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THURSDAY, NOV. 22

- ◆ Thanksgiving
- ◆ Rubbish pick-up delayed one day.

FRIDAY, NOV. 23

- ◆ The Grosse Pointe Lions Club hosts the 15th annual Happy Holidays Jingle Bell 5K walk/run at 9 a.m.
- ◆ The 37th annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade steps off at 10 a.m. It starts at the corner of Lewiston and Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, proceeds west on Kercheval to The Village.
- ◆ The Authentic Dickens Carolers sing at 4:40 p.m. on the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair.
- ◆ The Village Aglow tree lighting ceremony, followed by a community sing-along, begins at 5 p.m. The Grosse Pointe Boat Club served hot chocolate.
- ◆ Local municipal offices are closed.

SATURDAY, NOV. 24

- ◆ Small Business Saturday. Shop local businesses beginning at 10 a.m.

MONDAY, NOV. 26

- ◆ Women of Wayne visit the Detroit Public Library main branch at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 1. The cost is \$20 and reservations are

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It's parade time!

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — The De LaSalle Collegiate Marching Band is in step with the Christmas spirit.

A staple of recent Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parades, the 45-member band this year waived its appearance fee.

"Marching in the parade is a holiday tradition, something I felt is beneficial to our guys and

the community," said Michael Szczegielniak, the school's music director.

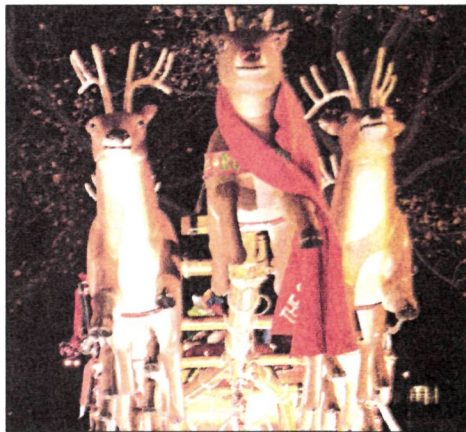
Terri Berschback, in her 10th year as parade director, cashed in on the gesture.

"This is the worst year I've had raising funds," she said.

Band are a big part of the parade's tradition.

"It would be deathly quiet along the parade route if I

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Rudolph's red nose will help guide Santa's sleigh into town for Friday's Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade. The parade begins at 10 a.m. in Grosse Pointe Farms and heads down Kercheval through the Village.

PHOTO BY
BRAD LINDBERG



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Chamber celebrates businesses



The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce sponsored its Community Business Expo Tuesday, Nov. 13 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. At top, Cheri Burley looks at photos of the building progress of the Neighborhood Club as Amy Roy explains membership rates and all the club has to offer. Middle, guest speaker Mindy Lopus, who is opening three new restaurants in Grosse Pointe Park, discusses the exciting changes coming to some familiar buildings. Above left, Meghan Spicer gives Nick Leone a cup of pasta from Sweet Little Sheila's restaurant in the Village as Sheila Taylor looks on. Above right, Jane Miller, manager of Terme Day Spa.

Friends add carriage

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Auden Martus probably won't remember his first time in the driver's seat of the Grosse Pointe White Christmas Carriage.

He's only 15 months old.

Martus' mother, Heather Bendure of Grosse Pointe Park, took him to the carriage's unveiling Tuesday, Nov. 13, at a fundraiser for Friends of the Grosse Pointe Parade.

The carriage is the Friends' latest addition to the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade, starting 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 23, on Kercheval at Lewiston in the Farms to the Village in downtown City of Grosse Pointe.

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Watch the parade live online

The Grosse Pointe News will provide live streaming coverage of the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade at grossepointenews.com.

Coverage of the parade begins at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 23. The live streaming is produced by Woodward One Media and sponsored by the Grosse Pointe News, St. Clair Shores Connection, George Koueiter Jewelers and Don Gooley Cadillac.

Parade coverage will be available on the website after the event.

"We're proud to share this parade with everyone who can't be along Kercheval on Friday," said Grosse Pointe News General Manager and Editor Joe Warner. Thanks to our sponsors and Woodward One, we'll have it online for the second straight year. It's a great Grosse Pointe event."

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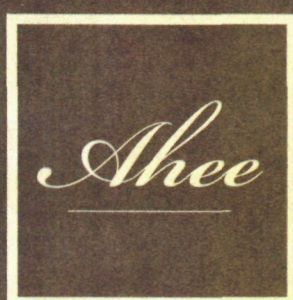
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Santa is ready for lists

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTE — Isabell Standish, 7, grasps a pencil and with purposeful penmanship begins a letter to Santa Claus.

"Can I please have a hamster?"

She'll name it "Chestnut," said Standish, of Grosse Pointe Farms.

She said she likes hamsters because they're "fuzzy and cute."

"Really cute," said her mother, Kim Standish, "but complicated for a parent."

Julia Ellis, 7, of Grosse Pointe Woods, wants a car for Christmas.

"A Camaro," she said. "Yellow."

From pocket-sized pets to muscle cars, this is the time of year children think outside the box.

Popular Christmas gifts for 2012 include a new twist on an old standby.

"Legos are always hot," said Ellen Durand, owner of the Village Toy Company in the City of Grosse Pointe.

The latest thing is

Legos for girls.

"It's called 'Lego Friends,'" Durand said.

These aren't just pastel-colored versions of the same old thing, as when Lionel tapped the female model market with pink locomotives and pastel cars.

Lego Friends differs from regular Lego by shape, size and color.

Included are human and animal figures, furniture and playhouse items.

A popular educational item this gift-giving season is Sloooks, a board game for 3- and 4-year-olds.

Players spin wheels and match items within sight by color or number.

"It's a game invented and produced by a local gal, Kate Patterson," Durand said. "She's taken it nationwide."

Santa sets up shop at the toy company shortly after coming to town in the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade, Friday, Nov. 23.

The parade starts at 10 a.m. on Kercheval and Lewiston and ends in the Village. Santa appears at the toy store noon to 4 p.m.

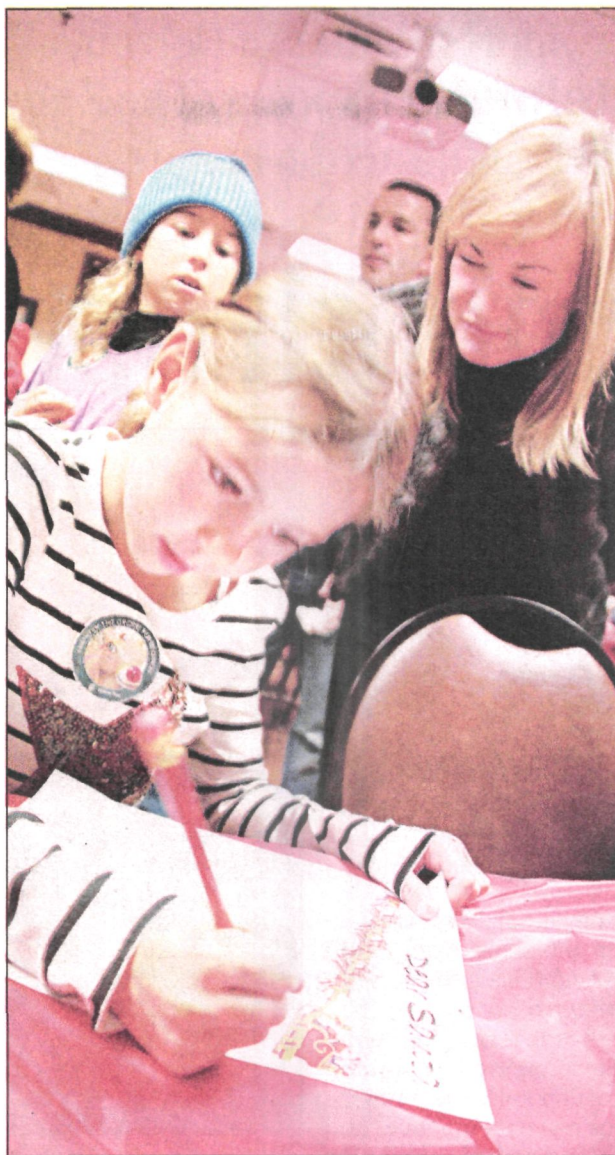


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Kim Standish is interested in what her daughter, Isabell, 7, writes to Santa Claus during last weeks' fundraiser for the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Parade at Farms Pier Park.

He returns on Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m. Nov. 24, Dec. 1 and 8, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 14.

Chick and Amy Taylor, of City Kitchen restaurant in the Village, sponsor Santa's visits.

Free parking

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Free off-street parking is offered in Village surface lots during weekends through Christmas.

Parking is free in surface lots on Saturday and Sunday:

- ◆ Nov. 25 and 26,
- ◆ Dec. 1 and 2,
- ◆ Dec. 8 and 9,
- ◆ Dec. 15 and 16, and
- ◆ Dec. 23 and 24.

"This is done through a partnership with the business community, particularly the Frohlich family trust," said Peter Dame, City of Grosse Pointe manager.

In addition, parking is free in newly-paved Lot 3, located behind Ace Hardware, every day until January.

"That is the city's contribution to extra holiday parking this year," Dame said.

This is the third year the trust is coordinating free parking.

"The business community has agreed to reim-

burse the city for half of this programs' estimated cost of approximately \$5,185," Dame said.

The trust's half comes to \$2,592.50.

The Village parking structure, where discounts are in effect year-round, isn't included.

"The structure will operate as it normally does, with free parking on Sundays and three hours of free parking with validation from Trader Joe's, Monday through Saturday," Dame said.

Gift wrapping

Free gift wrapping of items bought from Village merchants is offered Thursdays through Saturdays, Nov. 23 through Dec. 24, at the Grosse Pointe Art Center, 15051 Kercheval.

Present a receipt to qualify.

The promotion is sponsored by the City of Grosse Pointe.

—Brad Lindberg

Santa to the Shores

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Santa arrives by fire truck at city hall during the evening of Sunday, Nov. 25.

He meets children, joins in singing carols, makes jokes and helps Grosse Pointe Shores residents celebrate lighting the municipal Christmas tree.

Ceremonies start at 6 p.m.

Hot cocoa is provided by the Shores Improvement Foundation.

Capuchin

Donations of non-perishable food items to the Capuchin Soup

Kitchen in Detroit are accepted at city hall through Wednesday, Dec. 28.

Also accepted are gently used winter outerwear.

Humane Society

Donations to the Michigan Humane Society are accepted at city hall through Wednesday, Dec. 28.

The wish list includes AAA batteries, dog and puppy food, cat and kitten food, cat litter, blankets, towels, cat and dog toys, staplers, Post-it notes, Sharpie markers and second-stage baby food.

This year's parade entries

THE GROSSE POINTE — The 37th Annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade kicks off at 10 a.m., Friday, Nov. 23, on Kercheval at Lewiston in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Participants march down Kercheval to the Village, downtown City of Grosse Pointe.

Santa brings up the rear. He dismounts his sleigh and receives the key to the community.

Santa's helpers accompany Santa along the route. They collect letters to Santa plus unwrapped gifts for donation to Toys for Tots.

Pentastar Aviation presents the parade.

The lineup, provided by parade organizers, is:

Section A

Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods Honor Guard.
Mounted Police Unit.
City of Grosse Pointe police car.

Grosse Pointe City fire truck.

Grosse Pointe Farms fire truck.

Grosse Pointe Park fire truck.

Grosse Pointe Woods fire truck.

Banners: Village Association-Hill Association.

Banner: Pentastar Aviation.

Flint Scottish Pipe Band.

Mason Pack #290.

Banner: Extreme Pizza.

Banner: Grosse Pointe Lions.

Grosse Pointe Lions float.

Maire Pack #19.

Detroit Fire Department band.

Fire Fighters memorial rig.

JLD Car.

Detroit Fire Department clowns.

Section B

Banner: Laethem

Motor Village.

Mayors of the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

St. Joan Backpack Brigade.

Monteith #75333 and #70950 Brownies.

Banner: Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe.

St. Clare Troop #899.

Monteith Cub Pack #85.

Taylor Shrine Club Tin Lizzies.

The ARC of Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods.

Trombley Pack #86.

Section C

De LaSalle Collegiate Marching Band.

Grosse Pointe Historical Society car.

Golden Retriever Rescue of Michigan.

Star of the Sea float.

Richard Brownies #43266.

Richard Pack #74.

Banner: Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe.

Banner: McDonalds/ESC with Ronald McDonald.

Section D

Kerby Pack #481 and Kerby Girl Scouts #40881.

Banner: Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation.

Red Baron cheerleaders.

Detroit Boat Club crew.

Eyes on Classics car.

Grosse Pointe North High School Pep Band.

St. Paul Pack #61.

Mushroom Model T and Hupmobile.

Banners: CVS and Aitken Ormond/Auto Owners.

Grosse Pointe Hunt Club.

Section E

Monteith Brownies #75334.

Ferry Brownies #70285 Christmas trees.

Shen Yun float.

Banner: Grosse Pointe News.

Grosse Pointe Chill-Womens Hockey Club.

Ferry Pack #34.

Banners: Robert Loomis & Associates and UBS Financial Services, Inc.

Shriner Hillbilly Clan 21.

Banner: Eastside Tennis & Fitness.

Eastside Tennis & Fitness float.

St. Paul Cheer/Dance Team.

Section F

Native Sons & Daughters.

Banners: Henry Ford Medical Center and Cottage and C & G Newspapers.

Eastside Fury.

Grosse Pointe Academy students.

Banners: Adlhoeh & Association and Connell Building Co.

Big Heads.

Grosse Pointe Theatre.

Banner: Flagstar Bank.

Regina Clown Ministry.

Grosse Pointe South High School senior class float.

Section G

Bill Heller and his Hupmobile.

St. Clair Shores Figure Skating Club.

Lake House car.

Banner: Wayne County Community College District.

WCCCD Holiday Family Traditions essay contest winners on fire engines.

Banners: Merrill Lynch and the Detroit Historical Society.

Maire Girl Scouts & Daisy Troop #71018.

South Swing Dancers.

Banners: Fikany Family and the Eleanor & Edsel Ford House.

Section H

Redford Township Unicycle Club.

Banners: LaLonde Jewelers and WMTV5.

Harper Woods High School Band.

Three Harper Woods High homecoming floats.

Monteith Brownies #40696.

Banner: Vicki and Bob Liggett.

Grosse Pointe Sail Club.

Ferry Girl Scouts #74770.

Section I

Detroit School of Performing Arts.

Defer Pack #147.

Banner: Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber Clown Corps.

Bufalini's fire engine & Model T.

Monteith Girl Scouts #70427.

Grosse Pointe Power Squadron.

Grosse Pointe Hockey Association.

Section J

Fitzgerald High School Marching Band.

White Christmas Carriage.

Casali Holiday Dancers.

Wellness Express Train and Toys for Tots Caboose.

Banner: Pentastar Aviation.

Banner: Hill Association and Village Association.

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On any given day or night at City Sports Center in Detroit, skaters and fans appreciate when **Sue Sattelmeyer** appears. The Zamboni driver lays down a fresh coat of ice and then the action begins.

One smooth operator

By Karen Fontanive
Staff Writer

You won't find Sue Sattelmeyer scraping octopi from the ice at City Sports Center, but you will find the City of Grosse Pointe resident cleaning up the divets and ruts from an uncommon spot for a woman: atop the Zamboni machine.

Sattelmeyer has been a regular Zamboni driver at the rink the last four years, when, she explains, she finally wore down the manager into letting her drive.

"I started out about 10 years ago scorekeeping for Sam (Pulis, manger of City Sports) at tournaments and for summer leagues," Sattelmeyer explained about her start in the hockey business. "And then he offered me a job and I started out working in the concession stand, then I started bugging him to drive the

Zamboni. I lobbied for two and a half years. We were at a party at his house and his son-in-law, John (Clexton), talked him into letting, basically shamed him, into letting me drive the Zamboni."

Sattelmeyer learned the craft from the other Zamboni drivers — David Pulis, Greg LaTour and Harold Bandalow — at the rink. She began by doing a "dry shave" — riding the machine with no water — to acclimate herself to the machine, its operations and the specific pattern to drive on the ice to end by the door on the last pass.

"It's not like driving a car at all," she said. "There's no brakes, you just go on and off the gas pedal."

The next step in the learning process was to add the water and then to complete the operation within 10 minutes.

"When they started teaching me the water, then they would time me.



City of Grosse Pointe resident Sue Sattelmeyer.

They'd put 10 minutes up on the score clock and I would have to beat the 10 minutes."

It didn't take long before Sattelmeyer was taking regular shifts cleaning the ice between practices and during games — and with that, the occasional double-take. "You see a lot of men give you that look like, 'uh oh, it's a woman driver,' but you know I've gotten lots of compliments on how well I did the ice." And very few mishaps.



PHOTOS BY KAREN FONTANIVE

Sattelmeyer works at City Sports Center in Detroit where she is the only female driver among the Zamboni corps. The Auburn Hills native and Central Michigan University graduate moved to Grosse Pointe nearly two decades ago for the school system.

"I only ran into one thing once. I ran into the door that was open because of the way the Zamboni turns and I hit the door." No one was there, but she knows people heard it in the rink.

It isn't atop the Zamboni that causes consternation. "The most embarrassing is when you're shoveling (the leftover ice shavings) after you do the Zamboni and falling on your rear end. I've done that a couple of times," Sattelmeyer said.

Sattelmeyer is equally at home on the ice on skates as well. She began playing hockey 16 years ago when her oldest son, then 5, was playing and she learned about an adult-learn-to-play hockey class in Troy. "I just always liked hockey and when we were kids, there was really no place to play (for girls),"

she said. She plays at Glacier Pointe in Port Huron, where, ironically, there is another female Zamboni driver.

The single mother of three sons, Trevor, 21; Patrick, 19; and Spencer, 16, works full time as a medical secretary in the endocrinology department at Henry Ford Hospital and part-time at City Sports Center. She also volunteers with the Wayne State University hockey team on which Trevor plays.

"I'm a sports mom. It's my comfort zone," Sattelmeyer said. "As many hours as I work, I don't have as much time to volunteer. I guess that's why I score keep for Wayne State. I try to do as much as I can."

"Everybody who works here, they're like my family. It's not even like going

to a job which is why there are some nights when I think, 'oh my gosh, I can't work one more hour.' I say it's a job, but it truly is a pleasure to work here."

And now that her son, Patrick, also works at the rink and drives the Zamboni, she has more time with him.

Aside from enjoying doing something not many people know how to do, Sattelmeyer enjoys driving the Zamboni and creating a fresh sheet of ice because she is a hockey player.

"I think because of my love of hockey, it's very peaceful for me to get on the Zamboni and know you're creating something, as a hockey player, you know you want to come out on that beautiful sheet of ice and you know go, 'this is a good sheet of ice.'"



The Detroit Red Wings and visiting NHL teams practice at City Sports Center when Joe Louis Arena is unavailable. Sattelmeyer has prepared the ice for the Wings, Chicago Blackhawks and Calgary Flames and proudly points out Jarome Iginla of the Calgary Flames complimented her resurfacing skills.

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PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Margaret Fragel has been named to the spring 2012 Athletic Directors Honor Roll at Miami University where she is a scholarship rower. A 2010 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School she is the daughter of Mark and Deb Fragel of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Lauren Madison, a Hope College junior, is studying in Belize through Creation Care during the fall 2012 semester. The Mercy

High School graduate is the daughter of Michael and Susan Madison of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Brendan Franklin of Grosse Pointe Woods was accepted into the National Honor Society at Northern Michigan University.

U.S. Army Pvt. John Parkison graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, in Columbus, Ga. The 2005 graduate of Grosse Pointe

North High School is the son of John Parkison of St. Clair Shores.

The following area students were named to the Dean's List for the spring 2012 semester at Central Michigan University: Claire Elizabeth Hamill, Kaley Sheldon and Kelsey Nicole Stanton, all of Grosse Pointe Farms; Erin Leigh Hughes, Samantha J. Mannino, Kara Lynn Motschall, Chloe Lynn Peck and Kathryn

Hathaway Repicky, all of Grosse Pointe Park; Nicholas James Coates and Alexa Gabrielle Materna, both of Grosse Pointe Shores and Jonathan Bay, Marisa Leigh Curran, Rachel Joan Curran, Michael James Koltun, Brennan O'Leary Peacock, Harry Sellars, Jack Joseph Smith, Caroline Elizabeth Verbeke and Alyssa Maria Zizio, all of Grosse Pointe Woods.

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6A | NEWS

City of Grosse Pointe

Nuttin' doin'

No criminal activity for the week reported in public files.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

SWAT team

At 2:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16, two Farms officers and six other members of the Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods Special Response Team deployed to an alleged gunman barricaded in a house in the 20900 block of Lancaster in Harper Woods.

The house is between Mack and Harper, just north of the Grosse Pointe Woods.

Shots had been fired,

hitting a patrol car belonging to one of many agencies responding, according to police reports. Uniformed officers blocked off public access to the neighborhood.

SRT members staged from an armored, Army green personnel vehicle obtained from the United States Army tank-Automotive and Armaments Command in Warren.

"As (the) team approached the scene, it was discovered that two members of the ACTION stolen car unit had taken it upon themselves to enter the unsecured scene and cleared the residence out."

Stollen cars found

Two cars stolen while parked on streets over-

night Thursday, Nov. 15, were found the next day a short drive across the Mack border into Detroit.

A Farms lieutenant found a black 2012 Ford Taurus, reported stolen in the 400 block of Colonial Court, on concrete blocks in the 5990 block of Neff.

"(The) vehicle was missing all four wheels and had damage to the driver's side front and rear windows," said the officer. "The rear bumper had white scuff marks from where it was pushed by an unknown vehicle."

To additional officers, including newly hired PSO Veronica Cashion, found the second car, a 2011 Ford Edge SEL, a few blocks away in a garage at the corner of South Hampton and Hereford.

The car had been reported stolen in the 200 block of McKinley.

"The vehicle was also missing its wheels," said one of the officers.

Rollover

A woman with a .12 percent blood alcohol level flipped a 2009 Jeep Liberty on Radnor Circle, according to police.

No one was injured in the wreck occurring shortly after 12:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 16, officers said.

Officers arrested the woman, 25, of Chesterfield Township.

"(She) stated she looked down toward her cell phone and her vehicle climbed the south curb, struck (a) tree in (a) front yard and rolled onto the driver's side," said

the arresting officer.

Cracked logic

A 45-year-old Detroit woman implied an easy solution to being caught with two crack pipes, according to police.

"Can't you just stomp them?" she asked a patrolman.

Officers charged her with possession of narcotics paraphernalia.

She was in a green Chevrolet four-door when its 57-year-old female driver from Detroit was pulled over for a traffic infraction at 6:22 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, at Mack and Moross.

The driver was arrested for violating four suspended driver's licenses.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Scooped up

A woman piling leaves in the roadway near Clairview and Lakeshore was arrested shortly after 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, on an outstanding warrant from Clinton Township, but scooted away.

Police said they found her walking along Ballantyne. She lives in Center Line.

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

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

House fire

An early morning fire, Sunday, Nov. 18, caused extensive damage to a house on Hollywood. No one was injured. Public safety was called to the house around 3 a.m. and it took about 90 minutes for the fire to be extinguished. The house next door was evacuated, but did not sustain any damage. Fire officials believe the blaze was accidental, but continue to investigate.

Dog bite

A Hollywood resident was getting out of her car in her driveway at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, when three dogs belonging to a neighbor ran from their yard and attacked her. One bit her on the leg, breaking the skin. The dog that bit her was identified and the owner turned the dog over for quarantine. The dog owner was informed of the city ordinance limiting the number of dogs per household to two.

Car theft

A 2013 Ford Explorer was taken Friday, Nov. 16, from a driveway on Newcastle. The owner returned home from work at 4 a.m. and parked the car in the driveway. She heard some outside noises around 4:30 a.m., but did not check, and did not discover the car was gone until about 6 p.m. Glass was found in the driveway. The SUV, which had been locked, was recovered in Detroit.

—Kathy Ryan
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MBFRI

Petition prompts changes on Maumee

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Resident-only permit parking is allowed on Maumee between Cadieux and Notre Dame.

A petition registering 100 percent support from residents of the block prompted city officials to enact the new policy.

The area had been off limits to on-street parking.

"Residents with narrow drives or more than one vehicle have problems with not being able

to move around vehicles or leave them out when having guests at their home," explained Peter Dame, City of Grosse Pointe manager, in a memo.

It will cost about \$200 to print parking permits and replace current 'No parking' signs with those indicating permit parking, Dame added.

"This permit system has been temporary tested for more than two months without problems," Dame said.

—Brad Lindberg

7A | BUSINESS



Welcome

Viviano Flower Shop, family owned and operated locally since 1937, opened its doors at 20087 Mack Ave. in Grosse Pointe Woods last week. Top, Gloria Arslanian of Grosse Pointe Woods and Josie Dehelean of Grosse Pointe Shores receive a free mug of flowers from Frank Viviano at the grand opening. At right, Sandy Elsholz of St. Clair Shores shows off her mug of flowers. Viviano Flower Shop offered mugs of flowers to the first 50 customers and then stretched it to about 200.

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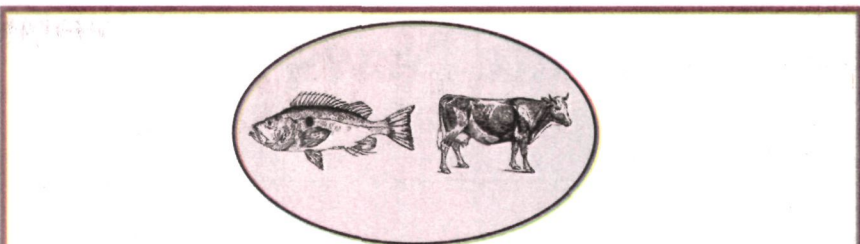
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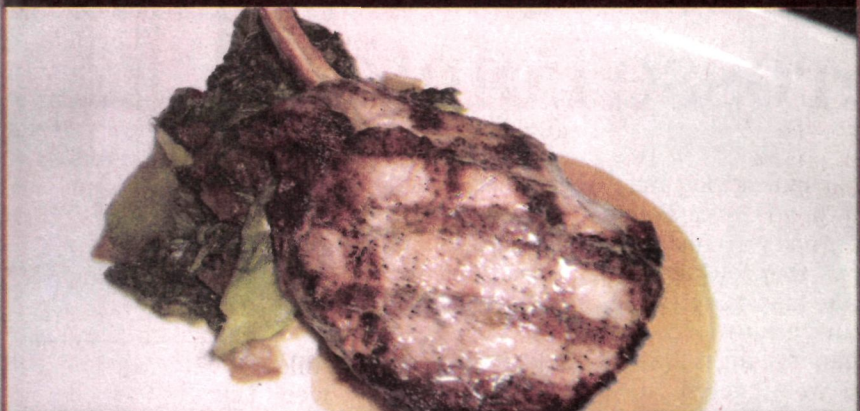
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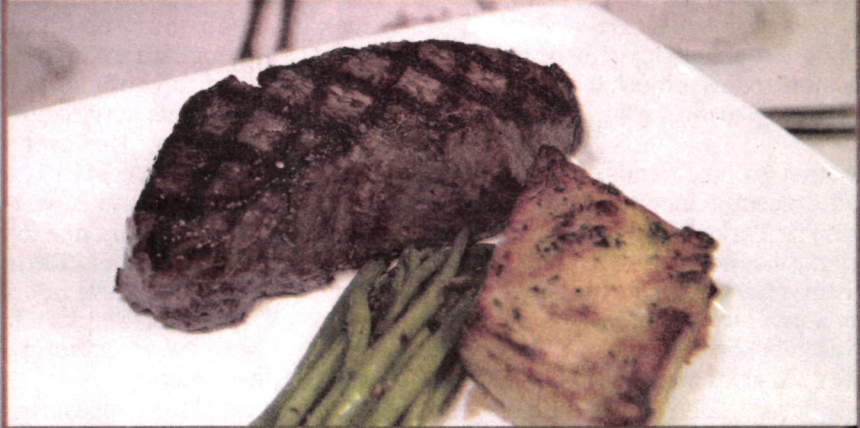


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‘Tis the season to be busy in Grosse Pointe

It’s Thanksgiving and there is plenty of action in and around Grosse Pointe. We hope you enjoy the holiday with your family and friends, that you have safe travels if you’re on the road and the Lions play a full 60 minutes and beat Houston. Is that asking for too much? Thanksgiving is the kick off to a very busy season in the Grosse Pointes.

On Black Friday (many stores open Thursday, and remember when you had to wait to see the ads for Friday’s specials?), Pointers line Kercheval from the Farms through the Village to catch a wonderful tradi-

tion. This year marks the 37th year for the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade. The fun begins at 10 a.m. If you’ve lived here your whole life or only spent a few hours shopping here, you’ll see someone you recognize in this parade. It’s a celebration of all that’s great about the Pointes.

We’re proud to be one of many sponsors of the parade and Santa sleigh. We’re also proud to offer a live-streaming presentation of the entire parade on our website, grossepointenews.com.

We thank George Koueiter Jewelers and Don Gooley Cadillac for joining us and Woodward One Media who will produce and host the parade event for us.

Coverage begins at 9:30 a.m. with interviews and information about the day.

Other events - tree lightings and Santa’s hours are listed throughout this week’s edition.

We want to thank the Village Association and Parade Director Terri Berschback, who have worked hard to raise money and build the parade into what we will witness on Friday.

Fof Berschback, this is her 10th and final year as director.

In an announcement Monday, the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce announced it will take over the parade duties after this parade.

Chamber President Jennifer Palms Boettcher said a parade steering committee will be organized with representation from the five Pointes.

This is a big job to tackle - and we wish them luck. But today we salute Berschback for her decade of dedication to this project. It’s a tough job, a thankless pursuit and you did it well. Congratulations and thank you.

Another group, Friends of the Grosse Pointe Parade, recently celebrated its annual fundraiser at Farms Pier Park.

Friends has added the Grosse Pointe White Christmas Carriage to its fleet of floats in the event. From Santa’s sleigh, to the Beaumont Express train with a collection of items for Toys for Tots, the community has also embraced the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Parade. John Stevens and his group of volunteers have also worked hard year after year.

If you’ve never been to the parade, it’s must-see. And if you can’t be there, tune in to grossepointenews.com. We’ve got it covered and we’re proud to be there.

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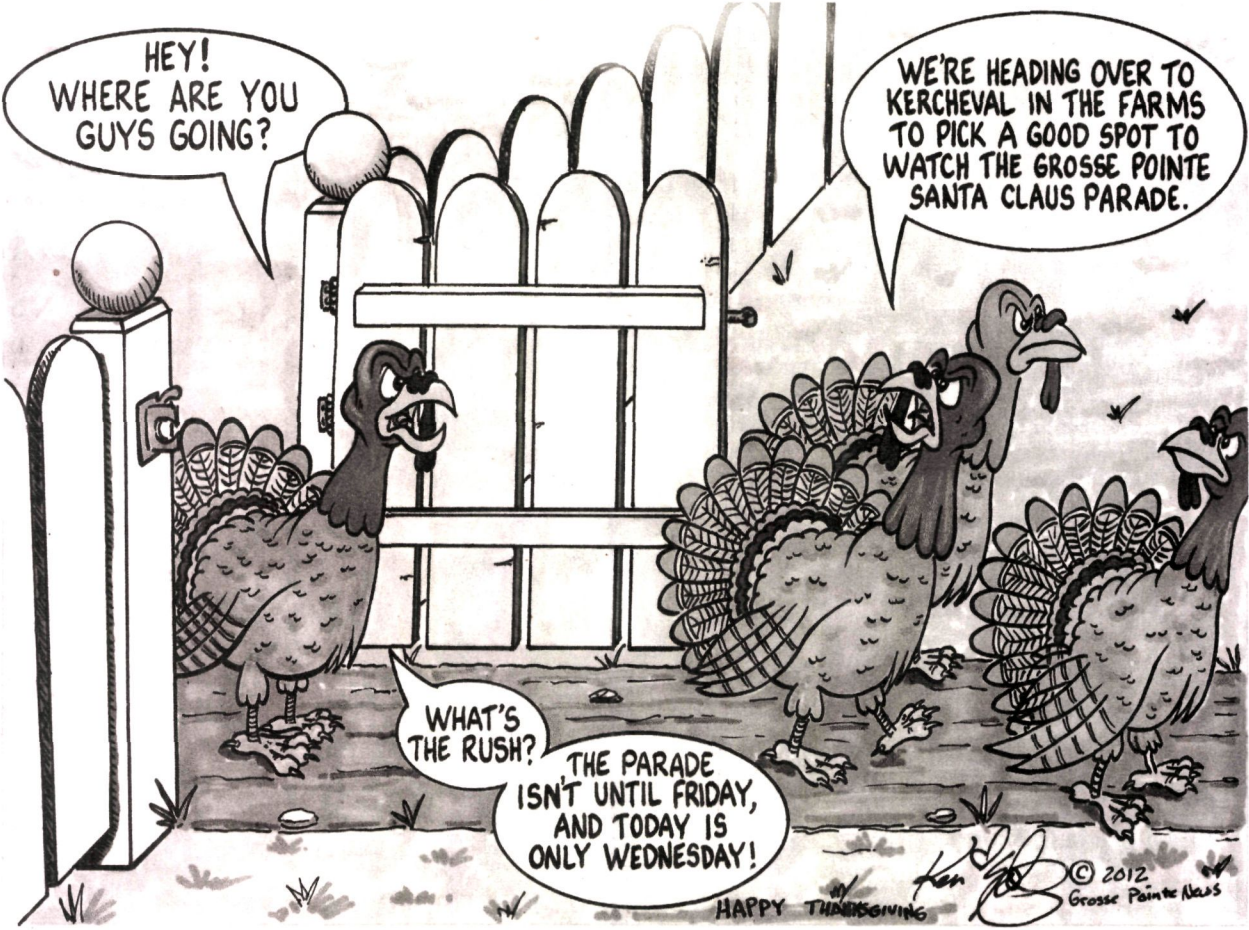
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Cost of living

To the Editor:

I think we can all agree the City of Grosse Pointe is a great place to live and raise a family.

We have a beautiful community.

We have great public safety protection which has kept our city a safe place to live.

We have wonderful public services and a dedicated city office staff, along with a beautiful city park for all residents to enjoy.

I believe we all want to keep our community strong and to do that, we need to continue to provide great services to our residents. However, this comes at a cost.

City budgets have been cut repeatedly, due to falling revenues. Retiring employees have not been replaced. Services have been cut or rearranged to save money.

All these measures are the correct course during weak economic conditions. But I believe we have hit a point where budget cuts are no longer the answer.

Employees have not received a raise in nearly five years and have lost benefits.

At a recent council meeting, retirees were forced to accept reduced benefits to save the City money. These are benefits they earned and deserve.

There is a cost to living in a community like the

City of Grosse Pointe and enjoying the services and protections that affords.

Since property taxes are the main source of general fund revenue, I believe the City council should ask the residents to support their community and consider a Headlee override/property tax millage.

Current and former employees should not be asked to bear the burden to balance the general fund budget.

The general fund budget should not be balanced on the backs of employees and retirees.

Residents need to accept responsibility and pay for the services they receive and enjoy.

KAREN JOHNSON
City of Grosse Pointe

School board election

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped me retain my seat on the Grosse Pointe school board.

I really enjoy being able to represent our community and working with friends to obtain this. Meeting new people and rekindling friendships with old friends was reward in itself.

We are facing huge financial concerns and continued interference in our local control.

Our curriculum is at risk with speculation of a

six-hour day in the high school, resulting in a shortened educational experience.

The Michigan Educational Finance Act of 2013, supported by the Oxford Foundation, needs to be scrutinized. It is another form of Schools of Choice.

Everyone in our community, not just the parents of students, needs to be more involved in protecting our educational system and our values.

CINDY PANGBORN
Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education Member

Tool up new plan

To the Editor:

So where do the Grosse Pointe Woods mayor, council and city administration go from here, now that their grand plan to boost residents’ property taxes — by a hefty 4 mills over the constitutionally-mandated 20 mill Headlee limit — has been shot down by voters?

If they’re smart, they’ll go back to the drawing board, tool up a new short-term, less extravagant plan, prove they want to cut waste from their bloated budget and fix some of the city’s most egregiously neglected residential streets by using money they already have.

The residents of this proud city never have refused funding for public works when money was needed. What troubles the tax-paying majority today, however, is a serious shortage of trust in their mostly invisible and totally unresponsive elected officials to deliver on their promises. Voter rejection of the outrageous \$10 million-for-10 years road bond proposal proved that.

As for the incredible \$10 million general fund blank-check windfall that got blown away, this no longer is your grand dad’s

Tree City U.S.A., where money grows on every branch.

In the good old days, all the part-time political types had to do was reach up and pluck a bunch of “dead presidents” when they needed to sign a cushy labor contract, hire a friend or sponsor taxpayer paid food and booze parties to curry votes or reward campaign workers.

But what the wise voters said loudly on Nov. 6 was, “Enough already! What have you been doing with the millions we already gave you?”

The Woods has more than \$4 million in reserves called the “rainy day fund.” It’s not just raining these days in neighborhoods with crumbling streets, it’s a monsoon.

A suggestion: Take \$1 million from that \$4 million stash and actually fix some streets with it. Once the city’s proven they’ll do what they promise, they can come back and ask the voters for, say, a reasonable \$1 million a year for three years in roads bonding. And maybe get it passed.

No matter how they object, the council members can take money from “rainy day” reserves at any time to cover short-term needs. We did it when we messed up on the \$1.3 million Lakefront Park pool liner no-bid contract a few years back. Ask council member Vickie Granger about that expensive shell-game trick.

Next November, four of the council’s seven members — Mayor Bob Novitke and council members Vickie Granger, Todd McConaghy and Kevin Ketels — all are up for re-election. There never will be a better time than now to send them a message they might listen to.

PETE WALDMEIR
Grosse Pointe Woods

I SAY By Ann L. Fouty

The forgotten holiday

Happy Thanksgiving! We pretty much know the history of this national holiday.

The pilgrims had it right — three days of feasting, with the first held Dec. 13, 1621. President George Washington took up the cause in 1789, followed by President Abraham Lincoln’s Thanksgiving Proclamation. President Franklin D. Roosevelt made the day official in 1941, designating the fourth Thursday in November a day of family and feasting and thanks. Yet it’s a holiday that has been kicked to the curb; wedged between the orange and purple holiday lights of Halloween and the green and red of Christmas. Instead of lingering over coffee and pumpkin pie topped with whipped cream, people devour the ads for an excuse to get up at some dark morning hour and stampede to buy an electronic toy that will be out of date in four weeks.

It signals the beginning of a month of splurging and hectic days.

That’s too bad because Thanksgiving is one day devoted to family and food. We don’t put up many decorations or buy a new outfit hence, retailers can’t make money from Thanksgiving. We should give thanks to those Americans for establishing a special day devoted to family, food and showing appreciation of what we have.

The Fouty Feast is the one time of year most of the extended clan assembles in a house big enough

to fit the two dozen who gather. We literally rub elbows while exchanging jokes, updates and tidbits, all the while proclaiming “this is the best ever turkey.” And asking, “Who made this delicious (fill in the blank with casserole, salad, pie etc.)?”

Let me tell you, Grandma makes the best cranberry salad.

Stuffing our pie holes is the name of the day’s game. After dinner, grandparents doze in chairs, the sisters-in-law gather in the kitchen for dish washing and topical discussions and consultations. The brothers, grandchildren and great-grandchildren can be found in one of two places — in front of the TV or outside taking

GUEST OPINION By Bill Kalmar

Before you gobble, gobble give some thanks

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. Unlike other holidays, there is no pretentiousness. One just arrives at the host's home dressed in an every-day wardrobe and not encumbered with loads of presents.

That is not to say as a guest you can't bring a tasty food dish or bottle of wine for the host or don your favorite gaudy holiday sweater, but it is a day to enjoy great company, tasty food and exciting football. What could be better than that?

But before we dive into that plump turkey or carve a slice of a "turducken," how about taking a few moments and recount all the events we are thankful for?

I suspect the pilgrims did so when they arrived after a long voyage and

landed at Plymouth Rock. No doubt they were thankful the Transportation Security Administration did not submit them to a "pat down" or ask them to surrender their muskets.

In any event, here are some things I am most thankful for:

◆ The ability to celebrate holidays and birthdays with family and friends.

Having been out of town for high school and some college, I can tell you first-hand being absent from Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations leaves a sad melancholy feeling in your heart. As such, whatever we as Americans can do for our men and women in the service during this season would be appreciated by our brave troops.

In 1954 crooner Perry Como sang, "There's No

Place Like Home For The Holidays", and here in 2012, it is still true.

◆ The Social Security cost-of-living adjustment increase of 1.7 percent, set for January 2013. And a thanks to all of you who are still working and supporting me with your Federal Insurance Contributions Act payments.

◆ All the friends I currently have and for those I have yet to meet.

◆ Being an American and living in the greatest country in the world.

◆ All episodes of "Seinfeld" which parallels real life experiences. My favorites: "The Puffy Shirt," "The Jimmy" and "The Marine Biologist."

◆ The Cracker Barrel restaurant and their great breakfasts and all the knickknacks in their store. One day I might even purchase one of the rocking chairs that

grace the front porch of each establishment. And for the cinnamon rolls at the Panera Bread Company — the former Saint Louis Bread Company.

These two establishments that dot the highways, as we motor to grandma's house, sure makes the trip a lot more enjoyable.

◆ The ability to reverse live television programs so I have my own personal instant replay function.

Just wish I could have the same ability for real life incidents — I think all of us at one time or another would want a "re-do" button on some of life's activities.

◆ My TomTom global positioning and OnStar systems — both have re-routed me when lost.

◆ The thrill of running the Roseville Big Bird Run with my son, Bill, Jr.;

daughter-in-law, Kim; grandsons, Joseph and Alex; and granddaughter, Rachel.

◆ For the festivities and activities in St. Charles, Mo., the day after Thanksgiving — truly a Currier and Ives moment, especially with all the Santas from around the world and, of course, the chestnut roaster.

◆ For our three children, two son-in-laws and daughter-in-law and 11 grandchildren, who bring us joy and excitement every day.

Knowing that when we are in a nursing home and they come to visit us every day to change our diapers, brings us contentment. I suspect it will bring them consternation and aggravation but we changed their diapers when they were young, so what goes around comes around.

◆ For my wife, Mary, of 48 years who has supported, encouraged and loved me through every moment and adventure to make sure I never went astray. She is my personal GPS.

So as you gather with family and friends this holiday season, take a couple moments and be thankful for all your blessings.

And if you are a guest at someone's home, chew with your mouth closed, don't talk with food in your mouth, don't cheer too long when your football team scores and do not nap on the bed that contains all the coats.

Other than that — happy Thanksgiving!

Kalmar is the former director of the Michigan Quality Council and a former resident of Grosse Pointe.

I SAY: Thanksgiving attitude

Continued from page 8A

aim at a tree branch across the dirt road with any one of Nephew Al's rifles or shotguns.

But there are those who pour over ads and check credit card limits to acquire yet more stuff.

We have traded political advertising in favor of spots filled with urgent announcements of NEEDING to buy the latest, best, most-requested toy for either young or old.

Merchants tell their employees store doors open at midnight or 5 a.m. Black Friday has turned into Black Thursday, overriding and diminishing Thanksgiving. Stores open Thursday evening and one chain opens at 8 p.m. Thursday, closing at 10 p.m. Friday.

Others have even started their bursting-onto-the-aisles bargain displays the week prior to Thanksgiving.

In a material world, are retailers telling us we need more material and less family face time?

Don't get me wrong, I like to shop. I like the hubbub, hustle and bustle of holiday shopping.

I get sucked in just like every other happy holiday shopper. But the health and well-being of my extended family is more important than snatching up a piece of jewelry that will be on sale all weekend.

Obviously, I'm missing something about Black Thursday/Friday.

I'm missing the crowds, the crazy drivers in the parking lot and shopper rage. Poor Thanksgiving. And sad for us missing one holiday that doesn't require gifts, just a free and thankful attitude.

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Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens Academy, from left Director of Public Safety Andrew Pazuchowski, George McMullen, Jim Schultz, Robert Sheehy, Judith Sheehy, Lisa Carmer, Joe Sucher and City Administrator Al Fincham.



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Late vote

The vote on the St. John Medical Center helispot at Monday's Grosse Pointe Woods City Council meeting came after press time for this week's Grosse Pointe News.

A full story covering the results is available at grossepointenews.com. An update to the story will be printed in next week's newspaper.



Auden Martus, 15 months, left, of Grosse Pointe Park; and his cousin, Andrew Bayster, 2 1/2, of the Pointe Farms, get first-hand looks at the White Christmas Carriage, making its inaugural appearance in the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade Friday Nov. 23, on Kercheval.

PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

FRIENDS: Tradition continues for parade

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The motorized carriage used to belong to Park resident Bill Bresser.

"I'd drive to Jacobsons and park on the sidewalk," Bresser said. "They'd load it up and away I'd go. I took a lot of kids for rides."

About 200 people attended the unveiling at Farms Pier Park.

The Friends, founded in 2005, pays for the construction and maintenance of some floats built specifically for the parade.

A couple of years ago,

the Friends began collecting unwrapped gifts for donation to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots.

"The addition of Toys For Tots brought opportunities for people to get involved with the armed services," said Ed Russell, a Farms resident and founding board member of the Santa parade committee.

"There are so many children who need a little help," said John Stevens, Friends President and City resident.

He's distributed toys to needy children.

"Children leave beaming, realizing there's

somebody who cares," Stevens said.

"The facial expressions of the children, moms and dads — it hits home," said Staff Sgt. Robert Stoddard, Southeast Michigan Marine Coordinator of Toys For Tots and a member of the 1st Battalion 24th Marines stationed at Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Clinton Township.

Friends, in the roll of Santa's helpers, and Marines in dress uniforms walk in the parade collecting letters to Santa and Toys for Tots.

Friends floats are: ♦ The Santa Claus Sleigh, sponsored by Grosse Pointe News, represented by Bob and Vicki Liggett, the News' owner from Grosse Pointe Shores.

♦ Rudolph, with flashing red nose, helping pull Santa's sleigh over the Grosse Pointe landscape, sponsored by the Kressbach family;

♦ Toys for Tots Caboose, used to haul do-

nated toys, sponsored by the Legacy Wealth Management Group;

♦ Grosse Pointe Wellness Express, representing a steam locomotive pulling three passenger coaches, sponsored by Beaumont Hospital and

♦ White Christmas Carriage, lead sponsorship by the Germack Pistachio Company.

Each year, the Friends hold a fundraiser the week before the parade. Each year, attendance grows.

"The more Grosse Pointers find out about it, the more they want to help the community," said Traci Lyons, event chair from the City of Grosse Pointe.

"What a great tradition," said Ted Kedzierski, Mayor of Grosse Pointe Shores. "This is why people move here. They want to enjoy these traditions."

"Thank you everybody who contributed to this cause," Stevens told the crowd.

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Carbon change

A section of Grosse Pointe Farms received its first seasoning of road salt last week during a partial filter change at the water purification plant. Contractors pumped a 2-foot layer of granular activated carbon from holding tanks inside the plant, on Moross, into trucks parked on Grosse Pointe Boulevard. City crews spread road salt in the area to prevent spilled water from freezing during cold nights.

As filter work wound down Friday, Nov. 16, Thomas Baker, plant operator, monitored the refilling of a tank.

Fine, nearly powdery grains of carbon form the top layer of filters in the plant's eight holding tanks. Each tank measures nearly 20 cubic feet. Water percolating through the carbon leaves behind deposits, impurities and odor. Carbon is changed at the plant every five years.

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PARADE: Another great lineup

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couldn't pay for marching bands," Berschback said.

Each band charges an average of \$1,200.

"I've never had to cancel a band before this year," Berschback said. "De LaSalle said they'd do it for free."

The parade, presented by Pentastar Aviation, starts at 10 a.m., Friday, Nov. 23.

The route is from Lewiston and Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Farms, through the Hill to the lower Village commercial district in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Santa Claus brings up the rear and receives the key to the community.

"I took my kids to the parade when they were little," Berschback said. "Now, they're taking their kids. It's what you do the day after Thanksgiving. Everyone's in town."

New this year is another addition from the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Parade.

The non-profit group of parade philanthropists added a motorized sleigh, christened the Grosse Pointe White Christmas Carriage, to their fleet of floats.

For this year's parade, Berschback lined up eight marching bands, nearly 60 community groups and, for the first time, Ronald McDonald.

Of 10 fire trucks, one is a 1937 Seagrave sedan from the Detroit Fire Department.

"I'm putting them behind the Detroit Fire

Department band," Berschback said.

Returning this year are the loyal, calm and always friendly representatives of the Grosse Pointe chapter of Golden Retriever Rescue of Michigan.

Chapter leader, Ro Arabia, of Grosse Pointe Farms, rides the parade route this year in a vintage car provided by the Grosse Pointe Historical Society.

Also returning is the Redford Township

Unicycle Club.

"You can't do a parade without unicycles," Berschback said.

A jazz band float from the Parade Company is sponsored by the Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe in the Farms.

Mainly, though, the parade is a small town affair highlighting youth and community groups.

"Everything's there, from the Detroit Mounted Police to the littlest Brownie," said Dale Scrace, City mayor.

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Parade starts in The Hill shopping district in Grosse Pointe Farms and proceeds west on Kercheval through The Village, Downtown Grosse Pointe.



Look for the all-new *White Christmas Carriage*, presented by the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Parade. And don't miss the Grosse Pointe Wellness Express and Caboose, designed exclusively for the Toys for Tots program. The Wellness Express, sponsored by Beaumont Hospital, will be accompanied by a U.S. Marine Honor Guard. Help support the Toys for Tots program in our community!



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◆ The Grosse Pointe Library Board meets at 7 p.m. at the Woods branch, 20680 Mack. The agenda is available at gp.lib.mi.us.

TUESDAY, NOV. 27

◆ Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce holds business after hours from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Lighthouse Lighting & Design, 20497 Mack Grosse Pointe Woods.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 28

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Promoting socialization and confidence



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During Parcels Middle School's peer-to-peer program class, Allison Lackner, Lauren Sickmiller, Natalie Barstys, Caitlin Mayernik and Alex Dean teach Olivia Grobbel sign language. The students spelled "Olivia."

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

On her way to the music room, a Parcels Middle School seventh grader passed a special needs student being assisted down the hallway. "Hi," she said cheerfully, calling the student by name.

Her greeting elicited a look of excitement, then a quick smile from the special needs student. "Hi," the student responded, still brimming ear-to-ear. Similar

greetings have occurred in hallways, cafeterias and classrooms throughout Parcels this year, attributed in part, to the school's new peer-to-peer program.

"To see the gen ed kids greet them in the hallway in social situations is wonderful," said Lauren Brown, special education teacher who, along with Gina McEveney, another special education teacher, started the program at Parcels. "At lunch, the special ed kids have some of their peer-to-peer kids

that they sit with. When the bell rings, sometimes a special ed student will grab a gen ed student and they'll walk down the hall."

The program, a once-weekly class, connects general education students with students with special needs. It helps to promote socialization and confidence-building between and within students from both groups, Brown said.

Already, Brown has noticed some general education students tak-

ing on leadership roles and establishing immediate connections with others, as well as students with special needs, those normally verbally uncommunicative, making major strides in talking, even if it's a simple "hi" or "bye."

"One student," Brown said, "he doesn't talk very much at all. He has a little buddy over here, Alcide, and he said, 'Bye, Alcide.' He only said, 'Bye, Brown,' once. It's a big thing. It's just those kinds of things we're trying to promote."

Another such connection, Brown said, exists between seventh grader Alex Dean and her buddy, Olivia Grobbel, a student with Down Syndrome. Dean, who wants to be a special education teacher, led Grobbel in The Arc walk last year and practices sign language and other communication skills every Tuesday morning during the class.

"I feel like it's a lot nicer because now in the hallways and stuff you say 'hi' to the special ed kids and you know their names," Dean said.

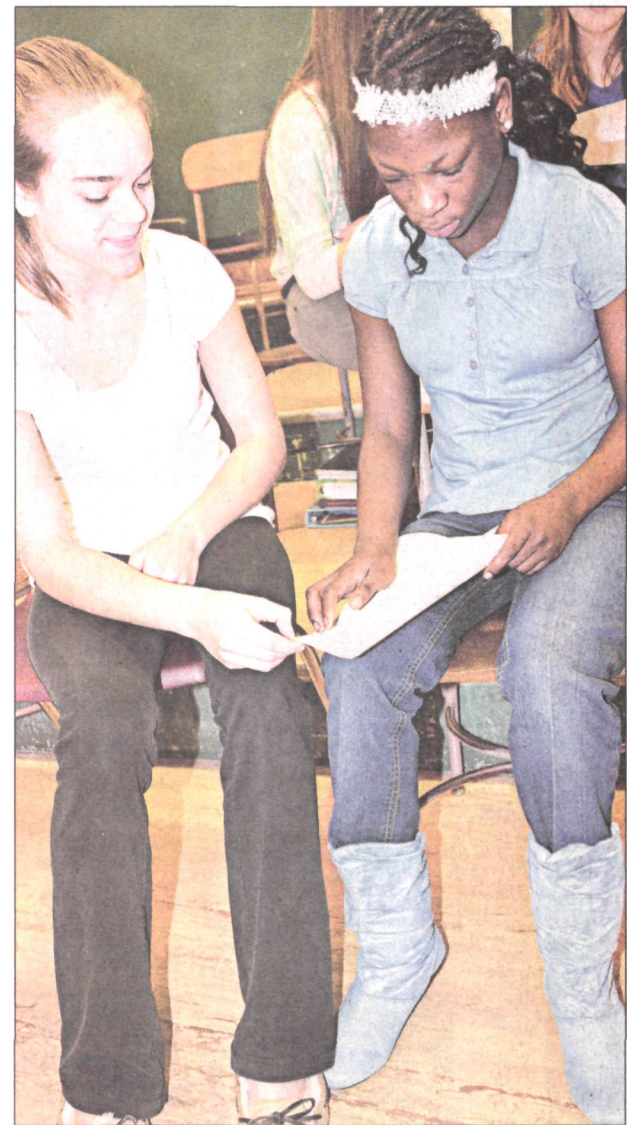
"Before, you didn't really know their names or anything about them really. It's an inclusion thing, so it's nice they decided to give that a try. I think it's working really well."

As soon as next year,

Brown hopes to expand the program, involving more students and organizing get-togethers beyond the typical Tuesday mornings.

"We're hoping to expand it to during lunch,

maybe in the community," Brown said. "We did an Arc walk and won biggest team, had the most donations and walkers at the walk. You can really tell that they enjoy it."



Seventh grader Katie Sauget, left, works on a project with La'Kyra Dismukes.

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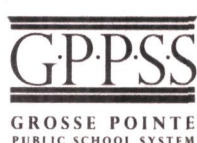
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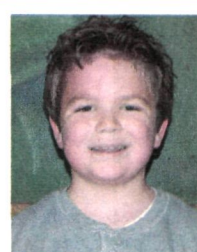
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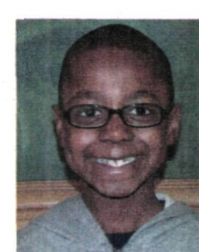
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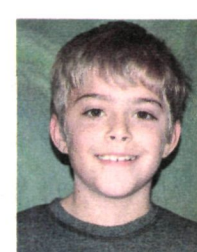
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Commemorating fall of communism

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

Last Thursday, a group of about 20 students, representatives of the Grosse Pointe North High School chapter of Young Americans for Freedom, spent the afternoon constructing a trio of replica pieces of the fallen Berlin Wall.

The replicas, built of two-by-fours and drywall or cement, were a commemoration of the end of communism in Europe, North junior and YAF chairman Grant Strobl said, citing the need to educate people about "freedom and the hardships people will go through to get freedom."

"Six hundred people died on this wall," he said. "Six hundred people died escaping this terrible climate they were in because of this ideology, and that's what it's really supposed to symbolize. You're supposed to be impacted by that."

Graffiti-like messages of freedom in German, French and English adorned each of the walls, which were on display at North through last weekend in the yard outside the cafeteria. North, Strobl said, was the only chapter in southeast Michigan participating in the national project. YAF chapters around the United States constructed similar replicas as part of

a celebration of Freedom Week.

John Kusch, Andres Hensley, Bradley Centala, Lauren Brush, Leen Mosa, Nuha Mosa, Ted Supal, Ken Elkin, Anne Race, Jovana Maros, Katie Little, Danielle Zukowski, Tommy Raffail, Carter Bock, Ricky Kent and Strobl were all involved in the building process at North.

"I think it's very interesting," said Ricky Kent, chapter chairman-in-training. "It's a way for us to remember the fall of communism because we were all too young to experience it and we need to know that we can't go back to communism."



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

About 20 students from Grosse Pointe North High School's Young Americans for Freedom Chapter construct replica pieces of the fallen Berlin Wall to commemorate the end of communism in Europe.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointe Academy eighth grader Therese Drettmann, right, traces Gwyn Smith's hand, as the two teamed to draw a turkey.

Thanksgiving celebrations

Eighth graders teamed up with their first-grade "buddies" Wednesday, Nov. 14, at Grosse Pointe Academy, to participate in a series of Thanksgiving

activities.

Activities ranged from writing poems to creating a "then and now" Thanksgiving menu to drawing a turkey whose

feathers each featured a list of things students were thankful for to performing a play of the first Thanksgiving Day feast.

Best of show

North Pointe, Grosse Pointe North High School's student newspaper, won Best of Show last weekend at the 2012 JEA/NSPA Fall National High School Journalism Convention in San Antonio, Texas, one of several awards for North students during the weekend.

The student newspaper was one of 10 selected in

the "Newspaper Broadsheet 8 or fewer pages" category. Emma Ockerman, Breann Reveley and Kirsten Schoensee also received awards Sunday, Nov. 18, theirs in the write-off competitions. In the competitions, 1,734 students participated, 679 won, 117 earned superior, 209 excellent and 353 honorable mention. Ockerman

earned "excellent" in commentary writing, Reveley "honorable mention" in YB Copy/Caption: Sports and Schoensee "excellent" in YB Copy/Caption: Clubs.

"We left San Antonio all smiles (Sunday, Nov. 18)," said Shari Adwers, adviser for both the Valhalla yearbook and North Pointe student newspaper.

Thanks "giving"



PHOTO COURTESY OF PATTI THEROS

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School conducted its annual Thanksgiving Food Drive Wednesday, Nov. 14. Donations were given to St. Veronica, St. Jude, St. Angela and Nativity of Our Lord parishes. Pictured, seventh graders Ella Turnbull, Eloise Crane and Caroline Breen help prepare donations for delivery, collecting and packaging the food items.

Scholarship apps wanted

University Liggett School is offering full and half scholarships for the top students in metro Detroit with its Liggett Scholarship program.

Four-year scholarships are available to students entering ninth grade in 2013.

They are merit based and students must take a test scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 8 and 9.

This is Liggett's fifth year offering the scholar-

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College Board recognizes South AP students

Grosse Pointe South High School announced its 2012 Advanced Placement Scholar Award winners, 147 students recognized by The College Board for exceptional achievements on AP exams. The 147 students averaged a 3.85 composite score.

Awards were based on several levels of achievement: National AP Scholars, AP Scholars with Distinction, AP Scholars with Honor and AP Scholars. At South, 11 students earned National AP Scholar Awards, for students with an average score of at least 4 on all AP exams and who score 4 or higher on eight or more exams. They are: Meredith Bury, Joshua Davey, Nathaniel Erickson, Elizabeth Fry, Paige Hackenberger, David Harris, Hannah Muller, Henry Muller, Abby Reimer, Nathan Troscinski and Frank Welsher.

Sixty-two students received AP Scholar with Distinction honors, granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams and score 3 or higher on five or more exams. Students are: Mark Adamszek, Carolyn Alam, Michael Aro, Erika Bade, Matthew Barnes, Reverie Beall, Edward Berkowski, Annalise Bissa, Rebecca Brewster, Megan Brooks, Somers Brush, Meredith Bury, Dawei Chen, Wesley Cimmarrusti, Joshua Davey, Nathaniel Erickson, Thomas Flynn, John Fordon, Christopher Fowler, Peter Fox, Elizabeth Fry, Paige Hackenberger, Brian Hall, Katherine Halso, David Harris, Caroline Hartman, Luke Hessurg, Connor Hogan, Charlotte Koelsch, Anna Kucharski, Jack Lightbody, Colleen Martin, Kelly McDonald, Edward Mollison, Claire Morrison, Benjamin Moss, Hannah Muller, Henry Muller, Natalie Murphy, Emma Ottenhoff, Lauren Phillips, Devon Pratt, Abby Reimer, Nicholas Robinson, Andrew Safran, Aubryn Samaroo, Jill Schumann, Zachary Soheim, Charles Sorge, Margaret Stafford, Maja Stamenkovska, Abigail Stapleton, Ellen Stewart, Johnathan Sullivan, Christina Swanson, Jaya Telang, Lewis Thomas, Alexa Thompson, William Tily, Nathan Troscinski, Frank Welsher and Jeffrey Woolstrum.

The following 30 students earned AP Scholar with Honor Awards, available to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams and score 3 or higher on four or more exams: Jessica Aboukasm, Ellen Aretakis, Conor Buckley, David Cook, Abby Couvreur, Sara Ellis, Carmen Engel, Mackenzie Feringa, Daniel Garberding, Matthew Geist, Lauren Graham, Maya Grever, Axel Ivers, Austin Jones, Alexander Knuth, Alexander Mackethan, Anthony Mager, Stuart McKay, Martin Moesta, Marie Monark, Nolan Monforton, Austin Montgomery, Alexander Parker, Alexander Peters, Phillip Reik, Alexandra Robinson, Jack Schulte, Cheyenne Tate, Connor Voiles and Casey Wizner.

There were 55 students who earned AP Scholar honors, awarded to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams. They include: Colin Anderson, Samuel Archinal, Andrew Barnett, Rachel Bellovich, Courtney Bilderbeck, Matthew Bove, Claire Boyle, Danielle Brayton, Henry Brophy, Katherine Campbell, Emily Cervone, Jordan Charette, Gena Crepault, Frank Cusumano, James Davies, Elizabeth DiMauro, Brian Fennell, Henry Fildes, George Fishback, Christina Flom, Chloe Gellert, Meredith Gilbert, Alexander Gosselin, Rachael Harrison, Andrew Hartz, William Hyde, Emily Jackman, Andrew Juergens, Madison Kaiser, Jessica Kaminski, Thomas Keating, Griffin Kiegiel, Milena Lai, Justin Lanyon, Adrian Lorenzana, Elena Lorenzana, Tristan Mackethan, Andrew Malley, Scott Mason, Christopher Montague, Catilin Moore, Anna Mordell, Giovanna Posselius, Savannah Rana, Blake Reece, Breanne Reisen, Shane Richardson, Joshua Rothenbuhler, Joseph Srebernak, Harriet Steinke, Carolyn Sullivan, Martin Voelker, Yichen Wang, Otto Wenzler and Hannah Wheeler.



Kerby Elementary School principal Melanie O'Neil shakes hands with Andrew Acker, a prospective student whose family is relocating from Fort Gratiot to Grosse Pointe.

Open house

Each of the 15 schools in the Grosse Pointe Public School System were open to the public Sunday, Nov. 11, during the district's first community open house. GPPSS teamed with the Grosse Pointe Board of REALTORS to host the event. More than 100 families attended. Several already enrolled their children for the 2013-2014 year. Tours were offered at each building, as well as explanations of curriculum. Guests were also treated to activities representative of the district schools, such as performances from school choirs.

Pierce celebrates 40 years



Retired Pierce Middle School physical education teacher Jerry Keith, middle, receives a plaque from Pierce athletic director Barry Novak and current physical education teacher Beth Allan. The school honored Keith during its 40th annual Turkey Trot Run, which Keith established in 1972.

Pierce Middle School celebrated the 40th anniversary of its Turkey Trot Run Friday, Nov. 16; this year's event run in honor of trot founder Jerry Keith, a former physical education teacher of 25 years at Pierce. Even in retirement, Keith has attended the event each year. He was presented a "perpetual plaque," to be hung in the school, engraved with the names of race winners dating back to 1987.

In this year's event, Cameron Francis (2.40) placed first in the eighth-grade boys race, followed by Jack Flynn (2.46.40) and Evan Sutherland (2.46.94), while Katie VandenBrink (2.55) won the eighth-grade girls race. Kendall Grayczle (3.01) placed second and Grace Scott (3.30) third.

In the seventh grade races, Jordan Rush (2.53) finished first for the boys, ahead of Conor Garvey (3.01) and Jacob Hinkle (3.03). Sam Skalarski (3.02) won the girls and Katie Konieczny (3.04) and Camryn Zak (3.29) finished second and third, respectively.

Roanan Lowell (2.57.34) earned the fastest time in the sixth-grade boys race, followed by Josh DeBerry (2.57.88) and Conor McKenna (3.07). Rachel O'Conan (3.17) won the girls race, while Olivia Meynarek (3.19) and Kiki Simopoulos (3.22) finished second and third.

First- and second-place finishes for boys and girls from each grade level received a turkey. Francis and VandenBrink also had their names engraved on the plaque.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan
NOTICE OF REVIEW: Notice is hereby given the Board of Review of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Wayne County, Michigan, will be in session in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, on

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2012

Beginning at 9:00 a.m. Pursuant to MCL 211.53.b, the Board of Review convenes on the Tuesday after the second Monday in December for the purpose of correcting assessments resulting from a clerical error or a mutual mistake of fact.

Scott Vandemergel
City Assessor

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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.

Jill Meredith Curtiss

Jill Meredith Curtiss passed away Friday, Nov. 9, 2012, in the loving embrace of her family at her home in Denver, Colo.

She was born on Oct. 12, 1970, in Grosse Pointe, attended the Grosse Pointe Academy and graduated from University Liggett School. She was a member of Tau Beta. She was a graduate of Miami University, earned a juris doctor degree from Pepperdine University and a master of laws degree from John Marshall Law School. She practiced law in Los Angeles until she became ill with Leiomyosarcoma.

Ms. Curtiss moved to Denver in December, 2011, to be closer to her brother and his family.

She was predeceased by her father, Craig Curtiss, in 1997.

Ms. Curtiss is survived by her mother, Beverly; brother, Brian; her nephew and niece, Evan and Lauren; grandmother, Bernice Fabian; stepfather, Clune Walsh and a large number of loving relatives.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012, at Christ Church, 61 Grosse

Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, with a reception immediately following.

Donations may be made to the Sarcoma Foundation of America at curesarcoma.org.

William J. Bogdziewicz

Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident William J. Bogdziewicz, died Monday, Oct. 29, 2012. He was 89.

He was born Feb. 3, 1923, in Detroit graduated from Detroit Pershing High School and earned an accounting degree in college. He worked in the accounting department at Packard Motor Car Co. during World War II where he met Patricia, to whom he was married 67 years.

He worked many years in the lumber industry during the time when the Detroit area was expanding and building many houses and commercial and retail facilities. He shared his expertise and was a top salesman for F.M. Sibley Lumber and Erb-Restrack among others.

An avid golfer, Mr. Bogdziewicz was active in Cub Scouts Pack 115, Little League, youth hockey programs and his children's high school activities. He participated

extensively in church activities at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church and Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church for which he supplied the lumber for the old church. He also was active in the Knights of Columbus.

His family said Mr. Bogdziewicz was most proud of his family, devoted to his church and a generous and kind person who maintained many deep friendships which, along with his family and faith, sustained him through the years.

Mr. Bogdziewicz is survived by his wife, Patricia; children, Ronald Bogen, Tom Bogdziewicz (Georgia), Clint Bogen (Joan), William Bogdziewicz Jr. (Kathy), Terriane Kachmar (Ron) and John Bogdziewicz (Adriana); grandchildren, Marty (Favi), Billy, Jimmy, Jeff, Tommy, Trish, Tori and Natalie. He also is survived by his sister, Ann Kozub (Ed).

He was predeceased by his sister, Eleanor Bogdziewicz.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 3 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to the Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207 or the charity of the donor's choice.



Jill Meredith Curtiss

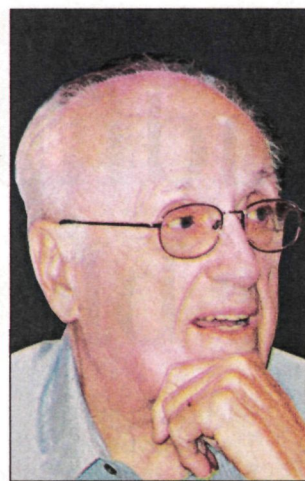
Jean Allor

Jean Allor, 90, passed away peacefully Monday, Nov. 12, 2012, at Sunrise on Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods.

She was born July 9, 1922, in Detroit, to Irving and Freda (nee Mitchell) Winkler.

She was a graduate of Grosse Pointe High School in 1941. She met her future husband, Bernard, at the Farms Park when she was a senior in high school. Bernard was in the U.S. Navy stationed in Gulf Port, Miss., during World War II. They were married shortly after Jean graduated Aug. 9, 1941. They built their first home together in 1946 on Manor Street in Grosse Pointe Farms. The house is still in the family.

Mrs. Allor stayed home to raise her family and take care of the household. She was athletic. An accomplished swimmer, she swam across Lake Orion at age 9. She also was artistic and expressed her talents through arts and crafts, as well as sewing and knitting. She



William J. Bogdziewicz



Jean Allor

enjoyed playing the piano. Her home on Manor was beautifully landscaped because of her passion and talent for gardening.

Mrs. Allor is survived by her daughter, Linda Winter; son, Bernard Jr. (Phyllis); granddaughter, Kristy; grandsons, Steven and Anthony and her brother, Pete Winkler.

She was predeceased by her son, Michael in 1973 and her beloved Bernard in 1998 after 57 years of marriage.

A memorial service was held Nov. 17 at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to the Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Road, Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.

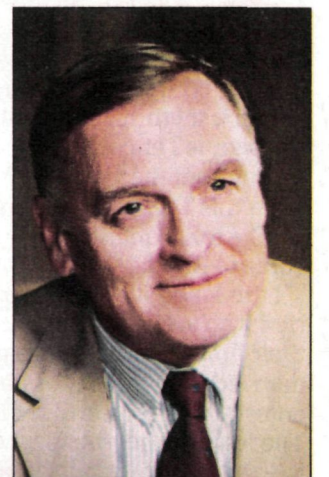
Francis Paul Shea M.D.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Francis Paul Shea M.D., 84, died peacefully Monday, Nov. 5, 2012, at Beaumont Hospice, Grosse Pointe, surrounded by family.

He was born May 9, 1928 in Detroit to Frank and Helen (nee Miller) Shea. He attended St. Alphonsus School in Dearborn where he was a multi-sport athlete and co-captain of the city championship football team. He attended the University of Detroit, graduated from Wayne State University, then served in the U.S. Army.

He returned home to study medicine at Wayne State University, graduating in 1958 and earning the Roche Award in 1956. He served his residency in radiology at Harper Hospital in Detroit and Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

He joined Reynolds Associates Radiology Group in 1963 and remained there as a partner. He was a member of the Wayne County Medical Society, Detroit Roentgen Ray Society, Michigan Radiological Society, where he served as president from 1983 to



Francis Paul Shea M.D.

1984 and the Radiological Society of North America. He was elected a fellow by the American College of Radiology.

Dr. Shea also served on several hospital boards and chief of staff at Bon Secours Hospital, where he was chief of radiology for 25 years until his retirement. He also served as president of the Catholic Physicians Guild.

In addition to his love for family, faith and medicine, Dr. Shea loved music. Through high school and college, he played clarinet and alto sax with local bands.

In recent years, he enjoyed being part of the St. Paul on the Lake Voices of Joy choir and playing concerts with three friends at local nursing homes.

He also was a member of the Country Club of Detroit.

Dr. Shea is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years, Patricia; sons, Kevin (Suzanne), Thomas (Carol), Michael (Deborah) and Daniel; daughter, Amy Schomp (Drew) and grandchildren, Molly, Libby, Jacqueline, Peter, Stephanie, Christina, Lauren, Erin, Henry and Caroline Shea and Quinn, Graham and Chase Schomp.

A memorial Mass was celebrated Nov. 10 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to Beaumont Hospice, Grosse Pointe, c/o Beaumont Foundation, P.O. Box 5802, Troy, MI 48007-9620.

Oyster Fest



Gina Schmerheim gets a wristband from Michele Hodges at St. Ambrose Catholic Church's 22nd annual Oysterfest. The wristband allowed guests to sample from every food booth. Left, John Desarmeau slurps an oyster.

Below, left to right, Maudi Moody, Mary Lou Mahoney and Annie Sparkman work



the chowder table. The recipient of the thick soup is Marcy Lape. Chef Ken Lefever's chowder recipe is a long-standing favorite of the fundraiser.

Bottom, Louisa Wasilewski, left, and Karen VanDeweghe volunteer at the shrimp station. More than 40 local and national restaurants were represented at the annual fundraising event held in late September.



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PASTOR'S CORNER By Rev. Richard Bartoszek

Be mindful of your blessings

The end of November brings us to this time of the year when we focus on all that we are thankful for. Thanksgiving is a time of so many mixed emotions, and as a priest I think about all the people I encounter throughout the year and what this Thanksgiving will be like for so many who come to mind.

I think about those I married who are celebrating their first Thanksgiving as a married couple and possibly entertaining for the first time. The fear and nervousness of it — will it all turn out OK and will we have enough food? I think about all the baptisms I celebrated and those who are parents for the first time this Thanksgiving and those who became parents again throughout this year.

Recently, there was a little boy in the church's front row with his big brother and family who is having his first Thanksgiving in America. While he is too small to care, I remember praying last year his Mom and Dad would get the word they could pick him up in the Ukraine. He didn't get here for Christmas but he got here on time for the Easter bunny.

I think about those who are

celebrating this Thanksgiving in a new home. Be it a larger one, a smaller one, an assisted living, a nursing home, or in another state, it's a new opportunity to make new memories.

I think about those who are away from their family for the first time. I remember not being home with my family one Thanksgiving and missing the recipes and the pies that only my Grandma could make.

I think about the empty seats at many Thanksgiving tables this year as I think about so many who have given loved ones back to God. I know the feeling ever so well with the death of my brother-in-law just weeks ago. I won't have him to torment this year as we will put up Mom's Christmas tree as soon as dinner is over. That was not his favorite part of Thanksgiving day, especially when I teased him about heading to his home next to put his tree up. That conversation usually ended with something like — well, never mind, I better not go into it here.

I personally love this holiday because it is a time of reflection for me. My family is four hours away in northern Michigan. The long drive is a great time to enjoy my mem-

ories and the older I get, the more precious they become. While my grandparents are dead, I think about having Thanksgiving dinner at their homes — Grandma's recipes and the smell of their homes with the turkey cooking.

I think about all the people whom I have had Thanksgiving dinner with throughout my life and how they have been a blessing.

This Thanksgiving, take time to think about all the people who have been a part of your journey to today. Think about the blessing they have been to your life, think about those most important teachers in your life, who is it who has taught you what no one else ever has or could? What are your favorite Thanksgiving memories?

Take time this Thanksgiving to think about what this holiday is all about, being thankful for all our blessings. As we give thanks, let's be mindful of those who are homeless, especially those whose lives have been devastated on the East coast; those who are serving in the military and are away from their families; and those who are alone this Thanksgiving.

May God's blessings be upon you and yours this Thanksgiving.

Bartoszek is chaplain at

Dressing up

Madelyn and Elizabeth Torakis were part of a dozen Assumption Ladies Philoptochos Society who dressed 24 dolls donated to the Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit for its annual "No Child Without A Christmas." Some 11,000 dolls are given to girls in Detroit, Highland Park, Hamtramck, River Rouge and Harper Woods.



CHURCH EVENTS

First English

Thanksgiving eve worship begins at 7 p.m. at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. An afterglow follows the service.

Christ Church

The annual Gifts and Greens sale at Christ Church is Friday, Nov. 30 through Sunday, Dec. 2, and supports Crossroads of Michigan. Featured are Michigan-made products, Michigan-grown Fraser fir trees, wreaths and garlands, gift items by local artisans, a Santa's workshop for children's shopping,

baked goods and a silent auction. From 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, the Gifts and Greens Preview Party offers hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Tickets cost \$35. A silent auction runs through 9 p.m. Tickets can be purchased by calling the church office at (313) 885-4841.

The sale continues from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, and from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday. A silent auction closes at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2.

The church is located at 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information, visit christchurchgp.org/giftsandgreens.

◆ Choir of Men and Boys performs at the Advent procession at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2. The public can attend.

◆ The Book of Revelation is the topic of discussion following the 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, potluck dinner. Bring a dish to share.

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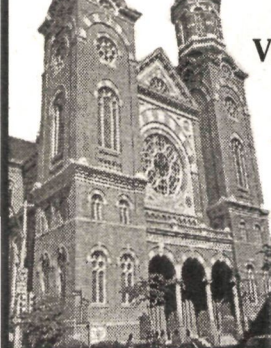
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Police seek break-in suspect

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — A meter reader watched from bushes next door while three men burgled a house in the 900 block of Lakeshore a few minutes before 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29.

"He didn't have a cell phone and feared if the suspects noticed him, he would've been in danger," explained Grosse Pointe Shores Detective Sgt. Scott Rohr in an initial incident report.

No one was home during the break-in, which triggered a burglar alarm and response by multiple officers.

"The suspects, we believe, dropped a vehicle in Grosse Pointe Park and stole a second minivan and committed our home invasion," said Shores Chief John Schulte.

Detroit police caught two suspects in a stolen van in Detroit, he added.

The van contained numerous tools that could be used in a burglary.

One suspect is a career criminal, according to Schulte.

"We are processing evidence to identify him," Schulte said. "He has been very reluctant to communicate with us."

Stolen items include two Apple iPads, a

Toshiba laptop computer, a \$325 Gucci watch and numerous pieces of costume jewelry, according to an inventory the homeowner gave police.

The 21-year-old meter reader told police the men parked a dark blue or black Chrysler minivan in the victim's driveway and walked to the rear.

"(He) did not see them enter the residence, but did hear a bang that would've been associated to a door being forced open," according to an account by Sgt. Doug Fraser, the first patrolman on scene. "(He) did see three black males exit the front door of the residence."

"Three minutes later, he heard the minivan speed away," Rohr said.

The van lacked a license plate.

"The van sped northbound on Lakeshore," Fraser said.

Officers investigating the scene found the back door kicked in and the house ransacked.

"The door appeared to have been kicked two, possibly three times prior to the jamb giving way," Rohr said. "The alarm pad had been pried from the wall."

Grosse Pointe Park police are helping with the investigation, said Schulte, the Parks' former assistant public safety director.

Cops, Target team up to help local families

THE GROSSE POINTE — Police are on target this season to give disabled children Christmas gifts.

"In December, our police lodge is teaming children with local cops and going shopping at Target," said Joe Adams, a City of Grosse Pointe patrolman.

Adams is coordinating the idea through Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 102.

"Target donated to us \$1,500 in gift cards," he

said. "We're reaching out to school social workers to get 15 or 20 students."

Children will pick out what they want and officers will pay with gift cards.

Adams wants to include children from each of the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

The program isn't new. "They started it last year in Harper Woods," Adams said. "Each year, we try to make it bigger."

— Brad Lindberg

Former councilman seeks support for police K-9 unit

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Raleigh the police dog clamped down last week on a suspected car thief hiding under a pile of leaves behind a house.

"When the suspect moved suddenly, (Raleigh) engaged him, tearing his coat on the rear left shoulder," according to his handler, Sgt. Michael Almeranti.

The arrest occurred at about 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, in Grosse Pointe Park.

Park police requested the City's K-9 unit help search for a man in the area of Kercheval and Berkshire.

"The K-9 tracked into the yard of a house on the northwest corner, then southbound three yards into the rear of 1161 Berkshire," Almeranti said.

Raleigh led Almeranti behind the house.

"He encountered the suspect face down, concealed in leaves against the southwest corner of the house," Almeranti said.

The suspect, of unlisted age and residence, possessed a screwdriver, according to police.

Park officers took him into custody.

The successful track came as a group of residents are organizing to privately support the City's K-9 division and

fund additional K-9 units in other Grosse Pointe jurisdictions.

"K-9 department is a beautiful extension to the capabilities of a police officer," said John Stevens, a former City councilman heading the drive.

"We need a K-9 department."

Supporters are banding together as the K-9 Safety Partners of the Grosse Pointes.

They've applied for tax-exempt status.

"It's imminent," Stevens said.

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Illuminating Options in Lighting

With improvements in technology and energy efficiency, home owners have more flexibility with today's lighting systems than ever before. Here are some important concepts to keep in mind to brighten up a house.

Every room should have multiple layers of lighting that come from three categories, since one usually isn't sufficient. Every room should have:

- Ambient or general lighting that illuminates the entire room.
- Task lighting that casts illumination on a specific area to perform a chore such as chopping vegetables or applying makeup.
- Accent lighting to create a feeling like romance at night in a dining room.

Since lighting accounts for about 12 percent of a typical home's energy bill, families can save money from \$50 to more than \$100 a year by changing their

bulbs, according to the American Lighting Association. The most energy-efficient bulbs are:

- **Halogen incandescents**, which use less energy than traditional incandescents and last longer. They are good for tasks such as reading.
- **Compact fluorescent lamps**, which are more efficient than standard incandescents, last longer, and are good for hard-working kitchens, bathrooms, and laundry rooms.
- **Light-emitting diodes**, which are the longest-lasting but expensive. They're excellent for under cabinet lighting, task lighting, and outdoor steps. An LED light could cost as much as \$20 versus \$1 for an incandescent.

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Fabergé display at DIA

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS — Whether living in a walk-up or a palace, when it's time to flee the piper, residents take with them things they hold dearest.

Including the Imperial Romanov family of Tsarist Russia.

During the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution, Commie killjoys came calling.

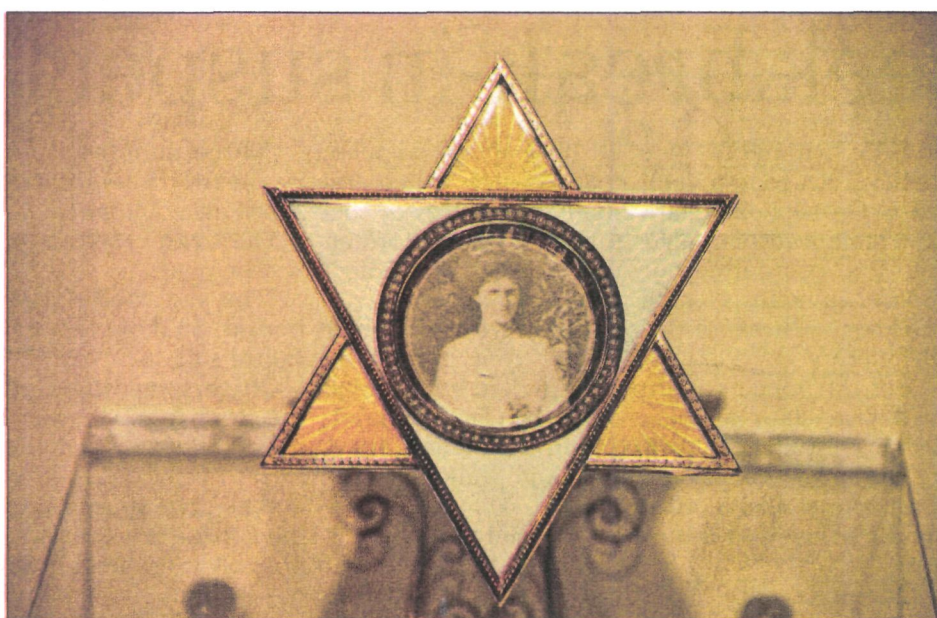
The Romanovs scrambled. They aban-

doned their collection of high-priced Fabergé eggs and packed more portable valuables and family mementos.

Such as a photograph of daughter, Grand Duchess Tatiana. It helped that the photo was encased in a gold, star-shaped Fabergé frame set with pearls.

The frame is among the Romanovs' Fabergé swag displayed at the Detroit Institute of Arts through Jan. 21.

The exhibition, "Fabergé: Rise and Fall,"



is as much about opulent objects as the stories behind them.

"As extraordinary objects, they also tell extraordinary stories," said Yao-Fen You, DIA assistant curator of European art.

Tatiana's star-shaped frame is an example.

"This frame was one of the few cherished possessions they carried from place to place while under house arrest," said Graham Beal of Grosse Pointe Shores, DIA director, narrating an audio tour of the show.

"This object was with them when they were executed," said Swarupa Anila, DIA head of interpretation. "The frame speaks to the potency of objects."

Eggs

The exhibition consists of 225 examples of pre-collectivism bling. Some, by Cartier, are included to show their relative inferiority to Fabergé.

Headliners are six Fabergé jeweled imperial Easter eggs.

"There's also a special visitor," You said, referring to a fake, Fabergé egg made as a prop for the movie, "Oceans Twelve."

Fabergé made 50 eggs for the Romanovs.

The family exchanged them as Easter gifts, an offshoot of people taking decorated eggs to church during the holiday.

Some 42 eggs exist. Most at the DIA are from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, owner of the largest Fabergé collection in the United States.

"All of the eggs were at one time held in the hands of the Romanovs, Fabergé workmasters and Carl Fabergé himself," Beal narrated.

More than eggs

Other items include a cigarette case, rabbit bell push, chick figurine, cane handles, chess sets and scores more.

All are made in some degree or combination of gold, platinum, silver, bronze, enamel, ivory, diamonds, rubies, sapphires, quartz, garnet,

blue topaz, pearls and more.

Stories include:

◆ Carl Fabergé, leader of the House of Fabergé jewelry makers and marketers.

"It's the story of a very careful business plan, a superior craftsman who had the business brilliance to make himself the standard for the time," Beal said.

◆ House of Fabergé specialized means of production.

"Rather than having a half dozen craftsmen doing five or six different things, Fabergé had craftspeople who did one thing," Beal said. "Enamellers only did enamel. They did things with enamel people didn't think were possible."

◆ The pleasures of being a member of the Imperial Romanov family. "It was a privileged few who got to handle and look at these objects," Anila said.

Perception

Two decades before the Romanovs were exe-

cuted by bullets and knives in a cellar, Thornstein Veblin codified conspicuous consumption in a classic of economic thought, "The Theory of the Leisure Class."

A component of Veblin's treatise is "pecuniary canons of taste," which explores real versus perceived value of luxury goods:

"Great as is the sensuous beauty of gems, their rarity and price adds an expression of distinction to them, which they would never have if they were cheap."

For all the Communists' nose-thumbing at capitalism, Lenin confiscated the Romanov's eggs and sold them on the free market to help finance the people's state.

"In the 1950s, this collection was regarded as kind of schlock," Beal said. "The eggs got all the attention; stuff made for obscenely wealthy people. Then, time goes by and things come back into fashion."

"Fabergé: Rise and Fall, the Collection from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts" is exhibited at the Detroit Institute of Arts Through Jan. 21.

Related educational programing is provided by the GM Foundation.

Tickets cost \$15 for adults, \$8 for children and is free to DIA members. General admission to the museum is free to residents of Wayne, Macomb and Oakland counties.

For more information, call the DIA at (313) 833-4005 or visit dia.org.



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

Weather wreaks havoc on lot project

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Heavy rains last summer soaked up half of an additional \$70,000 to rebuild municipal parking Lot 3.

Change orders added \$65,073 to the \$1,119,000 original cost to reconfigure the lot. Extra work was unforeseen.

"(Most) are directly attributable to the amount of rain that was

received while the project was being prepared for paving," said Peter Dame, City of Grosse Pointe manager. "The weather required redoing several areas of soil compaction and parts of the base course of asphalt due to the softness of underlying soil."

Construction crews applied the final topcoat of asphalt last week.

Lot 3 is north of Kercheval off St. Clair between Ace Hardware and the new Neighborhood Club/Beaumont Wellness Center.

Dame considered the extra work an investment.

"A little money early on should help keep us from having to repave it in five years," he said. Parking in the lot is free through year's end.

"The new lot design accomplishes the long-term goal of converting major Village parking lots to a new revenue control system similar to the Village parking structure," Dame said.

In January, meters are being replaced by a pay-upon-exit method.

The days of parking at metered spots and not paying will be over.

"This new system will allow people to park as long as they wish to stay and shop, eat and do business in the Village without the possibility of (getting) meter tickets," Dame said.

Trash trucks a deal for two

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Christmas came early to a pair of public works departments.

They took receipt last week of garbage trucks obtained at more than 90 percent discount.

Federal grants funded both deals.

"We got a \$176,000 grant and the truck was \$178,100," said Gary Huvaere, City of Grosse Pointe public service director.

The City paid less than 2 percent of the purchase price.

The truck came with a snowplow attached.

"That means winter's coming," Huvaere said.

The new truck replaces a 15-year-old model being put up for sale.

In Grosse Pointe Shores, public works director Brett Smith put in service a \$147,000 truck for which the city paid \$12,000.

A grant covered the \$135,000 balance.

"It worked out pretty good," Smith said. "It's a great addition to our fleet, something sorely needed."

The truck replaces a 1985 model the Shores bought used from Grosse Pointe Farms.

Interplay between Pointe public works departments predates the recession and cost savings through shared services.

"We're always looking to improve our fleet any way we can," Smith said.

"The old truck is being borrowed by Grosse Pointe Park," Smith said.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 5, 2012

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter and Mayor Pro tem Costantino.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Mayor Poynter from tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held October 15, 2012.
- 3) To open the Public Hearing on the 2013 Budget.
- 4) To close the Public Hearing on the 2013 Budget.
- 5) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 98568 through 98760 in the amount of \$503,074.08 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
- (2) Approve payment to Oakland County Information Technology in the amount of \$7,781.00 for fees relative to the CLEMIS computer system utilized by the Police Department. (3) Approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$6,300.39 for services performed on the tax rolls.
- 2) To adopt the Tax Levy Resolution set forth on page 1 of the budget document hereby establishing the following tax rate for 2013. General, 20.000; Refuse, 2.5000; Library, 1.9168; Debt, 4.0000; 28.4168.
- 3) To approve the Budget Adoption and Appropriation Resolution found on Page 2 of the budget document, thereby adopting the 2013 Budget as presented.
- 4) That in accordance with Chapter 27, Article V, Sections 27-120 and 27-15 of the Code of Ordinances, a rate of \$210.00 per residential equivalent unit is hereby established for the storm water utility charge to be billed December 1, 2012.
- 5) To authorize the City Manager to retain the services of Robbtronix Audio Productions to record the open meetings of the City of Harper Woods City Council at a cost as stated in the Proposal for Video Recording and to further direct the City Manager to make the tapes of such meetings available to the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Video Production Company for public airing of said meetings.
- 6) To accept the Competitive Grant Assistance Program (CGAP) Grant in the amount of \$62,900.00 to purchase firefighting equipment and for the Cross Training of Police Officers as Fire Fighters and further to authorize the Police Chief to comply with the guidelines of the grant.
- 7) To accept the Wayne County Parks Millage Fund Grant in the amount of \$70,000 for Improvements at Johnston Park and Salter Park and further, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Wayne and the City of Harper Woods.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 15, 2012

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except Councilperson Charles Flanagan.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Councilmember Flanagan from tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held October 1, 2012 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Election Commission meeting held October 11, 2012.
- 3) To add to the agenda the Award of Bid for the 2012 Emergency Concrete Pavement Repair Project, #180-149.
- 4) To adjourn to the Budget Workshop Session.
- 5) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 98470 through 98567 in the amount of \$151,206.25 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
- (2) Approve payment to Bendzinski & Co. in the amount of \$19,150.00 for professional services relative to the \$3.4 million Harper Woods Sanitary Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2012. (3) Approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$6,691.00 for contractual lawn cutting and weed maintenance in various areas of the City, including the Community Center, the DPW, City Hall annexes and the Parks.
- 2) To appoint Randolph Skotarczyk to the position of City Manager effective October 15, 2012 and further, to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.
- 3) To accept the bid submitted by Fiore Enterprises, LLC in the amount of \$43,045.00 for the 2012 Emergency Concrete Pavement Repair Project, #180-149, with the exclusion of the two other bids that were received, due to the inability by one contract to complete the job before spring and the other having not completed the bid in its entirety and further that this project be completed before the end of the season.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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AUTOS By Jenny King

Dodge Challenger loves to run



The 2012 Dodge Challenger muscle car from Dodge looks the part. Even our test coupe, which was pristine white with a wide red stripe on the hood and rear deck and shod in blackwall tires with a thin red stripe, looked ready for mischief.

Enthusiasts who might be new to Challenger, and veterans who recall the nameplate from past decades, will probably opt for the mid-level V-8-powered R/T model. We were contented with the less frisky, more affordable SXT with its big V-6 powerplant.

That road-hugging, wide-stance, unselfconscious attitude of this two-door sport coupe sold us as we toolled down I-69 toward the annual Labor Day weekend in Auburn, Indiana. It was even a lot of fun to use the steering-wheel-mounted paddle shifters to brake and accelerate, and ordinarily we think they are silly. If you want to shift, we reason, buy a car with manual transmission.

The five-speed "shift-able" automatic transmission was primed to please drivers looking for signs of performance: there was a long, powerful climb from first to second gear, followed by a series of short-throws up to low revving fifth.



PHOTOS BY JENNY KING

The low, wide lines of the 2012 Dodge Challenger telegraph its speed and road-hugging potentials.vvv



We're obsessed with fuel economy, so we did not attempt any zero-to-60 breakaways, but we're certain the Challenger's 3.6-liter 305-horsepower dual overhead cam V-6 can hold its own. It starts at \$25,195 and has a five-speed automatic transmission.

Challenger's EPA numbers are 18 miles per gallon in the city and 27 on the highway. Other less-tame Challenger models include the R/T with its 5.7-liter V-8 and the SRT8, powered by a 392-horsepower 6.4-liter V-8. The R/T starts at \$29,995 and comes with a manual transmission. The high-powered SRT8 also has a standard manual transmission; its prices start at \$44,125. R/T standard equipment

includes Bluetooth wireless, an iPod input, satellite radio, stability and traction control. Its V-8 has fuel economy ratings of 15 city/23 highway. Navigation and a DVD player are available options. The DVD player is standard on the SRT8.

The test Challenger SXT included a long list of optional features. A \$3,750 preferred package adds 20-inch wheels, a rallye redline appearance group, auto-dimming rearview mirror, antilock four-wheel disc performance brakes, performance steering and suspension, heated front seats and a ramped up audio system. An additional \$1,995 18 speakers and a spare tire instead of a patching kit. A power sunroof is just under \$1,000. A navigation system and touch-screen display tack on another \$1,045.

Perforated red leather seats added color and pizzazz to the interior. Doors on sport coupes of this

size are wide and heavy and the Challenger's are no exception.

The final price of this SXT, including destination, was \$34,670.

No one's perfect. It would be dishonest not to detail the poor driver visibility and claustrophobic rear seat. The latter, mind you, has three-point safety belts for three. Heaven help the soul assigned to the center. Getting in and out of the rear is not a graceful exercise. Once there, room for one's posterior is not too bad; legroom "isn't," and there is a decided imprisoned feeling. The tiny side windows are fixed; don't expect any fresh air through them. Rear-seat air conditioning outlets are a saving grace.

A car like the Challenger, with its extra-wide C or rear pillars, would benefit from a rear camera as standard equipment. Even the most rubber-necked driver simply cannot see over the shoulder because the car itself is in the way. Proceed slowly in reverse

and in lane changes, and hope others on the road are vigilant and forgiving.

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King is an automotive writer who lives in the City of Grosse Pointe.

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|-------------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Chrysler Employee | \$99** | | \$21,188* |
| General Public | \$166** | | \$22,759* |

2013 DODGE JOURNEY SXT
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2.4L 4 Cylinder 16-Valve WT Engine, Premium Cloth Low-Back Bucket Seats, 4-Speed Automatic 62TE Transmission, Customer Preferred Pkg. 22E.

| | MSRP \$23,990 | LEASE 24 Mo. \$1999 DOWN | SALE PRICE |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Chrysler Employee | \$168** | | \$16,533* |
| General Public | \$209** | | \$18,146* |

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| | MSRP \$31,090 | LEASE 24 Mo. \$1999 DOWN | SALE PRICE |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------|
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| | MSRP \$26,090 | LEASE 24 Mo. \$1999 DOWN | SALE PRICE |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Chrysler Employee | \$109** | | \$15,998* |
| General Public | \$152** | | \$17,487* |

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|-------------------|---------------|--------------------------|------------|
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| General Public | \$172** | | \$18,849* |

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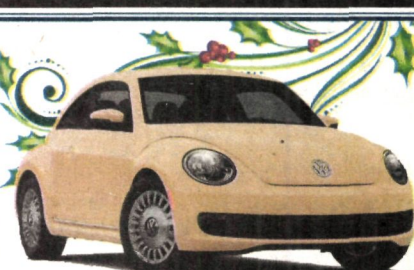
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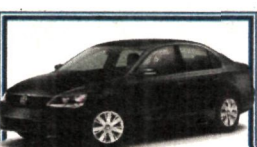
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\$20,851

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Welcome to Kercheval in the Park

By Kathy Ryan
Staff writer

“It’s an exciting time.” That’s how Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Palmer Heenan describes all the changes taking place in a little corner of his city known as Kercheval in the Park. But for many, “exciting” barely begins to describe the buzz being created about the area.

“Our goal is to make our city a destination,” he said, “and beginning soon, we will be.”

Heenan was specifically referring to three new eateries opening within the next year, brought to the Park by noted restaurateur Mindy Lopus. Known for her Birmingham establishments Tallulah Wine Bar & Bistro and Bellapiatti, Lopus will be opening a casual dining spot, the Red Crown, in the old gas station on Kercheval at Beaconsfield. That restaurant is scheduled to open in late December.

Renovations to the longtime neighborhood landmark are in progress and will include adding a wood-fired smoker and grill, allowing the eatery to focus on burgers and barbecue. It will be open seven days a week for lunch and dinner, with a brunch on week-ends.

In addition, Lopus has taken over the former Mulier’s Market and the adjacent parking lot, which she will convert to Bona Fide Baking. Plans call for this new venture to not only provide baked goods for her own restaurants in her



PHOTOS BY KATHY RYAN

Welcome to Kercheval Avenue in The Park.

Silver Pig Restaurant Group, but for other eateries as well. There will also be a retail bakery and coffee shop, featuring Great Lakes Coffee, and a breakfast menu.

While city officials are happy to share the news of Lopus’ endeavors, they are a bit more circumspect when it comes to the development plans and rumors about the area.

What city manager Dale Krajniak will confirm is that there is lots of buzz about the area, with lots of interest, but according to Krajniak, nothing is in writing. When pressed about the rumor Kercheval could become a pedestrian mall, he said confidentiality agreements prevented him

from discussing some of the building sales.

“We’ve had lots of interest in several properties,” he said, “including the church and reports of a grocery store going in. But nothing has been sold at this point.”

Krajniak did say there has been some talk of both a sports bar and a microbrewery moving onto Kercheval, and while there have been lots of lookers, “nothing is set.”

However, at least one business will be re-locating away from the area, while still remaining in the Park.

Full Circle Upscale Resale is moving from its location on Kercheval to a new building

See KERCHEVAL, page 4B



The former landmark, Standard Oil Station, is being renovated into a restaurant.



The old service station on Kercheval, long a neighborhood landmark, is being renovated and will house the first of three new eateries coming to the area.

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The club focuses on helping people speak comfortably in front of an audience.

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

Camera club

The Grosse Pointe Camera Club meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, in Room C-11 at Brownell Middle School.

The club is open to those interested in digital photography. It offers workshops, discussions and a competition of digital images.

For more information, call (313) 822-7080 or visit grossepointecamerclub.org.

Parkinson's support

Eastside Parkinson's Support group meets at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale, Grosse Pointe Woods.

For more information, call Betty Rusnack at (313) 884-5778 or Jane Farrell at (313) 886-4356.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Senior Grosse Pointe Woods residents and their guests can join the Senior Holiday Social from noon to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at the Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza.

Woods residents pay \$20 and guests pay \$25. The event includes a buffet lunch, drinks and musical entertainment and dancing with the Reel Happy String & Swing Band.

Tickets are available at the community center through Nov. 29. For more information, call (313) 343-2408.

DYC

The Detroit Yacht Club Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, holds a gala, "Restoring the Grandeur" at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 at the clubhouse.

Tickets cost \$50 and include a strolling dinner, cash bar, music, dancing and historical displays. To order tickets, call (313) 824-1200. The public is invited.

Kris Kringle party

The fifth annual Kris Kringle Candy Cane Cocktail party is from 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Dec. 15, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Tickets cost \$60 and include an open bar, light hors d'oeuvres, live entertainment and a raffle. Proceeds benefit the Make a Wish Foundation.

Purchase tickets at the door or by visiting kringleparty.com.

SOC

Services for Older Citizens trained staff can assist seniors review costs and benefits of different supplemental and Medicare Advantage Plans. Enrollment and changes to Medicare coverage must be completed by Dec. 7.

For an appointment, call (313) 882-9600.

◆ Volunteers are needed for the Thursday, Dec. 13, tea; assembling and delivering holiday gift baskets; and a Santa Claus for the Monday, Dec. 17, party.

◆ Items are needed to fill the holiday baskets.

To help, contact Heidi at socvolunteers@yahoo.com.



War Memorial

A series of family centered special events and programs, guided tours, opportunities to make and shop for gifts and personal appearances by Santa Claus are offered at the Grosse



PHOTO BY JOHN MINNIS

Rotary of Grosse Pointe president Diane Strickler, left, announced a \$1,720 donation for the Grosse Pointe Public School System pay-to-play program. The money was raised at the second annual Shores-Pointes Adventure Triathlon in July. Similar amounts were given to St. Clair Shores public schools. Along with Strickler are Lynda Charow, center, the organizer of the second annual triathlon and Paul Rentenbach, Rotary's vice president.

Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Advance registration is required for some events and suggested for all programs. To make a reservation, call (313) 881-7511.

TRIBUTE TREE LIGHTING — 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 28. The evening features a performance by the Grosse Pointe Academy eighthgrade handchimes choir. Refreshments are served after the event. The 25-foot evergreen shines with lights commemorating loved one. Community members can place a tribute light in someone's name for \$10. Visit warmemorial.org for more information.

MANET: PORTRAYING LIFE — 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 28. Tour the show at the Toledo Museum of Art. The cost is \$38 and includes museum admission, audio tour and bus transportation.

DIARY OF A WIMPY KID TAKE TWO! — 6 to 9 p.m., Friday, Nov. 30. Boys, ages 7 to 10 years, learn how to deal with unfriendly classmates. After watching the film, "Diary of a Wimpy Kid 2," the class discusses ways of being a true friend, how to deal with pressures of popularity, and how to deal with bullying and why being yourself is cool. The cost is \$30.

HOLIDAY GRAHAM CRACKER HOUSE — 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Dec. 1. Youngsters accompanied by an adult, use assorted candies, decorations, frosting glue and graham crackers to build the house. The cost is \$42 for one house, one adult and one child; \$12 for additional helper; \$80 for two houses, one or two adults and two children.

HOLIDAY YOUTH ETIQUETTE TRAINING — 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Dec. 1. Instructor Rena Sullivan of the Protocol School of Michigan leads the interactive seminar that focuses on the social and dining do's and don'ts for those 8 to 12 years old. The cost is \$36.

SKI HI CLUB MANDATORY MEETING — 4 and 6 p.m., Monday, Dec. 3. Grosse Pointe students in grades 6-10 can take ski trips to Pine Knob Friday nights. Both parent and student must be at the meeting. Returning members attend from 4 to 7 p.m. Bring 2-inch photo for ID.

UPDO HOW-TO — 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 5. Stylist Triston Ison teaches attendees how style hair for everyday occasions. Bring a small stand or hand-mirror, a 1- to 2-inch curling iron, flat paddle style brush, comb, a few hair bands, pins and hairspray. The cost is \$18.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON AND GIFT BOUTIQUE — noon to 2:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 6. A festive Christmas lunch features piano music, door prizes. The Gift Boutique features holiday ideas from several local merchants. The cost is \$25.

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CAREGIVING By Terri Murphy

Benefit allows vets to remain in their home

A little-known benefit to help with the care of older veterans and their surviving spouses can be used to cover the cost of caregivers in home, in an assisted living facility or nursing home.



The Department of Veterans Affairs benefit is called the Aid and Attendance and Housebound Improved Pension benefit. Too few people eligible for this benefit know about it. The benefit can be up to about \$2,000 per month for the veteran and up to nearly \$1,000 per month for a surviving spouse. It can be used to help a person stay at home longer and avoid going into a nursing home before it is necessary. It can also help the family preserve life savings.

Benefits are awarded to those who require regular attendance of another person to assist with bathing, dressing, meal preparation, medication monitoring or other various activities of daily living.

Any war veteran with 90 days of active duty with at least one day during active wartime can be eligible. A surviving spouse of a war veteran may be eligible, if they remained married to the veteran until their time of death and have not remarried. The veteran and surviving spouse must meet medical, service and financial qualifications. It is important to note the financial qualifications are not as strict as qualifying for assistance under Medicaid.

Caregivers can find it stressful worrying about how to pay for the care and this benefit could help ease the burden.

For more information, contact your county's veterans association, or an attorney specializing in elder law issues. Legally, no one can charge you to complete a Veterans Aid and Attendance application. If an individual wants you to pay them for the application process, or wants to take a percentage of your benefit, seek another opinion.

Murphy is a certified senior advisor and the owner of a non-medical home care business who lives in Grosse Pointe. She can be reached at (313) 881-4600.

X-TRA SPECIAL By Theodore G. Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan

Where's Andrew?

Imagine if our son, Andrew, had been born in the 1950s. Would we have bent to extreme pressure from the medical profession and a more compartmentalized society to institutionalize him? What if he were your son or brother? How would you have reacted if he had been institutionalized? How would you handle being told to not visit him, forget about him and never think about him again? What would you have told inquiring family, friends, neighbors and coworkers?

That is essentially the premise of a documentary, "Where's Molly?"

The story follows a 6-year-old, Jeff Daly, who discovers his almost 3-year-old sister, Molly, missing in 1957, never to return. While his parents refused to talk about Molly, Jeff was left to wonder and to mourn the sudden and mystifying loss of his only sister.

After regrettably "forgetting" about Molly for decades, Jeff rekindles a romance with a high school sweetheart during their 25-year class reunion. She asks about Molly, setting off a chain of events changing their lives and thousands more.

With a bulldog tenacity, Jeff learns the truth to the family secret that kept him from his sister. He finds Molly and discovers



one more family secret. Against his wife's wishes, Jeff's father visited Molly monthly for years until he was asked not to because of the trauma it caused Molly after he left. Devastated, Jeff's father formed a clown corps to continue to visit his only daughter for a time and left behind a treasure trove of personal information about Molly after his death.

This inspirational view of "less than perfect" people ends warmly with new legislation in Jeff's home state of Oregon, making it easier for siblings to find long-lost family members and Molly being genuinely accepted by Jeff, his wife, Cindy (his high school sweetheart) and her extended family.

Unfortunately, Jeff's younger brother — born after Molly was sent away — refuses any contact telling Jeff it's because he's following the wishes of their parents. Nonetheless, Molly is back in Jeff's life to stay. That's where the video ends, but not the story.

We watched the extra promo video originally produced and released by the institution years ago, which included a

shot of Molly. This may be among the worst "promo" videos of all time. It shows a sterile, cold, inhumane and prison-like environment dominated by unforgiving leather restraints, cold linoleum floors, endless rows of cribs, iron bars on windows, machine-like caregivers and life-altering medications. The video would not make any parents more excited to make the toughest decision regarding their child.

We've heard stories of children with special needs who were institutionalized. We could only imagine what life was like for forgotten children without family, school, birthdays, holiday get-togethers and any semblance of a typical home life. But the video crystallized what it was like for these abandoned souls. It was shocking. It was horrific. And it broke our hearts.

We are thankful Andrew is an active member in our family life. He now wants to go out in public all of the time. We often oblige. We celebrate every birthday and holiday with him, though perhaps not in the same way your family celebrates. Our lives revolve around him.

We rarely ever ask one another, "Where's Andrew?" because he is almost always close enough to see or hear. It's hard to imagine that might not have been true in the not-so-distant past.

Visit wheresmolly.net for more information on the documentary "Where's Molly?"

Grosse Pointe residents Coutilish and Langan created this column to share experiences from their journey as parents of a child with Fragile X syndrome [fragilex.org]. Send your questions or comments to mblangan@hotmail.com.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Carla Whitton

Providing indoor play options



Q. It's already fall and the weather makes it hard to get my little ones outside. Do you have any advice on how to survive the fall and winter with them?

A. Young children certainly have limitless amounts of energy and parents begin to feel cooped up when the weather gets cooler.

There are many indoor options for poor-weather playtime from fast-food play areas to local retail venues. Locally, Play Central opens in October as a drop-in open play group run by The Family Center at Barnes Early Childhood Center.

The program began in October, when it starts getting kind of cold for outdoor play. The gym is open from 8:45 to 10:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays. The cost is \$5 each visit. Children of all ages can attend.

The format is open for the time to be child directed to play with a large selection of toys; large motor skill equipment, such as bikes and a slide; a kitchen and grocery store for dramatic play; balls, big blocks, dolls and musical instruments. Play Central provides an opportunity for young children to run around, practice their skills, make a new friend and practice social skills.

While children are playing, adults can interact. All caregivers can come.

Twenty-minute mini-classes with Paula Doak, The Merry Music Maker, are offered.

Play Central participants have the option to

join a structured preschool play group led by Barnes teachers offering circle time and various activities based on a theme.

This is a wonderful opportunity for children to get a taste of preschool while maintaining the comfort of their caregiver's support. If your child isn't in the mood for structure one day, walk down the hall back to the gym. Play Central is a fun, flexible and affordable program designed for young children and their caregivers.

Whitton has a degree in elementary education with an endorsement in

early childhood education and runs the morning Play Central program.

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KERCHEVAL: It's the place to be

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on Mack at Harvard.

"We are really looking forward to our new location," said Mary Fodell, who founded the program in 2007, and which is now part of the Grosse Pointe Public School System. "We will finally have our own school and our own building, all under one roof."

Full Circle provides educational, social and employment opportunities for individuals with special needs. This new location will allow all aspects of the program, including retail sales, classrooms, food services and recreational facilities to be combined under one roof.

"Due to the generosity of the building's owner, Tom Strong, we were able to purchase the building and finally have a place to truly call our own," Fodell said.

They expect to have renovations to the building done by December 1, and assure customers they will be open for holiday shopping. Full Circle also continues to

accept donations at the Kercheval location during the move.

Krajniak credits the Cotton family for the interest and the investment in the area, and cites their Grosse Pointe Housing Foundation as the beginning of what he and several other merchants see as an upward trend for businesses and housing in the Park.

"The Foundation has jump started our housing market," Krajniak said. "Not only has the number of university housing grants and participants exceeded our expectations, we are seeing renewed capital investment within our business district. Together they have created a positive attitude throughout the Park."

Joe Hebeka, owner of Belding Cleaners and president of the Grosse Pointe Park Business Association, agrees.

"It's terrific to see the changes, which are all positive," he said. "We're seeing a younger presence in the area and I

think we all welcome that."

He is also quick to point out several of the venerable businesses in the area will remain, including his own 84-year-old establishment, and most of the businesses on his block.

"We'll have a nice blend of new and old," he said.

Which is exactly the kind of development Heenan wants to see in his city.

"I think it is important for us to refresh and renew," he said, "and we're fortunate that we have such a good relationship with our business owners. So often you see government get in the way of development, but that's not the case in the Park. We encourage and try to accommodate new developments."

"And that's good for our citizens. The Park offers so many advantages for our residents. I'm very proud of our city."



HART concert

Four choirs of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church and the 85 voices of the Mark Radeke Schola Cantorum present "A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols" at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at the church, as a fundraiser for Haiti and African Relief. The choirs, accompanied by the St. Paul on the Lake String Quartet, are directed by organist and music director Lawrence R. Przybysz. Former St. Paul associate minister Sama Muma began the ministry following a visit to his native Cameroon in 2008. He also traveled to Port au Prince, Haiti following the earthquake, taking with him parishioners from the area. They have traveled to both Haiti and Africa providing medical, humanitarian and spiritual needs to orphans and villages.

Art work

One-of-a-kind holiday greeting cards were designed by Grosse Pointe South High School students and are for sale in packs of eight for \$10, either with a single design or in an assortment of designs. Orders must be made by Dec. 7 and are delivered by Dec. 11. Make checks out to: GPS ARTFEST and mail to Karen Shepard, 855 Balford, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230. For more information call Amy Thelen at (313) 822-3029 or Shepard at (313) 824-9637. Proceeds benefit South's art department.



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He graduated from Georgetown University, the University of Michigan Law School and the U of M graduate school of business.

Patrick Latcham, D.D.S. of Grosse Pointe

Farms received the 2012 Mastership Award from the Academy of General Dentistry, a professional association of more than 37,000 dentists.

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Latcham graduated from the University of

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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Thursday leftovers create Friday biscuits



Each year I try to bring something new to the table to set along side my annual favorites. This year it's going to be sweet potato biscuits paired with orange honey butter (one of those favorites.)

Sweet Potato Biscuits

(makes 24 biscuits)

2.5 lbs. sweet potatoes
3 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon salt
4 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
2 cups buttermilk

Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Peel sweet potatoes and cut into large chunks.

Boil sweet potatoes until tender, 20 minutes or more. Drain potatoes well mash with butter and sugar. Beat or mash until smooth.

Stir salt into flour. Dissolve baking soda into buttermilk.

Add flour and butter-



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Left over Thanksgiving sweet potatoes become Friday's biscuits.

milk to mashed potatoes, a bit at a time, alternating between the two. The dough will be thick and dense.

Preheat oven to 450 degrees.

Line two large baking sheets with parchment paper.

Drop dough (about 1/3 cup each) onto baking sheets, creating round mounds, 12 per sheet.

Bake at 450 for 25 minutes, until golden brown. I rotated baking sheets half way through baking time.

Make butter by combining one stick softened butter with 1/2 cup honey and 1 teaspoon orange rind.

Enjoy the biscuits warm with honey orange butter or perhaps some herb butter.

I plan to assemble leftover turkey, stuffing and cranberry sliders on my tasty biscuits.

I like to stretch the meal over the entire weekend.

◆ Got leftover sweet potatoes? This recipe is screaming for them.

HOSPITAL: Performance rated

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top performance in four out of eight performance categories.

"We are elated to be recognized for the superb care our patients receive for the second consecutive year," says Donna Hoban M.D., senior vice president and physician-in-chief, Beaumont, Grosse Pointe. "Our phy-

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Out of the 3,300 hospitals submitting accountability measure data, Beaumont, Grosse Pointe was one of 620 to meet or exceed the target rates of performance in 2011.

Auditions slated

Grosse Pointe Theatre auditions for "The Heiress" are from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at the theatre's rehearsal studio, 315 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe. Performances are March 10, 14 through 17 and 21 through 23 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Set in New York City in the 1850s, "The Heiress" is the story of Catherine Sloper, the quiet, socially awkward only child of a wealthy and prominent physician. Her father, Dr. Austin Sloper, (still mourning the loss of his wife) has little affection for Catherine and is terse with her. When Catherine

suddenly acquires an avid suitor (Morris Townsend), Sloper presumes he is interested only in his daughter's inheritance. Catherine, torn by longing and passion, must decide for herself whom to believe.

Scripts are available for a refundable \$20 deposit. For directions and loan of a script call the theater at (313) 881-4004. For more information about the production, contact director Michele Karl at mkarl@comcast.net or producer Olivia Wickline at (586) 773-5914 or off brdwy@aol.com.

◆ Catherine Sloper: Lead female, age 30+; sweet-natured, honest.

◆ Morris Townsend:

Lead male, age 30+; handsome with impeccable manners.

◆ Dr. Austin Sloper: Support male, age 55-60, brilliantly successful.

◆ Lavinia Penniman: Support female, age 50+; Dr. Sloper's long-widowed sister provides comic relief.

◆ Maria: Featured, 20+; parlor maid; cute.

◆ Elizabeth Almond: Featured, age 40+; Dr. Sloper's other sister, sensible and clever.

◆ Mrs. Montgomery: Featured, age 35-40; Morris' widowed sister.

◆ Marion Almond: Non-featured, age 20+.

◆ Arthur Townsend and coachman: Nonfeatured.

Yesterday's headlines

1962

50 years ago this week

◆ **GRAMPS' HIDDEN CACHE SPENT BY YOUTHS:** Three teenagers who stole and spent approximately \$15,000 in a seven-month period from a man one of them affectionately called "Grampa," have been released on bond after being bound over to Circuit Court.

The money was taken from a man living with a family on Fisher Road. He had lived with the family 40 years. An 18-year-old male occupant of the house discovered "Grandpa's" stash six months earlier and had been regularly pilfering the cash in the intervening period and sharing it with two friends.

◆ **VANDALS WRECK ROOMS IN PARCELLS**

SCHOOL: Vandals invaded Parcells Junior High School late on a Saturday night and left several rooms in the building shambles. Damage was estimated at \$4,000.

1987

25 years ago this week

◆ **SMALL BOAT CAPSIZES:** One man was rescued and another is missing and believed drowned after their 15-foot Starcraft open boat capsized in rough water about one-quarter mile east of the Grosse

Pointe Yacht Club.

◆ **MISSING FORD STATUE FOUND:** A statue, stolen from in front of the late Henry Ford II's Grosse Pointe Farms house on Provençal sometime Nov. 6, was recovered Nov. 14, in the basement fruit cellar of a University of Detroit fraternity house.

Apparently, the theft of the Three Graces, a bronze statue of three women dancing, was the result of a pledge prank of the Phi Kappa Theta fraternity, according to Farms police.

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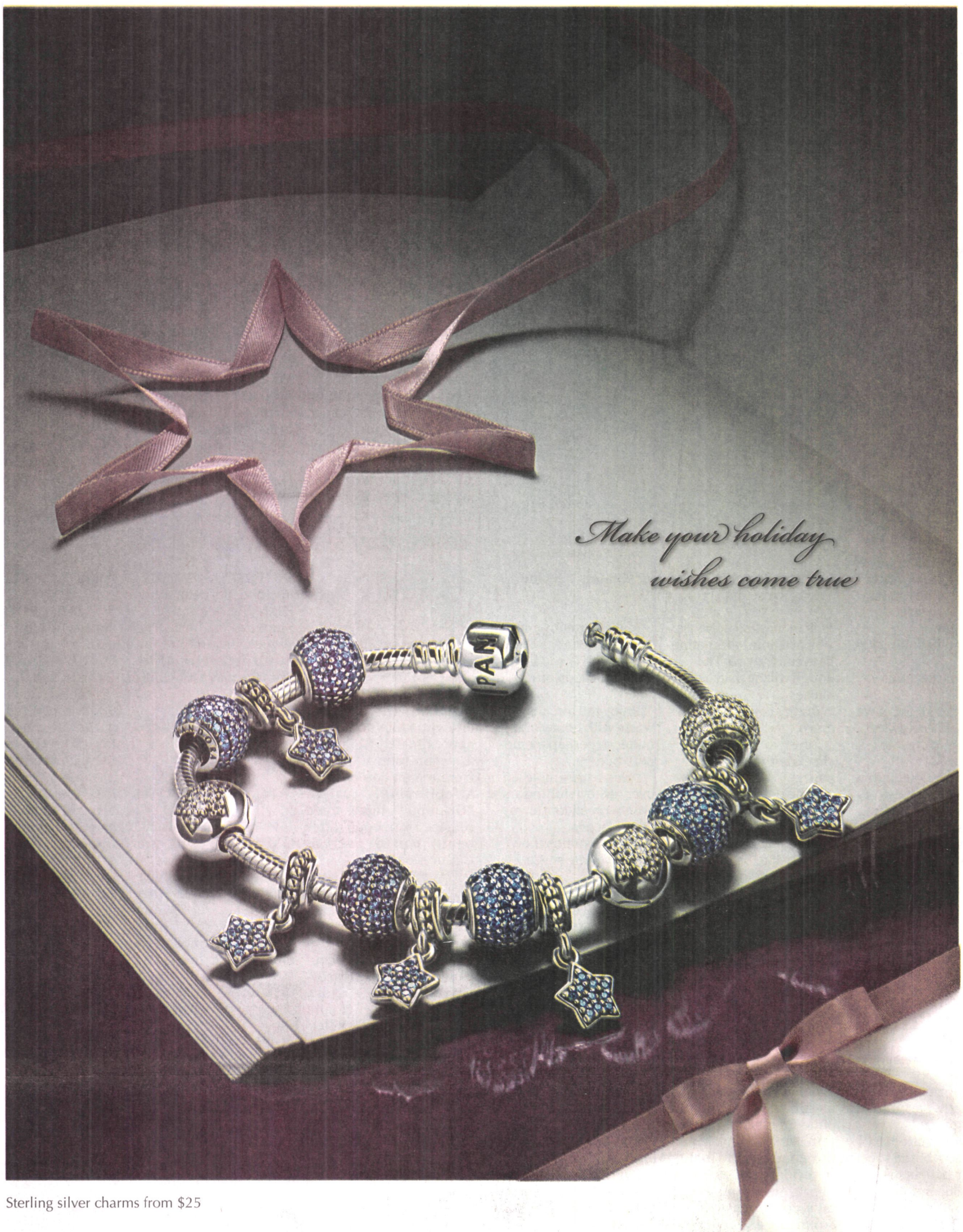
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GIRLS SWIMMING

Blue Devils third

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' swimming and diving team took home a trophy after finishing third in last weekend's Division 2 state championship meet at Oakland University.

Defending champ Holland won again, finishing with 311.5 points, while Ann Arbor Skyline was second with 255.5 and South was third with 190.

Head coach Eric Gunderson said his Blue Devils had a great chance to earn a trophy by placing in the top four and he was right.

They scored points in nearly every event, including sophomore Catie DeLoof, who was the state champion in the 50-yard freestyle, posting a time of 23.66.

Catie DeLoof also anchored the Blue Devils' silver medal 200-yard medley relay team. Freshman Claire Young, junior Gabby DeLoof, freshman Jennifer Maiorana and Catie DeLoof had a time of 1:45.83 to finish second to Holland.

Junior Cassandra Morse was 16th in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:58.26,



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

South's Grace Perri was one of a dozen Blue Devils who competed in the state championship meet.

In the 200-yard individual medley, Gabby DeLoof was third with a time of 2:06.45 and Young was ninth with a time of 2:09.22.

The Blue Devils had three other competitors in the 50-yard freestyle. Sophomore Amy Krausmann was 20th with a time of 25.13, Maiorana was 23rd with a time of 25.29 and junior Katie Graham was 29th with a time of 25.61.

Senior Aubryn Samaroo made the semi-

finals in diving, taking 19th place with 234.95 points, and Maiorana had a solid showing in the 100-yard butterfly, taking seventh with a time of 58.57.

Crowley was 16th in the butterfly with a time of 1:00.72 and Graham placed 41st with a time of 1:05.22.

Catie DeLoof added to her medal total, taking second in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 50.86. She was just .12 away from Holland's

Holly Morren. Morse was 13th with a time of 54.13.

The Blue Devils did not score a point in the 500-yard freestyle, but they roared back to grab a 10th place in the 200-yard freestyle relay as their all-underclassmen foursome of Morse, Graham, Crowley and Krausmann posted a time of 1:40.39.

In the 100-yard backstroke, Gabby DeLoof was second with a time of 56.38 and Young was sixth with a time of 57.70. Freshman Jackie DeLoof was 39th in the same event with a time of 1:03.26.

In the final individual event, the 100-yard breaststroke, sophomore Grace Perri was 24th with a time of 1:10.27 and senior Ellen Neveux was 35th with a time of 1:11.30. Senior Scarlet Cockell also competed and placed 45th with a time of 1:13.53.

The Blue Devils took third place in the state championship meet's final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay as Gabby DeLoof, Morse, Maiorana and Catie DeLoof had a time of 3:30.32.

Ironically, the finish in this event was Holland, first, followed by Skyline and South. It was just like the final team placement.



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State finalist

Grosse Pointe North freshman Olivia Asimakis, above, enjoyed success in last weekend's Division 2 swimming and diving championship meet at Oakland University. She was 24th in the 100-yard butterfly with a season-best time of 1:01.51 and was in two relays. She was the lead in the 200-yard freestyle relay with junior Katelyn Kohler, junior Carrie Rakowicz and senior Emma Mathews which finished 30th with a time of 1:46.73. Asimakis also led off the 200-yard medley relay team that was 28th with a season-best time of 1:57.58. Her teammates were Kohler, senior Julia Ellis and Mathews.

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Boys hockey

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Ceremonious

Members of the 2012 University Liggett boys' hockey team received their Division 3 state championship rings during a ceremony at halftime of the Knights' homecoming football game in October. The coaches and players embarked on a journey that culminated with a 3-0 win over Houghton in the state title game at Compuware Arena. The Knights finished 27-3 and every player but one returns to an explosive team this season. The 2011-12 Liggett hockey team members were head coach Robb McIntyre and assistant coaches Doug Rahaim, Richard Lorant and Scott Pangrazzi, and players Joseph Davenport, Jeff Mott, Sheridan Reilly, Cam Marchese, Jake Hodges, Mason Demsey, Lordanthony Grissom, David Gushee, Jacob Jerome, Vincent Scarfone, Manny Counsman, Josh Soyka, William Yates, John Rahi, Anthony Giorgio, Jake Soyka, Austin Petitpren, Mark Auk and Luke Soyka.

REGINA



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Record setter

Alla Kedzierski, a Regina High School senior and Grosse Pointe Shores resident, broke the 1986 Regina school record in the 100-yard breaststroke and qualified for the Michigan High School Athletic Association state championship meet held last weekend at Eastern Michigan University. Kedzierski qualified in the 100-yard breaststroke and 100-yard butterfly.

ROWING

Coach honored

Grosse Pointe rowing head coach Dick Bell recently earned the 2012 USRowing John J. Carlin Service Award. He was chosen by the USRowing Board of Directors. The award honors an individual, or individuals, who has made significant and outstanding commitments in support of rowing. He will be honored Dec. 1 at an awards reception held in conjunction with the 2012 USRowing Annual Convention in Oklahoma City, Okla. Bell began rowing as a teenager in Philadelphia. He began coaching at the Detroit Boat Club in 1971 and has coached athletes at every level. For more information about the Golden Oars Awards Dinner in New York City or to purchase a ticket or secure a table, go to usrowing.com.

COLLEGE NEWS

Smith signs with Citadel

Jacob "Jake" Smith, formerly of Grosse Pointe Park, has been named to the South Carolina High School All-Star Football Team. He is a 6-foot, 6-inch, 225-pound defensive end for Greenville High School in South Carolina. He has verbally committed to attend The Citadel on a football scholarship in 2013. His grandparents, Tom and Kathie Smith, are long-time residents of Grosse Pointe Farms.

COLLEGE NEWS

South grads excel on field

Grosse Pointe South graduate Chloe Jacob helped DePauw University's women's soccer team win the NCAC championship. The team advanced to the NCAA Tournament and Jacob was named All-Conference. DePauw finished the season 7-11-1 overall and 4-3-1 in the North Coast Athletic Conference. It lost 2-0 to Emory in a NCAA Division 111 first-round playoff game. Another South graduate, Erica Kay was named All-Conference. Wooster finished its season 12-6-1 overall and 7-1 in the NCAC. Its season ended with a 1-0 loss to Denison in the NCAC Tournament semi-finals. The squads played earlier in the season with Wooster winning 3-1.

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YOUTH FOOTBALL

Red Barons South wins varsity title

Quarterback and captain Logan Mico led the Grosse Pointe Red Barons South varsity football team to its first championship in the six decade history of the ESFL, beating the Mount Clemens Barracudas 35-16.

On the opening drive, Mico and fellow captain Andrew Sharp alternated carrying the ball behind a strong offensive line of Noah Davey, Cornell Walker, Ricky Berg, Steven Kretzschmar, Jack Kennedy, Dylan Hill and Trishtan Lewis. The final 15 yards came on a pass from Mico to Conner Brannagan.

After captain Nathan Barbish (13 tackles) sacked the Barracuda's quarterback, causing a fumble, the Baron's headed to pay dirt once more. A key pass from Mico to Barbish, and the blocking of Joe Calhoun, Aidan Comes, Conner McQueen, Tanner



The Grosse Pointe Red Barons South varsity football team won its first league championship in 60 years, beating Mount Clemens in the title game.

PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Belanger, Max Cervantes, Joe Gough and Jack Hensien, culminated in a 5-yard scoring run by Mico.

On the Barracudas' third possession of the game, Barbish blocked their punt. This time, Mico went to work behind the hard-hitting

front line of Nathan Lawrence, Ethan McComas, Evan Bolles, Anthony Ramsey, Michael Knust and Ethan Tucker. The final 22 yards of the drive came on a picture-perfect pass from Mico to captain Connor McCarron.

After Joey Veneri

returned a punt 25 yards, the Barons would put together a fourth straight scoring drive before the first half ended. Mico scrambled out of trouble and found McCarron for an 18-yard TD pass.

The defense, led by captain Patrick Nauert and fellow tackling lead-

ers Mico, Sharp, Barbish, Comes, Matthew Abar and Charlie Kruse, held the Barracudas scoreless until the final four minutes of the second half. The secondary, comprised of J.J. Verlinden, Jack Doerer, Caleb Marion, Damar Doles, Veneri and McCarron, did not allow a completed pass in the entire game.

The final Barons scoring drive of the game was fueled by passes from Mico to Dylan Hill and Ethan Tucker.

However, it was Mico who would tally his fifth TD of the day (3 passing, 2 running) on an 18-yard option run. Mount Clemens scored twice in the waning moments, but it was too little, too late as the Barons won.

The Barons were led this year by an outstanding group of coaches, including offensive coordinator Marc Brazeau, defensive coordinator Hal Marion, back coach Brian Sharp and line coach Mac Gallagher. The assistant coaches included former South players Michael Nehra, Patrick Mollison, Phillip Nauert and former North player David Hochhalter. The statistician was Tim Kruse and the head coach was Tony Cimmarrusti.

YOUTH SOCCER



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Spooky good

The Grosse Pointe Soccer Association Salvo Green 05 boys' team won the U8 Black Division of the Waza Spooktacular, defeating the Detroit Pumas, Milan Fire and Rangers Academy. Pictured above are, front row from left, Buck Rahm, Evan Brown, Stephen Wheatley and Lucas Frye; and back row from left, Kyle Goosen, Tom Sheffield, Ben Sheffield, Blake Simonson and manager Bill Simonson. Not Pictured is coach Dan Kelly.

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Lions have look of defeated

The Detroit Lions might have lost its season after last weekend's 24-20 loss to the visiting Green Bay Packers.

The Lions had ample opportunities to win, but when push came to shove, they folded like a deck of cards in the wind.

Defensive shortcomings on important drives late in the game allowed the Packers to drive the length of the field and score, plus offensive problems from the line and quarterback Matthew Stafford led to the demise.

Fans left Ford Field frustrated and now the Lions stand 4-6 and two games out of a playoff spot.

I think making the playoffs is out of the question considering the Lions have a tough schedule the final six weeks.

Up next is a Thanksgiving Day home tilt against the 9-1 Houston Texans.

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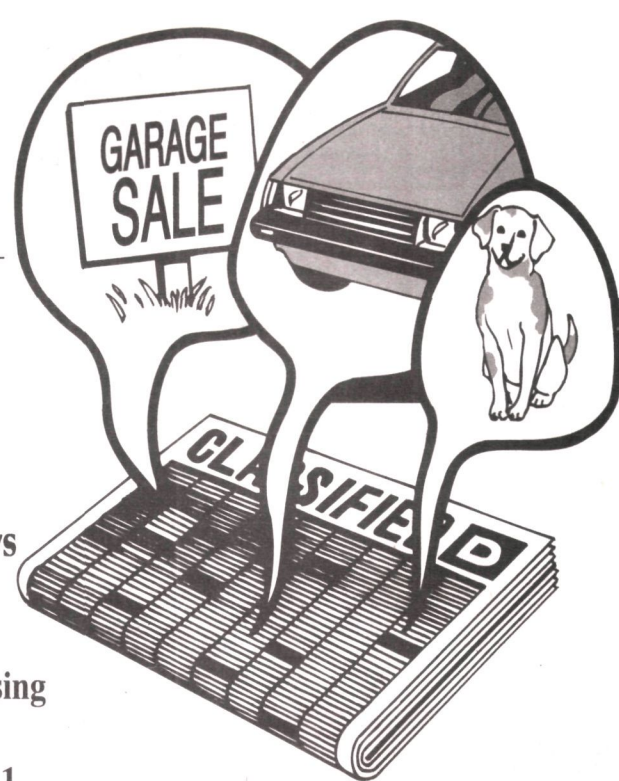
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