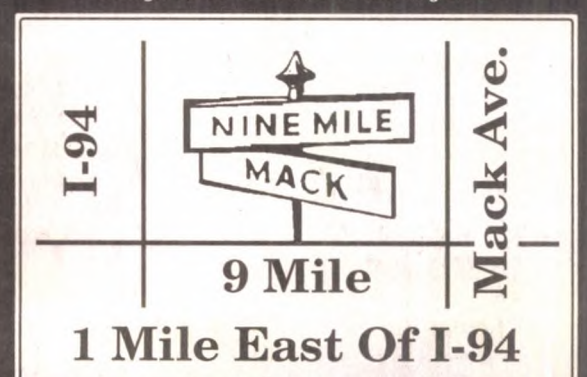
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Staff

The right summer camp staff can make all the difference. A good staff will



know how to make children feel welcome, which should help them come out of their shells and make the most of their summer camp experiences.

The quality of staffs can vary significantly depending on the camp, parents should ask camp representatives about their staffs before making any commitments.

Ask how long the staff has been together and the types of training new and even veteran staff members undergo before the start of camp season. Find out if the training included first aid and emergency medical training and certification. It's also good to ask about the vetting process the camp employs before hiring new staff, including the extent of its background checks. Ask how many references must potential staff members supply to be considered for employment.

A good camp will be forthcoming with answers to all questions.

A day in the life

When vetting camps for children, parents should ask what a typical day is like once the season hits full swing.

Many parents want their youngsters to have a well-

rounded experience, while others might want their children to attend a more specialized camp, whether it's a sports camp focusing on a particular sport or a music camp devoted to helping children become better musicians.

Regardless of the type of camp parents are considering, they should ask about what daily life at the camp is like. Ask to see schedules and how strictly camps adhere to those schedules.

When considering specialized camps, ask the staff representative if children will have the chance to simply have a little fun and which types of recreational activities are planned to give them a break from what are often rigorous schedules.

Camp goals

A camp should be dedicated to ensuring children have fun, even when they are attending more specialized camps that tend to be more strict.

Parents should look for a camp that wants its attendees to foster relationships with their fellow campers. A summer camp that strives to promote friendship among its campers can reduce, if not eliminate, any feelings of homesickness.

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SPORTS & SCHOOLS

BOYS HOCKEY Rivals meet

North gave Liggett all it could handle in a playoff game PAGE 2C

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

South, Liggett win district titles

Blue Devils beat rival Norsemen

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Right from the opening couple of minutes of the game, it was evident host Grosse Pointe South would beat city rival Grosse Pointe North and capture a third straight Class A district championship.

The Blue Devils led 6-0 and 17-7 before settling in and beating the Norsemen 71-38. Their defense forced the Norsemen to turn the ball over on their first three possessions and scored the first six points in about a minute.

North head coach Gary Bennett called a timeout to curb the run, but the Norsemen's attempt to slow the game down didn't work.

"Our girls were focused tonight and the entire district tournament," South head coach Kevin Richards said. "We had some good practices after not playing up to our potential the final few games of the regular sea-



PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE

South coaches and players are all smiles after beating city rival Grosse Pointe North in a Class A district championship game.

son. "I saw the girls step up and play with a lot of intensity. We're going to need it if we're to get back to the Final Four."

"We were never in this game," Bennett said. "South is a very athletic and they forced us to commit a lot of turnovers and take quick shots. South is a very good basketball team and we weren't tonight."

The Blue Devils put their game into overdrive in the second quarter,

outscored the Norsemen 22-12 to build a 39-19 halftime lead.

It was 58-31 when the horn sounded ending the third quarter.

This was the third time this season South beat North and stretched its winning streak over North to eight.

The Norsemen committed 25 turnovers to only seven for the Blue Devils, which was a huge factor in the outcome.

Leading the Blue Devils were three players in

double figures. Junior Aliezza Brown had 24 points, including making six three-pointers, while junior Cierra Rice and senior Bre Andrews followed with 17 and 16 points, respectively.

Sophomore Benna Ames had seven points, eight rebounds and three blocks in the district title victory.

For the Norsemen, sophomore Erin Armbruster had a double-double, netting 10 points and 10 rebounds,



South senior Bre Andrews, left, goes up for two points after a valiant try to prevent the basket by North sophomore Erin Armbruster.

while sophomore Lauren Lesha had eight points off the bench.

Senior Jayla Hubbard and sophomore Lucy Dodge each scored seven points.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 22-1 and Grosse Pointe North ended its season 12-10, playing most of it without all-state senior guard Maria Liddane, who

injured her knee early in the season.

Each team had an easy road to the finals.

North defeated Detroit Denby 65-30 in the semifinals and Detroit East English Village Prep 63-22 in the first round, while South crushed Detroit Southeastern 70-7 in the semifinals and Detroit Osborn 96-17 in the first round.

Knights crush Edison

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett girls' basketball team is making a habit of winning district championships.

Last weekend, the host Knights made it five district titles in a row, crushing Detroit Edison 89-56.

"The girls came out focused and they played well," head coach Omar Ahart said. "They played up-tempo and the 89 points in the most this team has scored in my two years as head coach."

"They really shot the ball well and defended well all over the court. I'm proud of the girls, but we still have work to do."

Sophomore Kendall McConico led the Knights with 24 points and 19 rebounds. It was her best game as a member of the Knights' varsity team.

Junior Jessica Rotzoll poured in 22 points, while freshman Nia Ahart had 10 points. Junior Lola Ristovski also recorded a double-double, netting 17 points and 14 assists in one of her best all-around games of the season.

The Knights grabbed a 24-7 first-quarter lead and never looked back.

In the semifinals, Liggett defeated Detroit Henry Ford Academy 57-38 as McConico had 15 points and Rotzoll added 14.

Joining in the district celebration were senior Angelia Evangelista, sophomore Madison Jerome, sophomore Kira Borum, sophomore Megan DesMadryl, freshman Jasmine Dickens, sophomore Anna Majewski and junior Haley Neuenfeldt.

With the victories, Liggett is 18-3 overall.



PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE

Liggett players and coaches pose for another district championship celebration on their home court.



Junior Lola Ristovski, right, had a double-double to lead the Knights to a fifth straight district crown.

GYMNASTICS

Ladies get finals berth

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe United gymnastics team made it to the state finals after taking third in last weekend's regional tournament in Plymouth.

The top four teams made it, with Canton winning the title with 147.650 points, followed by other finalists Plymouth, 142.250; Grosse Pointe United, 141.150; and Livonia Blue, 140.450.

Other squads competing in the regional were Saline, Livonia Red, Salem, Northville, Tecumseh, Dearborn Edsel Ford, Adrian and Dearborn Fordson.

On vault in Division 1, Maria Nguyen was second with 9.475 and Isabelle Nguyen was third at 9.350.

In Division 2, Jennifer Gmeiner tied for 12th with 8.800 points, and Michelle Ellis tied for 16th with 8.700 points. Caitlin Gaitley was 25th tied for 25th with 8.600 points.

Others in the Division 2 vault competition were Chandler McClarty with a score of 8.350, and Gyane Johnson with a score of 8.100. Samantha Rogers had a score of 8.000 to round out Grosse Pointe's performers in the vault.

In Division 1 on the parallel bars, Isabelle Nguyen won with a score of 9.525 and Maria Nguyen was fourth at 8.925.

In Division 2, Gmeiner was third with a score of 8.750, while Ellis was 19th at 7.775 and Johnson

was 36th with a score of 7.050.

On balance beam in Division 1, Maria and Isabelle Nguyen placed seventh and ninth with scores of 8.900 and 8.150 to lead the team.

In Division 2, Ellis and Amy Olson tied for 18th with a score of 8.250. Other United gymnasts who competed on the balance beam were, Brenna Bromwell, 7.925; Gmeiner, 7.800; Johnson, 7.650; McClarty, 7.575; Gaitley, 7.350; Olyvia Shimko, 7.225; and Kelsey Nawa, 6.800.

In the Division 1 floor exercise, Isabelle Nguyen was second with a score of 9.550 and Maria Nguyen tied for third with a score of 9.450.

In Division 2, Gmeiner was 16th with a score of 8.700 and Johnson tied for 17th with a score of 8.600.

Ellis also competed and had a score of 8.375, while McClarty had an 8.350 and Olson was at 8.325. Meagan Curran competed and had a 8.250, while Gaitley and Bromwell had scores of 8.125 and 7.725, respectively.

In the Division 2 all-around scoring, Gmeiner was 11th with 34.100 points and Ellis was 18th at 33.100. Johnson earned 31.400 points.

In the Division 1 all-around scoring, Maria Nguyen was third and Isabelle Nguyen fourth with scores of 36.750 and 36.575 points, respectively.

The state finals are set for Friday, March 7, and Saturday, March 8, at Plymouth High School.

Boys hockey

RIVALS

Liggett edges GPN

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

City rivals University Liggett and Grosse Pointe North met last week in a Division 3 pre-regional title game at McCann Ice Arena.

The heavy favorite Knights played lethargic in the first couple of periods, while the Norsemen were playing their best game of the season.

After two periods, North held a 2-1 lead and you could hear the word upset in the lobby as fans bought coffee and hot chocolate as the temperature outside dipped to single digits.

"I had a stern talk with the boys and told them to up the energy level because North brought it and was outplaying us," Liggett head coach Mike Hamilton said.

The talk worked as Liggett scored four third-

period goals to slip by Grosse Pointe North 4-3.

The complexion of the game turned in a two-minute stretch midway through the third period.

The Norsemen, under first-year head coach Brad Case, led 2-1, before seniors Vince Scarfone and Jake Jerome, and junior Stephen Campau, scored to give the Knights a 4-2 lead.

Just like that, the air went out of the Norsemen's balloon and the Knights had turned up the intensity.

Campau scored at the 9:29 mark to tie it 2-2.

Just 24 seconds later, Scarfone put the puck past senior netminder Josh Champney to give the Knights a 3-2 lead.

The fourth goal was scored by Jerome at the 7:06 mark.

The Norsemen made it interesting when sophomore J.P. Navetta scored



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Liggett senior Vince Scarfone, left, had a goal and an assist in the third period of the Knights' 4-3 play-off win over city rival Grosse Pointe North.

on the power play with only 1:12 left.

The Knights were able to get an empty net goal when Campau scored with only 23.8 left in the game.

Liggett survived to play another day, while Grosse Pointe North ended its season a disappointing 5-22 overall.

Liggett scored in the first period when Scarfone tallied on the power play at the 1:44 mark.

North grabbed all the momentum and a 2-1 lead in the second period when senior Vince Romanelli scored at the 12:55 mark and senior

Nick Murray tallied on the power play at the 1:25 mark.

In the regional championship game two days later at host and No. 1-ranked Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, losing 3-0.

Liggett ended its season 18-6-2 overall.

In the pre-regional semifinal game earlier in the week, Grosse Pointe North crushed Madison Heights Bishop Foley 8-0.

Nick Murray and Romanelli each scored two goals, while senior Mike Murray, senior Eddie Nepi, Cusmano and sophomore C.J. Ramsdell also tallied.

Boys basketball

LIGGETT

Knights at .500

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett boys' basketball team finished its division slate on a high note last week, beating visiting Plymouth Christian 80-56.

It was a tight first half with the Knights taking a 29-28 lead.

They used four Jordan Petersen three-point shots and his 14 third-quarter points to blow open the game and build a 61-43 lead.

The Knights continued its good second half and

outscored the Eagles 19-13 in the fourth quarter.

Petersen and Thomas Jackson each scored 19 points to lead the Knights, while Antonio Malkoun had eight.

In other action last week, Liggett lost 103-66 to league champ Southfield Christian and 70-51 to Macomb Lutheran North. Both games were on the road.

Liggett finished its regular season 7-7 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 10-10 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils fall in finale

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys' basketball team prepared for the upcoming state playoffs with two tough non-league games last week.

The Blue Devils traveled to Macomb Dakota and lost 71-60 and returned home to fall 59-49 to Detroit Martin Luther King three nights later.

"These games are what we need to get ready for the tough districts we have," head coach Troy Glasser said. "I'm glad we get two good opponents because our district foes are tough, too."

Against the Cougars, the Blue Devils led 16-15 after the first quarter, but fell behind 33-28 at the half.

Grosse Pointe South ended its season 20-4-1.

second half, but couldn't get over the hump down the stretch and lost by 11.

Senior Dan Dixon had 16 points and senior Charlie Warren added 13.

The host Blue Devils played a decent game against one of the Detroit Public School League's best teams, Martin Luther King.

The Crusaders outscored the Blue Devils 16-12 in the first quarter, 9-6 in the second and 22-16 in the third to build a 47-34 advantage.

The Blue Devils won the fourth quarter, but it was too little, too late.

Dixon had another double-double, collecting 20 points and 10 rebounds, while senior Josh Gray added 10 points and five rebounds.

Grosse Pointe South ended its regular season 15-5 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils fall to Trenton

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' hockey team entered the state playoffs ready to make a long run.

After all, second-year head coach Bobby McKillop had his Blue

Devils on a 15-game winning streak and playing his "style" of tough, gritty hockey.

They were coming off an impressive 3-1 victory over U-D Jesuit, but had to open the Division 2 playoffs with a pre-regional contest against

No. 1-ranked Trenton at Wyandotte.

McKillop was right, Trenton was ready to play, but South didn't play its best in a 6-0 loss.

Trenton scored a goal in the first period and dealt the Blue Devils two fatal blows, scoring a

goal in the final minute of the second period to take a 2-0 lead and adding a third tally in the first minute of the third period.

South senior goalie Andrew Wright played his final high school hockey game and stopped 21-of-27 shots, while Trenton's keeper, Nick Ramirez, stopped all 16 shots he faced to record the shutout.

Grosse Pointe South ended its season 20-4-1.

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Wrestling

G.P. NORTH

Lock medals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North senior Andrew Lock earned an eighth-place medal in last weekend's Division 1 individual finals meet at The Palace.

Lock brought a 50-5 record into the finals at 160 pounds.

He won his first match, 6-4, over Logan Vish of Hartland, but dropped a tough 9-8 decision to Joey Shaver of Plymouth-Canton.

In his third match, Lock beat Granville's Sam Greco 5-4, but lost a 4-2 decision to Aaron Wells of Utica Ford.

In his final high school wrestling match, Lock lost a 4-3 decision to Jarod Ammons of Brownstown Township Woodhaven.

Lock finished the season 52-8 overall.

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

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Please take notice that the City of Grosse Pointe has adopted the following ordinance:

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Girls hockey

NORTH, SOUTH & LIGGETT

Liggett wins; North & South ousted

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The three Grosse Pointe high school girls' hockey teams competed in last weekend's Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 1 state quarterfinals at McCann Ice Arena.

When the four games were over, only one made it to the semifinals. It's the first time in several years only made it to the Final Four.

In the first game, defending champ Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood blanked Northville 7-0, but things were much closer in the second game when host Liggett had to go to double-overtime before outlasting No. 7 seed Livonia Ladywood 4-3.

Sophomore Allison Stapleton recorded a hat trick, netting the game-winner with 3:31 left in the second overtime.

"I'm not using this as an excuse, but half of our players were sick and not feeling very well," Liggett head coach Cassie Jaeckle said. "We didn't play very well, until the third period and into the overtimes, then I think we wore them down and outplayed them."

"I'm glad we survived and made it to the next round."

Senior Ania Dow got the Knights on the board, scoring at the 2:21 mark of the first period, with Stapleton netting an assist.

The Blazers came right back and tied it with a goal at the 1:42 mark and they took a 2-1 lead, scoring at the 8:27 mark of the second stanza.

The Knights tied it 2-2 when Stapleton tallied 14 seconds later, with Dow drawing the lone assist.

With freshman Riley Marchin in the penalty box, the Blazers scored a power-play goal to grab a 3-2 lead with 6:22 left in the second period.

Stapleton scored her second goal of the game with only 5:43 left, tying it 3-3. Her goal was unassisted.

Each team had great chances to score in the



North junior Kelly LaBarge scored the Norsemen's lone goal in a tough 2-1 loss to Port Huron.

final five minutes, but Ladywood sophomore goalie Michaela Warner and Liggett sophomore Olivia Portillo made the big saves to keep it a 3-3 game.

Neither team scored in the first overtime, but Stapleton ended it with her game-winner.

Liggett improved to 19-4 overall.

If the Knights win their semifinal game, they will host the state championship game Saturday, March 8, at 5:30 p.m.

Game three was No. 3 seed Ann Arbor Pioneer against No. 6 seed Grosse Pointe South.

After a scoreless opening period, Pioneer scored the next three goals to build a 3-0 lead.

The Blue Devils scored with only 2:18 left when sophomore Gennie Martin tallied, assisted by seniors Tenley Shield and Anne Crowley.

Pioneer added an empty-net goal with only 37.3 seconds left to make it to the semifinals once again and send South to its worst won-loss record in program history, 9-14 overall.

"I thought the girls played a pretty good game and had some good scoring chances," South head coach Joe

Provenzano said. "We watched film and had a game plan, which worked for the most part."

"We gave it our best shot and lost to a more experienced team. We will be better next year with most of the girls coming back and using this experience to their benefit."

The final game of the evening was No. 4 seed Port Huron against No. 5 seed Grosse Pointe North.

It was nearly the second contest to go to overtime, but Port Huron scored the game-winning goal with only 1:34 left in the third period to edge North 2-1.

"I think we outplayed Port Huron and had some great chances to score, but we just couldn't get a stick on some of those shots sitting right in front of the net," North head coach Joe Lucchese said. "It's a tough loss, but I told the girls after the game to remember this bad feeling and use it to improve next season since we return most of our girls."

Junior Kelly LaBarge scored at the 10:05 mark of the second period to give the Norsemen a 1-0 lead. Junior Karina Lucchese had the assist.

Port Huron tied it with a power-play goal at the 6:30 mark of the second period and it remained 1-1 until Ice Hawks tallied late in the final stanza.

Grosse Pointe North finished its season 12-10-1 overall.

The three Grosse Pointe teams ended their regular seasons last week with South hosting both Liggett and North.

South lost 4-2 to Liggett, despite two goals from Shield. The Knights scored goals in each of the three periods, including Stapleton, who also had two.

Marchin and senior Hannah Hodges had the other goals as Knights' Portillo earned the win and Blue Devils' Bella Strickler suffered the loss.

Two nights later, South came back from a 3-0 deficit to tie Grosse Pointe North 3-3 late in the third period. However, North scored twice in 19 seconds in the final minute to beat South 5-3.

Sophomore Elizabeth Gallagher and Lucchese scored two goals apiece, while sophomore Lindsey Gallagher had one.

Drawing assists for the Norsemen were freshman Carissa Parada, Elizabeth Gallagher, Lindsey Gallagher (two), sophomore Caroline Bock (two) and senior Susan Tomasi.

Shield had a hat trick for the Blue Devils. She scored her second and third goals of the game in the third period to help the home team force the tie.

Netting assists were Crowley, Martin and freshman Meghan Ryszewski.

North clinched the No. 5 seed in the regular season, finishing 10-8-1 in the league and 12-9-1 overall, after beating Farmington Hills Mercy 4-2.

Lindsey Gallagher had two goals and two assists, while Elizabeth Gallagher added one goal and three assists. Bock had a goal and assist, with Lucchese adding two assists to round out the Norsemen's scoring.

In other games for South, lost 5-4 to Warren



PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE

Liggett senior Hannah Hodges played through illness to help the Knights beat Livonia Ladywood 4-3 in double-overtime.



South senior Tenley Shield played her final high school hockey game, a 4-1 loss to Ann Arbor.

Regina to get the No. 6 Knights overcame a 2-0 deficit to win in OT and claim the No. 2 seed. It's the highest ever ranking for Liggett as it ended the regular season 16-3 in the 3-1 and Ann Arbor 3-2 in overtime.

This was the best season Liggett has enjoyed in the program's history.

MORE BOYS BASKETBALL

G.P. NORTH

Guys drop 3

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's basketball team has been cursed all season.

The Norsemen began last week with a 57-52 loss to host Roseville.

Seniors Justin Kennedy and Jacob Zacharias led the way, scoring 18 and 15 points.

The following night, the Norsemen lost 58-56 at home to Sterling Heights Stevenson.

The Titans won the game with a basket in the final seconds.

The Norsemen capped the week playing their third game in three nights, a 53-51 loss to host Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

The Norsemen finished the regular season 2-10 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 4-15 overall.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
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SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2014

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

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except Councilwoman Vivian Sawicki.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Councilwoman Sawicki from tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on February 3, 2014.
- 3) To open the Public Hearing on the 2014 Community Development Block Grant Program.
- 4) To close the Public Hearing on the 2014 Community Development Block Grant Program.
- 5) To schedule a public hearing on March 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comment on the continuation of a Special Assessment District and further to schedule a second public hearing on March 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the effect of the Special Assessment on the tax roll.
- 6) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 102132 through 102229 in the amount of \$179,609.36 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$19,451.10 for sidewalk salting and snow removal in various residential and commercial areas of the City. (3) Approve payment in the amount of \$13,705.00 to Guardian Sewers for their assistance on six main breaks, a repair of a water service line, three stop box repairs, two sanitary line cleaning and assistance with snow plowing.
- 2) To Approve payment to Inland Waters Pollution Control Inc., in the amount of \$120,677.01 for Progress Payment No. 6 on the 2012 SRF Sanitary Sewer Repairs, FCIPP Lining Contract No. 1 #180-117.
- 3) To approve payment to Fiore Enterprises, LLC, in the amount of \$11,316.78 for Progress Payment No. 2 on the 2013 Emergency Concrete Repair project, #118-153.
- 4) To adopt the attached resolution adopting the Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- 5) To approve the employment agreement for Library Director in content and form and further, that once the Library Board confirms an appointment of a new director, that the City Manager be authorized to sign the agreement.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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College Night set for local students March 18

The 34th Annual College Night returns to Grosse Pointe North High School from 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, March 18.

Students will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from more than 125 Michigan and out-of-state colleges and universities.

The majority of school representatives will present materials and answer questions in the main gymnasium.

There are also three 30-minute sessions for select schools that have opted to make formal presentations.

The first session runs from 6:10 to 6:40 p.m., the second from 6:50 to 7:20 p.m., and the third session from 7:30 to 8 p.m.

These sessions allow students and their parents to receive more in-depth information about particular schools.

This year The College for Creative Studies, Davenport University, Michigan State University, Northwestern University and the University of Michigan will be available for the formal presentations.

College night is open

to all students in the Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods communities, as well as those from De LaSalle Collegiate High School, Regina High School, South Lake High School, Lakeview High School, University Liggett and University of Detroit Jesuit H.S.

Mom to mom

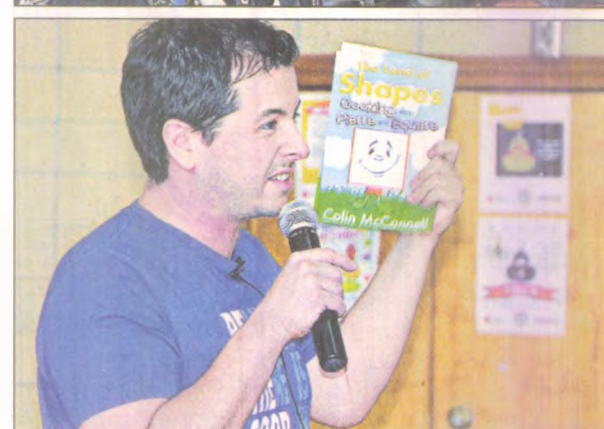
Christ the King Preschool, 20338 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts its 8th annual spring Mom to Mom sale from 9 a.m. to

1 p.m. Saturday, March 8. Shoppers can arrive from 9 to 9:30 a.m. for \$2 early bird admission or from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$1 admission.

Please bring small bills for admission. Moms with strollers will be admitted after 10 a.m.

Children's clothing (all sizes) furniture, toys, and baby items are featured. Items are located at the individual tables and inside the big item room.

For more information, e-mail Karen at ctkmom2mom@comcast.net or call the preschool at (313) 884-5998.



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Poetry Night

The fourth grade students at Monteith Elementary School held Poetry Night Feb. 12. The students completed a writing unit on poetry and used technology to present their knowledge to parents. Above left and above, students from Monique Vasquez's class.

Following dreams

The students at Poupard Elementary School raised \$300 for the Coalition for Dwarf Advocacy. At top, actor Martin Klebba and author Colin McConnell, who is legally blind, spoke to the students about chasing their dreams and not letting anything get in the way. Klebba has starred on TV and movies, including Pirates of the Caribbean. McConnell, who is legally blind, talked about being bullied as a child and about his success as an author and businessman.

Spring raffle kicks off for Liggett

University Liggett School has started annual Spring Raffle on with prizes that include a two-year lease on a 2014 Jeep Wrangler Sport Unlimited, courtesy of Ray Laethem Motor Village.

Other raffle prizes include:

Second Prize: A David Yurman Papyrus sterling silver and diamond cuff and sterling silver and diamond X Drop earrings, courtesy of edmund t. AHEE jewelers

Third Prize: \$2,500 cash, courtesy of Beline Obeid Realty

Fourth Prize: One year of free gas (12 \$100 gift cards at Marathon, Shell and Sunoco stations), courtesy of AliAhmad Technology.

Proceeds from the raffle go toward programs, academic initiatives technology and more.

"A longstanding tradi-

tion at the school, Liggett's Spring Raffle has helped raise funds that are used for everything from field trips to iPads, and athletic equipment to building updates," said Spring Raffle chairwoman Linda Leonard, whose children Emma and Alec attend Liggett.

"Thanks to the generosity of the businesses that have provided the prizes and the members of our community who purchase the raffle tickets, our students are able to further discover and explore their academic and extracurricular passions."

The raffle runs Feb. 26 through May 17. The official drawing will be held at 7 p.m. May 17, at Liggett.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Katie Durno at 313-884-4444 ext. 414 or kdurno@uls.org.

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