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Here comes Santa Claus

Santa Claus asked for the Christmas lists of children watching the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade during a stop along Kercheval Friday, Nov. 27. More than 130 participants were scheduled to take part in the annual event, sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.

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Park on a roll

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Robert Denner was sworn in last week as mayor and while he acknowledged the legacy and traditions of his predecessors, he also gave a nod to the future.

"It's an honor to follow the legacies of Palmer Heenan and Greg Theokas," Denner said. "Our city is on a roll in a very positive way."

He also thanked the residents who supported him in the

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Above, Lt. Eddie Tujaka was honored for his service to the parade. Above right, the Grosse Pointe North High School pep band. At right, the Grosse Pointe South High School marching band.



Above, the Flint Scottish Band. Left, baseball champs.



Ferry Elementary School Brownie Troop 1293, above left, and the Grosse Pointe Express train, above right, were among parade participants. Left, Santa and Mrs. Claus rode in style in their sleigh. Below, the Faircourt Dental float was all smiles.



Resident helps police

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — For the past few weeks, freshly delivered packages have had a short shelf life on porches on several streets in the Park.

Freshly delivered packages from the post office were disappearing almost as fast as they were being dropped on the porch, oftentimes with the empty package found a few houses away, while the ordered item was nowhere to be found. Homes hit were on Beaconsfield, Lakepointe, Maryland and Wayburn.

Not anymore. An alert resident called Park police at 6:15 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, to report seeing two unknown subjects taking packages from porches in the 1300 block of Maryland. Park police quickly responded and apprehended two juveniles, both 14 years old. Both boys were in possession of stolen property and confessed to stealing packages from porches for the past two weeks.

According to Detective Jeremy Pittman, the resident saw the two boys take a package and immediately called police.

"When the police arrived, the boys were in the process of steal-

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Gail Howe
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 Illustrator and author of children's book



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Foundation donates \$1 million to St. John

St. John Hospital & Medical Center in Detroit has received a \$1 million donation from the Tersigni Family Foundation to enhance the care environment for

women and babies in its Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and Birthing Center.

The Tersigni Family Foundation was established in 2012 by the family of Ascension President and CEO Anthony R. Tersigni, EdD, FACHE. Its focus is to support the mission and ministries of the Roman Catholic Church and organization dedicated to education. St. John is part of the Michigan Ministry Market of Ascension, the largest nonprofit health system in the United States and the world's largest Catholic health system.

Tersigni served as president and chief executive officer of St. John Health, now St. John Providence, from 1995 to 2000, after serving as its executive vice president and chief operating officer from 1994 to 1995. He and his wife, Flora, moved to St. Louis when Tersigni took a leadership role with Ascension in 2001, but they maintain a residence in the Detroit area and continue to be devoted to St. John Hospital & Medical Center and the surround-

ing community. The couple's adult children — MariaTeresa Tersigni-Tarrant, John Tersigni and Andrea Taravella — were born in Grosse Pointe and raised in the Detroit area. John Tersigni, who serves as president of the Tersigni Family Foundation, and Taravella still live in metro Detroit. Taravella and her husband welcomed both of their children at St. John and John Tersigni and his wife are looking forward to the delivery of their first child in early 2016 at the hospital.

The family's close connection to the hospital led the foundation to support the St. John NICU and Birthing Center, John Tersigni said.

Members of the Tersigni family presented the \$1 million gift Nov.



Pictured in the NICU's newly named Tersigni Family Lounge are, from left, St. John Providence President and CEO Jean Meyer, MariaTeresa Tersigni-Tarrant, John Tersigni, Andrea Taravella and St. John Hospital & Medical Center President Bob Hoban. Above right, Anthony Tersigni.



23. In recognition of the gift, the family waiting areas in both the NICU and Birthing Center will be named for the family.

"We are extremely grateful for this donation from the Tersigni family," said Bob Hoban, presi-

dent of St. John Hospital & Medical Center. "It will go a long way in helping us purchase vital equipment and furnishings and provide an enhanced care environment for our tiny patients, their mothers and families. We hope

this gift inspires others to give as we work to revitalize the entire Birthing Center and provide compassionate, personalized care to all the people we serve, especially those who are struggling the most."

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November election.

"I appreciate the confidence they have shown in me," he said.

Denner, following his swearing-in by City Clerk Jane Blahut, settled down to the business of the city making several council appointments, starting with nominating Councilman Dan Clark to the position of mayor pro tem.

"He has shown his dedication to our city and I have always appreciated his counsel," Denner said in making the motion to appoint Clark.

Jim Robson seconded the motion.

Clark's appointment as mayor pro tem was unanimously approved.

Denner then announced council representation to several city commissions, including appointing Robson to the Planning Commission, the newest council member, John Chouinard, to the Beautification Commission and Laurie Arora to the Recreation Commission. Denner also appointed Arora as chairwoman of the Website and Communication Committee and Clark as chairman of the Ordinance Review Committee and the Personnel Committee.

The new mayor also announced a new committee, the Public Service Committee, citing the need for a council committee as the city examines the feasibility of creating an independent water plant allowing it to separate from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. Denner will serve on the committee along with Chouinard and Dan Grano as chairman.

Denner appointed Barbara Detwiler chairwoman of the Finance Committee and the Real Estate Development Committee. Arora will serve as the Park's representative to the Southeast

Michigan Council of Governments, with Robson representing the city with the Michigan Municipal League.

Also sworn in at the Nov. 23 meeting were the three top vote getters in the Nov. 3 council election, Clark, Detwiler and Chouinard.

As the council's newest member, Chouinard said he found his first meeting to be interesting and informative.

"I'm looking forward to working on some of the challenges we are facing," he said, citing the possibility of a new water plant and the dog park as two issues that need to be addressed.

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ing another package," Pittman said. "This was a really good catch and we

were able to close several cases and recover several of the stolen items because of that resident."

Pittman said since the thefts were classified as misdemeanors, the boys were taken into custody, but released to their par-

ents. "This is a crime that is becoming more and more common, especially at this time of year," Pittman said.

"We were very happy to solve this recent rash of thefts."

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Annual fundraiser

St. Ambrose Church in Grosse Pointe Park held its 16th annual St. Vincent de Paul spaghetti dinner fundraiser in November. More than 400 tickets were sold. Proceeds benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society through the St. Ambrose chapter, which helps people in Grosse Pointe Park and the east side of Detroit with food, rent, utilities, beds, clothing as well as other assistance.



John Kyle, Jeevan Telang, Laura Hoffman and Nick Piccione, all freshmen at Grosse Pointe South High School, volunteer to serve and clear tables to earn community service hours.



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Holidays shine at Ford House

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House presents Winter Wonderland runs 5 to 8 p.m. every Friday and Saturday in December, except for Christmas Day. Tickets are \$10 per person and reservations are encouraged. Register at fordhouse.org.

Ford House also offers holiday tours of the home while it's decorated for the holidays. After the tours, Santa's Workshop is open for games and crafts. Holiday tours are available 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, through Sunday, Jan. 3. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$11 for seniors, \$8 for ages 6 to 12 and free for children 5 and younger. Santa's Workshop is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday and is included with regular admission. Visit fordhouse.org or call (313) 884-4222.

Grosse Pointe Park

Attempted

Sometime during the week of Nov. 22, two houses in the 1000 block of Buckingham were targeted by an unknown suspect attempting to gain entry. At one house, the resident discovered screens removed from two windows in the rear of the house, but the windows were locked and no entry was gained. At the other house, the resident returned home and found a kitchen window open and the screen missing. No entry was gained.

Spree halted

The young man responsible for three separate larcenies on Mack, Charlevoix and Kercheval between 4:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, didn't get far. Surveillance video and witness statements assisted police in identifying the suspect, a 13-year-old Detroit resident. He was quickly found by police walking in the area. The stolen items, including a cellphone, a purse and a messenger bag were all recovered.

Lock your cars

Items were taken from at least four unlocked cars this week. An unknown suspect struck

two cars in the 1000 block of Three Mile overnight Monday, Nov. 23. A small amount of cash was taken from one car, while in the other case the unlocked attached garage was entered and a wallet was taken from the unlocked vehicle inside the garage.

Overnight Wednesday, Nov. 25, \$7 in cash was taken from an unlocked vehicle parked in a driveway in the 1100 block of Bedford.

Around 9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23, a cellphone was taken from an unlocked car parked in the 15000 block of Charlevoix.

Police remind residents to always lock their cars and never leave valuables visible in the car.

Assault

An ongoing dispute over a parking spot in the 1100 block of Wayburn resulted in a 20-year-old Park resident being arrested. According to police, the resident assaulted a neighbor at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, on the victim's front porch. Minor injuries were reported.

Attempted thefts

Door locks and ignitions were damaged on two cars overnight Tuesday, Nov. 24. The owner of one vehicle,

Public Safety

parked in the 1400 block of Balfour, also reported several items of clothing were missing from his car. The other attempted theft took place in the 1400 block of Lakepointe on a 1998 GMC Jimmy.

—Kathy Ryan
Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety at (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Call a cab?

A 43-year-old cab driver was pulled over at 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, at Mack and Lochmoor after driving erratically. The noticeably inebriated driver was taken into custody after an empty bottle of vodka fell out of his pocket and a routine search turned up a small amount of marijuana.

—Kathy Ryan
Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety at (313) 343-2400.

City of Grosse Pointe

Cashed out

A woman shopping at Kroger in the Village withdrew \$80 from an automatic teller at 3:55 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28.

Distracted by her children, she mistakenly left the store without taking possession of the cash.

Upon returning five minutes later, the money was gone, she reportedly told officers that evening.

“(She) talked with the store manager who stated in order to look at the store security cameras, a police report had to be made,” reported a public safety officer.

Hit & run

The 33-year-old female owner of a 2000 Saturn with a crumpled front-end, found parked with smoke rising from the engine compartment on eastbound Jefferson near Cadieux, stated the damage resulted from hitting a curb, according to a public safety officer questioning her at 4:26 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 26.

“Damage to the vehicle was far greater than a result of striking a curb,” the officer reported.

The woman, of Detroit, registered a .173 percent blood alcohol level.

Another officer located a Honda Accord with corresponding rear-end damage parked on Jefferson and Manistique in Detroit.

“The owner heard the crash and observed the striking vehicle leaving the scene,” said the first officer, arresting the Detroit woman for drunken driving.

Caught in the act

At 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, a patrolman pulled over a 2002 Chrysler on eastbound Mack near Rivard because the two occupants were smoking from a bong.

Police arrested the driver for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs.

Police also arrested a passenger for possession of a small amount of marijuana and related paraphernalia.

—Brad Lindberg
Report information

about these and other crimes to City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety, (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Lost

A 30-year-old Dearborn woman being investigated at 6:25 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, near the foot of Whitcomb Drive for making an illegal turn on Lakeshore reportedly asked a patrolman, “What precinct am I in?” thinking she was in Detroit.

The officer noted her signs of intoxication and prior drunken driving arrest.

She refused to take a Breathalyzer test to indicate her blood alcohol level, so police arrested her on suspicion of drunken driving and obtained a search warrant for her blood to be drawn at a hospital for

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Following their dreams Pair write, illustrate children's book

By Jody McVeigh
Community Editor

Gail Kachadourian Howe and Laura Grande Adams certainly take their own advice.

Following their own dreams, the pair — Howe the author and Adams the illustrator — recently published the children's book "Rosaline's Big Dream," their first joint venture.

The business partners teamed up after Howe's son suggested his first-grade art teacher make pictures for the book. Howe was writing. However, the idea for the book hatched a long time before that friendship was formed.

"I've always wanted to write a children's book," Howe said, adding a life-long love of writing led her to pursue a master's degree in journalism from Northwestern University; she wrote for

Crain's for eight years. "In my heart was always to do something with my imagination and encourage children to use their imaginations and that no dream is too big to follow."

Attempt after attempt to write a catchy children's book never made it past her critics — her parents and her husband. Then one night in her "magic place" — her sons' bedroom — something clicked as she stared out the window.

"The story just came to me," Howe said. "I grabbed a crayon and my son's notepad and started writing."

With her family's approval, she ran with it. "It felt good," she said. "Rosaline was sticking with me."

With a rough draft and the names of characters, Howe first searched online for an illustrator, but soon realized, "I

should have been shopping local."

When then-first-grader Jack suggested his art teacher, Adams, Howe set a lunch date.

"For however nervous (Howe) was meeting for the first time," Adams said, "I was just as nervous. But I felt like this was a great, perfect story I connected with right away. As I was reading the words, I could already picture what (Rosaline) the giraffe looked like."

Howe's nerves got the best of her when Adams left her house with the manuscript that spring; Howe didn't hear from Adams all summer. Finally, Howe got a phone call and Adams "very meekly said 'I have some drawings you can look at.'"

"This was a really awesome opportunity, but I was really scared to start," said Adams, who has degrees in fine art and education. "That's why she didn't hear from me all summer."

Howe said the illustrations of Rosaline were exactly what she was looking for. She said she had a feeling, with Adams' illustrations, the book was going to be perfect. "Laura brought Rosaline to life," Howe said.

The pair decided they wanted to "do this our

way, put our own stamp on it," Howe said, so they formed their own publishing company, Kadoo LLC. From concept to finished product, the book took three years to produce, but the time and effort was worth it.

"We've had really good vibes wherever we've gone," Howe said. "Area schools asked us to come and share our newfound expertise about the book-making process — writing, illustrating, publishing, following our dream."

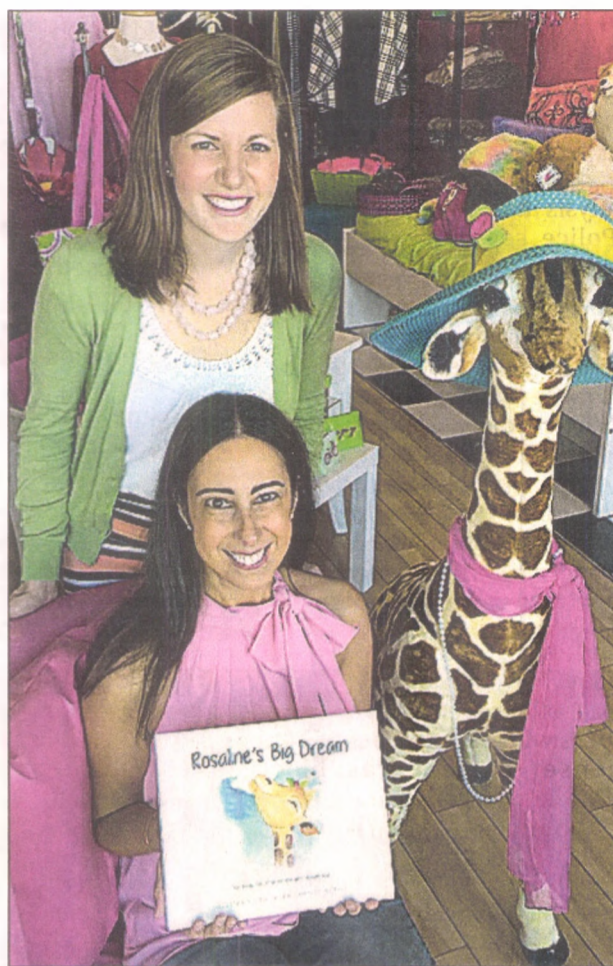
"This has been fun for better or worse," Adams added. "We have rose-colored glasses. We still have that (optimism)."

The book tells the story of Rosaline the giraffe, who is encouraged to follow her dreams.

"Rosaline was able to achieve her dreams because of her can-do spirit — and the help and support from her family and friends," Howe said. "It's so great to have children have the support of their family and their peers as they pursue their dreams."

"We want to encourage children to be creative, to follow their dreams, to not think their dream is too big to come true and to follow their passion," she continued. "We found a way to make our dreams come true We can really relate to Rosaline a lot. We love her and what she stands for. The character inspires me and keeps me going. That's sort of what we're all about."

The pair have plans for a second story, as well as



COURTESY PHOTO

Gail Kachadourian Howe, seated, and Laura Grande Adams recently published the children's book "Rosaline's Big Dream," via their publishing company, Kadoo LLC.

a few other book ideas, but for now they're spending time visiting Grosse Pointe elementary schools to share their story. They'll visit Monteith, where Adams used to teach, Friday, Dec. 4.

"It's nice we've been asked to share the whole process with kids and we hope it inspires them," Howe said.

"I'm just so glad she asked," Adams said. "I taught art, but it's so much fun to make art. I'm discovering it all over again."

Howe and her husband, Wes, have two sons, Paul, 6, and Jack, 9, and live in Grosse Pointe Shores. Adams and her husband, Andrew, have two sons,

Declan, 10 months, and Dylan, 3, and live in Grosse Pointe Farms.

"Rosaline's Big Dream," for ages 4 to 8, is available at several retailers, including El's Boutique and Savvy Chic in Grosse Pointe, Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy in St. Clair Shores, Adventures in Toys in Birmingham, Toy Box at Lakeside Mall, Friendship Factory in Rochester and at the Mall at Partridge Creek and Mitten Made Gifts in St. Clair Shores. It's also sold on amazon.com.

Corrections

In the Holiday Gift Guide, distributed by the Grosse Pointe News Thursday, Nov. 26, the story on Tim's Bike Shop should have read the business also is open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays until Christmas. The story about Village Palm should have read the business is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturdays and noon to 4 p.m. Sundays.

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analysis at a crime lab. Police searching her 2004 Chevrolet Trailblazer found a quarter-empty bottle of Hennessy cognac and 9.1 grams of marijuana in a cigarette case in the glove box.

Marijuana

A St. Clair Shores man, 22, investigated on westbound Mack near Canyon at 6:23 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, for driving a silver 2001 Ford Taurus with an improper license plate, was arrested for possessing 2.75 ounces of marijuana.

Drugs

Police responding to a report of a woman rolling a marijuana cigarette in the lobby of a service station at Mack and Moross arrested her and a male companion on drug charges.

The woman, 27, is from Roseville.

The man, 31, lives in Rochester Hills.

Officers found him in a van parked beside a gasoline pump.

"He stated he was sorry, that he was having a bad day and smoked a little marijuana to relax," said the arresting officer.

The man possessed a registered handgun and Xanax pills.

Officers recovered one gram of marijuana, .3 grams of cocaine, three cell phones and 11 pills.

Left behind

During the afternoon of Friday, Nov. 27, officers traced a registered 9 mm pistol, found under the driver's seat of a rental car returned to an agency in the 18200 block of Mack, to a 49-year-old Detroit woman.

Makes it worse

A man being questioned at 1:49 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 26, for loitering near the intersection of Moran and Williams, is accused of giving police a fake name.

He reportedly said he was leaving work at a restaurant on the Hill.

Officers learned his true identity, a 21-year-

old Detroit male, and added a charge of obstructing a law enforcement investigation.

Bike taken

A resident of the 100 block of Merriweather reported last week the theft "three or four" weeks ago of a \$1,000 black Cannondale bicycle with two flat tires from an open garage.

Fake bills

Operators of a business in the 18500 block of Mack discovered two fake \$100 bills among receipts from Saturday, Nov. 21.

Both have the same serial number and are stamped front and back, "For motion picture use only," in place of "United States of America."

Car theft

A black 2013 Ford Edge stolen overnight Sunday, Nov. 22, in the 200 block of McMillan was found shortly before 6 a.m. the next day on cinder blocks, minus wheels, in the 200 block of Fisher.

"There were scuff marks on the rear bum-

per where the vehicle had been pushed," reported an investigating officer. "Blocks holding the vehicle were from" nearby property.

Broken glass on the owner's driveway indicated where it had been parked and locked.

—Brad Lindberg
Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety, (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Slips out

A man being booked at

police headquarters for felony drunken driving slipped his restraints, according to multiple police accounts.

Officers bound him again and transferred him to a holding cell.

A patrolman arrested the man, 40, of Hazel Park, at 3:18 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 26, on northbound Lakeshore for operating a 2015 Ford Fusion while intoxicated.

Officers confiscated three knives and verified his right to possess a bottle of prescription medicine.

During booking, officers cuffed his left wrist to a metal bar bolted to a

wall outside former holding cells.

He unscrewed a bolt, slid his wrist free but didn't get far before officers responded.

They logged his .20 percent blood alcohol level and transferred him to a holding cell at Farms headquarters.

Records indicate he has two prior alcohol-related driving offenses.

—Brad Lindberg
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GUEST OPINION

So thankful

By Yolanda and Charlie Turner

Many, many thanks to all those who participated in the Crossroads of Michigan pre-Thanksgiving dinner this year. Once again, we were overwhelmed by the outpouring of generosity from family and friends in the Pointes and surrounding areas. On Nov. 22, we served more than 700 turkey dinners and all the trimmings to hungry men, women and children because of the kindness of hundreds of individuals. Leftover turkey that had been frozen was distributed to our weekday clients on Monday. We are deeply grateful for the outpouring of love, time, and talent given without hesitation by so many for the sake of those who have so little.

A big thank you to the Grosse Pointe News for printing our letter requesting donations. And, special hugs go out to the classrooms of Taylor Barcyk of Brownell Middle School and Andrea Sobotka of Parcels Middle School. Both teachers and their students collected turkeys and non-perishables for this project. Their generosity was an inspiration.

Our deep gratitude also goes out to area residents, clubs and organizations. Through the Rotary's Operation Warm project we were able to provide a brand new winter jacket to any needy child who came to the Soup Kitchen on Sunday. The looks on the children's faces as they tried on their coats made everyone smile. The Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation made a very generous grant in support of this dinner. Local scouts donated their time putting together 1,000 cutlery packs; the Parrot Head Club collected funds and turkeys; several restaurants, bakeries and stores donated their day old bread and rolls; Bank of America is matching employee gifts to our project; Christ Church Grosse Pointe allowed us to use their kitchen facilities to store turkeys, and countless individuals went out of their way to spread the word about this dinner generating donations of all kinds.

We have been sponsoring this pre-Thanksgiving dinner since 1997 and many of the volunteers and supporters involved have been with us from the beginning. However, we always welcome some new friends to the ranks, as well. Everyone works hard to provide the determination and spirit that make this project a success each year. They cook and donate turkeys, help collect food, offer storage space, donate to defray costs, provide transportation to haul the food to Crossroads' kitchen, show up in the early morning to prepare the meal, stand for hours in our kitchen serving the food and washing dishes, and, as always, treat our guests with compassion, dignity and respect.

We wish all of our neighbors, friends and family a very blessed and merry Christmas. And, please remember, hunger and the despair of poverty have no season. At any time of the year, consider supporting organizations that serve the poor with financial contributions and donations of food, cold weather clothing, hygiene products or a few volunteer hours.
The Turners are residents of Grosse Pointe Farms.

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Pure Grosse Pointe

The Grosse Pointe Theatre will present six performances of Irving Berlin's "White Christmas," between Dec. 13 and 21, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. A complete schedule and ticket information is available at gpt.org or by calling (313) 881-4004. At left, part of the performances this year, Tom Pagano, Robby Mullinger, Danielle Caralis and Catie Hauff.

LETTERS

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your letters to the editor. All letters should be typed, double-spaced and signed. Longer letters may be edited for length and all letters may be edited for content. We reserve the right to refuse any letter. Include a daytime phone number for verification or questions.

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

A real gift

Thanks to a gift to the community from the John A. and Marlene L. Boll Foundation, Grosse Pointe Theatre will present six performances of the holiday spectacular, Irving Berlin's White Christmas, from Dec. 13 to 21. This would not be possible without the Boll family's generosity.

White Christmas is the charming story of two Army veterans who team up with a pair of sisters in order to put on a show and save a struggling ski lodge owned by their former Army commander. The setting makes for a magical evening of laughter, tears, wonderful dance numbers and memorable songs, including "Sisters," "Blue Skies," "Count Your Blessings" and the legendary "White Christmas."

Each performance will honor retired and active service men and women who have dedi-

cated their lives for our freedom and safety. One complimentary ticket will be offered for the Dec. 19 and 21 evening performances to each retired or active military audience member who contacts Grosse Pointe Theatre at (313) 881-4004 prior to performances.

Each performance will honor complimentary tickets until sold out.

White Christmas is a treat for the entire family and we would be honored to have veterans and active military join the Grosse Pointe Theatre audience to be recognized in this heartwarming show.

Evening performances are at 7:30 p.m. All performances will be held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Theater, located at 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, 48230. Call (313) 881-4004 or visit gpt.org for more details.

Grosse Pointe Theatre continues to be grateful

to the Grosse Pointe News for its many years of sponsorship to our organization. It has been steadfast in all it has done to support us.

We hope veterans and active service men and women will take advantage of their complimentary tickets and join us this holiday season for Irving Berlin's White Christmas.

MARCIA SCAVARDA
Executive Director
Grosse Pointe Theatre

Thanks!

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all those who helped make the 2015 Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade a success. It takes everyone working together to make an event such as this happen and it starts long before the day of the event.

Let me extend our thanks and appreciation to the following for their dedication to this great, time-honored tradition:

■ The sponsors; the parade would not be possible without their financial contributions.

■ The volunteers who help make the parade a memorable event - it couldn't be done without you.

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■ Local media for

their excellent coverage of our parade.

■ The in-kind support we receive from so many — what they provide and how they provide it is so important.

■ Parade Marshal Devin Scillian and family.

■ Grosse Pointe's local singer songwriters, Mary Reinman and Hannah Ayrault.

■ Friends of the Parade, for continuing the tradition with the White Carriage, Wellness Train and Santa Sleigh.

■ Parade participants, all of whom work so hard in bringing us crowd-pleasing entries.

■ Spectators, who faithfully turn out (rain or shine) and truly make this an event.

Thank you for coming and we hope you enjoyed it!

We are already planning for next year's parade and look forward to seeing everyone next year.

Thank you all for your dedication to this great tradition and may you have a most blessed and safe holiday season.

We hope you and your family will join us for the 2016 edition of the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade.

JENNIFER PALMS BOETTCHER
President
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I SAY By Karen Fontanive

List features great businesses

In October, we published a special issue commemorating 75 years of service to the community. Inside was a list of businesses/organizations and how long they've served the Grosse Pointe community. It's a pretty amazing list and it isn't even all-inclusive. (We relied on area businesses to complete a form and submit it. Some forgot.)

I was reminded of the list the last couple weeks as I shopped for November birthday and Christmas gifts. Each time I stopped in a business, I got more than what I went in for. I stopped by Connor Park my husband a Bourbon Advent Calendar for Christmas. No gift surprise spoiling here — he got the calendar already since he had to start it Dec. 1. Yes, I bought the basic box at Michaels, but everything else has been from a local business. I bought 3- X 24-inch basswood at Whistle Stop Hobby & Toy where the salesper-

son suggested I go to Pointe Hardware & Lumber to have it cut into three-inch squares. Bonus: they even drilled 3/8-inch holes for the dowel door handles. Awesome. Then I visited several establishments — Oxford Beverage & Deli, Woods Wholesale Wine, Woods Fine Wine and Spirits — in pursuit of bourbon miniatures. Yeah, I felt like I was doing something a little shady these last stops, but no one made me feel that way. Apparently, the miniature liquor bottles make good stocking stuffers.

Of course, I needed sustenance to complete my endeavors and what a plethora of choices. I chose Garrido's for a chicken avocado salad

arepa. Yum.

I live and work in Grosse Pointe Woods, so my shopping is heavy in this community. But for as often as I stop in Chocolate Bar Café for the cupcake of the day, I am sure a Park resident visits Cornwall Bakery. Okay, maybe not as often. Cupcake of the day is very hard to resist. Take a look at that list of businesses. Look at the gift guide in last week's paper. See how many places you've helped support over the years. Find someplace new to try. When the paper celebrates its 100th anniversary, let's meet for cupcake of the day.

Fontanive is a staff writer for the Grosse Pointe News.

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Holiday tea features fashion show

The Snazzy & Jazzy Holiday Tea takes place noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham as a fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit. Guests are invited to sip tea and savor finger sandwiches and quiches, scones and desserts while watching a fashion show of the new Italian collection of leather and fur from Bricker-Tunis Furs.

Fox 2 Health Reporter Deena Centofani serves as mistress of ceremonies. International jazz recording artist Kimmie Horne and others will model styles for women and men from young adults to seniors. New this year to the eighth annual event is the jazz duo Mike and Mike, with violinist Michael Saxon and Michael Evans on keyboard.

"Yearly, this event has raised significant funds to help the children and families we serve," said Jennifer Litomisky, executive director of the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit. "The attendees not only get a delicious tea service, but have the chance to bid on silent auction items and do a little holiday shopping, all while supporting the house and our expansion campaign."

Co-chairwomen are Treva Beckius of Grosse Pointe and Charlene Mitchell of West Bloomfield. Both women are board members of the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit.

Beckius has a personal connection to the Ronald McDonald House. Her family, which includes husband Reggie and their three sons, stayed at a Ronald McDonald House in Wisconsin when her middle son, Aaron, then 12 years old, was diagnosed with a brain tumor in 2006.

Beckius said she was so grateful for their stay — 111 days from September to January — when her family moved to Michigan, they began to volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit. For the past four years, her family has been cooking breakfast

once a month at the house, bringing the ingredients to cook from scratch. She said it's rewarding to provide hope and compassion to families who are dealing with the serious illness of a child.

For guests at the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit, a \$10 daily fee is charged for a guest room and use of common areas, including a kitchen, laundry room, playroom and entertainment areas. No family is turned away due to a lack of funds.

To RSVP for the Snazzy & Jazzy Holiday Tea, visit rmhc-detroit.org or call (313) 745-5909. Cost is \$60. Attire is dressy casual or holiday style.

War Memorial to serve 1,000 dinners to veterans, their families

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial recently announced a partnership with Wins for Warriors Foundation, Justin Verlander's veterans support foundation, for the holiday event, "1,000 Christmas Salutes," serving 1,000 dinners to veterans and their families. The event takes place 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The event was made possible with additional support from the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation. "It is a privilege to team up with Wins for

Warriors to celebrate the holidays with the veterans in our community and their families," said Charles Burke, War Memorial president and CEO. "We are honored to open our home, the historic Alger Estate, and serve those who have sacrificed and served this nation. We're also grateful to the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation, which has helped make this event possible."

Veterans and their families will be treated to a Michigan Christmas dinner, prepared by the War Memorial's Executive Chef Frank Turner and featuring locally sourced dishes,

including Michigan-marinated turkey with Traverse City cherry chutney and honey butter from the War Memorial's beehive. Dinner will be served in the War Memorial's lake-front ballroom.

Seatings take place every half hour 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Veterans are invited to bring up to three members of their families. Veterans who have additional guests may call the War Memorial. Dinner is free, but reservations are required. For more information or to make reservations, call (313) 332-4074 or visit war memorial.org.

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Everyone eats for the holidays

For Debbie Bellovich, feeding dinner to a large group of people doesn't happen just once a year at Thanksgiving.

Representing Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and the "Everyone Eats" program, Bellovich is responsible for feeding 200 people every fourth Wednesday of the month. Four Presbyterian churches take turns providing this weekly service.

During Thanksgiving week, Bellovich turned to Taylor Barczyk, life skills teacher at Brownell Middle School, for help. Barczyk enlisted Brownell families to donate 37 turkeys to the

cause and taught students how to roast and carve the turkeys.

Cooking turkeys with her class is not new to Barczyk. During the four years her classes have participated in turkey drives, students cooked a total of 169 turkeys. Sometimes they joined forces with Parcels Middle School in a combined turkey drive.

This year, in addition to cooking 37 turkeys for the "Everyone Eats" program, Brownell students baked 185 pumpkins and apple pies — using apples picked during a trip to an orchard — for the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

They also teamed up with Parcels to conduct a combined food and turkey drive for Crossroads of Michigan, a social service outreach agency with two locations in Detroit.

"It's nice to be able to involve both sides of the community," Barczyk said. "We always say we're one GP — that fits pretty well."

"They did such a great job," said Bellovich of the Brownell students and the 37 turkeys they helped load into her car for delivery. "They are wonderful kids and (it's) a wonderful program."

— Mary Anne Brush



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District honors employees

Nine Grosse Pointe Public School System employees received distin-

guished service awards at the Nov. 23 regular meeting of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education.

Pictured, front row from left, are Angie Niforos, counselor, Brownell Middle School; Maureen Bur, director of secondary instruction, Central Office; Sarah Neely, grade 2 teacher, Maire Elementary School; and Amanda Pata, media specialist, Grosse Pointe North

High School. Back row from left are Christopher Takis, director of bands, Grosse Pointe South High School and Pierce Middle School; Joseph Ciaravino, grade 8 math teacher, Parcels Middle School; Christian Fenton, deputy superintendent for business and operations, Central Office; Nicol Brumme, physical education teacher, Ferry Elementary School and Glen Hipple, music teacher, Maire.

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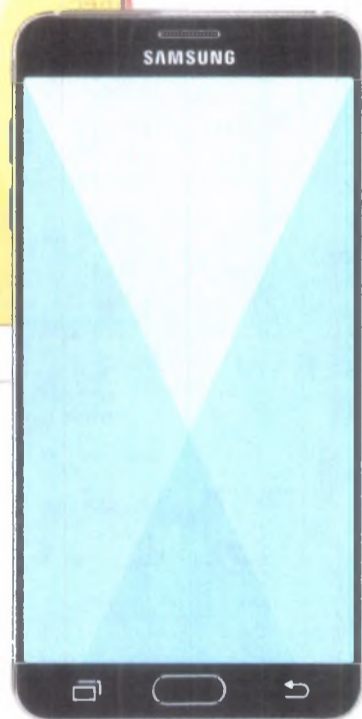
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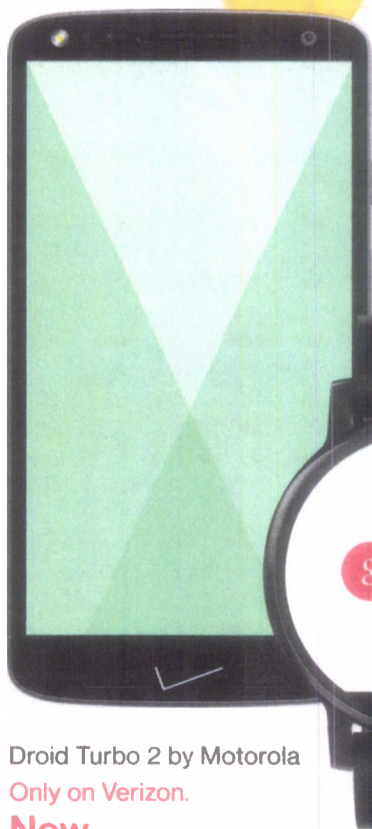
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Oh, what a knight

University Liggett School's annual fall fundraising gala, Liggett Knight, raised a record \$370,000 to go toward technology and academic initiatives, building improvements, athletic equipment and more.

The event, held Nov. 13, featured live and silent auctions and fish-bowl drawings. Popular items included various vacations, Red Wings player Dylan Larkin's first-ever signed jersey, a bubble soccer game on the new fields at Liggett and a chance to serve as head of the lower school.

"Liggett Knight 2015 was packed with positive energy, excitement and fun," said Kristy Slanec, who co-chaired the event with Jessica Huebner.

Said Huebner: "Our community showed great

loyalty to the event through time, talent and monetary donations. We are blown away and grateful for the generosity given to our children and school."

Liggett held its "Raise the Paddle" technology challenge during the gala, raising \$87,400 to support technology initiatives at the school. The money will be used to purchase iPads and computers for students and faculty, as well as review and upgrade the school's technology infrastructure.

Kelley Hamilton, associate head of school for advancement, said she is grateful for the parent volunteers who made the event a success.

"We have such wonderful parent volunteers and they continue to make Liggett Knight better and better," she said.

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Music man

City resident releases fifth album

By Jody McVeigh
Community Editor

Since age 5, Martin X. Petz has had a passion for music.

The lifelong City of Grosse Pointe resident has been writing songs since childhood, plays piano and guitar and recently released his fifth album, "Chained."

"The end game is getting Blake Shelton to sing one of my songs," he said.

Petz regularly travels to Nashville to perform and, perhaps more importantly, build relationships with those in the music industry.

"To get there, I have to produce, play, build street cred, then people will listen," he said. "It's a whole process and I've been going through that process."

While he studied music theory and took voice lessons, as well as sang with the Meadowbrook Estate Singers, while attending Oakland University, he



COURTESY PHOTO

Martin Petz recently released his fifth album, "Chained."

"made a decision to put (music) on the backburner and do the family man thing," he said.

Petz and his wife, Joanne, have three children, Shannon, Martin Jr. and Brendan. He is president of

Communications Creative Integrative Marketing Services, but now that his children are grown, "I can focus more on music."

"I have hundreds and hundreds of songs," he continued. "I thought, I should do something with these."

Petz has received a lot of positive feedback from his albums, which include the 2006 release "Need to Know," 2007's "Fatal Words" and "Question It" and the 2011 release "Your Touch." He also released the single, "Be What You Want," in 2012.

The new album, he said, is a mix of music, ranging from light country and spiritual to Christian music. He's sold a couple hundred so far and has gotten a lot of

positive feedback.

"Some songs are just about feelings," he said. "As a storyteller, you don't always have to have experienced all that you write about, but you have to be able to connect to it and understand the feeling to it. My songs often are about connecting to things already inside of us. When we hear it, we feel drawn to it, because it connects with something we relate to."

"When I'm playing for people, I start to realize what grabs at people's hearts and what pulls them into the experience of the song," he continued.

"You begin to notice the truth you have for yourself is a universal truth for others, too. When you're able to get honest with the song, that's what connects with

the listeners As an artist, you can take a little, teeny moment and turn it into something big. You don't have to be down and out on skid row to talk about being lost and forsaken."

Though he doesn't perform much locally, he does get asked to play for smaller, faith-based events and gatherings. He also hosted the fundraiser JesusPaloosa last year, raising money for the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and HART, or Haiti Africa Relief Team.

His music and his mission work are close to his heart.

"I've always had an interest in music," he said. "I credit God with that. He blessed me with the gift of being able to sing, the gift of music. Many of my songs have

religious themes to them."

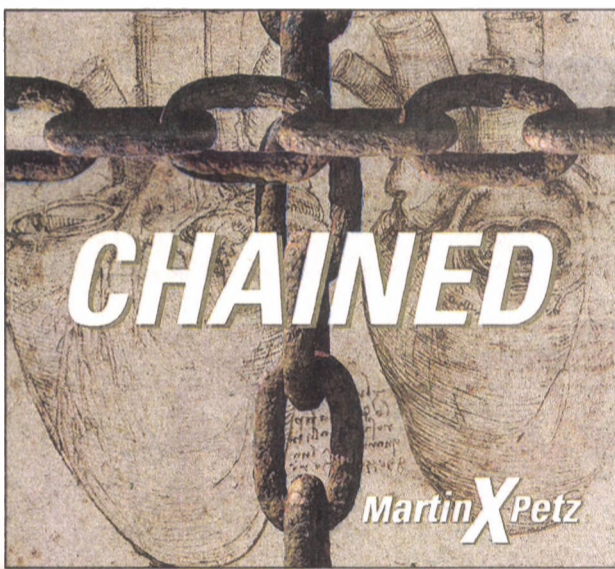
Petz, who earned a communications degree from OU, a master's degree in business from Central Michigan University and an entrepreneurship business certification from MIT, sent "Chained" to 300 radio stations and 70 reviewers.

All of his albums are available digitally on iTunes, Amazon Music and other online music services. It can be linked to at martinpetz.com.

Petz said he hopes to market himself to established stars looking for material, but in the meantime he's starting to license his music to television and film industry.

"It's a way to, if it gets used, generate revenue outside of selling songs," he said. "If I start to build up momentum, it could be a way to generate revenue to produce my next album and it also exposes my music to new audiences."

Petz said regardless of the outcome, he'll continue writing and sharing his music at every opportunity. "Is my goal to be a superstar? Not really," he said. "My real goal is to share the music. If I can get a little money along the way, great Every song is a gift from God. It's his gift flowing through me to touch other people. We're all given different gifts. If we can utilize those gifts and make a difference in some small way, we're doing what we were put here to do."



Operation Warm Detroit drive shy of goal

Rotary still seeks donations to purchase winter coats

By Jody McVeigh
Community Editor

Imagine it. You're in third grade and you have to share a coat with your two siblings because your family only has one. It's too cold to stand at the bus stop with no coat, so you can only go to school every third day.

It's not a far-fetched situation for some local students. But Grosse Pointe Rotary — with help from Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary, Detroit Rotary and Detroit AM

Rotary — is doing its best to add a little warmth to children's lives this winter.

Through Operation Warm Detroit, donations provided to Rotary go to purchase winter coats for children who need them. The coats — which cost \$20 each — are then ordered and delivered to six social service agencies, Detroit International Academy, five Grosse Pointe Schools and a Harper Woods school.

"We're struggling to make that last \$10,000 to

fill the orders," said Diane Strickler, a Grosse Pointe Rotary member.

She said Rotary connects with the agencies — National School Lunch Program, The Children's Center of Detroit, Crossroads of Michigan, For the Seventh Generation, Matrix Human Services and Northeast Guidance Center — early in the season to see how many coats they need.

So far, she said, Rotary has raised \$69,400, placed two orders and

distributed 3,800 coats. However, the group is 500 coats shy of its goal.

Recently Kerby Elementary School and Grosse Pointe Congregational Church donated \$2,500, Strickler said. Rotary also is placing hope on grants from two foundations, but doesn't know for sure if that money will come.

"We will go ahead and order and hold our breath," she said. "Any money that comes in will help us."

In its fourth year,

Operation Warm Detroit hasn't had the response this year as in years past, Strickler said. Though donations are down, the need is still great.

"There is a need," Strickler said. "There are families with one coat and three kids. We take it for granted that everyone has coats."

"The need keeps rising," she continued. "Northeast Guidance Center just asked for 300 more. A school in Dearborn called, too. It's very heartwarming to ful-

fill this need — keeping kids healthy and warm and going to school We would like to buy 500 coats. Somehow we will get that money. This is our final push to meet our goal."

For more information, call (313) 300-7747 or visit grossepointerotary.org. To donate to Rotary's Operation Warm Detroit coat drive, visit operationwarm-detroit.org or mail checks to Treasurer, GP Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 36366, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Family Advisor



Suzanne Antonelli, CFP®
Senior Portfolio Manager

In my 25 plus years career, I have noted a shift in my practice from an overriding dominance of "investing" to an increased focus on "counseling." My role has transformed from primarily

crunching numbers to being a trusted advisor in all aspects of my clients' financial, and many times emotional, well being. The overriding reason for this evolution is time and technology; technology provides me with additional time in my day which I can spend with clients. I would like to share a few illustrations that readers may find interesting.

Mediator: Jack and Jill are in their mid 50's and plan to retire in 2025. Jill wants to buy a retirement home now to enjoy as a vacation home until retirement but Jack worries about cash flow. As an advocate of both, I craft a compromise to meet both goals.

I suggested they buy a home where they would like to retire, but the property must have rental potential (made easier with Air BNB and similar services) to cover expenses, and visit for vacation (which they may be able to write-off). When they retire it could be sold and their dream home purchased. The rental home will have inflated in value with the area and the couple will not find themselves inflated out of the market in which they would like to live.

Marriage Counselor: Bill and Mary were living a happy and comfortable retirement. Mary was retired and several years back was offered a lump sum pension payout. As they were living comfortably on her pension and their Social Security payments, it was un-

settling to take the lump sum in lieu of a monthly pension check. I presented different scenarios and showed them statistically 99% of the time they would be "better-off" taking the lump sum; they could replicate the same cash flow from a lump sum and upon their deaths, the residual value would go to their children. With a pension, the cash flow stops at death.

Bill liked the idea of a lump sum as he wanted to leave more money to the kids. Mary was risk averse and preferred the assured monthly payments. Their decision was finally made when I asked, "was it more important their children inherit a tremendous sum, or that they both sleep peacefully at night knowing that the pension payments are not subject to market fluctua-

tions?" They stayed with the pension payments.

Family Advisor/Sibling Referee: Linda was a widow and had two sons, John and Mark, three years apart in age and married with two children. John and his wife struggle; they worked hard but John was an entrepreneur and building his business. They sacrificed, went without vacations, and lived within their means. Conversely, Mark and his wife lived irresponsibly, accruing debt and living well beyond their means. On numerous occasions they went to Linda for help. Mark had a job, but was underemployed and did not have any drive to succeed (he could always ask Mom for money).

Linda came to me and asked for my counsel. After

a long conversation, Linda admitted she was disappointed in Mark, and felt guilty that John was not being treated fairly. I acknowledged three issues: 1) John would not truly inherit half of his mother's estate; 2) Linda may be putting her own financial future at risk; and 3) Mark would not alter his behavior and reach his full potential unless the spigot was turned off, or at least forced to feel some consequences.

Once Linda owned this situation, we met with her attorney who crafted a loan document for Mark and his wife requiring them to make monthly interest and principal payments. I provided an accounting of the funds withdrawn for Mark's benefit and the trust was amended to reduce Mark's inheritance

by his borrowings. Mark was feeling guilty as well and was relieved that there was a formal loan. I worked with Mark and his wife to set a budget and get their finances on track. Moreover, they have made all of payments and have not borrowed since.

Twenty five years ago I met with one member of the household and talked exclusively about investments. Today, I am honored to be the family's trusted advisor.

Suzanne has over 25 years of experience in personalized portfolio management, tax and retirement planning, risk management, and estate plan execution and funding. She specializes in the unique financial needs of families, retirees, and women. Phone: 248-223-0122 Email santonelli@sigmainvestments.com

2B | COMMUNITY

Celebrated chef featured at Holley Institute dinner

For the second year, Chef Luigi Gandola serves as the celebrity chef at the Holley Institute's St. Nicholas Dinner Party and Auction, Wednesday, Dec. 9, at the Country Club of Detroit.

Not only is Chef Luigi cooking one of the eve-

ning's courses, he also offers for auction a trip to Bellagio, Lake Como, Italy. This one item features a driver on a tour through the hills and surrounding villages of Bellagio, a truffle hunt with his trained dogs, a boat tour of Lake Como, three nights' stay at a

hotel, a cooking class with him and a private dinner at a villa.

Gandola was born close to Bellagio in Lecco, Italy. His talent was recognized early on.

Though only 32 years old, he has worked under Chef Parolari and Chef Bosetti as a tournante chef at the Grand Hotel Villa D'Este, a five-star resort on Lake Como. A short time later, he became the owner of Salice Blu Restaurant in Bellagio. Gandola has three gold medals, was voted Best Chef of Lombardy in 2005, was a Prix Culinaire Tattinger



Chef Luigi Gandola stands with Lisa, Linsay and Nancy Cotton at last year's St. Nicholas dinner.

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with the deaf and deaf/blind. They talked about the benefit and Gandella invited him to consider being the celebrity chef at the St. Nicholas benefit, to which he said, "Yes, of course."

While visiting, Gandola will offer two cooking classes in the homes of committee members in Grosse Pointe.

For more information or reservations, call Beth Caverly at (313) 343-7484.

Italian finalist 2006 to 2009 and the Carving Cup Erfurt Germany Olympic Gold winner.

Ardis Gardella, president of the Holley

Institute, was visiting Bellagio and took Gandola's cooking classes. He became interested in the work the institute was doing

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Blood drives

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8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, at South Lake High School, 21900 Nine Mile, St. Clair Shores and Monday, Dec. 7, at Grosse Pointe North High School, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Visit redcrossblood.org.

Questers

Pettipointe Questers No. 243 meets the first Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. at area homes or historical sites. The

Dec. 3 meeting takes place in Romeo. Virginia Kyro discusses the "Women's Suffragette Movement" and guides attendees through a historic home in the area. E-mail Dorothy Tepatti at quest4golf@wowway.com.

Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets at 7:15 a.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The Rev. Dr. Lynn Alcott

Kogel discusses Christianity in stained glass. Call Eric Lindquist at (313) 530-8656.

BNI

Business Network International meets at 7 a.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

Grannie Nannies

Grannie Nannies, for grandmothers who babysit their grandchildren, meets at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at Big Boy Restaurant, 20710 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call (313) 882-9600.

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mentally Ill Eastside meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Jennifer Raybaud

Are the holidays trying to tell you something?

Q: I'm already getting a little stressed about the upcoming holidays and all I need to do. I've been seeing things around about mindfulness and meditation, but I've always been a little skeptical. How does this help and should I try it?

A: Fabulous question. May I begin by asking you to sit quietly for a moment and reflect to see if this season is trying to "speak" to you in some way?

If, when we roll a little "mental tape" on past holidays we find the time between Thanksgiving and the New Year an exhausting whirlwind, then a new way of "doing business" in the year ahead might be just what's needed. The overarching idea of why we get together during the holidays is beautiful, but it's how complex that basic premise has become over the years that is proving to be the problem.

Meditation, simply put, is the idea of relaxing the mind. A relaxed mind brings peace and clarity, clarity brings better decision making and better decision making benefits us all. Meditation is not the practice of clearing the mind of all thought as many believe, as that is near impossible. We're designed to be thinking beings. Meditation is about working with those thoughts.

Mindfulness asks us to be present and enjoy the now. There are many wonderful experiences, especially during the holidays, we can "autopilot" through instead of being

active participants. Mindfulness and the principles behind it help us find more sweetness in what can seem to be the most mundane of tasks.

If you want to cultivate more peace in 2016, learning meditation and living a more mindful life are great places to start.

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Professionals.


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WILSON G. ROGERS
 Longtime resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, will celebrate his 90th Birthday on December 6, 2015.
 Wilson is the newsletter editor and member of the Men's and Women's Garden Club of Grosse Pointe for 40 years and has been a member of the Grosse Pointe Woods Tree Commission for 20 years.
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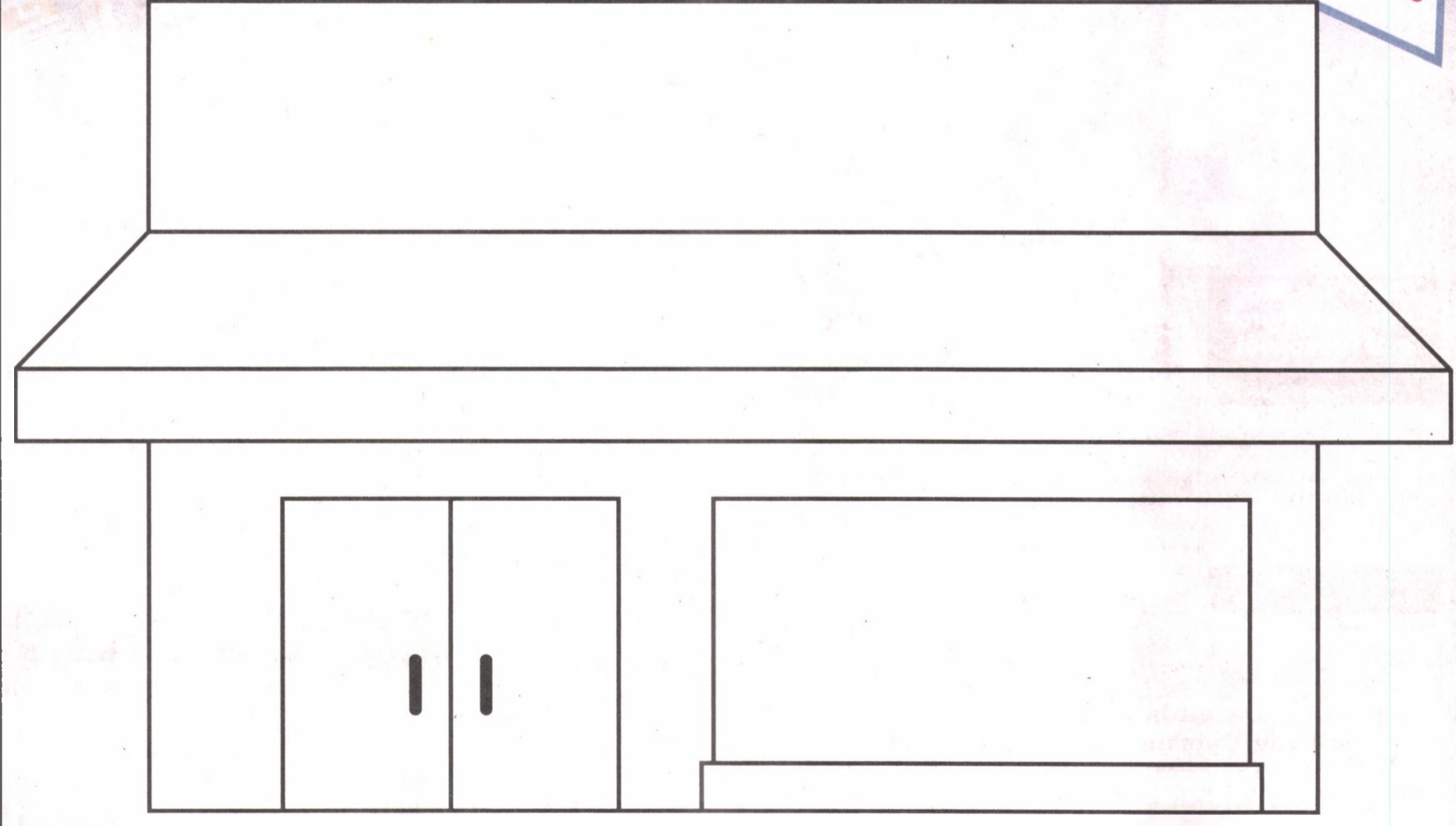


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4B | CHURCHES



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Kristy Irreer, left, and Judi Lopinski are among the volunteers who make the Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church Cookie Mart a holiday tradition.

Cookie Mart set

The annual Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church Cookie Mart takes place 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 12, at the church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms. This holiday tradition features thousands of homemade cookies and other treats for purchase. Proceeds support the mission work of United Methodist Women.

The public is welcome to attend. For information, call (313) 886-2363.

Christmas concert planned

The Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra presents its annual Christmas concert 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors, \$5 for college students and free for students in kindergarten through high school. Tickets are available online at gpsymphony.org, the Grosse Pointe ART Center, 17118 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, or at the door the night of the concert.

The concert features Staff Sgt. Cecilia Kozlowski, a member of the President's Marine Band, on french horn and playing Telemann's "Horn Concerto." The orchestra will play Bach's first Brandenburg concerto and Vaughan Williams' "Fantasia on Greensleeves." William Lee will sing an Irish folksong and the combined choirs of the Star of the Sea and the Grosse Pointe Community Chorus will sing excerpts from "Messiah," including the "Hallelujah Chorus."

For more information about the concert, call (313) 884-5591.

CHURCH EVENTS

St. James

St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms, collects new, unwrapped hats, gloves, scarves, sweatshirts and socks for donation to the Michigan Veterans Foundation's Detroit Veterans Center, now through Sunday, Dec. 6. Call (313) 884-0511.

Memorial Church

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, presents a Star Wars-themed Christmas pageant 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, as part of its December Young Families program. The event includes Christmas dinner, costumes, live

music and service projects for homebound members. RSVP to jruthven@gpmchurch.org.

First English

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, presents its free 35th annual Carol-A-Long at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6. A light supper begins at 5:30 p.m.

The program features carols, sacred and secular songs with the Good News Singers and the Good News Ringers. Self-guided tours of more than 45 decorated Christmas trees and a visit from Santa are included. Call (313) 884-5040.

Congregational Church hosts Christmas concert

The Women's Fellowship of Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts a Christmas concert featuring the Judelaires at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8.

The performance features director Stan Harr and pianist Neil Presnell. The concert features a range from carols to holiday classics.

Refreshments follow the concert, to which the community is invited. Call (313) 884-3075.

Santa's Workshop welcomes authors

Grosse Pointe Christmas Village this year hosts children's book authors as part of "Storytime in Santa's Workshop," sponsored by Sanders Chocolate and Ice Cream Shop.

Authors read, sign and sell their books from 2 to 3 p.m. Saturdays until Christmas at Santa's Workshop, located next to the St. John Medical Center Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Campus entrance on Kercheval Avenue.

Remaining authors include:

- ◆ Dec. 5, Josie Monahan, "Writings of a Young Girl,"

- ◆ Dec. 12, Gail Kachadourian Howe, "Rosaline's Big Dream," with illustrator Laura Grande Adams,

- ◆ Dec. 19, Mary Ann Riehle, "The Little Kids' Table."

Grosse Pointe Christmas Village 2015 events are sponsored by St. John Hospital & Medical Center.

Children and parents may visit Santa Claus 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 5, 12 and 19, in Santa's Workshop. Families take their own photos.

Visitors also may bring donations for "Operation Keep Kids Warm," a coat, hat, glove and scarf drive coordinated by St. John Hospital & Medical Center and Cornerstone Village.

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December 15, 2015 @ 11:00 AM

This is a correction Board of Review and will cover clerical errors and mutual mistakes of fact during the meeting.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at (313)885-5800.

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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.

Joyce E. Cox

Joyce E. Cox, 85, died Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2015.

Joyce is survived by her sons, Craig and Lee. She was devoted to the arts and will be missed by all who knew her.

Family and friends will gather 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at Kaul Funeral Home, 28433 Jefferson Ave., St. Clair Shores.

Kevin L. Maloney

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Kevin L. Maloney, of Ann Arbor, died Monday, Nov. 23, 2015. He died days before his 60th birthday after a long fight with melanoma.

Born to Henry and Margaret, nee Wortley, Maloney, Kevin grew up in East Detroit and Grosse Pointe Woods. He graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School where he ran cross country for the 1973 state championship team. He also ran cross country at the University of Detroit and in dozens of marathons beginning with one of the first Detroit Free Press events.

Kevin served in the U.S. Marine Corps. Following military service, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education in 1984 and a Master of Education degree in 1987, both from Wayne State University. He worked more than 30 years for EDS, now part of Hewlett Packard, designing, managing and delivering training to technology professionals around the world. He recently retired.

In addition to his numerous friends from school, work and running, Kevin left a lasting impression on many others through his love and encyclopedic knowledge of music. He worked part-time at music stores, composed and performed, and shared songs from his vast collection to the pleasure of those around him.

Kevin is survived by his wife, Julie (nee Hayden); daughters, Caitlin E. LaPratt and Jillian Maloney; grandchildren, Vincenzo and Mia; father, Henry Maloney; sister, Megan Maloney and brother, Sean Maloney.

He was predeceased by his mother, Margaret Maloney and sister, Caitlin M. Maloney.

A funeral service was held Dec. 1 in Ann Arbor with interment in Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

Donations may be made to Melanoma Research Foundation, P.O. Box 759329, Baltimore, MD 21275-9329.

Pauline Dillon

Longtime City of Grosse Pointe resident Pauline Dillon passed away peacefully Saturday, Nov. 21, 2015 with family by her side.

Born in 1922 in Sandusky, she was the second of three daughters born to Robert and Edna Johnson.

Pauline was an office manager at Georgian Court of America for many years. In retirement, she enjoyed working at estate sales.

Mrs. Dillon is survived by her daughter, Cynthia Safran (Eric); grandchildren, Kyle Safran and Andrew Safran and sister, Marion Arnold.

She was predeceased by her sister, Norma Kippen.

A private family memorial service is planned.

Hannah Talbot Brunner Winship

Hannah Talbot Brunner Winship, 27, of Aliso Viejo, Calif., formerly of Grosse Pointe, passed away Thursday, Nov. 26, 2015, at Lake West Medical Center in Willoughby, Ohio, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born Oct. 20, 1988, in Painesville, Ohio, raised in Mentor, Ohio, and Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif., and lived in Grosse Pointe from 2008 to 2014.

Hannah graduated from St. Mary's College of California with a Bachelor of Arts degree in performing arts. She loved her family, her puppies, theater, music, snowboarding and Disneyland. Her heart was always by the ocean.

One of her favorite Bible verses was Ephesians 4:32: "Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

Hannah is survived by her husband, Adam Winship; mother, Sally Brunner McLeod (Brian); father Phil Talbot (Nancy); siblings, Samantha McLeod and Jack and Hallie Talbot; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Alan and Kathy Winship; grandparents, Raymond and Marguerite Brunner, Melvin and Cordelia Beard and Dorothy McLeod; many loving aunts, uncles and cousins and her beloved dogs, Nala, Charlie, Dom and Peanut.

She was predeceased by her grandparents, Helen Brunner, Frank and Margaret Talbot and William McLeod.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at noon Saturday, Dec. 12, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Share a memory at brunners.com.

Peter J. Cracchiolo

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Peter J. Cracchiolo, 98, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, Saturday, Nov. 21, 2015.

Peter was born Sept. 12, 1917, in Detroit, one of nine children born to Giuseppe and Benedetta Cracchiolo.

A child of the Depression, adversity challenged Peter early in life. As soon as he was able, he sought employment in order to contribute to the household. Pulling a wagon loaded with vegetables for sale down a dirt road called Lakeshore Drive, Peter dreamed of one day living in a home there.

Peter served honorably in the U.S. Army during World War II. After returning home in 1947, he once again focused on supporting the family. With a number of his siblings, Peter sold vegetables out of a truck in the suburbs.

With three of his brothers, he co-founded a number of corporations, including Burns Automatic Corporation and Burns Cold Forged Corporation. Leveraging the combined talents of the group, they pioneered the use of cold forging techniques to manufacture large tooling and industrial parts. Within years, their success brought the attention of another growing company in the area, Masco, and the two companies eventually merged.

Peter dedicated his second career to serving his God, his community and his fellow man. Together with his wife, he established the Peter and Constance Cracchiolo Foundation in 1984 and has given generously to organizations such as The Detroit Institute of Arts, St. John Hospital, Most Holy Trinity School and Holy Cross Children's Services.

As a child, Peter often visited Fr. Solanus Casey, where the two prayed together and shared bread. Many decades later, Peter became a benefactor and cabinet member of the Solanus Casey Foundation, completing a circle of giving started so many years ago.

An active member of the community, he was a founding parishioner of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church and a former president of the Eastside Lions Club.

An engaging personality with a contagious smile, Peter built friendships that spanned decades and provided



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Peter J. Cracchiolo



Alan Richard Ramberger

him great joy. He was a faith-filled man, devoted to his wife and family. Raising his family was his proudest achievement.

Peter is survived by his daughters, Bernadette Lindquist (Eric), Grace Cracchiolo (Anthony Torre) and Phyllis DeMars (Gregory); son, Peter T. Cracchiolo (Camille); grandchildren, Kristina Mulder (Daniel), Rebecca Gibbons and Laura Jensen (Michael), Michael Jr. and David Tindall, and Gregory DeMars (Melissa), Sara Harrison (Michael) and Bethany Matus (Alex), and Peter T. Jr. (Leah), Matthew, Andrew (Allison) and Mark Cracchiolo; great-grandchildren, Katelynn, Allison and Thomas Mulder and Lucas and Marcus Harrison.

He also is survived by his brothers, Raymond Cracchiolo (Jane) and Thomas Cracchiolo (Carol).

He was predeceased by his wife, Connie; brothers, Sam and Joseph Cracchiolo and sisters, Lena Testa, Phyllis Militello, Roma and Antoinette Cracchiolo.

Peter's recent years were made more enjoyable as he was blessed with the love and support of caregivers, Carmen Matugas, Donata Lleva and Emily Chiu.

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

Donations may be made to Most Holy Trinity School, 1229 LaBrosse, Detroit, MI 48224; Cracchiolo Inpatient Rehabilitation Center, c/o St. John Health Foundation, 22101 Moross Road; Mack Office Building, Suite 102, Detroit, MI 48236; The Peter and Connie Cracchiolo Endowed Scholarship Fund at DeLaSalle High School, 14600 Common Road, Warren, MI 48088;

or the Solanus Casey Center, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

Alan Richard Ramberger

Grosse Pointe Park resident Alan Richard Ramberger, 68, passed away Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015.

Alan was born in Harper Woods to William and Valerie (nee Speed) Ramberger. He attended Notre Dame High School and Wayne State University. In 1965, he met Judy Elbertson at the "Little Brown Jug" football game. They married in 1969.

Alan served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps during the Vietnam Era. He was an electronics teacher at Fort Monmouth, N.J. After basic training, he was joined by Judy who worked at the bank on base. On payday, the first of the month, he especially enjoyed walking to the front of the mile-long line to deposit his paycheck.

Alan referred to himself as a loner, but the opposite was true. He loved meeting people and making new friends. He was happiest playing golf, but never had a score that satisfied him. He played tennis with the Senior Men's Tennis Club and took part in planning events for the club.

Alan is survived by Judy, his wife of 46 years; children, Nicole Lockhart (Ben), Joy Behringer (Jeffrey) and Jason and grandchildren, Alex, Jack, Kate, Drew, Claire, Tucker and Peyton, who brought much joy to his life and whom he enjoyed tutoring in the fine art of sarcasm.

A memorial Mass was celebrated Dec. 1 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Park.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.



Teresa A. Weber

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Grosse Pointe Shores resident Teresa A. "Teri" Weber, 78, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2015, after a four-year battle with cancer.

She was born Teresa A. Mahoney Sept. 27, 1937, in New York, spent her early years growing up in Chatham, N.J. and attended Seton Hall College. She then moved to Florida for several years and was employed in the dental field.

Teri was married to her husband, Walter, for almost 53 years, during which time they had three daughters and six grandchildren. She enjoyed many years of boating on the Great Lakes, 32 summers at their summer home on Higgins Lake, and 25 winters in Jupiter, Fla. The daughter of Irish immigrants, she had a deep passion for her Irish heritage which she loved to share with her children and grandchildren.

Teri is survived by her husband, Walter; daughters, Connie Weber, Laura Spagnuolo and Heidi Pangborn and grandchildren, Ryane, Quinn, Lorenzo, Stella, Meg and Rocco.

She was predeceased by her sister, Peggy Spencer.

Donations may be made to the Fr. Solanus Guild, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

SOC seeks Santa's helpers

Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, is looking for a few elves to help donate, assemble and deliver holiday baskets to seniors.

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dropped off at SOC by Tuesday, Dec. 15.

Baskets will be assembled 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17.

Deliveries will be made Thursday, Dec. 17, through Sunday, Dec. 20. Baskets also may be

picked up after 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, or 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18.

For a full list of suggested donations, more information or to volunteer, call (313) 882-9600.

City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 2015 DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Grosse Pointe Park will be conducting the 2015 December Board of Review and will convene in the City Hall at 15115 East Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

December 15, 2015 @ 9:00 AM

This is a correction Board of Review and will cover all clerical errors and mutual mistakes of fact during the meeting.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act".

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Assessor's Office at (313) 822-6200.

6B | COMMUNITY

Lake House hosts Tree of Memories

The Lake House hosted its Tree of Memories event Friday, Nov. 20, at Lakeside Mall. Attendees purchased a \$5 ornament, added the name of a loved one and hung it on the tree in their honor. Through the event, more than \$1,000 was raised for the Lake House, which provides support for people touched by cancer. Ornaments are still being added to the tree, which will remain at the mall throughout the holidays.



A LA ANNIE
By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

A quick and easy side dish

Holiday meals will be abundant for the next five weeks. Keeping the side dishes simple — and flavorful — is a must for me. Brussels sprouts have become a winter favorite.

This week I'm roasting sprouts with pecans and butter. A high oven temperature brings out the sweet from the sprouts and turns the butter brown.

Roasted Brussels Sprouts with Pecans and Brown Butter

(serves 4)

- 2 teaspoons salad oil
- 1 lb. fresh brussels sprouts, halved
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 cup pecans
- 4 tablespoons cold butter, cut into small pieces

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Brush the salad oil on a medium baking sheet and set aside. Place the halved sprouts in a bowl and toss with the olive oil. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Transfer the sprouts to the baking sheet, cut side down. Roast the sprouts for 7 minutes. Carefully scatter the pecans around the sprouts and roast another 5 minutes.

Carefully scatter the butter pieces over the bake sheet and continue to roast another 5 to 7 minutes or so, until the butter is completely melted and beginning to brown on the baking sheet.

Remove the baking sheet from the oven. Using a rubber spatula, transfer the sprouts and pecans to a serving bowl, along with the brown butter lingering on the baking sheet. Give the sprouts a quick toss and serve.

This last-minute side can be made ahead of time. Reheat covered at 300 degrees.

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HOCKEY

Blue Devils beat Knights

By Bob St. John
 Sports Editor

In a battle of city rivals, Grosse Pointe South earned a 4-3 win in front of a standing-room only crowd at McCann Arena.

The Blue Devils dominated the game from the opening faceoff, outshooting the Knights 36-16.

“To come into this building and beat a good Liggett team is great for us,” South head coach Bobby McKillop said. “We gave up a few too many odd-man rushes and that we have to work on, but this is a great win for us early in the season.”

The Blue Devils put two goals on the board early in the second stanza when junior Jack Flynn lit the lamp both times.

Junior Adam Cervone and senior Griffin Brooks assisted on the first goal, while juniors Adam Pitters and Liam Kavanaugh assisted the second.

The Knights got on the board at the 5:07 mark when senior Brett Abdelnour tallied, with senior Nick Gawel and

sophomore Spencer Stefani assisting.

The Blue Devils put two more goals on the board early in the third period when Pitters and freshman Andrew Vyletel scored. Cervone and Flynn had assists on Pitters’ goal, while senior Jon Theros and freshman Marshall Vyletel had assists on the second tally.

The game looked out of hand until the Knights scored on a power play at the 1:17 mark of the third period and 50 seconds later with an extra attacker.

Abdelnour had the power-play goal and sophomore Dylan Paulsell had the second. Gawel, freshman Caden Lewandowski and junior Jaron Pangborn had the assists.

South won its season opener, blasting host Saline 9-1 the week before.

Pitters led the way with six points as the Blue Devils scored three goals in each period.

Flynn had the hat trick, while Griffin Brooks, Michael French and Marshall Vyletel had two points apiece.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

South’s Griffin Brooks, left, and Adam Cervone, right, mob Adam Pitters after he scored a goal in the Blue Devils’ win over Liggett.

South is 2-0 overall and in the Michigan Metro Hockey League.

Liggett played last weekend, rebounding with a 7-3 win over Detroit Country Day at Southfield Sports Arena.

Abdelnour led the way with two goals, while seniors Alex Minanov, Harrison Wujek, Pangborn, sophomore Alex Johnson and freshman Daniel Bowen also scored.

Liggett is 3-1 in the Michigan Metro Hockey League.

Benefit

Grosse Pointe South boys’ and girls’ hockey players battle the Detroit Red Wings Alumni at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at the East Side Hockey Ice

Arena, located on Canyon between Mack and Warren.

Money goes to the foundation and Grosse Pointe South hockey.

Sponsors are needed for the program and hockey game tickets may be purchased from the Grosse Pointe South athletic office for \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. In addition, South hockey players will be selling tickets.

For more information, call South hockey contact Mark Brooks at (586) 770-7498 or Grosse Pointe Foundation contact John Hoben at (313) 510-8835.

Bloomfield pulls off win over North

By Bob St. John
 Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls’ hockey team evened its league record at 1-1 last week, losing 3-2 to Bloomfield United.

“We had our chances, but couldn’t convert,” head coach Joe Lucchese said. “It’s a tough loss, but Bloomfield is a vastly improved team with some talented players.”

“Mike has done a nice job bringing that program back.”

“The girls have stepped it up and this is a nice win for us,” Bloomfield head coach Mike Singelyn said. “We have played North very well the past couple of years and today was a nice game for our girls.”

The visiting Black Hawks scored in the opening period, but the Norsemen tied it at the 13:45 mark of the second stanza when senior Caroline Bock tallied.

Sophomore Kylee Banaszewski and freshman Isabell Welke drew the assists.

The home team struck quickly in the third period when Welke scored only 18 seconds into the stanza. Bock and senior Lindsay Gallagher had assists.

Bloomfield spoiled North’s bid for victory by scoring the tying goal at the 12:47 mark and winning goal at the 8:22 mark.

Senior Amber Gieseck played well in net later in the period as the Black Hawks sent several shots her way, but they were stopped.

The Norsemen had a good chance to tie the game by finishing the final 1:51 on the power play.

They had three great scoring chances, but junior Sophie Hurwitz stopped them all.

Grosse Pointe North is 2-1 overall.

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Girls basketball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils net opening victory

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It wasn't pretty, but in the end the Grosse Pointe South girls' basketball team pulled out a 39-37 win over host Harper Woods Chandler Park Academy Monday night.

It was the season opener for both teams. "It was loud in here and not a great game, but we earned a win and that is the most impor-

tant thing," head coach Kevin Richards said. "We have to get used to this because our upcoming opponents are tough, too."

The Blue Devils played a lethargic first half and trailed 19-13.

However, Richards' halftime speech was effective and it got his Blue Devils rolling in the right direction.

"I told the girls they were outplaying us and they wanted it more,"

Richards said. "I'm glad they played a better second half. It was a typical opener with girls in new roles, but in the end it was a nice road win."

Seniors Ann Carmody and Natalia Engel each made two clutch free throws in the final minute and the Blue Devils watched Chandler Park miss two shots in the final five seconds which would have either won or tied the game.

Carmody had 10 points and five rebounds, while senior Margaret Brennan had 10 points.

Senior Benna Ames had nine points and seven rebounds as the Blue Devils were able to overcome 32 turnovers. They forced Chandler Park into 24 turnovers even though they mainly played a 2-3 zone.

Grosse Pointe South is 1-0 overall and plays at Canton Friday, Dec. 4.

Youth football



PHOTO BY PATTI QUINN-SHAHEEN

Runner-up

The Grosse Pointe South varsity Red Barons finished the regular season undefeated and in first place. They won their semifinal playoff game before losing in the finals to the St. Clair Shores Green Hornets. They defeated the Hornets 28-25 in the regular season before falling in the championship game. This is the fourth consecutive year this age group of Red Barons made the championship game, going 2-2 in the title games. There were 19 players who were in their fourth or fifth year with this team and the boys enjoyed an unprecedented run during their Red Baron career. The 2015 team, pictured above, included Alexander Shaheen, Jon Jon Perkins, Michael Fikany, Cameron Mallegg, Liam Quick, Jon Clark, Miles Jamieson, Ryan Buszka, Conner McClarty, James Doerer, Kevin McCarron, Michael Stritzinger, Brian McKenna, Ben Gabrion, Jacob Peruski, Grant Hart, Caden McQueen, Giacobi Bush, Charles Carene, Halden Stoehr, Nolan Schmitt, Gowan Carlyle, Matthew Fabry, Jordan Broomfield, Elliot Lyman, Grant Drouillard, Nicholas Fannon, Jason Liverpool, Coy Catrett, Aidan Walsh, Noah Segletes, Sam Tucker, Owen Chen, Thomas Cozad, Jacob Butkis, Ryan Ladensack, Hayden Wright, Benjamin Verlinden, A.J. Benson and Owen Bollaert. The coaches were Ben Chen, John Doerer, Jon Gough, Gabe LaSalas, Mike Mallegg, Andrew Philbrick, Mike Stritzinger, Tim Walsh and Al Shaheen as head coach. The Barons were supported all year long by the cheer team of Dylan Huston, Marley Huston, Paige Bearse, Victoria Boykin, Addie Ulku, Elaina Callissi, Stephanie Hansen, Skylar Henry, Fiona O'Byrne, Cassidy Kline, Grace Vithake, Sienna Weisbrodt, Annie Davey, Jane McKee, Brooke Westfall, Daphne Irby, Madison Kvintis, Sophie Kotula and coach Jamie Baker.

Honor earned

Grosse Pointe South had two players make the all-state list for the Michigan High School Field Hockey Association in Division 1 this fall. Carson Dennis made the Second Team and Allyson Hartz earned Honorable Mention.

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Liggett technology instructor featured by Harvard researcher

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Mike Medvinsky, University Liggett School's lower school technology integrator, is nationally regarded for his work in technology and teaching. While in Bloomfield Hills, he was named 2013 Oakland County Teacher of the Year and was the 2014 runner-up for Michigan Teacher of the Year.

While at his previous school, Medvinsky's teaching methods were featured in Ron Ritchhart's latest book, "Creating Cultures of Thinking." Ritchhart is a researcher with Project Zero, an educational research group from Harvard University's Graduate School of Education. The publisher plans to re-release the book with videos. Ritchhart and a video crew visited Liggett in November to document some of the techniques explored in the book, in particular Medvinsky's work with upper school music production students working collectively on an original music composition in TJ Wolfram's music production class.

During the visit, Ritchhart and Medvinsky spent time with second- and fourth-graders who were working on a thinking routine of claim and support to choose a topic to research together, a technique explored in Ritchhart's book. The following day the video crew filmed third-graders



PHOTO BY MARY ANNE BRUSH

ers working on a long-term project involving Amelia Earhart. Medvinsky worked with students to create web quests, conducting what he called an online scavenger hunt. "They go through the web quest and create claims, gathering information about where they think Amelia Earhart's plane went down," Medvinsky said. "As they went through online resources and gathered information, they came up with their own theory — actually multiple theories — and since it's an open-ended question, they then take those theories and discuss them with another classmate." Following discussion, students either solidified their claims or went back to the website to do further research and create a stronger claim.

In December, Michigan State Rep. Larry Inman —

a leading expert on Amelia Earhart who holds the largest collection of Earhart documentation, according to Medvinsky — will Skype with the class, giving students feedback on their claims. The class also will create a collaborative Google map, with a pin on each of the locations the students have determined, based on their claim, the plane went down.

"Instead of having typical computer classes in a lab, Mike comes to us and asks us what we are learning, how can I incorporate technology in your classroom?" third-grade teacher Sarah Carron said. Carron and her teaching partner, Linda Brown, regularly meet with Medvinsky, discuss their plans for the class, what his goal is during his visits and how he can help. "It's all in the ways that

teachers design the learning experience," Medvinsky said. "We could easily lecture to the students about Amelia Earhart and students would comply. We don't teach compliance and complacency. We are a curriculum for understanding school."

Medvinsky takes this collaborative approach with teachers from all the grades he works with. While he has ties with all three divisions, the main part of his day is spent in the lower school. He also teaches one section of upper school. "I don't teach apps and technology," Medvinsky said. "I teach thinking and learning. I teach how to think. In my case, I support it with technology. "This is how I have always taught. I just happened to join a team that fits a philosophy that I believe in."

cards are accepted. ♦ Community caroling, an annual South choir fundraiser, is available Friday, Dec. 10, and Saturday, Dec. 11. Small groups may be hired to attend private events, nursing homes or restaurants to sing carols for a nominal donation. For an order form, go to gpsouthchoir.org or contact Ginny Jeup-Koch at (313) 283-3513. ♦ South choirs return to the stage of Orchestra Hall to perform with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Friday, Dec. 18, through Sunday, Dec. 20.

For more information on all choir performances and events, visit gpsouthchoir.org.

♦ Grosse Pointe South High School Symphony Orchestra and Wayne State University Department of Music University Symphony Orchestra perform Beethoven, Tchaikovsky and Anderson 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, at South's auditorium. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. ♦ South's choirs perform "Sounds of the Season," featuring traditional holiday favorites and tapping Santas, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, at the Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center. Tickets, available at Posterity Gallery or gpsouthchoir.org, are \$15 lower level, \$12 balcony and \$9 balcony for students and seniors. Gold

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South Varsity Club holds coat drive

Grosse Pointe South High School's Varsity Club collected more than 700 coats as part of its coat drive. This was the first year the club has run the drive as a school-wide event.

Pictured are faculty advisor Ryan Wheaton with seniors Garrett Weidig, a varsity soccer player, and Gabrielle de Coster, a varsity swimmer.



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