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Complete news coverage of all the Pointes

# Triple-A puts Shores in majors

By Brad Lindberg  
 Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — Letting Santa Claus ride his favorite Grosse Pointe Shores fire truck to the annual Christmas tree

lighting ceremony paid off this year with a gift that keeps on giving, a triple-A long-term municipal bond rating. Standard & Poor's raised the city's bond rating one notch from AA+ to AAA Wednesday, Dec.

16, but Mayor Ted Kedzierski suspects a higher force at work. "Santa came early this year to Grosse Pointe Shores," Kedzierski said. "He brought us a great present." Analysts praised the

city's "strong management, strong budgetary performance" and three-year budget process. Evaluators concluded, "The stable outlook reflects our expectations that the city will maintain its very strong budgetary

flexibly due to policies to maintain at least 20 percent reserves and cash levels that have been consistent during the past several years." "The AAA rating lowers borrowing costs probably one-quarter of a

percent when we borrow money," said Councilman Bruce Bisbal, chairman of the finance committee. The first measurable benefit is expected early next year upon refinancing. *See SHORES, page 2A*



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## On his way!

It's Christmas Eve and that means one final trip to the Grosse Pointes this year by Santa Claus. More Santa letters from area students begin on page 6A and continue on 8A and 4C.

## Builder takes mulligan on lot split

By Brad Lindberg  
 Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals told a builder this month they need more information to reverse denial of a proposed lot split on Country Club Drive.

The Grosse Pointe Farms public services department initially rejected the request because both new parcels would be narrower than the zoning ordinance requires.

Builder Ed Russell sought a reversal because, in part, the new, nonconforming lots still would be wider than many others on the road and thereby be in harmony with the district.

Russell agreed to table the matter and return to the board with outlines

of the proposed new structures, as required by an ordinance.

He still hopes to split an existing 220-foot wide property into two, 110-foot-wide lots on a block where 14 of 18 parcels are 100 feet wide or less.

He said he plans to replace a ranch-style house with two smaller ones scaled to the neighborhood.

"We estimate these houses would be in the mid-3,000-square-foot range," excluding garages, Russell told board members Monday, Dec. 7.

The board is comprised of the mayor and city council.

Although the Farms planning consultant rated the variance request "relatively minor

*See BUILDER, page 3A*

## A rising tide

By Brad Lindberg  
 Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Mark Alcorn finally has a lieutenant's badge, one generation removed.

Alcorn, a retired Detroit police sergeant, always wanted to wear the rank of lieutenant.

"I never got it," he said. But his son, Jason, did, and Mark pinned it on his

chest during the promotion of six City of Grosse Pointe public safety officers Wednesday, Dec. 16, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

"When Jason was about 1 1/2 years old," his father said, "he came to me and said, 'Dad, one day, I'm going to get you one of these.' And here it is."

Really 1 1/2? "I kind of embellished that a little — you under-

stand; great pride," he said.

The ceremony is believed to be the first promotion of six Pointe officers at once.

"They put in a lot of work and effort to get to this point," said City Chief Stephen Poloni. "For the citizens of Grosse Pointe, this is a bright future in our public safety department."

*See TIDE, page 3A*



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Stephen Poloni, public safety director in the City of Grosse Pointe, stands center among six officers promoted Wednesday, Dec. 16, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. From left are Sgt. Justin Strohmeier, Sgt. Christopher Cotzias, Lt. Jason Alcorn, Poloni, Lt. Alan Gwyn, Sgt. Jean Pierre Cormier and Sgt. Joseph Adams.

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**Jeanne Bocci**

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# Scholarship honors Paige Stalker

Paige Stalker would have graduated from University Liggett School this May. Her fellow students from the class of 2016 voted to create the Paige Stalker Scholarship as their senior class gift.

Each year, members of the senior class vote on a collective legacy gift to the school. This year they overwhelmingly decided to honor Stalker. The annual scholarship will support the education of students who, like Stalker, are bright and community-minded, and who will have a positive impact on the school.

"Paige was a passionate, hard-working student who dreamed of being a doctor someday," said Kelley Hamilton, associate head of school for advancement. "She never got a chance to fulfill her dream because her life was cut tragically short last December. This scholarship honors her memory while providing support for future generations to attend Liggett and fulfill their dreams."

Paige was fatally shot Dec. 22, 2014, in a murder case that remains unsolved. Over the past year, her family has worked tirelessly to find

the killer.

"This scholarship is a very special way to honor Paige's memory," said Stalker's mother, Jennifer Stalker. "As we approach the one-year anniversary of Paige's death, I am happy to know that Paige's spirit is being kept alive in the Liggett community, and that she will be remembered by Liggett students, faculty and staff for many years to come through the Paige Stalker Scholarship."

Logan Brown, one of Paige's close friends at Liggett, says the scholarship will remember Paige's spirit. "Paige was sweet, kind and hardworking," Brown said. "She had a bright smile that lit up the room. This scholarship embodies Paige's love of helping others. She will be remembered not only by the senior class, but also by all of the lives she has touched here."

The school will accept donations from any interested community members for this scholarship fund. For more information contact Kelley Hamilton at khamilton@uls.org or at (313) 884.4444.

# Deck the winners

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce announced the winners of its annual Deck the Stores holiday decorating contest. The winners are worth the short drive around town day and night to see their decorations. The public votes a People's Choice winner each year. At right, most creative winner Sidestreet Diner, City of Grosse Pointe.



Above left, Moehring Woods Flowers of Grosse Pointe voted Best Daytime Display. Above, Grosse Pointe Woods Farm Bureau Insurance, agent Colleen Dyer, a winner of the People's Choice Award. At left, The Rendezvous With Tea, Grosse Pointe Woods, also a winner of the People's Choice Award. Below left, Best Nighttime Display, Allemon's Landscape Center, Detroit. Below, Most Festive winner Capricious in Grosse Pointe Farms.

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ing \$3.9 million worth of

marina bonds at a lower interest rate through retirement in 2036.

"Savings is estimated between \$12,000 and \$18,000 annually to go from AA+ to triple-A," Kedzierski said. "That's recurring savings each year."

Gross savings may reach \$400,000 net present value.

A top bond rating boosts the marina bond's salability.

"There's going to be a healthy appetite for these bonds," Kedzierski said. "The AAA rating means, essentially, from an investors' standpoint, there is no risk."

AAA also brings prestige, as Grosse Pointe Farms officials know

from being, until last week, the only city among 43 in Wayne County rated AAA.

"It's something to be proud of," Kedzierski said. "It's a testament to the team we have working diligently on finances and infrastructure costs. It's been a long road to get to this point."

"It's a significant milestone in restoring the creditworthiness of the city," said City Manager Mark Wollenweber.

"I was confident we would receive the rating upgrade," said Rhonda Ricketts, finance director. Five years ago, the city was on the state financial watch list.

The Shores was downgraded from AA+ to AA

when it reorganized from a village to city form of government, which also changed the start of the fiscal year from spring to July.

"The city chose at that time, without raising taxes, to utilize fund balance to run that short fiscal year," Wollenweber said.

Although there are no costly municipal projects due soon, a top bond rating helps if credit is needed.

"The only thing we're looking at is if we need to do major sewer reconstruction," Bisballe said. "If that requires a large expenditure, we would bond for that. Other than that, we don't have plans for borrowing."

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## That's the spirit

Grosse Pointe Woods held its annual senior holiday social. Seventy-two seniors attended, enjoyed lunch and giveaways and a musical performance by the Grosse Pointe North High School choir. At right, Donald Witt hands Karen Pierantoni a gift certificate for Big Boy. Below, Noreen Szymborski and Catherine Kosnake.



At left, Leona Kolb and Barbara Perkin shared a laugh while posing by the Christmas tree. Above, Irma Zehetmair holds up the gift certificate she won to Garrido's Bistro and Pastry.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

## Deeplands Preserve talks begin

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — The words, "Deeplands Preserve," have conflicting meaning to people for or against transforming an unoccupied eight-acre estate into a 30-unit condominium complex in 18 buildings amid an existing neighborhood of single-family dwellings.

To developers Bradley Foster, founder of Foster Financial in the City of Grosse Pointe and Michael Verruto of Eden Gate Equity, Philadelphia, "Deeplands Preserve" is the name of the proposed complex.

The name plays on community heritage and the estate's lore as a wild-life haven while offering increased residential opportunities in a suburb otherwise built to the brim.

Opponents interpret "Deeplands Preserve" as a sentence in which "pre-serve" is a verb demanding the acreage be left alone — or, at worst, limited to nothing more than a quiet and uncluttered subdivision of low-density single-family houses meeting the status and stature of those ringing it in Grosse Pointe Shores.

"Deeplands Preserve is designed to attract couples (age) 50-plus who are looking to downsize," according to a 56-page

packet of color renderings, floorplans and promotional material submitted to city hall early November. "Deeplands Preserve will include romantic and intimate homes of character with an implied history."

"If we have to fight this, we will," Tom Burke, a nearby homeowner and 50-year Shores resident, told his city council Tuesday, Dec. 15.

He's among 88 residents, including homeowners and family members, submitting their names as members of the Deeplands Property Owner's Association against condo development.

Burke accepts transforming the estate into a roomy subdivision.

"Eight houses — I'm all in," he said. "But, 30 condos? I'm not for it at all. There are deed restrictions, easements, code policies."

Shores administrators met with the developer twice, forwarded a copy of the packet to the municipal planning consultant and kept another on hand for public review, according to Mark Wollenweber, city manager.

"We told them from day one they better talk to the residents," Wollenweber said.

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### Lt. Alcorn

Alcorn, a 15-year veteran, is the department's training officer, a leading firefighter and graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command.

"I'm successful because of the guys on my shift," he said.

### Lt. Gwyn

Also promoted to lieutenant was Alan Gwyn, an 18-year veteran, forensic computer expert and former detective.

"He's done a great job for us," Poloni said.

Gwyn's wife, Michele, pinned on the new badge. "I'm grateful to be a lieutenant and will do my best in this position," Gwyn said.

### Sgt. Cormier

Topping the promotion exam to sergeant was Jean Pierre Cormier, a 13-year veteran.

His wife, Martha, pinned on his new badge.

Cormier is a member of the SWAT team. He's also a bicycle officer and supervises the field training officer program.

"We're very proud of him," Poloni said.

"I thank Director Poloni, Mayor (Dale) Scrace and the city council for this opportunity to serve the department in this new capacity," Cormier said. "I wouldn't be here without my family; my mom, dad, sister, my friends on the shift. My wife Martha and beautiful children are the reasons I get up every morning."

### Sgt. Adams

Scrace, city manager Peter Dame, Councilman John Stempfle, chiefs of the other Pointes and Grosse Pointe Woods Manager Skip Fincham attended the ceremony.

Fincham also is retired director of City public safety. He hired the officers being promoted.

"They all portrayed qualities we look for in an officer," Fincham said.

He especially remembers recruiting Officer Joseph Adams 15 years ago from the Mackinaw City Police Department.

"He was very engaging with people as he walked the beat — someone who reaches out to the community," Fincham said.

Adams' promotion to sergeant follows being named City officer of the year two years running.

He oversees motor vehicle maintenance and the child car seat program. He is state president of the Fraternal Order of Police.

His wife, Abbey, and sons, Brady and Ben, pinned on his new badge.

"Two moments in my life I was very proud," Adams said. "The first, when my boys were born. Today is the second. I'm proud to work for the city."

### Sgt. Cotzias

Officer Christopher Cotzias, a 10-year veteran and youth officer for more than seven years, was promoted to sergeant.

"He takes care of things related to juvenile crime," Poloni said. "Chris works hard every single day."

Cotzias' wife, Jennifer, pinned on the badge.

He thanked the chief, city manager, Municipal

Judge Russell Ethridge and other attendees.

"It means a lot to us that you show support," Cotzias said. "We look forward to carrying on as supervisors."

### Sgt. Strohmeyer

Officer Justin Strohmeyer, a 10-year veteran, made a rare daylight appearance to receive promotion to sergeant.

Strohmeyer, a 10-year veteran, works the midnight shift.

"He has worked diligently every night keeping citizens safe," Poloni said.

"Thank you all for being here," Strohmeyer told his family, coworkers and friends.

His father, Barron, a retired Oak Park police sergeant, pinned on the

new badge.

### Duty

In the lobby of the War Memorial, the names of Grosse Pointe veterans of World War II are listed on a nearly floor-to-ceiling bronze plaque dedicated, in part, to "Valiant defenders of the cause of justice."

Public safety officers help carry that responsibility.

"Scripture says, 'To much is given, much is expected,'" said Poloni. "That's true with these officers. As much as we expect from them, they'll have great responsibility. They've been mentored for years. Now, they're the mentors. They've been taking orders. Now, they give orders. I'm confident this group is able to do that."

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in nature relative to other lots on Country Club Drive," 10 residents of the block spoke at the meeting in opposition.

They foresaw disruption to the block's "pastoral setting," overdevelopment, interrupted sight lines, increased traffic and general inconveniences of construction zones.

Councilman Lou Theros described it as "unanimity of opposition."



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## Park resident carries on NYE tradition

By Jody McVeigh  
Community Editor

Jeanne Bocci has a lot of fond New Year's Eve memories. Most of them, however, take place during daylight hours, long before the ball drops.

Since Dec. 31, 1970, Bocci has organized a New Year's Eve daytime run, starting the tradition at Windmill Pointe Park and later taking it to Belle Isle when it grew too large for her neighborhood. The run, which now boasts around 1,200 runners each year, started with 14.

Bocci had houseguests in 1970 and, since she and her husband, Jerry, weren't "party people" — and because she was nine months pregnant — she decided to host a run at Windmill Pointe — two laps around the 2-mile loop.

"A girlfriend of mine made little fruitcakes for everyone and my husband hand-painted plaques (for each runner)," said Bocci, 72, of Grosse Pointe Park.

Her son, Jerry, was

born the next day, Jan. 1, 1971.

After a few years, friends asked if they could bring their children. By 1974, the race included 200 runners, each of whom came to her house for spaghetti afterward.

The race moved to Belle Isle in 1975 and has stayed ever since. Once at the island, participation boomed, at one point drawing more than 3,000 runners. These days, instead of a spaghetti dinner at Bocci's home, runners are treated to fresh fruit, bagels and hot chocolate at the Belle Isle Casino.

"We get 100 to 150 kids who are 12 and younger and a lot of Grosse Pointers," Bocci said. "Each and every child gets something, too .... I like to encourage them. We really focus on the kids."

She enlisted her own children when they were old enough to lend a hand. Her son, Jerry, was co-director for a while and her daughter, Gerilyn, feeds volun-

teers. All five grandchildren participate in the run and help out where they can.

"It's meant as a family fun run," she said. "It was meant as a way to ring in the new year and to celebrate it. I've never given up. I don't think anyone's ever started an event and seen it through for 46 years. I stuck with it. Five more to go until 50, then I'm through."

Bocci has been involved in numerous other races, starting a handful that have become traditions, including the New Baltimore Jingle Bell Run and the Grosse Pointe Fun Run.

She was race director for the Detroit Turkey Trot for three years as well.

No stranger to running events, Bocci has participated in 89 marathons "and a couple 50-milers," she said. "Our whole life has been taking children to marathons and race walking competitions."

She was the first Michigan woman to run

the Boston Marathon, in which she has participated six times, and she represented the United States in the World Cup International Track and Field meet in Sweden in 1977.

"I've had a lot of success in running and race walking," Bocci said. "It was quite interesting. He (husband Jerry) wanted to do them, but I said if you're doing it, I'm going to do it, too. It was really fun to do together."

Bocci, who taught dental assisting for 15 years followed by 15 years of teaching health education at Grosse Pointe North High School, also coached track for 10 years. She retired from North in 2000. For the last 10 years, she has taught anatomy and physiology at Baker College.

She and her husband are track and field officials during the summer and also help out with the Junior Olympics.

For more on this year's Belle Isle New Year's Eve Family Fun Run, see page 3B.



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Jeanne Bocci has organized the Belle Isle New Year's Eve Family Fun Run since it started in 1970.

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### City of Grosse Pointe

#### B&E alert

Police responded shortly after 3 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, to a burglary report at a house in the 600 block of Lakeland.

The homeowner told City of Grosse Pointe officers a perpetrator may be inside.

"(I) observed a broken window on the northeast corner of the home leading to the dining room,"

reported Officer Matthew Wallis.

Officers searching the house found nothing unusual except a 4-by-4-inch brick paver on the dining room floor.

Wallis determined whoever threw the brick took it from the rear patio, where it had been placed on a protective plastic cover over a plant.

"(The) victim said nothing appeared missing from inside the residence," Wallis said.

Officers suspect the damage was associated with larcenies from autos reported in the area.

#### Package theft

A woman reported thefts of packages delivered Thursday morning, Dec. 3, behind her house in the 800 block of Cadioux.

Packages contained a

range of items ordered from Amazon.com and Kohl's, such as a Sony PlayStation and hand towels, totaling more than \$625.

A parcel service documented delivery at 10:49 a.m.

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

### Grosse Pointe Farms

#### Shot fired

A 41-year-old Harper Woods man, finding himself locked out of his 2013 Chevrolet Impala parked with a damaged right front tire on Lakeshore near Windemere Drive at 12:17 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, showed the forethought and self-control expected of someone with a record of manslaughter, assault with attempt to do great bodily harm, delivering drugs, domestic violence and violating parole — he drew a 9 mm pistol from his pocket and shot out one of the car's side windows.

A man and wife from Grosse Pointe Woods, cruising the area looking at Christmas lights, heard the gunshot and called 911.

Officer Ed Wierszewski was among at least five responding officers to sum up the situation, including a puddle of urine in the roadway.

"I asked (him) if he struck something in the roadway, exited his vehicle to check the tire, urinated, realized the car locked itself and decided to use the gun to shoot the window," Wierszewski reported. "(He) confirmed what (I) stated happened, then

stated, 'The car was locked. How else was I supposed to get in?'"

The man registered a .17 percent blood alcohol level.

Charges are:

- possession by a felon of a firearm, a felony punishable by up to five years in prison;

- carrying a concealed weapon, a felony punishable by up to five years in prison;

- possessing a firearm while attempting to commit a felony, second offense, a felony with a mandatory five-year prison sentence to be served consecutively with any other sentence imposed for the felony or attempted felony convictions;

- drunken driving, punishable by up to 180 days in jail;

- possession of a firearm while under the influence of alcohol, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 93 days in jail and

- reckless use of a firearm, a misdemeanor punishable by up to 90 days in jail.

#### Drugs

Two men were arrested on drug charges during a traffic stop on eastbound Mack at Hillcrest shortly before 11 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19.

The driver, a 26-year-old St. Clair Shores man, and a 24-year-old male passenger from Eastpointe possessed a combined 14 grams of marijuana, according to police.

"Both subjects have drug crime convictions and (the driver) has an officer safety caution," said the arresting officer.

Police also cited the driver with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs.

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## Lights out

Someone during the night of Saturday, Dec. 19, damaged five sets of Christmas lights attached to a fence in front of a house in the 300 block of Kercheval.

Damage totals \$75. "The lights had been stretched and the wiring pulled apart," according to a public safety officer, citing the homeowner.

## Banished

A male customer griping at a restaurant in the 18500 block of Mack threatened to "blow up" the place, the owner reportedly told police shortly after 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15.

The suspect, a 36-year-old man from St. Clair Shores, confirmed to police arguing with the owner, a Farms resident, but denied making threats.

"What the suspect did say is when both he and the complainant stood toe-to-toe, the suspect stated, 'Don't make me blow up your s---,'" reported Officer Michael Hodor. "The suspect continued to state that this term referred to kicking the complainant's a--, not blowing up the property."

A woman being interviewed for a job at the restaurant recorded part of the confrontation on her cell phone camera, according to police.

Officers made no arrest.

The owner banned the man from the premises.

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

## Grosse Pointe Shores

## Suspended

At 10:09 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, a patrolman cruising southbound Lakeshore

pulled over a 34-year-old Detroit woman for driving a 2012 Mitsubishi Gallant with an illegible paper license plate posted in the rear window.

She turned out to be violating three driving suspensions for which she was arrested and posted \$200 bond prior to release.

—Brad Lindberg  
Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

## Grosse Pointe Park

## Larcenies

Unlocked cars continued to provide easy pickings for thieves, with cars parked on Audubon being the prime targets this past week.

◆ Overnight Friday, Dec. 13, \$5 in change was taken from an unlocked 2015 Chrysler parked in the 1300 block of Audubon. That same night, an iPod was taken from an unlocked 2010 Lincoln MKZ parked in the 1100 block of Audubon.

◆ Overnight Monday, Dec. 14, a 2014 unlocked Ford Flex parked in the 1300 block of Audubon was rummaged through, but nothing taken. That same night, a watch and music CDs were taken from a 2005 unlocked Jeep Grand Cherokee parked in the 1000 block of Audubon.

◆ Overnight Tuesday, Dec. 15, an unlocked 2011 Chevy Malibu parked in the 1300 block of Audubon was rummaged through, but nothing taken.

◆ Between 9 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, an unlocked 2005 Chrysler parked in the 15000 block of Kercheval was entered and a backpack containing a laptop and a textbook was taken.

## UDAA

A 2001 Dodge Caravan was taken from the 1300 block of Maryland during the early morning hours of Monday, Dec. 14. There was no sign of forced entry.

## Home invasion

A resident in the 900 block of Beaconsfield returned from vacation Friday, Dec. 18, to find an unknown person had broken a rear window and entered the house. Several items, including a shotgun and a guitar were reported missing.

## Wheels taken

All four wheels were removed from a 2009 Chevy Malibu parked overnight Tuesday, Dec. 15, in the 1300 block of Lakepointe.

## Grinch strikes

Two packages containing clothing items were taken from a porch in the 1000 block of Whittier Monday, Dec. 7.

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

## Grosse Pointe Woods

No reports this week.

# Woman assaulted at Cadieux and Charlevoix in the Park

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Police continue to investigate an incident that occurred just past midnight, Sunday, Dec. 13, involving a Grosse Pointe Farms resident in her mid-40s attacked while walking on Cadieux between Mack and Charlevoix.

According to police, the woman got out of a car at Harper and Cadieux in Detroit, walked down Cadieux and crossed Mack into Grosse Pointe Park. Near Charlevoix and

Cadieux, the woman was confronted by a lone male who assaulted her with a knife, cutting her several times. She fought off her assailant and he fled across Mack.

The victim called 911. She was treated at the scene and transported by Park medics to St. John Hospital for treatment. She was released later that same day.

The victim believes the man had been following her, as she observed him in the area of Warren and Cadieux.

The assailant was described as a black

male in his early 20s, 6 feet 1 inch tall, thin build, wearing a white sweatshirt with the hood pulled up and blue shorts. The subject was caught on video surveillance cameras on nearby businesses.

"We are hoping someone will have information on the suspect from the video," said Chief David Hiller. "We urge anyone with information to call us as soon as possible."

Anyone with information is asked to call Grosse Pointe Park police, (313) 822-7400 or Crime Stoppers, 1 (800) SPEAKUP.

## TALKS:

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However exciting or alarming the prospect of condominiums, the proposed developer neither owns the property nor made official overtures to municipal officials, according to numerous Shores representatives:

◆ "Nothing has been submitted by the developer yet that amounts to consideration," said Brian Renaud, city attorney. "Until they submit something to the planning commission that shows compliance with

all the commission's requirements, it's tentative."

◆ "The buyer hasn't closed," said Mayor Ted Kedzierski. "They're conducting due diligence."

◆ "We're not promoting this project," said Councilman Bruce Bisballe. "We want an open, transparent and legal (discussion). We want to incorporate the concerns (of residents) to the closest extent possible. If we have to twist (the developer's) arm a little to make him incorporate our concerns, we're not beyond doing that. Our focus is to make it the best for our community."

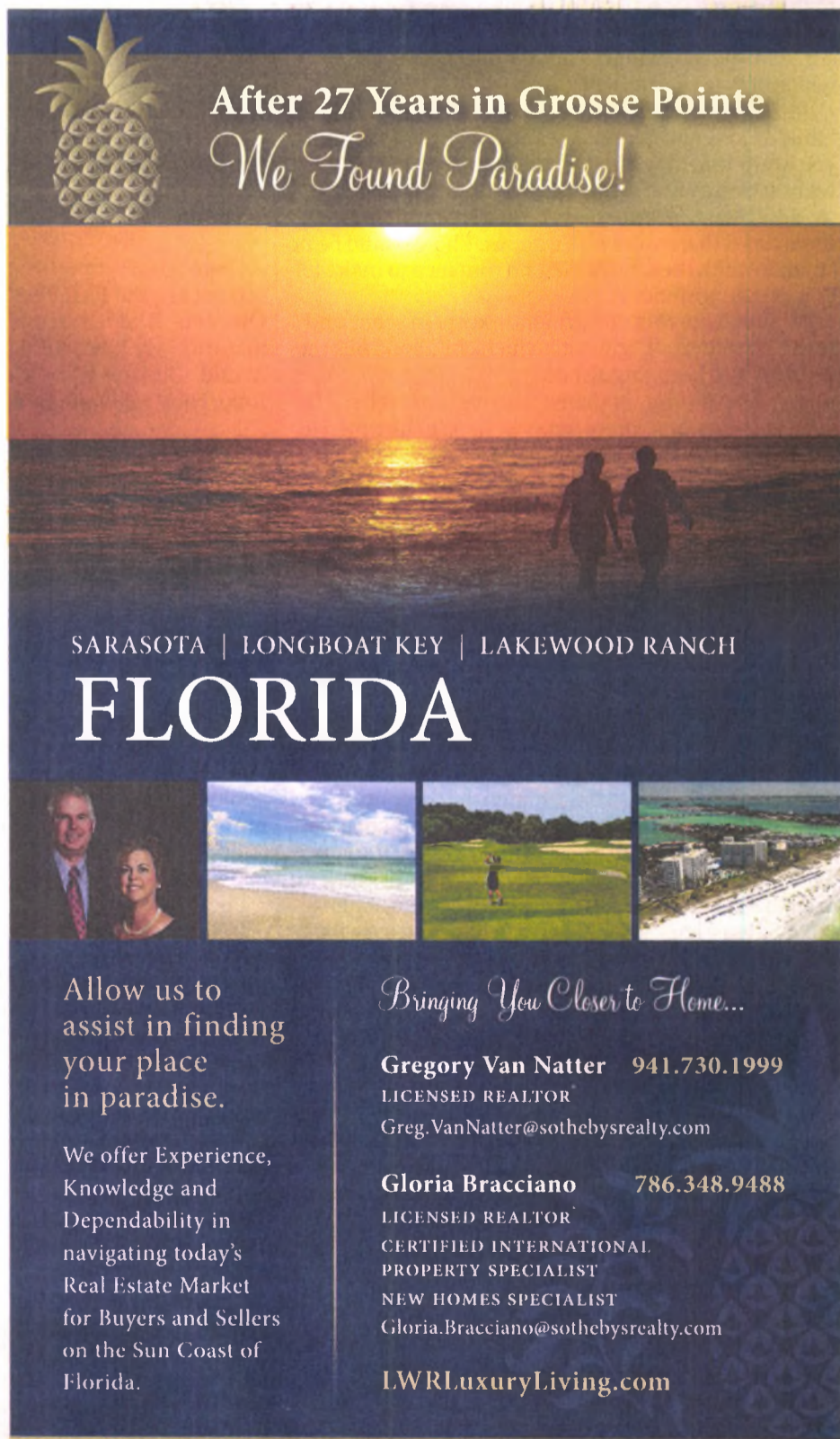
Alan Broad, an attorney and member of the planning commission, opposes condo development.

"It's totally inappropriate for our community," Broad told the council. "This proposal will not survive litigation on the deed restriction. The developers have been trying to figure out how they can get approval for something before they close on the property. It's, in effect, ass-backwards."

"This council is very responsive," Kedzierski said. "We learn from residents. Our decisions will always be in the best interest of the city."



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### OUR VIEW

# Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

Dear Editor—  
I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?  
Virginia O'Hanlon  
115 West Ninety Fifth Street

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence.

We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the super-natural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! He lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

"Is There a Santa Claus?" reprinted from the Sept. 21, 1897, issue of *The New York Sun*.



## Pure Grosse Pointe

Santa has a bird's eye view from a lightpole near city hall in Grosse Pointe Park.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

## Dear Santa ...

The following letters are from Kari Krausmann's first graders and Gina Green and Margaret McCulloch's second graders from Mason Elementary School. Letters are printed as received.

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph? Do you like cookies? How are you doing? I would like shopkins and dolls for christmas. And have a safe trip.  
Your friend  
Annabelle

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph? Do you like hot cocoa? How is Mrs. Claus? I would like a Ninja Turtle for Christmas!  
Your friend,  
Miracle

Dear Santa,  
How are the Elves? Do you like to travel around the world? I would like Nerf Guns for christmas.  
Your friend,  
Parker

Dear Santa,  
How are the Reindeer? Do you like to travel around the world? I would like the Shopkin Roxy Ring for Christmas.

Your friend,  
Jillian

Dear Santa,  
How are the Reindeers? Do you like the color blue? I would like a Transforming Batcave for Christmas.

Your friend,  
Cameron

Dear Santa,  
How is Comet? Do you like cookies? I would like some Goalie Pads for Christmas.

Your friend,  
Avery

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Claus? Do you like cookies? I hope you have a good Christmas! I would like some American Girl stuff for Christmas.

Your friend,  
Meghan

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph? Do you like to deliver toys? I would like a Nerf gun for christmas!

Your friend,  
Joshua

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Clas? Do you like cookies? I would like new crayons for Christmas.

Your friend,  
Leah

Dear Santa,  
How are the Reindeer? I hope you have safe travels! Just to let you know I would like an American Girl Doll for Christmas.

Your friend,  
Maddie

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Claus? Do you like cookies? I would like crafts for Christmas.

Your friend,  
Ella

How is Mrs. Claus? Do you like cookies? I would like Shopkins for Christmas.

Your friend,  
Ella

Dear Santa,  
How is Dasher? Do you like cookies? I would like American Girl stuff for Christmas.

Your friend,  
Colleen

Dear Santa,  
How are the Reindeer? Do you like video games? Do you like cookies? I would like nerf guns for Christmas.

Your friend,  
Ethan

Dear Santa,  
How are the Reindeer? Do you like how cold is at the North Pole? For

Christmas I would like an alarm clock.

Your friend,  
Camden

Dear Santa,  
How are the Reindeer? I hope you have a safe trip. Do you like it when Mrs. Claus makes hot cocoa and cookies? Do you like the color Red?

Your friend,  
Claire

Dear Santa,  
I want a nrfc gun for chrimes or mor than this to let you yonw I want more Plese.

Sincerely,  
Aidan

Dear Santa,  
This year for Christmas I want a Zoomerkitty, a bike, a iPod tuch, a book called Pandas and to have the best Christmas ever.

Sincerely,  
Amanda

Dear Santa,  
I have been trying to be really good this year. I will give you cookies on christmas eve and a glass of milk it mite be chocolate milk. I hope I'm on the good list.

Sincerely,  
Nadia

See SANTA, page 8A

### I SAY By Jody McVeigh

## Getting into the Christmas spirit

My, how times have changed.

I'm writing this four days before Christmas. I have not decorated my house. I have not baked a single batch of holiday cookies. Gifts for family members and a few friends were purchased just yesterday.

I am not Scrooge. It just seems to take longer these days to get into the holiday spirit.

When I was a child, my brothers and I waited in anticipation for St. Nicholas Day, Dec. 6, when we would awaken to freshly filled stockings and subconsciously begin the countdown to Christmas. The house was already decorated by then — Mom saw to that — and we three children already had or soon would spend our meager allowances on small, usually handmade trinkets for our parents at our elementary school's Santa Shop.

As time went on, through high school, then college and into adulthood, I fell into the trap of outdoing myself and others each year.

Mom baked 15 varieties of Christmas cookies last year? Then I would bake 20 this year. Allowances turned to paychecks and every bit would be spent on gifts, greater and grander than I afforded the previous year — than I could afford at all.

Eventually, Christmas became a season of stress shopping, running up credit cards, baking at least four solid weekends in a row and begrudgingly decorating the house though my husband and I stopped hosting parties because there already was too much going on.

Christmas became entirely different than when I was a child. When we would attend church every Sunday and Advent services Wednesday nights in December, listening to the story of Mary and Joseph, their travels, their hardships, their blessings. When we lit Advent candles and took turns reading devotions each night, opening the Advent calendar windows, counting down the days to Jesus' birth. When there was no Black

Friday madness, credit card debt nor tedious gift-card exchanges; when the biggest gifts we had were moments with family in the soft glow of the Christmas tree, playing games, laughing, making memories.

It seems as if each year it takes longer for me to get into the spirit. The young members of our family live out of state, so there's no youthful exuberance to feed off. Usually the focus is getting enough work done to be able to take a few days off, scrambling to accomplish last-minute shopping and fitting in as much family time as possible.

I no longer get excited about gifts or cookies or the monotony of what has become "our Christmas routine." Truth be told, by the time Christmas morning rolls around, I'm exhausted before the first scrap of wrapping paper hits the floor.

But I do love spending time with family — mine and my husband's. I love our boring routine. And I love that I can still find a

glimmer of that childlike faith and joy when I think about the real "reason for the season." When I set aside the wish lists and baking sheets and settle in for a late-night, candlelit service at the church I grew up attending, reflecting on Christ's birth, taking in the mood and feeling gratitude for a blessed life.

I won't serve 25 varieties of cookies this year — though I still have a few days to change my mind — and I may have to scramble to buy a few gifts, but I know once work is through and the family gathers, all will be well. I know a few moments of stress will be greatly overshadowed by the peace, glad tidings and great joy the Lord has shared with us all. And I know if you're reading this today, Thursday, Dec. 24, it's Christmas Eve and I am spending time with loved ones and I hope you are, too.

Merry Christmas to you and yours.

McVeigh is the community editor of the Grosse Pointe News.

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# South teacher on cloud nine

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

"Classroom in the Cloud: Innovative Ideas for Higher Level Learning," co-authored by Grosse Pointe South High School teacher Nicholas Provenzano, was released in November and the reviews are in. "Want innovative tools and practices? It's in here. Want step-by-step instruction for implementation? You've got it," wrote one reviewer.

The book, published by Corwin, demonstrates what Cloud-based instruction can mean for teachers and students as well as schools. It's not a how-to book, according to Provenzano, but gives examples, describing actual experiences of teachers "in the trenches."

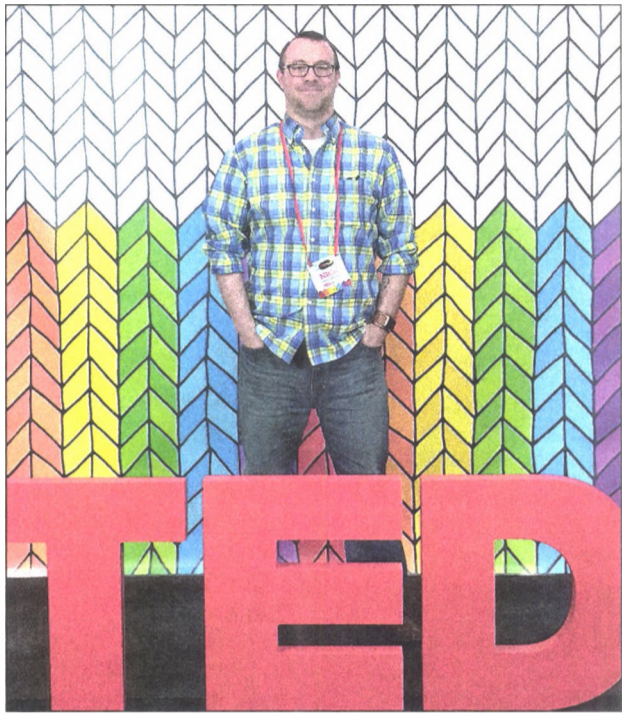
"Classroom in the Cloud" includes tools for integrating Cloud computing into the curriculum; tips on storing, communicating, collaborating and creating in the Cloud; and strategies for ensuring safety and security for students and information.

"When I went to high school and through college I never thought I'd be writing a book," Provenzano said. "I never thought that was my life path."

Provenzano was approached by the publisher to co-author the book with Jared Covili, a statewide technology trainer for the Utah Education Network and adjunct faculty member at the University of Utah. Covili had written a book previously for Corwin on Google tools called "Going Google" and was, according to Provenzano, "a great mentor during the process."

The two had not met prior to embarking on the project. They collaborated through the Cloud and Google docs, Provenzano said. "We really practiced what we preached, with him being in Utah and me being in Michigan. We only met face-to-face twice, (spending) maybe a total of eight hours" together. They also FaceTimed twice a month.

While Provenzano comes by writing naturally as a high school English teacher and education blogger, the experience has been challenging. "Writing a book on tools is very different than writing for a blog or other types of writing I have done," he said. "I told my students this: Even as an English teacher doing this for 15 years, I still made stupid mistakes." He told his students he doesn't expect perfection but he does expect them to proofread. "It's cool to give them a real-life experience."



COURTESY PHOTO

Grosse Pointe South teacher Nick Provenzano co-authored a book on Cloud technology.

Finding quiet time to write was another factor. "Committing to writing a book is very time-intensive," Provenzano said. In addition to teaching, Provenzano writes for his own website, TheNerdyTeacher.com, as well as for Edutopia.org and the International Society for Technology in Education blog and other educational websites; serves as a TedEd Innovative Educator and Evernote ambassador; gives keynote presentations; and attends and organizes conferences, including a digital citizenship summit to be held January or February 2016 in the United Kingdom. In his spare time, Provenzano tweets his ideas on Twitter at @TheNerdyTeacher.

Provenzano was awarded the 2013 Technology Teacher of the Year by the Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning and 2014 International Society of Technology in Education Educator of the

Year based on his efforts to integrate technology into the classroom. He became a Google Certified Teacher in 2014. He also is a three-time finalist for an Academy of Education Arts and Sciences Bammy Award.

This was not Provenzano's intent when he set out to be an English teacher. "I did not expect to get invited around the country," he said.

As for the book, Provenzano said, "It was a fun process and I learned a bunch. I never know what's around the corner. This has opened doors I haven't even explored yet. I enjoy helping people, whether it's teachers or students or administrators." If he has engaged one student, he has done his job, he said.

"I've been teaching long enough to know it only takes one kid to make a difference." With "Classroom in the Clouds," Provenzano hopes to "help other teachers be that teacher for someone."



COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured at the meet, front row from left, are Haleigh Howard, Maria Fields, Shekinah Aho, Matthew Valente, Megan Driver, Courtney Mecke, Christina Thomas and Harriett Whitaker, moderator. Back row from left are Isabella Tomlinson, Ian Shogren, Sade Shaw, Josh Roberts, Isabella Cubba, May Savage, Prosperity Dickerson and Sadie Kuelling.

## GPA forensics

The Grosse Pointe Academy's seventh- and eighth-grade forensics team participated Saturday, Dec. 12, in a meet sponsored by the Eastside Catholic Forensics League at St. Joan of Arc School in St. Clair Shores. GPA eighth-grader Maria Fields earned three first-place awards and first overall in the declamation category.

"Multiple students received first, second and third places with every GPA student placing at least once," said sixth- and seventh-grade teacher

Harriett Whitaker, who moderates the GPA's forensics activity.

Eighth-graders Megan Driver and Shekinah Aho each received two firsts, a second and second overall. Seventh-graders Prosperity Dickerson, May Savage and Sadie Kuelling each earned one first. Seventh-graders Christina Thomas and Courtney Mecke along with eighth-graders Isabella Tomlinson, Josh Roberts and Matthew Valente each placed third in at least one round.

## Week Ahead

### EIGHTH-GRADE NIGHT

◆ Parents of eighth-graders whose children plan to attend Grosse Pointe North or South high

school as freshmen in fall 2016 are invited to an information night 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6, at North's Performing Arts Center or South's auditorium.

◆ Parents of eighth-graders enrolled in public, parochial or private schools are encouraged to attend. Call North or South's counseling centers with questions.

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**SANTA:**

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Dear Santa,  
I have been very good. I want pie in the face game, school supplies, barbies, a barbie house, a new blanket, chocolate, Little pet shop, candy canes, snow to fall on christmas eve and christmas morning, new ice skates, a lap top, bin for books, go on a trip to disney world.

Love,  
Tessa

Dear Santa,  
How you are I would like a wii, pie face, xbox michigan pix, monopoly Hear and nowg iPad mini madden I hope you have a good christmas.

Sincerely,  
Andrew

Dear Santa,

Chrsmas is my fafrit holiday. I will only like one present this christmas. And some coal. I hope you have a good christmas to and my famely.

Sincerely,  
Jack

Dear Santa,  
Hwo are you and hwo are your elfs doing. I mene good but I olea have a fyow things. Can I have a spy kit, puppy sli-pers like boots and a iPod 5 with an owl case. Thank you.

Love,  
Guilia

Dear Santa,  
Christmas is my favorite holiday! I want a i-pad mini because my mom says I need one (or an ipad.) Melf has been the best elf EVER!

Sincerely,  
Avery

Dear Santa,  
Christmas is my favret holiday. I like that you give presins I like giving them to. My favret thing is being with my family.

Sincerely,  
Mark

Dear Santa,  
I hope you are doing well at the north pole ow can I tell you a few things I won't for Christmas esey bake oven, zomet kitey, light safer, spy kit, amarican gril doll kit karilin, Amarican Graces shop, snow glob of santas work shop.

Lydia

Dear Santa,

How have you ban these are some things I want halo, police station, zopy strike, miring action figer's there is more things that I want I will

tale you more thing later marey Christmas!

Sincerely,  
Liam

Dear Santa,  
I rerly want is close. makup cit, shoos, dols.

Sincerely  
Hope

Dear Sasnta,  
I relly want a green light saber and I want a Xbox also a star wars video game and a I want a fhoneI and I want you to tell the elf owen that he can talk to me.

Love,  
Dimitris

Dear Santa,  
I've have been good. and also Christmas is my favorite holiday. I love candy, cards, and food. But I like presents the best! I also like giving presents to Love you Santa.

Sincerely,  
Cameron

Dear Santa,  
I rerly want for Christmas is pokemon cards. Can I please get two pacits of pokemon cards? The ether thing I rerly want for Christmas is skylander Supercharchers. Can I get some ecchra skylander.

Love,  
Christian

Dear Santa,  
I want minceaf Legos a golb I also want a new bike and a Elf on the Slef. And the new game pie face game. One more thing the Hot wheel groar.

Love,  
Jacob

Dear Santa,  
I have been very good this year I want a scooter, a cace for my i-phone, box of crans, a bell for my bike, a toy nose so I can be like Rudeuph, a cace of coler peceuls, different colerd pare sheets, calendr, ice skates that are light blue with pink sparkels.

Love,  
Ryan

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a bike lock, silly putty, my own puppy and a iphone. Do you now where my elf Phil is? Am I on the nice list this year? I will give you extra cookies! I can't wait intil christmas. I hope you have a good time delivering presents.

Love,  
Philip

Dear Santa,  
I hope I am not on the "noughy List" this year. I really want a science kit this year. Travel safely on that big sleigh of yours. If I was on it I would freak

out. Sir I thank you and I think you are brave. I will give you exhre cookes and extra carrots for the reindeers. I will have different flavors and I will have different flavors and I will put my magic dust in the grass.

Sincerely,  
Silas

Dear Santa,  
I hope my name is on your "nice list" this year. I think I have been very good this year. I helped my mom bring the laundry up stairs. I am wishing for a new game. I will leave 4 cookies and a full glass of milk

Sincerely  
Chase

Dear Santa,  
I hope you fit down the chimney this year ... ha ha! Remember Chistmas is almost here! I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I will leave cookies and milk for you and I will leave carrots for the Reindeer.

Love,  
Oliver

P.S. I hope I get the Nerf gun that is what I want.

Dear Santa,  
Merry Chrstmas! I hope my name is not on your naughty list. I am wishing a new dog, a Yorkie. If I get one I would name him Popcorn. I hope you have a great Christmas with Mrs. Claws.

Gavin

Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas! I hope you and the Elves are ready to come to Michigan this year. I hope that you and Frosty are having a good time in the north pole. P.S. I hope the elves are not pulling pranks on them.

Brett

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## Senior giving Volunteers deliver Christmas cheer to seniors in need

By Jody McVeigh  
Community Editor

The woman whose husband recently passed away.

The elderly mother taking care of her ailing son.

The recently diagnosed cancer patient soon entering hospice.

These are just a few of the seniors in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods whose Christmases will be a little brighter this year thanks to the helping hands of Services for Older Citizens.

For around 20 years, SOC volunteers have packaged Christmas baskets for needy seniors, many of whom are moved to tears when told about the gift.

"I called the seniors and asked them if they'd like to receive a Christmas basket," SOC social work intern Samantha Winters said. "A lot of people were completely humbled by this .... It was just amazing. For some of them, this is the only Christmas gift they're going to get."



Left, Kathryn Gilbert and her mother, Jean Gilbert, help make holiday baskets by adding toothbrushes and toothpaste, which were required for each basket. Right, Lynne Campbell loads up her car to deliver holiday baskets to homebound seniors.



special project happen," said Heidi Uhlig, volunteer coordinator.

Added SOC Executive Director David Dieter, "We could not fulfill our mission without this marvelous support."

"SOC is invested in building our community," he continued, "a community that both celebrates and cares about older adults and makes it a lifelong home for all residents."

Winters, who coordinated donations, drivers and delivery routes, said SOC volunteers were key to making the event possible. More than 60 people assembled and wrapped 100 baskets Thursday, Dec. 17, then delivered the baskets the next day.

"We have an amazing group of volunteers," Winters said. "The people that come here are just a joy to be around .... It's a very rewarding way to end my internship."

One such volunteer, Rich Shetler, has assembled

baskets with his father and son for at least five years.

"I wish we could deliver all of them," he said. "It is what makes Christmas come alive for us."

First-time volunteer Catherine Gillis of Grosse Pointe Woods said she had a wonderful time assembling baskets.

"It seemed like this was a way I could be useful," she said.

Christmas baskets this year were funded by a donation from the Mary Thompson Foundation.

"Their gift exemplifies

the spirit of caring for our community," said Deb Miller, SOC director of communication and fund development, adding many individuals and organizations also donated food, personal care items and activity books for the baskets.

Each basket also included wrapped gifts and gift cards, as well as Christmas cards handmade by students from various Girls Scout troops and service organizations.

"Hundreds of volunteer hours go into making this



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Jann Hight and Sharon Michael prepare cellophane to wrap a basket. In the background wrapping are Fran Ahee, Roz Peters and Jackie Thomas.

## Chapel celebrates life through photographs

By Jody McVeigh  
Community Editor

Around 100 people attended the Dec. 6 memorial service at Bon Secours Chapel, located on the second floor of Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

Worshippers heard the words preached by Fr. Rich Bartoszek, but many of them focused on the two trees behind him. On those trees, among the red and gold holiday decorations, hang dozens of photographs of people who passed away at the hospital, this year and years before.

"I saw it done in a congregational church years ago in northern Michigan," Bartoszek said. "I thought it was a nice idea to do here. We've always had a memorial service at Christmas time, inviting those who've had a death in their life to worship."

For the last nine years, people have brought photos of their loved ones to put on the trees, so many so the 7-foot trees had to be replaced by 10-foot



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Fr. Rich Bartoszek hangs a photo on one of two trees displayed in the Bon Secours Chapel at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe. The photos are tributes to people who have passed away at the hospital.

trees. "People come throughout the years and see pictures of their families here," Bartoszek said. "It's healing for them. It's amazing to think of the number of stories with all these pictures."

"This year was one of the largest crowds we've had," he continued. "And some people came later in the day because they couldn't come to Mass."

Apart from patients, photos also include staff who've passed away. The

trees were put up the weekend after Thanksgiving and will be taken down Monday, Jan. 4.

"Holidays are difficult for families (who've lost a loved one), especially the first holiday," Bartoszek said. "For them to be able to come and celebrate is healing. This year's service reflected on what the person was doing when the photo was taken."

"Sometimes what prevents people's healing is an emotional crisis or maybe they're having a spiritual crisis," he continued. "No one is ever ready to be alone after any time with someone they love .... When they come together here and see people crying, they know they're not alone. Tears are one of the greatest signs of love."

Bartoszek, who has been hospital chaplain for 17 years, said while the 160-person chapel



Two 10-foot trees grace the altar in the Bon Secours Chapel, paying tribute to loved ones who've passed away.

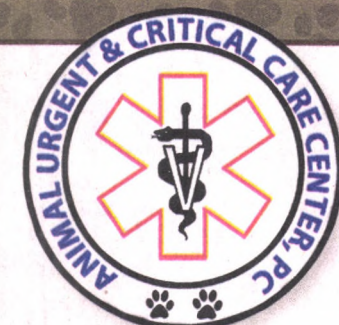
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AREA ACTIVITIES

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**Rotary**

The Rotary Club of Grosse Pointe meets at noon Mondays in the Fries Ballroom at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Each week features a speaker and lunch is available for \$20.

**Reunion**

Grosse Pointe South High School class of 2000 hosts a casual get-together for its 15-year reunion at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, at Bayview Yacht Club. Email [gpsclassof2000@gmail.com](mailto:gpsclassof2000@gmail.com) or follow [gpsclasstwothousand](https://www.facebook.com/gpsclasstwothousand) on Facebook.

**Toastmasters**

Northeastern Toastmasters meets at 7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 28, at the Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center, 19305 Vernier, Harper Woods. Call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pkielek at (313) 884-4201.

**Blood drives**

The American Red Cross hosts blood drives 11:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29, at the Grosse Pointe Woods

Community Center, 20025 Mack, and 1:30 to 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. To register, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

**SOC**

Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts a Book Discussion Club meeting at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30, at SOC to discuss "The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry," by Gabrielle Zevin. Call (313) 882-9600.

**Libraries**

The Grosse Pointe Public Library Woods Branch, 20680 Mack, presents its "Rockin' New Year's Noon Bash" at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29. Children ages 5 and younger are invited to bring their families for music, dancing and fun. Call (313) 343-2072.

**Palette Club**

The next general membership meeting of the Lakeside Palette Club takes place 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4, at the St. Clair Shores Library, 22500 11 Mile Road. Valerie Allen, with Golden Artist Colors, discusses what's new in the world of paints and introduces new watercolor and oil paints. The public is welcome. Visit [lakesidepaletteclub.org](http://lakesidepaletteclub.org) or e-mail [info@lakesidepaletteclub.org](mailto:info@lakesidepaletteclub.org).

Women's Leadership lecture

The Women's Leadership Initiative was established in 2008 to educate female community and business leaders on healthcare topics of interest to them and their families and to identify future volunteer and philanthropic leaders for Beaumont Hospital.

Oct. 21, the Beaumont Foundation hosted its annual Women's Leadership Initiative event at the Grosse Pointe Club in Grosse Pointe Farms. The theme was "Aging Gracefully." Speakers included Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe doctors Christine Chelladurai D.O., geriatric medicine; Sarine John-Rosman M.D., cardiovascular medicine and Anne McCarren M.D., obstetrics and gynecology. More than 80 guests attended the event. The lecture was sponsored by Talmer Bank and Trust.



Left, Women's Leadership Initiative co-chairwomen Patsy Gotfredson and Mary Farley. Below, Donna Hoban M.D., physician-in-chief at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, and panel speakers, Sarine John-Rosman M.D., Anne McCarren M.D. and Christine Chelladurai D.O.

COURTESY PHOTOS



St. John Providence volunteers honored

Four volunteers have been recognized for their dedication to St. John Providence, its hospitals, services and events. They were honored as "distinguished volunteers" by the Greater Detroit Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals at the National Philanthropy

Day dinner Nov. 12. Distinguished volunteers are advocates, leaders and mentors whose passion, commitment and leadership for their respective causes inspires philanthropic action and community involvement in southeast Michigan. Joyce Holdman, of

Grosse Pointe, has volunteered for the Holley Institute, a subsidiary of St. John Providence, weekly since 2007 and has accumulated more than 1,050 service hours providing newborn hearing screenings for approximately 3,150 newborns at St. John Hospital & Medical

Center. Her dedication is evident in her work; she has not missed more than two consecutive weeks of volunteering in eight years and has detected more than nine newborns with hearing loss. Holdman is compassionate, reliable and supportive. See HONORED, page 6B

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remind people of the importance of supporting local churches.

"The chapel and Spiritual Care Department also serve as

a bridge of bringing people back to their faith," he said. "Some come for a few weeks and then find a church closer to home. We serve as a bridge builder for those who've lost their faith or their practice of faith."

The chapel is open 24/7 for anyone to worship. It has hosted baptisms and a few weddings, but largely serves as a place of prayer for all.

"Beaumont has been very, very supportive of maintaining the spiritual care that has been part of this hospital, that we be a strong presence in the community," Bartoszek said.

"Fr. Rich gives patients and their families something that is a central part of our spiritual being — a place to go," said Donna Hoban M.D., Beaumont's senior vice president and physician-in-chief. "That is especially wonderful to have when we are sick or at the end of life. Fr. Rich is very inclusive. He has also created a space for doctors, staff and patients of all faiths to come and pray. He has always been extremely popular with patients and the community."

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# ONE FUN RUN

## Ring in the new year on Belle Isle

By Jody McVeigh  
Community Editor

Since 1970, Grosse Pointe Park resident Jeanne Bocci has organized a New Year's Eve daytime run and has watched it grow from 14 participants to more than 3,000. She's been at the helm the entire time and has quite a few stories to tell.

In its early years, the event was hosted at Windmill Pointe Park, but as the number of participants grew, Bocci knew accommodations had to change — especially since she was feeding runners at her home after the race.

In 1975, the race's 250 runners ran on Belle Isle for the first time. While

the run has stayed on the island for 40 years, the post-run meal has moved around, from Cobo Hall and Cobo Arena to the Broadhead Armory on Belle Isle and most recently to the Belle Isle Casino.

As the race grew, corporate sponsors were added to help cover costs — T-shirts, food, trophies for children. Hughes & Hatcher first asked to sponsor the event in 1975. Little Caesars became its sponsor in 1990 and Fifth Third Bank is in its 10th year of sponsorship.

"You cannot do this without a sponsor," Bocci said. "You can't do this without 50 to 100 volunteers, either. Everyone thinks you wiggle your

nose and the race takes place."

Volunteers have served various roles in the run's 46 years, from cooking spaghetti and handing out water bottles to serving as race marshals, radio controllers and other posts.

"I think it's just so unique for a family fun run," Bocci said. "And it doesn't have to be family. It can be individuals. It's a healthy way to ring in the new year and to encourage children that they can do this."

Bocci said the event draws 100 to 150 children and many Grosse Pointers, including her own family.

"We've got people still coming back, who ran as a child and now have

grandchildren who come," she said. "There are so many fun, interesting stories."

Like the time former Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer participated. Or when Little Caesars and Detroit Red Wings owner Mike Ilitch ran. There also were the times volunteers had to shovel snow from the path because the city's plows didn't operate on the holiday. There have been a few weddings at the event during the years as well.

"We ran out of spaghetti for 4,000 people at Cobo Hall," Bocci recalled. "We had to give beans and crackers to the last groups. When we were at my house with 250 people, we had to run to buy pounds and

pounds of more pasta noodles, because I didn't know all 250 were coming back to the house."

One year the meal took place in the basement of the Belle Isle Aquarium. When water from the aquarium started leaking through the basement ceiling, Bocci was grateful it wasn't dripping into her food.

"Thank goodness we're not making spaghetti anymore," Bocci said, adding for the last 15 years runners have gotten fresh fruit, bagels and hot chocolate post race.

Bocci has made sure to keep the cost of the event low to encourage parents to bring their children. Entry for children is \$15, \$35 for adults.

If there is a profit, it

goes to Special Olympics of Michigan.

The 46th annual Belle Isle New Year's Eve Family Fun Run takes place 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, at the Belle Isle Casino. Early registration begins at noon. Parking is free. Entry fees include a long-sleeve T-shirt, food and beverages and medals for the first 1,000 5K finishers. Children 12 and younger receive trophies and registered Boy and Girl Scouts receive Fun Patches.

This year's event is sponsored by Fifth Third Bank, Hansons Running Shop, Michigan Fitness Foundation and Atwater Brewery.

For information or to register, visit [belleislefun.com](http://belleislefun.com).

**A LA ANNIE** By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

## Try a baked Monte Cristo for Christmas

Merry Christmas. Welcome to the season of plenty — no school, less work and plenty of time to make a special breakfast for your family. I'm a fan of "overnight" bakes, whether a savory strata or something sweet like French toast. This year I'm pairing both with my take on one of America's older specialty sandwiches, the Monte Cristo. There are many variations of this sandwich depending on where you live and who you know. Here is mine.

### Monte Cristo Breakfast Bake (feeds 8 to 12)

12 large eggs  
1 cup half and half  
1 cup skim milk (or other)  
12 slices Texas toast  
1/4 cup raspberry preserves  
1/2 lb. quality boiled ham, thinly sliced  
1/2 lb. thinly sliced Swiss cheese  
2 tablespoons mayonnaise  
powdered sugar and warm maple syrup for serving

Grease a 9-by-13-inch baking dish and set aside. Whisk the eggs together with the half and half and milk. Pour about 1 cup of the mixture into the prepared dish. Smear 2 teaspoons of the raspberry preserves over one side of six of the slices of the Texas toast, then place side by side jelly side up in the baking dish.

Layer the ham over the bread as evenly as possible. Layer the Swiss cheese over the ham as evenly as possible. Smear 1 teaspoon of mayonnaise over one side of the remaining six slices of Texas toast, then place them mayo-side down over the Swiss cheese, side by side. Pour the remaining egg mixture evenly over the bread. Cover tightly with plastic wrap and chill overnight in the refrigerator.

In the morning, remove the dish from the refrigerator and allow it to rest for 30 minutes before baking.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Bake the Monte Cristo for 45 minutes or longer, until it's fluffed



up and golden brown. Cut into sandwiches and then in half on the diagonal.

Dust with powdered sugar and drizzle with

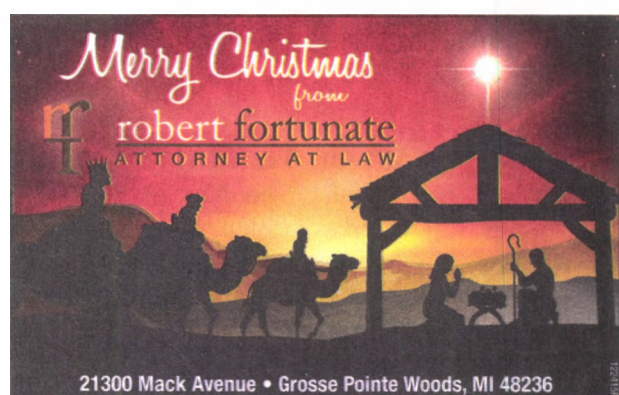
warm maple syrup.

Enjoy baked Monte Cristo for any meal during the season of plenty. The flavors all come together for

the "perfect bite" every time.

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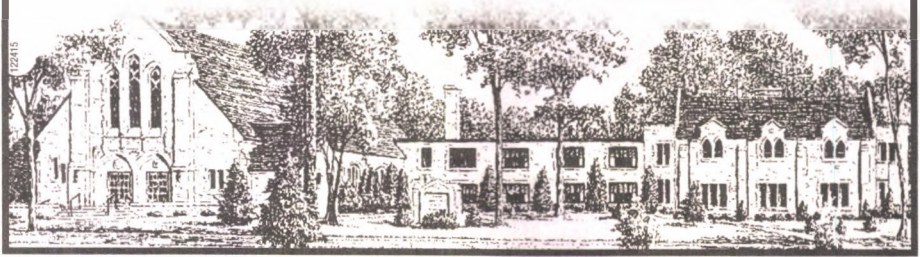
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**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
Friday, December 25, 2015  
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# OBITUARIES

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.

## Victor Anderson

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Victor Anderson, 80, died Thursday, Dec. 3, 2015, in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

He was born June 20, 1935, in London, Ontario, Canada, to Victor and Marjorie Anderson and graduated in 1954 from Medway High School in Arva, Ontario.

He was a linotype machinist for 30 years beginning work in 1957 at the Akron Beacon Journal and then moving to Grosse Pointe and working at The Detroit News, The Detroit Free Press and finally The Royal Oak Tribune. He then was a machine builder in the automotive industry.

Mr. Anderson's interests included cars and sports. He coached baseball for 13- to 15-year-olds in the Woods-Shores Automotive League. He was a member of Lions Clubs International.

Mr. Anderson is survived by his wife, Arlie; daughter, Ann Anderson; son, David Anderson (Jamie) and grandchildren, Summer, Mariah and Austin Anderson. He also is survived by his brother, Nick Anderson (Line).

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Sally Hodgins.

A funeral service was held Dec. 20 at Cedar Valley Unitarian Universalists church in Cedar Falls.

Donations may be made to the National Parkinson

Foundation at parkinson.org or the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org.

## Nancy Ward Mahoney

Former Grosse Pointe resident Nancy Ward Mahoney, 83, passed away peacefully Thursday, Dec. 17, 2015, in Charlevoix, after a brave and long fight against Alzheimer's disease.

Nancy was born Jan. 19, 1932, in Detroit, to Marion and Raymond Pillsbury. She graduated from Denby High School, Detroit, in 1950 and married her high school sweetheart, Gerald "Jerry" Mahoney, May 10, 1952.

Besides being a loving wife, partner and mother, Nancy was a gifted diver and swimmer on the Denby High School team, a respected and involved member of the National Ski Patrol and a nationally certified professional ski instructor. She also taught American Red Cross first aid.

Nancy started a ski exchange out of her basement to help provide affordable snow ski equipment to all, contributed to the development and growth of the Neighborhood Club Girls Softball League and created and ran the Snow Birds Ski Club, teaching a sport she loved to children of all ages and passing on her love of snow skiing to all involved. She will be missed.

Nancy is survived by her children, Keith (Connie), Karen Hadley

(Douglas) and Kimberly Jones (Benjamin); six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Jerry, in 2007.

Per Nancy's wishes there is no memorial service.

Donations may be made in Nancy's name to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America at alzfdn.org.

## Patricia Jean Cadieux Jean

Former longtime Grosse Pointe resident Patricia Jean Cadieux Jean, 92, passed away Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015, in Clermont, Fla. She was the last surviving of the five Grosse Pointe Cadieux daughters.

Patricia was born Sept. 8, 1923, in Grosse Pointe, to Aloysius and Gertrude Walsh Cadieux and graduated in 1941 from St. Ambrose High School in Grosse Pointe Park. In 1946, she married C. Fred Jean at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church.

Patricia was employed at the Grosse Pointe News and was a partner at Scribner-Jean florist. She and her husband moved to Florida in retirement.

Patricia is survived by Fred, her husband of 69 years; daughters, Christine O'Connor (E. Hamilton III) and Sally Oberlies (Don); grandchildren, Jennifer Eaton (Jimmy) and Michael Ball and great-granddaughter, Dokotah.



Victor Anderson



Nancy Ward Mahoney



Patricia Cadieux Jean



Selden Bennett Daume Jr.



Betty Lou Moran



Jean Lyons

## Selden Bennett Daume Jr.

Selden Bennett Daume Jr., 80, died peacefully, Sunday, Dec. 20, 2015, at Riverview Health and Rehab North, in Detroit.

Ben, as he was known, was born Aug. 16, 1935, in Detroit, to Selden Bennett and Joyce Dalrymple Daume. After attending local schools, he graduated from St. Paul's School in Concord, N.H. He attended Kenyon College in Ohio and received an undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan in 1958. Ben then served in the U.S. Navy before earning a Master of Business Administration degree from Michigan State University in 1966.

After a brief period in banking at City National Bank, Ben had a long career at Apache ODE and Crimson Properties Inc.

Ben loved spending summers on Nantucket Island. He was a dog lover, but his great love was Christ Church Grosse Pointe, especially the youth ministry. As early as the 1960s, Ben was creating and growing programs like Millers Place, a safe spot for youth to gather with music in a coffee house environment. Ben then started and led Pizza Lunch as another avenue for Christ Church youth to interact with and provide service to local youths. He also was instrumental in establishing Stephen Ministries at Christ Church, and was an integral part of the Intercessory Prayer Service and lay healing ministries.

Ben is survived by his sister, Susan D. Lambrecht (Edward F); sister-in-law, Sheila B. Daume and nephews, Edward F. Lambrecht III, Samuel D. Daume Jr. (Cappy); Jeffery E. Daume (Liz) and Selden B. Daume II (Kara).

He was predeceased by his brother, Samuel D. Daume and half-sister, Daphne Daume.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Boulevard, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made

to the youth ministries at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or Nantucket Conservation Foundation, 118 Cliff Road, Nantucket, MA 02554.

## Betty Lou Moran

Grosse Pointe Park resident Betty Lou Moran, 90, died Monday, Dec. 7, 2015.

She was born May 23, 1925, in Detroit to Russell and Mildred O'hara.

Mrs. Moran enjoyed attending theater performances, traveling and boating. She was a member of the Grosse Pointe Theatre.

Mrs. Moran is survived by her stepson, Neal Moran. She was predeceased by her husband, Arthur Patrick Moran.

A funeral service will be held at noon, Wednesday, Dec. 30, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. Visitation begins at 11 a.m.

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

## Jean Lyons

Jean Lyons, 89, died Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015, in Palo Alto, Calif.

She was born in Connellsville, Pa., to Charles and Lillian Lashinsky and earned a Registered Nursing degree from Johns Hopkins University in 1947 and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1956. Jean worked as a registered nurse at St. Mary's Nursing Home in St. Clair Shores. She also worked as a retail associate at Pointe Pedlar formerly in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Jean enjoyed playing bridge, volunteering for various community organizations, cooking and needlepoint.

Jean is survived by her son, David Lyons and grandchildren, Tripp, Piper and Beckett Lyons.

She was predeceased earlier this year by her sis-



Jack Lewis Williams

ter, Peggy Thompson.

A funeral service was held Dec. 22, at Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery, Southfield.

## Jack Lewis Williams

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Jack Lewis Williams, 46, died Saturday, Dec. 19, 2015.

He was the loving husband of Leann and dearest father of Trent, Troy and Jack. He also is survived by his mother, Janis; sisters, Jennifer Butterfield (Brad) and Deborah Smith and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his father, Jack Williams.

A funeral service was held Dec. 23 at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to the Jack Lewis Williams Scholarship Fund, c/o Belger CPA, 31485 Groesbeck, Suite A, Fraser, MI 48026.

Share a memory at [ahpeters.com](http://ahpeters.com).

## Ford House honored

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House was honored by the Michigan Green Industry Association as the 2015 winner of the Chairman's Award, given to an organization that contributes to the quality of the environment and magnificence of the landscape.

The nomination and voting process for the award is done exclusively by the MGIA Board of Trustees. Previous winners have included Domino Farms, Frederik Meijer Gardens and the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy.

"We are extremely honored to be receiving the Chairman's Award," said Karl Koto, director of landscapes. "This award is a testament to the continued skill and passion of our landscape team. It was Eleanor Ford's wish to preserve the estate for the enrichment of the public and receiving the Chairman's Award reflects the dedication of the entire organization to conserve this magnificent estate and its historically important landscape."

When planning their family home, Edsel and Eleanor Ford wanted a setting that provided both wide-open and intimate outdoor spaces, with special places for sports, relaxation, nature and gatherings. The Fords turned to Jens Jensen, one of America's foremost landscape designers and conservationists, to create



COURTESY PHOTO

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House was honored by the Michigan Green Industry Association for its contribution to the quality of the environment and magnificence of the landscape.

a work of art between 1926 and 1932. Known as a master of the naturalistic approach to landscaping, Jensen's design style combines woodlands, meadows and wetlands in a natural way so guests are usually not aware of any man-made design. His approach sought to engage all five human senses — the sight of many colors and shapes, the sound of water running, the smell of flowers in bloom, the taste of berries and the feeling of being surrounded by nature.

Today, a team of six full-time, one part-time and two seasonal landscape employees maintain the property, including 43 acres of turf, 1.25 miles of roads, 1.5 miles of paths and 7,000 linear feet of shoreline. Each year the landscape team plants

more than 5,000 new bulbs and tends to the remarkably old-growth forest, which includes more than 2,200 trees. The landscaping staff today continues to fulfill Eleanor Ford's wishes for the estate to be a historic resource and a dynamic work of landscaping art for the public to enjoy for years to come.

In 2015, more than \$2 million was spent on site upgrades necessary to protect and improve the aging landscape and systems infrastructure.

"We are extremely pleased to be able to honor the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House with this award," said Diane Andrews, executive director of the Michigan Green Industry Association. "The grounds are the epitome of magnificence of the landscape."

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Mary Cryderman

# The power of winter play

Q: I'm curious about schools letting children play in the cold, snow, wind, etc. Should I be concerned about this when I send my little ones?

A: Bundle up your children before they go to school this winter because playtime outdoors is as crucial to their development as taking tests at desks.

Inspired by research from Finland, the top educational system in the world, where school children have 20 minutes of recess every 45 minutes throughout the day, the Detroit Waldorf School sends students out to play in all weather because of a strong belief in the power of play to help knowledge from classroom lessons take hold.

Research shows knowledge needs time to seep in — and that happens best when there is a break from straight-on learning. Waldorf philosophy is based on the idea of capturing what is natural for children, who experience the world through the senses. Learning takes place on the playground as deeply as structured learning.

Students at Waldorf play outside in all weather. Play is extremely important for assimilating new knowledge, building problem-solving skills and coordination, empathy and social/emotional intelligence. It also promotes the development of eye focus and coordination.

The play-based early childhood curriculum is grounded in the idea children have a huge need for movement. In this time of obesity in our increasingly sedentary society, we are extremely focused on meeting the natural needs of our students while

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ASK THE EXPERTS articles

encouraging a healthy balance of learning and play.

A lack of enough play time, not to mention distance from fresh air and winter sunshine, leads to a lack of ability to self-soothe, to think outside the box and to develop a strong sense of imagination.

Mary Cryderman is a pre-K lead teacher at Detroit Waldorf School, which provides a rich and dynamic pre-K to eighth-grade Waldorf education to a geographically, racially and socio-economically diverse student body in Detroit and southeast Michigan. For more information, visit [detroitwaldorf.org](http://detroitwaldorf.org) or call (313) 822-0300. Detroit Waldorf School is a member of the Family Center's Association of Professionals.

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Grosse Pointe Rotarians John Maliszewski, George McMullen, Richard Yeager-Stiver, Diane Strickler and Paul Rentenbach are weary after a day of paint priming.



Yeager-Stiver paints doors.

### Blitz Build

This fall, Habitat for Humanity held a Blitz Build in the Morningside community, west of Mack at Buckingham. Rotarians from Grosse Pointe Rotary and Livonia primed and painted two homes for occupancy in December.



Far left, McMullen preps the ceiling. Left, Rotarian Ted Everingham rolls on primer over new sheet-rock.

## Stress less in the new year

By Rebecca Palen



Beaumont Community Health Coalition

Can stress really make a person sick? The answer is, yes. Recent research has discovered a link between the brain and immune system. If you are chronically stressed, the part of the brain that controls the stress response is constantly pumping out stress hormones, which limits the immune system's response to stimuli.

While we all have strategies for managing stress, often our go-to coping mechanisms

aren't very healthy. The key is to persevere until we establish positive stress-management strategies which can help us gain peace, balance and momentum.

In addition to establishing effective coping skills, it also is important to nurture a positive outlook on life by adjusting thoughts and beliefs about daily events, as well as our personal interactions.

Here are some suggestions for easy actions we can begin taking to more effectively manage our stress.

- ◆ Consciously manage/adjust our bodily reactions/stress responses

- ◆ Manage and change environment, stress triggers in particular

- ◆ Change our perception of stressful events
- ◆ How well are you incorporating the following stress management activities into your daily life?

- ◆ Let go of resistance
- ◆ Employ relaxation techniques
- ◆ Explore/practice meditation
- ◆ Eat healthy
- ◆ Establish a good sleep routine
- ◆ Practice rational thinking
- ◆ Improve personal perceptions
- ◆ Maintain a positive attitude

Consider incorporating or building on one or two of the suggested strategies that resonate most with you.

Rebecca Palen, MPA, LMSW, is a psychotherapist at H3 — Hope, Healing & Health, LLC.

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ive. Gloria Kotas, of Grosse Pointe, has been a member of the St. John Providence Hospice Walk With Me event committee since 2011. Her engagement led her to become co-chairwoman for three years. Kotas' determination to grow the event and funds raised for the hospice and palliative care programs is a testament of her passion. She continues as an active committee member, participating in every way to raise funds for this event.

Lori Wheeler, of St. Clair, and Betty Zweng, of Cottrellville, volunteers at St. John River District Hospital, also were honored.

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## BOYS BASKETBALL

### South rains 3s in win over North

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The gymnasium was packed, it was a Friday night and emotions ran high as Grosse Pointe North boys' basketball team hosted archrival Grosse Pointe South.

The Norsemen controlled the opening quarter and led 13-12.

Then the Blue Devils put it all together and seemed like they couldn't miss a shot before winning the game in convincing fashion 67-53.

Revvng the Blue Devils' engine was none other than senior Nate Hall, who hit four straight three-point baskets in the second quarter to turn the one-point deficit into an 11-point margin, 26-15.

"We call Nate the Microwave because he seems to be instant offense when he comes into the game," South head coach Troy Glasser said. "He gave us a scoring spark in our opener a week ago and did it again tonight."

From that point the Blue Devils' offense ran on all cylinders and it was the Norsemen who had to fight to stay within breathing distance.

The visitors built a 54-37 lead after three quarters, thanks to triples from junior Michael Braker and senior Lasse Lappiniemi.

Senior Mitchell Zacharias didn't stop scoring and tried to bring the Norsemen back.

Junior Steve Levick scored nine of his 11 points down the stretch for the Norsemen and Zacharias led the team with 22 points. Senior Ryan Reveley chipped in with eight.

For the Blue Devils, Hall had 19 points, including five three-pointers, and junior Zane Draper had 12 points.

Junior Brennan Buszka had 11 points and Lappiniemi finished with 10.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 2-0 overall, while Grosse Pointe North evened its record at 1-1.



PHOTO BY PAUL KANIA

South's Nate Hall was a one-man wrecking crew, connecting for five triples in the first half to lead the Blue Devils past the Norsemen.

### Liggett results

The University Liggett boys' basketball team let one get away last week.

The Knights led visiting Warren Lincoln 26-20 at the half and held a 41-40 lead after three quarters before losing 69-54.

Senior Spencer Ewing led the way with 16 points, followed by junior Jackson Walkowiak with eight, sophomore

Anthony George with eight, junior Sam Durno with six, senior Thomas Jackson with six and senior Alex Bowman with six.

Last weekend, host Liggett was once again in position to win, but in the end lost 61-58 to Novi Franklin Road Christian in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference opener.

Liggett is 0-1 in the MIAC and 1-3 overall.

## HOCKEY

### Holiday tourneys

South gets best of city rivals at McCann Ice Arena PAGE 2C

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

### Teams go 5-for-5

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls' basketball team is off to a 4-0 start after beating Livonia Ladywood and Sterling Heights Stevenson last week.

The Norsemen started the week with a 56-37 win at Ladywood and ended it with a 54-39 victory at Stevenson.

The Norsemen used a near triple-double from freshman Julia Ayrault, 21 points, eight rebounds, eight assists and five steals, and steady play from senior Erin Armbruster, nine points, and junior Katie Snow, 19 points, to wear down the Blazers.

Against the Titans, Ayrault led the way with 19 points and 10 rebounds.

Armbruster added 13 points and Snow followed with 12 points.

### Liggett results

University Liggett girls' basketball team started fast and never let up in its 54-18 non-league road win last week over Warren

Lincoln.

The Knights forced 45 turnovers and converted a lot of those into layups.

It was 34-10 at the half and 47-14 after three quarters.

Senior Kendall McConico had a double-double, scoring 19 points and grabbing 10 rebounds, while junior Nia Ahart added 19 points.

Host Liggett followed the same formula three nights later as it dismantled Novi Franklin Road Christian 64-23.

Ahart was on fire, scoring 33 points and handing off six assists, and McConico had 25 points and nine rebounds.

Liggett improved to 1-0 in the MIAC and 4-2 overall.

### South results

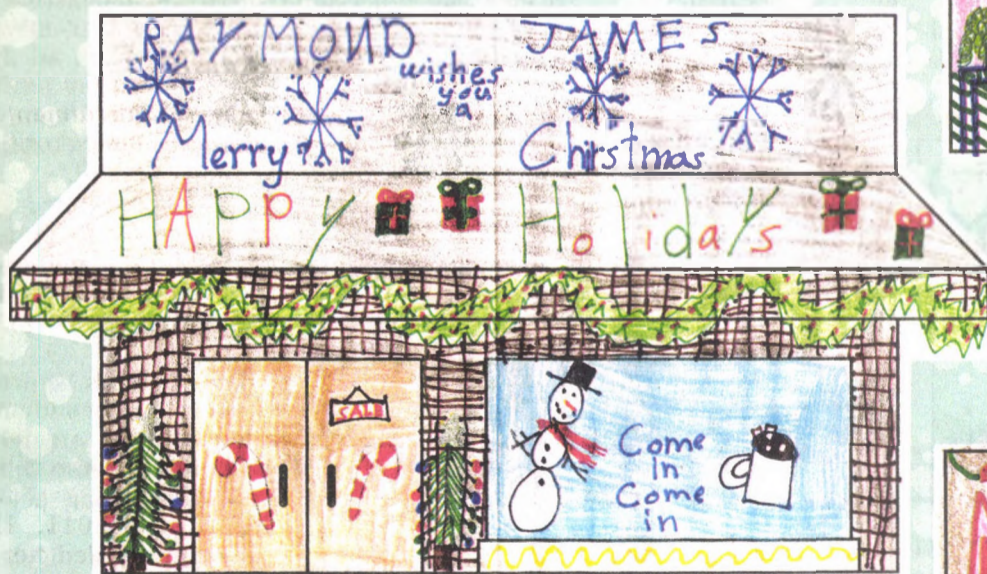
Grosse Pointe South girls' basketball team beat host Oak Park 67-27 last week.

Senior Anna Carmody paced the Blue Devils with 13 points, while senior Noel Prater had a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 2-3.

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## Boys hockey

NORTH, SOUTH &amp; LIGGETT

## Late goal lifts South by Liggett

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Another packed McCann Ice Arena watched city rivals Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett clash on the ice with a tournament title on the line.

Excellent goaltending was the name of the game and in the end it was South pulling off a second straight one-goal win over Liggett, winning 2-1.

"They came after us pretty hard and we expected that since we took it to them the first time we played," South head coach Bobby McKillop said. "We came out a little slow, but we picked up the pace and won a big game in Liggett's building."

The Blue Devils struck first when freshman Andrew Vyletel scored

with senior Marshall Vyletel assisting at the 10:37 mark of the opening period.

A little more than a minute later, sophomore Dylan Paulsell scored, with senior Nick Gawel and sophomore Mason Campau drawing assists.

Several Blue Devils' penalties through the end of the first period and throughout the second period gave the Knights power-play opportunities, but they couldn't convert, leaving it a 1-1 game.

South sophomore Cam Mills and Liggett senior Alex Grimm matched save-for-save until the 5:39 mark of the third period when junior Jack Flynn deflected a pass and the puck went behind Grimm for what turned out to be the winning goal.

Junior Michael French

and Adam Pitters had assists.

Liggett head coach Mike Hamilton pulled Grimm for an extra attacker, but they couldn't get the tying goal.

"We won the game, but we need to play well for an entire three periods, not just one and a half if we're to contend with the big boys in the playoffs," McKillop said.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 7-2-1 overall, while Liggett dropped to 5-3-1.

In the consolation game, Grosse Pointe North fell to 0-8 after losing a tough one, 3-2, to Berkley.

"We did everything we needed to do, but win the game," North head coach Mike Maltese said. "Our morale remains high. The boys know they are playing hard, but one of these days we need a

break to go our way."

The Bears had a quick 2-0 lead five minutes into the opening period, but the Norsemen tied it with two goals in a 57-second span later in the period.

Senior J.P. Navetta scored at the 6:38 mark, with junior Joe Lucchese netting an assist, and at the 5:41 mark it was junior Stephen Kent scoring, with senior Michael Keelan getting an assist.

The Norsemen dominated the second and third periods and ended the game with a 35-11 shot advantage.

However, Berkley scored the game-winning goal on the power play with only 6:16 left in the third period.

In the semifinal games the night before, Liggett defeated Berkley 6-3, while Grosse Pointe South beat Grosse Pointe North 7-1.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

South's Adam Cervone was solid in the tournament title game against host Liggett.

## Girls hockey

NORTH, SOUTH &amp; LIGGETT

## South edges Liggett to win tourney

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Everyone knew the Grosse Pointe South/University Liggett girls' hockey tournament championship game last weekend was going to be close.

These city rivals know bragging rights are on the line and this time it was the host Knights looking for a little redemption after losing to the Blue Devils in last year's state championship game.

Head coach Cassie Jaeckle watched her Knights outplay the Blue Devils through the first

half of the game and grab a 2-0 lead on goals by senior Allison Stapleton and freshman Lucy Barnowske.

South head coach Joe Provenzano never panicked and kept rolling his three lines, knowing it would pay dividends.

He was right as the Blue Devils roared back to score three unanswered goals and win 3-2 to win the annual holiday tournament at McCann Ice Arena.

"The girls found a way to win and our top line was really tough today," Provenzano said. "We have depth and we used it to our advantage. I

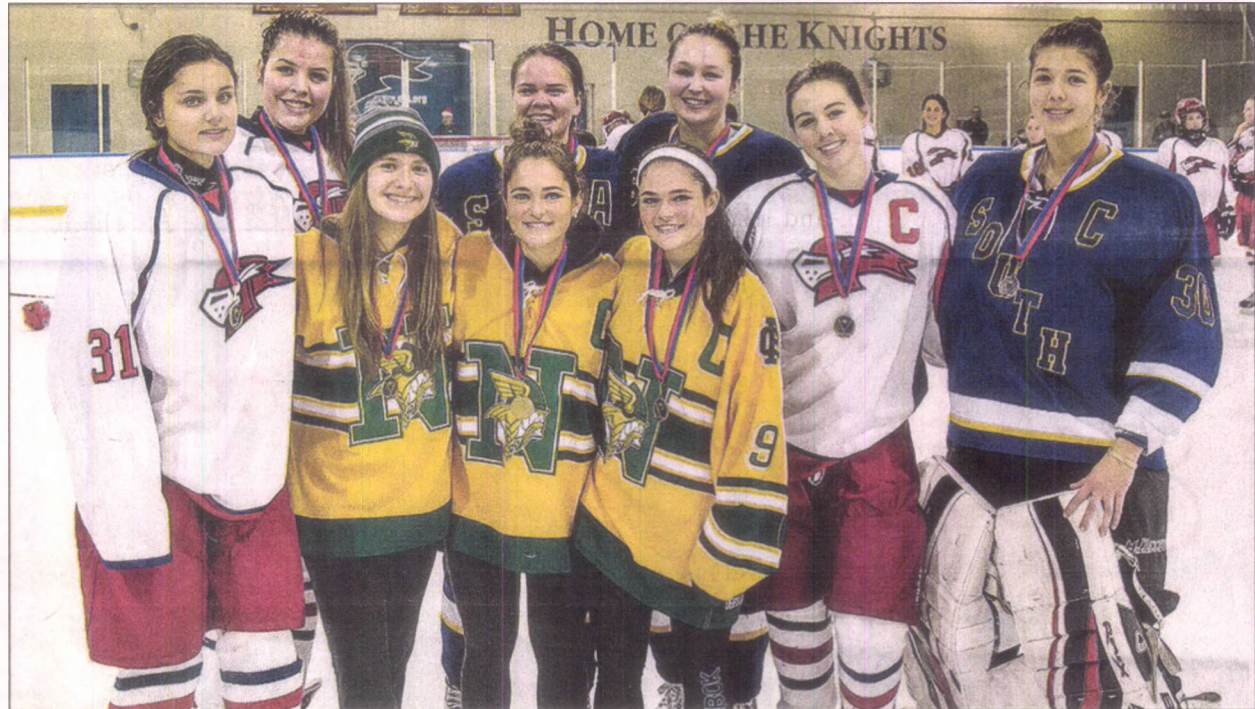


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The local girls who made the tournament Most Valuable Player list were, from left, Liggett's Haley Malewicz, Liggett's Lucy Barnowske, North's Kylee Banaszewski, South's Lauren Kramer, North's Elizabeth Gallagher, South's Emma Frame, North's Lindsay Gallagher, Liggett's Allison Stapleton and South's Bella Strickler.

thought we were able to wear down Liggett, especially in the third period.

"It's a nice win against a good team and we will take that any time."

Senior Emma Frame

got the ball rolling for South with her goal at the 7:14 mark of the second period.

Sophomore Lauren Kramer tied the game with her goal at the 2:17 mark of the second stanza and she scored the game winner with only 3:26 left in the third period.

Sophomore Maria Di Cresce assisted on each

of the three goals and senior goaltender Bella Strickler was in net and earned another win over the Knights.

South improved to 4-1 overall, while Liggett dropped to 5-2-1.

In the consolation game, Grosse Pointe North lost 6-2 to Livonia Ladywood, dropping to 5-4 overall.

"We played a nice game

for two periods before we gave up the four goals," North head coach Joe Lucchese said. "This was a chance to get all the girls consistent shifts against a good team. It didn't go our way, but the girls played hard."

The Norsemen led 1-0 on a goal by freshman Clare Murphy, with fellow freshman Bella Welke netting the lone assist.

The Blazers scored twice in the second and added three straight goals to open the third period, building a 5-1 lead.

Sophomore Kylee Banaszewski scored the Norsemen's second goal with seniors Lora Dobbs and Caroline Bock notching the assists.

In the semifinal games, South defeated North 7-2 behind the efforts of junior Carson Dennis for the Blue Devils and senior Elizabeth Gallagher for the Norsemen.

Liggett beat Ladywood 4-2 behind seniors Molly Murphy, Grace Scarfone, Olivia Portillo and Stapleton.

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Swimming

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

# Guys start season

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys' swimming and diving team has been busy during the first couple of weeks of the season.

On Dec. 12, the Blue Devils finished fifth with 94 points in the 41st Annual EMU Classic Eagle Relays at Eastern Michigan University.

Finishing ahead of South were Saline, Ann Arbor Skyline, Novi Detroit Catholic Central and Livonia Stevenson.

The Blue Devils' 200-yard medley relay team of Matthew Melican, Thomas Jogan, Matthew Koueiter and Clark Frick placed fifth with a time of 1:47.44, while the 800-yard freestyle relay squad of Cam Francis, Julian Palace, A.J. Rizer and Ethan Briggs took sixth with a time of 7:49.99.

Khalib Rahman, Koueiter, Cam Sanders and Jogan took fourth in the 400-yard medley relay with a time of 4:02.98 and taking sixth in the 200-yard freestyle relay were Frick, Connor Mallegg, Nick Vallan and Spencer Rizer with a time of 1:38.39.

The 1,500-yard freestyle relay team of Melican, Sean Miller and Palace placed sixth with a time of 17:01.32, while the 200-yard butterfly relay foursome of Briggs, Rahman, Melican and Francis earned a third-

place finish with a time of 1:43.11.

Earning a silver medal was the 200-yard backstroke relay team of Palace, Mallegg, Francis and Briggs with a time of 1:45.46, and following with another silver medal performance was the 200-yard breaststroke relay squad of Koueiter, Jogan, Miller and Sanders, who had a time of 1:57.56.

South finished third with 355 points in the Dow High Pangborn Invitational Dec. 15. Dexter and Midland Dow finished first and second with more than 400 points.

Some of the top finishers in the meet for the Blue Devils included the 200-yard third division medley relay team of Adam VanOsdol, Miller, Max Finazzo and Jack Burgoyne with a time of 1:57.85, and the 200-yard second division medley relay squad of Palace, Sanders, Koueiter and Mallegg won with a time of 1:47.29.

The 200-yard medley relay first division team of Briggs, Jogan, Melican and Patrick Waterston took third with a time of 1:43.58.

South also had several top finishers in the other events, including a couple of firsts.

South wrapped up the two-weeks with a split in a super meet. The Blue Devils beat Hartland 112-64 and U-D Jesuit 115-65, and lost 129-51

to Ann Arbor Skyline and 93-90 to Chelsea.

The 200-yard medley relay team of Briggs, Jacob Montague, Melican and Waterston took second with a time of 1:41.26 and Montague was second in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:43.27.

In the 200-yard IM, Briggs and Jogan placed fourth and fifth with times of 2:05.20 and 2:10.55 and Waterston was fifth in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 23.44.

Nicholas Rabault was fifth in diving with 98.85 points and Melican was sixth in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 56.65.

Waterston and Vallan placed fifth and seventh in the 100-yard freestyle with times of 51.52 and 53.03, and Briggs had a time of 4:12.80 to take fifth in the 500-yard freestyle.

The Blue Devils had a second-place finish in the 400-yard freestyle relay with Briggs, Waterston, Vallan and Montague at 3:23.20.

Wrestling

NORTH & SOUTH

# Grapplers excel

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South enjoyed some success in last weekend's Macomb County Tournament held at Fitzgerald High School.

In the end, Anchor Bay won a second straight title, earning 228.5 points, while Eisenhower was second

at 225.5.

As for the Norsemen and Blue Devils, the latter finished 16th with 78 points, while the Norsemen placed 27th with 34.

For the Norsemen, Joey Lawnicki took 8th place overall in the 215-pound division.

Chase Mocerri also took 8th place in the 119-pound division.

Matt Moores had a

great tournament, in the 135-pound division, Julien said.

As for the Blue Devils, Luke Davey took eighth in the 275-pound division, while Joe Kurta earned a fifth-place medal in the 160-pound class.

Jon Gough was sixth at 171 pounds and Tyler Thompson led the way with his fourth-place finish at 130 pounds.

Gymnastics

GROSSE POINTE UNIFIED

# Gymnasts make it 2-0

By Jennifer Kusch  
Special Writer

The Grosse Pointe United gymnastics team beat Tecumseh 139-134 last week to move to 2-0.

Carrying the team to the win was Grosse Pointe North junior Isabelle Nguyen, who took first place in every

event and had a strong routine on bars with a score of 9.575.



North seniors Jen Gmeiner and Michelle Ellis also had impactful performances, with Gmeiner taking second place with her bar and beam routines with scores of 8.875 and 8.8, respectively.


Ellis reached a personal best on her floor routine with a score of 9.0, helping the team edge out Tecumseh.

The annual Alumni Meet invites the team's graduated gymnasts back to the gym as they watch their old teammates carry on the team's legacy.

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**Caroling kindergarteners**

Kindergarteners from Trombly Elementary School went caroling along Jefferson Avenue Thursday, Dec. 18. Stops along their tour included Mimi's Bistro and City Hall. Pictured from left are Everett Wood, Mia Rouleau, Nora Shalhoub and Phoebe Francis.

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**Rotary awards**

Pictured with Interact-Rotary Youth Leadership Award Chairman the Rev. Richard Yeager-Stiver are Grosse Pointe South High School Interact Club members Fanny Segers (an exchange student from Belgium), Erykah Benson, Cassie Valis and Ethan Utley. The students attended the District 6400 RYLA assembly at Schoolcraft College in November.

**Dear Santa ...**

The following letters are from Kari Krausmann's first graders and Gina Green and Margaret McCulloch's second graders from Mason Elementary School.

Dear Santa, I hope my name is not on your naughty list this year. Maybe this year I did something wrong but still, I need to be on your nice list. Anyway what I want for Christmas is Counce Off. Hope you have a nice Christmas Santa.

Sincerely,  
Jean-Paul

P.S. Get ready Santa cause Christmas is coming fast!

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas! Thank you for giving everyone a good year especially my baby sister. You are the best! I am wishing for a basketball. I hope you dont get into a snowstorm this Christmas. P.S. Dashers my favorite reindeer.

Sincerely,  
Ari

Dear Santa, Merry christmas! I hope you are getting ready to deliver all the presents. I would like a "Bitty Baby Doll." I would also like an

American Girl Doll. I really hope my name is on your nice list. Don't get stuck in the chimmy. Sincerely,  
Eva

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas! I hope my name is on your "Nice List" this year. I am wishing for 4 American Girl dolls. Travel safely with your reindeers I hope Rudolph's nose is bright on christmas Eve I hope you enjoy the cookies we leave for you.

Love,  
Allison

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas! I hope my name is on your "nice list" this year! How is Dasher doing? I hope

you like my Christmas decorations. I am wishing for a Mystery set.

From,  
Genevieve

Dear Santa, I hope my name is on your "Nice-list" this year. I have been very good this year. I helped my Dad get food a pickup. You might be a very good man. At least I hope you are. I hope Rudoph's nose is bright on Christmas Eve. I am wishang for two American-Girl doll and som shoes and cloths. Merry Christmas!!

Love,  
Josephine

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas I hope every thing is running

good there at the north pole If you can I would like a new pug I hope you travel safely on chimas Eve night.

Love,  
Aiden

ps I hope Rudolf's nose is bright enough to see evry thing.

Dear Santa, Santa please get me 1 more bunny for my bunny Bubbles he is so lonley. So how are you doing? Are your elfs doing ok? My favorite is rudolph. I hope that your reindeer don't get sick. So is Mrs. Claws decorating for Christmas I'm maybe going to be going to floirda. Can you maybe make my mom like Christmas or the joly spirt. Travl safely.

Sincerely,  
Charlotte

Dear Santa, I hope my name is on the nice list I tink I have been good I wont one dog, and halo obst and mega Bloksc. I love elfs and motlr. Love Rudoph Sincerely,  
Teague  
ps I tink you will love the cookes

Dear Santa, I my name is on your nice list this year! I want a PS4 this year and Black OPS 3. Say hi to Mrs. Claus for me. P.S. I wish you a merry Christmas.

Sincerley,  
Malachi

The following letter is from a third grader at Poupard Elementary School.

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<p><b>700 APTS./FLATS/DUPLX POINTES/HARPER WOODS</b>  <b>1216</b> Beaconsfield Upper Flat, rear entrance. Small, two bedrooms \$650/ month. (313)824-7900 or (313)410-4339</p> <p><b>CONDO</b> in Harper Woods, by St. John's. Beautiful, spacious, updated, quiet, second floor. 1 bedroom, huge walk-through closet, appliances, storage and MORE! \$675. Call (906)360-8889</p> <p>Classified Advertising 313-882-6900 ext 1 Grosse Pointe News</p>	<p><b>700 APTS./FLATS/DUPLX POINTES/HARPER WOODS</b>  <b>FULLY</b> furnished Grosse Pointe City, Rivard/ Jefferson, large 3 bedroom, 2 full bath, family room with fireplace \$3,400.          2 Bedroom one bath furnished \$2,000 (313)884-8700</p>	<p><b>702 APTS./FLATS/DUPLX S.C.S./MACOMB COUNTY</b>    <b>\$236.00</b> Motel Rooms, Single Occupancy, Weekly Rental. Microwave, WiFi, Refrigerator, Satellite. Close to XWays 94/696 ShorePointe Motor Lodge, 20000 E. 9, St. Clair Shores (586)773-3700 Limited availability.</p> <p>          Grosse Pointe News          (313)882-6900 ext. 1</p>	<p><b>702 APTS./FLATS/DUPLX S.C.S./MACOMB COUNTY</b>  <b>\$400.</b> and <b>\$415.</b> monthly furnished motel rooms, local phone, utilities, refrigerator, microwave, ShorePointe, 20000 East Nine Mile, St. Clair Shores. (586)773-3700</p> <p><b>\$415 Monthly</b> furnished rooms, local phone, utilities, refrigerator, microwave, satellite TV included. \$415 Security deposit. Shorepointe, 20000 East Nine Mile, St. Clair Shores. Apply within.</p>	<p><b>704 HOUSES-RENT</b>  <b>940- 947</b>          Beaconsfield. Two bedroom apartment and three bedroom single family. Appliances, separate basement. Private parking. Both available immediately. (313)886-0181</p> <p>          See The Classifieds          Grosse Pointe News          (313)882-6900 ext. 1</p>	<p><b>705 HOUSES FOR RENT POINTES/HARPER WOODS</b>  <b>1221</b> Fairholme, Grosse Pointe Woods. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, first floor master bedroom, formal dining room, large kitchen with eating area. All appliances, hardwood floors, sun porch. 2 car attached garage, corner lot. Immaculate. \$2,000 per month. Call (586)792-3990 for appointment.</p> <p>TO PLACE AN AD CALL 313-882-6900 ext 1 Grosse Pointe News</p>	<p><b>706 HOUSES FOR RENT DETROIT/WAYNE COUNTY</b>  <b>TWO</b> and three bedroom houses for rent in Detroit. No pets. Credit Check \$500- \$700/ month plus utilities. (313)882-4132</p> <p><b>716 OFFICE / COMMERCIAL FOR RENT</b>  <b>15005</b> East Jefferson          Totally Redecorated 200 sq ft office \$175/ month. WIFI included (313)824-7900 or (313)410-4339</p> <p><b>COLOR Your Ad</b>          (313)882-6900 x1          Grosse Pointe News</p>	<p><b>716 OFFICE / COMMERCIAL FOR RENT</b>  <b>EXECUTIVE - Professional</b> office space. Individual offices as well as connected space for up to 5 professionals and support staff. Professionally decorated common space includes reception, kitchen and conference rooms. On site basement storage available. Exterior is colonial design with split fieldstone accents. 24825 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores, at 10 mile. (586)779-7810 Bob Garvey</p>
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# DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

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<p><b>911 BRICK / BLOCK WORK</b>          Some classifications are not required by law to be licensed. Please check with the proper state agency to verify license.</p> <p><b>MADISON Maintenance</b> specializing in restoration of chimneys, porches, houses, brick walls, tuck pointing, all masonry. Grosse Pointe resident. Free estimates. Licensed and insured. masonrygp88@gmail.com (313)885-8525 Cell (313)402-7166</p>	<p><b>942 GARAGES</b>  <b>R.D.F.</b> Construction Garage door repairs/ replacement. Lockout service, openers, maintenance, security Licensed/ Insured. 313-308-5074</p> <p><b>943 LANDSCAPERS / TREE SERVICE/GARDENER</b>  <b>DAN Milleville Tree Service</b>          Serving the Pointes 40 years. Emergency service, free estimates. Tree removal and trimming, stump grinding. Call: (586)776-1104 email: danmillevilletreeservice@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>945 HANDYMAN</b>            A affordable price. Mike handyman. Electrical, plumbing, carpentry, hardwood flooring, ceramic, marble, painting. Roofs, bathrooms, basements, kitchens, decks. Code violations. Small or big jobs. (313)237-7607 (586)215-4388 (810)908-4888 Native Grosse Pointer.</p> <p><b>RED BARON ENTERPRISES HANDYMAN SERVICE &amp; CONSTRUCTION</b>  <b>HONEST</b> and dependable. Our family will take care of all of your repair and maintenance needs, small and large jobs, code violations. Licensed and insured. Certificate of occupancy. (313)408-1166          Classifieds: 313-882-6900 x 1          Grosse Pointe News</p>	<p><b>946 HAULING / MOVING</b>    <b>RED BARON ENTERPRISES HANDYMAN SERVICE &amp; CONSTRUCTION</b>  <b>CALL</b> us- Let's talk trash! All your hauling/ moving needs. Garbage, appliances, junk, storage units. Salvageable goods will be donated or recycled. (313)408-1166</p> <p><b>GROSSE POINTE MOVING &amp; STORAGE</b>  <b>Local &amp; Long Distance</b>  <b>822-4400</b>          • Large and Small Jobs          • Pianos (our specialty)          • Appliances          • Saturday, Sunday Service          • Senior Discounts          Owned &amp; Operated By John Steininger  <b>11850 E. Jefferson MPSC-L 19675 Licensed - Insured</b>  <b>FREE ESTIMATES</b></p>	<p><b>948 INSULATION</b>    <b>RED BARON ENTERPRISES HANDYMAN SERVICE &amp; CONSTRUCTION</b>  <b>INSULATE</b> your walls and/ or attic. Free estimates! Let us save you some money this summer &amp; this coming winter! (313)408-1166</p> <p><b>954 PAINTING / DECORATING</b>  <b>BRIAN'S PAINTING</b>          Specializing all types of painting Interior/ Exterior Caulking, window glazing, plaster repair. Expert Gold Silver Leaf Guaranteed Insured Free estimates Reasonable C(586)822-2078 (586)445-0211          Classifieds Work For You To place an ad call: (313)882-6900 x1          Grosse Pointe News</p>	<p><b>954 PAINTING / DECORATING</b>  <b>JOHN'S PAINTING Interior/Exterior Repairing:</b>          Damaged plaster, drywall, cracks, windows puttynig, caulking. Fire/Water damage insurance work. All work guaranteed G. P. References License/Insured Free estimates Senior Discount (313)882-5038</p> <p><b>954 PAINTING / DECORATING</b>    <b>NICK Karoutsos PAINTING</b>          - Since 1965 -          INTERIOR &amp; EXTERIOR RESTORATION          CUSTOM PAINTING  <b>(586)778-9619</b>          - All Work Guaranteed -          FREE ESTIMATES LICENSED - INSURED</p>	<p><b>966 SNOW REMOVAL</b>  <b>WOODLAND Hills Ground Maintenance</b>          Snow Service, Seasonal, Per Plow. Call Tom Togger (586)774-8250</p> <p><b>960 ROOFING SERVICES</b>  <b>GENTILE</b> Roofing, tear-offs, repairs, and gutters. Custom seamless gutters. Licensed, insured. (313)884-1602</p> <p><b>981 WINDOW WASHING</b>  <b>FAMOUS Maintenance.</b> Licensed &amp; insured since 1943. Gutter cleaning/ power washing. (313)884-4300</p>
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**Weekly SUDOKU**  
 by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: \***  
 \* Moderate \*\* Challenging \*\*\* HOO BOY!

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**SOLUTION FOR LAST WEEKS PUZZLE 12/17/15**

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**GROSSE POINTE**  
**War Memorial WMTV**  
 CHANNELS Comcast 5 & 915 A.T.&T. 99 WOW 18

**FEATURED GUESTS AND TOPICS—Dec. 28-Jan. 3**  
 Vitality Plus—6 a.m., 12 noon., 6 p.m., 12 midnight.  
*Exercise*

**Detroit Economic Club 6:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 12:30 a.m.**  
 Bruce Van Saun, Founder, Chairman & CEO  
 Citizens Financial Group

**Mondays at the Max—7:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 1:30 a.m.**  
 WSU Department of Music Concert

**Family Center—8:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m., 2:30 a.m.**  
 "Ask the Experts" presentation

**Pointes of Horticulture—9:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m., 3:30 a.m.**  
 Grosse Pointe Florist

**Ageing Well in America—10 a.m., 4 p.m., 10 p.m., 4 a.m.**  
 Marianne McCauley and Faye LaPorte  
 Dementia Care

**John Prost Show—10:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m., 4:30 a.m.**  
 Pauline Martin  
 Chamber Soloists of Detroit

Thom Connors  
 Cobo Center

**Out of the Ordinary, Into the Extraordinary—11:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m., 11:30 p.m., 5:30 a.m.**  
 Chrissie Blaze  
 The Aetherius Society

**A DVD Copy of any WMTV program can be obtained for \$20**  
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