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Members of Paige Stalker's family joined with friends and officials from Crime Stoppers, at a Wednesday, Dec. 31, press conference to announce a reward for information leading to the arrest of Stalker's killer.



Rewards for info grow

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

DETROIT — Rewards totaling \$112,250 are offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person who killed Paige Stalker. The 16-year-old University Liggett School junior was shot and killed about 9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 22, when a gunman opened fire on five teenagers sitting in a car at Philip and Charlevoix in Detroit. Three other occupants

of the car were wounded. A reward of \$12,500 is being offered through Crime Stoppers of Michigan and another reward for \$100,000 is being offered by anonymous donors through the Detroit Crime Commission. Stalker's mother, Jennifer Stalker, attended a press conference with officials from Crime Stoppers Wednesday, Dec. 31. "There aren't enough

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Posters of the reward are in the community. At left, Jennifer Stalker, Paige's mother, fights back tears while answering questions Wednesday.

Schools continue support

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — As news spread of the murder of a University Liggett student just days before Christmas, crisis teams at area schools set plans into action to provide support for students and community residents. Paige Stalker, a junior at University Liggett School in Grosse Pointe Woods, was shot and killed Monday, Dec. 22, as she sat in a car with four other teens at Philip and Charlevoix in Detroit. Three others also were shot, but their injuries were not serious. Officials at University Liggett School said support for their students

will be ongoing. "Liggett is a very strong community. Our students, parents, faculty, alumni and friends care about each other and support each other, including during times of terrible tragedy," said school officials in a written statement sent to ULS families. "Our faculty and administration have been working throughout winter break to ensure that we have support services in place for our students. We have offered resources and support to students during break, and we will continue to offer resources, support and grief counseling when they return to school." According to ULS spokeswoman Michelle

Martin, now that classes have resumed, "We will have a dedicated space in the school where students can gather and leave notes or other mementos in Paige's memory." Those notes, Martin said, will be offered to the Stalker family. Tom Harwood, superintendent of Grosse Pointe Public School System, sent information via the school system's website announcing counseling services were available over the winter break for students and their families if needed. According to Grosse Pointe South counselor Beth Walsh-Sahutske, there was a measured response to the offer. The district felt this was a

good sign, and that students were finding support from family and friends. She said the counseling staff would be available for students once school resumed this week. Three of the teens involved in the incident attend South. Sadly, tragedy struck at both the elementary and middle school levels as well, with the sudden death of a Brownell Middle School seventh grader from an emergency medical condition. Her father is a teacher at Richard Elementary School. Brownell officials had support in place for students when they returned

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PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

David Lawrence, grandfather of Paige Stalker.

Prayer service set

DETROIT — A prayer service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at the corner of Philip and Charlevoix in Detroit in remembrance of Paige Stalker and the victims of the Dec. 22 shooting. Minister Malik Shabazz will preside. Following the service, friends, family and residents of the Grosse Pointe and Detroit communities will distribute posters and door hangers with information on rewards being offered in the case, which remains unsolved. "Help us bring information to members of the community, to find a way together to make our neighborhoods safer," said David Lawrence, Stalker's grandfather. "No one should have to live in fear."

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Heidi Washburn
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 Family: Parents, Tim and Jaime, brothers, Easton, Timmy and Alex



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Paige's mother, Jennifer Stalker, looks on as members of her family are at the podium.

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Left, ribbons are around trees to honor Stalker. At right, Stalker's aunt, Jennifer Lawrence, wipes a tear away from her eye while speaking to members of the media.



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to class on Monday.

According to principal

Dr. Michael Dib, consolation was provided by Brownell counselors, social workers and psychologist. In addition, Grosse Pointe North counselors were on hand

to provide any needed assistance.

"We very much appreciate the help provided to us by the North staff," Dib said. "This is a very difficult time for the entire Grosse Pointe community. They are all our kids."

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words to describe how wonderful she was," her mother said. "She was an angel here on Earth."

Jennifer Stalker said she and other family members stopped at the site of the murder on their way to the Crime Stoppers headquarters on Harper in Detroit. They left some of the flowers the family had received in remembrance of Paige.

"You expect this vision in your head of hell, but it wasn't. It was OK," she said. She also said many residents of the area came to speak with her.

"Everyone stopped and said how sorry they were," she said. "It's affecting everyone's lives."

Detroit minister Malik Shabazz urged anyone with information to come forward.

"This is a human issue, not a Detroit issue, not a Grosse Pointe issue, not a black or a white issue," he said. "We can't allow anyone to walk up to a car and open fire like this."

Shabazz also said he is organizing people to pass out fliers with information on the reward from Crime Stoppers.

"We have to ensure that the person who did this heinous act never does a heinous act again," he said. "Somebody knows something. Get up, stand up and tell."

Members of Stalker's family, including her uncle, aunts and grandfather addressed the media, pleading for anyone with information to come forward.

"She was a loving niece and cousin, and I loved her like a daughter," said her uncle, Chris Lawrence of Greenville, S.C. "Someone has taken her from us and I don't want anyone to feel the

way we have felt the past week."

Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAK UP(1-800-773-2587) or to text a tip to CRIMES (274637). Callers do not have to leave a name, and all rewards are paid in cash.

The Crime Stoppers reward is the second reward offered in the case.

Monday, Dec. 29, the Detroit Crime Commission announced a \$100,000 reward offered by several donors who wished to remain anonymous.

Anyone with information is asked to call (313) 596-2663. Callers can remain anonymous.

Detroit police say the suspected shooter is a black male, 6 feet tall, driving a light color sedan, possibly a Cadillac. Thirty shell casings from an automatic weapon were found at the scene.

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It's More than Warmth

For the children of Ms. Cora Boone, Corey, Emmon and Yasmin, and Willie Marabell's son Tyrone Williams receiving a new coat donated by the Rotary Clubs of Grosse Pointe and Detroit in addition to books from the Gift of Reading program sponsored by the Kiwanis became more than a moment of warmth. It became an opportunity to select a coat of your choice, a self-esteem builder, and an opportunity that brought about a smile. In addition, for these families clients of the Northeast Guidance Center, an organization with a 51 year history in mental health, it becomes a moment that continues to care long after the holiday season ends and where holistic mental health programs exist that become the gift that keeps on giving.

This year 320 coats have been distributed to families at the Northeast Guidance Center. NEGC received the coat donation from the Rotary Clubs of Grosse Pointe and Detroit. Paul Rentenbach and Diane Strickler, past Presidents of the Grosse Pointe Rotary, represented the four Rotary clubs that raised money this year from individuals and various organizations to purchase over 4,105 coats in various sizes from toddler to teen and donate the coats to 13 agencies including the Northeast Guidance Center as a part of Operation Warm-Detroit 2014. For the past 3 years Rotarians have donated over 10,500 coats to various agencies throughout the metropolitan Detroit area.

"Operation Warmth was established in 1998, by Rotarians in Philadelphia



Left To Right: Diane Strickler, past president Grosse Pointe Rotary, Tyrone Williams, Willie Marabell, Sherry McRill, President & CEO NEGC, Yazmin Boone, Cora Boone, Paul Rentenbach, past president Grosse Pointe Rotary, Corey Boone, Emmon Boone

and is the largest program specific to coat donations in the country", stated past President Paul Rentenbach. "The Grosse Pointe and Detroit Rotary Clubs are pleased to partner with the Northeast Guidance Center in the distribution of coats from Operation Warm"

said past President Diane Striker. "The significance of this donation makes a huge difference—the Northeast Guidance Center makes various donations to families but coats are expensive" shared Sherry McRill newly elected president & CEO of Northeast Guidance Center. "Kids who don't have coats don't go to school", in fact it is reported that they go to school every third day because they share the coat with other siblings in the home which has long lasting affects including literacy and health issues" shared Mrs. McRill. One of the past presidents also shared that there was a

letter received from a child who thanked the Rotarians for the coat that she had received. The child wrote that if the coat had not been received she would have had to wear her dad's coat to school.

Paul Rentenbach and Diane Strickler are committed to continue the leadership of Operation Warm-Detroit, which is assumed by every Grosse Pointe Rotary president after their one-year term in office as president is served. As the NEGC president & CEO Sherry McRill stated "this annual event has far reaching effects beyond the 'Gift of Warmth' program at the holiday season.... when children can connect with the givers such as the Rotarians of Grosse Pointe they too may want to grow up becoming Rotarians."

For more information regarding the Northeast Guidance Center, visit www.negc.org or call 313-308-1400.

Pink and green ribbons bring community together

By Ann L. Fouty
Community Editor

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — In a show of support to the family of Paige Stalker, pink polka dot and green ribbons are being made by Sarah Marchi of Grosse Pointe Farms. Proceeds are donated to Stalker's charity — Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Stalker, 16, was murdered the night of Dec. 22, in Detroit while sitting in a car with four other teens when a gunman approached the car and fired 30 rounds. The bullets killed her and injured three others in the car.

Marchi of Grosse Pointe Farms is a mother of a teenage girl who attended Richard Elementary School with Stalker. And, Marchi said, the two were Facebook friends.

"I used to see her ride her bike on Ridge Road. I saw her on her way from elementary school," Marchi said.

She stumbled for words as she tried to express

how the death of Stalker, the same age as her daughter, was affecting Marchi. She said she has never felt this way — at a loss.

"She (Stalker) could have been anyone's child. She had a promising future. A 16-year-old girl was killed. This one struck home because it happened in our community," she said.

Finding Mom's Swap & Chat site, Marchi said, has helped her connect with other mothers, including Jessica Volpe. The two are sewing the pink and green ribbon pins together.

Marchi took 20 ribbons to Stalker's father and Grosse Pointe Farms public safety officer, Sgt. John Bruno ordered 30 for the department.

The two have made more than 100 pins and collected about \$420. A suggested donation is \$3 per pin. She said one man gave her \$100 for three. The pins are in a shoebox on Marchi's front porch, 153 Ridge, and the honor system prevails.

Marchi is donating the



Green and pink lapel pins in support of Paige Stalker's family.

PHOTO BY ANN L. FOUTY

cost of the ribbons in colors representing Stalker's pendant for Lilly Pulitzer-designed items.

"I'll keep making them as long as people ask," she said of the 4-inch ribbons.

Hack leads to SWAT visit

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Federal authorities are investigating a social media hacking incident that brought a SWAT team to a Grosse Pointe Woods home and the bomb squad to the two Grosse Pointe public high schools.

According to Skip Fincham, acting director of Woods public safety, his department received a call at 4 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 1, from someone reporting he barricaded himself in a house with hostages and he was going to start shooting them.

Officers attempted to call the house from where the call was allegedly made, but received no response.

A SWAT team responded and after repeated attempts to reach someone in the house, the homeowner eventually emerged, both surprised and sleepy, and told police he and his family were fine. Police searched the house and found nothing amiss.

"This appears to be a case of 'swatting,' where a false report is called into police, indicating a gunman is barricaded in a house with hostages," Fincham said. "Apparently, the e-mail and social media

accounts of the homeowners' daughter, a high school student, had been hacked and compromised."

The hackers did not stop with the swatting incident.

According to Fincham, his officers discovered the hackers had used the student's social media accounts to make a non-specific threat against a Grosse Pointe high school, and they notified school district officials on Friday, Jan. 2.

In a written statement, school superintendent Tom Harwood said district technology staff went to work over the weekend to verify no specific threats had been made against students or staff.

As an extra precaution, the Michigan State Police bomb squad was called in and a sweep of the high schools was made.

"At approximately 3 a.m. Monday, Jan. 5, Michigan State Police using dogs and other local law enforcement resources conducted bomb sweeps of both GP North and GP South," Harwood said in an e-mail to district families sent Monday morning. "Fortunately, nothing suspicious was identified or found and the police determined that it was safe to conduct school today."

2014: A look back in the City

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The path to the future is smoother because voters during 2014 approved a special millage dedicated to municipal road maintenance.

Also this year in the City of Grosse Pointe, the Village commercial center showed vitality verging on hyperactivity. A dozen new businesses took up shop in first-floor space.

The year closed with auditors documenting the city's strong financial reserves.

There's even enough funds to hire a recreation coordinator for the first time since 2009.

The year in review:

January

◆ The new year kicks off with a \$10 bimonthly water rate increase to shore-up the water department's revenue stream.

The increase totals a \$60 annual flat rate for customers of the Grosse Pointe Farms water filtration plant, including the City of Grosse Pointe.

◆ Raleigh, the late police dog, is praised during a memorial service, two months following the 9-year-old German shepherd being put down due to cancer.

"Raleigh was a unifying force," said his former handler, Sgt. Michael Almeranti. "He connected with people. I'd walk down the street and, no matter who it was, they wanted to see that dog and make a connection with the police department, especially kids."

February

◆ A thaw in freezing weather causes pot holes to pop up all over.

"The City has been actively fighting a difficult winter, plowing streets and sidewalks and now patching holes and clearing catch basins," said Peter Dame, city manager.

"We've gone through 15 tons of cold patch already," said Gary Huvaere, public services director.

March

◆ Overall crime reported in the city during 2013 decreased 15 percent from the year before, according to the public safety department's annual report, released this month.

The total number of crimes on record last year is the lowest since at least 2008.

"Our officers are aggressive on a day-to-day basis," said Chief Stephen Poloni.

◆ Expansion of Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe within its square-block campus can occur under uniform zoning regulations now that the property is transformed into a hospital facilities district.

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

◆ Municipal officials study three ways to fund or operate public safety at less cost.

Option 1 establishes a separate property tax assessment for public safety.

"That's something I'd be comfortable with," said Mayor Dale Scrace.

Option 2 consolidates the department with another city's, but maintains the current number

of officers on road patrol, saving about \$300,000 annually.

Option 3 keeps public safety in-house, but modifies procedures to reduce overtime expenses, saving about \$100,000 per year.

April

◆ The evolving concept of public safety consolidation is in the "contract" stage.

The goal is to save operating costs by contracting police and fire duties to a neighboring city rather than multiple jurisdictions merging services into a separate operating entity.

"Neither Grosse Pointe Park or Farms are particularly interested in establishing an authority to share public services in a joint authority format," said City Manager Dame. "But, both cities are interested in discussing services that could provide the City public safety on a contractual basis."

◆ The baby pool at Neff Park shows its age.

Some 13 years of exposure to weather, sun and chemicals has eroded the pool's aggregate to a coarse, jagged shell, according to Christopher Hardenbrook, recreation director.

The signing of a \$24,000 resurfacing contract should have the pool ready for summer.

May

◆ Next fiscal year's pro-

posed municipal general fund budget is less than 1 percent more than this year's.

The change is fueled in large part by slightly greater property tax revenue from a continued rebound in property values.

There is no tax rate increase.

Children climb up, around and through the playscape dedicated at Neff Park.

Dubbed the "Neff Park Clubhouse," the playscape represents the City of Grosse Pointe Foundation's roughly \$50,000 donation to the city.

◆ Contracting public safety duties to a neighboring community would save the City money, but cost it control of its police and fire service.

Hence: "Consolidation is off the table," said Mayor Dale Scrace. "Don't waste time talking about it."

Water rates go up 4.3 percent next year.

"For the average homeowner, this will increase their bill \$4.78 per quarter," said Kimberly Kleinow, City finance director.

June

◆ City officials adopt an ordinance regulating the discharge of fireworks.

Regulations mirror the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act, amended in

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The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, JAN. 11

◆ Our Lady Star of the Sea hosts a Mendelssohn violin concerto concert at 3 p.m. For ticket information, call (313) 576-5111 or visit dso.org/neighborhood.

MONDAY, JAN. 12

◆ Grosse Pointe Farms city council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers.
◆ Parents of incoming Parcels Middle School sixth graders can attend an open house at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

TUESDAY, JAN. 13

◆ Parents of incoming Brownell Middle School sixth graders can attend an open house at 7 p.m. in the multi-purpose room.
◆ Ming the Magnificent performs illusions and

magic at 6:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods branch. To register, visit gp.lib.mi.us. The event is free.

THURSDAY, JAN. 14

◆ The Grosse Pointe Public Library, Ewald branch, holds an eReader instruction class at 1 p.m. To register, visit gp.lib.mi.us

THURSDAY, JAN. 15

◆ All Grosse Pointe public elementary schools hold an open house at 7 p.m. for parents of children who enter kindergarten in the fall of 2015.
◆ Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library holds a used book sale from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Woods branch, 20680 Mack.

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Going for gold

By Joe Warner
Editor

Heidi Washburn understands the importance of goals.

The 15-year-old sophomore at Grosse Pointe North High School started skating when she was 3.

As a competitive skater, she found her passion. By age 8, she was competing as a solo skater, switching to ice dancing a year and a half ago.

"Once it became her passion, there was no way I could pull her off the ice," said Heidi's

mother, Jaime Washburn, a one-time competitive skater herself.

Which is fine by Heidi. Her commitment is to skating. Her goal is simple - the Olympics in 2022 and 2026.

Heidi Washburn lives with her parents, Jaime and Tim and three brothers, Easton, Timmy and Alex, in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The commitment to skating is a family team effort, with practices at Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Hills five days a week.

Mornings start at 5:20

a.m., with four hours of on-ice training with an hour off-ice each morning. She attends school for three hours and does the other half of her work online.

"It's a part of our lives and her trips are our vacations," Jaime Washburn said. "There are no local competitions. We're in Lake Placid (N.Y.), Chicago and later this month in Greensboro (N.C.). There's a lot of travel, but it's great to be there with her."

Greensboro is the site of Nationals, where Heidi Washburn and her



19-year-old ice dancing partner, Jeffrey Fishman, of Novi, will compete against 11 other teams.

The competition is part of the U.S. Figure Skating Championships Jan. 17-25.

Training at DSC has given her the opportunity to grow.

"The other skaters adopt you into their family," Heidi Washburn said. "They're more your brothers and sisters. They work hard and you're chasing them. They work with you, teach you and encourage you. It's hard work, but it's fun, too."

Jamie Washburn said her daughter has a drive and dedication as she juggles skating and school.

"It's a lot of sacrifice and she's self driven," Jamie Washburn said. "In the summer, she's training 8 (a.m.) to 5 (p.m.)."

Heidi Washburn said she trains with some of America's best, along with several skaters from other countries.

"We learn so much from each other," she said "The Chinese skaters, Canadian skaters, we all push each other. We all work together."

The teamwork, Heidi Washburn said, helps in competition.

"I'm never really nervous," she said. "You just go out there and skate."



Heidi Washburn, of Grosse Pointe Woods, trains at Detroit Skating Club with partner Jeffrey Fishman.

Nationals have been one goal, while Junior Worlds and the Olympics are future goals.

She'll start college courses after high school, with a post-Olympic dream of being a pediatric oncologist.

But medical school is on hold until the competition ends.

"After 2026, I hope," Heidi Washburn said with a smile.

In her limited spare time, her order of hobbies includes, "sleep, musicals and movies."

"I've seen 'Wicked' three times," she said. "I love musicals."

Heidi Washburn said she enjoys spending time with her skating friends, learning more all the time.

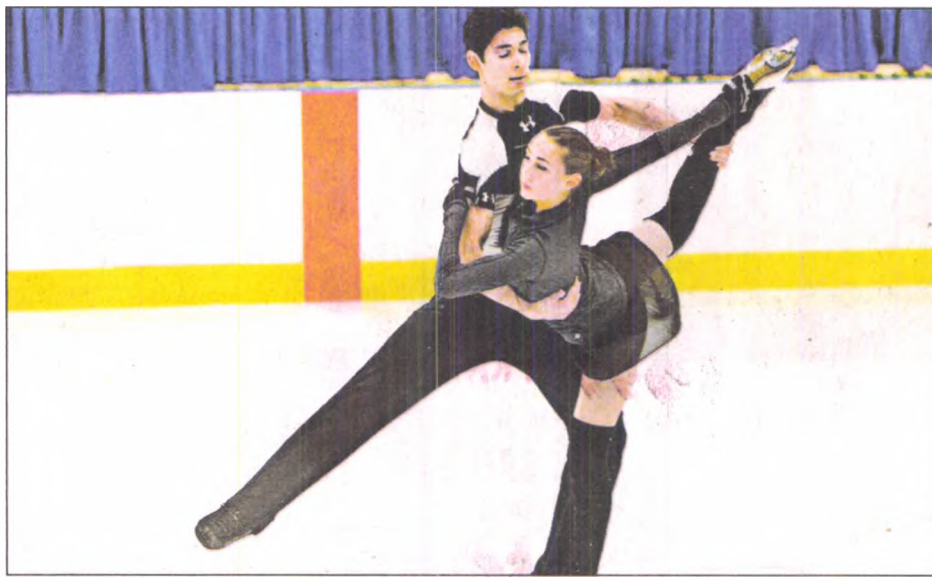
"I'm just always looking to be the best," she said. "My family is supportive and they're used to me dancing around the house when I'm not skating."

With a mother who skates, along with her father and three brothers who play hockey, Heidi Washburn isn't alone.

"My younger brothers prefer a good hockey game," she said. "I have a pair of pond skates, but I'm not going to be a hockey player."

With hard work, she'll be an Olympian with a proud hometown.

"That's where I want to be," she said. "That's my goal."



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GUEST OPINION

By Michael D. LaFaive

Dear taxpayer: Does this bug you

Reports from the state Capitol late last year were filled with stories of a \$1.9 billion tax hike the previous Legislature wants Michigan taxpayers to impose on themselves come May 5. But hours before that vote it appeared all this state's problems had been solved, because time had been found to introduce the following bill, 2014 House Bill 6094: Establish official state bug.

Introduced by Rep. Phil Cavanaugh, D-Redford, Dec. 18, to establish that henceforth, as a matter of law and statute, the monarch butterfly, and no other butterfly or bug, shall be the official insect of the great state of Michigan.

We jest, of course. Rep. Cavanaugh would surely and correctly note legislators are capable of multitasking. Still, the bill provides another opportunity to explore why career politicians so frequently introduce such puffery.

The answer, of course, is to curry favor with certain special interests or segments of the population they believe may be helpful for keeping their current jobs, or finding their next elected or appointed government position.

It's a common Lansing pastime.

In 2012 then-Sen. John Moolenaar, R-Midland, introduced a bill to declare that Iosco County was the official "birding capital" of Michigan.

In 2014 then-Rep. Fred Durhal, D-Detroit, introduced a bill to mandate the state give a state flag to some survivor of current or former state lawmakers who die.

Alas for term limits and the uncompleted agendas they leave in their wake. As he was heading for the exits

last month. Rep. Durhal gave a tearful farewell speech in which he reiterated his desire to see he and his now-former colleagues honored with those funeral flags. This was actually a scaled down effort; his first attempt would have required a state police escort at the funerals of former legislators.

Sometimes the contrast between the puffery and grim reality can be too much though. For example, during the darkest days of Michigan's lost decade of the 2000s, I covered a debate over which Scottish tartan should be the State of Michigan's official Scotch tartan.

Previous examples of these "Acts of Officialdom" include proposals for an official state song, bird, bird-of-peace, amphibian, nickname, cookie, beverage, dialect and fruit. A Senate Resolution recognizing "Talk Like a Pirate Day" was an annual event the past few years, with the sponsor sporting an eye patch on the Senate floor and — you guessed it — talking like a pirate.

Some measure of frivolity as they carry on the people's business is only human. And at least "Talk Like a Pirate Day" was purely "notional" and didn't propose putting any new provisions into state statute.

But Michigan lawmakers are among the most highly paid in the country. Every time they propose cluttering the statute books with items that are primarily self-promoting public relations puff, this should remind voters that politicians are less important to this state's well-being than they would like us to think. *Michael LaFaive is director of the Morey Fiscal Policy Initiative for the Mackinac Center for Public Policy.*



LETTERS

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Thank you to the community for love and support

To the Editor:
On Dec. 22, 2014, I lost my wonderful

daughter, Paige, through a tragic, senseless act of violence. She was a phenomenal, giving, and caring young lady, loved by everyone she knew.

The outpouring of love and support that the Grosse Pointe community is giving to me and my family is helping us all to get through this terrible time in our lives.

This tragedy has left a hole in our heart that will never be filled, but all of the memories of Paige people have shared with us have lightened our sorrow and helped us remember the joy that is our remarkable daughter. Her smile, her laughter, her love of family, her extraordinarily giving heart; her exceptional focus, her dedication to her family and friends;

these memories are the things that sustain me.

She lived her entire life in the Grosse Pointe community and our community has gathered us in its arms as we will always remember this remarkable young woman whose full potential was limitless and now will be unrealized.

Our thanks go out to each and every person in this community and especially to our friends who have shared their time and memories with us. You have been our rock.

MARSHALL EVERARD
STALKER
Grosse Pointe Farms

GUEST OPINION By Greg Bowers

New love for each other

I could almost see the sarcasm flying through the air between us as she spoke. Every word was laced with the venom of resentment barely hidden under the veil of polite conversation.

"You live in Grosse Pointe. What's the real story? What were they doing there," said the woman, who like me, is black.

"I don't know what you mean? They were reportedly just sitting in the car hanging out and smoking weed when somebody jumped out of a car and shot them," I replied. "Why? What does it matter?"

"Well, it's just shocking because they're supposed to be the perfect kids, from the perfect community with the perfect families and all that wealth."

And just like that, there was the resentment, the anger, and the righteous indignation all rolled up in one sentence referring to the murder of 16 year-old Paige Stalker and the wounding of three other teens recently. Like somehow, four kids doing what teenagers sometimes do — go someplace quiet to smoke weed, make out or just share the secrets of their angst away from grown-ups — deserved what came next.

I thought of my own 16-year-old daughter and the many conversa-

tions we have had about the dangers of growing up. I remember the fear I felt when I first saw the news alerts on my phone about four Grosse Pointe teens being shot and prayed 'Lord please don't let that be my child.'

I remember the relief I felt when I knew it wasn't and the heaviness in my spirit when I thought about what the parents of the victims are going through now.

All of these emotions rolled through me as the poison of her spoken words spread from my ears to pierce my heart. I could not help but feel even more sadness. After all, my daughter attends Grosse Pointe South High School where one of the wounded teens also attends.

I felt sad because I had heard those words before in many different forms. News reports quoted police sources who initially insisted the shooting was not a "random" occurrence. Now, they say it was a botched robbery. Comments posted by readers at the end of stories on the internet from people of all races (if the Facebook pictures are real) throw around racial stereotypes about the victims, gunman and each other.

Even the staggering \$100,000 — plus reward for identifying the shooter seems to have



the curious effect of fanning the flames of animosity and hardening hearts further as people openly question why so high a bounty in this case. The reward for information leading to an arrest is seen by some as further proof of the arrogance of wealth instead of the common desire of us as a society willing to pay any amount to bring a child's killer to justice.

Have we learned nothing in 2014? Haven't there been enough well-publicized, senseless deaths in Ferguson, Mo., New York and places both near and far to make us see the humanity in us all? Haven't we seen enough people rich or poor, young or old, black or white living in cities or suburbs who have been murdered for nothing to make us all value the life of every

individual? Apparently we are not there yet. As we go into 2015, pray we are able to bring the killer to justice in this instance and all instances. And pray we stop letting our superficial differences in race, socio-economic status and community get in the way of our common humanity.

Let the New Year bring a new love for each other.

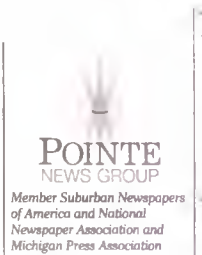
Anyone with any information about the Dec. 22 shooting should contact Detroit Police at (313) 596-2663 or Crime Stoppers at (800) SPEAK-UP. Freelance writer Greg Bowers of Grosse Pointe Park was press secretary to former Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer. He is a local political consultant and public relations professional. This column was first published at DeadlineDetroit.com.

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Plan for South's booster bash

Grosse Pointe South's Booster athletic programs. The event is casual attire and Saturday, Jan. 24, at Atwater in the Park.

The event includes tailgate food, beer and wine, a raffle and live auction.

Tickets are \$30 per person with all proceeds going to the South

athletic programs. The event is casual attire and Saturday, Jan. 24, at Atwater in the Park.

For more information and tickets, visit gpschools.schoolwires.net/southathletics and go to the tab "Booster Bash."

Other Grosse Pointe events include the Pierce incoming par-

ent night, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, in the Pierce auditorium.

Parcells Parent Night is 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12 and Brownell's is 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, in the multi-purpose room.

Pierce will host its coney night for fifth graders and their families at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15.

City of Grosse Pointe

Quiet start

Nothing new this year in the police blotter

—Brad Lindberg

Report information about crimes to the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Department at (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Mower missing

A former tenant of a house in the 100 block of Kerby is accused of returning to the property Friday, Jan. 2, and stealing an older-model lawn mower from the garage.

The suspect, a 35-year-old woman, was evicted in October, according to the landlord.

She was allowed to leave some of her possessions in the garage on condition she obtain permission to retrieve them, which she did without authorization last week, the landlord reportedly told police.

First arrest

A 23-year-old Detroit woman is the first person arrested during 2015 in Grosse Pointe Farms.

The new year was 2 hours 27 minutes old Thursday, Jan. 1, when a patrolman stopped her for driving a white 2003 Chevrolet Monte Carlo with an expired license plate through a red light on northbound Moross at Chalfonte.

She's also accused of violating five driving suspensions.

Farmington Hills authorities named her in two outstanding traffic warrants totaling \$940.

Public Safety Reports

Shooter tip

An anonymous, type-written note claiming a suspect in the Dec. 22, shooting death in Detroit of 16-year-old Farms resident Paige Stalker was found early Wednesday Dec. 31, in the mail slot of her parent's house, according to police.

"(The girl's father) stated he observed the letter in the mail chute of his door," said a public safety officer dispatched to the house at 1:04 a.m. "He did not see or hear anyone."

Police tagged the letter as evidence in the gunfire investigation.

"It described a possible location and description of the suspect wanted in connection with his daughter's murder," reported the officer. "The letter was signed anonymous and there was no name or information on the front of the envelope."

Officers patrolling the community are giving the house special attention.

Drugs & Visine

Officers investigating an 18-year-old St. Clair Shores man last week for a traffic violation said he

had 2.3 grams of marijuana and a glass pipe in his Oldsmobile Bravada.

A patrolman pulled him over at 8:05 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30, for speeding 10 mph over the 25 mph limit on southbound Moross at Country Club.

An odor of marijuana reportedly came from an open window of the passenger compartment.

"He was shaking uncontrollably," said the patrolman. "(His) eyes were red. (I) found a bottle of Visine eye drops in his pocket."

Officers searching the car reported finding a pipe and a blue plastic container of marijuana.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Holed up

A public safety officer investigating a work site last week on Woodland Shores ordered a two-man basement waterproofing crew out of an unbraced, 10-foot trench.

"(I) informed them of city policy of shoring trenches (and) holes greater than 4 feet deep," said the officer.

The crew lacked proper work permits with the city, the officer added.

"All work was stopped until further notice and until the proper work permits have been obtained," he said.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Park

The music is gone

An iPod and \$4 in change was stolen from a pair of vehicles in the 700 block of Lakepointe sometime between Dec. 27 and 29, according to Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety bulletin reports.

The items were taken from vehicles parked in the driveway.

Package stolen

On Dec. 20, a package delivered to a house on the 1000 block of Maryland was stolen off the front porch, according to the Park's public safety bulletin. The package contained a guitar.

Open invite

Decision pending

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — A decision as to the hiring of a new director of the city's public safety department appears to be on the horizon.

According to interim public safety director and city administrator Skip Fincham, the search process continues, but a hire is within sight.

"Interviews have taken place with 10 applicants," Fincham said. "We're reviewing the results of these interviews," he said, "with the hopes of selecting a new chief in three to four weeks."

A thief entered a second car on the 700 block of Lakepointe between Dec. 28 and 30, taking an iPod, a few dollars in change and two pairs of sunglasses. According to the public safety bulletin, the items were absconded from an unlocked car in an open garage.

—John McTaggart

Report information about this or other crimes to the Grosse Pointe Public Safety Department at (313) 822-7200.

The position has been vacant since August of 2014 when former director, Andrew Pazuchowski, was named to the same position in Huntington Woods.

Pazuchowski served as the city's director of public safety since 2011.

At that time, Fincham assumed the role, along with his duties as city administrator, until a replacement was found.

According to the city charter, Fincham appoints a new director, based on the approval of the city council.

—John McTaggart

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2014:

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2013 to end a state pre-emption of tougher local standards.

◆ Municipal parking Lot 6, in the Village off Kercheval Place, is due for reconstruction this year, according to a \$572,000 construction contract approved this month.

July

◆ The 164-year-old Cadieux farmhouse is moved in two sections to a new location in the 500 block of St. Clair.

The house's former spot on Jefferson and Notre Dame, owned by Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, becomes an excavation site for a partially below-grade parking deck.

◆ Construction continues to remodel the former Ace Hardware store in the Village into multiple commercial spaces.

August

◆ Voters support a 2.5-mil property tax reserved for road repairs.

Collections start in 2015 and last up to 15 years.

The millage raises \$825,000 annually, more than triple the \$250,000

currently available for road work.

◆ Adelaide Peabody, 6, is the first City resident to catch a fish during the 66th annual Grosse Pointe Farms-City Family Fishing Rodeo at Farms Pier Park — just as her mother, Sandra, was in 1986 at age 7.

“I caught a goby,” Peabody said.

◆ The public safety department's mini fire truck, delivered this month, makes up in might what it lacks in bulk.

Although half the price (\$179,971) of a full-sized fire truck, the mini-pumper matches its larger brethren's 400-gal-

lon onboard water supply and 17 gallons of flame-suppressing foam.

September

◆ A lakeside homeowner overcomes opposition from 16 neighbors to divide his half-acre yard.

The victory lays the groundwork for the homeowner to build a second dwelling on the open space.

◆ City Manager Dame is recruited to manage Novi.

He's among four candidates drawn from a nationwide search to apply for the job, ultimately given to the manager of Auburn Hills.

“I have not applied anywhere else,” Dame said. “It just seemed too good an opportunity not to put my name in the hat.”

“It speaks highly of our city and our manager that a city as large as Novi, which is larger than all of the Pointes combined, would approach Peter,” said City Mayor Scrace.

October

◆ About 1/3 of an anticipated \$375,000 municipal surplus is set aside for capital improvements.

The balance pays for municipal retiree health-care.

◆ Seven businesses open this month in the Village central business district.

They are among 12 new businesses in the district within the past six months.

“Eighteen months ago, there was approximately 72,000 square feet of vacant first-floor property in the Village,” said James Bellanca Jr. managing member of the Kercheval Company and

a trustee of the Frohlich Trust, a major property owner in the Village. “By the end of 2014, that number will be reduced to approximately 11,000 square feet, only 6,000 square feet of which fronts Kercheval.”

◆ A meter will be installed soon at the Neff Road pump station to test the accuracy of storm and wastewater flows billed by Detroit.

Volume is currently estimated in accord with Detroit's recently-enacted “simplified” rate system, according to Dame.

“The simplified system is described in about 35 pages (of) contract,” he said.

November

◆ Just in time for early winter, a contractor is retained to sweep snow from sidewalks in the Village downtown commercial district whenever depths reach one inch or more.

Village property and business owners remain obliged by city ordinance to clear ice and snow accumulating less than one inch on sidewalks adjacent to their properties.

◆ One free hour's parking in most Village lots is deemed too costly because the formula to recoup forfeited revenue relies on increased parking citations and charging to park on Sundays.

“We'd have to issue 27 extra tickets per day, a clear disincentive to visiting the Village,” said Councilman John Stempfle.

◆ City officials are developing a municipal Internet and mobile appli-

cation system to enhance communication with residents.

“You can download your app to your Smartphone,” said Dame. “It will allow you to get updates from the city on your phone. It will allow you to report any concern or make service requests over your phone.”

◆ The municipal parking lot on Fisher is sold to two neighboring businesses.

The sale generates \$176,000 municipal income, about \$1,000 in property taxes per year and saves the cost of maintenance.

◆ City officials approve plans by Scott Shuptrine Interiors to open a showroom and design studio in space formerly occupied by Borders Books in the Village.

Outfitting the building should start in March or April, according to a store representative.

December

◆ The city's rainy day fund floats on a high tide for another fiscal year, despite a tax base swamped for nearly a decade by an evaporating economy.

Results of the annual municipal audit show financial reserves, called unassigned fund balance, equal 21 percent of the subsequent year's budgeted expenditures.

◆ The job of recreation coordinator is filled for the first time since 2009, when recession-induced spending cuts ruled.

“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.”

◆ 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.

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The different levels of annual memberships are: Family (includes children ages 3 to 22 living in the same household), Adult, Adult +1 (same household), Senior (ages 62+) and Senior +1 (same household, both ages 62+). Monthly memberships and daily passes are also available. Visit neighborhoodclub.org or call (313) 885-4600 for more information.

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World-class chef

By Ann L. Fouty
Community Editor

When Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Executive Chef David L. Daniot traveled to Luxembourg, he took his own food.

Daniot wanted to make sure all his ingredients — smoked salmon, Yukon gold potatoes, quail, plums and venison — for the Villeroy & Boch Culinary World Cup competition were on hand. He wasn't taking any chances as he entered the second largest competition of its type.

The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club chef came home a winner — a silver medal winner, in his category. The gold medal winner was George Castenada from Tennessee.

"There were over 1,000 chefs from 56 countries competing," he said.

Some 154 chefs competed in his culinary arts category of cold food, cre-

ating his own menu of a four-course meal and four appetizers. Smoked salmon sphere, mushroom consommé encased in Yukon gold potatoes, rabbit roulade and stuffed quail leg were the appetizers. The meal was pouch taurine of halibut, autumn plum and goat cheese salad, roast rack of venison and chocolate symphony torte for dessert.

Fifty-four international judges were on hand in the once-every-four-year culinary Olympic-type competition.

Daniot said he was judged on cooking techniques, ingredient usage and presentation. None of the food was eaten in this cold category because it was prepared prior to the contest.

"I prepared it here, hoping it would make it through (customs) in one big cooler," he said.

To pass through TSA inspection, a list of ingredients was secured to the

cooler's outside indicating it was for display only, and not human consumption.

Though this was his first international competition, Daniot has won more than 15 hot food competitions during the course of his career which began when his father, also a chef, put him in the kitchen.

"My father was a private chef. He put me in the kitchen at 13 and I never looked back," said Daniot, who is a resident of Harrison Township.

He began his formal culinary arts education at Macomb Community College, earned bachelor degrees from Eastern Michigan University in business management and the Art Institute of Pittsburgh in culinary management and a master's degree in business administration from South University.

In 2008, he was named the American Culinary



PHOTO BY ANN L. FOUTY

Grosse Pointe Yacht Club executive chef David L. Daniot brought home the silver medal from the Olympics of culinary competition.

Federation Central region "Chef of the Year."

"My favorite (to cook) is wild game. I don't get the opportunity to work with it a lot," he said.

So preparing a seasonal menu was something Daniot thoroughly enjoyed. His menu, he added, included foods that could be available in Luxembourg in the fall.

Daniot said he started

practicing his menu in January 2013 continuing

to perfect and improve each menu item through the summer and fall. "I learned the level of attention is to the detail," he said.

When the day arrived to set up his display, Daniot said, "I worked for 22 hours straight. I was allowed into the expo (center where the competition

was held) at 5 a.m. to 8 a.m. to set up.

"The whole process makes me a better chef and it benefits the membership here," he said. "I've gotten positive feedback."

The entire experience, Daniot summed up, has enabled him to produce highend meals and to "constantly stay on top of food trends."



St. Nicholas benefit

The St. Nicholas dinner and silent auction benefitting the Holley Institute of St. John Hospital and Medical Center at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Dec. 10. The dinner and silent auction raised more than the \$50,000 goal to be used for services aimed at improving the quality of life for the deaf, hard of hearing and deaf/blind by providing services and programs at The Holley Family Village. From left are Lindsay, Nancy and Lisa Cotton of Grosse Pointe Farms and Chef Luigi Gandola.



Above, Joshua Gonzalez with a signing Santa Claus. Left, Betsey Rashid of Grosse Pointe Woods and Grace Rashid of Grosse Pointe Shores served as co-chairwomen for the dinner and silent auction.



PHOTO BY BARBARA BAREFIELD

Detroit Women's Forum 40th anniversary was observed Dec. 12 at The Whitney. Attending were, from left, Susan Kaye of Grosse Pointe Woods, Barbara Tecos of Grosse Pointe Park, Ann Kraemer of Grosse Pointe Park and Linda Marchildon of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Women's forum celebrates 40 years of networking

For 40 years the Detroit Women's Forum has hosted speakers addressing topical issues.

They represent women who live in the metro area, work in a variety of professions and are socially minded. The diverse, accomplished, like-minded, well-educated women gather once a month at The Whitney to network, have lunch and listen to a speaker.

Members Ann Kondak of Grosse Pointe Woods and JoAnn Kelly of Grosse Pointe Park both say they have found the wide-ranging topics interesting and informative.

Kondak said the topics presented "are issues we need to be concerned about. Anyone interested in issues

affecting the community" can attend.

Speakers have commented on health and medical, political, social, economic and cultural issues. Recent programs have included human trafficking, abused women who are incarcerated, Belle Isle's renewal and a nonprofit that employs homeless women to make coats that serve as sleeping bags.

Two topics that stuck with Kelly included how women's clothing has changed over time as it ties in with women's changing roles and a system of how a community shares talents.

"I learned about the women's forum through a friend," said Grosse Pointe

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Business Network International meets at 7 a.m. Friday, Jan. 9, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20388 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Contact Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526 for more information on this business-oriented group.

Ecumenical breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical breakfast meets at 7:15 a.m. Friday, Jan. 9, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A buffet breakfast is served at 7:30 a.m., followed at 7:45 a.m. by the speaker, Deacon Thomas Strasz of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church.

For more information, call Eric Lindquist at (313) 530-8656 or e-mail grossepointeinterests@comcast.net.

Men of any faith and any community can attend.

Chamber music

The Grosse Pointe Chamber Music concert begins at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Featured performers are flutist William Underwood, guitarist Michael Miller, soprano Elizabeth Marie Anderson, pianist Christopher James Lopez, clarinetist Norma Keil-Shaw, cellist Sylvelin Bouwman and pianist Marjorie Strimple.

Tickets at the door cost \$14 and those 18 years and under are admitted

free. Season membership is \$40. Other concerts are Feb. 1, March 1, April 12, May 3 and June 7.

For more information, call (586) 945-6830 or visit gpchambermusic@yahoo.com.

Toastmasters

The Northeastern Toastmasters meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Ewald branch. Toastmasters teaches attendees how to speak comfortably before an audience.

For more information, call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184.

Community chorus

The Grosse Pointe Community Chorus seeks new members as the chorus prepares for its 63rd annual spring concert at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 3. The theme song is "Magic to Do," from

"Pippin."

Rehearsals are from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 13, in the Grosse Pointe North High School choir room. No auditions are required. The chorus is under the direction of Joseph Palazzolo and Ron Pietrantonio is the accompanist.

Registration is \$50 and begins at 7 p.m. New members can join through Jan. 27. For more information, visit grossepointecommunitychorus.org or call (313) 882-2482.

LWVGP

The League of Women Voters Grosse Pointe meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, to review Grosse Pointe and Michigan leagues' issues positions.

A Chinese dinner will be served. The cost is \$12 and checks should be made out to LWVGP and mailed to Mary Jo Johnson, 309 Piche, Grosse Pointe

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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Onion soup can be made three ways

Annie kicks off a month of soup recipes



The temperature has dropped. It's time for soup so I'm dedicating the entire month of January to just that.

I'll waste no time and start with a take on French onion soup you can enjoy three different ways — by itself as a simple clean broth, ladled over a cheese crouton, or baked in the oven with bread and cheese (gratinée). The great thing about this recipe is that you can make your soup with more onions or less, or more beef broth than chicken. I prefer a blonder soup as opposed to what is usually in restaurants.

French Onion Soup

(adapted from Jacques Pepins)

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons olive oil

- (plus more as needed)
- 4 large onions, halved and thinly sliced
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 6 cups chicken broth, or more
- 4 cups beef broth, or more
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- salt and pepper to taste
- crusty bread
- shredded Swiss or Gruyere cheese, optional

Heat butter and olive oil in a large heavy pot over medium heat. Add onions. Cook and stir until onions soften and begin to caramelize. This will take several minutes. Be patient and take care not to burn the onions. Stir often. Sprinkle with flour (add a bit more olive oil) and cook for a few more minutes. Add both broths and garlic and bring to a simmer. Cook over low heat for about 30 minutes. Taste and season with salt and pepper.

Cut bread into thick slices and bake in a 350 degree oven for 10 minutes or so.

Top sliced bread with some shredded cheese and return to the oven until the cheese is melted



PHOTO BY ANNIE ROULEAU-SCHERRIFF

Annie's French onion soup recipe right from the oven.

and golden. Place cheesy bread in a serving bowl and ladle hot soup over bread. This will create the "cheese" baked on effect with out all the effort (and mess) of the alternative.

To prepare soup gratinée, ladle half of the soup into a large oven safe bake dish.

Place cheesy croutons into soup then ladle more soup over bread. Scatter lots of shredded cheese over the top and bake at 350 for 30 to 45 minutes, until cheese is a deep golden brown. Remove from oven and serve fami-

ly style.

Third version — remove soup from oven. Beat an egg yolk with a splash or two of port wine (or brandy). Break through baked cheese with a large spoon and pour mixture inside. Stir well, underneath cheese.

This method gives the soup a porridge like consistency. And a five star flavor.

Remember there are no real rules when it comes to soup. Except for waiting until the end of the cooking process to season with salt and pepper.

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Welcome to Mornings @ Memorial

By Ann L. Fouty
Community Editor

The toddlers are a bundle of energy. Bursting into the carpeted gym, these children have the opportunity to crawl through a wide, soft tube, toss a basketball, play with cloth-covered foam shapes, throw balls, or run in circles. It's Mornings @ Memorial, the early childhood care center at

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church on Lakeshore. Above the din, trained teachers keep a close eye on their charges while they interact and remind them to share the numerous balls in various sizes. Little do the children realize they are learning how to socialize and share. For 88 families it's a way for their children, from 18 months to young fives, to develop their skills, said Marie T.



Teacher Denise McCloskey dips Vivienne Pelerin upside down to make her laugh.



Jonas Wilborn and Lily Getz discuss who should play with the ball.

the young toddler's class is for children 18 to 29 months and the preschool is focused on boys and girls 30 months to 5 years old and not enrolled in kindergarten. Children attend between one and three mornings a week. Classes are 9 a.m. to noon and there is a waiting list, she said.

The programs, held at Grosse Pointe Calcaterra, program Memorial Church on Lakeshore, offer a craft, a time to sing songs and play in the gym or on a

playscape each day.

Each week, the children work on a letter. Near Christmas, the letter was "J" for Jesus.

Calcaterra went on to say, the program recognizes holidays and offers a Christian-based curriculum. The cost is \$20 per child per day, plus a registration fee.

According to the parent packet, Mornings @ Memorial "provide a wel-

coming experience in a safe and stimulating Christian environment that nurtures young children through interactive play, creative activities, as well as enriching experiences and stories."

"Parents love the three hours (their children are in class). They get something done," she said.

For more information, visit gpmchurch.org or call (313) 882-5330.

PASTOR'S CORNER By Rev. Jim Rizer

Flying by

A pilot once shared: "Many people think these huge jets are built more safely, and therefore, are safer to fly than smaller planes. People think that because there are more crashes with smaller planes than with commercial jets. But that's not true.

"The reason why so many light planes crash is not because of bad equipment, it's because of inexperienced pilots flying the little planes. The error of inexperienced pilots is that they refuse to believe their instruments. In a storm, they trust their instincts rather than their navigation instruments. That's where they get in to trouble. They often choose to disbelieve the instruments and adjust the plane according to their senses. When the pilot ignores his readings and adjusts the plane according to his intuition, it is sure to crash."

I wonder if the same isn't true for flying as for life.

There is a great temptation to live relying on feelings and intuition.

Into this temptation Jesus reminds us of an

important recalibrating principle saying, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)

This is an invitation to honestly assess one of the indicators of life. Although we may want to disagree, the wisdom of this rings true. If we truly want to know where our hearts are we just need to consider where we spend our time, our money and our passion.

It is easy to convince ourselves we live one way, when we may be doing just the opposite.

Several years ago I visited with a young father who said his children were the most important thing to him, only to watch the majority of his passion and time spent elsewhere. He felt he was a great father, while his children grew further away.

It can be tragic when our feelings convince us of a reality different from what really is.

As we enter this new year, we are wise to take an honest assessment of where our hearts truly are.

Yours in Christ,
Rizer is the minister at Living Hope Evangelical Church.

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Alliance Française

The Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe hosts the first of a series of wine tastings at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 21, at The Hill Restaurant, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Wine expert Larry Shade selects and describes six wines tasted each evening. French cheeses and hors d'oeuvres are served. Tickets cost \$50.

Reservations must be made by Thursday, Jan. 15, and can be done by sending a check made payable to: Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe and mailing it to Christiane Stein, 23009 Maxine, St. Clair Shores,

War Memorial

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial offers "Fridays in the GP," a night out for parents with children attending the middle school dances at the War Memorial.

Each "Friday Night in the GP" has a different theme. From 7 to 10:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 16, a DJ spins tunes; from 7 to 10:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, a jazz pianist is on hand; and from 7 to 10:30 p.m. Friday, March 6, it's a karaoke night. The cost is \$5. Food and drinks are available for purchase.

Call (313) 332-4074 or visit warmemorial.org for more information or reservations.

Healing center

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The healing arts center is in the Van Elslander Cancer Center, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Grosse Pointe Woods

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra performs Igor Stravinsky's 1910 "Firebird!" Friday, Jan. 30.

The Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center sponsors this visit to Orchestra Hall, leaving the center at 8:30 a.m. and returning at approximately 1 p.m. The day starts with breakfast at the Hudson Cafe, followed by the concert.

Tickets cost \$35 for Woods residents; \$40 for non-residents. Reservations must be in by Jan. 15 and can be made at the community center, 20025 Mack Plaza, or calling (313) 343-2408.

"The Identical" is the featured film for Lunch and a Movie Tuesday, Jan. 27, at the community center.

Lunch is served at noon with the movie following.

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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.

William Brisley

William "Bill" Brisley, 78, died Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2014.

He was the loving father of Judy Bookwalter (Ray), Rob (Elizabeth), Cathy Kinnaird, Lynn Vagi and Laura and William Jr., both of whom predeceased him. He also was the proud grandfather of Jacob, Blake, Claire, Grant, Kevin, John and Kelli and loving brother of Marilyn Farrelly (Kenneth) and the late Lawrence Brisley. He also is survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held Jan. 3 at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Sterling Heights.

Donations may be made to Michigan Humane Society at michiganhumane.org

Frank Cerwin

Frank Cerwin, 88, passed away peacefully Monday, Dec. 22, 2014, with his family by his side.

He was born as Francis Cerwin Jan. 8, 1926, in Detroit, to Frank Joseph and Leonore Evelyn (nee LaRose) Cerwin.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II in order to graduate from high school before being drafted. At the end of the war he was a tail gunner on B-17s. After the war, he legally changed his name to Frank. On May 6, 1950, he married Geraldine "Jerry" Kanikowski in Detroit.

Mr. Cerwin was a jack of all trades. He worked for Uniroyal and Transworld Airlines. At one point he was employed as a link trainer, or flight simulation trainer, at Willow Run Airport. He owned Ferndale Automotive, an auto detailing company. He worked for Northland Ford when cars were first starting to be leased instead of purchased, and eventually became the vice president and general manager at Stark-Hickey Ford.

Mr. Cerwin owned the Pointe Café for four years. At the end of karaoke nights, he would sing "I Did it My Way" on the karaoke machine to let people know the bar was closing. His last job was delivering flowers for Mancuso Florists, where he was referred to as "Mr. Frank" because the names Frank and Frank Jr. were already taken. He worked until 2010; two days before heart bypass surgery.

His family said Mr. Cerwin was fun loving, the ultimate host and described as a "real cat." He loved boating and was the owner and captain of the "Sir Win I, II, and III." He loved to travel and had done so all over the world. For his 75th birthday, his daughter, Carol, and he took a cruise through the Tahitian Islands. He will be remembered fondly by those who met him.

Mr. Cerwin is survived by his loving daughter, Carol Cerwin (Bob Woodward); sister-in-law, Theresa Cerwin; niece, Karen, and nephew, Paul.

He was predeceased by his parents; brother, Robert; and his wife and love of his life, Jerry.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 27 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to the Grosse Pointe Lions Club, P.O. Box 36160, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Lucy Madeline Stemmler

Lucy Madeline Stemmler, 12, died Friday, Jan. 2, 2015.

Born Feb. 2, 2002, was a student at Brownell Middle School. She enjoyed swimming, skiing, country music, reading, computer games and spending time with her family and friends. She was a member of the Grosse Pointe Gators and Grosse Pointe Woods Warriors swim teams.

Lucy was the cherished daughter of Adam and Aimee; beloved sister of Joey and Kate; loving granddaughter of Gerald Soulliere (Patricia), Nancy Soulliere (Gil), Frederick P. Stemmler Jr. (Janice) and Linda Glowicki (Charles) and great-granddaughter of Frederick P. Stemmler Sr. "Opa". Additionally, she was the dearest niece of Gregory (Diana), Steven, Andrea (Ralph), Renee (Biju), Laura (Jack), Nadia (Terry), Chad, Kevin and Matthew and cousin of Caroline, Ward, Davis, Shea, Cara, Grant, Erik (Chelsea), Siddharth, Coley, Piper, Gavin, Ava, Everett, Jane, J.C. and Caiden. She also is survived by her many loving great aunts, great uncles, remaining family members and friends.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. A prayer service will be held at 7 p.m.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores. Visitation begins at 9 a.m. at the church.

Paige Marshall Stalker

Paige Marshall Stalker, 16, daughter of Jennifer and Marshall Stalker, died tragically Monday, Dec. 22, 2014.

Paige was born Jan. 28, 1998, in the City of Grosse, and attended University Lidgett School in Grosse Pointe Woods where she was a junior and an all-A honor student.

Paige volunteered at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe and aspired to go to medical school and become a pediatrician. She loved working with children and was a tutor and nanny for several local youngsters. She played lacrosse and volleyball at ULS and was a nationally ranked skier. She also was a member of Sigma Gamma.

Her family said nothing made Paige happier than to go to Disney World with her family. It represented a magical time of family, fun and friends.

Paige will live on in the hearts of her parents; sisters, Madison and Avery; brother, Andrew; grandparents, Debbie and Peter Stalker II of Santa Barbara, Calif. and Joyce and David Lawrence, of Grosse Pointe Park; great-grandmother, Jane Lawrence of Columbus, Ohio, and aunts and uncles, Anne and Peter Stalker III, Darreby and Michael Ambler, Geoff and Jennifer Lawrence, Emily and Steven Powers, Chris and Karine Lawrence, and many cousins.

A funeral service was held Dec. 27, at St. James Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Farms

Donations may be made

in Paige's honor to the Make-A-Wish Foundation at wish.org.

Robert G. Kissel

Former Grosse Pointe Shores resident Robert G. Kissel, 88, of St. Clair Shores, died Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit.

He was born May 4, 1926, in Detroit, to Joseph and Mathilde (nee Zahn) Kissel, he graduated in 1944 from East Commerce High School and joined the U.S. Army as a paratrooper. He worked at Goodbody for 25 years as head of the order department and then 21 years as a stock broker at Comerica. After retiring, he worked part-time for 10 years at Kitch law firm.

Mr. Kissel was an avid reader of Civil War and Russian history and enjoyed stamp collecting.

Mr. Kissel is survived by his wife, Rose (nee Licata) Kissel; sister-in-law, Lillian Arnone and brother-in-law, Dr. Sam Licata (Audrey).

A funeral service was held Jan. 6 at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Park.

Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org.

Marguerite Kassab

Former longtime Grosse Pointe Shores resident Marguerite Kassab died Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2014, at her home in Boca Raton, Fla., surrounded by family.

Known as "Peggy," she was born and raised in Indian Village in Detroit. She was homecoming queen and class president at Eastern High School. She enjoyed a brief career in the fashion industry, starting as a saleswoman for Milgrim's Clothing Store, modeling part time and overseeing mannequin attire and accessories in window displays.

At age 25, she married Edward J. Kassab. They were married 53 years until his death in 2001.

Mrs. Kassab was always on the go, whether it was traveling with her husband on business or for their church, where her husband held a seat on the national board. She was instrumental in helping her husband build his company in its infancy.

She was a member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, Lochmoor Club and St. George Ladies Society. In addition, she was a devoted mother serving as Brownie leader, den mother and participating in many field trips and school activities for her four children.

Mrs. Kassab played piano by ear, enjoyed the classical music series at the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and was knowledgeable about and appreciated museum quality paintings and objects d'art. Her family said she had fine taste in so many fields including fashion, home decorating and design, food preparation and lavish tablescapes. A poised and elegant woman, she was always willing to lend a helping hand for those in need.

Mrs. Kassab is survived by her children, Gregory, Carol Lee Reno, Robert and Thomas; grandchildren, Ashley Antoinello (Vincent), Suzanne Ellis (Jordan), Jessie Marino



William Brisley



Frank Cerwin



Lucy Madeline Stemmler



Paige Marshall Stalker



Robert G. Kissel



Marguerite Kassab



William T. Rogers



Rebecca B. Grajewski



Ramfis Fahim M.D.

(William), Clara Ditter (Sam), Brandon Edward Kassab and Lauren Kassab; great-grandchildren, Lucas Edward Antoniello, Charlotte Sayer Marino and George Lee Ellis II.

She also is survived by her brother, Robert Zahloute.

Donations may be made to Leader Dogs for the Blind at leaderdog.org.

William T. Rogers

Grosse Pointe Woods resident William T. "Bill" Rogers, 88, died Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2014.

He was born Nov. 19, 1926, in Detroit, to William and Josephine Rogers. He graduated in 1944 from Cass Technical High School and, while serving in the U.S. Navy, attended college, including Dartmouth, Kansas State Teachers College, the University of Oklahoma and the University of Michigan.

Mr. Rogers began his automotive career with Ford Motor Co., where he worked on the original Thunderbird two-seater. He then spent 30 years at Chrysler Corporation, his final position as superintendent of Dodge Warren Truck Assembly Plant. After retirement, he worked at General Dynamics.

Mr. Rogers was a former president of the Chrysler Management Club, founding member of St. Margaret of Scotland Parish in St. Clair Shores, parish council president and stewardship commission member at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Grand Knight and financial secretary at Our Lady Star of the Sea Knights of Columbus and a member of the Grosse Pointe Woods Parking Commission.

Mr. Rogers enjoyed golf and bowling and attending the many concerts, plays and sporting events in which his family members appeared. He was involved in parents groups for the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association, Little League, Red Barons and Coaches Club at Grosse Pointe North High School.

Mr. Rogers is survived by his wife of 63 years, Lilian (nee Isopi); daughters, Mary Jo Schenk (Edward), Kathryn (John Howes) and Kelley Neal

(Gary); sons, Michael (Mercy), William (Joan Cummins) and Bob; grandchildren, Matthew Pauwels, Dr. Franny Howes, Kathryn Schenk, Heather Neal, Andrew Howes, Benjamin Neal and Patrick Rogers.

He was predeceased by his sisters, Sally Forgette and Janet Spanos and brother, Arthur.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 27 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project at woundedwarriorproject.org.

Rebecca Boozel Grajewski

Rebecca Boozel Grajewski died Monday, Dec. 29, 2014, from complications related to lymphoma.

She was born in Meadville, Pa. As a teen, she moved to St. Clair Shores, where she graduated from South Lake High School. After a brief move to Ohio, she returned to the Detroit area and made this her permanent home.

A longtime Grosse Pointe resident, Ms. Grajewski was an active golf member at Lochmoor Club and volunteered with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Michigan. She especially enjoyed volunteering at Grace Community Church for the children's ministry, as well as in the accounting area.

Ms. Grajewski loved animals. She often stopped and rescued injured animals on the sides of roads, paid for their treatment and made sure they were adopted. She adopted several dogs herself.

The greatest love of her life was her family. Her daughter, Mary Beth Flint; sister, Margaret, who predeceased her; brother-in-law, Ted; nieces, Linda, Michelle and Lisa and nephews, Richard and Jeff, were never far from her thoughts. Like many, her grandchildren, Emily and Austin, made her heart leap with joy.

Ms. Grajewski was predeceased by her brothers, Benjamin and Michael, who also were an important part of her life.

Her family said if you had the privilege of know-

ing "Becky," you understood why she had so many close friends and couldn't help but enjoy being in her company. She proved how much of a fighter she was by exceeding expectations and fighting lymphoma far longer than expected and extending the pleasure they received from her kindness and sense of humor.

A memorial service celebrating Ms. Grajewski will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at Grace Community Church, 21001 Moross, Detroit.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Michigan Humane Society at michiganhumane.org or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Michigan at lls.org.

Ramfis Fahim M.D.

Longtime Grosse Pointe Park resident Ramfis "Ram" Fahim M.D., 88, died unexpectedly Saturday, Jan. 3, 2015, at his home. He was the beloved husband of Marjorie Ann (nee Carl); cherished father of Melanie Fahim Goodridge and fiancé, Guy Hoefler, and adored grandfather of Kelsey Goodridge.

Dr. Fahim came to the United States from Cairo, Egypt, in pursuit of his dream to be a doctor and embrace his love of medicine. He sought training for general surgery at the Mayo Clinic where he met his wife, Margie. The couple celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary Aug. 2.

Dr. Fahim had a surgical practice in the Detroit area for 40 years, and then pursued his interest in alternative medicine. He believed the combination of both disciplines was beneficial to his patients. He continued his alternative medical practice until recently.

Dr. Fahim enjoyed boating, tennis, golf and travel.

A memorial gathering to celebrate Dr. Fahim's life will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

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Gerald Arthur Whitman

Gerald Arthur Whitman, 78, died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2015.

He was the beloved husband of Joan; dear father of Michael Rieves (Anne) and Gregory Rieves (Samer); loving grandfather of David, Eric, Patrick and Emily and special cousin of Penelope and Jerry Sigler.

Visitation will begin at 11 a.m. Tuesday Jan. 13, followed by a funeral service at 1 p.m. at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack Avenue.

Donations may be made to Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236; Michigan Parkinson Foundation at parkinsonmi.org or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at stjude.org.

William F. Leslie

Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident William F. "Bill" Leslie, 93, passed away Saturday, Dec. 27, 2014, surrounded by his loving family.

Born July 2, 1921, in Detroit, to Rose and William Leslie, he attended Southeastern High School and the Detroit Institute of Technology and in 1940, was employed as a cable splicer by Michigan Bell Telephone Co.

Mr. Leslie enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Forces in September 1942, and was schooled at Fort Custer, Willow Run and Sheppard Field, Texas, preparing to serve as a pilot. His specialty was changed to flight engineer and gunner and he was sent to gunnery school, before being deployed to the European Theater.

Between August 1944 and January 1945, he flew 30 bombing missions over France and Germany. In September 1944, his B-24 crew was one of 35 that participated in the bombing run to Kassel, Germany. Of the more than 300 crew members sent on the Kassel Mission, Mr. Leslie was one of 32 survivors.

During his three-year enlistment, Mr. Leslie was awarded the Air Medal with four Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, the Good Conduct Ribbon, the European/African/Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with four Bronze Battle Stars and the Overseas Service Bar. On June 17, in a ceremony at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, he was presented the World War II Victory Medal.

Mr. Leslie was honorably discharged in June 1945 and returned to work at Michigan Bell where he met and married his wife of 64 years, Marion Leslie. He held numerous positions within the company over his 41-year career. He retired as a community relations manager in the public relations department in 1981. He then joined Adlhoch & Associates Realtors for a number of years, while also actively involved with the Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club, Toastmasters International and the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club. He retired again in 1992 and often spent time on his boat, "Willie II," drowning worms in Lake St. Clair.

Mr. Leslie is survived by his sons, Brian of Grosse Pointe, Guy of Traverse City and Stephen (Claudia) of Grosse Pointe; daughters, Carol Mertz (Bruce) of Coldwater and Susan Leslie-Till (Ed) of Grosse Pointe Farms; 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his wife in 2010 and son, Jeff, in 2008.

A memorial service with full military honors will be held at a future date at Great Lakes Memorial Cemetery in Holly.

Donations may be made to the Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Road, Bingham Farms, MI 48025 or Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154.

Paul Edward Morath

Paul Edward Morath, 68, died suddenly Monday, Jan. 5, 2015, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit.

He was born June 6, 1946, in Detroit, to Carl and Irene Morath, and graduated from Austin Catholic High School in Detroit in 1964. He graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration and a Master of Business Administration degree.

Mr. Morath began his career working at Price-Waterhouse as a certified public accountant. He later joined the Cold Heading Company, an automotive fastener company in Detroit, in the finance department and eventually became its chief operating officer.

He left Cold Heading and joined Ring Screw Company. He also entered into a partnership to form Shamrock Precision Fasteners. Ring Screw and Shamrock were eventually sold to Textron. Shortly after he retired, he helped form Shannon Precision Fasteners where he maintained the title of president emeritus.

Mr. Morath was a member of the Alhambra and the American Legion Post in Lewiston. His hobbies included woodworking, photography and world travel. He was a dog lover.

Mr. Morath is survived by his wife, Pamela; children, David (Laurie), Daniel (Nicole), Julie Contat (Kevin) and Jill Osborn (Christian); 10 grandchildren; and siblings, James (Betsy), Margaret, Donald (Sarah), Thomas (Terri), Frederick (Katherine), Lawrence (Patricia), Irene McGinn (David), Louise Gordon (Brian) and Carl (Kristen).

He was predeceased by his parents, Carl and Irene Morath.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

Donations may be made to the Sacred Heart Major Seminary, 2701 W. Chicago Blvd., Detroit, MI 48206.

Jacqueline C. Plumb

Jacqueline C. Plumb, 91, died Sunday, Dec. 28, 2014.

She was the beloved wife of Everett "Joe," who predeceased her; dear mother of William Plumb (Janice) and Gail Monette (Ken); loving grandmother of Sherri (Chris), Gayle (Tim), Jill (Andy), Michael (Lisa), David and Chris and great-grandmother of Matthew, Sarah, Patrick, Nicholas, Justin, Zoe, Olivia, Abby, Grace, Nickolas, Collin and Jacob.

She was predeceased by her brother, Donald Conley.

A funeral service was held Jan. 3 at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to the Fraternal Order of Police, Grosse Pointe Lodge No. 102, P.O. Box 361498, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

John Louis Loffredo

John Louis Loffredo, 72, died suddenly Friday, Dec. 26, 2014.

He was born in Stamford, Conn., and graduated from Villanova University. He earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Connecticut and a Master of Laws degree from New York University.

The true loves of his life were his family, his 20-year career as chief tax counsel for Chrysler Corporation, the many dogs he had through the years, sharing time in his homes in Grosse Pointe Park and Maine between his constant travels throughout the world, and watching the New York Giants and Villanova basketball.

Mr. Loffredo is survived by his wife, Lesley, of Grosse Pointe Park; son, David Loffredo, his wife, Megan, and their three children, Elizabeth, Kate and Julia of Westport, Conn., and son, James Loffredo, daughter-in-law, Jennifer, and their daughter, Kiera, of Grosse Pointe Park. He also is survived by his sister, Susan O'Brien of Fairfield, Conn.

Donations may be made to Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society. In the memo section, indicate the Loffredo Memorial Fund. This fund was established 11 years ago to defray medical expenses for older adoptable animals, a passion of Mr. Loffredo and his family. Donations may be mailed to GPAAS, 296 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Frank Kasper Penirian Jr.

Frank Kasper Penirian Jr. passed away peacefully Thursday, Dec. 18, 2014, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit.

He was born in San Francisco to Frank K. Penirian Sr., from Vian, Armenia and Gertrude Rose Nichols. When he was 5, the family moved to Detroit. He graduated from Southeastern High School in 1951.

Mr. Penirian joined ROTC at Denison University and graduated in 1955. From there he went into active duty in the U.S. Navy Air Force. He married Margaret Sessions, in 1958, and graduated from Wayne State University Law School in 1961. A member of the Michigan Bar Association and the American Trial Lawyers Association, he was a trial lawyer until he entered St. John Hospital Dec. 14.

Mr. Penirian was a member of the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club and Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He enjoyed skiing, tennis, walking, fishing, biking, gardening, reading, listening to music and most of all, playing with his grandchildren. He was a silly man who loved to laugh with friends and play tricks on his family. He was known as a generous, kind person with many lifelong friends.

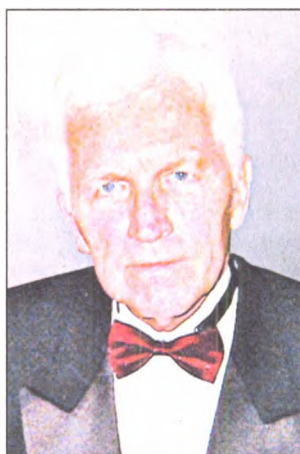
Mr. Penirian's favorite places were Michigan, Colorado, Utah, national parks, Canada and the Michillinda Beach Lodge on Lake Michigan where the family vacationed 46 years.

Mr. Penirian is survived by his wife, Margaret; daughter, Kathryn Penirian (Ratindranath Akhoury); son, Frank E. Penirian III and granddaughters Maya Akhoury and Anya Akhoury.

He was predeceased by his sister, Jean "Penny" Taggart.

Mr. Penirian's family is grateful to staff members at St. John Hospital Cardiac/Vascular Intensive Care Unit for their compassionate care.

A celebration of life service will be held in March.



Gerald Arthur Whitman



William F. Leslie



Paul Edward Morath



John Louis Loffredo



Frank Kasper Penirian Jr.



Martha Miller



Patricia O. Junker



Thaddeus H. Joos M.D.



Priscilla Veronica Hirt

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

Martha Miller

Martha Miller (nee Wenz), 52, formerly of Grosse Pointe Park, died peacefully Monday, Dec. 29, 2014, at her home in St. Clair Shores, surrounded by her family.

The daughter of James and Mary Wenz, she was born Jan. 4, 1962, in Detroit and attended St. Clare of Montefalco grade school and graduated from Grosse Pointe South High in 1980.

Mrs. Miller attended the University of Detroit and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in dental hygiene. She was employed as a dental hygienist at Clairpointe Family Dental in St. Clair Shores from 1988 until 2014, where she will be missed by her coworkers and the many patients and friends whose lives she touched over the years.

Mrs. Miller is survived by her loving husband, Keith and son, Lloyd, of St. Clair Shores; brother, Chris, his wife, Laura, and their son, Brian, of Grosse Pointe Woods, and brother, Carl, his wife, Ann, and their daughters, Sarah and Jennifer of Valparaiso, Ind.

She was predeceased by her parents. The Miller/Wenz families would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to the many friends and relatives who came to Mrs. Miller's assistance daily as she courageously battled cancer. The outpouring of help was a true testament to how much she was loved.

A celebration of Mrs. Miller's life will be held at a future date.

Patricia O. Junker

Former Grosse Pointe resident Patricia O. Junker, 82, of Rogers City, passed away Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015, at Alpena Regional Medical Center.

She was born July 30, 1932, in Detroit, to James and Mabel (nee Stanley) Otey.

On June 26, 1954, she married John William Junker Jr. in Detroit. Mrs. Junker earned a bachelor's degree in music education from Wayne State

University and taught music in the Detroit Public Schools for many years. She continued teaching in her own studio until her retirement at age 75.

She and her husband moved to Rogers City in 2014.

Mrs. Junker is survived by her husband, John; children, Susan Critzer (Kevin) of Wyoming, Laura Monaghan (John) of Illinois, Jodi Collard (Dan) of Huron Beach, James Brian Junker (Cindy) of Rochester, Wendy Nair (Raj) of Saline, and John Erich Junker (Elizabeth) of Grosse Pointe; grandchildren, Jeffrey Collard (Julie), Leann Monaghan, Lizzy Monaghan, Samantha Nair, Brian Junker, Emmy Monaghan, Jessica Nair and Kaylee Junker; great-grandchildren, Daniel Collard, Gracie Collard and Wyatt Collard.

She was predeceased by her brother, James Otey.

A memorial service will be held in the spring at Grosse Pointe Presbyterian Church, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, MI 48226.

Thaddeus H. Joos M.D.

Thaddeus H. Joos M.D., 88, of Grosse Pointe Woods and Vero Beach, Fla., passed away Monday, Dec. 29, 2014, at HealthSouth Treasure Coast Rehabilitation Hospital in Vero Beach.

A native of Detroit, Dr. Joos was the son of Herman and Mary Joos and brother of Nancy Bookmyer, all of whom predeceased him.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Suzanne, to whom he was married 60 years; loving children, Peter (Alla), Susan Leavy (Bernard) and Sarah (Nat Nichols) and adoring grandchildren, Brigid, Nora and Kevin Leavy and Cristina and Philip Joos.

Dr. Joos graduated from the University of Detroit and the University of Michigan Medical School. He was a pediatric allergist who practiced in Grosse Pointe 40 years and was on staff at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit. He was a past chairman of the Michigan Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, a past presi-

dent of the Detroit Pediatrics Society, a veteran of the Korean War and a volunteer at the Indian River County Health Department, Fla.

He was a member of the Country Club of Detroit and John's Island Club in Vero Beach.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to Capuchin Monastery, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207; St. John Hospital Pediatric Department at stjohndetroit.org; or St. Paul on the Lake Educational Trust, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Priscilla Veronica Hirt

Priscilla Veronica Hirt, 61, of Grosse Pointe Park and Bellaire, passed away Friday, Jan. 2, 2015, after a short battle with cancer.

She is survived by her husband, Don; daughter, Lauren Yavor (Josh); son Michael Hirt (Alli); granddaughters, Abigail and Claire Yavor and sister, Penny Pemberton.

Mrs. Hirt was a graduate of the University of Michigan and Wayne State University Law School, and practiced probate law and estate planning in both the Detroit area and Traverse City. Her family said her clients and colleagues appreciated her expertise, caring attitude and kind spirit.

Her children and grandchildren were the light of her life. She put their well-being above all else and her strong and loving influence shaped their lives. Spending time with them was her first priority.

Mrs. Hirt enjoyed many activities with her community of friends in Northern Michigan. She was an avid Red Wings fan and loved traveling with family and friends.

A visitation will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park, with a eulogy service at 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Josephine Ford Cancer Institute of Henry Ford Health System at henryford.com or the American Cancer Society at cancer.org.

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ASK THE EXPERT By Joanne Cruz

Understanding hoarding behaviors



Letting go of treasures

Q. The time has come for my elderly mother to downsize from her home and move into a condo. She has so many possessions and is having a hard time letting go of items that belonged to my father and other family members that have long passed. How can I help her prepare for the upcoming move? I'm not sure if it's just clutter or she might be a hoarder?

A. I'm sure some of us have closets full of clothes, some may be too big or too small. We're hoping to fit into them one day or have clothes

for just in case we grow two sizes too big. They're in hangers and dry cleaning plastic bags tucked and shoved in your closet for the last five years or more.

Maybe some of us keep magazines or interesting articles in a folder tightly inserted in an office drawer to hopefully read one day when we have the time. However, these clipped articles are from 2005 and they haven't seen them since then and you've forgotten they're even there.

I worked with an older patient before who kept all of her deceased husband's clothes, bags and bags of clothes, for years. They sat in her living room since his passing. She hasn't moved them and refused to move them.

Are these behaviors considered hoarding or clutter? It depends.

SAVE the DATE

TAKING CARE WHILE GIVING CARE

Time: 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Date: Thursday, Feb. 12

Location: Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores

Resource stations from 5 to 6 p.m. and 8 to 9 p.m.

Four 30-minute talks from 6 to 8 p.m.

Speakers: Joanne Cruz — treating hoarding disease; Cathy Lysack, Ph.D., from the Institute of Gerontology, Wayne State University;

Sean Hogan-Downey, social worker;

Jill Gafner, author

Free admission

Light food and refreshments served.

Presented by the Family Center in partnership with the Senior Expo, Assumption Cultural Center and Marchiori Catering.

Reservations: familycenterweb.org or call (313) 432-3832.

Hoarding is defined by the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 5th Edition as: persistent difficulty discarding possessions regardless of value, accumulation of large number of possessions

that often clutter living areas where those living areas cannot be used for its intended purpose and the behavior results in physical, emotional, social, financial and even legal consequences.

When one's kitchen can

no longer be used for cooking and the bathtub is filled with boxes and used as storage or the bed is topped off with storage boxes and the recliner is now used as a place to sleep, this has now affected how one lives.

Despite this safety due to no living space, the person who hoards may not have the insight to recognize it has been a chronic problem. Others clearly understand this is a problem and are ready to receive help. In either case it's not always necessary to know why the person hoards, but take the opportunity to connect them to the appropriate resources when they are ready.

Cruz is a clinical and medical social worker and specializes in substance abuse and dually diagnosed patients. Cruz works with seniors and

their families who have issues with hoarding and clutter in trying to connect them with resources, coordinate care and aid in reducing clutter in the home for safety. She can be reached at (248) 709-7423 or cruzlmsw@hotmail.com.

The Family Center serves as the community's hub for information, resources and referral for both families and professionals and its mission is to serve our community through programs and resources vital to today's families.

The Family Center is a non-profit organization, all gifts are tax-deductible.

To volunteer or contribute, visit familycenterweb.org, call (313) 432.3832.

E-mail: info@familycenterweb.org or write to: The Family Center, 20090 Morningside Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

Theatre offers free dance and vocal workshops

Preparing for auditions

Grosse Pointe Theatre is helping potential actors and actresses prepare for upcoming auditions for its May production of "The Producers" by offering free dance and vocal workshops.

Five free workshops are held by choreographers Grace Knoche and Theresa Pullen at 315 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe.

Attendance is not a requirement of auditioning, but could help sharpen skills and provide a glimpse of the show's choreography.

Solid tap is a requirement for several dance numbers and will be included in the workshops. Sessions are from 7 to 9 p.m. Jan. 19 and 26 and 2 to 4 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 10 and 17.

Ellen Skinner Bowen leads the free vocal workshops from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2, and Wednesday, Feb. 4, at the theatre's office, 315 Fisher. Lessons include "The Producers" audition songs.

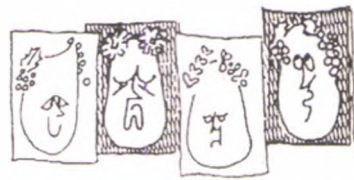
Attending workshops is no guarantee in casting. Auditions for "The Producers" are from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7. Call backs are Sunday with the time to be determined. Auditions are at the theatre's main office, 315 Fisher.

Scripts are available, but first call (313) 881-4004 to check for availability. A refundable deposit may be required.

Performances will be at Fries Auditorium inside the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms, May 10, 14 through 17 and 21 through 23.

Additional performances may be added. Note the closing weekend is Memorial weekend.

For more information on the show and detailed character descriptions, visit the theater's website, gpt.org.



SOC January and February events

Services for Older Citizens January and February events feature movies, bingo, lectures and birthday parties.

SOC is located at 159 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. The phone number is (313) 882-9600. Call that number for reservations, where indicated.

Bingo is played at 10:15 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Cards cost \$2.

Knit Michigan — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Tuesday beginning Jan. 13. The free event is new to SOC. Knit Michigan is a non-profit organization supporting cancer patients and their families with financial contributions and making and donating comfort items such as chemo caps and lap blankets to cancer patients. SOC knitters will make comfort items for patients in infusion rooms where they go for their chemo treatments. For more information, visit knitmichigan.org. Patty Matheson is the facilitator.

Birthday celebration — 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14. Those with January birthdays get a piece of cake with a can-

dle, a photo and a free lunch.

Mah Jongg — 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 14, 21 and 28. Instructor Donna Carloni teaches the American version. The cost is \$12. Cards are provided.

Alzheimers caregivers support group — 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15. This new program is held the third Thursday of each month with trained facilitators. Marian Battersby of Home Instead discusses practical information on caregiving problems and possible solutions, ways of coping and available community resources.

Avoiding financial exploitation of seniors — 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22. Peter Lichtenberg of Wayne State University's Institute of Gerontology discusses financial exploitation protection and how to recognize who is vulnerable.

Identity Theft — 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27. Michigan Attorney General Senior Brigade discusses how to protect personal information, how to eliminate pre-approved credit card offers and steps to take throughout the year to protect identity such as always reading your account and billing state-

ments and reviewing your credit report.

Movie — "Heaven is for Real" — 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27. The cost is \$2.00.

Pizza and movie — 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28. The cost is \$4. To view the movie only at 1 p.m., the cost is \$2.

Book Discussion Group — 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29. The book, "Lowland" by Jhumpa Lahiri is discussed.

Preventative care in the elderly — 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3. Dr. Christine Chelladurai of Beaumont Health Systems discusses preventative care services.

For the love of music workshop — 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 4, 11, 18 and 25. Jean Curtis Demeulemeester is the instructor. The cost is \$16. Learn how the orchestra instruments are placed and their sounds.

Hawaiian luau party — 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11. Pi'ilani Wahines provides the entertainment after the catered meal. The cost is \$12. Reservations must be made by Feb. 6.

February birthday celebration — 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 12. Those observing February birthdays receive a piece

of cake with a candle, a photo and a free lunch.

Paczki day — 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17. Paczkis cost \$1. Orders must be placed by noon, Friday, Feb. 13.

Know the 10 signs of Alzheimers — early detection — 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17. Learn the 10 signs of the disease and why it is important to see a doctor for early diagnosis, treatment and to plan for the future.

Eye health — 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24. Nancy Pilorget of the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology — Henry Ford Health Systems talks about the diseases of the eye that affect seniors, in particular, and some of the ways to cope with these changes in the eye with an emphasis on the role of support group.

Movie — "And So it Goes" 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24. The cost is \$2.

Pizza and movie — "And So it Goes" — 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25. The cost is \$4. To view the movie at 1 p.m., the cost is \$2. — Pizza — 11:30 a.m.

Book discussion group — 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26. The book "The Two Hotel Francforts" by David Leavitt, is discussed.

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Park resident Barbara Tecos in an e-mail. "I find the membership to be social activists and very informed on relevant topics that need to be addressed in our local communities, as well as on our national agenda. Lectures presented during our meetings are enlightening and

thought provoking."

Ruth Kroll, associate director of the American Jewish Committee, established the forum in 1974.

"They were very progressive and very diverse with African American, Jewish and Christian women," said B. Jane Everhart, a 25-year

member. "Everyone there has been relatively active and most have been in a leadership role."

The volunteer-run Detroit Women's Forum has 124 members and is open to women who want to learn more about contemporary issues.

For more information, contact shariscohen@att.net.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, February 2, 2015 at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, to hear comments regarding the Program Year 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Proposed Estimated budget as shown below:

2015 Proposed Estimated CDBG Budget

1. Services for Older Citizens	\$ 4,823
2. Minor Home Repair/Housing Rehab (Returning to Wayne Co.)	\$ 48,233.72
3. Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services (PAATS)	\$ 4,823
3. Administration	\$ 6,430
Total	\$ 64,309.72

Al Fincham,
City Administrator

G.P.N.: 01/08/15

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PY 2015

Notice is hereby given that the City of Grosse Pointe Farms will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 19, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms City Hall, located at 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

For Program Year 2015, the City of Grosse Pointe Farms anticipates receiving an allocation of approximately \$33,446.76 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds. Pending actual funding availability, the City proposes to carryout the following CDBG eligible activities with the respective estimated amounts:

OBJECTIVES:

A. Benefiting low and moderate income clientele

POTENTIAL PROJECTS:

Activity	Amount	Objective Met
Housing Rehabilitation	\$25,085.07	A
Public Services (Senior Services)	\$ 5,017.01	A
Administration	\$ 3,344.68	A

The Public is invited to attend and comment on the proposals during the Public Hearing or to make written comments on or before January 19, 2015. The City of Grosse Pointe Farms will provide reasonable accommodations for those individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services. Notification should be received in the City Clerk's Office at least seven (7) days prior to the public hearing.

DERRICK KOZICKI
City Clerk

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by Linda Thistle

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Animals

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505 LOST & FOUND

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Norsemen win holiday tourney

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Junior Josh Fischer's blocked shot led to sophomore Steven Levick's game-winning layup as time expired to help Grosse Pointe North boys' basketball beat host L'Anse Creuse North 54-52.

The basket won the annual L'Anse Creuse North Crusader Classic Tournament last week.

The Norsemen trailed 52-46 with a couple of minutes left before running off the final eight points to take the tournament trophy home.

"We kept our composure when Tim Herd fouled out and the guys stepped up to win a big game," head coach Ron Kochan said. "It was a great play all the way around."

"I asked the guys to take a charge because they were going to drive the lane. Instead, Josh gets the blocked shot, Steve grabs the rebound and drives the length of

the floor to lay it in with time expiring.

"What a way to win a tournament."

It was a tight game throughout.

It was 12-12 after the first quarter and the Norsemen led 28-23 at the half.

It was 41-39 Crusaders after three quarters and 43-41 Norsemen early in the fourth quarter.

Turnovers turned the game around for both teams.

First, it was the Norsemen turning it over, allowing the Crusaders to run off eight straight points and take a 49-43 lead.

Herd's three-point play made it 49-46, but LCN senior Andre Johnson canned a triple to make it a 52-46 game.

Then it was the Crusaders' turn to fumble the lead away as the Norsemen used full-court pressure to create a couple of steal and layups to tie it at 52 with 30 seconds left.

LCN set up one final

play to win the game, but the heroics of Fischer and Levick proved to be gold for the Norsemen.

Levick finished with 17 points and six rebounds, while Herd led the team with 18 points and six rebounds before fouling out.

Junior Mitchell Zacharias played great defense, netting a half dozen steals to go with 13 points.

Senior Darrin Woods had four points and Fischer had one basket in the fourth quarter, which started the final run for the Norsemen.

In the semifinals, North played one of its best games of the non-conference schedule to beat Walled Lake Northern 54-43.

"Our guys played very well against a good team," Kochan said. "We needed these wins to get some confidence as we get ready for division play. I think we will play better basketball."

Grosse Pointe North improved to 3-2 overall.

COLLEGE SIGNINGS



PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

Running at GVSU

Grosse Pointe South senior Megan Sklarski, center, is going to run cross country and track and field for head coach Jerry Baltes at Grand Valley State University next fall. The Lakers' program is one of the best in Division 2 and Sklarski adds another talented runner to the mix when GVSU competes in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference slate in 2015. Joining her at the signing were father, Michael Sklarski, left, and South cross country and track and field head coach Steve Zaranek. In the fall, Sklarski helped the Blue Devils' girls' cross country team win a regional title and finish 13th in the Division 1 state title meet at Michigan International Speedway. Her finals time was 19:21.3.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Graduates excel

Grosse Pointe North graduates Olivia and Jack Stander received good news before the holidays.

Olivia Stander was chosen as the new girls varsity soccer head coach at Grosse Pointe North.

Her inaugural season behind the bench begins in March. She earned Dream Team honors as a player at North and played college soccer at Michigan State University.

Jack Stander joined the Canisius College hockey

team for this season and completed its 2014 recruiting class.

"We're excited to round out our recruiting class with Jack," said Canisius head coach Dave Smith. "Jack is a proven defenseman from the USHL who skates well and is a big presence on the back end."

Jack Stander joins the Griffs after spending the 2013-14 season with the Sioux Falls Stampede of the USHL.

During his time with the team, Jack Stander

totaled 10 points, one goal and nine assists in 58 games.

He earned three varsity letters at Grosse Pointe North, where he earned first-team all-state accolades as a senior and second-team honors as a junior.

Jack Stander joins a roster that returns 18 letterwinners from a team that advanced to the Atlantic Hockey Championship in each of the last two seasons, including the program's first title in 2013.

Blue Devils fall in tourney title game

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys' basketball team started its holiday break with a 61-48 win over Detroit Safety Academy.

It was 21-8 Blue Devils after the first quarter and it was 32-23 at the half.

Head coach Troy Glasser had his players pump up the defensive intensity in the third quarter where they outscored Safety Academy 19-8 to build a commanding 51-31 advantage with one quarter left.

Senior Sam Kingsley led all scorers with 19 points, sinking 5-of-7 three-point baskets, and junior Greg Harris had 12 points.

Other top scorers were senior Sam Blanzly with eight points, junior Jack

Maher with seven points and seven rebounds and sophomore Brennan Buszka with 12 rebounds and five blocks.

Even playing the more up-tempo style, the Blue Devils had only 10 turnovers.

South also competed in the Northville Tournament the week between Christmas and New Year's Day.

The Blue Devils beat Warren Cousino 56-40 in the semifinals, but lost 49-42 to host Northville in the title game the following day.

The Blue Devils got off to a great start, leading Cousino 26-17 at the half. They never let the Patriots make a second-half comeback.

Sam Hunter and Greg Harris each had nine points, while Sam Blanzly and Brennan Buszka

each added eight.

The Blue Devils played a great first half against Northville, leading 30-25, but a lackluster second half did them in.

They lost their mojo and fell flat in the final two quarters.

Buszka had nine points to lead the team and Blanzly had seven.

Sam Kingsley had five points and Dallian Burnett added six in the title game loss.

"The kids have been sick and not getting the hang of things at the moment," Glasser said.

"We will play better when we get everyone healthy and playing together as a team. We're off to a nice start and we will work hard to get better. We are looking forward to playing."

Grosse Pointe South dipped to 3-1 overall.

Knights beat Shrine

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett boys' basketball team got the most out of its holiday break.

The Knights played the first game in the annual Motor City Roundball Classic at Harper Woods High School the day after Christmas.

They played well in a 57-55 win over Royal Oak Shrine, improving to 3-1 overall.

It was 17-13 Knights after the first quarter, but they trailed 28-25 at the half.

"We had to do a better job executing and rebounding and we had to get scrappier on

defense," head coach Sidney Johnson said. "Our point guards played well and we hit some big shots down the stretch."

The Knights trailed 36-25 midway through the third quarter before turning up the intensity.

Behind the play of junior Spencer Ewing, sophomores Jaren English and Jorden Peterson, and freshman Anthony George, the Knights outscored Shrine 13-7 the rest of the third quarter to trail 43-38.

Peterson's rare four-point play gave the Knights a 55-47 lead with 1:47 left and they hit some big free throws down the stretch to keep Shrine at bay.

"This is a nice win for us as we get back to practice and prepare for the league schedule," Johnson said.

English finished with a double-double, netting 21 points and 10 rebounds, while Peterson had 17 points.

Ewing had 10 points, including a big three-pointer to tie the game at 45, and George finished with nine points.

Liggett's first game after the break is at home Friday, Jan. 9, against Plymouth Christian.

It is their Michigan Independent Athletic Conference opener.

"A win would be nice to get us off to a good start," Johnson said.



I Remember When...

For nearly 75 years it has been the responsibility and privilege of the Grosse Pointe News to watch, listen and record how the five Grosse Pointes have grown, flourished and changed.

As the Grosse Pointe News approaches its 75th anniversary in November 2015, the staff invites the community to join with us in reminiscing about when there was still evidence of the ribbon farms to recent events impacting their lives.

We request our readers, their friends and family to send special memories of their home town — City of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Shores and Grosse Pointe Woods. These remembrances of 200 to 250 words, for example, can be about the last item purchased at Jacobson's, the first day of school, your first job or the

house you grew up in. A memory might center around a significant date or celebration, a business, organization, enduring friendships or the opportunities available living by Lake St. Clair.

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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Grosse Pointe News



Boys hockey

LIGGETT

Knights capture two victories

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett boys' hockey team took third place in last week's Scott Miller Memorial Tournament at Centre Ice Arena in Traverse City.

"We played three consecutive days and our lack of depth hurt a little, but overall this was a great experience for the boys," head coach Mike Hamilton said.

On the first night, the Knights lost 4-3 to host Traverse City Central.

Senior Josh Soyka injured a knee blocking a shot and left midway through the game. Senior Mason Demsey also hurt an ankle and left midway through the game.

"We were really short-handed against a pretty good hockey team," Hamilton said. "We gave them a battle and nearly won the game."

The following night, the Knights trailed Toledo St. John's 4-2 after two periods.

However, they stormed back to score three third-period goals to pull out a stunning 5-4 victory.

In the final game, Demsey returned and helped the Knights blast Saginaw Heritage 10-5.

Senior Stephen Campau scored six goals in this game and finished the tournament with nine goals.

Junior Brett Abdelnour



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Liggett senior Jacob Smith, shown against Grosse Pointe South before the holiday break, is playing at a high level for the Knights.

also had an outstanding tournament on the offensive end, while senior goalkeeper Luke Soyka was in net.

"We had our moments and a lot of good things went our way this weekend," Hamilton said. "It was a good experience for us and now we can get some rest before the

boys get back to school and on the ice for a busy second half."

Liggett is 9-2 overall and has several home games coming up the first couple of weeks of January, including tilts with Jenison Friday, Jan. 9; Utica Wednesday, Jan. 14; and Saginaw Swan Valley Friday, Jan. 16.

Girls basketball

LIGGETT



PHOTO BY PETE BALAYA

Learning experience

Liggett girls' basketball team played two tough non-league games last week, losing to Columbus Africentric and Newark high schools out of Ohio. Head coach Omar Ahart said the road trip would be good for the team for bonding and to play great competition to prepare the Knights for the state playoffs in March. The losses dropped Liggett to 2-3 overall.

Wrestling

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Grapplers succeed

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's wrestling team enjoyed success at the Cousino 6-way tournament Dec. 13.

Junior captain Jon Gough led the way for South, wrestling at 171 and 189 pounds. Gough

finished the day unbeaten, with a perfect

5-0 record, winning a gold medal. Sophomore Tyler Thompson won a silver medal with a 4-1 record and junior heavyweight Luke Davey also earned a silver medal with a 3-0 record.

Earning bronze medals, with three wins apiece, were freshman Truman McKay and junior Earl Allard.

Junior captain, Joe Kurta, finished just out of the medals, notching two wins.

In action last weekend, the Blue Devils competed in the 51st Jim Dewland Chaos Classic Wrestling Invitational with competition coming from Holly, Chelsea, Mendon, Napoleon, Clinton, Blissfield, Grass Lake, Morenci, Traverse City West, Durand, Laingsburg, Vandercook, Coldwater, Paw Paw, Dewitt, Western 'B' and Western 'A' high school programs.

Tyler Thompson swept his way into the 119-pound division with three straight victories over highly seeded opponents, en route to a second-place finish.

Gough battled to a berth in the semifinals and finished fourth in the 171-pound division and Allard registered three wins and attained a fifth-place medal for the Blue Devils.

"Not only did Thompson, Gough and Allard wrestle well, but we were pleased with the effort and performance of our newest members of the team," co-head coach Patrick Salazar said. "Newcomers such as Luke Davey and John and Joe Dotson have taken it up a notch, and John Drew (130-pound division) and Joe Kurta (160-pound division) are getting stronger by the week. I was pleased."

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City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROPOSED STATEMENT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME PROJECTS PROGRAM YEAR 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, January 26, 2015 at 7:00 pm by the City Council in the Grosse Pointe City Council Chambers, 17145 Maumee Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230 (telephone 313-885-5800) for review of Community Development Block Grant Programming Request.

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

2015 PROPOSED PROJECTS (estimated funding)	AMOUNT:
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Advent outreach

Our Lady Star of the Sea School students, parents and staff participate in an Advent outreach program. This year's project helped the McRest program at St. Margaret of Scotland Parish in St. Clair Shores that annually hosts homeless the week between Christmas. Students filled 38 cookie boxes and baskets for each McRest guest. Eighth graders made prayer cards to include in the boxes. Those packing the boxes were from left, Sky Wilson, J'Naya Price, Kristen Graham McNeil, Jesse King and Nick Asimakis.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Donation for animals

During December, Ferry Elementary School held its annual donation collection for the homeless animals at the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society. Student council representatives spread the word about their need for donations by having the student council representatives talk to the students, creating posters to hang in the hallway and putting information in the Ferry newsletter. Ferry families came through again this year filling two long tables with donations for the dogs and cats at the MACS shelter. Ferry students and staff also had a one day holiday hat fundraiser (wear a hat, pay a dollar) to add money to the goods donation. Above, standing, are student council representative, 4th-grader Braden Campbell and teacher and student council advisor Jane Ellis. Seated are student council representatives, 5th-grader Luke Kohler, President, 5th-grader Zoe Nichols and 3rd-grader Carter Cate.

War Memorial events set

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial is offering "Fridays in the GP," a night out for parents with children attending the War Memorial's middle school dances. "After dropping their kids off at the dance, many parents head out to find something to do," said Charles Burke, War Memorial president and CEO. "Now they can stay at the War Memorial and

enjoy an evening of eclectic entertainment in the Alger House, steps away, but separate from the youthful energy in the ballroom. "Parents and their friends can unwind after a busy week, knowing their children are nearby, having a great time," he added. Each "Friday Night in the GP" has a different theme. From 7 to 10:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, a

disc jockey will be playing music. A jazz pianist performs from 7 to 10:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6 and from 7 to 10:30 p.m. Friday, March 6, there is karaoke. The cost is \$5. Food and drinks are available for purchase. Those attending must be 21 years and older. For more information or reservations, call (313) 332-4074 or visit warmemorial.org.

Community's generosity is easy to read

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

A search by fourth-grade teacher Monique Vasquez to uncover volunteer opportunities in the community has resulted in hundreds of books for a Detroit elementary school. Vasquez, a Monteith Elementary School teacher, attended a SERVE-sponsored event a few years ago, she said, and found the nonprofit, The Front Porch.

SERVE is the Grosse Pointe schools venue by which students can find opportunities to volunteer with nonprofit organizations. The Front Porch provides educa-

tional and recreational activities to Detroit's youth.

"I like that The Front Porch is local and working hand-in-hand with the neighborhood and the local school, Wayne Elementary," she said in an e-mail.

Wayne is on Courville Street.

"I decided to adopt the class and thought I would just use my own money to buy the books," she said.

Not only would her children wrap the books when she asked, but they wanted to provide more books to the donation.

Children did extra household chores to earn money and parents

donated yet more money, providing a total of \$130. That amount allowed Vasquez to purchase 29 books.

"When the new books arrived," she said, "my students each made a personalized card and letter and wrapped the book."

The students went a step farther, she added. They cleaned out their home bookshelves and donated another 200 gently used books to Wayne. "Coincidentally, a parent in my class had attended Wayne School as a child.

He volunteered to drop off our donation," said Vasquez after her second year of donations.

Retired teacher authors children's book

George Malbouef drew on his 41 years of teaching experience to write a children's book, "A Song of Sounds."

The 58-page book teaches preschool and early elementary-aged children the sounds of each letter in the alphabet.

A resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, Malbouef said the book incorporates the use of music, rhyme and illustrations to help children master each letter.

"I wrote it in one evening," he said. "It encourages children to want to see what's on the next page. It's rhyming and fun sentences."

The sentences and rhymes are sung to the well-known ABC tune.

Malbouef said there are three activities per letter, using simple words and ending with a rhyming sentence and accompanied by an illustration chosen by his niece, Suzanne Wilcox of Owosso.

Malbouef taught in the

primary grades and substitutes at the Grosse Pointe Academy and in the Roseville Community Schools. He and his wife have two children and four grandchildren, three of whom attend Kerby Elementary School.


He said he has written

three books, all geared toward his grandchildren and would like to turn writing into a second career.

Xlibris Corporation published the book in the late spring and it is sold on Amazon.com.

- Ann L. Fouty

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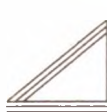
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Hyundai offers eco-centric Sonata

By Jenny King
Special Writer

The five-passenger intermediate is powered by an efficient 177-horsepower 1.6-liter turbo-charged four that is rated at 32 miles per gallon combined city/highway driving.

Sonata Eco is the first Hyundai product — and likely the first mid-size sedan on the market —

equipped with a new seven-speed dual-clutch transmission. Coupled with the 1.6-liter turbo, the powertrain is primed to deliver an estimated 28 miles per gallon city and 38 miles per gallon highway. Hyundai says the estimated 32 miles per gallon combined rating is more than a 10 percent improvement over a 2015 Sonata SE powered

by the company's 2.4-liter Theta II engine.

Starting price on the Sonata Eco, which is a stand-alone model for 2015, is \$23,275, not including a \$810 freight charge. It is being built at the Korea — based company's assembly plant in Alabama.

The handsome, understated Sonata Eco interior features faux-wood trim paired with silvered plastic which, coupled with the \$4,100 Tech Package — the only one offered, adds up to a pleasing, spacious cabin.

That Tech Package is loaded with a number of safety and comfort features including blind-spot detection/cross-traffic alert (helpful but slow to react), leather seating surfaces, chrome exterior door handles with "welcome light" (nice) and three-temperature heated front seats.

We found the multi-



color information display — particularly the mapping if the navigation system — very helpful. These plus SiriusXM Travel Link®, which comes with a three-month complimentary subscription upon delivery, all are part of the Tech Package.

In the test Sonata, a tiny icon flashed on the instrument panel ahead of the driver whenever

the outside temperature dipped below 40 degrees, alerting the driver to the possibility of slippery roads.

All aboard the Sonata should be happy. Obviously the two up-fronters with their heated seats will be content. The rear seat, we thought, could best be described as limo-like, with extraordinary leg- and body-room and easy

entrance/exit.

As with its 2015 sibling the Sonata SE, the Sonata Eco enjoys as standard equipment a chrome grille, side mirror-mounted turn signal indicators, automatic headlights, a 10-way power driver seat with lumbar support, a rear-view backup camera and Blue Link® telematics system.



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The 2015 Hyundai Sonata

Test Drive
2015 Dodge
Journey

By Greg Zyla
Special Writer

- ◆ 2015 Dodge Journey
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This week, we're driving the luxury equipped 2015 Dodge Journey Crossroads, a midsize Crossover/SUV available

in seven trims. Journey is built for those who desire a multi-task vehicle in either five or seven passenger design, and allows those working a tight budget the opportunity to own one thanks to a low entry price model.

Specifically, consumers will be happy to find

that just \$20,295 retail allows a Journey called the "American Value Package" to inhabit your driveway. Under the hood sits a 173-horse 2.4-liter four-cylinder coupled to a four-speed automatic transmission. All of the Journeys with the four-cylinder engine come with a dated four-speed automatic, which still surprises me. Being that Chrysler is one of the leaders in multi-speed transmissions, including a current nine-speed automatic that comes with the new Chrysler 200 we recently tested. Perhaps in 2016, the four-cylinders will at least come with a six-speed automatic, which motivates all V-6 powered Journeys.

Additionally, if you want a Journey 4x4 like our Crossroads tester, you automatically move up to a V6 engine coupled with the aforementioned six-speed automatic.

The other Journey models available for 2015 are four-cylinder front drive SE (\$21,995), SXT (\$23,395) and SXT Plus (\$25,195). All of these Journeys deliver 19 city and 26 highway MPG. Each of the four cylinder Journeys, sans the AVP model, can be fitted with 4x4 mechanicals for about \$1500 more. Journeys that come with the V6 and six speed automatic as standard fare include Limited (\$30,895) and R/T (also \$30,895). Our tester, however, is the seventh distinct Journey available, and it's also the one "Test Drive" feels is the best of the bunch and not the most expensive with a



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\$28,395 entry.

Our Journey Crossroad came with 4x4 mechanicals and offers countless amenities. Unlike 2014, you can now order a 2015 SXT Plus 4x4 for \$28,895, just \$1,100 less than the Crossroads 4x4. The Crossroad and SXT Plus are similar although not identical in appointments, as Crossroad receives gloss black grille and black bezels on the headlamps and tail lamps, front and rear fascia chrome accents and platinum chrome roof rails.

Additionally, 19-Inch hyper black aluminum wheels and 225/55R19 All-Season Kumho tires are Crossroad standards, as is leather-trimmed seats with sport mesh inserts and accent stitching. Add a leather-wrapped steering wheel and shift knob, center console armrest stitching, liquid graphite accent on the instrument panel gauge cluster, door pulls and steering wheel and you've got the best overall package available from Dodge if you are Journey shopping.

Since Journey can seat up to seven passengers, the 283 horse V-6 may well be the better choice

be it front drive or 4x4. The six speed automatic performs well and can do even better than the 24 highway MPG on the window sticker. The main drawback of Journey is city MPG, where 16 sticks out like a sore thumb. The front drive Journey V6 delivers 17 and 25 EPA numbers, just one short of the four-cylinder model on highway averages.

As for safety, Journey has already received four and five star ratings in government crash tests thanks to sturdy build, all the airbags, ABS four wheel discs to all traction and electronic control systems.

Inside, Crossroad is a pleasure to drive and enjoy. Dodge has done an excellent job eliminating many plastics that still are commonplace elsewhere. Instead, you'll find softer materials that make for a nice driving experience and there's ample cargo room and additional storage bins under the seats. Further, even the front passenger seat folds flat, allowing a small canoe to fit inside if desired.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 113.8 inches, 21.1 gallon

fuel tank, 29.7 cu. ft. of cargo behind second row (expandable); 4,238 lb. curb weight, 7.4-inch ground clearance and a 2,500 lb. tow capacity.

Journey has been around since 2009, and is making some serious inroads that will allow for successful consumer comparisons. Overall, Journey is a great looking vehicle, especially in Crossroad and R/T trim. Still, the outdated four-speed transmission on four cylinder models needs to be addressed or Journey will likely be passed by in future buyer comparisons where 20 to 22 MPG city are the norm. Still, "Test Drive" recommends the V-6 engine across the board even though fuel mileage compared to the four cylinder is less. Perhaps a nine-speed automatic in future Journey V6 builds is in the cards.

Likes: V6 Power, exterior design, interior enhancements.

Dislikes: Poor city MPG, backup camera unavailable in entry models.

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