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Most wonderful time of the year

Above, Jack Ryan, 8, and Ben Ryan, 4, of Grosse Pointe Park, offer their lists at the Grosse Pointe Park Lunch with Santa event. At right, Clara Spearman is all smiles as Santa hands her a gift at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Rates may rise

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — A change in the municipal water-buying contract with Detroit is apt to produce a 6 to 6.5 percent increase in water rates.

"The reality is the Detroit water system was built for high-volume industrial customers," said Councilman Bruce Bisballe, chairman of the Grosse Pointe Shores finance committee. "Those aren't around anymore."

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Weather helping

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — The weather outside isn't frightful, which makes public works budgets delightful.

Mild weather so far this winter means cities are spending less overtime wages to spread road salt.

"That's going to save us substantially," said Brett Smith, head of public

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Bashara found guilty of murder

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

DETROIT — Bob Bashara has been found guilty on all five counts against him in the January 2012 murder of his wife, Jane.

Two of the counts, murder in the first degree and conspiracy to commit murder, carry mandatory sentences of life in prison without parole.

In addition, he was convicted on charges of solicitation to murder, obstruction of justice and witness intimidation.

As the verdicts were being read, Bashara sat in silence, shaking his head.

According to his attorney,

Michael McCarthy, Bashara appeared surprised by the verdicts.

"He's in shock and very disappointed," McCarthy said, adding Bashara said nothing following the verdict.

"He conducted himself with proper decorum and dignity as he has done throughout this trial," McCarthy said.

The verdicts, announced shortly after 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, came after about 12 hours of deliberation spread out over several days. The trial, including deliberations, was in its 11th week, and Bashara spent his 57th birthday, Dec. 12, waiting for a decision from the jury.

More than 80 wit-

nesses were called, including the Bashara children, the mothers of both Bob and Jane, and several of Bob Bashara's girlfriends and friends he had made through his BDSM lifestyle.

In addition to the murder charges, Bashara was charged with threatening witnesses in the case as well as attempting to hide his mistresses from investigators.

The murder charges center on Bashara hiring Joseph Gentz to kill his wife. According to prosecutors, Bashara wanted his wife dead in order to collect on her life insurance and Jane Bashara's \$800,000 retirement account he could use to finance a new life with a



PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

At least 15 Wayne County sheriff's deputies were in the courtroom when the verdict was read.

girlfriend, Rachel Gillett, on Kensington in Grosse Pointe Park on Friday, Jan. 27, just three days after Jane Bashara was killed. According to prosecution, Bashara and Gillett were scheduled to close on a house they were buying

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Hannah Buzolits

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Coyote causes alarm in the Woods

By John McTaggart
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Public safety officers found themselves in pursuit of a coyote Friday afternoon, Dec. 19.

The resolution to the chase was not what officials were hoping for when the ordeal started. "What we attempted to do was tranquilize and capture the animal

alive," said Skip Fincham, city administrator and acting director of public safety. "We had not only a (veterinarian) on scene with a tranquilizer gun, but we also had a representative from the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society who was prepared, once the coyote was under the effects of the drug, to take it into her custody so we could call the DNR."

Despite the efforts, the pursuit ended early Friday evening with the death of the animal.

"Unfortunately, the drug did not take effect," Fincham said. "It was wounded and started to run throughout the community."

Public safety officers followed the coyote, trying to keep up with the elusive animal.

"We were trying, but we lost it on a couple of

occasions," Fincham said. "That's why we put the NIXLE alert out for residents to call if they saw it, and take proper precautions."

A resident responded to the alert, calling to inform the department the coyote was spotted near the city's border with Grosse Pointe Shores.

"We called Grosse Pointe Shores officers for assistance," Fincham

said. "Again, we were trying to get it into custody alive.

Unfortunately, the animal was killed. It was heading back toward Lakeshore from the lake side of Jefferson. There were people out walking with their dogs at the time. We felt there could be some interaction and we couldn't have that. It was unfortunate."

Coyotes within urban

settings are a double-edged sword, according to researchers from The Ohio State University. Coyotes in settings such as Grosse Pointe Woods are effective at controlling rodent and geese populations, but come at a cost.

Family pets can also be seen as food for the highly adaptable coyote, and attacks on small domesticated dogs is a real possibility.

Prevention is key Farms fills recreation spot

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — As many do-it-yourselfers rue, some projects are so big and require such expensive tools that sometimes it's better to turn tasks over to a specialist.

The logic extends to the life-and-death duties of first-responders, trench rescue teams.

"The training is so extensive that, even as a collective Grosse Pointe, we couldn't provide this kind of service," said John Schulte, director of public safety in Grosse Pointe Shores.

During a post-incident analysis of the Grosse Pointe Woods trench collapse two months ago in which a contractor died, Schulte and representatives of the four other Grosse Pointe considered contracting a specialist to handle such emergencies.

"Trench collapses are extremely dangerous," Schulte said. "Equipment and training are very expensive for these."

It's not unusual for the departments to retain

specialists.

"Like we do for hazardous material cleanups, this is an area of expertise we want to make sure we have somebody on call to respond in such emergencies," Shane Reeside, Farms city manager. "We are exploring that type of an agreement, maybe with another governmental jurisdiction."

Trench rescue squads often are affiliated with fire departments, according to Schulte.

"There's an excellent team in western Wayne and a very good one in Sterling Heights," he said. "They told us they'd come."

As always, prevention is key. On Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 10, on Lochmoor in the Shores, a patrolman encountered waterproofer working without a construction permit in a 7-foot-deep trench lacking side bracing.

"I ordered (them) out of the hole until a permit was obtained and safety equipment was in place," said the officer.

Workers also filled the hole.

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — In the recreation department, they're putting 'em back they way they was, as they say in "Li'l Abner."

The job of recreation coordinator is resurrected.

It hadn't been filled since 2009, when recession-induced spending cuts ruled.

Since then, department director Christopher

Hardenbrook did double-duty.

When he wasn't at the Neff Park office to answer citizens' telephone calls or e-mails, often no one else was, either.

"The additional work has been back-filled to some degree with part-time help," said Peter Dame, city manager.

"However, this has been a make-shift solution, as it is difficult for the park director to be out of the office with no one in

charge."

Hardenbrook said hiring a coordinator to work Tuesday through Saturday will "increase customer service" for ongoing programs, marina management and special events at the lakeside park, Elworthy Field and Village downtown area.

"This year we are hosting the Lakefront (Swimming Association) finals," he said "This will be a huge help in hosting

that."

Reestablishing the position costs \$50,000, but eliminates spending \$15,000 on a part-timer, for net expense of \$35,000," Dame said.

Money comes from the municipal contingency account.

"The need for a recreation coordinator is the same (now) as it was when we had one," Dame said. "The only difference now is we can afford to fill the position."

New patrolman starts in City

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The city's newest patrolman is ready and willing.

"I prepared myself for this line of work," said Joshua Ina, sworn in Monday evening, Dec.

15.

He comes to the City of Grosse Pointe public safety department with an associates degree.

Ina also is a graduate of the Macomb Police Academy, a certified firefighter and an emergency medical technician.

This is his first job in

police work.

"He competed with six people and was, hands down, our No. 1 choice," said Stephen Poloni, City of Grosse Pointe public safety director.

Ina, of St. Clair Shores, said he chose a law enforcement career "so I can help people."

"We're happy to have you," Mayor Dale Scrace told him.

Ina fills an opening created last summer when an officer accepted a job in another state.

"I've never had a prob-

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MURDER

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tors, Jane Bashara was murdered in the garage at the Bashara family home on Middlesex in Grosse Pointe Park sometime between 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24. While Bashara maintained he was not at home at the time, cellphone records indicated his cellphone was at the Middlesex

address at about 6:26 p.m. that night, and was recorded leaving the address at 6:28 p.m., the same time Jane's cellphone was recorded as leaving the address.

Within weeks of the murder, Gentz admitted to police he had killed Jane Bashara, but said he did so at the behest of Bob Bashara.

Bashara initially identified Gentz as a handyman he hired to work on his rental properties and maintained Gentz killed his wife because Bashara owed him money. In fact,

prosecutors said, Bashara had offered Gentz \$2,000 and a used Cadillac to kill Jane Bashara.

Her body was found in the back seat of her Mercedes SUV the morning of Jan. 25, 2012. She was strangled and brutally beaten. Within a few days of the murder, her husband was named a person of interest in the case.

In June 2012, Bob Bashara was arrested and charged with solicitation of murder after a friend, who was wearing

a recording device supplied by the FBI, recorded Bashara attempting to hire a hitman to kill Gentz. He confessed to the crime, and is currently serving a sentence of up to 20 years.

That sentence is now moot, as his conviction on first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder means he will spend the rest of his life in prison without a chance of parole.

Judge Vonda Evans scheduled formal sentencing for Thursday, Jan. 15. While Jane Bashara's family was not in the courtroom for the verdict, they have indicated they will be making statements at the sentencing hearing.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy, in a written statement, said her staff would not be making any statements until after sentencing, but did say, "May Jane now truly rest in peace."

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The 19th century lamp has been electrified to light the one of the many antique Santa Claus displayed in the Provencal-Weir house. Above right, the Provencal-Weir dressed in green pine boughs and red bows for the holidays.



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Beeswax candles on the tree to simulate stars over Bethlehem.

Deck the halls and everywhere

What would Christmas be without decorations? Fir trees lit with white lights, red bows tied on boughs of greenery and handmade ornaments are among the commonly seen traditions that were used at the Provencal-Weir House, circa 1832. Beeswax candles in silver clips were used because the wax didn't drip, said Isabelle Donnelly, the Grosse Pointe Historical Society's collections manager and director of education. The light was in honor of Jesus' birth and as a representation of the stars in the sky over Bethlehem. Straw ornaments on the Provencal-Weir House's tree were made by Karen Ohrnberger, the

sister-in-law of Helga Liedtke, Grosse Pointe Historical Society's administrator. Liedtke explained Ohrnberger first soaked the straw to make it pliable then flattened it. The designs she created are held together with red thread. The labor-intensive craft was something she learned in her native Germany but, as Liedtke said, the ornaments created a warm feeling. In the 19th century, the Christmas tree would have been put up Dec. 24 so it was fresh and full of sap. "They were Charlie Brown trees," she said, meaning branches were spaced farther apart than today's trees. The spacing helped

keep the candle flames away from branches. The entire tree has a Christian meaning, Donnelly said. "The star on the tree was representative of hope," she said. The use of red ornaments and bows symbolizes the blood of Jesus shed at his crucifixion. Though plants have died in the fall, the green conifer holds the promise of life after winter's cold and eternal life. It also referenced the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus. This reflected the French-Canadian Catholic tradition that was so important to the Provencals, who were married by Father Gabriel Richard in St. Anne's in 1831.

RATES:

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The Shores is among 127 communities in eight southeast Michigan counties that buys drinking water from Detroit and, likewise, pumps sewage to Detroit for treatment. "Everyone's in conservation mode, so costs are going up," Bisballe said. The rate increase, predicted by Shores engineering consultants, is for water purchases only. Sewage treatment fees are separate. "Water rate increases are like healthcare increases," Bisballe said. "They're going to go up no matter what. It's just a question of degree." "It's a one-way street in terms of rates," agreed Mayor Ted Kedzierski. "Rates never go down." The Shores 30-year water and sewage contract with Detroit, signed in 2010, is reviewed every five years. Water negotiations "are like going to the dentist," Bisballe said. "We don't

have a lot of choice." Factors subject to review are those by which Detroit officials set rates: a community's maximum day usage, peak hour usage and annual flow. "The only factor that's changing is our annual volume," said Mark Wollenweber, Shores manager. "We're going from 20,000 million cubic feet to 18 mcf." Shores officials can finesse Detroit's rate formula to the suburb's advantage by purchasing water through another Detroit customer, namely Grosse Pointe Woods, or building a water storage facility, as did the Woods. Both options were rejected prior to signing the current contract. "The only option not still available to us is (buying filtered water from Grosse Pointe) Farms because we just signed a 30-year contract," Wollenweber said. "It's a huge penalty to get out of the (Detroit) system. You have to pay them our estimated volume every year for the remainder of the contract."

In the meantime, the Detroit water department does a good job, Bisballe said. "We have a very reliable, high quality water system," he said. **Backwash** Alternatives to the current contract were considered last spring. Options, and its total costs over 30 years, listed from least to most expensive, were: 1. Buying water from the Farms, helping fund expansion of the Farms filtration plant at the intersection of Moross and Grosse Pointe Boulevard, and building a 500,000 gallon, 40-foot-tall water storage tank in the Shores: \$25,773,001; 2. Buying water through Grosse Pointe Woods, a Detroit water customer, and sharing at least an 800,000 gallon tank: \$26,636,089; 3. Buying water through the Woods and building a 300,000 gallon tank in the Shores: \$27,792,308; 4. Renegotiating new rates with Detroit and not building a tank:

\$27,764,804; 5. Remaining a Detroit customer and building a 300,000 gallon storage tank in the Shores: \$28,443,594 or 6. Remaining with Detroit and not building a storage tank: \$30,921,360. The Farms deal was rejected due to opposition to a tank, to be erected either at Osius Park or at Schroeder Field behind city hall, plus costs of expanding infrastructure. The Woods options failed, in part, from opposition to a tank. Shores officials have sought alternatives to the Detroit water department for more than a decade. In late 2003, tired of repeated water price increases, former Shores Councilman Dr. Brian Hunt prompted a multi-city engineering study establishing a separate, suburban regional water system. Communities in Macomb and Oakland counties, including Pontiac, joined in. Support ended when engineers determined the price exceeded \$1 billion.

Meters can help

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Water valves in Doug Kucyk's house are 40 years old. He worries about them breaking, flooding him out, while no one's home. It happened to the prior owner, he told Grosse Pointe Shores officials this month. He wants them to install a remote-sensing water meter on his property to monitor spikes in volume, an indication of breaks. Say when, according to Brett Smith, director of public works. Installation costs about \$70. "We will have the ability to monitor your house," Smith told Kucyk.

About 30 percent of houses in the Shores are rigged for remote meters, according to Smith. Remote meters transmit water consumption data to city hall. They can be programmed to set off an alarm if the resident is out of town and shouldn't be using water. "It will show spikes, that you were using one unit (of water) per day and, all of a sudden, are using 10 units," explained Rhonda Ricketts, municipal finance director. Broken water pipes in unoccupied houses can cause costly damage. Smith also values the convenience of remote meters. "We don't have to walk up and down streets and into everybody's backyard to read their water meter," he said.

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works in Grosse Pointe Shores. The situation is a polar opposite from 12 months ago. "Last year, we had seven inches of snow on the ground and 5-degree weather," Smith said "To

this date, we only salted once on overtime." There are less winter-related road costs in the Farms, too. "Overtime is down from last year at this time for snow removal," said Shane Reeside, Farms manager. "However, we had several storms this fall, so we had quite a bit of overtime with storm

cleanup — downed tree limbs and that type of thing." He's on track for this fiscal year's budget. "It's early in the season," Reeside warned. "We have January, February and March. It's premature to say what the overall impact is going to be."

Declining gasoline prices are benefiting the City of Grosse Pointe public safety department. "Our budget starts July 1," said Director Stephen Poloni. "At this point, we're at about 40 percent of our budget year. I noticed that my gasoline budget is at only around 30 percent."

The Week Ahead

THURSDAY, DEC. 25
◆ Merry Christmas

FRIDAY, DEC. 26
◆ Grosse Pointe Farms city hall is closed.

TUESDAY, DEC. 30
◆ An American Red Cross blood drive is held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe. To register, visit redcrossblood.org and use the sponsor code WBH or call Maria at (313) 473-1805.
◆ An American Red Cross blood drive is from 11:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. at Grosse Pointe Woods

municipal building. To make an appointment, visit redcross.org and use the sponsor code gp-comm or call Kathy at (313) 343-2408.

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◆ Grosse Pointe Park municipal building is closed.
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South grad on successful course

The golf pun is a softball when describing 2013 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate Hannah Buzolits.



Hannah Buzolits

The Grosse Pointe Park resident, a sophomore at College of Wooster (Ohio), is finding success on the golf team and in the classroom.

Buzolits was on South's state championship golf team in 2011 and has continued her consistent

play as a member of the Fighting Scots golf team. Her average round was 83 for the 2014 season.

It's not just the golf course where Buzolits has enjoyed success this fall.

She has qualified for the American Collegiate Moot Court Association National Tournament scheduled for Jan. 16-17 at Florida International University College of Law in Miami.

Buzolits, and teammate Austin Maffei, a first-year student, qualified by tak-

ing fourth place at the Great Lakes Regional Tournament last month in Saginaw.

The College of Wooster has an impressive tradition of success in moot court competition.

For more than a decade, Wooster students have excelled in regional competition and this year was no exception as seven two-person teams qualified for nationals — second most of any college or university in the nation.

A story on the school's

website told of a tradition that continues with the help of a team of students which includes Buzolits.

"Wooster continues to compete successfully with other college and university moot court programs [that have] large budgets and large coaching staffs because of the participation of local and alumni attorneys at our practices and because of the hard work and leadership of the team captains," said Mark Weaver, professor of political science and

head coach of Wooster's moot court team. "We were a young and relatively inexperienced team this year, and the four captains — seniors Mallory Kruper and Luke Tonat, along with juniors Alexander Downs and Benjamin Taylor — were outstanding team leaders who forged a nationally competitive team in a single semester."

Buzolits also served as a student coach for TGA of Southeast Michigan premier junior golf program in Bloomfield Hills.

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lem opening up and being straight forward," Ina said. "I don't get too nervous."

"He is a very good communicator and shows a lot of excitement and enthusiasm for the job," Poloni said.

Ina is training on the day shift with veteran Officer Joe Adams.

"He doing good, really good," Adams said.

"I couldn't ask for a better trainer," Ina said.

City of Grosse Pointe

Oafish

An 18-year-old, marijuana-using Taylor man with the munchies was arrested at 1:17 a.m. Friday, Dec. 19, for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs.

A patrolman pulled him over on westbound Mack near Lincoln for weaving a black 2012 Jeep without headlights. "His eyes were half

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closed and his movements were clumsy," said the officer, detecting an odor of marijuana coming from the passenger compartment despite an "excessive" scent of cologne. "He had an open bag of chips next to him on the passenger seat and stated he was going to McDonald's."

The driver admitted smoking marijuana.

"(I) was assisted by (Grosse Pointe Farms Officer Roger) Wierszewski, who is certified as a drug recognition expert."

Packages taken

Police weren't told until last week that, for the second time this holiday season, a delivery was stolen off a front porch.

The theft occurred on Tuesday, Dec. 2, in the 500 block of University, but wasn't reported until Tuesday, Dec. 16.

The packages, delivered by FedEx, were from Amazon and Dick's Sporting Goods, the victim told police.

The date of the theft is the same as one reported at the time in the 700 block of Rivard.

—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

42 suspensions

A 40-year-old female motorist from Detroit admitted the obvious when police learned her driver's license has been expired since 1994 and suspended 42 times.

"She freely admitted she is suspended," said an officer arresting her at 6:24 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19.

Police pulled her over on Mack at Labelle for operating a silver 2000 Dodge Neon with a cracked windshield.

She also is wanted in St. Clair Shores and Allen Park for violating the suspensions, according to police.

Wanted

Police investigating a 56-year-old man from Clarksville, Tenn., shortly before 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18, released him to St. Clair Shores authorities on a felony warrant for fraud.

A Farms patrolman pulled him over for driving a silver 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe through a red light on westbound Mack at Canyon.

38 suspensions

A man with 33 driving suspensions was accused last week of operating a silver 1999 Dodge Durango outfitted with a temporary license plate registered to a 2008 Saturn Vue.

"The temporary plate is a copy and fraudulent," said an officer arresting the man, 48, of Detroit, at 4:44 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17.

Spots nogoodnick

A 51-year-old Detroit man picked a bad time, shortly after 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, to walk in front of the U.S. Postal Service Office on westbound Mack within view of Lt. Andrew Rogers.

"(I) have had numerous prior contacts with (him) and was aware of several warrants for his arrest," Rogers said. "(He) is a known narcotics (and

crack cocaine user." Rogers reportedly found a crack pipe in the man's pocket and arrested him on three outstanding warrants:

- ◆ failure to appear in City of Grosse Pointe Municipal Court on a charge of property damage,
- ◆ disorderly conduct in Melvindale and
- ◆ failure to attend a preliminary hearing in Taylor for larceny.

Drugs

An 18-year-old Detroit man, investigated at 12:54 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16, for driving a 2005 Chevrolet on Mack with a loud muffler and unlit license plate, lacked a driver's license, but possessed 4 grams of marijuana, according to the arresting officer.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Pay up

A taxi driver called a patrolman at 2:14 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, to help collect a delinquent fare from a 27-year-old male passenger living on Webber Place.

"He stated he brought the subject here from Royal Oak and a fare was owed of \$98," reported the officer.

The passenger's credit card was declined, according to the driver.

"The subject went into the dwelling and closed the door and turned the lights out," added the officer. "I rang the bell. It was answered by (the) subject's father, who paid the cab driver."

Keep moving

A 48-year-old man from New Baltimore with no compelling reason to be at a construction site in the 500 block of Sheldon at 1:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, was arrested for violating a suspended driver's license.

"(He) stated he has

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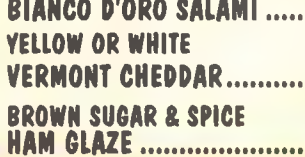
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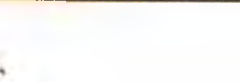
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To provide the Grosse Pointes the most relevant, accurate and timely information in our print and online publications.



A new beginning

Our hope is after the Jan. 15, 2015 sentencing of Bob Bashara, we can move on - with much learned and much we will always remember and much we'll want to forget.

Our newspaper has received dozens, perhaps hundreds of phone calls over the nearly three years since the death of Jane Bashara.

It was a hot topic here. One where people chose sides. One where some were duped by a con artist - who in the end, is just a con.

The national media came to town, albeit briefly, because this is Grosse Pointe. Because it was about someone visible in the community, though the national media way overplayed Bob's impact here. His reality involved dungeons and girlfriends and a lifestyle the majority of us would never want to understand.

While Bob's service club work was used as a reason he would never murder his wife, we'll argue the lasting imprint of making this community better was all Jane Bashara, never Bob.

It was a double life filled with lies, cheating and murder. Last week, the jury told the court their verdict on the five charges Bashara faced. Guilty.

Their decision, after an 11-week trial filled with bizarre moments, delays and a quick deliberation, made sure Bashara will never live in Grosse Pointe again.

The community prays for their families. The children who lost two parents. Jane Bashara, always.

It's time for all of us to move forward as a community. We have our answers.

The murderers of Jane Bashara - Joe Gentz and Bob Bashara - are in prison.

It's where they belong.

Year in review

Each year, the Grosse Pointe News takes a look back at the highlights of the past year. This year is no different. The first of a couple weeks of reviews is on page 4C of this week's issue.

Individual municipality reviews will follow in next week's issue.

Interesting days

The Lions, yes, the Detroit Lions, are in the playoffs. They'll play Sunday with a chance to win the division. It's not the only weird thing going on with local sports:

The Detroit Red Wings are horrid in the gimmicky shoot-outs that see, to end every other Red Wings game right now. First of all, after 65 minutes it's ridiculous to decide a winner with a shoot-out.

Second, the Red Wings should skate off the ice and just forfeit that second point. It's horrible to watch.

The Michigan Wolverines lost a basketball game to a New Jersey team that wasn't Rutgers. Did we even know there was a New Jersey Institute of Technology? Anyone?

The football team wants former Wolverine QB Jim Harbaugh to come save the day. A reported offer of \$49 million for six years is out there and Harbaugh is said to be "considering it." Would you coach football in Michigan for \$49 million?

The Pistons are drawing fewer fans than New Jersey Institute of Technology (with a gym that holds 1,500). The steady slide for 10 years is painful to watch. In fact, it's too painful to watch.

When do the Tigers start?

Merry Christmas.

OPINION

'Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus'

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

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

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

"Dear Editor:

"I am 8 years old.

"Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.

"Papa says, 'If you see it in The Sun it's so.'

"Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?"

"Virginia O'Hanlon
"115 West 95th Street."

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

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

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.

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

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

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

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

"Not believe in Santa Claus!

"You might as well not believe in fairies!

"You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in

the world are those that neither children nor men can see.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Merry Christmas!

LETTERS

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your letters to the editor. All letters should be typed, double-spaced, signed and limited to 250 words. Longer letters may be edited for length and all letters may be edited for content. We reserve the right to refuse any letter. Include a daytime phone number for verification or questions. The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday. Letters to the Editor can be e-mailed to jwarner@grossepointenews.com.

Recognition for holiday spirit

To the Editor:

Preparation for the holidays is arduous for most, but those who take the extra time to display their spirit by decorating their property outside deserve recognition for their efforts. They share with everyone who passes their home. Most of you are anonymous purveyors of happiness to this community. However, I cannot go another season without acknowledging your gifts to the Grosse Pointes.

There are those who might say some of you have gone over the top. I say, "Wow, they are truly into the season this year. Good for them!" The displays run the gamut from quiet to raucous, silly, elegant, spiritual and fun. Most of us wait in anticipation for this year's version of surprise delights. And, if we might not agree with specific tastes or color schemes,

we all benefit from your offerings. An annual show stopper for all holidays is on the corner of Moross and Lakeshore. One cannot help but smile and appreciate the labor and humor involved year after year.

I grew up in the Pointes during the '40s and '50s. It was an annual family ritual to drive around the community at night to see the evolving Christmas displays. One of our favorites was on Whittier, the home of an advertising executive with lavish decorations stopping gawkers each night. Driving up Lakeshore to see the festival of lights was another must. Cars would stop and bask in the glow. These were special times, especially for the children. We counted on seeing certain houses or corners each season and were disappointed if the scene was changed, wondering if the houses had new owners. We mourned the changes.

Our ever - changing world is growing smaller each day. Many changes in technology have put information at our fingertips. It appears we are experiencing more uncertainty, discourse and fear for the future. This week, let us try to hold tight to what we know in our minds and feel in our hearts. With the spirit of Christmas comes promise, comes love, comes peace.

We can embrace the lives we are living in this community. We can show gratitude to our protectors, our instructors, our mentors, our healers, our sanitation workers, those who deliver our mail, our newspapers and packages to our doors. We have gifts from the legions of helpers every day in our towns.

These presents don't require wrapping and ribbons. Don't take them for granted and remember a smile is a start to expressing our gratitude. Merry Christmas, happy holidays and bountiful blessings to all.

LAUREN CHAPMAN
Grosse Pointe Farms

Thoughts on the recognition of Cuba

To the Editor:

While a major and understandable goal of this paper is news of our community, there is a recent national decision

which we should all celebrate.

A most positive action is now in process by our government. Beginning with those surprising conversations with Raul Castro and strongly influenced by Pope Francis.

It seems that we are in the process of reconnecting with Cuba. This seems to be progressing with support and in a positive manner. This may well be the most important action this president has yet initiated.

This is not to minimize his actions to control the unlawful immigration of minors, the developing of better approaches to deal with ebola, and the sometimes slow but definitely positive improvement in our economy.

These are all recent successes under the leadership of President Obama which deserve appreciation.

Granted that it is disturbing Cuba has treated its own citizens so poorly in many cases, so have many other countries with which we have a relationship. Hopefully this recognition will allow us to have a greater influence on how the government of Cuba treats its own people. This is one of many reasons to support this action.

Clearly recognition of Cuba should be one of the goals of the USA.

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been doing construction work there (and) his cousin's dad owns the residence," said a patrolman questioning him during a traffic stop in the 500 block of southbound Lakeshore.

Unlicensed

Police said they arrested an unlicensed, 31-year-old Detroit man shortly after 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, for operating a 2007 Dodge Charger on northbound Lakeshore at Oxford.

A patrolman pulled him over for speeding 48 mph in a 35 mph zone.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Signed, sealed, delivered, stolen

A package was stolen off the front porch of a house on Whittier Monday, Dec. 8, shortly after the victim noticed it was there. According to the bulletin, the package was on the porch at 5 p.m. and when they went to retrieve it at 5:15 p.m., it was gone. The package contained a Patagonia coat and Skagen watch.

Stolen from a garage

A pair of items were stolen from an unlocked garage on the 600 block of Lakepointe Monday, Dec. 8. The victim reported to Park public safety a power washer and a men's bike were taken from the garage.

Attempted break in

At approximately 4 a.m. Monday, Dec. 15 a black male wearing a varsity-style jacket with "USA" on the left sleeve attempted to break into Mama Rosa's on Mack Avenue. The suspect attempted to throw a brick through the front door as well as kick through the glass. Fortunately for Mama Rosa's, the glass was shatterproof and the suspect never gained entry.

—John McTaggart

Grosse Pointe Woods

Package stolen

A package was stolen off the front porch of a house on the 1600 block of Prestwick Thursday, Dec. 18. According to tracking information, the item was delivered to the house, but the package was gone before the victim could retrieve it from the porch. A neighbor found an empty open box

Editor's note

The offices of the Grosse Pointe News are closed Wednesday, Dec. 24, and Thursday, Dec. 25.

They reopen Friday, Dec. 26.

Next week, the offices will close at noon Wednesday, Dec. 31, and remain closed through Thursday, Jan. 1, opening again Friday, Jan. 2.

Closings for municipalities are listed on page 3A of this week's newspaper.

The staff of the Grosse Pointe News wishes you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

in a nearby alley which he returned to the victim. The value of the contents was about \$60.

Home invasion and assault

A house on the 1600 block of Brys was broken into by an ex-boyfriend Saturday, Dec. 20, according to a police report. The suspect entered the home and assaulted another male in the house before fleeing the scene. The suspect turned himself in to public safety and was arrested.

Girls approached

A pair of 7th grade students at Parcels were approached by a white male after school Friday, Dec. 19, on Oxford near Holiday. According to the

public safety report, the man, who was described as high school aged, wearing a blue plaid hoodie and had long dark hair, asked the two girls if they wanted to buy some crack. When the two girls refused, the male stated

he had a gun and placed his hands on his hip. The two girls fled the scene.

Fake bill

The Jet's Pizza on Mack Avenue nearly fell victim to a scam Tuesday,

Dec. 16, when a male entered the business and attempted pay for an order of Jet Bread with a counterfeit \$100 bill. An employee noticed the bill was fake and informed authorities.

—John McTaggart



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Wrapping up Christmas

By Ann L. Fouty
Community Editor

A week before Christmas a dozen volunteers wound their way around tables at Services for Older Citizens filling baskets.

They had the joy of stuffing 84 baskets with goodies — from facial tissue or a puzzle book to a flannel scarf and cans of fruit and peppermints or a candy cane. All the baskets, items for the baskets, the cellophane wrapping and the ribbon and bows were donated. When filled, wrapped and topped with a bow, the baskets were delivered to Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods homebound senior citizens Thursday, Dec. 18, and Friday, Dec. 19, by another set of volunteers.

“This is my first time volunteering and delivering,” said Kay Weston of Grosse Pointe Park. “I really enjoy visiting seniors.”

She was both volunteering her time to fill baskets and delivering baskets.

Weston packed a bottle of hand lotion, sanitizing wipes, a calendar, oatmeal, soup and “I’ll put in playing cards to make this a fun basket,” she said.

SOC’s Executive Director David Dieter said, “It is so important to remember our seniors and (help) them stay connected to the community if they are home bound. There are so many home bound.”

He went on to say the deliveries were beneficial



Kay Weston of Grosse Pointe Park, first-time Services for Older Citizens volunteer, delivers a basket to a home bound senior citizen.



Some 85 baskets were delivered last week with hand soap, tea bags, pens and macaroni and cheese.



Robert Calhoun Jr. of Harper Woods helped organize baskets for volunteers to take to senior citizens in Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

both because of the items in the baskets and the interaction and conversation with the delivery person.

“It’s important to their dignity and to their

health to let them know they are not alone,” he said.

Robert Calhoun Jr. of Harper Woods spent his afternoon at SOC filling baskets, because, he said, “There is a need.”

Roz Peters of Grosse Pointe Woods was both filling baskets and wrapping them in cellophane.

“My family got our Christmas from the Goodfellows. My mother instilled in us giving back,” she said as the reason she took an afternoon to volunteer at SOC.

Meals on Wheels

This year, 50 meals are to be delivered Christmas morning to Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods seniors, said JoAnn Gerlach, SOC’s program coordinator.

One family who will be delivering a meal are

Mary, Jim and John Koukios of Grosse Pointe Park. They have been delivering both Thanksgiving and Christmas morning meals for nine years and doing it because it is another way of connecting to the community and to those people who are less fortunate, Koukios said.

“We have an abundance of love and support and of course gifts, (however) there are other people less fortunate,” she said.

Koukios said she fondly remembers a Harper Woods resident

to whom they delivered meals.

The note on his door said if he didn’t answer to look in the back yard where he would be working in his garden.

A World War II veteran, the man was wearing a jacket decorated with pins and badges from his military service.

“He spoke to my son about the war. My son was in awe,” she said of the man who has since died. “We were so captivated with him. You want him (her son) to connect to every type of person. This is the kind of something if you want to feel love from the community.

You meet people from different walks of life.

“We are so glad we do this. It doesn’t take long. It’s fun.”

In addition to the balanced meal, recipients will get a holiday card created by a Grosse Pointe student and a blanket donated by DTE, the day’s meal sponsor.

This is the first year seniors receiving meals on wheels were recipients of a blanket, Gerlach said.

Making the delivery more festive, the meals will be sheathed in a Christmas bag donated by Jane Burkey of Grosse Pointe Woods.



Gene Fedeli of St. Clair Shores volunteers to wrap baskets and does so because, he said, “What is Christmas time but giving?”



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Holiday singers

Regina High School music director Eleanor Ellero led the 12-member girls’ choir in holiday songs during the Sunrise and Grosse Pointe Rotary clubs’ holiday breakfast, Dec. 9.

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AREA ACTIVITIES

Ford House

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House hosts Winter Wonderland at the Ford House from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26, and Saturday, Dec. 27. The cost is \$10. For reservations, call (313)453-2037.

This strolling tour is illuminated by 80,000 lights, garlands, 100

luminaries and Christmas trees. Storytellers will be at the fire pit regaling guests with holiday tales while they drink hot chocolate or mulled wine.

War Memorial

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial has a brunch

and concert with the Chamber Soloists of Detroit at 10:15 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 4. Tickets cost \$35 and include brunch, the concert and "Talk Back," a question-and-answer session with the artists.

The day's musicians are Boston Symphony French hornist Rachel Childers, Detroit Symphony Orchestra violinist Adrienne Ronmark and CSD pianist Pauline Martin performing "Trio for Violin, Horn and



Pauline Martin



Adrienne Ronmark



Rachel Childers

hornist Childers was the first woman in history to be appointed to the Boston Symphony's brass section. She earned bachelor's and master's degrees in music from the University of Michigan and an Artist Diploma from Colburn School in Los Angeles.

Originally from Troy, violinist Ronmark served as assistant and associate concertmaster of the Ann Arbor Symphony from 1999 to 2007 and became a member of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's first violin section in 2008. She holds a bachelor's degree, with honors, from U of M and a mas-

ter's degree from the Cleveland Institute of Music.

Artistic Director of CSD, pianist Martin is a founding member of the St. Clair Trio whose credits include a Grammy nomination and Chamber Music America/WZXR-FM award. The Canadian-born Martin has been featured as concerto soloist with North American orchestras and holds advanced degrees in piano performance from Indiana University and U of M.

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DINING & Entertainment

ASK THE EXPERTS By Danna Haba O.D. and Jennifer Place O.D.

Are children's eyes affected by staring at a screen?



Q. I am a concerned parent and learned recent studies indicate young Americans are spending almost every waking hour absorbed in some form of entertainment media — iPhones, tablets, handheld gaming units, iPads and computers. Will these hours staring at a screen cause vision problems?

A. We have patients who complain of eye strain, blurry vision, dry or irritated eyes, redness, headaches and neck and shoulder pain from spending many hours looking at a screen. The term "computer vision syndrome" is used to describe these

common complaints. Normally, a person blinks about 15 times per minute, which allows your eyes to be refreshed and kept moist with new tears each time you blink.

However, when looking at a computer screen or handheld device, the blink rate slows to fewer than six blinks each minute.

What can be done to alleviate the problems of too much screen time?

Here is what I recommend:

- ◆ Have your child's eyes checked annually,
- ◆ Let your optometrist know your child is a "power user" of computers and handheld devices. Ask about getting a separate lens prescription for digital devices that will lower eye strain,
- ◆ Insist that the 20-20-20 rule is used in hour home and remind your

children to use it in school. Every 20 minutes focus on an object 20 feet away for 20 seconds,

◆ Eyelid massage will stimulate tear production. Blink often to prevent your eyes from drying out,

◆ Natural light is best and then incandescent bulbs are the next best,

◆ Teach your children to position a computer screen so it is about an arm's length away. The middle of the screen should be about 4-inches below your eyes which allows your neck to be in a normal, relaxed position and

◆ Consider optometric-vision-therapy-eye focusing issues might be the cause of computer vision syndrome.

◆ It is important to have a yearly comprehensive eye examination to keep abreast of changes in vision.

Haba and Place are local optometrists specializing in children's vision and learning concerns. Call Excel Institute of Shelby at (586) 739-9550 for more information.

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Christmas tea

A tree covered in red cardinals is one of the 40 themed trees to be seen on the Christmas tree walk and tea from noon to 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 29, at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. For reservations, call (313) 884-5040.

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Klemmer-Rouleau

Ellen Marie Klemmer and Michael John Rouleau both of St. Clair have announced their engagement.

An April wedding at Immanuel Lutheran Church in St. Clair is planned.

Miss Klemmer is the daughter of Carol and George Emrich and Steve Klemmer all of St. Clair and is a speech-language pathologist with Woodland Development Center.

Mr. Rouleau is the son of John and Kathy Rouleau of St. Clair, formerly of the City of Grosse Pointe, and is a certified prosthetic technician employed with Wright and Filippis.

MacLeod-Escher

Lynn and Don MacLeod of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Erin MacLeod, to Heiko Escher, son of Brigitte and Gerd Escher of Meckenheim, Germany.

A September wedding is planned.

Miss MacLeod graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications and German with a minor in political science from Albion College and a Master of Arts degree in marketing and public relations from Wayne State University. She is a controller and data methods analyst with Brose North America.

Mr. Escher graduated from RWTH Aachen University earning a Master of Science and Diploma of Engineering in mechanical engineering. He is a mechanical engineer with FEV Inc.

Ventimiglia-Kozlowski

Sam and Donna Ventimiglia of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Christina Ventimiglia, to Paul Kozlowski, son of Pat and Linda Kozlowski of Holly and Mary Ann Aubuchon of Warren.

An October wedding is planned.

Miss Ventimiglia earned a Bachelor of Science degree in health

and fitness and rehabilitative sciences, magna cum laude, from Central Michigan University and a Juris Doctorate degree from Wayne State University Law School. She is an attorney with Magdich Law.

Mr. Kozlowski earned a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering, magna cum laude, from WSU. He is a materials engineer/validation specialist with Minth Americas.

Vickers-Diehl

Thomas and Elizabeth Vickers of Grosse Pointe Farms have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lindsey Elizabeth Vickers, to Cary Ochen Diehl, son of Kerry and Judith Diehl of Grosse Ile.

An August wedding in Grosse Pointe is planned.

Miss Vickers is a 2004

Grosse Pointe South High School graduate and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communicative sciences and disorders from Michigan State University in 2008. She earned a Master of Arts in speech-language pathology in 2010 from Western Michigan University. She is a speech-language pathologist in the Warren Consolidated Schools.

Mr. Diehl graduated from Grosse Ile High School in 2001. In 2006, he earned a Bachelor of Science and Engineering degree in industrial and systems engineering from the University of Michigan. In 2008, Mr. Diehl earned a Master of Science and Engineering degree in industrial engineering from U of M and a Master of Science degree in product development in 2012 from the University of Detroit Mercy. He is a human factors engineer with Ford Motor Company.



Michael John Rouleau and Ellen Marie Klemmer



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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.

Richard Morris

Richard Frederic Morris, 81, of Elizabeth City, N.C., died Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2014, at Sentara Albemarle Medical Center.

Born in Detroit, to Raymond Morris and Gladys Rule Kelly, he was the husband of Maggie Smith Morris. He was an active member of Christ Episcopal Church in Elizabeth City, where he had been an usher, lector, chalice and greeter and had attended Bible study every Wednesday morning. Mr. Morris and his wife enjoyed dining out and were especially devoted to Erp's Truck Stop. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Morris is survived by two daughters, Gretchen Morris-Archinal and husband, Thomas, and their children, Margaret, Samuel and Stephen, and Karyl Eckerle and husband, Kevin, and their children, Benjamin and Noah; two stepdaughters, Juliet Miklosi and her children, Jillian and Alexander, and Amanda Dumais and her son, Hunter; two stepsons, Robert Wonham and Peter Wonham and wife, Bobbi Jo, and their children, Grace and Kendal, and his first wife, Betty Morris.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Margaret Kelly Rollin.

A memorial service was held Dec. 22, at Christ Episcopal Church in Elizabeth City.

Donations may be made to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Northeastern North Carolina, P.O. Box 1772, Elizabeth City, NC 27906; or to Christ Episcopal Church Music Fund, 200 S. McMorrine St., Elizabeth City, NC 27909.

Marie Caldwell

Marie Caldwell, 96, passed away Sunday, Dec. 14, 2014, at Huron Valley Hospital in Commerce Township.

She was born March 3, 1918, in Detroit, the third eldest of 13 children of Samuel and Angela (nee Figari) Ardito.

Mrs. Caldwell was a bowling enthusiast. She liked to make crafts, play cards and board games, write poetry and played the piano a bit. She liked to have her family over for Sunday dinners and holidays. She enjoyed music and dancing, but, most of all, she loved taking pictures. She never went anywhere without her camera.

Her family said Mrs. Caldwell had a great sense of humor and liked to make people smile. Her thoughtfulness was never ending. She sent cards to family and friends for every occasion, signing them "God bless you always," because she had strong faith and wanted to share it with people she loved. She was an officer in the St. Matthew Ladies

Guild and belonged to The Legion of Mary.

Mrs. Caldwell is survived by her loving children Bob, Dick, Janet, Nancy and Carol and 10 grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was held Dec. 20 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to Levy Body Dementia at lbdia.org/go/donate.

Richard Webster Kay

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Richard Webster Kay, 90, died Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2014, with his wife, Janice, by his side.

Born Dec. 19, 1923, in Detroit, to Harold and Elizabeth Richardson Kay, he attended Detroit schools and was an all-city halfback from MacKenzie High School. Attending Michigan State University on a football scholarship for one semester, he joined in the U.S. Navy serving as an aircraft carrier pilot during World War II and played football for the Iowa Seahawks.

After graduating from Wayne State University, he taught in Northville, becoming principal of Amerman school, then principal of Richard and Kerby elementary schools in Grosse Pointe. Later, he served as head of community services and director of personnel relations for the Grosse Pointe Public School System, retiring and becoming a wedding photographer.

At Grosse Pointe Memorial Church he served as elder, deacon, a Stephen minister, on ministerial searches and the personnel committee.

Mr. Kay served as president of the Grosse Pointe Ecumenical Memorial Association, the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club, the Sex Education Council of the U.S., and a member of the Grosse Pointe Symphony, Grosse Pointe Farms Beautification Committee, Grosse Pointe Historical Society, Elementary Principal's Association, Council of Girl Scouts, Northville Rotary and auction chair of Services for Older Citizens. His favorite service was being Santa Claus at the War Memorial.

Mr. Kay enjoyed photography, sailing, cooking and golf. At 70, he attended the Detroit Tigers Fantasy Camp in Florida.

His family said he was always full of hope, love and trust in people. Whenever asked his favorite day, he would respond, "Today."

Along with his wife, Janice, Mr. Kay is survived by his daughters, Leigh McKay (Khoren) and Cindy Kay; stepson, Daniel Smale (Janice); grandchildren, Nick Berry, Megan Elliott (Eddie) and Amy McDaid (Ritchie); step-grandchildren, Lindsay Pohl (Nick), Thomas Smale, Alexandra McNulty, Gavin McNulty, Leslie Black and Michelle Black and great-grandchildren, Levi Elliott and Finn

McDaid.

He was predeceased by his twin siblings, James Kay and Janet MacKenzie, and stepdaughter, Susan McNulty (Dan).

A service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 26, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to the Foundation for Fighting Blindness, P.O. Box 17279, Baltimore, MD 21297.

Donald L. Stehr

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Donald L. Stehr, of St. Clair Shores, died Saturday, Nov. 15, 2014. He was 91.

Born Dec. 31, 1922, in Madison, Wis., to Lydia and Louis Stehr, he graduated from the University of Wisconsin and Cleveland Marshall Law School. A first lieutenant in the U.S. Army Air Forces during World War II, he was the director of risk management for the Stroh companies.

Mr. Stehr appreciated good food and wine. He enjoyed bird and skeet shooting and discussing various topics involving ethical issues. He was a member of the Grosse Pointe Club.

Mr. Stehr is survived by his sons, Craig L. Stehr and Mark S. Stehr M.D.

He was predeceased by his wife, Margaret P. Stehr and brother, Wesley.

Harriet Hall Redlin

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Harriet Hall Redlin died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2014.

Born in 1922 in Convoy, Ohio, to Lelia and Glenn Hall, she attended Western College for Women Oxford, Ohio, and the Vogue School of Design and Styling in Chicago.

Mrs. Redlin enjoyed being a homemaker and volunteering at St. John Hospital, the American Red Cross and League for the Handicapped.

She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. For 25 years, she and her husband spent summers at Walloon Lake, entertaining their children and grandchildren.

Mrs. Redlin is survived by her son, Michael Hall Redlin (Dawn); daughter, Rachel Redlin Kurtz; grandchildren, James H. Kurtz III (Jennifer), Heidi Redlin Kurtz, David Redlin (Hillary) and Deborah Redlin Betz (Eric) and great-grandchildren, Hannah and Naomi Betz and Zachery J. Redlin and Ethan Redlin. She also is survived by her step-granddaughter, Kathleen Peterson (Rohan).

She was predeceased by her husband, Robert W. Redlin in 1996 and son-in-law, James Kurtz in 2012.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to the St. John Hospital



Richard Morris



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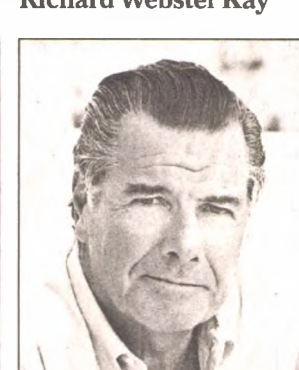
Richard Webster Kay



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Emily Dixon Turner



Ronald E. Milner

Foundation, P.O. Box 673271, Detroit, MI 48267.

Marvin Louis Asmus

Marvin Louis Asmus, 89, died Friday, Dec. 19, 2014.

He was the loving husband of Barbara; dear father of Nancy Kaegi (Don), Janet Fritz (Tom), Marvin "Skip" Asmus, and Daniel Asmus; stepfather of William Watts (Kathleen), Jon Watts (Susan) and Wendy Morris (James).

He also is survived by 20 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. Asmus was predeceased by his first wife, Harriet.

A funeral service was held Dec. 23 at Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, Detroit.

Donations may be made to Rotary of Grosse Pointe, c/o Grosse Pointe War Memorial Community Center, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, 1345 Gratiot, Detroit, MI 48207.

Stephanie Kingsley

Stephanie Kingsley, 98, died Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2014.

She was a loving, kind, caring and selfless mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. She enjoyed bowling and golf as a longtime member of the Austin High School Mother's Club and Gowanie Golf Club.

Mrs. Kingsley is survived by her children, Martha Lou Brda

(Gregory), Paula Sinn (Bill), Michael (Diane), David (Marge), Brian (Sally) and Peter; 16 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Joe.

A funeral Mass was held Dec. 20 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, St. Clair Shores.

Donations may be made to the Capuchin Monastery, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

Emily Dixon Turner

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Emily Dixon Turner, 88, died Monday, Dec. 15, 2014.

She was born Nov. 11, 1926, in Lake Forest, Ill., to Arthur and Anna Marquis Dixon, and attended the University of Michigan.

Mrs. Turner was a member of the Huron Mountain Club, Country Club of Detroit, Tau Beta Association and Colonial Dames. She was a past president of the Garden Club of Michigan and chairwoman of a national committee with Garden Club of America.

Mrs. Turner is survived by her sons, Richard (Mary), Arthur (Phoebe), Scott (Marin) and Edward; grandchildren, James, Christopher, Ashley, Alex, Whitney, Bailey and Anna and great-grandchildren, Emily and Millie.

She was predeceased by her husband, Richard H. Turner and sister, Elizabeth.

A private service will be held.

Donations may be made

to Huron Mountain Wild Life Foundation, 5075 Warren Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105.

Ronald E. Milner

Grosse Pointe Park resident Ronald E. Milner, 85, died Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2014.

He was born May 13, 1929, in Michigan, to Earl R. and Mary Lyons Milner. He is survived by his beloved wife of 41 years, Lucy Carmichael Milner, and his sister Jeanne Pierrong of Bradenton, Fla.

For 50 years, Mr. Milner was president of Milner Hotels, Inc., founded in 1918. In the 1940s, it was the largest hotel chain in the world. He was a life-long Detroit supporter remaining in downtown Detroit as other businesses left the city.

Mr. Milner was a Korean War veteran and graduate of the Cornell University School of Hotel Administration. He was a member of the World President's Organization, Phi Beta Theta Fraternity, Detroit Athletic Club, Country Club of Detroit, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Grosse Point Hunt Club, the Scarab Club and was on the original ad hoc committee of the restoration of Orchestra Hall.

Mr. Milner was a life-long boater. His main passion in life was the family hotel business.

A funeral service was held Dec. 20 at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods.

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PASTOR'S CORNER By Roger Skully

Rededication of lights during Chanukah

Chanukah is not the Jewish Christmas. The two do occur approximately at the same time of the year and one might argue had their origins as harbingers of the winter solstice. In all likelihood, these were holidays appropriated by Judaism and Christianity to replace pagan festivals of the time. A quick look at the history of Israel is necessary to put the holiday in perspective.

Alexander the Great died in 323 B.C.E. His kingdom was split into several smaller kingdoms: the Greek Empire, based in Greece; the Seleucid Empire based in Syria, and the Ptolemaic Empire based in Egypt.

Jews had recently returned from Babylon under Ezra and Nehemiah to rebuild the temple and establish an independent Jewish monarchy.

The tragedy of Israel has always been that its location was directly between Syria and Egypt. Because of this geographical fact, it was the highway for armies from these two empires to continually wage war on each other.

At the time of the revolt of the Maccabees, both Egypt and Syria were dominated by Greek language and culture. Control of the trade routes and seaports were critical. Under Emperor Antiochus IV of Syria, Israel was invaded. The Jews became subject to the Hellenistic Seleucids.

In an attempt the consolidate his empire, Antiochus thought Hellenizing his entire kingdom would be a good way to protect it.

Some historians suggest the rise of Rome was the catalyst for an attempt to unify his empire.

An analogy might be the use

of English as the official language of the United States in order to keep some control of ethnic diversity. It should be noted the Seleucid Empire contained the most divisive cultural milieu of Alexander's conquests.

They desecrated Jewish places of worship, banned circumcision, the Sabbath, Jewish schools and the study of Torah.

Jewish brides were required to submit to the local Greek governor on their wedding night, a practice continued in feudal Europe throughout the Middle Ages.

A core of priests, Kohanim, from which is derived "Kahn" and other denotations of authority, was led by a priest, Mattathias, and his five sons. They were known as the Hasmoneans (Chashmoniam) and led by brother Yehudah, or Judah, the Maccabee. It is a

Hebrew acronym for "Who is like you Lord among the mighty" or it could mean "a hammer" because Judah hammered the Syrians through guerilla warfare defeating the occupying Greek army.

The miracle of Chanukah was they were militarily successful and cleansed the temple of all of its Greek influences. Chanukah means rededication.

The lights lit in the Menorah (candlestick) are a reminder of the lighting of the Menorah in the second temple. It is also a symbol of Jewish survival when other empires have risen and fallen.

The underlying theme of this conflict was the polemic between Greek and Judaic thought.

Nachmanides, a 12 century C.E. Biblical commentator, said: "Our belief is unlike that Greek, Aristotle, who denied

everything that he could not sense. He and his students were arrogant enough to think that anything that they did not arrive at with their own reasoning was not true."

Judaism believes the senses perceive only the surface of reality. Truth is defined by what G-d thinks of man and what He wants him to do. God is the reality, the senses are results of His creations.

Of course, a synthesis of these philosophies was arrived at, but the core concept of the supremacy of G-d in our lives remains intact because of the Hasmonean military victory.

Enjoy a happy, safe, and spiritual holiday season. Amen and Amen.

Skully is cantor at the Downtown Synagogue and president of the Grosse Pointe Ministerial Association.

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FEAST OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST
Thursday, December 25, 2014
Concert at 11:30 p.m. Christmas Eve
MIDNIGHT MASS AT 12:00 A.M.
MASS OF CHRISTMAS DAY AT 8:30 A.M.
MASS OF CHRISTMAS DAY AT 11:15 A.M.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
Saturday, December 27, 2014
MASS AT 4:00 P.M.
Sunday, December 28, 2014
MASSES AT 8:30 A.M. & 11:15 A.M.

NEW YEAR'S EVE & DAY
Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God
Wednesday, December 31, 2014
MASS AT 4:00 P.M.
Thursday, January 1, 2015
MASS AT 10:00 A.M.

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Sunday, December 28
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6:00 pm Mass
(11:30 pm Christmas Caroling)
12:00 am Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY
Thursday, December 25, 2014
9:00 am and 11:00 am

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2014
Vigil (December 27) 4:00 pm
Sunday Morning 9:00 and 11:00 am

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2015
Vigil (December 31) 4:00 p.m.
Mary, Mother of God - Mass 10:00 am



Deeplands Garden members include, bottom from left, Nolly Vermet, Cheryl Meyer, Fran Ahee, Kay Fulgenzi and Elaine Malcoun; middle from left, Kathy Brown and Joan Gossman; and back from left Lolly Gerhardstein, Hope Hoffman, Karen Bromley, Lorraine Phelan, Marieke Allen, Carol Redding, Kathy Schummer, Kathy Clarke and Ginny Brown. Members not pictured include Cecelia Barr, Kathy Lenz, Mary Lussier, Diane Moskaluk, Carol Reed, Sandy Thompson and Cindy White.

Deeplands Garden Club reaches milestone

For 50 years, Deeplands Garden Club has identified needs in the community, conserved and improved environments, built skills and talents with its membership.

Mrs. Allen R. Whittington was the club's founder and first president in 1964.

Recognized by the Federated Garden Club of Michigan in 1965, its focus was to invite foreign students to describe the gardens in their respective countries and understand the international gardening differences. In addition, members supported Native American scholarships.

Branching out, DGC became involved in civic causes such as aiding in conservation of St. John's Marsh and wetlands

area.

Due to the DGC's efforts in planting flowers in downtown Detroit, it received a civic award plaque from the Detroit News. Those efforts were followed by planting trees on Lakeshore Road. Each year, the DGC, along with other local garden clubs, plants and maintains a trial garden. Trial gardens are sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Garden Center and are located at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Deeplands has frequently earned recognition and awards for its themed garden there.

In addition to working in its trial garden, members assist in the revitalizing and maintenance of the Veterans Garden at the War Memorial and are represented on the

Grosse Pointe Garden Center Board to assist with projects such as the Grosse Pointe Garden Tour.

For many years DGC planned, planted and maintained gardens at the Children's Home in Grosse Pointe Woods. Currently the DGC is collaborating with the Samaritan Center, the largest private and not-for-profit provider of children's services in Michigan.

Recent projects of the club include introducing young women to gardening, culminating in both vegetable and flower gardens. Additionally, DGC collaborates with Project Bloom to plant flowers in The Village and in City of Grosse Pointe Park.

Monthly programs focus on education, field trips and fellowship.

Winter coats distributed

For the third year in row, the morning and afternoon Rotary Clubs in Detroit and the Grosse Pointes are distributing thousands of new winter coats to children in need.

This year, according to Paul Rentenbach of the Grosse Pointe club, he and his fellow Rotarians are distributing 4,002 coats through numerous social services organizations in Detroit, such as Matrix Human Services and the Children's Center of Detroit, that later received 700 coats.

Some 1,900 coats were

delivered to Matrix Human Services in December.

To date, 10,400 coats have been purchased over the past three years by the four Detroit and Grosse Pointe Rotary clubs. They are warehoused, sorted and reboxed at the Stroh River Place warehouse — thanks to the generosity of the Stroh Family — and shipped to the various social services organizations. In the Grosse Pointes, coats are distributed by the public school system to needy

children identified through the national lunch program.

Children without warm winter coats do not attend school in the winter. Or if they do have a coat, it is shared among siblings who take turns going to school.

Thanks to the power bulk purchasing, the Rotary clubs are able to provide a new winter coat at a cost of \$20 apiece.

To contribute or for more information, visit operationwarmdetroit.org.



Three recipients of new coats provided by Rotary clubs in the Detroit area.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

A five-ingredient Christmas breakfast



Tomorrow is Christmas. It's not too late for a special breakfast treat that will leave your family feeling very merry. Savory sunrise muffins require just five ingredients and not a whole lot of time. And they are yummy.

Sunrise Savory Breakfast Muffins

- 1/3 package Jimmy Dean regular sausage (1lb.)
- 2 eggs
- 3/4 cup chunky salsa (as little juice as possible)
- 3/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 package "grands" style biscuits

Cook sausage over medium heat then crumble into little pieces. In a medium bowl beat eggs then add salsa, cheese and crumbled sausage.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Grease eight muffin (cupcake size) cups. Fit a biscuit into each cup, pressing down into the

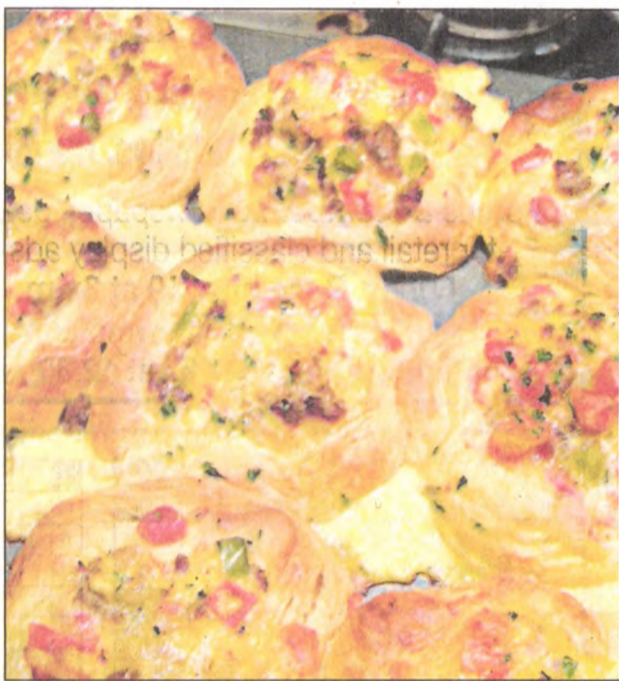


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A five-ingredient recipe can be prepared for Christmas breakfast or can be frozen for a quick meal at a later date.

well of the cup then allowing the extra dough to come over and around edge of each cup, sort of like a flower. Divide egg mixture into each biscuit "cups."

Bake at 400 for 20 minutes, until puffed up and golden brown. Use a knife to loosen the top of the muffins. They will then just pop out.

These little muffins pack a lot of flavor and a just a little kick from the

salsa.

Freeze extra breakfast muffins for another time. Just thaw and reheat. Perfect for college students home on a long break.

Merry, merry Christmas from my kitchen to yours. And wishes for peace to all.

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This is a family-oriented celebration that includes an age-appropriate French film with English subtitles. Following the film, the French galettes (cakes) are served to see who finds a 'feve' (trinket) in their slice and crowned "king for the day."

Member tickets cost \$9 and non-member tickets cost \$10.

Reservations are limited and will be accepted through Tuesday, Jan. 6. For reservations, send a check payable to Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe to Christiane Stein, 23009 Maxine, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080.

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Deadline for classified word ads is **Monday, December 22 at 12:30p.m.**

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HOCKEY

Liggett goes extras to sweep South

Campau nets goal to win title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Host University Liggett won its holiday tournament last weekend, edging rival Grosse Pointe South 3-2 in overtime.

Stephen Campau intercepted a Blue Devils' pass and wristed a shot by goaltender Andy Jakub at the 5:54 mark of overtime to win the title.

"The longer the game was close, the better we felt," Liggett head coach Mike Hamilton said. "We made some adjustments on special teams and I thought we were very good 5-on-5."

"This is a nice win and we head to Traverse City with some momentum."

The Blue Devils forced overtime when Will Poplawski tipped a shot from the point by Ian Corbett with only 31.4 left in the third period.

Campau scored at the 9:57 mark of the third period to give the Knights a 2-1 lead. Nick Gawel had the assist.

South head coach Bobby McKillop pulled Jakob for an extra attacker and the move paid off as the Blue Devils applied a lot of pressure before Poplawski's tip eluded Knights goaltender Luke Soyka.

The Knights scored in the first period when Harrison Wujek tallied on the power play, assisted by Brett Abdelnour and Mason Demsey.

The Blue Devils countered with a second-period goal by Will Barrett, assisted by Adam Pitters.

Liggett improved to 7-1 and Grosse Pointe South dropped to 5-2 with both losses coming to the Knights.

In the consolation



PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE

Liggett's Stephen Campau scored the game-winning goal in overtime to lift the Knights past Grosse Pointe South in the tournament championship game.

game, Grosse Pointe North blanked St. Francis Traverse City Bay Reps 5-0 behind a shutout in net by goaltender Ben Borland.

"We needed this win to keep our spirits up," North head coach Mike Maltese said. "It was a solid effort all the way around from the boys."

Nick Cusmano posted a hat trick, while Max Yoshida and Alex Batts also tallied.

The Norsemen broke open a 1-0 game by scoring three times in the second period, including goals by Cusmano and Yoshida at the 15:27 and 14:08 marks.

Doing the rest was a solid Norsemen defense and Borland.

He made a couple of point-blank saves in the third period to keep the shutout.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 2-8 with the win in the consolation game.

In the first semifinal,

Grosse Pointe South edged Grosse Pointe North 2-0 in a hard-hitting, physical game.

"We played a good game tonight and it's too bad we lost a close game because we played well enough to win," Maltese said.

This was a game ruled by the goaltenders as Borland matched Jakub save for save.

However, the Blue Devils were able to squeeze in a first period power-play goal and second period even strength tally, while Jakub was flawless.

The Blue Devils' first goal came on a 5-on-3 power play with Pitters scoring.

Corbett and Jonathon Theros had the assists.

Near the end of the second period, Barrett scored with Theros and Will Sheffer netting assists.

In the third period, the Norsemen outplayed the Blue Devils and out shot them by more than a 2-to-1 margin.

However, Jakub was up to the task.

In the nightcap, Liggett led 3-0 in the first period and broke it open with a four goal second period.

They ended the game by mercy after Alex Minanov scored twice, including the game-ending goal at the 7:12 mark on the power play.

Minanov scored the Knights' final four goals, while other goal scorers were Ferg Roby, Dylan Paulsell, Campau, Abdelnour and Jacob Smith.

Both Abdelnour and Campau finished with four assists apiece.

Malewicz is heroine for Knights

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The host University Liggett girls' hockey team had to go into a shootout to win its annual holiday tournament last weekend.

To the delight of the fans and extreme pressure from the coaches, Haley Malewicz scored the only goal in the shootout to lead Liggett to a 4-3 win over Grosse Pointe South in the championship game.

"We felt good about our chances heading into the shootout," Liggett head coach Cassie Jaeckle said. "We have a great goaltender and girls who can put the puck in the net."

"It's ironic a goalie scored against another goalie. Haley has great hands and she looked at what the previous nine girls did before her."

"She noticed not one deked the goalie, so she decided to deek South's goalie. It worked and we won the tournament."

Malewicz put a perfect move on goalie Bella Strickler, getting her to move to her left, leaving the entire right side of the goal open for her to slide the puck in for the winning goal.

Taking penalty shots for the Blue Devils were



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Liggett's Grace Scarfone, pictured in the Knights' previous game at Grosse Pointe South, and her teammates played well to beat the Blue Devils in a shootout.

Carson Dennis, Lauren Kramer, Ava Russano, Erin Brannagan and Libby Erickson.

All five missed the mark against Knights goalkeeper Olivia Portillo.

The Knights' first four shooters, who also missed, were Allison Stapleton, Molly Murphy, Kara Francis and Riley Marchin.

Scoring in regulation for the Knights were Marchin with two, including one a power play, and

Francis. Drawing assists were Kathryn Zinn, Jena Pangborn and Francis.

For the Blue Devils and head coach Joe Provenzano, Brannagan, Dennis and Kramer scored goals. Collecting assists were Russano, Emily Van Der Hoeven and Emma Frame.

Liggett improved to 7-2 overall, while Grosse Pointe South fell to 5-1.

In the consolation game, Grosse Pointe North played a flawless game, beating Northville 7-0 behind stellar goaltending from Amber Gieseking and a hat trick from Elizabeth Gallagher.

Other goal scorers for the Norsemen were Lindsay Gallagher, Devyn LaValley, Karina Lucchese and Kylee Banaszewski.

In the semifinals, Liggett defeated Grosse Pointe North 4-1 and Grosse Pointe South beat Northville 5-1.

"We put together our best three periods of the season, even though we lost to a good Liggett team," North head coach Joe Lucchese said. "We are starting to put it together and we look forward to coming back from the break."

Grosse Pointe North ended a three-game losing streak and improved to 3-6 overall.

The Blue Devils led 2-1 after two periods before Erickson scored twice in the third period.

"Libby showed some nice senior leadership against Northville," Provenzano said. "Northville is an improved team."



North's Richie Filippelli played well in the Norsemen's tough semifinal loss to Grosse Pointe South.



North's Nicole Haggerty has provided senior leadership for the Norsemen.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH WRESTLING, SWIMMING

Norsemen teams record victories

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

For the first time in several years, the Grosse Pointe North wrestling team is off to a fast start.

The Norsemen improved to 7-0 after winning the Cousino Team Tournament Dec. 13, beating Clawson, Cousino, Marysville, Dakota and Grosse

Pointe South.

"The guys wrestled well and are off to a nice start," head coach Eric Julien said. "We will practice hard on our moves and then get ready for a tournament before the boys go back to school."

Mike Bowden led the Norsemen, finishing 5-0 at the 160-pound division.

Chase Mocerri and Joe

Guido each finished 2-2 among other standouts for the Norsemen.

Last weekend, Bowden earned a fourth-place medal at 160 pounds in the 40th annual Macomb County Invitational.

As a team, North was in the middle of the pack, but Julien was proud.

Swimming

The Grosse Pointe

North boys' swimming and diving team evened its record at 1-1 last week, beating Utica Ford 129-54.

Event winners for the Norsemen were Joseph Cobau in the 200-yard freestyle, William McNelis in diving, John Cobau in the 100-yard butterfly, Alex Owens in the 100-yard backstroke and Matt Stander in the

100-yard breaststroke.

Head coach Mike O'Connor said season-best performances were recorded in the 50-yard freestyle by Alex Blunden, Stander, Colin Gudenau and Isiah Mahone; 100-yard freestyle by Graham Eger, Joseph Cobau, Adam Schreck, Sam Stafford, Quinn Gallant, Ben Sliwinski and Gudenau;

200-yard freestyle by Paul Rakowicz and Trevor Mieczkowski; 500-yard freestyle by Joseph Cobau; 100-yard backstroke by Owens; 100-yard butterfly by Joseph Cobau, Owens and Stafford; 200-yard individual medley by Stander and Michal Ruprecht; and diving by McNelis and Sam Shehadeh.

New courts needed for Norsemen

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North boys and girls tennis coach John VanAlst is looking to raise more than \$100,000 to help build new tennis courts on school property.

It has been years since the Norsemen have enjoyed playing a home match in their backyard.

Instead, they have to hike to Lake Front Park to play matches and practice.

"It would be wonderful for the kids to get the chance once again to play tennis matches on the school grounds like they did years ago," VanAlst said. "It's really not fair and makes holding practices and matches tough since we have to use the (Grosse Pointe) Woods' park."

The courts at the high school are in horrible shape and unplayable.

In fact, North's former longtime tennis coach Ken Gutow is trying to raise money to turn those into pickle ball courts.

Pickle ball is gaining popularity throughout the country, especially among senior citizens.

If North has the opportunity for growth among the community's seniors, as well as the current high school students, playing tennis matches near-by would be a wonderful thing, according to VanAlst.

One problem the high school teams have in using the Lake Front courts is complaints from city residents, who want to use the courts, but they are in use by the high school players.

In the past couple of years, the complaints increased, even though the high school students only use the courts for several weeks in the fall and even fewer in the spring.

"Building courts on school grounds would alleviate this problem of having to get everyone to Lake Front Park and the complaints from residents," VanAlst said. "We have kids late for practice and schools late to

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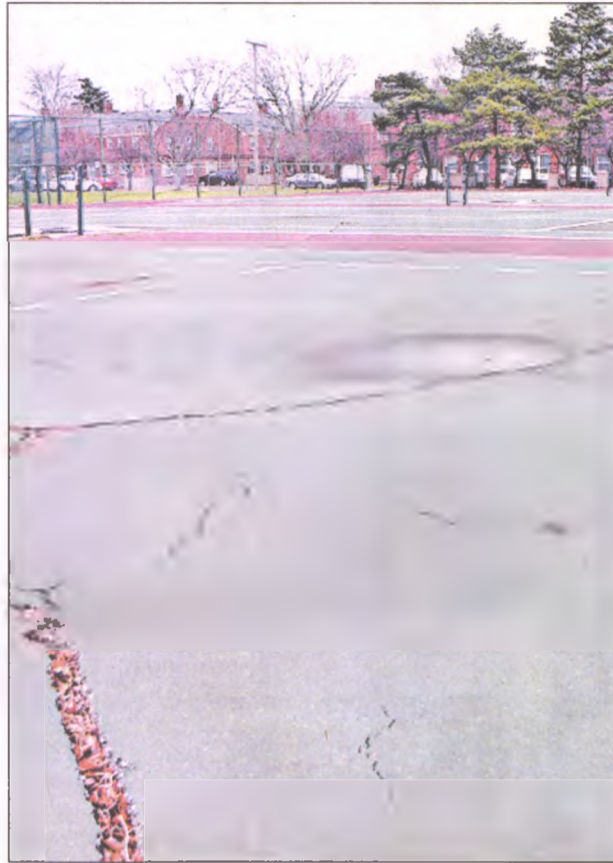


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The tennis courts at Grosse Pointe North near the football field are in horrible shape. Plans to renovate these, as well as build new ones on school grounds, is reason for hope entering the new year.

matches since they have to head to Lake Front Park.

"Having everyone at the high school would be easier for everyone involved and help our very successful tennis programs thrive for years to come."

Grosse Pointe North's boys and girls tennis teams have made the state finals for more than a dozen consecutive years, despite having to

trek a couple of miles to Lake Front Park.

"We are only in the initial design phase, so there is a long way to go for this project to gain momentum," VanAlst said. "However, if we can raise this money, things should be much easier to accomplish."

If anyone wants to donate or for more information, contact North tennis parent Tina Allor at allort@yahoo.com.

Basketball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH GIRLS



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Victory

Sophomore Katie Snow scored eight points, grabbed 10 rebounds and dished out three assists to help Grosse Pointe North win a second straight close game, 46-44, over visiting Sterling Heights Stevenson last week. Junior Erin Armbruster added 16 points, four steals and four rebounds, while senior Megan Lesha chipped in with four assists and four rebounds. North improved to 3-1 heading into the holiday break.

LIGGETT BOYS & GIRLS

Splitsville

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett boys' basketball team took the 90-minute drive north to play a non-league game at Sandusky High School last weekend.

It was well worth it as the Knights pulled out a 48-40 win, improving to 2-1 overall.

For head coach Sidney Johnson, sophomore Jordan Peterson scored 19 points and sophomore Jaren English had 10.

The Knights led 23-22 at the half, but fell behind 34-31 after three quarters.

Freshman Anthony George hit two three-

pointers and English drilled one as the Knights outscored the home team 17-6 in the fourth quarter. George and junior Spencer Ewing finished with eight points apiece.

Coming up for the Knights is an 11 a.m. game Friday, Dec. 26, against Royal Oak Shrine in the Motor City Roundball Classic at Harper Woods' High School.

Liggett girls' basketball team wasn't as fortunate, losing 60-37 to host Dearborn Divine Child last weekend.

Senior Jessica Rotzoll had 14 points, but it wasn't enough to prevent the Knights from falling to 2-1 overall.

Gymnastics

GROSSE POINTE UNITED

Team victory

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe United gymnastics team evened its record at 1-1 last weekend, beating Tecumseh 138.65-129.2.

The home team won each of the four events.

On vault, Isabelle Nguyen scored a team-leading 9.45, followed by Michelle Ellis at 8.70, Chandler McClarty at 8.65, Rachel Rogers at 8.55, Brenna Bromwell at

8.10 and Gyanei Johnson at 7.90.

On bars, Nguyen scored a 9.70, followed by Jen Gmeiner with a 9.10, Ellis with an 8.10, Johnson with a 6.85 and Rogers with a 6.80.

Leading the team on beam was Nguyen, who scored a 9.35.

Others who scored points on the beam were Bromwell with an 8.00, Johnson with an 8.65, Ellis with a 7.20, McClarty with a 7.40, Gmeiner with an 8.00 and Rogers with a 6.70.

On the final event, the floor exercise, Nguyen had a 9.55 to wrap up an amazing evening.

Johnson had an 8.95, followed by Ellis with an 8.65, Rogers with an 8.40, McClarty with an 8.40, and Bromwell with an 8.30.

Competing for the second team for Grosse Pointe United were Maggie Bowers, Josie Bennett, Sydney Dugan, Amber Williams and Olyvia Shimko.

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Photos also are accepted. They can be dropped off, mailed in or sent as an attachment in jpg form. Photos will be returned if a self-addressed stamped envelope is provided.

The first of your remembrances are to appear in January and focus on winter activities, events and the weather. Your letters will be printed regularly. The first 75 published submissions will receive a free year's subscription to the Grosse Pointe News.

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Defer students place in writing contest

The University of Michigan-Dearborn recently hosted over 140 enthusiastic attendees at the 2014 Young Authors' Festival.

This year's festival theme was friendship with activities to encourage writing and reading for children.

Special presenter was Toni Buzzeo, author of the children's book "One Cool Friend" (Dial Books for Young Readers, 2012), a Caldecott 2013 Honor Book. Toni, a UM-Dearborn graduate and author of over 20 children's books, spoke

about the process of writing and publishing a book.

She also gave tips and advice to the children about pursuing their own writing.

Four students from Defer Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Park were selected as winners in the writing contest for the festival.

The contest was for students in grades 3 through 5.

Guinevere Wagstaff won 3rd place in the 4th grade category, Kate Weidig won 1st place in the 5th grade category,



Wagstaff



Weidig



Balfour



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Ava Balfour won 2nd place in the 5th grade category, and Jerry Xia won 3rd place in the 5th grade category.

Children enjoyed

break-out sessions led by UM-Dearborn pre-service teachers.

Ten sessions covered a variety of topics and techniques to help improve

the children's writing and creativity skills. In one session, children used ukuleles to explore adding music to their writing.

Another session had chil-

dren creating small books to record their writings. A session for adults gave tips for supporting children in their writing and creative activities.

Class teaches history through lens of region

In many U.S. history courses, the War of 1812 doesn't get a lot of attention. It's often treated as a footnote as students hurtle from the American Revolution toward the next chapter about the Civil War.

But that's not the case at University Liggett School, which this year introduced an entirely new way to teach the nation's history. The 10th-grade class looks at U.S. history in a place-based approach, through the lens of Detroit and the region, giving students a more relevant context and understanding of the events that have impacted the country.

In the case of the War of 1812, that meant taking students to the River Raisin National Battlefield Park in Monroe, where they examined the war from a uniquely local perspective. The students investigated aspects of the conflict such as Andrew Jackson's role or Native American involvement and studied the ways the National Park Service exhibits represented the War of 1812.

The students then created their own War of 1812 exhibition, displayed in Liggett's main hallway, which presents and interprets primary sources from the war, including artifacts, political documents, artwork and correspondence, through a number of different lenses – the war at home, its legacy and its battles, to name a few. The result: students gained a more hands-on understanding of the conflict than they would in traditional U.S. history courses and appreciated the role that Michigan played in a war fought on local soil.

Using the Detroit region as its lens, Liggett's course forgoes the traditional East Coast-centered approach taught in most 10th-grade U.S. history courses. A few examples: The Civil War is taught by looking at Detroit's role in the Underground Railroad; early European settlements are studied from the perspective of the French who settled among the Native tribes who already inhabited the region; and the Industrial Revolution, of course, focuses on Detroit's central role producing commodities like furniture, railroad cars and automobiles.

"In most U.S. history courses you assume the Pilgrims arrived in New England first and there began a slow march west, but at the same time the French were settling here in the Great Lakes Region and the Spanish were in California and Florida," says Adam Hellebuyck, chair of Social Studies and co-creator of the



Tenth-grader Jay Jay Jerry in front of his "Old Ironsides" War of 1812 exhibit.

course. "Aren't their stories just as relevant? In our class, the camera lens hovers over this region rather than on some distant place while we explore the larger themes of American history." A robust slate of site visits supports this notion. This year, students have explored the Sanilac Petroglyphs (to study the land and its native people), St. Anne's Church and the Detroit Institute of Arts (to study

early settlers' lives), and the Detroit Historical Museum (to study artifacts as historical resources).

This week, while studying the Civil War, students visited the Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History to discover how the museum's exhibits create memorable moments for visitors to reflect on. Students will use this experience to create their own Civil

War monuments. "We are approaching this class knowing that students have learned the same old story several times before they reach sophomore year," says Dr. Jane Healey, curriculum director of the Academic Research Program and course co-creator. "This course combines the relevance of place – by focusing on where the students live – and authentic research experiences, which equips

them with skills that they will need to thrive in college. We immerse students in a rich and complex narrative that they must figure out. They can't be passive learners in this history curriculum."

The U.S. history course was developed by Healey and Hellebuyck, who received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to work with the Henry Ford Museum to research the early industrialization of the region. Their research continues as they look forward to next semester – teaching the story of the Harlem Renaissance through prominent Detroit figures, for instance, and looking at the opulence of the Roaring '20s by visiting

the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House.

The class also ties into the 10th-graders' core English course that includes materials linking the times to literature. For instance, the English classes just finished analyzing the novel Tracks by Louise Erdrich, which chronicles the history of a Chippewa tribe pushed out of the Northwest Territories and into the Dakotas. Likewise, while students study the Roaring '20s in history class they'll be reading The Great Gatsby in English. The visit to the Ford House helps to put into context and brings to life the historic events and the vivid personalities in F. Scott Fitzgerald's famous novel.

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Year in Review: The Pointes

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Some news during 2014 encompassed all five Grosse Pointes.

To wit: House sales increased 86 percent among the communities from the low point of 1986, Wayne County repaved a stretch of Mack in three of the Pointes and high winds in September cut electrical power to 5,840 DTE Energy customers in the sister cities.

The all-Pointes year in review:

January

◆ A Grosse Pointe physician is frosted because one of the community's main arteries, Jefferson, is clogged with snow nearly a week after a heavy storm.

Jefferson through Pointes, plus Lakeshore in the Farms to the intersection of Vernier in Grosse Pointe Shores, are jurisdictions of Wayne County, not the individual suburbs.

"The county is responsible for maintaining and plowing county roads, such as Jefferson and Mack," said Peter Dame, City of Grosse Pointe

manager.

February

◆ A modest but steady rise in property sales, composing a seasoned trend less likely to burst in reprise of the housing bubble, accounts for Kay Agney's optimistic outlook for the Grosse Pointe real estate market.

"Without a major hiccup, we ought to continue the trend," said Agney, owner of Higbie Maxon Agney Realtors in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Recent figures help relegate to unwanted memory the market's dog days of 2008, the year of fewest house sales in the last 10 years.

Sales increased 86 percent between then and now, according to Agney's annual report.

◆ Snow-related road maintenance is public works enemy No. 1.

In Grosse Pointe Shores, crews already spread 352 tons of road salt this winter, more than 1 1/2 times the 190 tons used all of last winter.

◆ Mack Avenue, a county road that Farms Manager Shane Reeside describes as a "patchwork of cold patch," is sched-

uled for repaving this summer.

March

◆ A police K-9 unit is so costly that, if reestablished, it may be structured as asset common to all the Grosse Pointes, not just of a single department, as in the past.

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

April

◆ A curtain of phragmites could block the shoreline, visually locking the community from the natural resource with which is most identified, Lake St. Clair.

"Come to Harsens Island and you'll see what happens," said Bob Williams, director of the island's Stewart Farm Ecology Center and host of workshops about eliminating the invasive plant.

◆ It's time for the shoreline to roll up its pant legs because the Great Lakes are on the rise.

Lake St. Clair is nine inches above last year's level at this time.

By the end of March, it's expected to rise five more inches, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

May

◆ Several Grosse Pointe residents complain to police about receiving telephone calls at home from purported Internal Revenue Service employees demanding personal information under threat of criminal action.

"These calls are not legitimate," said Detective Lt. Scott Rohr of the Grosse Pointe Shores public safety department. "They're from identity thieves phishing for information."

Rohr strongly recommends not giving information of a personal or financial nature, including Social Security number, to anyone calling by phone, especially an unsolicited call from someone claiming to be a federal investigator.

June

◆ The federal government gives the Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods Special Response Team a war-surplus armored personnel carrier.

"When we traverse an area where someone may shoot at us, we can do it safely," said Frank Zielinski, assistant team leader and sniper from the Farms public safety department.

◆ Public safety officers from the City of Grosse Pointe, Farms and Shores help Harper Woods police stop brawling Harper Woods High School students as classes end on the last day of the academic year.

Forces also came from St. Clair Shores and Eastpointe.

July

◆ Wayne County road crews are on deck to repave Mack Avenue from upper Grosse Pointe Park through the Farms.

"It's scheduled to start Aug. 1," said Terry Brennan, Farms public service director.

Repaving is delayed by water main repairs on the Detroit side of Mack, including near the intersection of Moross.

August

◆ Friends and supporters give, and then give some more, to help paralyzed retired Grosse Pointe Park Officer Keith Andersen pay his recovery bills.

An estimated 1,000 people attending a fundraiser for Andersen at Farms Pier Park help exceed the \$50,000 goal.

"People just poured in," said lead organizer Joe Adams, a City of Grosse Pointe public safety officer and president of Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 102. "Words can't express how thrilled I am."

"I give a heartfelt 'thank you' for the love and support that's been given to my family," Andersen said. "People work hard to help me. I'm going to work as hard as I can to get back to work and show them their efforts are not in vain."

September

◆ High winds Friday night, Sept. 5, shake trees like dust mops, flailing broken limbs into power lines, cutting electrical service.

Some 5,840 DTE Energy customers in the Grosse Pointes learn about life before the age of electricity until repairs crews get Biblical and "cast off the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light."

October

◆ Trick-or-treaters are advised this Halloween to season their candy quest with caution.

A bigger-than-normal crowd of door-to-door beggars is expected because the holiday is on a Friday.

Some Grosse Pointe

public safety directors recommend homeowners limit trick-or-treating between to 5:30 and 8 p.m.

"We're encouraging, for the safety of children, (porch) lights be turned off at 8 p.m. so we don't have children crossing streets late at night," said John Schulte, head of Shores public safety.

November

◆ The group that gives free floats to the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade zeros in this season on raising donations to Toys For Tots.

"The mission is to focus on what Christmas is all about — children," said John Stevens, a City resident and founder of the nonprofit charity, Friends of the Grosse Pointe Parade.

◆ Public works directors report having ample supply of road salt for winter.

December

◆ Thousands of parade-goers line Kercheval from Lewiston in the Farms to the Village in the City to watch the 39th annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade.

◆ For public safety officers paired with children during the Shop With a Cop holiday shopping spree, the greatest gift is giving.

"One reason a lot of people get in the police field is to give back to the community," said Officer Ryan Willmer of the Park public safety department.

Officers from 12 agencies, including the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods, escort 35 children during the shopping spree at Target Eastland, organized by Farms Officer Veronica Cashion.

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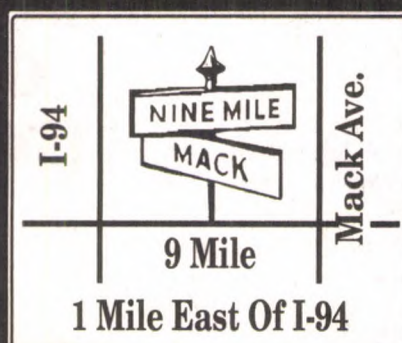
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