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◆ City offices are open from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. for voters to pick up absent voter ballots.
◆ Emergency sirens are tested at 1 p.m.
◆ Grosse Pointe South High School show choir presents "Fall Follies" at 8 p.m. at Grosse Pointe North High Performing Arts Center. Main floor tickets cost \$15 and balcony tickets cost \$10. Tickets can be purchased at gpsouthchoir.org.

SUNDAY, NOV. 4

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◆ Grosse Pointe Theatre's "Rehearsal for Murder" opens at 2 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. To purchase tickets, call (313) 881-4004.

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Pointe GOP influence cut in half

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Three Grosse Pointe Republicans are on the short side of demographics when seeking election next week to state and county offices. All three are campaigning in districts

dominated by Democrats.

The prospect of luring cross-over votes is doubly hard this election due to its national significance and bedsheet ballot.

"This is the kind of election where you're going to have all kinds of people turning out vot-

ing straight ticket," said Bill Ballenger, a political analyst and publisher of "Inside Michigan Politics."

The Tuesday, Nov. 6 election is the first in which the Pointes' Republican voting block is diluted in two separate state House of Representative districts.

Both districts are dominated by Democrat voting blocks in Harper Woods and eastside Detroit.

"They're just going to vote straight Democratic," Ballenger said.

3:1 odds

Dan Schulte, of Grosse

Pointe Shores, is the GOP candidate for House District 1.

The seat comprises the Shores, Grosse Pointe Woods, Harper Woods and part of Detroit.

Schulte has the task of winning an area 3/4

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Spooky stuff

Four-year-old Paige Koenig is not sure about the green-faced witch, Joanne Herron, but candy wins out. Koenig was trick-or-treating in Grosse Pointe Park. Below, Griffin Sharp in a blue morph suit hands candy to a werewolf.

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At right, Henley Wright dressed as a fairy pumpkin and Tatum Eschenburg, right, dressed as a vampire check each other's candy stash. Below, the residents of 36 Warner spread cobwebs across the front of their house to accommodate all the spiders crawling around.



One-year-old John Alden Clark is dressed as a hot dog nestled in a basket of french fries.



Helispot takes off to council

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

By a vote of 6-2, the Grosse Pointe Woods planning commission approved a request by St. John Hospital and Medical Center to allow medical helicopter flights to land and take off from a designated area in the facility's north parking lot.

The matter now goes to the city council, which has scheduled a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 19.

At issue is St. John's request to build a helistop that would accommodate about 40 flights per year carrying stroke victims from hospitals in Michigan's Thumb area. Hospital officials maintain the site would be temporary, as they are in negotiations with the city of Detroit to install a permanent site on the Moross side of the hospital's main building. The site in Grosse

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Wedding, party show Nov. 4

A Wedding and Party Planning Show, sponsored by the Grosse Pointe News and St. Clair Shores Connection, will take place Sunday, Nov. 4 at Barrister Gardens, 24225 Harper, St. Clair Shores.

The event is from noon to 4 p.m. and features businesses perfect for weddings, parties and special events.

A special section featuring several show participants is included in this week's Grosse Pointe News.

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Two vie for new District 1 spot

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTE
— Two first-time candidates are racing to represent District 1 in the Michigan House of Representatives.

Brian Banks, a Detroit Democrat, faces Dan Schulte, a Grosse Pointe Shores Republican.

The winner serves a two-year term.

This is the first election for District 1. It was formed during the last reapportionment and consist of Grosse Pointe Shores, Grosse Pointe Woods, Harper Woods and a section of eastside Detroit.

Candidates, profiled alphabetically, are:

Brian R. Banks

Almost everything Brian Banks proposes in his campaign for Michigan state representative is heard within the context of a background he said is behind him for

good.

“My past is simply my past,” said Banks, of Detroit, running to become a Democrat representative of House District 1.

He said, “Just as I worked to ruin my life, I’ve worked triple-hard to prove that I’m a changed person.”

It’s been nearly 10 years since Banks’ eighth and last felony conviction for check and credit card fraud in Southeast Michigan.

During those years, Banks earned multiple college degrees. He also won a contested primary to represent a newly-drawn district that includes Grosse Pointe Shores and Woods, Harper Woods and part Detroit’s eastside.

“I worked hard to accomplish a bachelor’s degree in 3 1/2 years, a master’s in 1 1/2 years, to commute to Lansing three or four times per week for three years and graduate from law

school,” Banks said. “I did not let my past and poor choices affect me.”

In addition, more than a half-dozen civil matters, such as alleged non-payment of rent in Grosse Pointe Woods and Harper Woods, date recently.

Banks said during a campaign forum last month in Grosse Pointe Woods that a current legal dispute stemmed from late payment on a lease he signed on behalf of a family member.

Main planks of his campaign platform are public safety, education, local control of government and protecting senior citizens.

“I worked hard to go after my dreams and goals so I am prepared academically, professionally and personally to represent our community with professionalism and integrity,” Banks said.

District 1 ranges from lakeside Grosse Pointe mansions to streets in Detroit containing few remaining houses and

businesses.

“There are certain issues that affect us all,” Banks said. “Public safety is a concern across the board. We all want education for our kids. We will deal with those issues collectively and also deal with issues that only deal with certain communities. You can be assured that the entire district will be well represented.”

He wants to repeal the state pension tax and increase funding of police and fire services.

Additional money to fight crime would come from increased efficiencies, he said.

“I don’t think we need any new taxes,” Banks said. “We’re going to make a deep analysis of the budget and trim down.”

He said he’ll review all state departments, agencies and programs.

“But, we would not be cutting public safety, education and for seniors,” Banks said. “Those are



Brian Banks



Dan Schulte

three important areas where we must make sure we have adequate funding and staffing so our residents are safe, our students receive quality education and our seniors are protected.”

His campaign website is bankonbanks4staterep.com.

Daniel Schulte

For Dan Schulte, all good things start with public safety.

“If you don’t have law and order, nothing else matters,” said Schulte, a Republican running for

the Michigan House of Representatives District 1.

Schulte is mayor pro tem of Grosse Pointe Shores.

The district he seeks to represent also includes Grosse Pointe Woods, Harper Woods and a portion of eastside Detroit extending nearly to Detroit Municipal Airport.

Key concerns Schulte said he discussed with prospective constituents throughout the district are public safety, demolition of unrepairable houses and making sure

Democratic Club won’t support their party’s candidate

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTE
— The voice of hometown Democrats cast away their candidate for Michigan House of Representatives District

1. The Grosse Pointe Democratic Club isn’t endorsing party member Brian Banks’ race in the Nov. 6 election.

“Based on his background, we did not find him the candidate we

wanted to endorse,” said Club President Gary Bresnehan, an assistant Wayne County prosecuting attorney.

Banks, 35, was convicted eight times in Southeast Michigan for felony check and credit

card fraud. Cases date from the late 1990s through mid-2000s.

In addition, court records documenting Banks’ recent alleged non-payment of rent and related matters in various communities, including Grosse Pointe Woods and Harper Woods, are posted at shameonbanks.com.

Banks, of Detroit, said at a League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe candidate forum early last month that he’s a defendant in only one current court action.

“I signed a lease for a family member and the payment wasn’t made on time,” he explained at the forum. “There was pending action for the money and the action is being resolved.”

“You’re a liar,” responded Dr. Robert Lee, of Grosse Pointe Shores, from the audience. “There’s four cases in Harper Woods pending.”

“All cases are closed, except one,” said a Harper Woods court administrator a few days after the forum. “It’s a landlord-tenant action.”

The administrator couldn’t verify if the defendant and candidate were the same: “It’s a pretty common name.”

At the forum, Banks said he’s turned his life around and is worthy of the public’s trust.

“I’ve shown great tenacity and commitment to rehabilitating myself by going to two universities and then receiving a law degree,”

he said. “I have admitted my wrong and accepted my responsibility.”

The 1st District consists of Grosse Pointe Shores and Woods, Harper Woods and Detroit to near Detroit Municipal Airport. It is about 75 percent Democrat.

“Everybody knows Brian Banks is a disaster,” said Bill Ballenger, editor of “Inside Michigan Politics” and former Republican state representative from Flint. “The real question is can Republicans take advantage of that?”

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Monster mash



Above, Ryleigh Ewald, dressed as a spooky skeleton, paints a pumpkin at the Grosse Pointe Woods Hob Nobbin with the Goblins, Oct. 19, at Lake Front Park. Below, Kara Thompson gives Ashlynn Fox, dressed as a unicorn, a piece of candy as she's escorted through Hob Nobbin with her grandmother, Sheri Downs. Above right, Isabella Yoakam is dressed as a vampire. Below right, Melanie and Mddy Zampardo look at a ghoulish monster who wears a rat as a hat.



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Two challenge in District 2

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Candidates running to represent District 2 in the Michigan House of Representatives are Dan Grano, a Republican from Grosse Pointe Park, and Alberta Tinsley-Talabi, a Democrat incumbent from Detroit.

They're seeking a two-year term in the first election for District 2, created when the five Grosse Pointes were divided into separate House seats.

District 2 comprises Grosse Pointe Farms, Park and City, plus Harper Woods and part of eastside Detroit.

Candidates, profiled alphabetically, are:

Daniel C. Grano

Dan Grano cites grim statistics in his drive for better public safety in Michigan State House District 2.

"Between May and the beginning of October, there were 25 murders in the Detroit portion of the district," said Grano, a Grosse Pointe Park Republican. "That affects the whole district."

If elected Nov. 6 to his first term in the House, Grano said he'd develop an action plan to prevent crime in Detroit neighborhoods, with benefits spreading to adjacent communities.

"The criminal justice

system in Wayne County is broken," said Grano. "Violent crime in the Detroit portion is out of control. I propose for the state or county to take on more responsibility from the Detroit police department. I'd propose a bill to make collaboration easier between police departments."

Grano also wants to refocus punishment of narcotics offenders.

"Not that I would decriminalize drugs, but I'd try to make it more rehabilitative; take it out of the prison system and give police more resources to go after violent criminals," Grano said.

Grano is a criminal and municipal attorney in his seventh year on the Park city council. His law practice includes representing Allen Park and Woodhaven in municipal and prosecutorial matters.

"Being on (the Park) city council, I see the challenges across our county that municipalities are dealing with: less state revenue sharing, the foreclosure crisis and people leaving the state," he said.

Young people are abandoning Michigan for meaningful employment elsewhere. Many older residents are leaving the state to avoid the newly imposed pension tax, according to Grano.

"An unintended consequence of the pension

tax, especially in the Pointes, is making a lot of older folks change their address to Florida," Grano said. "If we had no income tax or pension tax, some of those folks would come back and reestablish residency here, which would benefit us."

He modeled his proposed tax reform on Florida.

"There's no income tax, but there is property and sales tax," Grano said.

He linked improving the job market with a better business climate.

"Businesses are leaving," Grano said. "It's hurting our tax base. I support Gov. (Rick) Snyder in a lot of what he's doing: a pro-growth, business-friendly plan with new educational opportunities for everybody and more competition in schools."

Grano ran for state representative in 2008.

His campaign website is sites.google.com/site/dan4rep.

Alberta

Tinsley-Talabi

Alberta Tinsley-Talabi said she regards serving in elected office as an opportunity to promote the public interest.

"It shouldn't be about political parties," said Tinsley-Talabi, a Democrat from Detroit.

"It should be about what's

good."

Although she's seeking a second term in the Michigan House of Representatives, the election Tuesday Nov. 6, is the first for the redrawn 2nd District, which includes only three of the five Pointes plus part of Detroit.

"I would prefer it remained intact," Tinsley-Talabi said of the prior district containing all five Pointes. "Be that as it may, we all want capable representation. I am committed to all four communities. I look forward to responding in a quick manner to concerns brought to my attention."

She also said she supports the Pointes' municipal court systems.

Tinsley-Talabi said she'd like House members to put aside politics in favor of cooperation and progress.

"Exchanging ideas brings forth understanding," she said. "One should not be so welded in a position that they're not willing to listen."

Her main issues concern the economy, education and providing opportunities for people in need.

"We have to think about jobs for the community and how to put people back to work," said Tinsley-Talabi. "We have to change the paradigm."

She disagrees with

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Repeat campaign

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — This year's race to represent District 1 on the Wayne County Board of Commissioners mirrors the campaign of two years ago.

Incumbent Tim Killeen, a Democrat from Detroit, is being challenged again by Robert Sheehy, a Republican from Grosse Pointe Woods.

The district includes the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and part of Detroit's eastside.

The term is two years. Candidates, listed alphabetically, are:

Timothy Killeen

Tim Killeen did not respond to interview requests.

Robert J. Sheehy

Robert Sheehy wants to use his business skills to improve employment opportunities for Wayne County residents.

Key to his plan is offering young people a leg-up into private enterprise. The path features on-the-job training and first-hand work experience.

Sheehy, a commercial real estate broker specializing in business opportunities, is a Republican from Grosse Pointe Woods. This is his second consecutive race to represent District 1 on the Wayne County Board of Commissioners.

His economic plan includes recruiting members of the private sector to create apprenticeships for young people, including high school students.

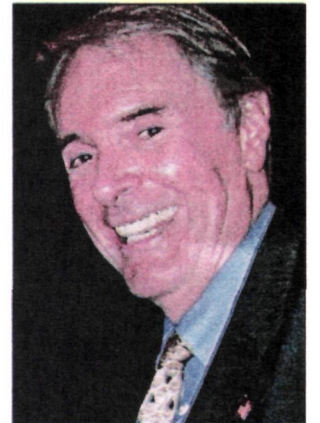
"We'd have a stronger voice doing it if I'm on the commission," Sheehy said. "There are independent businessmen in the city who will hire apprentices. What a great way to teach high school kids how to run a business."

Sheehy's other main campaign planks are strengthening the county budget and public safety.

"I'm worried that 40 percent of the budget comes from federal grants or bonds," Sheehy said.

He wants the county to be more self-reliant in case federal dollars dry up.

"With what they're saying about the financial cliff the federal government might be going



Robert Sheehy

over, the county's going to have to live off its income — revenue from real estate taxes," Sheehy said. "We need a backup plan in case it happens."

While Sheehy plans a better economic future, an immediate need is police and fire protection.

"We ought to reorganize the police department so county deputies who work in Detroit, such as in the courts, can work on the streets of Detroit," Sheehy said.

He proposed Wayne County jurisdictions that about Detroit could better serve themselves and the region by extending police patrols short distances into Detroit.

"If worst comes to worst, maybe its time to talk about the National Guard coming in for six months to get control of things," Sheehy said. "With the rate people are being killed in Detroit, maybe that's a solution."

Sheehy said a substantial amount of his real estate business used to be in Detroit.

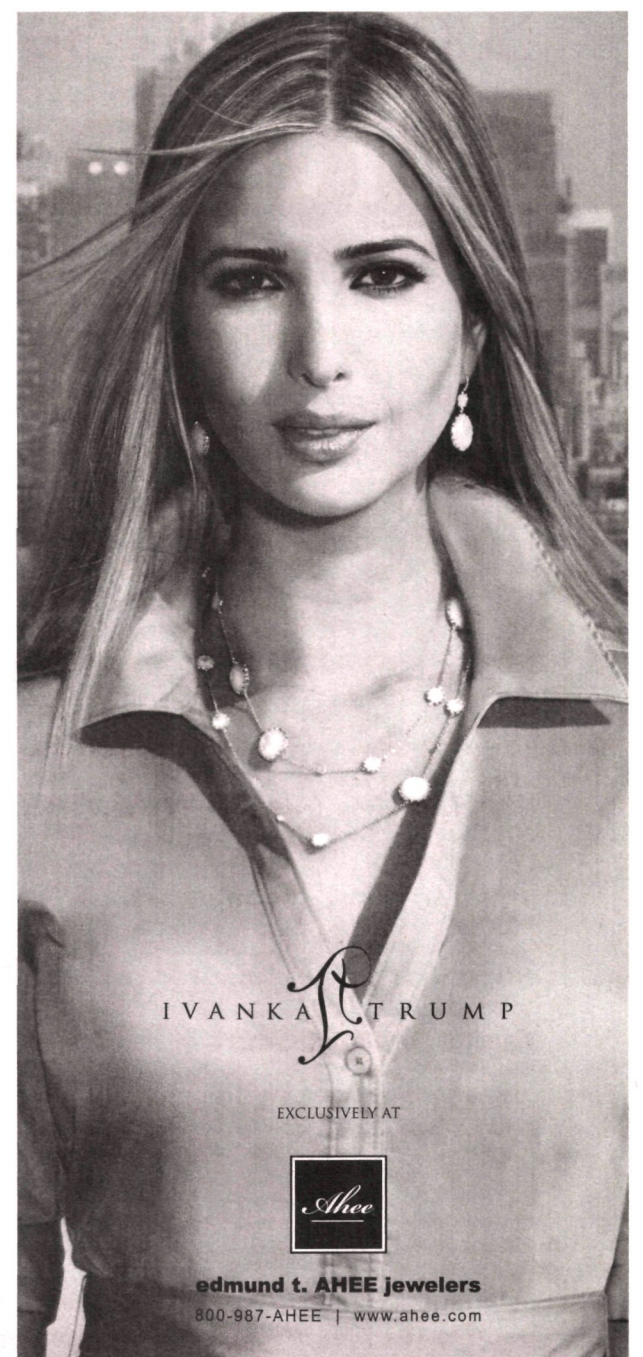
"The city still has opportunities, but it's tougher to sell there," he said. "We get a lot of people coming out of Detroit looking for nicer locations in the suburbs."

District 1 consists of the five Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods and a neighboring section of Detroit.

If elected, Sheehy would likely become the second Republican on the 15-member commission.

"The commission is so lopsided in its representation," Sheehy said. "We're not going to be able to do much about (County Executive) Bob Ficano's administration with just one Republican on the board."

His campaign website is sheehyforwayne-county.com.



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POINTER OF INTEREST

Mike Zemenick has to turn in six pieces of barbecued chicken at noon, six ribs at 12:30 p.m., six slices of pork at 1 p.m. and six chunks of brisket at 1:30 p.m.

He’s serious about barbecuing

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Mike Zemenick is a pharmacist by day, a beer brewer after work and an award-winning barbecuer on the weekends.

Last weekend the Grosse Pointe Woods resident and his cohorts of the Motley Que Crew attended the 24th annual Jack Daniel’s World Champion Invitational Barbecue in Lynchburg, Tenn.

“I got involved because I wanted to get more advanced,” Zemenick said of advancing from backyard grilling hamburgers and hot dogs to barbecuing contests.

He invested in a custom barbecue pit, built and installed by David Klose of Houston. Klose invited Zemenick to a barbecue class Klose hosted in 2003. Zemenick attended, met four other

men, and eventually formed the Motley Que Crew.

Zemenick said it was like they had known each other forever. They decided to take a stab at a cooking contest for the American Royal BBQ Contest in Kansas City, Mo.

Motley Que Crew members won the American Royal’s Reserve Grand Champion title in that first cooking competition in 2004. The crew was hooked.

The four — Guy Fieri of California and on the Food Network, Matt Sprouls of Champagne, Ill., Ron Walker of Merrano, La., and Robert Triley of Trenton, Missouri — and Zemenick have been cooking pork, beef and chicken ever since.

Zemenick trailers equipment across the country, commenting it’s like hauling an entire kitchen.

The barbecue pit, charcoal, utensils, cleaning and sterilizing supplies, coolers, black aprons (they learned early white aprons are inappropriate for barbecuing), Motley Que Crew black T-shirts, pots, pans, tables, chairs, a tent and plenty of blues music are towed across Michigan, Kansas, Texas and Tennessee.

He said he competes between five and seven times a year and all contests are on weekends. Sometimes the entire crew cooks together and other times it’s just he and his wife, Mary, or he, Mary and a couple friends.

Most recently, Zemenick took first place in pork in Silver Lake Apple & BBQ Cook-off Festival, near Pentwater and second place in the Great Lakes BBQ Association’s Beak to Beak Invitational.

Mary precisely prepares the entries on beds of lettuce and parsley in take-out containers because appearance is one of three categories in which entries



PHOTO BY ANN L. FOUTY

Mike Zemenick is part of the five-man team, Motley Que Crew, which traveled to Tennessee for the Jack Daniel’s World Champion Invitational Barbecue in Lynchburg, Tenn. Atop the pit is the trophy for the 32nd annual American Royal World Series of Barbecue held in Kansas City, Mo.

are judged. The other two are taste and tenderness.

“It takes an hour to place the slices. No sauce can be on the top of the container and no lettuce can show outside the lid,” Mary said.

To qualify for the prestigious Tennessee contest, the crew had to have won a competition in which 50 or more teams participated; or won a competition of at least 25 teams that have been designated state champions, according to “The Jack” web site.

Motley Que Crew won the American Royal Open in 2011, competing against 483 teams, and in February took the title of Overall Grand Champion in the 2012 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo World’s Championship Bar-B-Que Contest snatching the trophy, engraved belt buckles and a spot in “The Jack” from more than 400 other teams.

“To be grand champion, we must cook four meats. They (teams) must be really good to make it in the running. Judging is subjective and there is a little bit of luck. It’s supposed to be judged for what it is but it is still subjective. The weather is a factor, the humidity, the wind, the heat and the meat is a factor.”

Through the years Zemenick has developed a relationship with

Creekstone Farms in Kansas to ship him “prime Angus brisket hand picked off the line,” he said. And Ronnie’s Meats in Eastern Market supplies his pork ribs.

Though “The Jack” contest has seven categories — pork ribs, pork shoulder/butts, beef brisket, chicken, cook’s choice, dessert and Jack Daniel’s Sauce — the crew is cooked only in the four meat categories.

Since the five have been cooking together so long, they know each other’s styles and strengths, Zemenick’s is Cajun.

“We felt we had known each other. We all love food. We love cookin’ and eating,” he said.

The five talk on the phone and e-mail prior to a contest and tweak familiar recipes. Once at the barbecue site, they set up and the meat is inspected.

“There is no seasoning, no brine on the meat during inspection,” he said.

Teams cook through the night and turn in their selections exactly on time or be disqualified.

At “The Jack,” the Motley Que Crew competed against 68 teams from the United States and 20 international teams.

For the Motley Que Crew, “We keep tweaking it (recipes) but it is basically the same. It’s always the same menu.

We’ve developed recipes over time and have successful recipes. There is a tiny teeny little difference every time,” he said.

Zemenick stresses he barbecues, while most weekend chefs grill.

Barbecuing is cooking at a lower temperature which takes an extended time. Grilling is a higher temperature and a shorter time to cook the meal.

He uses lump charcoal for less ash than what briquets produce.

A graduate of Bishop Gallagher High School and Ferris State University, Zemenick cooked on a Weber grill for his family, Mary, son, Zach, and daughter, Katelyn, but wanted to take it step farther.

Those steps have opened doors to bigger and better contests, though, he said, prize money doesn’t cover the entry fees. Nonetheless, the Motley Que Crew adheres to “Go Big, or Go Home” and they have no intention of going home without a slice of the prize.

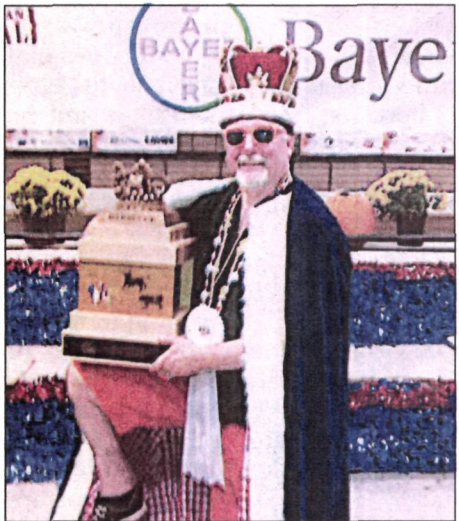


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Grosse Pointe Woods resident Mike Zemenick holds the trophy and wears the crown from the 2011 American Royal.

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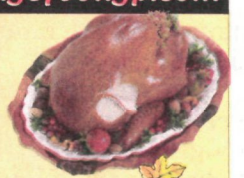
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DISTRICT 1: Shores councilman tells his plan in Lansing

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of the kids are.”

Issues shared by residents throughout the district include improving economic opportunities and the quality and cost of education, both pre-K through 12 and on the college level.

Schulte is a public relations and marketing consultant.

If elected to the House, he said he’d work toward making the state more attractive to businesses.

“I know people in the Shores who tell me they’re moving some of their production operations out of the state because it’s unattractive to do business here,” he said. “Personal property

tax is a big thing. We can’t just eliminate it without finding something to replace it. Personal property tax funds a lot of things, including schools.”

The job market would be improved by encouraging businesses to favor hiring of United States citizens, he said.

“We have thousands of Canadians working here,” Schulte said. “In some cases, it’s necessary, as with the nursing shortage. But, there are Canadian citizens working in all kinds of American industries where American citizens are available and interested in the work.”

The same with in-state applicants to Michigan

public universities.

“Tuition needs to be more affordable at our universities for in-state students,” Schulte said. “There’s a disproportionate number of out-of-state students at our universities.”

Improving education requires more than throwing more money at current problems, he said.

“Efficiencies have to be found, both in money and the way things are taught,” Schulte said.

Students need to meet their potential.

“We should have more students qualifying for Michigan’s top universities than we have,” Schulte said.

Lack of good jobs in Michigan forces many qualified young people to seek employment elsewhere, the so-called brain drain.

“We have good universities turning out good kids,” Schulte said. “Michigan should be one of the hottest states to live and work in.”

Schulte said he’s been to all 50 states.

“Michigan qualifies as one of the most attractive states in the country from a natural resources and environmental way,” Schulte said. “There’s no reason we shouldn’t be at the top of the economic list instead of the bottom.”

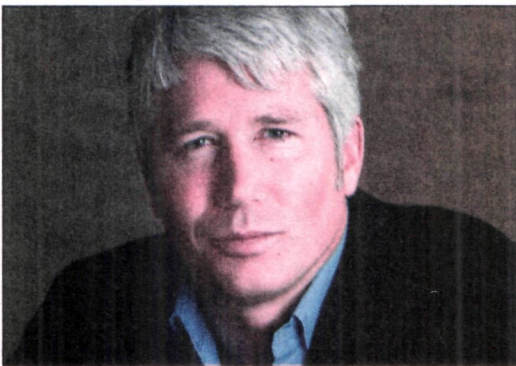
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DISTRICT 2: Two seek House

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get.

“In the last budget, the governor offered a \$1.6

billion tax cut to business,” Tinsley-Talabi said. “How many jobs have resulted from that? We don’t get answers.”

She opposes withdrawing money from the school aid fund.

“The fund is important,” she said. “It should not be raided. Foremost on people’s minds is education. I’ve heard that loud and clear.”

Taxing pensions was wrong, she said.

“It’s one thing to do something going forward, but to make it retroactive is problematic,” Tinsley-Talabi said. “People have budgeted for their survival. This causes problems for families and seniors. They don’t need that stress.”

The same with abruptly ending cash assistance welfare benefits after a family received payments for four years.

“To go back retroactively and say, ‘You’re off,’ I have a problem with that,” Tinsley-Talabi said. “Do it with a grace period of six months or a year. Then, put training in place and have places to get assistance. None of that happened. I’m not saying able-body people should not work. They should.”

On Saturdays this fall, Tinsley-Talabi, her staff and volunteers boarded windows and doors of abandoned houses near schools in her district.

“That may not sound like it goes with the description of being a legislator, but you have to take on that responsibility,” she said.

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Tough choices on Tuesday

On Tuesday, Nov. 6, we will elect a President and state representatives. We will vote for county commissioners and representatives on the board of education.

The past few weeks of the Grosse Pointe News has offered information about several of this election's issues.

This issue has more about the state representative choices in the two districts that now split the Grosse Pointes.

While it would be good to see a Pointer represent the district, the split no longer favors that. District 1 and District 2 have a much higher number of Detroit voters.

In District 1, Shores Councilman Dan Schulte faces Brian Banks, an eight-time convicted felon who has spent much of his campaign explaining his legal problems instead of what he'd do while in Lansing.

So maligned is Banks, the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club won't endorse their own party's candidate.

The new districts cost Democrat Tim Bledsoe his spot in Lansing. He had a narrow-margin primary loss in the new District 2 to Alberta Tinsley Talabi, an incumbent from Detroit who will face Daniel Grano, a Republican city councilman from Grosse Pointe Park.

The Grosse Pointes will predictably support their own, while Detroit will do the same. The candidates spent much of their time knocking on doors in Detroit.

They've worked hard. Election day will show if it matters.

Another tough decision comes in Grosse Pointe Woods, where residents are asked to vote on two proposals that will allow the city to override the Headlee Tax Amendment to the state's Constitution.

One proposal calls for an additional 1.85 mills over 10 years to support the General Fund budget, including public safety, parks and recreation and other public services. The other is a 2.14 mill increase over 10 years that would be used for road construction bonds.

The council and city officials blame declining tax revenues - from \$15 million in 2007-08 to \$12 million this fiscal year.

The city said it's reduced the budget. Personnel numbers are down from 105 to 86. Salaries have been frozen, health care benefits have been cut and furlough days are mandatory for non-union employees.

Opponents contend the city hasn't done enough, listing more than \$600,000 cuts that include doing away with salaries for the mayor and council members, reductions in the court costs and a ban on travel and education benefits for city employees.

Residents have been inundated with material from both sides - city administrators and a group dubbed Citizens for Better Government.

City Administrator Skip Fincham said the Grosse Pointes have worked on mutual aid and consolidation of services to help reduce costs.

"Our goal is to live within our budget with integrity, providing the services our residents enjoy and not negatively impact the quality of life issues that are so near and dear to them," Fincham said. "I feel we've provided our residents with the facts. This will help us get on track and help us make the much-needed improvements."

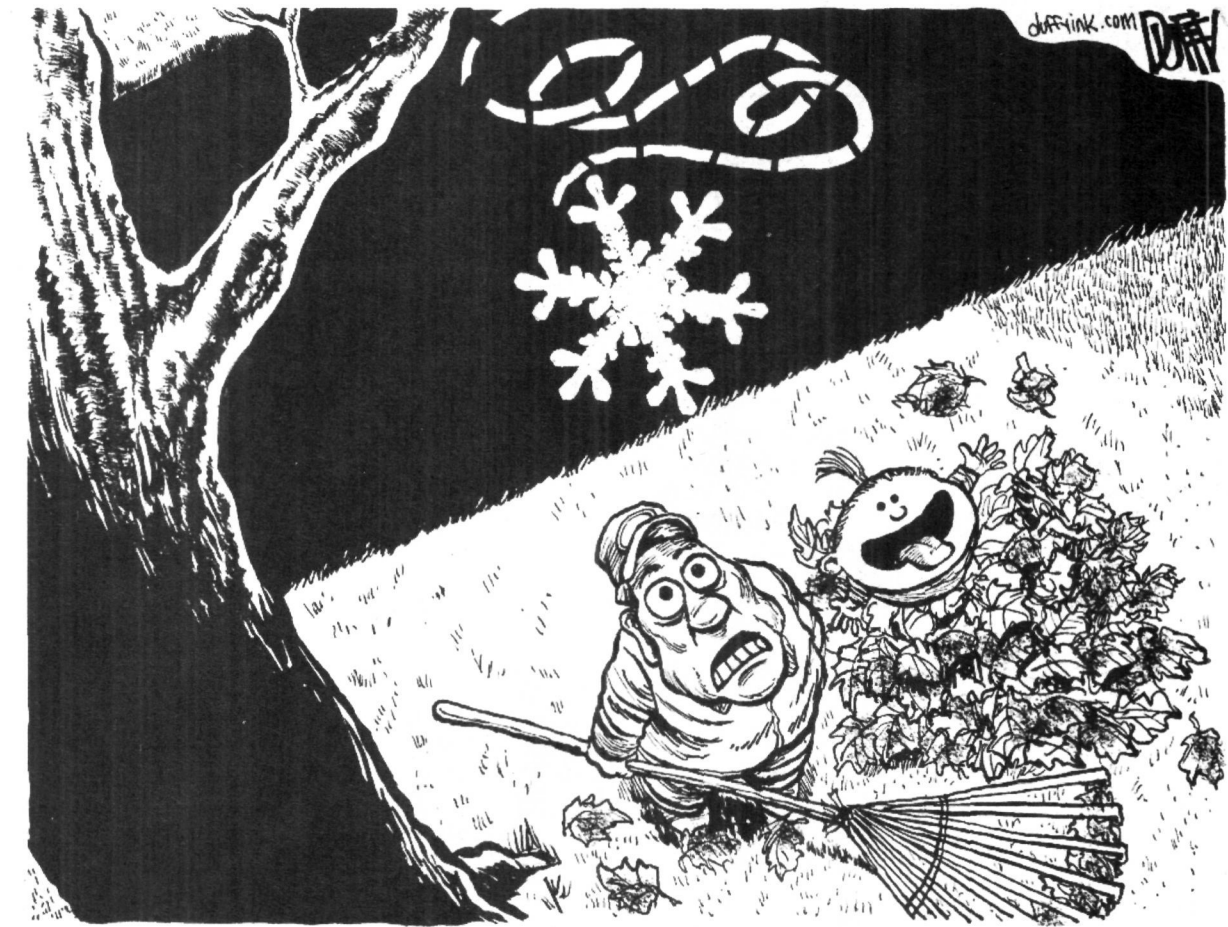
Fincham went on to say that the two proposals passing would mean less than \$300 annually for 58 percent of the residents.

One opponent, former councilman Pete Waldmeir, said the proposals are a blank check to cover, among other things, road funds that were used elsewhere in the past by a council and administration that hasn't been honest.

In the end, voters have the choice. It's not a threat, but reality that services will be lost without the additional funding. There is no way around that.

While no one wants new taxes, everybody is watching Grosse Pointe Woods here. There are other municipalities not far behind with the same question.

Now it's time to make the choice.



LETTERS

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

A new abacus? Let's stick with the facts

To the Editor:

The \$2.5 million drop in tax revenue from 2007 is real. Grosse Pointe Woods City Council acted responsibly and limited the use of the reserve fund to \$640,000 by deferring road repair and equipment maintenance, cutting salaries, benefit contributions and 19 positions.

The naysayers ask: Where did the road money go? What road money with a \$2.5 million drop in tax revenue?

The naysayers ask: Why millage proposals now? Would they wait until the reserves are depleted, 2015/16, or lowered to the point the Woods risks losing its AA rating, 2014/15?

Would the naysayers just let the Woods' roads crumble?

Budget cuts will not repair our roads and will not sustain services as we know them. Millage increases are needed now to offset the steep decline in home valuations.

We have some key questions for the three past council members who are organizers of the naysayers:

The two of you who were on council in 2007/08 voted "Yes" for the 2007/08 budget of \$14 million — the last year of major work on roads. In 2008/09, when all of you were on council, one was absent and two voted "Yes" for a \$13.5 million budget.

Adjusted for inflation, those budgets would be \$15.6 and \$14.6 million in today's dollars. You didn't seem to think those budgets were bloated or a blank check, but now you claim the Woods' budget could be reduced by \$600,000 to \$11.7 million without hurting services. Really? And what about roads?

Why do you attempt to frighten people with claims of \$20 million in "new" taxes when in fact we will see a restoration of only about 25 percent of the drop from what we were paying in property taxes five years ago? If our tax bills dropped about \$1,000 since 2007,

the millage will add only about \$250 on average, and future increases will still be limited by Headlee to inflation or 5 percent.

Why do you mount personal attacks on the mayor, administration, council members, who donate so much of their time beyond the minimal stipend they get — which you all accepted when you were on council?

Why do you attack those of us who realize Headlee protects the citizens from rapidly rising valuations, but a vote of the people is needed under Headlee to protect Woods' tax revenues when valuations fall as they have?

We are not, as you falsely claim, mostly Woods' employees or ones who owe the mayor a favor or expect any favors.

We are out walking the streets to talk with people and putting our money into the campaign for the millage proposals because the funds are needed to keep Grosse Pointe Woods the "Best Affordable Suburb in the State of Michigan" and to allow our children and grandchildren to enjoy what we've enjoyed.

The facts are clear at gpwmi.us, and if you want to analyze them with an abacus, go for it.

No matter what tool you use, the facts are the facts.

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To the Editor:

From time to time we read "letters" by the "undersigners" claiming to be committee for "Citizens for Better Government."

The names are otherwise familiar ones, but readers may or may not be aware of what comprises "agenda"

I don't follow local politics that closely, and for that the undersigners

would likely conclude indeed I need to do so. Other periodicals, such as Grosse Pointe Magazine may give us other clues, but for my relative money, I read this spate of writing the stuff of "sour grapes," disaffection and the like, at least so long as the undersigners want to disclose their particular identities.

I tend to think it more along the lines of "political hatred" — Lord knows we have plenty of that to go around over the past four years.

If the "Committee" sees fit to get to print a notion the Woods' treasurer needs a "new abacus" to alay any notions about fiscal-related nuances, I'd suggest the Committee save their \$24.99 and hire a "new writer." Their "tongue-in-cheek" utterances seem to me to serve only their apparent collective angst for "sitting operatives" within the city's elected.

But then this seems to only underline my own personal distaste for all the rest of the disingenuousness that pervades every other form of political machinations we the people have to put up with daily over the vicissitudes of political advertising via the boob-tube, and other nefarious solicitations (ad nauseum!).

"Methinks" I might vote for one of the millages — would that not give just a modicum of the benefit-of-the-doubt for us modern-day penny-pinchers? Or do we face the extremes of fiscal disservice as opposed to the option of letting roads go further to hell in the Woods — for example?

Who says we shouldn't be faced with political conundrums?

TOM DE BOEVER
Grosse Pointe Woods

G.P. Artists Associaiton

To the Editor:

Having been a member of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association for 49 years, I can remember when we met at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

We had many lectures and demonstrations from well-known artists and teachers, as well as exhibitions in the Alger House and Fries Auditorium.

Yearly we had an outside fair on the grounds — The Fall Festival. Many wonderful artists were members then, such as Michael Derbyshire, Charlotte Evans, Marge Pankhurst, Charles Bigelow and many others whose artworks are gracing the walls of Grosse Pointers and indeed most of Michigan and the United States.

Good luck to the future of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association. It is well-worth our focus and donations.

BETTE PRUDDEN
Grosse Pointe Woods

Big projects versus open space

To the Editor:

I graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1964.

In Mr. Nelson's speech class we had to learn debate. Our topic was: Should Bon Secours Hospital be allowed to expand?

The leading opposition was that the only weakness the Grosse Pointes had was a scarcity of open space for the residents.

Has any project since then helped to expand our open space?

Our housing stock, lake proximity, schools and wishfully convenient shopping and services make the Pointes a great place to live. Will a bigger hospital make us a better place to live? Ask the people who live on or near Cadieux. See the community around St. John Hospital. Do these define a charming residential community?

Hospitals are the factories of this century. I am not aware of any council ever denying any hospital plan for growth. I also do not remember residents asking for a bigger hospital.

Detroit has hundreds of acres to develop and needs the jobs. We have a very limited space and don't need the jobs because the doctors already live here.

It may be time for a change.

STEVEN SMITH
Grosse Pointe Farms

Holiday mart

To the Editor:

On behalf of the entire 2012 Holiday Mart committee, I want to thank all who supported the 22 shops from Michigan and the 10 shops from out of state at the Planned Parenthood Holiday Mart held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Oct. 18-20.

Special thanks as well to the restaurants and market which donated delicious food and wine for our preview party.

We also want to thank the many volunteers who graciously manned the War Memorial gates and called attention to our event which raised approximately \$50,000 to fund life-saving cancer screening for low income, uninsured and under insured women at Planned Parenthood clinics in the tri-county area.

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Democrat overall.

"That's a very tough row to hoe for any Republican," Ballenger said.

Schulte's helped by some Democrats rejecting their candidate, Brian Banks, due to his criminal history.

"A lot of people in Detroit know the situation," Schulte said. "They are going to vote straight D, with an exception for House District 1 because they know the story of my opponent."

Dan Grano, a Republican from Grosse Pointe Park, faces incumbent Democrat opponent Alberta Tinsley-Talabi to represent state House District 2.

The district includes the Park, Grosse Pointe Farms, City and part of Detroit.

"One reason I'm running is to awaken people of the district, on the Detroit and Grosse Pointe sides, that this district wasn't drawn in either of their interests," Grano said.

In the contest for the Wayne County Board of Commissioners District 1, Republican Robert Sheehy, of Grosse Pointe Woods, is in his second consecutive campaign to unseat Democrat Tim Killeen, of Detroit.

Democrats have held the district for nearly 15 years, mainly due to strong support in Detroit.

"I get no votes from Detroit," Sheehy said.

He's focusing his campaign on Democrats in Grosse Pointe Park and Harper Woods.

"I almost split the vote in the Park the last time," Sheehy said. "If I can talk to people and get them to split their votes, I can increase my percentage."

Long ballot

Almost everything is on the Michigan ballot this year except for the state senate and constitutional offices, such as governor.

From president down, the ballot is filled with federal, state, county and local offices, judgeships and ballot proposals.

"Plus, for the first time in Michigan in 175 years, a new office is on the bal-

lot in the November general election — school boards," Ballenger said.

Local board elections are being phased in over the next few November elections. School elections had been in spring, often overlapping vacation periods.

"No more sneaky little elections for school board members and millages nobody knew about," Ballenger said. "Now, its going to be right there in plain sight in every general election. Whether gubernatorial or presidential, they're all going to on the ballot."

Under the bus

Ballenger, a former Republican state representative from Flint, laments relegation of the Pointes' GOP heritage into divided districts of also-rans.

"Almost from the time the Republican party was created before the Civil War, the Grosse Pointes were the bastion of Republicanism," Ballenger said.

Republican state officeholders reapportioned the district, which since 2008 elected a Pointe Democrat to the state House, in response to the last Census.

"They basically threw the Pointes under the bus," Ballenger said. "To see it truncated is a travesty."

Supreme Court

Ballenger expects Republicans to maintain control of Michigan after the election.

"In Lansing, the Republicans control everything," he said. "Democrats don't have anything."

Democrats are shut out of governor, attorney general, secretary of state, House, Senate and state Supreme Court.

An opening on the Supreme Court is possible this year. Three of seven judgeships are up. Candidates are chosen at party conventions, but appear on ballots without party affiliation.

"Whichever party wins two of three seats is going to control the court," Ballenger said. "With all the ballot proposals and other things that may be subject to litigation, that is extremely important. Democrats would dearly love to get the Supreme Court."

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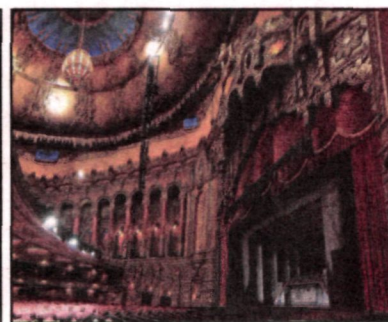
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PROPOSALS

12-1 NO

12-2 YES

12-3 NO POSITION

12-4 YES

12-5 NO

12-6 NO

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GUEST OPINION By William Broman

Rejuvenating district's STEM programs

The Grosse Pointe Public School System needs a rejuvenation of its science, technology, engineering and mathematics education programs, and it needed it yesterday. Having a strong foundation in STEM subjects will help propel students into some of the most interesting career choices around.

Math and science are the only universal languages in this world, and a foundation will ensure Grosse Pointe public school students are able to compete at the global level when applying for college or a job.

Grosse Pointe schools are leaders in the state in every aspect of the K-12 experience.

Public schools in the state will follow our lead from teacher contracts to new curriculum initiatives because the teachers, students and administrators are innovators.

One of the most glaring reasons for an increased focus on STEM in Grosse Pointe are the very low pass rates on state tests in the math and science sections. Michigan Educational Assessment Program pass rates in Grosse Pointe for science were 30 percent or lower in 2012. For math the pass rate was higher; but except for grade four, no grade had a pass rate above 66 percent. Grosse Pointe can do better; we need to do better; and districts around the state will follow.

What place does STEM have in Michigan? No one will argue the fact Michigan was hurt the most during the decline of the automotive industry. With an unemployment rate of 9.3 percent — September 2012 — we are well above the national unemployment rate, and an increased focus on STEM will bring jobs back to Michigan.

Michigan has 1.1 STEM jobs for every one unem-

ployed person. Michigan has only one non-STEM job for every 5.8 unemployed people. Jobs are available, but students across the state are not arriving to college prepared to tackle the course load of STEM degrees these jobs require.

When more Michigan students pursue and complete STEM degrees, companies with STEM jobs will make their way back to Michigan, bringing with them plenty of jobs, and income for the state.

Grosse Pointe has an opportunity to be a beacon of STEM education initiatives in the state of Michigan and across the nation. The community should work together to promote a culture of achievement, with a focus on improving the math and science knowledge of every student. The focus of our education system in Grosse Pointe and Michigan over the next decade should be STEM education. Creating a solid

STEM foundation prior to college will allow all students an opportunity to succeed in higher education.

The state of Michigan is competing with 49 other states, and many other

countries around the world. Through innovation in science and math, the United States will maintain its status as a world superpower.

If the community rallies around STEM, Michigan

and Grosse Pointe will help lead the United States down the road to prosperity.

Broman is a candidate for Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education.

I SAY By Kathy Ryan

This Veterans Day

The clouds were thick and gray, there was intermittent rain. It was not a day that would typically bring one to a beach, but this was not a typical beach.

It stretched for several miles along a rocky coastline, parts bounded by cliffs, other sections bounded only by small manmade walls, opening to paths that led easily to green fields and small clusters of houses. It was late in the afternoon, but as I looked out across the English Channel, I couldn't help but wonder, couldn't help but imagine, what it must have been like on June 6, 1944.

that needed to be scaled, the battle scarred landscape, the German bunkers, most destroyed by the Allied air assault, some still in the same condition they were that day. But I just couldn't help but continually look out to sea and wonder what the men who were crossing the Channel in those ships, those paratroopers who dropped in during the dark of night, what could they have been thinking?

Did they know they were part of history?

Did they have any idea what awaited them on those beaches?

Did they know that many of them would never be coming home?

of the military.

The grave of General Theodore Roosevelt Jr., the highest ranking person to participate in the actual landing and the only person to win the Medal of Honor that day, is marked the same as a seaman apprentice.

There are four women buried there, their graves marked the same as their male counterparts.

But even in the uniformity, the dignity of the cemetery, one can't help but notice the flower arrangements on many of the graves. Do family members visit, the guide was asked.

For those men who made the ultimate sacrifice that day, there is an expanse of hallowed ground that became their final resting place. The Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial, on a 173-acre site overlooking the beaches and the sea, is where 9,387 Americans are buried. They all died that day in the invasion and the ensuing battles, and their families gave permission for them to be buried where they had fallen.

For the 1,557 men whose remains were never found, a Memorial Wall and Garden helps keep their memory, their sacrifice, alive.

The site now is one of peace and serenity, in stark contrast to that summer of 1944.


White crosses and Stars of David mark the graves. There is no set order, no area set aside for officers or separate areas for the different branches

and they leave small remembrances, flowers or small stones on the Stars of David.

But there is a tradition at the cemetery, this final resting place for thousands of Americans so far from home, that I found very moving. French families from the surrounding area, many of whom can remember that day very clearly, adopt a grave and make sure that the American buried there is remembered as well. The family marks special anniversaries, including June 6, the Fourth of July, even the fallen serviceman's birthday, with flags and flowers. The commemorations have become a tradition for those families, and the duty of tending to the grave is passed from one generation to the next.

"We will always remember and we will always be grateful," our guide said.

As we all will this Veterans Day.



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STATE PROPOSALS

STATE PROPOSAL 12-1

STATE PROPOSAL 12-2

YES

NO

STATE PROPOSAL 12-3

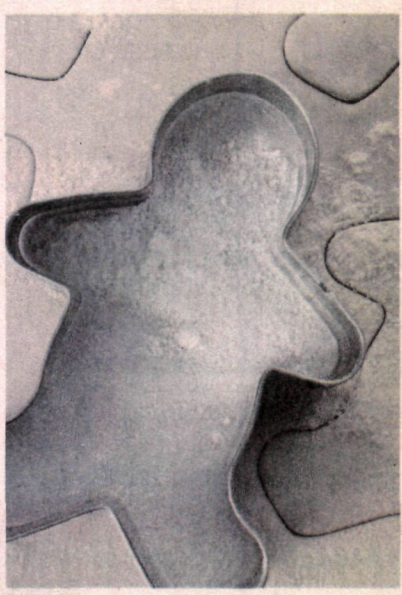
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COUNCIL: Temporary spot will be replaced

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Pointe Woods would only be in place for one year, while St. John seeks final approval from Detroit.

The planning commission vote followed a Tuesday, Oct. 23, public hearing at which several Woods residents expressed concerns about the noise and disruption that the takeoffs and landings could cause. Many of the same residents were at a helicopter landing and takeoff demonstration conducted last week by St. John where Woods officials took decibel readings which indicated the noise barely exceeded the Woods' limit of 85 decibels.

"We took readings at 168 feet from the landing site," Woods building official Gene Tutag told the commission, "and before the helicopter arrived, we had a reading of 55. During takeoff and landing, it was around 85. It spiked to 90 for about five seconds, then back down to 87. Just for comparison, I took readings on the city's leaf blower and leaf picker. They both read 87 decibels."

But Woods resident Carol Roszka, who has lived next to St. John for 34 years, warned a noise level of 85 decibels is the beginning of permanent hearing loss and reminded the commission St. John had helicopter service a few years ago.

"It was noisy before and it is noisy now," she said. "This service is not for the benefit of the citizens of Grosse Pointe Woods, but it's for non-residents from Sandusky, Michigan. This is just so St. John can get greater

market share."

St. John is already accepting patients from the Thumb area. As it stands now, helicopter flights bringing those patients land at Detroit City Airport and the patient is transported to St. John via ambulance. The incentive in having the helicopters land directly at St. John is valuable time can be saved, which is imperative in the treatment of stroke victims.

"We know during a stroke that nearly 35,000 brain cells are lost per second, so time is of the absolute essence," said Carrie Stover, St. John vice president. "Going by ground takes 90 minutes, whereas by air, it would take 45 minutes."

Commission members raised concerns that if a helispot was open, flights servicing patients other than stroke patients might begin, raising the number of flights in and out of the facility.

St. John officials could not guarantee an actual number, indicating it would be unethical to limit the number of flights.

"We won't be flying patients in and out strictly for convenience," Stover said. "But I can't see one of our emergency room doctors saying no to a medical emergency flight

because a set quota had been met."

Also of concern is the helicopter's flight plan, with several residents and commission members questioning why the pilot could not take a set course, following the I-94 freeway to Moross, Moross to Mack, then approaching the north parking lot essentially from the corner of Mack and Moross. That flight path would not have helicopters flying over houses.

Helicopter pilots from the company providing the service, Superior Air-Ground Ambulance Services, told the commission they follow a flight pattern protocol called "Fly Neighborly" which sets guidelines for noise abatement during flights over residential areas.

Planning commission member Doug Hamborsky expressed skepticism over how closely that plan would be followed, and general skepticism over the entire project and asked several conditions be in place before approval is granted.

"I would like to see a monthly report from St. John on the flights and what type of patients they involved," he said. "I want to make sure this isn't a 'bait and switch'

situation, as their word is questionable according to some of the residents who spoke.

"I also want to see a documented flight plan and I want to know how closely the pilot is following that. I'm an architect and I'm responsible for drawing up plans, and I know that the idiot swinging the hammer doesn't always get the message."

In the end, the commission approved sending the request for a helispot to the city council by a vote of 6 to 2, with Carroll Evola and Mike Fuller dissenting. Commissioner Tonia Stapleton recused herself, citing her job with the city of Detroit's Board of Zoning Appeals.



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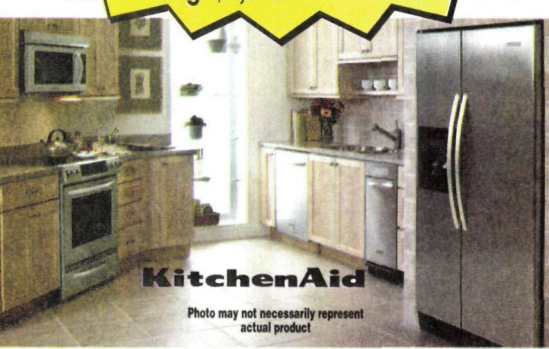


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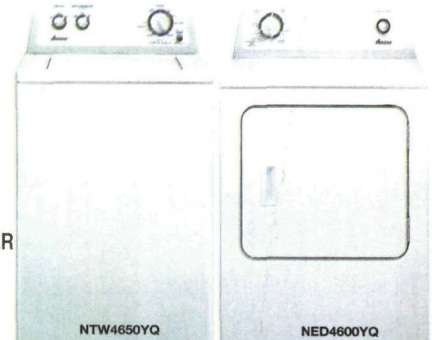
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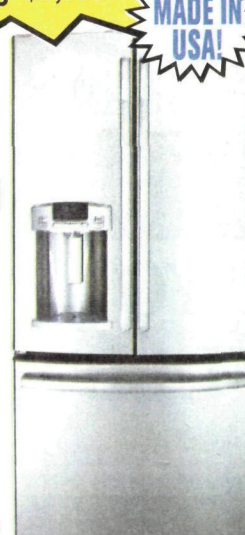
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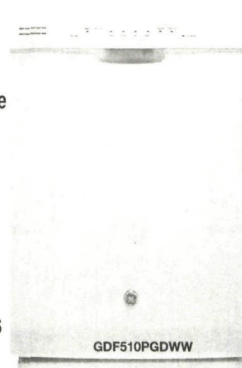


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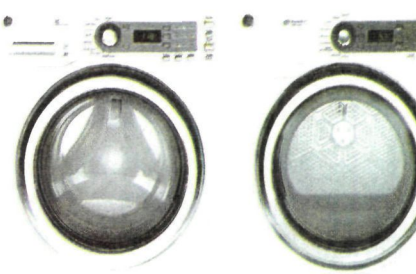
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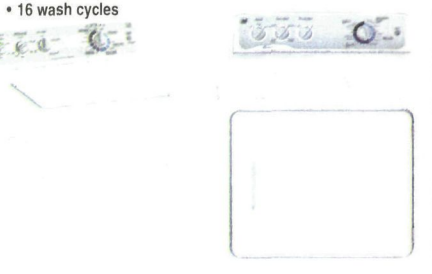
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Middle schools, Imuka Singers bridge culture gap



The Imuka Singers, a 30-person choir group from Tanzania, Africa, visited Brownell Middle School last Thursday, Oct. 25, for an evening concert. They also spent an afternoon working with choir students from Brownell, Parcels and Pierce.

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

Choral director Smart Baitani sees music as a transformative tool for development, a means of fostering and promoting cultural understanding and bridging the gap between his native Tanzania, Africa and other countries. One of his groups, the Imuka

Singers, tours regularly, showcasing the high-energy and passion-fueled song and dance of the northwestern shores of Lake Victoria in churches and schools across the United States.

Last Thursday, Oct. 25, Brownell Middle School became one such school, the 30-person Imuka Singers making a special one-day trip to Brownell

before continuing their tour south to Toledo, Ohio. Former Grosse Pointe North High School choir director Eugene Rogers arranged the visit, connecting Brownell's director Carolyn Gross and Baitani.

While Baitani saw it as another opportunity to spotlight the Tanzanian culture, Gross recognized it as a once-in-a-lifetime

experience for her students.

"An experience our students would never forget, really," Gross said.

Her students, along with choir students from Parcels and Pierce middle schools, responded, reacting to the Imuka Singers with rock star-like fanaticism, as if they were in the presence of One Direction or a collection of Justin Biebers. Students spent nearly two hours rehearsing with the Singers, learning their style, their dance, their instruments, their song, their culture. They prepared for a special evening performance, in which the middle school choir students joined the group in singing "Jenga Imani," a community-based and traditional Tanzanian song about building faith.

The Imuka Singers also performed a brief concert for Brownell students, faculty and administration.

"We're so lucky we got to experience this," said Michael Joseph, a Pierce Middle School eighth grader and choir student. "It's not every day you get to see something like this. It would definitely want to make me go to Tanzania one day to see them."

Added Rowen Thom, an eighth grader at Brownell: "This was really amazing. They

were really good dancers. It was much more exciting."

Imuka is a Kihaya word meaning "rise up," taken from Ezra 10:4 in the Old Testament, in which Shecaniah pleads for Ezra to rise up, take courage and fulfill his duty by making a covenant before God. As a teenager, Baitani saw similarities between Ezra and himself, Baitani feeling it his duty to not only direct choirs, a duty he's held since age 9, but to use the inspirational power of music and dance in fostering cultural understanding and as a transformative tool for development.

"Concerts, music is a

universal language, and for us, we call ourselves a walking brochure. Instead of mailing you junk mail to tell you about Bukoba in Tanzania, we come and tell you," Baitani said. "I think it's more connecting than just reading us in a postcard. Kids, especially kids, that's why we love performing for kids, they will make that connection. They will know our names. It's to foster that cultural understanding."

A significant portion of the revenue raised from last Thursday's performance benefits women and youth and supports social projects in Bukoba, Tanzania.



The Imuka Singers donned Brownell's "Buck Up Broncos" T-shirts during a song.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Liggett Players open season

The Liggett Players, one of 10 programs from around the country to perform on the main stage at last summer's Educational Theatre Association International Thespian Festival, open the 2012-2013 season today with the production of Neil Simon's "Brighton Beach Memoirs."

Production of the coming-of-age comedy about a Polish-Jewish American teenager's search for identity features three students who've earned the theatrical equivalent to All-America status, including Henry Duhaime as Eugene Jerome; Stella Gatzke as his mother; and Beth Ottosen, scenic design creator. Duhaime, Gatzke

and Alec Josaitis earned top rankings for individual event performances at the thespian festival, while Ottosen was top set designer in the nation and participated in the International Individual Events Showcase.

"We set our goals high and work hard to reach them," Josaitis said in a press release. The senior is one of several students preparing for the self-directed "Master Harold and the Boys," Athol Fugard's play, which the students will perform at the state theater festival.

Liggett Players' final production is the spring musical, "Crazy for You." Award-winning educator and University Liggett School creative and performing arts department

chair Phillip Moss directs.

"We are blessed with engaged and talented students who really work through the process and, as a result, they are able to do amazing things," Moss said in the release. "There are a lot of programs that do good work, but the difference for us is that our students are in charge — they design, implement and run the show. When you see the work, you can't help but be impressed with the quality and effort of these kids."

"Memoirs" runs 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, to Saturday, Nov. 3, at Liggett's main auditorium.

Tickets are available online at seatyourself.biz/uls.



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The cast of "Brighton Beach Memoirs," top row from left, Henry Duhaime, Stella Gatzke, Joe Pas and Margot Alpert; in front from left, Caleb Sword, Julia Kaiser and Amanda Walenciewicz.



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An unforgettable experience

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

The passion in Neal Jeup's voice is palpable. Contagious even, as he rehashes his time at Boys Nation in Washington D.C.

There, he served as the mock Senate's President Pro Tempore, one of four top positions in the program, and toured the city's historic monuments and buildings, including an afternoon in the White House.

"Sorry I'm jumping around a little bit," the Grosse Pointe South High School senior said, trying to collect his thoughts about the week. "There's so much information that actually happened during the week that, when I'm talking about something, another thought pops into my head and then I'll throw that one in there."

One thought Jeup likely won't ever forget: included in the White House visit, aside from free roam of most rooms, was a meeting with President Barack Obama.

"The two double doors leading into the room flew open just as they had when the president announced that we had killed Osama Bin Laden," recalled Jeup, whose initial participation was result of Dan McCrary, of American Legion Post 303. McCrary nominated Jeup for Boys State during last school year. "In



OFFICIAL WHITE HOUSE PHOTO BY PETE SOUZA

President Barack Obama drops by the American Legion Boys Nation and Girls Nation White House tour in the East Room of the White House, July 27, 2012.

walks Obama, which was quite amazing, and his booming voice just echoed like no other voice I've ever heard. It's just, the way it echoed, the way that, his presence in a room is like nothing I've really experienced."

Taking a break from campaigning and election-related business, President Obama spent about 45 minutes, Jeup said, getting to know the Boys Nation participants and shaking hands.

"He came up, addressed us, told us he was proud

to see a group like us and it's giving him and our country hope for the future in regard to business and politics and those who are going to run our country, which was very, very, very, very cool to hear from the President himself," said Jeup, who also walked around the green, blue and red rooms and the East room, to name a few, reveling in the histories of each. "Something astonishing to me was walking up to one of the mirrors in the dining room of the White House, and looking at myself in the mirror, and just seeing how old and weared it was, really, to say it in a way, and how long that mirror has been there."

"Being the experience I went through, I hope I never forget it and I really don't expect to forget it any time within my life."

Jeup, who's also a senator for the senior class of South's Student Association and president of the National Honors Society, was one of 98 students from across the country — two from each state, not including Hawaii — selected for the program following a stint as Secretary of State at Boys State, the predecessor to Boys Nation, and a series of extensive interviews with the program's senior leaders.

During the mock Senate sessions, the 98 participants presented and debated Bills and resolutions and ran a government as if on a real Senate.

"Grosse Pointe South is so proud of Neal for this accomplishment," South principal Matt Outlaw said. "It is a testament to his strength and character to be chosen from among this unbelievable group of young people to represent our state."



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Fall concert

Grosse Pointe North High School's choirs hosted their 2012 fall concert, "Let the Song be Begun," last Friday, Oct. 26, at the Performing Arts Center. The evening featured a collection of songs from North's Combined Women, Norsemen, CounterPointe, Choraliers, AcaFella, Pointe Chorale and Treble Choir groups, as well as solo performances. Pictured Above, the Norsemen sing, "Soldier's Elegy." Right, Kristina Kamm sings, "Little Jazz Bird."



South presents Fall Follies

Fall is in full swing — and dance — at the Grosse Pointe South High School choir's annual Fall Follies, an extravaganza of music and fun. It's choir director Chris Pratt's first full show since accepting the position in August.

This year's performances feature music from many popular musicals, along with solo and small group acts from South students.

"Fall Follies 2012 will

be a night of the same sheer entertainment, color and amazing performance that has defined Grosse Pointe South's show choir for years," publicity spokesman Terry Ayrault said via press release. "In fact, many of the former students who participated in the program over the years will be in attendance and will be honored with an alumni reception following Saturday's performance."

The show is at 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 2, and Saturday, Nov. 3, at Grosse Pointe North High School's Performing Arts Center.

Tickets are \$15 for main floor and \$10 for balcony seating and available at Posterity: A Gallery or online at gpsouthchoir.org.

For more information, contact the choir hotline at (313) 432-5888 or visit gpsouthchoir.org.

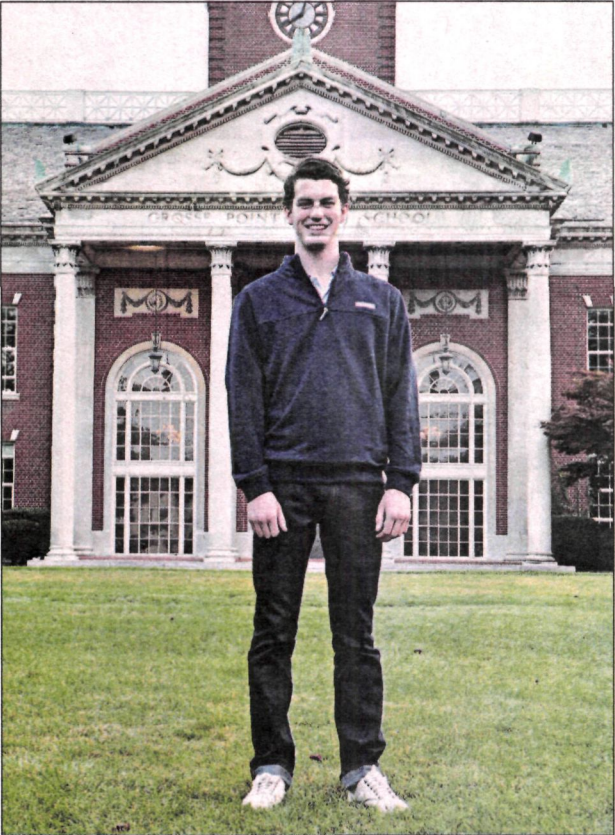


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Neal Jeup outside Grosse Pointe South High School. Jeup is a senior.

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Student's work featured in national exhibit



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Former Grosse Pointe South High School student Margaux Forster's "Winston" is one of 44 works selected for the Art.Write.Now.DC exhibit.

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

CITY COUNCIL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council, under the provisions of Michigan Statutes, Section 125.584, et al, and Section 5.2934, et al, and Chapter 50, Zoning, Article II, Administration & Enforcement, Section 50-32(5), Special Land Use Approval, of the 2007 Grosse Pointe Woods City Code, will meet in the Council-Court Room of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, on Monday, November 19, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. to hear the petition of St. John Hospital & Medical Center, 19231/19233 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, which seeks approval to construct a temporary heliport in the north parking lot of the St. John Hospital property, which property is the subject of a special land use request and in accordance with the City code requires a public hearing. As specified in Section 50-420(4), Permitted Special Land Uses, hospitals and accessory uses located in the C-2 High Intensity City Center Zoning District are subject to the standards set forth in Section 50-421 and 50-422 of the City Code. The subject file is open for public review. Written comments will be received in the City Clerk's office, up to the close of business preceding the hearing. A group spokesperson is encouraged on agenda items concerning organized groups. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact the Grosse Pointe Woods Clerk's Office at 313 343-2440 seven days prior to the meeting. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Lisa Kay Hathaway
City Clerk

Staff of The President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities has selected former Grosse Pointe South High School art student Margaux Forster's work, "Winston," for inclusion in Art.Write.Now.DC, a special exhibition of national award-winning works from the 2012 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards.

This year's exhibit features 44 artworks from students across the nation. Students and schools were recognized at a ribbon cutting ceremony Friday, Oct. 12, at the Lyndon Baines Johnson Department of Education Building in Washington DC.

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Lexi Poulos and Ruth Fradeneck, of Mason Elementary School, scream and run from a lunging pumpkin man. The girls thought him part of the decorations.

Haunted surprise

Trolls and werewolves lurked around corners and behind closed doors. Aliens and clowns led thrill-seekers through haunted mazes and cemeteries. And that was before any of the Grosse Pointe Public School System elementary

school students brave enough to attend Mr. Williams' Haunted Garage Productions fundraiser made it inside Williams' house, which featured even more decorations and creatures that went bump in the night.

Throughout October, Glen Williams, a physical education in the district, welcomed students from each of the nine elementary schools into his haunted house, with proceeds benefitting each school's Parent Teacher Organization.

St. Clare students learn Internet safety

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

Michigan Cyber Safety Initiative presenter Cathy McCann shared some advice for students at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School and the 93 percent of teens across the United States accessing the Internet regularly: Don't be afraid, be smart.

McCann, of the Michigan Attorney General's office, visited students at St. Clare Tuesday, Oct. 23, as part of the Michigan Attorney General's CSI program and community seminar. Launched in 2007 by former Attorney General Mike Cox, it's a free program for students and includes a series of videos and presentations on Internet safety and education.

It was updated recently to include cyber bullying and sexting.

"The Internet is a very good tool, it's a powerful and a good tool," McCann said. "But you have to be careful when you use it."

While at St. Clare, McCann spoke to students, kindergarten to eighth grade, about cyber safety and precautions in preventing or avoiding the growing threat of Internet predators and cyber bullies.

Maintaining a safe presence, McCann said, means following the program's three "keeps" of Internet safety: keep safe all personal information, keep away from Internet strangers and keep telling parents or guardians about any uncomfortable feelings when perusing online.

Presentations were customized according to and divided by grade: kindergarten and first grades, second and third grades, fourth and fifth grades, sixth to eighth, and McCann also conducted a community seminar for parents Tuesday evening. In all instances, cyber bullying and cyber safety were the main focus.

Some presentations, "Predator" and "Cyberbullying - Let's Fight it Together," in particular, made an immediate impact on students, a few of whom openly admitted to being scared.

"I don't want you leaving here being afraid of the Internet," McCann said. "Be smart, don't be afraid."

For more information about the program, visit michigan.gov/csi.



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Pumpkin specials

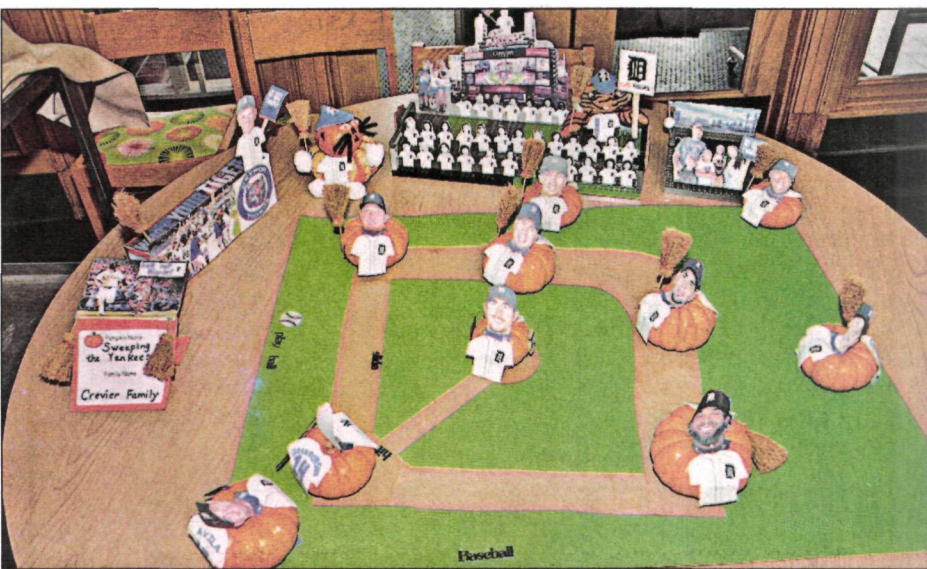


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Monteith Elementary School hosted its 11th Annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest Wednesday, Oct. 24. Families paid \$3 per pumpkin entry, with money raised benefitting United Way. The school raised \$325. Pictured above, the Crevier Family's winning decoration, "Sweeping the Yankees." They received a \$40 gift card to Barnes & Noble. The Ayrault Family ("Monsters Inc.") placed second, Ozomoors ("The Big Blue Sea") third and Kontykos ("Peter Pumpkin Eater") honorable mention. Kontyko also received the Principal's Award.

North students earn AP Scholar Awards

Ninety students at Grosse Pointe North High School have earned Advanced Placement Scholar Awards from The College Board for exceptional achievements on AP exams. About 18 percent of the more than 1.9 million students worldwide performed at standards sufficient enough for the award.

The College Board, a mission-driven, not-for-profit organization that connects students to college success and opportunity, recognizes several achievement levels based on student performance: National AP Scholars, AP Scholars with Distinction, AP Scholars with Honor and AP Scholars. At North, eight students qualified as National AP Scholars, earning an average score of 4 or higher on all exams taken and scoring 4 or higher on eight or more exams. They are: Kevin Kain, Alexandra Krawetz, Mary Krusz, Mark Linington, Tristan Mora, Andrew Remenar, Brett Slajus and Edward Surmont.

Thirty-one students earned AP Scholars with Distinction, recognizing students with an average score of at least 3.5 on all exams taken and with scores of 3 or higher on five or more exams. Students include: Joseph Carron, Amy Cooper, Jennifer Cusmano, Natasha Eklund, Nicole Fricke, Kevin Kain, Ryan Kenney, Alexandra Krawetz, Mary Krusz, Mark Linington, Megann McCuen, James McNelis,

Christian Mellos, Tristan Mora, Kimberly Morawski, Lakshman Mulpuri, Katherine Murray, Rachel Premack, Matthew Przybysz, Justin Rakowicz, Andrew Remenar, Daniel Schrage, Claire Schreiber, Stacy Sharon, Brett Slajus, Edward Surmont, Kathryn VanEgmond, Courtney Veneri, Nathan Vengalil, Suzanne Vyletel and Ryan Waggoner.

Nineteen students made AP Scholars with Honor, awarded to students earning an average score of at least 3.25 or higher on all exams taken and who score 3 or higher on four or more

exams. They are: Hunter Brennan, Michelle Burns, Noah Cherry, Christopher Cyr, Michael Francis, Jaclyn Gabel, Connor Holm, Christopher Jakob, Zachary Jatkowski, Ellen Koppy, Laura O'Brien, Jordan Radke, Kelsey Richards, Jessica Richter, Daniel Santalucia, Stephanie Saravolatz, Ian Thompson, Stamatia Tsakos and Amy Zaranek.

Forty students qualified for the final award, AP Scholars, by completing three or more exams with scores of 3 or higher. AP Scholars include: Alexander

Arnold, Ian Aufdemberge, Kristin Carlson, Courtney Carroll, Francesca Ciaramitaro, Kimberly Cusmano, Jessie Ding, Julia Ellis, Allison Francis, Evan Gallagher, Kyle Garvin, Matt Giancona, Jack Gruber, Danielle Haggerty, Jeremy Harr, Logan Hart, Ronald Illagan, Roxanne Illagan, Kamala Kanneganti, Michelle Kavanaugh, David Kracht, Colleen Livingston, Laura Leshaj, Allison Maggart, Andrew McLauchlan, Carly Mellos, Erick Michaelson, Robert Morgan, Michael

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Amp Up Curb Appeal

A property's curb appeal naturally makes a critical first impression. Listed below are several tips to amp up the curb appeal in your home:

Front door

A front door can be a home's focal point—painting or replacing an entryway door with a new steel door (which costs about \$1,200) actually offers one of the biggest bangs for the buck at resale. Replace outdated hardware (Satin nickel and black or oil-rubbed bronze are more the trend these days.).

Windows

Wash them—inside and out—and remove the screens for added sparkle. Then try dressing up the windows with flower boxes. Also consider a new color for shutters. The trend is a shift away from high-contrast green, red, or black to more monochromatic palettes that blend with the rest of the house.

Garage

Depending on its orientation to the house, a garage can make a huge impact. Does the door need paint or repairs? While you might not want to spend money on a stylish new cedar wood door, there are budget-friendly options in metal or fiberglass. A new steel garage door can cost about \$1,500, but you may

recoup nearly 72 percent of that investment at resale.

Front porch

Sell your front porch as additional square footage by staging it as you would other rooms with a pair of rocking chairs, Adirondacks, a porch swing, tables, or even an outdoor living suite.

Driveway

Resurface or patch up cracks using premixed concrete materials. Driveway cracks a quarter-inch or smaller may be able to be filled with asphalt or concrete that comes in caulk-like tubes. A patching compound for asphalt can be used for larger cracks. Some experts recommend kitty litter for removing oil stains, though hardware stores offer designated products, too.

After dark

Evening curb appeal also matters. Conceal a couple of portable outdoor lamps and aim them at the house or a beautiful tree for low-cost, high-value impact. If the home isn't wired outdoors, line a pathway to the door with solar lights.

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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.

Edward G. Astfalk

Longtime Grosse Pointe Park resident Edward G. Astfalk, 86, passed away Saturday, Oct. 27, 2012, at home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on July 11, 1926, in Fort Pitt, Pa. to Edward Earl and Ann G. (nee French) Astfalk.

Mr. Astfalk was proud of his service to his country in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II and as a special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It was while working for the FBI in California he met his wife, Margaret. They married in Ada and moved to Grosse Pointe in 1963 and became active members of St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church.

Mr. Astfalk loved traveling with friends and family. His family said his real passion, however, was tennis. Many happy hours were spent and friendships made on the tennis courts from Pittsburgh to Grosse Pointe.

Mr. Astfalk is survived by Margaret (nee Simpson), his wife of 58 years and his children, Cathy Simon, Anne Carpenter, Ed, Dan, Tim, Martin, John, Chris and Peter. He also is survived by his sister, Doris Wilcox of Bridgeville, Pa.; 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Oct. 30 at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Park, with interment in Saranac Cemetery in Saranac.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Theresa Burdick

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Theresa Burdick, 75, passed away peacefully Saturday, Oct. 27, 2012, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit with family by her side.

She was born Feb. 26, 1937, in Detroit to Joaquin and Albertha (nee Clarke) Gaya.

She married Dale Burdick July 30, 1966, and they lived in Eastpointe for 30 years. She lived in Grosse Pointe Woods the last 13 years. She was a waitress at Lochmoor Club for many years.

The biggest love in Mrs. Burdick's life was her family. She helped her daughter raise her girls when they were young. She was proud of her grandchildren and attended every school function.

Mrs. Burdick is survived by her loving daughter, Dawn Murray (Ron); grandchildren, Bryan, Katie and Emily and step-daughter, Kathy Burdick.

She was predeceased by her husband.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at the funeral home with Rev. Colleen Kamke officiating.

Mrs. Burdick will be laid to rest next to her beloved Dale at Cadillac Memorial Gardens East in Clinton Township.

Donations may be made to the American Lung Association, 25900 Greenfield Road, Oak Park, MI 48237 or the Rheumatoid Arthritis Foundation at arthritis.org.

David Gray Brown

David Gray Brown, 73, died Sunday, Oct. 21, 2012.

He was born Dec. 30, 1938, in Milton, Mass., to Waldo Hayward Brown and Frances Gray Merkel and attended Albion College. His father was a naval architect and his great-grandfather was the first president of Ford Motor Co.

Mr. Brown came from a long line of boaters. He would summer on Cape Cod and was a member of the Harwichport Golf Club.

He was a former member of the Detroit Power Squadron and the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

Mr. Brown is survived by his son Joshua D. Brown and his wife, Amanda; his companion, Ilene Christian and his siblings, Paul Brown and Frannie Aeschlimann.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his siblings, Ann McLure Waldo and John Brown.

Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Donations may be made to the Michigan Parkinson Foundation, 30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 150, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.

Edward Henkel, Jr.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Edward Henkel Jr., 87, passed away Thursday, Oct. 25, 2012, surrounded by his family.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Henkel lived in Grosse Pointe since 1925. He graduated from the Detroit University School (now University Liggett School) and earned his bachelor's degree from Kenyon College, where he was a member of Tau Kappa Alpha (forensic) Honors Society and Psi Upsilon Fraternity.

In 1949, Mr. Henkel, along with his brother, Milton, joined the family firm of Edward Henkel Realty Company, which was founded in 1916. Mr. Henkel and his brother continued to grow the company until retirement in 1999. He was President of the Detroit Real Estate Board during its 75th Anniversary year in 1965 and was awarded Realtor of the Year by his Board of Realtors and honored by the National Association of Real Estate Boards.

Mr. Henkel was an avid horseman riding since childhood in Grosse Pointe, Metamora and during World War II in the U.S. Coast Guard Mounted Beach Patrol. In his latter years, he enjoyed golf, paddle tennis and tennis at the Country Club of Detroit.

Mr. Henkel is survived by his wife of 61 years, Geraldine Rounds Henkel; his daughters, Geraldine "Nene" Brennan (Lawrence), Eloise "Weezy" Gates (John Jr.), and Heidi McGarry (John); his grandchildren Geraldine "Tracy" and Lindsey Johnson; John "Fordy" III, Edward "Teddy" and Thomas "Tommy" Gates; Eloise "Ellie" and Thomas "Tom" McGarry.

He was predeceased by his son, Edward "Trey" Henkel III.

A private family memorial service will be held with burial in Elmwood Cemetery, Detroit.

John J. Hinsberg

John J. Hinsberg, 87, of Marysville, formerly of Grosse Pointe, died Monday, Oct. 22, 2012.

He was born Nov. 29, 1925, in Detroit to John and Norma Hinsberg. He married Nancy J. Irwin Nov. 11, 1950, and she died Aug. 28, 2012.

Mr. Hinsberg was employed with the Auto Club of Michigan, AAA, for 30 years. He enjoyed spending time with his family, caring for animals and golfing.

He is survived by his daughters, Mary Susan Slaine (Richard) of Clinton Township, Nancy Jane Eilert (Hendrik "Henk") of Uitgeest, Netherlands and Catherine Dinan Hinsberg of Detroit; grandchildren, Ryan Slaine, Erik, Hanneke and John Eilert and Marissa Hinsberg; sister, Sandra Krell (Thomas) of Royal Oak; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was predeceased by two sons, Robert Irwin Hinsberg and John Joseph Hinsberg (Brandy).

A private memorial service will be held. Share a memory at marysvillefuneralhome.com.

Douglas LeVern Wake M.D.

Douglas LeVern Wake M.D., 95, died Thursday, Oct. 18, 2012, of complications from a fall.

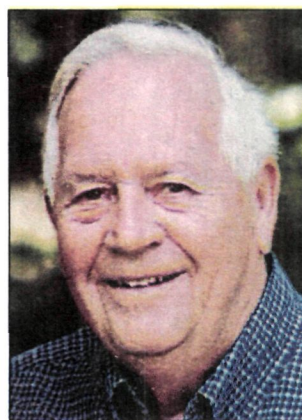
He was born in Aug. 12, 1917, in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada, to Lewis and Mary Alice (Pratt) Wake. The family moved to southeast Michigan when he was in third grade. He graduated from Royal Oak High School in 1935 and earned his bachelor's degree in science in 1939 and his medical degree in 1942, both from the University of Michigan. He was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society as a junior. He took his internship and residency in pediatrics at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, finishing training in 1944. He was listed in Who's Who in America at 24 and became a naturalized American citizen in 1949.

Dr. Wake served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps during World War II. He volunteered for radiation hazard work, and followed the atomic bomb from Los Alamos, N.M., to Bikini Atoll in the Marianna Islands to Nagasaki and Hiroshima, Japan. He was honorably discharged from the Army as a captain and set up a private practice in pediatrics in Royal Oak where he practiced 37 years until retiring in 1983.

Dr. Wake enjoyed bowling and Alpine skiing. He was a prolific amateur horticulturist, raising orchids at his homes in Royal Oak and Pompano Beach, Fla. He was an avid yachtsman, winning hundreds of trophies during the several decades he raced sailboats. He raced in 39 Bayview to Mackinac races and 25 Chicago to Mackinac races, achieving "Old Goat" status in both. He was a member of Bayview Yacht Club for 60 years.

He had a lifelong interest in building, working his way through college and medical school as a carpenter and remodeling homes during his working life or in retirement.

Dr. Wake married Margaret Jane Bryant Aug.



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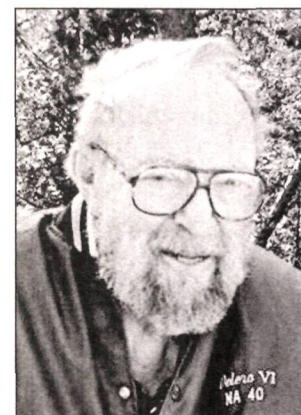
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Margaret M. Mahoney



Richard Louis Weinberg



Nora Mae Kramer

18, 1940. She died Jan. 26, 2012.

He is survived by their four children, Brian (Joan), Patti Townsend (James), Mary Ann Uznis (George) and Lewis (Marie). He also leaves his brother, John Hextel LeRoy (Shirley); nine grandchildren; one step-grandchild and 15 great-grandchildren.

A memorial gathering for Doug and Maggie Wake will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at Bayview Yacht Club, 100 Clairpointe, Detroit. His ashes will be divided into three portions, one to be scattered on Lake St. Clair, another on Lake Medora in the Keweenaw Peninsula and the third to be buried with Margaret at Pine Grove Cemetery in Eagle Harbor.

Donations may be made to Bayview Yacht Club, Junior Sailing, 100 Clairpointe, Detroit, MI 48215.

Margaret McCaughey Mahoney

Margaret McCaughey Mahoney, 93, died Saturday, Oct. 6, 2012, peacefully in her sleep in Marquette. She was a former longtime resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, having lived there 53 years.

She was devoted to her family and is survived by sons, Tom (Mary) of Bloomington, Minn. and Sam (Diane) of Marquette and her grandsons, Brent Lamm, Shane Mahoney, and Devin Mahoney.

She was predeceased by Tom, her husband of 67 years.

Mrs. Mahoney was a longtime member of the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church. She was an avid bridge club player and a member of multiple bridge groups, gardener, and member of PEO Sisterhood chapter DB in Grosse Pointe since 1971, serving as chaplain, recording secretary, vice president and president. She also belonged to PEO chapters in Bloomington, Minn. and Marquette.

She loved spending time with her family, working in her garden and, with her husband, Tom, getting together with the longtime bridge club started after World War II.

Mrs. Mahoney was committed to PEO's mission to provide educational opportunities for female students worldwide. Donations may be sent to the PEO Foundation, 3700

Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50312.

A private graveside service will be held in Croswell.

Richard Louis Weinberg

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Richard "Dick" Louis Weinberg, 76, died peacefully at home Thursday, Oct. 25, 2012.

He was born Jan. 12, 1936, in Saginaw, to Irma and Louis Weinberg and was predeceased by his parents and sister, Louanne Weinberg Hoff.

Mr. Weinberg is survived by his wife of 47 years, Phoebe; his children, Phoebe Christine Bedsworth (Andy), Julia Rowe Wheeler (Steve) and Richard L. Weinberg Jr. (Jennifer); his sister, Carole Drewyer, and his beloved grandchildren, Phoebe, Charlotte, Constance and Charles Richard Bedsworth and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mr. Weinberg loved his family above all and took great pride in their accomplishments — be it many swim meets enthusiastically cheering for Christy; innumerable soccer matches cheering for Rick or providing unending guidance and support to Phoebe and Julie in their professional life at Greatways Travel. His family said the most important memory they have of him is the infinite personal love, loyalty, wisdom and constant nurturing for them and his wide circle of friends, both personal and professional.

Mr. Weinberg loved life and lived it every day to its fullest. He loved nothing better than a good, fun time with those he cared for and his family is grateful for the memories shared over these last few days by his close friends in both Grosse Pointe and Saginaw. He was the consummate sports fan and relished and thrived on Michigan football, as well as the Detroit Tigers, Red Wings, Lions and Pistons. His family and friends were in awe of the sports minutia he could recall of various games over the last seven decades.

He loved fishing, which his dad taught him at a young age, and was proud to pass this skill on to his children. Additionally, Mr. Weinberg enjoyed music, especially jazz, as well as cooking, reading, his fav-

orite travel destinations, London and Southern Africa, World War II history, and watching every major sports event on television. He adored his grandchildren, who called him "Bop," took joy in their scholastic and sports endeavors and had a secret place for the jar of Jelly Bellies he kept for them whenever they visited.

He was a member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Country Club of Detroit and several professional organizations.

A memorial service was celebrated Oct. 30 at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center, 1500 East Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

Nora Mae Kramer

Nora Mae Kramer of Grosse Pointe Shores and Boynton Beach, Fla., passed away Monday, Oct. 22, 2012, of metastatic cancer at her home in the arms of her husband and daughter. She was 82.

She was born July 23, 1930, in Grove City, Pa., to Earl and Florence Martin.

Nora is survived by her loving husband of more than 61 years, George Kramer, whom she met and married while he was attending college in Grove City. She also is survived by her sister, Shirley Pridemore of Grove City; daughter, Patricia Harris (Steven); daughter-in-law, Susan Lorenger (Mark); grandchildren, Stephanie Sikora, Rachel Krauth, Brian Harris, Patricia Grant and Ryan Kramer and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her son, Bradley Michael Kramer; sister, Mary McGarvey and brother, Ralph Martin.

A funeral service was held Oct. 26 at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Arrangements were handled by A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods. A memorial service will be held in Florida at a later date.

Donations may be made to a charity of one's choice.

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE

'You got me'

A 47-year-old Oak Park man made matters worse when pulled over at 10:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, for suspected drunken driving on westbound East Jefferson near Island Lane.

"I had to ask him to turn down his radio several times to talk with him," said a patrolman.

The man reportedly failed a series of sobriety tests and said, "You got me."

Officers arrested the man upon his registering a .20 percent blood alcohol level.

Wheels taken

Someone stole the wheels off a 2010 Lincoln four-door parked over-

night Thursday, Oct. 25, in a carport off the 600 block of Cadieux.

Three warrants

During a traffic stop on East Jefferson at 1:22 a.m. Monday, Oct. 22, police arrested a 25-year-old Detroit woman on three outstanding misdemeanor warrants.

She was wanted in Warren, Gerrish Township and Clinton Township.

The stop was due to the woman's car having an unlit license plate, according to police.

—Brad Lindberg
Report information about these or other crimes to the City of

Grosse Pointe public safety department at (313) 886-3200.

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Enters exit

An alleged drunken driver, 83, barreled his 2012 Lincoln MKZ into the Pier Park lot through the exit and hit a light pole shortly after 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, according to police.

Police arrested the man, from Detroit, for having a .13 percent blood alcohol level.

"He thought he was on Harper," said a public safety officer. "(I) had to remind (him) three times

he was in Grosse Pointe Farms."

Earrings gone

Within five days of a woman receiving the gift of diamond and pearl earrings worth \$7,000, they were stolen from her house on Hendrie Lane.

She received the earrings Saturday, Oct. 20. She discovered them missing Thursday, Oct. 25.

Can't hide

An officer cruising Vendome near Kercheval investigated when occupants of a 2012 Ford Fusion parked curbside reclined their seats a few

seconds before he drove by at 12:06 a.m. Friday, Oct. 26.

The patrolman said he suspected the occupants were trying to "make it appear the vehicle was empty."

Police found a 3/4 empty 23.5-ounce container of malt liquor in the car, driven by a 16-year-old Fraser girl.

A 17-year-old male passenger from Grosse Pointe Woods had a .114 percent blood alcohol level, according to police.

The male also surrendered a small amount of marijuana, officers added.

Stupefied

A motorist from St. Clair Shores tipped off police shortly before 5 p.m. Monday Oct. 22, to a woman driving erratically on westbound Lakeshore into the Farms.

A patrolman pulled over the woman, operating a freshly-damaged, dark blue 2004 Pontiac Grand Am, near Moross.

"(Her) pupils were severely pinpointed," the arresting officer said of the 40-year-old suspect from Ferndale. "She seemed to be in a stupor."

She admitted taking two to four Ativan pills nearly three hours earlier, police said.

Officers arrested her for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs.

The witnesses said some damage to the woman's car resulted from hitting a curb in St. Clair Shores.

Drug warrant

A man wanted by Wayne County authorities for cocaine possession was picked up by sheriff's deputies following a traffic stop at 5:55 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, in the area of Mack and East Warren.

A Farms patrolman pulled over the suspect, 21, of Warren, for a minor traffic infraction.

Hamtramck authorities also wanted the man on a warrant for disorderly conduct, according to police.

—Brad Lindberg
Report information about these or other crimes to the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety department at (313) 885-2100.

GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Fire run

Four Grosse Pointe Shores public safety officers early Tuesday, Oct.

23, assisted Harper Woods firefighters in extinguishing a burning house in the 20400 block of Lochmoor.

Shores officers deployed at 1:07 a.m. in a fire engine and cruiser.

"Upon arrival, smoke and flames were observed through two upstairs windows," according to a written report.

Officers spent more than two hours at the scene, returning to regular duty shortly before 3:30 a.m.

—Brad Lindberg
Report information about these or other crimes to the Grosse Pointe Shores public safety department at (313) 881-5500.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Drug arrest

A 24-year-old Woods resident was taken into custody at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, after Harper Woods police requested assistance in locating a suspect who had refused their order to stop.

The suspect had fled in a car registered to an address in Grosse Pointe Woods. When Woods officers arrived at the house, they were given permission to search the house by the homeowner. Police located the suspect in the house, along with narcotics and drug paraphernalia.

Cell phone taken

A Glen Arbor resident parked his car in his driveway around 9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24. When he returned 15 minutes later, he discovered his iPhone had been taken. The car was not locked.

—Kathy Ryan
If you have information on these or any other crimes, contact Grosse Pointe Woods police, (313) 343-2400.

GROSSE POINTE PARK

Tip taker

A 49-year-old customer was caught with his hand in the tip jar at a business on Kercheval at 2:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26. An employee at the business held the man until police arrived and he was arrested.

Lock your cars

A 2008 Chevrolet Malibu parked overnight Thursday, Oct. 25, in a driveway in the 1100 block of Whittier was entered and the glovebox was rummaged through. Nothing was taken.

Attempted

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C'est la vie

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The piper arrived at city hall this month with 31 pages of federal anti-discrimination requirements.

One mandates the City of Grosse Pointe accommodate people not proficient in English trying to deal in municipal mat-

ters.

"Individuals who do not speak English well and who have a limited ability to read, write and speak, or understand English are entitled to language assistance," according to the Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan.

Compliance is tied to the city accepting road repair grants from the

federal department of transportation.

"The impact of adopting this plan will be the city will be required to have certain compliant language in all its contracts," said Charles Kennedy III, city attorney. "We will be prepared to provide bilingual services and translation to anyone who may come to the city and require it."

The DOT wrote the terms for an executive order signed in 2000 by President Bill Clinton.

"DOT guidance is modeled after the Department of Justice's guidance and requires recipients and sub-recipients to take steps to ensure meaningful access (to) their programs and activities to limited English proficiency persons," accord-

ing to the agreement adopted unanimously by the city council Monday, Oct. 15.

Although terms were tied to road funds for specific projects, the DOT mandates more open-ended.

"All parts of a recipient's operations are covered, even if only one part of a recipient's organization received the fed-

eral assistance," according to the terms.

Title VI is part of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 outlawing discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin or other applicable federal laws.

"(The plan) also establishes a procedure for anyone who has civil right complaints," Kennedy said.

Sentencing next in City case

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — A 21-year-old woman's three-month trip through the municipal justice system ends next month with her sentencing on a drug charge.

She faced a felony when arrested July 20 for possession of methamphetamine.

Yet, she pleaded guilty last week in City of Grosse Pointe Municipal Court to the lesser charge of attempted possession of an analogue, a controlled substance chemically similar to other drugs.

The revised offense, though cryptic, carries the clear advantage of

being a misdemeanor.

The plea cut her maximum two-year jail sentence to one year at most.

As a first-time offender, she may qualify for much lesser penalties and expunging of the drug charge if she stays out of trouble.

"The matter will be dismissed and you'll have no record, except for a secret record kept with the state police, a one-time deal," Judge Russell Ethridge told defendant Mary Elizabeth Novak, of Grosse Pointe Farms, in court Thursday, Oct. 25.

The hearing was the fourth since Novak's arrest, resulting from her running a red light on Mack on a Friday at 2:30

a.m.

Police searching her car found a single Ecstasy pill in her purse.

Novak and her lawyer explained in court last week someone at a Memorial Day weekend music festival in downtown Detroit gave her the pill.

"I didn't know what it was," Novak told Ethridge. "When (police) said they were going to search the car, I had no alcohol and assumed I had no drugs. So, I just let them do what they're supposed to do."

She added, "I didn't think anything would go wrong."

"And it did," said Ethridge. "Yes," she said.

A.H. Peters receives honor

The A.H. Peters Funeral Home of Grosse Pointe recently received 2012 Pursuit of Excellence Award from the National Funeral Directors Association.

Some 164 firms from around the world received this recognition.

In addition to the award, Peters was inducted into the association's Hall of Excellence.

Created to recognize a consistent display of service excellence, the association-member funeral homes are inducted into the Hall of Excellence upon receiving their 10th Pursuit of Excellence Award.

"This recognition assures families of the high quality, compassionate service they will receive the moment they

walk through the funeral home's front door," said the association's chief executive officer Christine Pepper.

Peters was established in Detroit in 1917 by Arthur H. Peters. The funeral home in Grosse Pointe Woods was opened in 1957. David Peters, Arthur's grandson, continues the business.

REPORTS: Crime in the Pointes

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home invasion

A resident of the 1300 block of Devonshire returned home at 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, and found the window on his back door had been shattered. No entry was

gained.

Attempted car theft

An unknown suspect damaged the driver side door and the ignition of a 2007 Dodge Caravan parked in the 1300 block

of Whittier sometime between 7:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27.

— Kathy Ryan

If you have information on these or any other crimes, contact Grosse Pointe Park police, (313) 822-7400.

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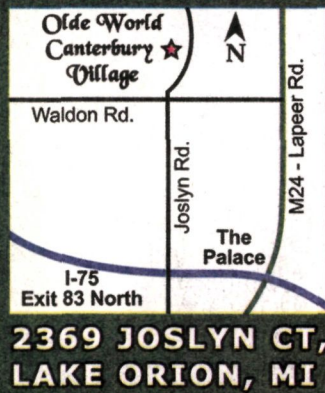
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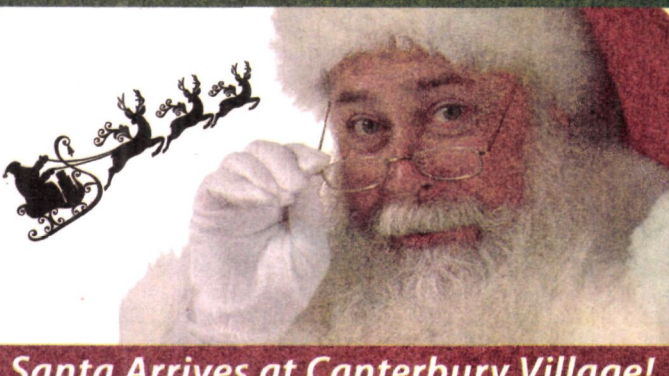
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SOC sets up November and December events PAGE 4B

Diving for dollars



R.J. Rankuch of the City of Grosse Pointe and Jennifer Hess. Each completed dive was photographed.



R.J. Pankuch signs the back of Hess's shirt because he says, he's got her back. Hess raised \$3,246, including Pankuch's \$398.



R.J. Pankuch makes a dive into Grosse Pointe Woods' pool.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Five-year-old R.J. Pankuch of the City of Grosse Pointe wanted to help sick mommies, he told his mother, Christine Keating, following a fundraiser for their friend, Jennifer Hess. She was in her first Susan G. Komen 3 Day Walk, Aug. 19. He wondered if people would pay him a quarter for every dive. Pankuch raised nearly \$400 completing 192 dives. His mother simply said, "R.J. is a little boy with a big heart."

"I was amazed," Jennifer Hess said of R.J. Pankuch's efforts to raise money for "sick mommies." "I was impressed with the fact he was five and he took this on and every single time with a big ol' smile. This is such a great thing. What an example that sets for younger and older children to be so young to set a goal," she continued. "He's such a great kid." Pankuch had two weeks to raise money for Hess, who was walking in her first event to raise breast cancer awareness, the Susan G. Komen 3 Day Walk. He had been taking diving lessons at the University of Michigan this summer and some of his dives took place there. Others were at Neff Park and at Lake Front Park in Grosse Pointe Woods. Hess said it just goes to show everyone has an interest which can be put to good use — Pankuch's is diving and hers is walking.

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AREA ACTIVITIES

Shores Garden Club

The Grosse Pointe Shores Garden Club meets at 1 p.m., Friday, Nov. 2, with hostess Roma Thrasher.

Speaker Kristine Hahn from the Michigan State University Extension Education's topic is "Beneficial Insects."

For more information, call Thrasher at (313) 882-1301.

Windmill Pointe Garden Club

Windmill Pointe Garden Club meets at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 7, at Kirsti Juergens' house. Amira Soheim is co-hostess. Speaker Nicole Agbay of Thrifty Florist discusses flower arranging. Each member makes an arrangement to take home.

Alliance Français

The Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe hosts a luncheon noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, and shows a French film at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The 2008 comedy, "Bienvenue chez les Ch'tis," directed by Dany Boon, begins with Philippe Abrams as the manager of the postal service attempting to get a job at a Mediterranean seaside office to make his wife happy.

After the viewing, the film is discussed.

Admission is \$24. For reservations, send a check payable to Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe, 1390 S. Renaud, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236. Include your phone number on the check.

Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club holds its annual scholarship benefit luncheon at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Lunch is served at noon, followed by a Coldwater Creek fashion show. There will also be a bake sale, white elephant and jewelry sale and a silent auction.

Reservations must be made by Nov. 7 by contacting Marie Mainwaring at (313) 881-2441. Tickets cost \$37.

Tompkins Center

Park Cafe and Blue Pointe offer a pasta dinner from 5 to 6 p.m. and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, at Tompkins Center.

The cost is \$10. For reservations, contact Jackie at marina@grossepointepark.org or call (313) 822-2812, ext. 201.

SOC teas

"Giving Thanks" is the theme of the 2 to 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 8,

Services for Older Citizens tea at St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms. Singer Paul Nagel provides the musical entertainment.

The cost is \$5.

"Holiday Tea" is the theme for the 2 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, event, also at St. James. Musical entertainment is provided by the Grosse Pointe North High School choir.

The cost is \$5.

◆ SOC offers a flu vaccine clinic from noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, at the Harper Woods Public Library, 19601 Harper. Vaccinations are covered by Medicare and available by appointment only.

Schedule an appointment by calling, (313) 882-9600.

Bring your Medicare card, driver's license or Michigan identification, along with any supplemental health insurance card.

◆ Grannie Nannies meet at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at Big Boy Restaurant, 20710 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

For more information, call (313) 882-9600.

Family Center

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods presents "The College Selection Process: Keeping it Real and Make it Yours" and "The College Accommodations Process for Students with a Disability" in November.

The first topic is addressed at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, in Grosse Pointe South High School auditorium. Presenters are Grosse Pointe high school counselors Beth Walsh-Shutske and Milissa Pierce. They assist parents and students in grades nine through 11 in navigating and managing the stressors of the college process.



PHOTO BY JOHN MINNIS

Rotary of Grosse Pointe inducted three new members Oct. 27. From left are Rotary District Assistant Governor Mike Carmody, membership chairman John Mozena new members, Yolanda Turner, Charlie Fisher and Mark Heppner and club president Diane Strickler.

lege process.

Register on line at familycenterweb.org or by calling (313) 432-3832 by Nov. 5.

The second topic is addressed at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, in Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Social worker Marianne Balton talks to parents, students and professionals about:

◆ What parents need to know about transitioning students with disabilities from high school to college;

◆ Differences in laws governing special education services in K-12 versus higher education;

◆ Differences in documentation requirements for higher education;

◆ Student self-determination and

◆ How parents and high school personnel can best help transition students.

The presentation is free and the public can attend.

For reservations, contact familycenterweb.org or call (313) 432-3832.

◆ The center presents "Kindergarten: Get Ready! Preparing for a Successful Transition," at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, in the Barnes Early Childhood Center gym, 20090 Morningside,

Grosse Pointe Woods.

Parents are given an overview of what is expected of them and their children, how and when to enroll children in kindergarten. They also will learn the various school-day options of the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

The presentation is in partnership with Barnes, Detroit Industrial School, Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation, George R. and Elise M. Fink Foundation, HP Foundation and PNC Foundation.

For a reservation, visit familycenterweb.org. The cost is \$5.

Emergency preparedness

A free emergency preparedness class is offered from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza.

Learn how to create a family emergency plan, make an emergency kit and how to prepare pets for an emergency.

To make a reservation, call (313) 343-2408.

League of Women Voters

League of Women See ACTIVITIES, page 5B

Voters Grosse Pointe hosts the showing of the movie, "Iron Jawed Angels" at 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 8, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods branch, 20680 Mack.

The film honors the women and men who campaigned for universal suffrage and equal rights.

Admission is free. For reservations, call (313) 881-6343.

Grosse Pointe Academy

Author Po Bronson appears at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, at the Grosse Pointe Academy fieldhouse, 171 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. His topic is "New Thinking About Children."

Admission is free. For more information, call (313) 886-1221.

Henry Ford Health System

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CHURCH EVENTS

Men's breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical breakfast begins with coffee at 6:45 a.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

A buffet breakfast is served at 7:15 a.m. followed at 7:45 a.m. by the speaker, Scott Hanoian, Christ Church Grosse Pointe's director of music. The event ends at 8:15 a.m.

Men of all faiths can attend. For more information, call Eric Lindquist at (313) 530-8656.

Christ Church

The public can attend Holy Eucharist at noon Tuesday, Nov. 6, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. The service includes hymns, readings and communion.

◆ The Book of Revelation is the discussion topic from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, 13, 27 and Dec. 4, at the Potluck Dinner and Study Series at Christ Church.

The short-term Bible studies are presented by experienced teachers and bring with a potluck dinner from 6 to 6:45 p.m. Attendees should bring an entree, side dish or dessert to share.

Janis Fletcher, a spiritual director and adult religious education for more than 20 years, teaches this series, "The Book of Revelation: Apocalypse or Promise?"

For more information, call the church at (313) 885-4841.

◆ The Choir of Men and Girls sings during the Requiem mass at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4.

First English

The L.I.F.E. (Laughter and Inspiration at First English) PLAYERS present the musical "Fiddler on the Roof" in The Luther Center at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 9, 10 and 11.

The production's setting is in tsarist Russia in 1905 based on the story of Tevye, the milkman, dealing with changes in tradition for Russian Jews in a volatile political and social landscape in their village of Anatevka.

Dinner begins at 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, with the show starting at 7 p.m. Sunday matinee begins at 2 p.m. with no dinner offered.

Adult admission for dinner and show is \$18 and the student cost is \$13. Adult tickets for the show only is \$10 and students pay \$7.

Tickets for the dinner and show must be ordered and paid for ahead of time by calling the church office at (313) 884-5040.

Play-only tickets may be purchased ahead of time for best seating or at the door.

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

The production is co-directed by Michael Maurice and Paula Doak. Robert Foster is music director.

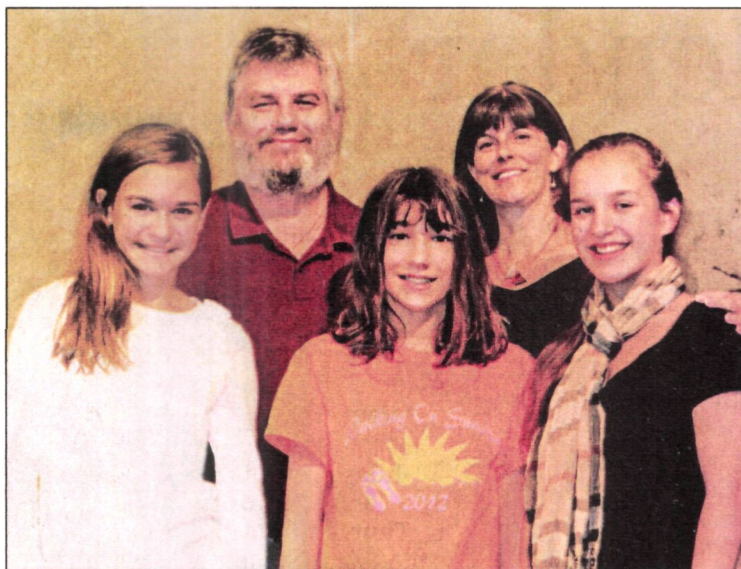


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Performing in First English Lutheran Church's musical, "Fiddler on the Roof," in back from left, Bryan Kadrich as Tevye and Maggie Rees-Baker as Golde; in front from left, Sarah Corbett as Shprintze, Lanie Maynard as Bielke and Kristina Kamm as Hodel.

The cast includes Bryan Kadrich as Tevye, Maggie Rees-Baker as Golde, Laura Bartell as Yente, Heather Kadrich as Grandmother Tzeitel, Lisa Gavan as Tzeitel and Jeremy Harr as Motel. Lazar Wolf is played by Andrew Staricco, Fruma Sarah by Sharon Nummer, Nachum by Nona Slate, Hodel by Kristina Kamm, Chava by Mariah Herfi, Shprintze by Sarah Corbett, Bielke by Lanie Maynard, Perchik by Brooks Hoste, Shairdel by Amy Cornell, Sasha by Sarah Gryniewicz and Innkeeper by John Gryniewicz. Kaitlyn LaMagne is the fiddler, Kristen LaMagne is First Woman, Danny Foster is Fyedka, Nate Castle is Mendel, Sam Formicola is Constable and John Kamm is Avram the Bookseller.

The Russians are played by Brittany Bradley, Analisa

Guido and Jacob Surzyn. Villagers and chorus are played by Allie Cornell, Steven Kamm, Nina Kozik, Mitch Nummer, Sydney Nummer, Carys Rees-Baker, Marcella Staricco, Stephanie Westrick and Abby Wilson.

◆ A low impact dance aerobics class is offered four times a week at the church.

Classes are offered from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning the week of Nov. 5.

The cost is \$72 to attend any number of the classes which incorporates kick boxing, yoga, toning, flexibility and stretching.

St. Joan

St. Joan of Arc Knights of

Columbus No. 8695 hosts a feather party Tuesday, Nov. 13, at the church's family and youth center, 21620 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores. Dinner is from 6 to 7 p.m. and bingo begins at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$35.

Proceeds benefit St. Joan of Arc special education religious program.

St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul, First Catholic Federal Credit Union, Office Express and Flame Heating, Cooling, Plumbing & Electrical partner for the 2nd annual Bundle Up Michigan coat drive through Friday, Dec. 28.

The drive benefits local citizens in need of warm winter wear. The drop-off site is 23746 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores. The phone number is (586) 773-0190.

Iroquois Lutheran

Iroquois Ave. Christ Lutheran Church, 2411 Iroquois, Detroit, holds a fall supper and sale from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, at the church.

Adult ticket costs for the German harvest supper is \$15 and children 10 and under pay \$5.

St. Margaret

St. Margaret of Scotland, 21201 13 Mile, St. Clair Shores, holds an art and craft show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3.

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Holy Communion at both services

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SOC calendar

Services for Older Citizens serves lunch at 11 a.m. weekdays for a \$3 donation. Two complete bingo games are at 10 a.m. and noon, unless otherwise noted.

Celebrating the Colors of Fall Bingo — Tuesday, Nov. 6.

The American House Veterans Day Event— 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 7.

Veterans can attend a ceremony with Joe Salvia, director of Veteran Services. Members of Chapter 154 Vietnam Vets present the colors and give each veteran a ribbon medal. The ceremony ends with taps. A short military documentary follows. All veterans receive a free lunch. Call (313) 882-9600 for reservations.

Skin Cancer Screening Clinic—noon to 4 p.m., Friday, Nov. 9. Dermatologist Catherine Nordby M.D. conducts a skin cancer screening clinic. She examines sun-exposed areas, providing advice on her findings. This is not be a general dermatological clinic. Registration is necessary.

Father Rich's "Words of Wisdom" — 11:30 a.m., Monday, Nov. 12. The Rev. Richard Bartoszek, Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe, is guest speaker.

Avon Bingo — Tuesday, Nov. 13. One card per person is given.

November birthday celebration and Thanksgiving party — 11 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 14. Those with November birthdays get a free lunch at SOC, a piece of cake with a candle and a photo. The Little Big Band provides musical entertainment. The cost is \$17. Dinner is served at St. James Lutheran Church. Reservations must be called in by Wednesday, Nov. 5.

The Feast Bingo — Tuesday, Nov. 20.

Geri's Accessorize Bingo — Tuesday, Nov. 27. Prizes will consist of accessories; jewelry, gloves, scarves, purses and tops.

"Elf" — The film is shown at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 28. The cost is \$5. Pizza is served. Call for (313) 882-9600 for reservations.

What's Red and Green and Loved by All Bingo? — Tuesday, Dec. 4. Red and green holiday supplies are prizes.

Sara Klett's "A Very German Christmas" — 11:30 a.m., Friday, Dec. 7. The German intern, Sara Klett from Kirchheim Unter Teck, Germany, discusses her life in Germany and how Christmas is celebrated with her family and in her town.

The Grosse Pointe Academy Bell Choir — 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 10.

Geri's Holiday Bingo — Tuesday, Dec. 11. Prizes are all about the holiday season.

December Birthday Celebration — 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12. Those with birthdays in December receive a piece of cake with a candle, a keepsake photo and free lunch.

The Grosse Pointe Academy Chorale — Wednesday, Dec. 12, 11 a.m.

The Ferry Elementary School Choir — 11 a.m., Friday, Dec. 14.

Christmas Party — 11 a.m., Monday, Dec. 17. It is catered by Polish Village and The Heart of the Hills Players provide the entertainment. The cost is \$18, in the lower level of St. James Lutheran Church. Santa Claus is scheduled to make appearance and give gifts.

Pick up a box lunch before leaving. Reservations must be in by Monday, Dec. 3, and can be done by calling (313) 882-9600.

Basket of Cheer Bingo — Tuesday, Dec. 18. Christmas gift baskets are the prizes.

Richard Elementary School Choir — 11 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 19.

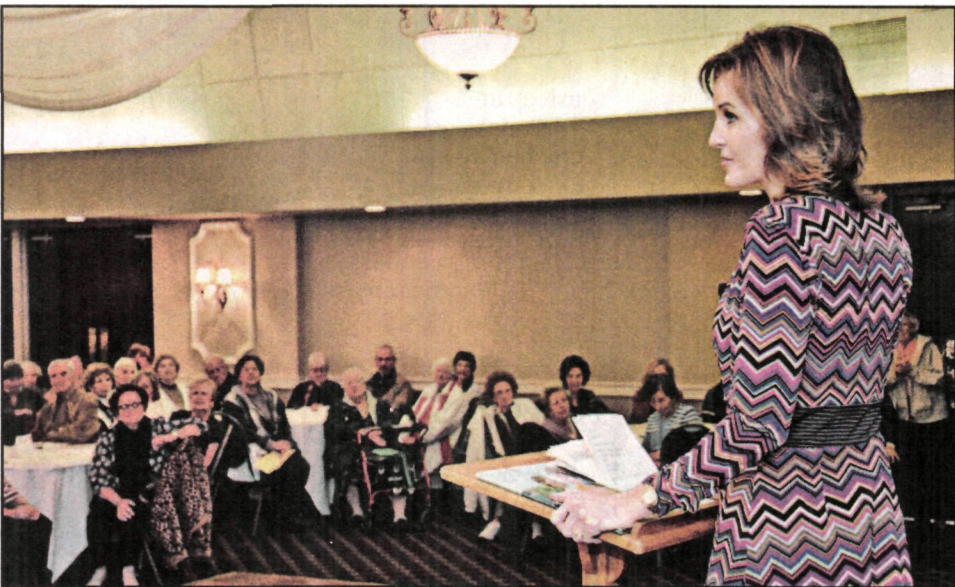


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Joanne Purtan talked about her father, retired radio personality Dick Purtan, and taking of one's health during the annual Senior Expo at the Assumption Cultural Center.

Community resources shared

What started 19 years ago as a way to address the needs of their aging mothers has evolved into an annual event drawing nearly 1,500 seniors.

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church members Joan DeRonne and Ernest Zachary were faced with caring for aging mothers who were friends, DeRonne said. They wanted to know what was available to senior citizens.

"We wanted to keep them active and independent," DeRone said. "We initiated a group of our Assumption seniors to locate resources for senior activities, medical, social, financial and physical needs available in the area."

"We realized this information would be helpful to the community and asked the Metro East Chamber of Commerce to assist in distributing the information to area seniors."

From that the annual fall event, held in the Assumption Cultural Center, blossomed and a permanent Senior Expo Committee was formed with its members coming from the local health care facilities and senior services.

The day includes informational booths sharing health and safety tips and community resources for seniors, as well as a printed resource guide, all free.

See SENIORS, page 5B

ASK THE EXPERTS By Beth Walsh-Sahutske and Milissa Pierce

College prep is a balancing act

Striking the right balance in helping your child through the college preparation process is no simple task. Parents want to instill a college mindset and encourage their child to maintain high standards while still keeping an eye on family/life stability.

The potential to disrupt home with stress to child and parents is great. The optimal solution is to reframe the approach the whole family takes



towards the college investigation process. If we look at it developmentally like the natural evolution of the student's life-cycle, then we can more effectively integrate the research, application and selection process into this next phase of life

and the dream of college becomes to find the perfect match instead of the treasured prize.

Q. My child just started high school. Is it too early to start talking about college?

A. Chances are you have been talking about college his whole life via favorite sports teams, family alma mater or some cool random mascots. Now is the time to ex-

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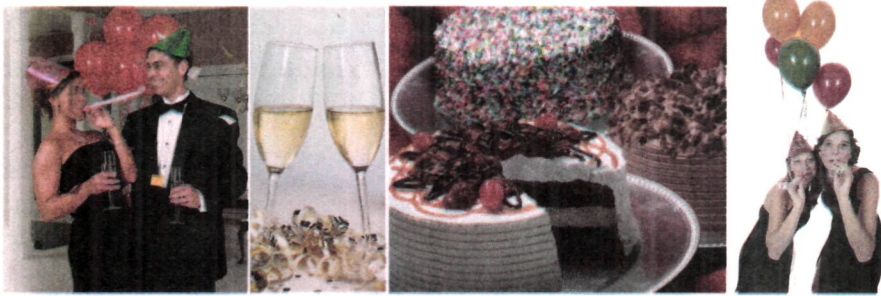
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♦ WOODS LAKE FRONT PARKING PROJECT COSTING \$30,000:

Contractors have begun work on the parking lot facilities at the Woods lakefront park. The entire project will cost \$30,000.

A contract for the excavation and the laying of the sub-base of the lot was awarded to a company at the council's Oct. 15 meeting. The asphalt topping will not be laid until next spring and should be ready before the opening of the park May 30.

♦ CRASHES

BUILDING: A 51-year-old St. Clair Shores driver lost control of his automobile while driving on Mack Avenue and crashed through an insurance office building. He suffered only a minor nose injury.

He was ticketed by Woods police for driving while under the influence of alcoholic beverages and causing an accident.

♦ CRASHES TREE: A

driver who fell asleep at the wheel while driving on Lakeshore, crashed into a tree and bounced off and hit an Edison pole.

The 65-year-old driver, of Dearborn, emerged from the crackup with only a cut on the nose.

1987

25 years ago this week

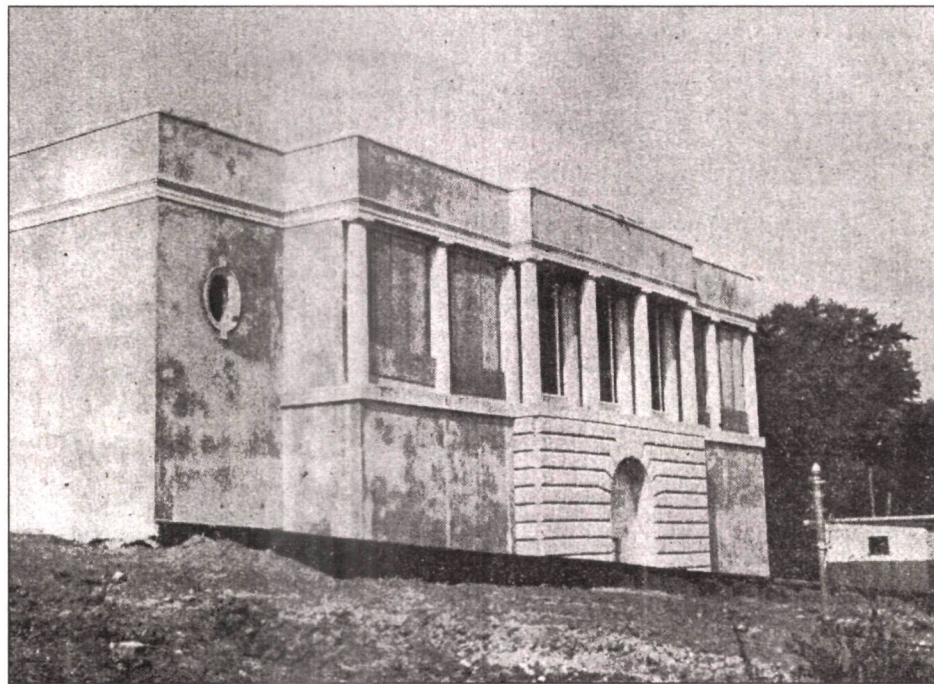
♦ FORD HOUSE

PROPOSES NEW ACTIVITIES BUILDING: A 13,000-square-foot addition to an existing building on the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House estate has been proposed for use as an activities building and offices.

The building would be located at the site of an existing building once used as a greenhouse.

A public hearing on the matter was tabled by the Grosse Pointe Shores council because attorneys on both sides were still negotiating a contract, which includes fees to be paid for the additional rubbish, police and fire protection the building could generate.

♦ WOODS TO



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1962: Close

The William Hayes Fries Auditorium is in the final stages of construction on the War Memorial Center property on Lakeshore road. The beautiful new facility will give the Pointes one of the finest moderate sized auditoriums with complete theater equipment on the ground floor and a beautiful banquet hall-ballroom above, largely glass enclosed affording magnificent views over the lake. Parking facilities have also been greatly enlarged.

CONSIDER LONGER-TERM PARKING:

Parking in Grosse Pointe Woods is a constant prob-

lem. The latest idea to solve it is a change in the

amount of time allowed on the parking meters. Last week the Woods council sent the question to the parking commission and told them to come up with a recommendation in November.

♦ **VOTERS TO DECIDE FATE OF LIBRARY EXPANSION:** Bumper stickers are on cars, T-shirts are on backs and phone calls have been made to residents throughout the community, but more than anything, supporters of the proposed Grosse Pointe Public Library expansion are concerned that voters have become complacent over the bond and millage success.

Voters will go to the polls and decide the fate of two proposals, an \$8.625 million bond issue and a one-mill increase for library operations. The money will be used for a major addition and renovation to the school system's Central Library as well as an addition and major renovation to the Woods branch and renovation to the Park branch.

— Compiled by Karen Fontanive

ACTIVITIES: Classes

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Pointe Farms.

Christmas cards

The Grosse Pointe News will publish a picture of Christmas cards non-profits are selling. Either e-mail afouty@grossepointenews.com or drop off a card at 21316 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, attention Ann, for publication. Deadline is Friday, Nov. 23.

Include information about the organization, a contact number or e-mail address, selling price and where cards can be purchased.

Second Mile Center of Detroit

The 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization serves the underprivileged, emphasizing children, using resources and programs to enrich their lives, give hope for their future and provide a safe haven at 18391 Morang, Detroit.

Offerings: Tuesday through Thursday programs include after-school tutoring, dinners, mentoring programs, life skills lessons, use of computer labs, sign,

mime and step-dancing teams, learning how to get along with others and make healthy decisions, arts and craft classes, recreation, camping, job placement opportunities, Monday night community dinners and a clothing pantry.

Second Mile offers themed, nine-week summer camp.

Children serve the community by traveling to churches, nursing homes and community centers in the metro area and out of state to present messages through their sign mime drama, during which the students experience different environments, social and economical groups.

The organization also has a mobile no-cost health fair.

Funds are raised through donations, the

sign mime drama team, speaking engagements, silent and art auctions and the sale of prayer bead bookmarkers.

Members and volunteers can help tutor students in the after-school program, serve and prepare dinners, share craft skills, work in the clothing pantry, assist with small group activities, as fund developers and grant writers.

An interest to serve children is the only skill required to volunteer a minimum of an hour a week during the school year or two hours during the summer camp season.

Second City opened in 2006 to serve the community near Denby High School. Both children and adults need mentors, tutors and guidance.

For more information, call Ruth Azar at (313) 245-5252 or e-mail secondmileliving@sbcglobal.net.

SENIORS: Information

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"The day and the resource guide has dedicated itself to health, wellness, recreation and community resource information to help design a happy, healthy and secure lifestyle.

Visitors enjoy exhibits about health care, retail products, managed care, workshops, on site health screenings, activities and more," DeRonne said.

COLLEGE: Getting ready

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plore beyond those familiar names to take a casual look at some other convenient colleges. Visit some local colleges or some near vacation destinations and take a tour—even if he has no specific desire to attend this school. Students and parents alike can see what it is all about on the inside. Building a soft list of priorities and putting college into a bit more focus will help in the coming years.

Q My daughter is a high school junior this year. We've talked about plans for college but this is a pretty important year. How do we make sure to make the most of our time?

A Junior year comes with a lot of stress built-in. The best approach is a good offense. It's time to make a blueprint for the year. The most important focus is academic. Your daughter needs to continue focusing on doing her best in all of her classes. The high school may have al-

ready provided her with a timeline for college planning. If not, Google "college planning timeline" and take a look at a few different plans. Once you find one (or some) you like set your strategy. Together plan from the start when she will take standardized tests, what extra-curricular activities or sports she will spend time with and when you can fit in college visits. Organize, strategize and keep reminding yourself college is about finding the right fit, not winning the best prize.

Walsh-Sahutske is the chairwoman of the Grosse Pointe South High School counseling depart-

ment. She has guest lectured at the University of Michigan and Wayne State University and is the mother of four.

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FOOTBALL

Knights upset Hurricanes

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

For the first time since University Liggett reinstated its football program, the Knights won a playoff game.

Last weekend the host Knights upset top 10-ranked Detroit Frederick Douglass 15-14.

The Hurricanes scored a touchdown with 4:28 left to make it a one-point game, but the Knights defense stiffened, stuffing their two-point attempt.

The Knights needed to grind out a couple of first downs to run out the clock, but were forced to punt.

It's sometimes better to be lucky than good as a bad snap was scooped up by senior punter Andrew Heaney. He got off the punt, but a Hurricane player crashed into Heaney after trying to block the kick.

The official threw a flag, calling Douglass for roughing the kicker and giving the Knights an automatic first down. A couple of plays later, the clock ran out and the Knights came away with a hard-fought win.

"This was a fantastic

win for this football program," head coach Lou Ray said. "It was a physical game against a very good football team, but we found a way to win it and advance in the playoffs."

"I can't say enough about how hard our boys played against a bigger, physical team."

The Knights knew offensive success would come throwing the ball and it was the key to the outcome.

Douglass scored first in the second quarter and added a two-point conversion for an 8-0 lead.

The Knights stormed back and tied the game at the 4:26 mark when senior quarterback Nate Gaggin threw a 14-yard touchdown pass to senior KeVaughn Jackson. Gaggin completed the two-point conversion pass to freshman Thomas Jackson.

The Gaggin-to-Jackson connection hit paydirt one more time. This time another 14-yard touchdown grab came with only 8.3 seconds left before halftime.

Heaney kicked what turned out to be the game-winning extra point.

It was a defensive

struggle in the second half as neither team mounted much of a scoring threat until Douglass tallied late in the fourth quarter.

Gaggin completed 18-of-35 for 184 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions. He also ran the ball 11 times for 88 yards.

"Nate is our guy and leads our team," Ray said. "He threw a couple of picks in the end zone, but he shrugged them off and continued to make big throws. He leads this team."

Jackson had a big day, catching eight balls for 104 yards with the two touchdowns, and senior Stephen Benard, starting in place of injured Drew Jerome, had five receptions for 50 yards, and senior tight end Dan Baird had three catches for 27 yards.

"Our defense was designed to stop their No. 7, a Rivals 3 star, and we bottled him up all day," Ray said. "Dan Baird, Nate (Gaggin) and Matt Gushee led our tacklers with 16, 14 and 12 tackles, respectively. With our injury count at five starters out, it was an ugly but effective win. We should get two back for next



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Senior wide receiver KeVaughn Jackson, No. 81, catches one of his two touchdowns in the Knights' upset playoff victory over Detroit Frederick Douglass.

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Liggett improved to 8-2 Knights is a district team, Division 7 No.
overall. championship game 1-ranked Detroit Loyola.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils fall to defending champ

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's football team ended its season with a second straight first-round playoff loss.

Last year the Blue Devils lost at Detroit Martin Luther King, and last weekend it was a 37-3 setback to defending state champ Detroit Cass Tech. Last year's playoff was in Division 2 and this season they bumped up to Division 1.

"We had a tough draw, going up against the defending state champ and a very big, talented team," head coach Tim Brandon said. "We had to play a clean game and we didn't. We gave it our best shot."

"Our seniors are the foundation of this program and we expect our underclassmen to fill their shoes."

Cass Tech recovered a fumble on the Blue Devils' second drive, and on its first play, running back Mike Weber ran 31 yards for a touchdown. The Technicians missed the extra point, but the momentum already swung in the visitors' direction.

Senior linebacker Jack Doyle intercepted a tipped pass and returned it to Cass Tech's 43-yard line.

The Blue Devils used a Cass Tech penalty to get to the 28-yard line, but two penalties and incomplete passes forced a punt.

Gary Hosey scored on a short run and the two-



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

South junior Bennett Jackson is one of the underclassmen who will be counted on to fill the big shoes left by the graduating seniors.

point conversion gave the Technicians a 14-0 lead.

The Blue Devils' only points came on a 31-yard Liam McIlroy field goal.

After that, Cass Tech increased the lead to 27-3 at the half, scoring two more second quarter touchdowns, including Hosey on an 18-yard run with only 5.9 seconds left before the intermission.

The visitors put the finishing touches on the victory, scoring 10 third quarter points.

The Blue Devils' attempts to get in the end zone ended with a sophomore quarterback Ryan Liagre interception and several more punts.

Senior Renell Perkins had 10 carries for 10

yards and senior Josh Gall had six carries for 29 yards.

Liagre completed 6-of-15 for 58 yards and sophomore Robbie Kish completed 1-of-3 passes for seven yards.

Senior Tom McShane was the leading receiver, catching four passes for 34 yards.

Grosse Pointe South finished its season 8-2 overall.

"We accomplished most of our goals this season," Brandon said. "We won another division title, made the playoffs for the fourth year in a row and beat (Grosse Pointe) North for the third straight year, which has never happened in the history of our rivalry."

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Cross country

LIGGETT

Knights send two to state finals



Liggett's Alex Minanov finished second for the Knights and helped the team earn a spot in the state championship meet.

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

For the first time in more than a decade, the University Liggett boys and girls cross-country teams are heading to the state finals.

"It was a great weekend for Liggett cross country and I'm proud of how well our boys and girls ran at the regional meet," head coach Trey Cassidy said.

The girls finished second and the boys third in the regional meet held at Goodells County Park in Algonac to earn their tickets to the Division 4 state finals Saturday, Nov. 3, at Michigan International Speedway.

In the girls' meet, Royal Oak Shrine won with 24 points, followed by Liggett and Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes with 82.

Auburn Hills Oakland Christian was fourth with 86 points, followed by Southfield Christian with

120, Memphis with 130 and Lutheran Northwest with 141.

Junior Danielle Lorant was seventh overall with a time of 21:18 and freshman Madison Jerome was 16th with a time of 22:45.

Senior Haleigh Ristovski finished 20th with a time of 23:16 and sophomore Taylor Slayton was 32nd with a time of 24:20 to finish fourth for the Knights.

Their final scorer was junior Hannah Hodges, who was 43rd with a time of 25:31. Freshman Amy Jachim also ran and was 53rd with a time of 29:02.

For the boys, Shrine won a closer meet, earning 49 points to 57 for Our Lady of the Lakes. Liggett was third with 90 points.

Other competitors were Southfield Christian, fourth with 134 points; Lutheran Northwest, fifth with 135 points; Oakland Christian, sixth with 137 points; Marine City Cardinal Mooney, sev-

enth with 141 points; Birmingham Roeper, eighth with 170 points; Kimball Landmark, ninth with 239 points; and Memphis, 10th with 256 points.

Senior Kevin Allen led the Knights' charge, running a time of 18:02 to take ninth place and freshman Alexander Minanov was 15th with a time of 18:35.

Junior Dylan Goitz placed 18th with a time of 19:00 and sophomore William Gilbert was 27th with a time of 19:35 to be the Knights' fourth scorer. Their fifth scorer was sophomore William Loner, who was 32nd with a time of 20:04.

Senior Connor Borrego also competed and had a time of 21:13 and senior Joseph Renzi had a time of 21:27.

There were runners from 21 schools competing in the race, but nearly half of the schools didn't have a full team to earn a score.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

South dominates regional

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South made quite an impression at last weekend's Division 1 cross-country regional meet at Metro Beach.

Head coach Steve Zaranek and his girls' squad dominated the meet and finished first, while head coach Mark Sonnenberg and his boys' team placed third to make the state championship meet.

Led by a school-record, first-place finish by Hannah Meier, the Blue Devils' girls' cross country team scored 26 points, placing their first five runners all within the top nine finishers.

Meier's performance was her fourth straight regional crown and bettered the school record she set four years ago by four seconds.

Placing second was top 10-ranked Sterling Heights Stevenson with 47 points and earning the third and final state finals spot was Troy with 97 points.

This marks South's 33rd consecutive year qualifying for the finals, an extension of its state record streak.

"I was overwhelmed by our team performance," Zaranek said. "Our varsity had the best, single-day performance in our team's 34 year history."

Not only did Meier run in the 17's, so did teammate (junior) Kelsie Schwartz. Schwartz raced to a second-place finish with a time of 17:37, a PR and the second fastest time (to Meier) in South history.

Haley Meier led that pack with a sixth-place finish in 18:33.

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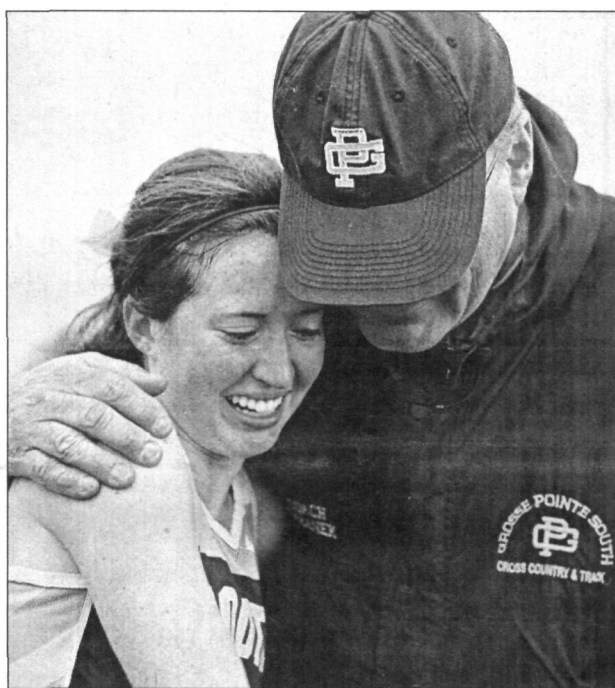


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South head coach Steve Zaranek, right, congratulates his four-time regional champion, senior Hannah Meier, after the Blue Devils' regional meet.

more Ersula Farrow (8th at 18:36), sophomore Mary Spencer (9th at 18:39) and sophomore Megan Sklarski (12th at 18:52).

Senior Christina Firl was South's seventh runner and placed 19th with a time of 19:14.

"We had 36 girls under 23 minutes, 58 under 25 minutes and 99 who broke the 30 minute barrier. Just remarkable," Zaranek said.

Sonnenberg's boys' team also enjoyed a ton of success at the regional meet, finishing third with 92 points. Royal Oak

won with 61 points and Troy was second with 77. All three compete in this weekend's state championship meet.

Each of the Blue Devils' seven runners finished in the top 28 with Matt Geist taking 11th with a time of 16:25.

Zach Montgomery had a solid 14th-place finish with a time of 16:30, followed by Brad Sanford, 21st at 16:54; Charlie Warren, 22nd at 16:56; Michael Gates, 24th at 16:58.50; Nicholas Debrunner, 26th at 16:59.50; and Jacob Knuth, 28th at 16:59.90.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Two make state finals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's Danny Ciaravino and Allison Francis earned a spot in the Division 1 state championship meet.

The duo finished in the top 15 in last weekend's regional meet held at Metro Beach.

The top three teams in the boys and girls meet made the state finals and the top 15 runners who were not on those three squads also qualified.

Royal Oak won the boys' regional with 61 points and the other two state qualifiers were Troy and Grosse Pointe South with 77 and 92 points, respectively.

North was sixth with 197 points.

Head coach Diane Montgomery watched Ciaravino finish in eighth place with a time of 16:21.

The other four scorers were Tyler Sickmiller, 38th with a time of 17:15.50; Lucas Segovia, 47th with a time of 17:25; Alex Brady, 49th with a time of 17:27; and Nate Limback, 55th with a time of 17:32.

Others who competed for the Norsemen were Eric Balle and Pearce Reickert, who ran times of 17:45 and 18:00.50, respectively.

Grosse Pointe South won the girls' meet with 26 points and the other state qualifiers were

Stevenson with 47 and Troy with 97.

"Going in, we knew we were the underdog, having trailed Troy all season in times, just barely," head coach Scott Cooper said. "It was a very frustrating day because we did all the right things. We peaked just at the right time, my top seven runners all ran PRs for the season, many by a lot."

"We ran a great race and Troy ran a great race."

Grosse Pointe North was fourth with 114 points.

Francis and Katelyn Carney each ran times under the 19-minute mark, going 18:54 and 18:56, respectively. They finished 14th and 16th, while Natalie Schaefer was 21st with a time of 19:26 and Sarah Rustmann was 24th with a time of 19:28.

Ashley Brown was the Norsemen's final scorer, taking 39th with a time of 20:04.

Other competitors in the regional meet were Julia Rustmann and Sydney Benson, who were 43rd and 52nd with times of 20:37 and 21:24.

"I am extremely proud of my girls," Cooper said. "They have worked very hard all season and that work showed on the race course. I am really disappointed for them that they don't get to continue their season one more week."

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Soccer

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Ford ousts Blue Devils

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys' soccer team took one on the chin last week, losing 3-0 to Utica Ford in a Division 1 regional semifinal at Fraser.

"We had to stop Nos. 15 (Costa Wells) and 10 (Drew Niewoit) and didn't do a good job of doing that," head coach Stefan Harris said. "Despite that, we still had good chances to score and we have to bury that goal off the breakaway.

"We didn't convert the chances, but we knew scoring chances would be limited by both teams. Once you get to this spot in the state playoffs, everyone is good."

The Falcons, coming off an impressive 1-0 dis-

trict title win over Warren DeLaSalle, took a quick 1-0 lead when Wells scored just five minutes into the first half.

A little less than eight minutes later, Wells scored a second goal to put the Blue Devils on their heels.

South junior Andrew Cornwall had a shot to get the Blue Devils on the board. He dribbled in alone on a breakaway and had the goalie beat, but his shot sailed over the net, leaving the score 2-0, Falcons.

Harris never counted out his Blue Devils and they pressed throughout the second half, trying to get on the board.

They had a couple of other good chances, but goalkeeper saves and shots missing wide left the Blue Devils empty on

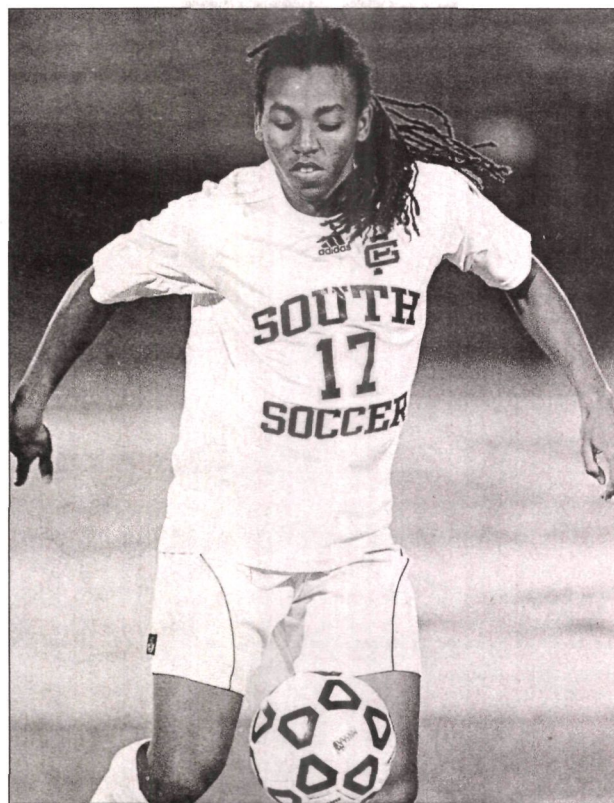


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South senior Noah Stenhouse and his teammates had scoring opportunities, but couldn't convert in a loss to Utica Ford.

the scoreboard.

"This is the first time in five years we have been this far in the playoffs and it's a learning experience," Harris said. "We lost to a talented

team, but we will learn from this and use it to get better during the off-season."

Grosse Pointe South finished its season 11-7-3 overall.

Swimming

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils crush foes

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls' swimming and diving team completed its regular season last week, beating Birmingham Marian and Detroit Country Day in a tri-meet.

The host Blue Devils beat Marian 101.5-83.5 and crushed Country Day 144-41 to end the dual meet season 13-1 overall.

Head coach Eric Gunderson loaded the back-end of the schedule to get his competitors ready for the league meet and state finals.

The Blue Devils won the opening event, the 200-medley relay, as Claire Young, Gabby DeLoof, Jennifer Maiorana and Catie DeLoof posted a state-qualifying time of 1:50.44. They won the event by more than six seconds over Marian's top two teams.

The top four swimmers in the 200-yard freestyle qualified for the Division 2 state finals with Catie DeLoof winning the race with a time of 1:56.47 and Cassandra More took fourth with a time of 2:00.92.

Morse nearly took second place as Marian's Mollie Pulte and Clare Nienstedt finished second and third with times of 1:59.02 and 2:00.91, respectively.

The top six swimmers in the 200-yard individual medley qualified for the Division 2 state finals with Gabby DeLoof easily winning with a time of 2:08.50 and Young was third at 2:17.51.

Maiorana was sixth with a time of 2:18.44.

In the 50-yard freestyle, Amy Krausmann was second and Anne Crowley third with state-qualifying times of 25.47 and 25.82.

Marian continued to stay close after taking a first, third and fourth in this event.

Marian's Valerie Shea won the diving competition, but the Blue Devils came through with the next three places. Aubryn Samaroo was second with 185.95 points, followed by Elizabeth Clevenger at 174.65 and Lydia Burton at 142.90.

In the 100-yard butterfly, Maiorana and Crowley placed first and second with state-qualifying times of 59.31 and 1:00.75, and in the following event, the 100-yard freestyle, Catie DeLoof won with a state-qualifying time of 52.18, and the duo of Morse and Krausmann placed third and fourth with state-qualifying times of 55.29 and 55.92, respectively.

Gabby DeLoof won the 500-yard freestyle by more than six seconds over Marian's Madison Taylor, posting a state-qualifying time of 5:14.17.

South and Marian had a battle in the 200-yard freestyle with the Mustangs' foursome edging the Blue Devils' foursome of Crowley, Morse, Katie Graham and Krausmann, which had a state-qualifying time of 1:42.09, compared to 1:40.77 for the visitors.

In the 100-yard backstroke, Young and Jackie DeLoof had state-qualifying times of 1:00.21 and 1:03.78 to finish first and third, and the duo of Grace Perri and Ellen Neveux swam well in the 100-yard breaststroke, taking third and fourth with state-qualifying times of 1:11.76 and 1:12.73, respectively.

With one event left, South made sure it would beat one of the top Catholic League squads in Marian.

The Blue Devils won the 400-yard freestyle relay as Gabby DeLoof, Morse, Maiorana and Catie DeLoof posted a state-qualifying time of 3:38.02.

Volleyball

LIGGETT

Division champion

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett girls' volleyball team celebrated senior night with a division title-clinching victory over Bloomfield Hills Roper last week.

Playing their final regular season home match, seniors Tori Wuthrich, Colleen Klimek, Courtney Slabaugh, Ashley Rahi and Victoria Chochla led the way as the Knights blasted Roper 25-14, 25-13, 25-22 to win the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference with a 7-1 mark.

A loss would have created a three-way tie for the title.

"This was a big win for

us and we won the division title outright," head coach Joe LaMagna said. "The girls played consistent for the most part and that is what they needed to do to win this match.

"It was a nice way to end the regular season with districts around the corner."

The host Knights dominated the first two games as Chochla and Wuthrich netted three kills apiece, while senior Rahi and sophomore Olivia Wujek collected one kill apiece.

The Knights' serving was on target as Rahi and Slabaugh collecting six service points apiece. Wuthrich added three, including an ace.

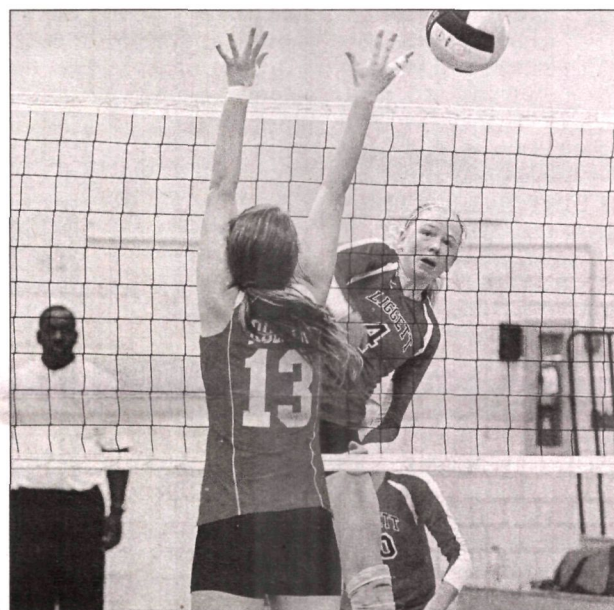


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Liggett senior Tori Wuthrich spikes a ball during the Knights' victory over Roper.

They trailed Roper 8-6 early in game one before rattling off 11 of the next 16 points to open a 19-11 advantage.

Rahi's kill put game one in the Knights' column and they jumped out to another big lead in the second game, thanks to the underclassmen standing tall, including

sophomore Courtney deRuiter, junior Sarah Edmonds, freshman Emily Kanakry and Wujek.

DeRuiter was on her game, setting every kill, including two from Wujek that helped the Knights build a 13-6 lead.

Liggett finished its regular season 18-13-2.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen peaking

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' volleyball team is on fire as the state playoffs approach.

Head coach Kim Lockhart and her Norsemen had a goal of ending their division schedule with four straight wins.

They got the job done

in a big way last week, beating host Port Huron Northern 22-25, 25-22, 25-21, 25-11 to take second place in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

The Norsemen tied in the division with Marysville, but won the tiebreaker, beating the Vikings in three games after losing to them in

four games earlier in October.

Senior Breann Reveley led the way with 20 kills, 12 digs and seven aces, while senior Julia Guest was the defensive standout with 20 digs. Sophomore Christa Raicevich had 12 kills and senior Kim Cusmano was on fire with 15 service points.

Junior Colleen

Reveley had 53 assists as North finished 6-4 in the MAC Red Division. Macomb Dakota, ranked No. 1 in Class A, won the division with a 10-0 mark. North and Marysville were 6-4, followed by Port Huron Northern at 5-5, Fraser at 3-7 and L'Anse Creuse at 0-10.

Grosse Pointe North is 28-13 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen fall to Mercy

The Grosse Pointe North girls' swimming and diving team dropped a 138-47 decision to 2011 Division 1 state champion Farmington Hills Mercy last week.

The Norsemen's 200-yard individual medley team of Olivia Asimakis, Katelyn Kohler, Julia Ellis and Emma Mathews achieved a Division 2 state-qualifying time, as did Olivia Asimakis in the 100-yard butterfly.

Head coach Mike O'Connor said season-best performances were recorded in the 50-yard freestyle by Emma

Mathews, Katelyn Kohler, Julia Ellis, Gabby Burchett, Stephanie Shea, Jillian Fenner and Gabrielle Shimko; the 100-yard freestyle by Asimakis, Kayleigh Gehlert, Elliss, Karyn Schwartz, and Fenner; the 200-yard freestyle by Shea, Allison Fly, Hannah Atherton, Grace Addy and Ann Marie

Nicholson; the 500-yard freestyle by Atherton; the 100-yard backstroke by Caroline Tripp and Blake Moncur; the 100-yard breaststroke by Sydney Eger, Amber Giesking and Claire Schaden; the 100-yard butterfly by Asimakis, Laura Dobbs, Gabrielle Shimko and Fly; and the 200-yard individual medley by Juliette Tripp, Brooke Ford, Sydney Eger, Emily Hoshaw, and Mary Emerick.

North finished the dual meet season with a 5-6 dual meet record.

Coming up for the Norsemen is the Macomb Area Conference Red Division Swimming and Diving Championship meet Thursday, Nov. 1, through Saturday, Nov. 3, at Utica Eisenhower.

Grosse Pointe South heads into the meet as the favorite, while North looks to gain momentum heading into the state finals.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils beat Romeo

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Ryan Welser watched his Grosse Pointe South girls' volleyball team rebound from a pair of disappointing losses.

The visiting Blue Devils ended the regular season on a positive note, beating host Romeo 25-23, 16-25, 21-25,

25-19, 15-6.

The win allowed the Blue Devils to tie Anchor Bay for third place in the Macomb Area Conference White Division with a 6-4 mark. Sterling Heights Stevenson won the title at 9-1 and Romeo was second at 7-3.

South takes a 30-11-1 record into the state district playoffs.

Welser's captains, seniors Claire DeBoer and Neala Berkowski, join fellow seniors Emily Satterfield and Maya Grever as upperclassmen who are seeking their first district title.

The Blue Devils are healthy and playing well as underclassmen Izzy Murphy, Ruth Hayden, Carina Bertakis, Ashley Borowicz, Sydney

Srebernak, Kayla Stanek, Hannah Adams, Katie Murphy, Grace Metry and Kara French have improved throughout the season.

The only thing standing between South and an elusive district championship is nemesis Grosse Pointe North.

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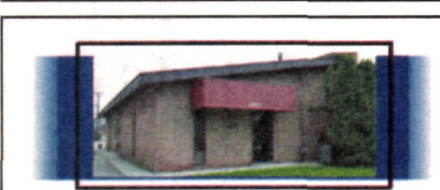
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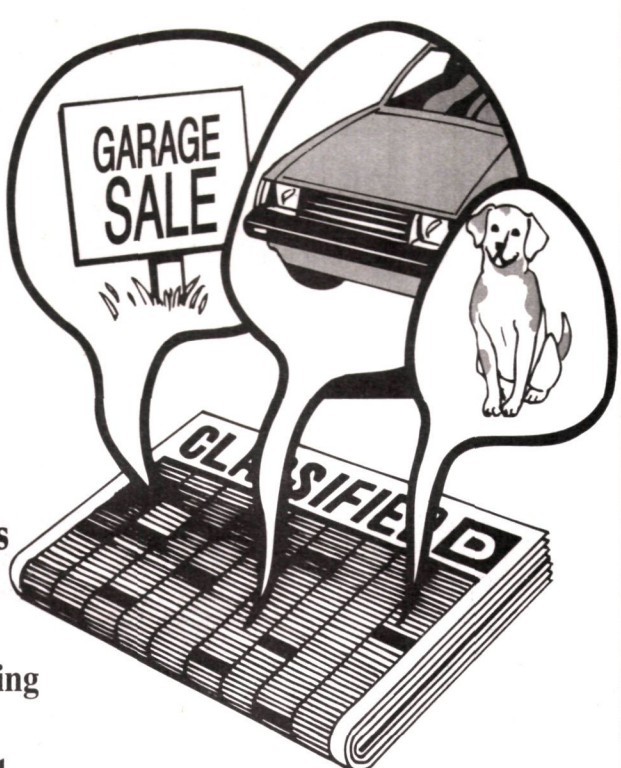

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