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◆ The Gentlemen of Swing Christmas concert is from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. For more information, call (586) 779-6111, ext. 4. Admission is free.

FRIDAY, DEC. 7

◆ The Grosse Pointe ART Center holds a free ugly sweater party at the center, 17051 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe. Members preview is from 6 to 6:30 p.m. and the public can attend from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods senior holiday social is from noon to 4 p.m. at the Assumption Cultural Center. The cost is \$20 for Woods residents and \$25 for guests.

SUNDAY, DEC. 9

◆ Hanukkah begins

◆ Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra hosts a 7 p.m. concert at the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, 19950 Mack.

MONDAY, DEC. 10

◆ Grosse Pointe Farms city council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 90 Kerby.

◆ The City of Grosse Pointe council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 17147 Maumee.



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Hollyfest

Hollyfest, an annual fundraiser for The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods, was held Thursday, Nov. 29, at the Little Club. Above, from left, Dr. Ginny Lezotte, Kelly DiSera and Juli Rybicki have their paddles ready for the live auction. At right, a popular silent auction item was the Lottery tree, decorated with tickets for different games.



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At left, Harold Stackpoole bids on an item as a gift. Items for the silent auction included sports items, a boat cruise, holiday goodies, a basket full of Michigan-made items and much more. This year's event, the 10th annual, was co-chaired by Beth Vernon, Anne Prokop and Mary Beth Austin. For more information about The Family Center, visit familycenterweb.org.



Woods murder first in decades

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

The investigation continues into the murder of Grosse Pointe Woods resident Donald (Donnie) DeWulf, 54.

Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Director Andrew Pazuchowski said several police agencies are involved in the case, but would not reveal where the investigation stands.

"We continue to investigate leads that are coming in," he said. "We're not prepared to announce anything at this time, nor are we going to speculate."

He did say his department is being assisted by investigators from the Wayne County Prosecutor's office, the Detroit Police Homicide section and the Michigan State Police.

"We appreciate the expertise these agencies have brought to the investigation," he said.

Pazuchowski said he understood residents' concerns over the first homicide to occur in

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Forum addresses proposed changes

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

Potential reforms, and legislation currently making its way through the House of Representatives and Senate, have the potential to impact public education in unprecedented ways, like nothing Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Tom Harwood has experienced during his 26 years in education.

And it's important and beneficial, Harwood said, for Grosse Pointers and others in surrounding areas to understand the impact on local communities and public school systems. To help spread the word, Harwood is joining GPPSS Board of Education President Judy Gafa and Michigan Alliance for Special Education founder and co-chair Marcie Lipsitt Tuesday, Dec. 11, at Brownell Middle School's auditorium, for a panel discussion courtesy of the Partnership for Different Learners.

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Christmas in the Park

Santa Claus came to Grosse Pointe Park last week, accepting the key to the city below from Park Mayor Pro Tem Greg Theokas. At right, Eliza Owens ponders an answer to Santa's question, "what would you like me to bring this Christmas?" At bottom, the crowd counts down for the annual tree lighting.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



Officials to enforce leaf rules

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Lawn contractors will get raked over the coals if they get caught dumping leaves illegally in roadways.

Municipal officials are stepping up enforcement of leaf rules.

"It's illegal dumping in the roadway," said Dan Jensen, chief of public safety.

Warnings come first. "When we start advising (contractors), if we get attitude, they're going to get a ticket then and there," Jensen said. "Residents are a little different."

Yet, they're part of the problem.

Farms officials are tired of people abusing the city's curbside leaf pickup service.

"Our ordinances are being ignored," said Councilman Louis Theros. "People and their lawn services are putting tremendous amounts of leaves in the roadway, blocking whole lanes of traffic days and days ahead of their leaf collection."

Theros helped draft an ordinance specifying leaves be stored between the sidewalk and curb until the night before scheduled pickup, typically the day after rubbish collection.

The evening before leaf pickup, leaves can be moved into the road against the curb.

"People are putting them out on Saturday, and their leaf collection may not be until

Thursday," Theros said. "This blocks our streets. It clogs our sewers."

It's also a safety issue. "I was driving down the street the other day and, all of a sudden, some kid's head pops out of pile of leaves on the road," Theros said. "His parents put the entire pile in the road."

City pays

Farms public works crews hauled away 1,000 tons of leaves for composting so far this season.

The figure exceeds the weight of leaves hauled at this time last year, according to City Manager Shane Reeside.

He attributes the increase to lawn service crews skipping out on contractual obligations to haul customers' leaves. Some contractors may dump leaves in the Farms from other communities, he added.

Either way, the public pays the contractor's expenses.

"My lawn service, instead of taking them away as in previous years, put them in the street," said Councilman Peter Waldmeir. "They're saving money by not having to carry them away and relying on the city to do it. I called them and said, 'Take them away. I pay for this.'"

Shores, too

Grosse Pointe Shores officials have a similar complaint.

As in the Farms, Shores residents receive roadside municipal leaf pickup.

Unlike in the Farms, roadside service in the Shores excludes leaves raked by contractors. Contractors must haul their own leaves, according to ordinance.

"It's not effective at all," said Councilman Bruce Bisballe.

"It's in (contractors') best interest to dump and run," added Brett Smith, director of public works.

While Farms officials plan new rounds of public information and enforcement campaigns, Shores counterparts may require lawn services to register at city hall.

Registration would apply to contractors with more than two or three accounts, thereby excluding small-time operators, such as students.

Spread the word

In the Farms, planning consultant, John Jackson, recommended the city issue warnings to residents before tickets.

"You don't want to be too heavy handed," Jackson told the council.

He also advised increased public information of the leaf policy, which is a regular autumn feature in the city newsletter.

"You have to constantly reissue that same message in multiple ways," Jackson said.

Mayor James Farquhar suggested distributing a notice with tax bills.

"At a certain point, it has to go from encouragement to enforcement," Theros said.

Jensen said he doesn't want officers sidetracked as "leaf police."

"I'm concerned if the public safety department goes after this in the manner we may need to go after, we could be in for a little ridicule," Jensen said.

He added, "In the past four weeks, we've responded to or had four, possibly five, shootings between Mack and Chandler Park (on Detroit's eastside). In the latest, on Cadieux and Harper, the victims ended up on Mack."

WXYZ showing produced by Pointe's Kruger

The airing of the Emmy-nominated documentary "Black and Blue: The Story of Gerald Ford, Willis Ward and the 1934 Michigan - Georgia Tech Football Game" will feature the work of Brian Kruger of the City of Grosse Pointe.

The hour-long look at the history-making game will be featured at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, on WXYZ-TV 7 in Detroit.

Kruger and fellow filmmaker Buddy Moorehouse tell the story of the 1934 game. Michigan was told by the Yellow Jackets they wouldn't play the game unless the Wolverines' best player, who was black, was benched. When the team agreed to bench Willis Ward, many of his teammates were infuriated with the decision. His team-

mate and best friend on the team, future President Gerald Ford, quit in protest.

He eventually agreed to play only after Ward personally asked him to, but the show of friendship lasted forever.

The documentary, which gives a great look into the friendship that stood the test of time, earned an Emmy nomination in the category of Best Historical Documentary.

On Oct. 12, the Michigan Senate honored Ward's legacy with "Willis Ward Day" in the state.

Kruger lives in the City of Grosse Pointe with his wife, Roseanne Paglia and his stepson, Danny Paglia. He is a longtime Little League coach.

For more information, visit stunt3.com.

Woods resident faces three counts of CSC

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Roger Ferworn, 55, has been bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court to stand trial on charges he sexually molested a mentally impaired young woman.

Grosse Pointe Woods Judge Ted Metry ruled at a preliminary examination last week there was enough evidence to charge Ferworn with three counts of criminal sexual conduct in the third degree. If convicted, each charge carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison.

An arraignment on the charges has been scheduled for 9 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12. Ferworn remains free on a \$10,000 bond, but he must continue to wear an electronic tether. Metry also ordered he have no contact with anyone under 15 years of age,

as well as no contact with the victim or her family.

Charges were initially filed against Ferworn in September. At his arraignment, a Grosse Pointe Woods detective testified that the victim's mother told police she believed the molestation occurred beginning in 2007 and continued for four years. At the time, Ferworn's daughter and her daughter were friends, and her daughter had spent time at the Ferworn home.

An evaluation by a court officer determined the young woman was competent to provide evidence in the case. The victim, now 19, spent several hours on the stand on two different occasions, facing questions from prosecutors and Ferworn's defense attorney.

Following Metry's ruling, Ferworn, on the advice of his counsel, declined comment.

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POINTER OF INTEREST

Between surgeries and chemotherapy treatments, **Tricia Hexter** has accepted the generosity of her new-found friends and is paying it forward.

Giving and receiving

By Ann Fouty
Features Editor

Tricia Hexter had to learn to accept the charity of her new neighbors in Grosse Pointe Park.

A self-described doer and giver, Hexter is now paying back the months of kindness she and her family experienced during her months of chemotherapy.

"I feel like nothing I can ever do will repay them. I will always try whether I know them or don't know," she said, with her 4-year-old daughter, Madeline, sitting close by. "The amount of support and love from people I've known for such a little time, words can't even

describe."

Hexter, a former teacher, found her neighbors' delivering meals, coffee cakes and gifts as she went through chemotherapy treatments.

"It was never just dinner. It was always something else," she related.

Hexter is now repaying their acts of kindness by helping family and friends affected by Superstorm Sandy.

Until 2010, Hexter, her husband, Craig, and three children, Ryan, Colin and Madeline, were residents of Long Island, N.Y. Craig's job brought them to Michigan, away from familiar surroundings. They settled in, making

"The amount of support and love from people I've known for such a little time, words can't even describe."

new friends, getting involved in their children's activities until their lives changed — again. First, Hexter was diagnosed with breast cancer Nov. 30, 2011. A bilateral mastectomy was performed. Her grandmother died days before her first chemotherapy treatment in

more than fact. As the hours ticked by and Hexter saw Sandy's force, she began calling those she knew in New York and New Jersey.

One cousin in Oceanside, N.Y. lost his restaurant and house. Two cousins in Howard Beach, N.Y., are without houses and three others had severe damage to their houses. Of those, two will be condemned. Displaced relatives are staying with family and friends, she said.

"One cousin stayed in his house. A wave came through the sliding glass door. He escaped with the clothes on his back," she said.

Hexter went on to say she couldn't imagine having nothing. How would one feel with no pictures, no mementos, nothing familiar and comforting?

With that in mind, she began networking with her 750 Facebook friends to get the word out she was collecting clothing, toys, necessities and money for those she knew on the East Coast. Donations came in and she said she was touched by the generosity.

"Without a lot of work, I wouldn't have been able to give a quarter (of what



PHOTO BY ANN L. FOUTY

Tricia Hexter of Grosse Pointe Park received roses from a grateful East Coast recipient of one of her 142 boxes sent following Superstorm Sandy's devastation Oct. 29.

was donated). What I find in this community, they just want to help. I feel honored to be a part of this community."

To date, she has mailed 142 boxes, some as large as 4-feet by 2-feet and totaled well more than \$1,200 in postage. Even the boxes and packing tape were donated. She has made few trips to the post office.

"A lot of times people would take boxes for me and I'd hand them money (for postage) and they'd say 'no.'"

"I did send quite a few (boxes) to New Jersey to friends that were willing to collect the boxes and deliver them."

"I had a friend I grew up with on Long Island. I did ship to him and he gives them directly to a shelter," she said.

Packed in those boxes are baby supplies, hygiene products, new underwear and socks. Women's purses were filled with cosmetics and children's cold medicine. For the men, she collected razors, shaving cream and deodorant. She filled backpacks with toys, coloring supplies and puzzles. That was happenstance because it really hadn't occurred to her children had lost their backpacks.

"My cousin called to thank me," she said.

He told her there were no backpacks to be found in stores.

A friend's 11-year-old daughter lost everything. Hexter sent an iPod inside a purse.

"I wanted to make it as special for each kid as possible," she said.

Sorting through items donated for adults, Hexter said she was surprised by the quality of clothing.

"I expected junk. It was so nice to see Coldwater Creek, Ann Taylor, not anything with stains. People dropped off so many beautiful things," she said. "A lady rang my door bell and handed me \$200 in Target gift cards."

All this and the meals delivered, the flowers planted in the yard, the house cleanings and her daughter's preschool party organized from start to finish, Hexter is repaying by helping those on the East Coast.

"My girlfriend down the street decorated my patio and made a pile of appetizers," she said of the preschool party she volunteered to have but was unable to pull together because of her illness. "You can't imagine someone would do this."

"So many people don't know what to say or do. Everybody can do something. These aren't the girls I grew up with, not family. These are people I've come to know for a short amount of time. It's an overwhelming experience."

And Hexter is not done yet.

Recovering from recent reconstructive surgery, Hexter is collecting items to fill Christmas stockings. To help her pay it forward, contact her at hexter1@comcast.net.



PHOTO BY ANN L. FOUTY

Tricia Hexter with two of her three children. Madeline is in back and Ryan stands in front.

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Adam J. Longo graduated August 2012 from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication. The 2007 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School is the son of Joseph T. Longo III and Dr. Suzanne Scarfone.

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Chadwick Tech graduated from Marine Corps boot camp in Parris Island, S.C. He will undergo Marine Combat Training in Jacksonville, N.C., and then proceed to his job school at Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, N.C., where he will study to be a combat engineer. The 2011 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School is the son of Cindy and Karl Tech of Grosse Pointe Shores.

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Several area students graduated August 2012 from Central Michigan University. **Ashley DeBets** of Grosse Pointe Farms earned a Bachelor of Applied Art degree; **Rachael Hobbs** of Grosse Pointe Park

earned a Master of Science degree; **Jonathan Bay** of Grosse Pointe Woods earned a Bachelor of Science degree; **Daniel Bogosian** of Grosse Pointe Woods earned a Master of Science in Administration degree and **Adam Urban** of Grosse Pointe Woods earned a Master of Science degree.

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Several area students graduated summer 2012 from Western Michigan University. **Myles Ashton Purdy** of Grosse Pointe Farms earned a Master of Science in Medicine degree; **Eric C. Hughes** of Grosse Pointe Park earned a Bachelor of Arts degree; **Katherine Marjorie Platz** of Grosse Pointe Park earned a Bachelor of Science degree; **Spencer Andrew Berg** of Grosse Pointe Woods earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree; **Matthew J. McClory** of Grosse Pointe Woods earned a Bachelor of Arts degree; **Lauren Nichole McGraw** of Grosse Pointe Woods earned a Bachelor of Arts degree and **Peter Daniel Watson** of Grosse Pointe Woods earned a Bachelor of Science degree.



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City begins paving projects

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — The city council's giving less talk and more action to repaving Lochmoor and Sunningdale.

"We made a commitment as a council to go forward with roadwork," said Councilman Bruce Bisballe. "This is the first step to getting the roadwork done."

Additional projects are the length of Hampton and lower Oxford starting at Lakeshore.

The council this month authorized the city manager to sign a letter of intent with consulting engineers, Hubbell, Roth & Clark, to proceed with preliminary designs and to solicit construction bids.

"We've talked about Lochmoor for years," said Brett Smith, public works director. "I'm grateful the date is finally going to come when we can get work done on that street. I'm sure residents of those street will be grateful, as well."

An outline of the project includes milling the top 2 inches of roadway,

repairing underlayers and curbs, adjusting or reconstructing drainage structures and applying two inches of asphalt.

Total cost for all three streets is \$560,000.

The breakdown is Lochmoor and Sunningdale, \$359,000; Hampton, \$135,000 and Oxford, \$66,000.

The council raised property tax rates 1.5 mills last May for one year to resurface roads. The increase generates about \$375,000.

"The council set money aside from the millage to pay for our share of Lakeshore (resurfacing) and extra funding to fix these streets," said Mark Wollenweber, city manager.

Construction won't start until warm weather resumes.

Some \$200,000 unused from resurfacing Lakeshore is being allocated to the current project.

"We'll probably make a recommendation to use fund balance to get the work done," Bisballe said.

A concurrent project may include replacing streetlights on Oxford.

Santa starts the season

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Santa Claus always lets his hair down at the Grosse Pointe Shores Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

He arrives on a Shores fire truck — red; no yellow rigs for him.

"What a humongous crowd," Santa said, disembarking Sunday evening, Nov. 24.

He teases Mayor Ted Kedzierski.

"I always called him little Teddy from the time he was 4 and afraid to sit on Santa's lap," Santa said.

"I was terrified," Kedzierski said.

The lighting celebration at city hall is the Shores' traditional start of the holiday season.

"It's an opportunity for all of us friends and neighbors to get together in fellowship and share in the joy of this wonderful season," Kedzierski said.

Numerous members of the community participated.

A choir of Star of the Sea fifth-graders sang carols.

Members of the Shores Improvement Foundation gave away hot cocoa.

Members of the beautification commission and public works department



Above, Christmas Carol and Santa listen to Zach and Abby Gokenbach recite what they want for Christmas. At right, Santa arrives in Grosse Pointe Shores on a fire truck.



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

posted decorations.

Santa's favorite helper, Christmas Carol, arrived in advance to warm up the audience.

"Santa told me that this is his favorite place to come before Christmas because he knows all the

boys and girls here are so good," she told them all.

"He loves our fire truck," Kedzierski said.

"I especially love seeing all the children and lighting up all the beautiful lights," Santa said.

"Then, we go inside and I

get to find out what all the good little boys and girls want for Christmas." At 6:09 p.m., he and the mayor turned on the lights and the season began.

Corrections

The **Greenhouse Salon** is still located on The Hill at 117 Kercheval Ave., Grosse Pointe Farms. News of its move will be announced in the Grosse Pointe News.

A story about the **Moross Greenway** last week should have listed contributions may be made to Moross Greenway Project and mailed to Moross Greenway Project, 155 W. Congress, Detroit, MI 48226.

Marina decking needs to be replaced

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — City officials have an inkling why the manufacturer of fake

wood decking for the municipal marina five years ago is out of business.

"The decking is breaking up," said Councilman Dan Schulte, chairman of the harbor committee.

"Even some boards in storage are degrading," said Mayor Ted Kedzierski.

No current Shores officials were in office when the new, \$3.5 million harbor at Osius Park was planned and constructed in the late 2000s.

Composite-material decking was chosen for the project due to its prospect of durability, easy maintenance and good looks.

"This material normally lasts 10 to 15 years," said Mark Wollenweber, city manager.

Instead, it's cracking lengthwise and cross-

wise, delaminating and discoloring.

"We're still trying to determine what caused this; a defect in material or whatever," Wollenweber said.

Boards are falling apart at different rates, according to an evaluation by Roland Bogdani, staff engineer at Soil and Material Engineers.

Shores officials retained the firm to analyze the decking in hopes of finding a cause and solution.

Bogdani found 330 individual planks, measuring 5 1/2-by-1-inch and totaling 1,700 square feet, needing attention.

Boards due for replacement range from individual pieces to clumps of five, 10, 55 and 102 boards.

Although failures exist throughout the marina, more than 96 percent are on the main, north-south walkway atop the eastern breakwall,

according to Bogdani.

"(That) is a high-traffic area carrying loads as heavy as a golf cart," he wrote.

The sequence of deterioration goes from discoloration, cracking, delamination to complete degradation, making them "no longer structurally viable," Bogdani wrote.

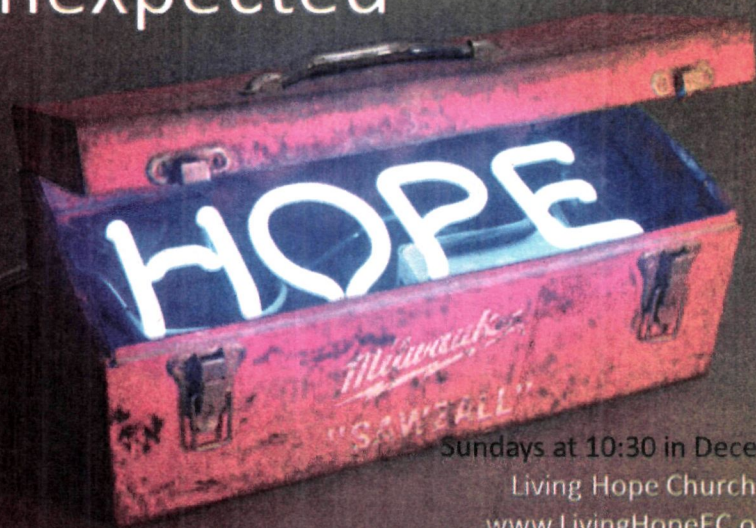
Numerous boards were so far gone they've already been replaced with those in storage.

"Very few boards remain in stock that can be used for replacing worn-out decking," Bogdani wrote.

Some of the marina's original contractors are likely to be queried.

"In conjunction with the city attorney, we'll be looking at our options under our existing contract," Wollenweber said. "I believe the original specs call for a two-year maintenance guarantee."

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Free parking

Shoppers on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods can take advantage of free parking. Students from De La Salle Collegiate High School covered 890 meters with the red plastic bags which will be in place until Dec. 25.

WOODS: Seeking help

Continued from page 1A approximately 9:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 26. He had been shot.

Grosse Pointe Woods in nearly three decades, and urged residents to report any suspicious activity to his department.

DeWulf was found dead in his house in the 2000 block of Hampton by a family member at

approximately 9:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 26. He had been shot.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Grosse Pointe Woods detective bureau, (313) 343-2412.

CHANGES: Forum set

Continued from page 1A drafted to replace the current School Aid Act of 1979.

"It is extremely important that the community is aware of proposed changes in legislation that impact education funding and programming in the state of Michigan," Harwood said via e-mail.

Among the bills in question are House Bill 6004/Senate Bill 1358, which expand power of the Education Achievement Authority, a governor-controlled school system that operates the lowest performing 5 percent of schools in the state; and House Bill 5923, which redefines the concept of what constitutes a school, offering more choice for parents by creating "new forms" of schools, potentially shrinking resources and funding for community schools.

"I recently read a study that stated less than 1 percent of parents partake in the current choices in education," Gafa said via e-mail. "Parents prefer their community schools and will choose those over better schools, so why expand those choices if no one is using them?"

The trio also plans to discuss the Oxford Foundation's first draft of its "Michigan Public Education Finance Act of 2013," a new finance project based on Gov. Rick Snyder's "Any Time, Any Place, Any Way, Any Pace" learning model,

"I want the audience to gain knowledge of what the legislation in Lansing are proposing," Gafa said. "I want them to know there are better options of reform that we as the electorate can insist on."

In preparation for the panel discussion, community relations specialist Rebecca Fannon is putting together a flyer for distribution in the community, and Harwood created a blog on the district web site, his first post relating to the proposed legislation. To view his blog, visit gpschools.schoolwires.net/Page/11563.

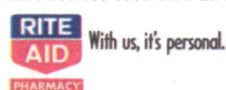
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GROSSE POINTE PARK

Car theft

A 1999 Jeep Cherokee was taken overnight from the 700 block of Lakepointe.

Wheel thefts

Thieves were busy during the early morning hours of Monday, Nov. 26, near the corner of Bishop and Maumee. The owner of a Lincoln MKX parked in a driveway on Maumee reported to police his security lights were unscrewed and someone had tampered with the wheels on his car. No loss was reported. However, the owner of a 2012 GMC parked across the street on Maumee was not so lucky. The owner found his car up on blocks and all four chrome wheels missing at 7:50 that morning. Around the corner on Bishop, the owner of

Public safety reports

2011 Dodge Durango also found his car up on blocks and four chrome wheels missing.

Thefts from cars

On Thursday, Nov. 29, the owner of a 2010 Chrysler Town & Country parked in a garage in the 1000 block of Bishop discovered someone had entered the car overnight and stole a large amount of cash from the center console. That same morning, owners of two cars parked at the Pointe Park condominiums found their cars had been entered. The owner of a 2008 Pontiac Grand Prix discovered several gift cards had been removed. The owner of a 2012 Lincoln MKZ discovered

a large amount of cash and leather gloves had been taken from his car, which was not locked.

— Kathy Ryan

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

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Window broken

An unknown suspect smashed the window at the Radio Shack on Mack at 4:45 a.m. Friday, Dec. 2, which triggered an alarm and brought police. Units responding found tire tracks on the grass at the front of the store and it was clear an attempt

was made to remove several televisions and computers, but unsuccessfully. However, it appeared the cash drawer had been emptied and an unknown amount of cash was taken.

Screens damaged

A homeowner in the 1800 block of Hampton reported to police at 12:15 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26, an unknown person cut two screens on his garage and it appeared someone attempted to kick in a side door on the garage. Responding officers checked several adjoining houses and found a similar attempt at a neighboring house. They continue to investigate.

— Kathy Ryan

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Six Great Tips for Christmas Tree Lights

Your Christmas tree can look grand if you follow these six tips for holiday lights from Mary Beth Gotti, director of the GE Lighting & Electrical Institute:

- Know your lights. If you're buying new lights, make sure they're compatible with your existing light strings.
- Unsure how many lights you need for your tree? Figure 100 to 150 lights per vertical foot of the tree.
- Use LED holiday lights on your tree. LED holiday lights use up to 80% less energy and are cooler than traditional incandescent lights.
- Add movement. Want that snowflake display to sparkle or your eight tiny reindeer to trot?

Give the illusion of movement with color changing lights. Many options are available, including twinkling, chasing, and fade-in, fade-out styles. Check into cascading icicles with a circuit that gives off a melting effect.

- Mix lighting styles. To make holiday lighting stand out, pair strings of different sized lights together to add depth to decor. On the tree, set a base of white lights at the bottom and continue upward, adding strands of large bulbs and novelty lights for color and variety.

- Find inspiration. Every year, thousands of tree lighting ceremonies take place all over the country. Draw ideas from these magical designs.

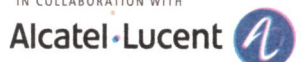


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MY VIEW By Joe Warner

If you need help, it's out there

In the information age, I read about the NFL player killing his girlfriend and committing suicide just minutes after it happened. On TV, they had yet to name who the Kansas City Chiefs football player was. On the Internet, it was there a thousand times already.

I thought about it first as a story – it's my job. Who would you talk to? What questions do you have? For a reporter, the process of gathering information begins as soon as something happens.

Only 30 seconds into that process, I realized one thing. This event happens every single day. A domestic killing, a suicide. Every single day.

Yet this gets special attention because it was an NFL player. This wasn't Jim Smith from Canton Township or Brian Murphy from Farmington Hills (my apologies if there are such people).

This was a football player who had made it to the big time. A college degree, a girlfriend, a young child. His salary jumped to nearly \$2 million this year. The car he drove away from the murder scene was a \$200,000 Bentley.

But depression doesn't care what you do or how much money you make. It doesn't care where you live or what kind of car you drive. We'll read plenty more about the NFL, head injuries and suicides. We'll also hear about eliminating access to guns.

But the message here needs to hit home with the rest of us who don't play football in the NFL.

We can't ignore things like domestic violence and depression. The football player, whose name isn't important so I haven't used it, sought counseling provided through the Kansas City Chiefs, according to the Kansas City Star. They reported the player saying the counseling hadn't fixed the problems before he pulled the trigger and killed himself.

There were problems, they were seeking help, but there is much more to this story. A teammate, in a postgame presser the next day, said he tried to think of signs this person needed help.

From the outside, it looks as if this player had everything in the world you could want. In reality, there's a child who will never know her parents.

The tragedy continues when we don't address domestic violence or we hide depression because of the stigma attached to it.

Something like this happens every day and the signs aren't always there.

If you feel depressed, if you have a friend or a relative who needs help, there is great help available in the Grosse Pointes and beyond. And it doesn't matter how much money you have or what kind of car you drive.

Be strong enough to ask for help.

White Christmas?

Growing up in Northern Michigan, I remember white Halloweens. So, I expect snow on Christmas morning. I told my kids we had snow one Christmas morning near Orlando, where we had gone over the river, through the woods and across five-plus states to visit my grandparents' house. None of this two-hour drive stuff. I shared that the snowball fight in Florida was about as cool as the round of golf I played or the time I swam in Lake Michigan on Christmas day.

My 7-year-old asked if I ever attended one of Jesus' birthday parties. I told her she will see what a real lump of coal looks like this Christmas. Or in lieu of the real thing, a Kingsford briquette.

Speaking of Christmas, we welcome any letters to Santa for publication the next couple weeks. So if your children or grandchildren and their friends would like to write us, Santa will see their wishes. He has a subscription to the Grosse Pointe News. E-mail them to jwarner@grossepointenews.com or drop the letter in the mail or at our office, 21316 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

Also, feel free to share with our readers a story about the holidays and what they mean to you. It can be funny or serious – but we'd love to share in the spirit of the season.

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

Energy plan

To the Editor:

Gov. Rick Snyder recently laid out his energy plan for Michigan, which called for an increase in natural gas.

I strongly disagree with the governor's opinion that natural gas, which requires fracking, is what is best for Michigan. Instead, I believe wind energy is what is best for Michigan's energy future.

Devastating events such as Michigan's floods in May, a drought throughout the summer that damaged the corn

crop and a freak cold snap that decimated our tart cherries and apple crop, make it abundantly clear Michigan needs to prioritize renewable energy.

I believe wind energy is the best way to help curb these extreme weather events. The current wind energy production in Michigan is equivalent to taking 48,000 cars off the road and if wind development continues, the wind energy production would be equivalent to taking 169,000 cars off the road.

There is no denying the fact Michigan needs a

better plan for its energy future. The best plan for Michigan, however, is not natural gas, but wind energy.

Key tax credits for wind power are set to expire at the end of the year, unless Congress votes to renew them.

We thank Sens. Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin for supporting wind power. And we urge them to do all they can to renew the wind tax credits — our air, water, crops and future depend on it.

RACHEL KORESKY
Grosse Pointe Woods

South Choir

To the Editor:

While I do not live in your community, I do enjoy attending the extraordinary performances of your Grosse Pointe South High School Choir in their varied endeavors.

I understand the former director, Ellen Bowen, is now directly competing with the choir by establishing her own business and luring students from their school

choir. Furthermore, she is attempting to hamper the group's major fund raising activity by offering her own holiday caroling in the community.

What a shame!

Grosse Pointers wake up! Don't let a bitter ex-employee ruin a wonderful community resource.

If the students were your first priority, parents wouldn't be separating them from their peers, or exhausting those who don't want to hurt Ms. Bowen's feelings by trying to participate in both.

Her tenure is over, so the politics should end as well.

Let these talented, extraordinary, young performers continue to represent their school proudly.

Ms. Bowen is no longer part of the Grosse Pointe South choir and her current actions will do nothing but damage the wonderful legacy she could have left in her wake.

MAUREEN BLAU
Farmington

GUEST OPINION By Caroline Kalmar

My winter tradition

Winter is coming soon; I can see the car-olers now. I remember hanging the stockings while listening to the song, "Deck the Halls." Well, let's start from Christmas Eve. . .

"Mom, I've got the lights. I didn't know if you wanted green, red or white, so I got them all, but they are a little tangled," I said, as I tried to pry the lights apart.

"OK, we finished early; now we can make the cookies for Santa," my mom tried to say as she

went outside. The outdoors is our nightmare in the winter.

I grabbed my coat, hat, scarf and mittens. I got out into the outside nightmare. The white snow got all over me. I felt like I was frozen. We got to the store for some late cookie-making supplies. The store was busy more than usual, but it is Christmas, so whatever.

"Cookie-making time," mom yawned, for it was late. She made the cookies, now we're ready for the cookie games.

"Now you know the rules, whoever decorates — fully — all of the cook-

ies on your plate first, will win," said my dad.

"OK, on your mark, get set, go," my dad yelled.

I grabbed the frosting and the sprinkles, more ready than ready. All that was going through my head was "decorate the cookies," over and over again. The cookies dashed off the plate. Gone, gone also went through my head as each cookie got decorated.

Noooooooooooooo! I dropped the sprinkles. I picked it up, the frosting already on the cookie, and I sprinkled all of the tiny Christmas trees on the cookie. "I'm done!" I

screamed, just before Alex did.

"And the winner is Caroline," my dad screamed, for he was happy for me. Everyone was, even Joe and Alex.

Sure they wanted to win, but they were still happy for me.

My prize: I got to pick the first cookie to eat in the morning.

We all went to bed that night feeling happy, me more than anyone. I was ready for Santa to come and looking forward to my cookie in the morning!

Caroline Kalmar, age 10, is a resident of Grosse Pointe Park.

GUEST OPINION By Bill Kalmar

Best friend application

I have decided to begin accepting applications for the enviable position of Bill Kalmar's Best Friend Network.

Because of phone calls, e-mails, lunches, birthdays, anniversaries, holiday and Christmas cards and other social events, I have too many friends — I need to cull the herd, so to speak. In 2013, I need to spend more quality time with a smaller group of friends. I know you will understand.

Before applying, you should know some requirements:

◆ A thorough knowledge of "Seinfeld" epi-

sodes and Frank Sinatra music.

◆ A tolerance for long, rambling — sometimes nonsensical — messages left on your answering machine.

◆ Preparing and displaying "Bill You Are The Greatest" signs at all my 10K runs.

Best Friend quiz

- 1) Name:
- 2) Nickname:
- 3) If I choose to make up a nickname for you, as I most certainly will, do you have any names strictly off limits, such as "Doofus," "Bozo," etc?
- 4) Please list your last two best friends:

5) Who is your current or most recent best friend?

6) Reason for ending relationship:

7) What is the latest/earliest you will accept phone calls?

8) Fill in the blanks: "Hey, Bill, I really _____ your last column in the Grosse Pointe News. It was totally _____!"

9) Identify the films from which the following quotes were taken:

A) "Get something special for yourself, Clark."

B) "Please watch your language — you are in the Baird School not a barracks."

C) "What we have here

is an inability to communicate."

All done? Great.

Looking forward to your being my friend in 2013!

By the way, all readers of The Grosse Pointe News have been grand fathered into my Best Friend's Network — unless you decide to take one for the team and not be my friend. In the meantime, have a wonderful holiday season.

You know this was all done in fun — one never has enough friends!

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



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Pointe Players prepare to make history

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

In the 80-year history of the Grosse Pointe South High School Pointe Players, the theater organization has never performed a Shakespearean play.

Come this weekend, that's about to change, as the Pointe Players present Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," as adapted for high school by Leslie Price, at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, and Saturday, Dec. 8, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, all showings at South's auditorium.

"I just thought they were ready," director Lois Bendler said of the history-making production. "I wanted the challenge, and I just had a feeling they could handle it."

"Lois has said she's always wanted to do Shakespeare, but she never felt she had the right cast for it," said Emma Hintzen, a senior who plays Hermia, daughter of Egeus. "I feel really special that we're that cast."

Hintzen is one of 23 cast members — the largest cast in Bendler's tenure at South — attempting to weave through the complex comedy of three interlocking plots that includes Athenians, Fairies and Mechanicals.

"Of all the Shakespeare, this is pretty ambitious," said Finn McComas, a

senior who plays Lysander, Hermia's love interest. "It's something you really have to experience. Most stories are kind of like a roller-coaster, but they're still pretty linear. This is kind of like a schizophrenic parade."

Others in the 23-student cast include: David Gilbert as Theseus, Duke of Athens; Shannon McGhee, Hippolyta, his fiancé; Josh Alexander, Philostrate, his Major Domo; Connor Reinman, Egeus, a senior gentleman of Athens; Hintzen, Hermia; Drew Meeker, Demetrius, a young gentleman; McComas, Lysander; Nicole Bade, Helena, a young woman of Athens; Jack Kay, both a priest and Quince, a carpenter; Brian Fennell, Snug, a joiner; Jack McCoy, Nick Bottom, a weaver; Nate Turner, Flute, a bellows mender; Patrick Flanagan, Snout, a tinker; Kenny Schimidke, Starveling, a tailor; Eva Doherty, a produce vendor; Jack Daley, Puck; Maddy Moylan, Peaseblossom; Christian Scillian, Cobweb; Claire Zimmeth, Moth; Giovanna Posselius, Mustardseed; John Leo, Oberon, King of the Fairies; Maggie Bickerstaff, Titania, Fairy Queen; Frankie Thams, Oaken; and Matt Loechner, as Chestnut.

Reinman doubles as stage manager, while Doherty is assistant stage manager, Christina



Koehler is sound tech and Adam Campau the house manager. Posselius maintains the program. Dan Vicary serves as technical director and designed the set.

"There's a lot of pressure because Shakespeare's obviously Shakespeare," Fennell said. "Getting the emotions right is harder



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At left, Grosse Pointe South High School's Pointe Players rehearse a scene from Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

Above left, seniors Emma Hintzen and Finn McComas share a moment as Hermia and Lysander, respectively.

Above, junior Jack McCoy plays the role of Nick Bottom, a weaver who doubles as Pyramus in the Mechanicals, an acting troupe.

are available online at seatyourself.biz/pointeplayers or at Posterity: A Gallery.

"I have concentrated on doing what I felt was valuable material for them, using very significant playwrights, historically important pieces, socially important pieces," Bendler said. "This is not that. This is Shakespeare. Certainly a historic playwright, but it's probably of questionable social value, except it's fun."

Foundation presents district \$99,568 in gifts

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

Trustees from the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education board presented the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education with eight grants Monday, Nov. 26, at its monthly regular meeting of the board. Grants totaled \$99,568, adding to the more than \$1.6 million to date in grants awarded to the district's teachers, students, support staff, administrators and counselors.

"It's really a due diligent process and we work hard to do a good job and to be good fiduciaries of the \$1.6 million that we've put into the district," GPFPE trustee Cat Ruffner said of the grant selection process, in which GPFPE board members worked closely with superintendent Tom Harwood and others to ensure approvals aligned with the foundation's and district's individual strategic plans, as well as their respective curriculum and technology plans.

"We're especially proud of this particular grant cycle because we're able to reach students at every level," Ruffner said. "We were able to reach the elementary schools, the middle schools and one of the high schools."

The eight grants awarded included:

- A \$3,000 grant to Grosse Pointe South High School's solar car team, a student-run club constructing a solar car to

race in the 2013 Dell-Winston Solar Car Challenge in July. "We're proud of the fact that students applied for this grant," Ruffner said. "That's unusual and it's really special."

- RAMP, or Recognized American School Counselor Association Model Program, for all three middle schools. It's a 3-year comprehensive program for middle school counselors, Ruffner said, "that would directly impact the culture of the classroom and success of instruction."

- Enhancement of instruction for all writing in the classroom for Maire Elementary School teacher Christina Pearson's fourth graders. The \$600 grant helps fund a pilot program to allow students struggling with writing to learn to write more fluently, assisting with writing, spelling, word choice, editing and revising.

- Netbooks for Poupard Elementary School's fourth and fifth grade classrooms (\$30,000) and wireless Internet and netbooks for Ferry Elementary School teacher Jim Fisher's fourth and fifth grade magnet class (\$7,000). In both instances, grant submitters said the technology would enhance and strengthen classroom instruction for students.

- iLearn with iPads for students in Defer Elementary School's fourth and fifth grade magnet class. The iPads

prepare students for career and college readiness, with multiple applications already identified that increase motivation and achievement in magnet programs, Ruffner said.

- Elementary school homework club for the district's five Title I elementary schools, including Defer, Ferry, Mason, Poupard and Trombly. The \$19,968 grant helps fund the continuation of the pre-existing after-school program, which supports daily curriculum by supplying systematic reinforcement of skills covered during school day.

- RAZ Readers for all nine elementary schools. For \$30,000, the grant expands the program to all nine elementary schools, covering the complementary reading project that will allow kindergarten to third graders, as well as resource room students, opportunities to develop individualized reading skills through hands-on practice with award-winning, innovative technology. With the program, students receive a log-in and password to access just-right reading level books.

"As board president, I can say I know the board, the entire board appreciates all the hard work that the foundation puts in to choosing these grants and granting them to our children and our students of our district," said Judy Gafa, board president. "I really appreciate all the work you've done."

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The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education honored 10 employees for its fifth annual Distinguished Employee Service Award.

Board honors distinguished employees

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

"You are what makes Grosse Pointe public schools the school system it is," superintendent Tom Harwood said to the distinguished honorees Monday, Nov. 26, at the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education's regular meeting, during which the board recognized the district's distinguished employees. It's the fifth year of the recognition.

"They are nominated by colleagues of the school system itself for their wonderful talents, their skills and what they give to our students on a daily basis," Harwood said. "There were many individuals nominated for tonight and we are fortunate to have 10 of those individuals."

The 10 distinguished employees are:

- Patricia Curtis-Gough, who has served as department chair of Grosse Pointe North High School's student center, in Grosse Pointe South High School's and Pierce Middle School's resource rooms and Defer Elementary School's Parent Teacher Organization president;
- Beverly Forsyth, an art teacher of 30-plus

years in Grosse Pointe who's currently at Ferry and Mason elementary schools;

- Michelle Hartman, computer lab assistant at Monteith Elementary School who organizes press releases, the web site, daily video announcements and coordinates the school's green team;
- Dianne McPharlin, a resource room teacher at Maire Elementary School who helped found the school's homework club and Positive Behavioral Support initiatives;
- Barry Novak, coach and hall monitor at Pierce who also leads, organizes and officiates the morning intramural program, which meets at 7:45 a.m. four days a week;
- Joanna Porvin, "a woman of many hats" at Brownell Middle School who co-facilitated the STAND (Students Taking A New Direction) program, which promotes student leadership and positive decision making, and funded the Green Education Action Recreation program, which raises community awareness by engaging students in recreational and advocacy opportunities;
- Lisa Rheaume, fourth grade teacher at Mason

Elementary School who worked with Ryan Francis to co-sponsor the school's one school, one book activity and its safety, service squad and recycling teams. She also represents Grosse Pointe as a Galileo Consortium participant;

• Sheila Russo, Defer Elementary School office clerk who controls the monthly newsletter and oversees volunteers during lunch to ensure a smooth operation;

• Richard VanGorder, a district manager of buildings and grounds who spearheaded energy and lighting projects to help save the district money on its energy budget. He's also an active leader on the green team and works closely with administrators and local municipalities for proactive emergency planning purposes; and

• Geoffrey Young, the English department chair at North for more than 10 years who also developed and leads a leadership studies course for freshmen assist mentors, leads the freshmen assist team and helped revamp the professional learning community.

In their honor, employees received a special globe, representative of the gifts they provide to the district and its students.

"It goes to the depth of the skills and the interactions that these individuals have with our students," Harwood said.

Board trustee Joan Dindoffer and vice president Lois Valente served as the award committee, reviewing nominations and recommending the list of honorees.

"I want to thank all the volunteers and all of our employees because those 10 employees who go above and beyond are reflective of many, many hundreds of employees who go above and beyond every day," Dindoffer said. "And these are just the 10 best of the best in terms of distinguished service to the district."

South students named finalists in math competition

Twenty-one students from Grosse Pointe South High School have qualified as finalists in the 56th Annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition, an activity of the Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America.

Finalists are among the top 1,300 students in a pool of more than 6,400 from the 148 Michigan high schools who competed in Part I of the competition Tuesday, Oct. 2.

The following South

students were named finalists: Michael Barrett, Madeline Burgoyne, Noah Erickson, Patrick Flanagan, Christopher Fowler, Matthew Geist, Meredith Gilbert, Archibald Hauck, Claire Huebner, Andrew Hyde, Matthew Kennedy, Anthony Mager, Nicholas Morris, Claire Morrison, Lauren Phillips, Tenley Shield, Charles Thompson, William Tily, Ariane Troschinetz, Gabriela Tucker and Jeffrey Woolstrum.

They advance to Part II of the competition

Wednesday, Dec. 12. It consists of an exam with five problems, of which students provide written explanations for their claims and mathematical proofs of their results.

From there, the top 100 combined scores from both parts are invited to an awards program Saturday, March 2, at Hope College in Holland, Mich., where approximately \$20,000 in scholarships are awarded. Scholarships range from bronze awards (\$250) to the gold medalist (\$2,500).

Pierce presents 'Annie Jr.'



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Pierce Middle School's production of "Annie Jr." starts this week with a matinee at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, followed by an evening performance at 7 p.m. A final performance is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8. All performances are at the Pierce auditorium. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children and seniors and are available at Posterity: A Gallery in the Village and at the door. Gold cards are accepted.

Defer raises money for The Family Center



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Defer Elementary School held a Hat Day fundraiser Friday, Nov. 30, to raise money for The Family Center. Students donated a dollar to wear crazy hats for the day. The school raised \$226. Pictured above, students show off their hats, from left, T.J. Rumely, Jack Ryan, Isaiah Cox, Ian Ward, Manny Fontes, Preston Auld, Meredith Kramer, Effie Hodges, Brendan Polek and Collin Gurskey.

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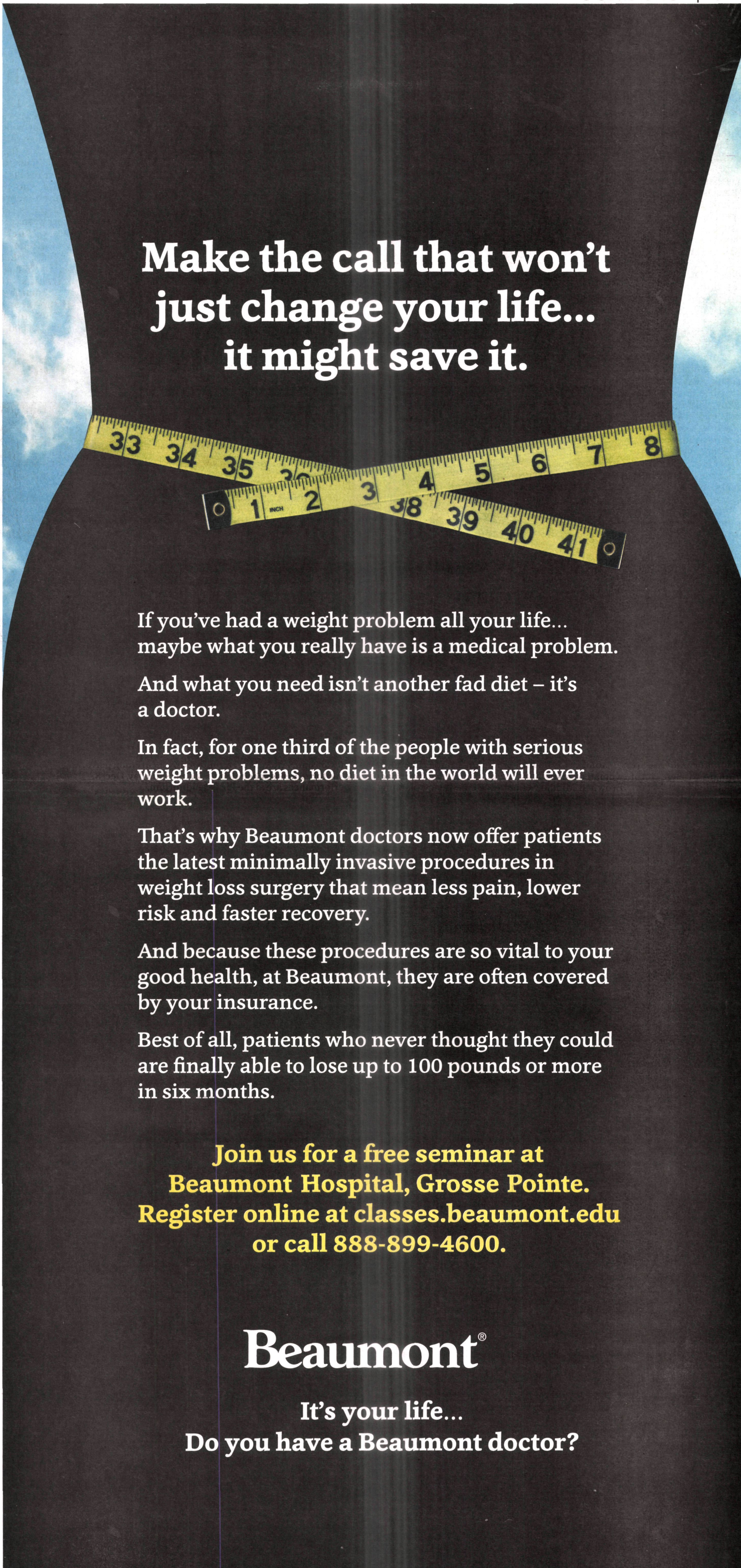
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Pierce joins fight against world hunger

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

Of the many annual community projects she coordinates, SERVE director Alicia Carlisle admits the district's three middle schools' partnership with Kids Against Hunger is one of her favorites.

The partnership is in its fourth year. In the past, a group of students from Brownell, Parcels and Pierce middle schools met up and worked together to package the equivalent of 10,000 meals. To Carlisle, that wasn't enough of an impact among the district's students, so last year she adjusted the project to a rotation schedule, with Brownell, Parcels and Pierce each taking turns hosting the food-aid organization at their respective schools. Doing so opens opportunities for the shy, reserved students to participate and serve their community. Brownell hosted last year and Pierce a few weeks ago.

"You get the kids that are always doing all the stuff all the time," Carlisle said. "So, when you open it up and you say all the sixth graders, you're



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Above, Pierce Middle School sixth graders participate in a SERVE community project, helping the organization, Kids Against Hunger, in its fight to end world hunger.

At right, Olla Reisen, Susan Srodawa and Kiki Simopoulos add a few more bags before taping the box for delivery.

touching every kid, even the kid that wouldn't necessarily get picked. That's why I like it this way better."

At Pierce, the entire sixth grade, in two separate shifts, packaged 10,000 meals, one-third of which aid one of 20 network countries, one-third serves the 100-plus Michigan-based pantries

and the final third of which is stored for natural disaster relief. Each 13.8-ounce bag contains a mix of long-grain rice, a dehydrated blend of six vegetables, chicken-flavored vitamin and mineral powder and vitamin-fortified crushed soy.

"We're looking for models, not only in

Michigan, but throughout the world as far as community service projects go, and helping those that are in need," said Michael Burwell, the Kids Against Hunger Michigan chapter's executive director. "Obviously, Grosse Pointe has been one of the ones that said, 'You know what, we're going to truly make an impact, not only



in the lives of people that are struggling, but also in our communities, our kids that are in the communities lives, teaching them how to do service projects."

That's the message Carlisle hoped for when switching the format of the Kids Against Hunger partnership: that the stu-

dents of Grosse Pointe are committed to serving, to making an impact around the world and in their own community. The students have responded.

"I really think it's nice to help people who are hungry," student Noah Eckert said. "It's a good service to do."

Ride of a lifetime



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Last spring, Maire Elementary School held its tri-annual Maire Fair Auction, during which the Kiehl family won a ride to school on a Grosse Pointe Public Safety fire truck. On Wednesday, Nov. 28, that ride came to fruition, as public safety officer Joe Adams, pictured above, drove first grader Everett Kiehl and his sister, Sophia, in the truck. Sophia is a student at Pierce Middle School.

Market night

Maire Elementary School's Parent Teacher Organization invites the community to help support the local Gleaners by attending the PTO's Holiday Market Night and Craft Fair from 6 to

9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, at Maire's gymnasium, located at 740 Cadieux, Grosse Pointe, 48230.

The shopping event features items from many local crafters and

vendors, as well as food. Admission is \$3 for adults and kids are free. To rent a table, interested vendors can contact Deana Hussey at deana.hussey@yahoo.com.

Sounds of the season

The Grosse Pointe South High School choirs present their annual holiday concert, "Sounds of the Season," at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14, and Saturday, Dec. 15, at the

Grosse Pointe North High School Performing Arts Center. The choir covers the greatest music from the holiday repertoire," choir spokesman Terry Ayrault

said of the event, which also features a visit from Santa and his elves. Tickets are available at Posterity: A Gallery and online at the choir web site, gpsouthchoir.org.

Holiday concert

University Liggett School invites the community to celebrate the season with all its choir and band students, who are performing as part of

the annual All-School Holiday Concert at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Masonic Temple in Detroit. A prelude begins at 12:30 p.m.

The free concert features students in first through twelfth grades in band, choir, hand bell and small ensemble. Donations are welcome.

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CHURCH EVENTS

Ecumenical breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's ecumenical breakfast begins with coffee at 6:45 a.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A buffet breakfast is served at 7:15 a.m. followed at 7:45 a.m. by the speaker, Conrad Koski from the Goodfellows. The event ends at 8:15 a.m. Men of all faiths can attend.

For more information call Eric Lindquist at (313) 530-8656.

St. Paul Lutheran

The General Motors Employees Chorus, under the direction of Amy Saari and accompanied by Eric Miller, present a 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, concert at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Sacred and secular seasonal music is performed. St. Paul Chancel Bells, under the direction of Linda Bauer, also perform.

The concert is free and a free will offering is accepted.

♦ A visit to Historic Trinity in Detroit is set for 10 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 18. The trip includes a tour of the church and a catered lunch. The cost is \$12.

For more information,

call Dorothy Carty at (313) 881-7113 or Beverly Henry at (586) 777-6365.

First English

First English Lutheran Church holds its annual music Sunday at 11 a.m. Dec. 9. The Good News Singers and instrumentalists perform sacred seasonal classics.

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

♦ The Grosse Pointe Community Chorus, directed by Joseph Palazzolo and accompanied by Ron Pietran-toini, presents its 60th annual holiday concert, "Ring Those Christmas Bells," at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9.

♦ The concert features the church's hand bell choirs and the men's a cappella group, The Grunions.

♦ Adult tickets cost \$10 and children's tickets cost \$3.

♦ Tickets are available at Moehring-Woods Florist, 20923 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Christian Reformed

During Advent, First Christian Reformed Church explores the questions: what happened to the original, good state we enjoyed? And, is there a way to get

it back?

The message at the 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, service is Are We There Yet? based on Exodus 13:17-22.

The church is located at 1444 Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park. For more information, visit grossepointecrc.org.

Christ the King

Christ the King Lutheran Church's annual living nativity takes place every 45 minutes from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The event includes singing carols, seeing live animals and local children reenacting Jesus' birth.

Pizza and hot beverages are served. A free will offering is accepted.

For more information, call (313) 884-5090.

Christ Church

Handel's "Messiah" is performed by the Christ Church Chorale, a soloist and the church's orchestra at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at the church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

The public can attend. Tickets cost \$25.



Christmas treats

Pat Deck, left, and Mary Beth Haas are among dozens of bakers preparing dozens of Christmas cookies and other holiday treats for the annual Cookie Mart from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms. Proceeds benefit the home and abroad mission work of the United Methodist Women.

PASTOR'S CORNER By Roger Skully

A simple prayer to God

What do we actually mean when we say, "Blessed are you," to God?

When someone sneezes, we say "bless you"; we are praying to God to heal the person who may be sick. Clearly, this cannot apply when we are talking to God.

The Hebrew word for blessing, berachah, is related to the word "bereichah," which means "pool" into which waters of a spring collect. When we describe God as "blessed" we mean he is the ultimate "pool" of all that is good. He is the spring from which all existence ema-

nates.

We acknowledge this reality when we say a blessing, or berachah. The word berachah is also related to the word berech, kneel. Some commentators understand the word "blessing" as an expression of praise and subservience. When we say "blessed are you, God," we are engaging in a verbal "bending of the knee in humility, praise and acknowledgment of our dependence on God."

If fact, when we partake of his bounty

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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.

Nancy Bordato

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Nancy Bordato, 58, died Monday, Dec. 3, 2012, at Harper Hospital in Detroit.

A graduate of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Mrs. Bordato went on to obtain her bachelor's degree in business from the University of Arizona before joining her family company, Radar Industries in Warren. She was a member of the Lochmoor Club, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

Mrs. Bordato had a passion for caring for others, especially her children. Her family said she was known for her generosity, kindness and devotion to her family, friends and work.

She is survived by her daughters, Lauren Bordato Cisco (James), Jennifer Bordato and Julie Bordato; sister, Sandy Shetler (Richard) and brothers, Dave Zmyslowski (Kathy), Mark Zmyslowski (Gail) and Kevin Zmyslowski (Lee Ann) and their children.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at A.H. Peters Funeral Homes, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Scripture reading will be held at 7 p.m.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 10, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Mary Louise Chorny

Mary Louise Chorny, 87, died Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2012.

She was the beloved wife of the late Stephen Chorny Sr. and dear mother of the late Stephen Chorny Jr.

Mrs. Chorny was a former teacher in the Grosse Pointe Public School System. She was active in Grosse Pointe Lawyers Wives and a devoted member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

A memorial service has taken place.

Donations may be made to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Arrangements by A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Ivan Ludington Jr.

Ivan Ludington Jr., 87, of Rochester, died Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012.

He was the loving husband of the late Joann; dear father of Susan Gillary (Randall), Dana Ludington (Judy), David Ludington (Karen), Michael Fairchild (Christin) and the late Ivan Ludington III, cherished grandfather of nine and great-grandfather of one. He also is survived by his first wife, Barbara Ludington.

A memorial service will be held at noon Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Potere-Modetz Funeral Home, 339 Walnut Blvd., Rochester. The family will receive friends beginning at 10 a.m. until time of service.

Donations may be made to the Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation, 201 West Big Beaver Road, Suite 1020, Troy, MI 48084 or at kimberlysgift.org or to Mariners' Church, 170 East Jefferson, Detroit, MI 48226.

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Douglas Joseph Stafford

Grosse Pointe Park resident Douglas Joseph Stafford, 79, died Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012, at Sunrise on Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods.

He was born Sept. 23, 1933, in Detroit to Roy and Lydia Stafford and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School. He attended Wayne State University and graduated from the Chrysler Institute of Technology. He was a design engineer for Chrysler Corp. and the owner of Philpot School of Automotive Drafting.

Mr. Stafford was an avid golfer and enjoyed jazz music, exercising and travel. He was a former member of the Essex Golf and Country Club in Ontario, Canada. He mostly enjoyed spending time with his wife, five sons and their families in South Haven and visiting relatives in Canada.

Mr. Stafford is survived by his wife, Florence; children, Michael (Anne), Jeffrey (Dina), Bruce (Agnes), Craig (Jennifer) and Scott (Cathy); stepchildren, Mary Ellen Mallouf, Patricia Kowalski,

Gary Rapaski, Stephen Rapaski and Christopher Rapaski; 13 grandchildren and 10 step-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Mary (nee Shields); sister, Barbara and brother, Thomas.

Visitation will be 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park, with rosary recitation at 7 p.m.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park.

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Rita Stauffer

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Rita Stauffer, 90, passed away peacefully Thursday, Nov. 29, 2012, in Orlando, Fla. She was surrounded by her loving family during her last days.

She was born in Detroit and graduated from Girls Catholic Central High School. She studied art for two years at the Meininger School of Art in Detroit. She worked at Parke-Davis and Capital Airlines, where she met her former husband, Robert (deceased).

The Stauffers lived in Prairie Village, Kan., Upper St. Clair, Pa., and Naperville, Ill. Mrs. Stauffer enjoyed traveling in the United States and abroad. She subsequently returned to Michigan and retired from Michigan Consolidated Gas Company.

Mrs. Stauffer is survived by her daughter, Dianne Kincaid; son, Mark Stauffer (Cindy); grandchildren, Tara and Ryan; brother, Shad Kozlowski (Phyllis) and sister, Tess Seibert (John).

She was predeceased by her parents, Albert and Pauline Kozlowski and her brother, Gerald.

Donations may be made to Vitas Community Connection, c/o Vitas Innovative Hospice Care, 2201 Lucien Way Suite 100, Maitland, FL 32751 or at vitascommunityconnection.org. Indicate in memory of Rita Stauffer on donations.

Eleanor Kathleen Thompson

Grosse Pointe Park resident Eleanor Kathleen Thompson, nee Damman, 93, passed away Friday, Nov. 30, 2012, at home surrounded by her family.

She was born Aug. 24, 1919, in Grosse Pointe Park, where she lived all of her 93 years, to Hilda and Archie Damman.

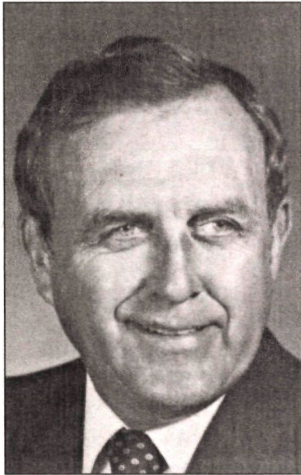
She married Thomas J. Thompson II April 22, 1950, and together raised three children. Her family said she was a loving and caring wife, mother and friend.



Nancy Bordato



Mary Louise Chorny



Ivan Ludington Jr.



Douglas Joseph Stafford



Rita Stauffer



Eleanor K. Thompson

She was an accomplished gardener whose passion kept her in her garden for endless, happy hours.

Mrs. Thompson is survived by her children, Mary Elizabeth Brown (Charles), Thomas Thompson (Jane) and Susan Yovanovich (Robert); grandchildren, Charles, Alexandra and Mallory Brown, Ryan (Sean Fosse), Susan and Cassie Thompson and Max and Jordan Yovanovich.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 3 at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park.

Donations may be made to Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 24301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301 or the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, 150 Stimson St., Detroit, MI 48231.

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William P. Thorpe IV

William P. Thorpe IV, a Grosse Pointe Farms attorney known for his enthusiasm and dedication to competitive rowing and sailboat racing, as well as his curmudgeonly charm, died Sunday, Dec. 2, 2012, at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, following a courageous battle with brain cancer. He was 74.

His devotion to the water, particularly the Detroit River and Lake St. Clair, was first sparked by his involvement with rowing at the Detroit Boat Club at age 17. After winning five U.S. Rowing national titles and nine Royal Canadian Henley Regatta championships, he was named to the Detroit Boat Club Rowing Hall of Fame in 1997.

In 1965, shortly after beginning law school at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, he met Bill Martin, an economics professor at Eastern Michigan University, who later became athletic director at the University of Michigan, during a pick-up basketball game. Mr. Martin invited Mr. Thorpe to crew

aboard his sailboat and discover another enjoyment of being on the water.

Mr. Thorpe was a member of Bayview Yacht Club since 1972, serving as the club's commodore in 1993. He sailed in 38 Port Huron-to-Mackinac Races, winning his class championship six times, as well as 19 Chicago-to-Mackinac Races. He was active in the International Etchells fleet at Bayview for several years and a member of Bayview's Old Goats Society, reserved for sailors who have completed at least 25 Mackinac events.

It was at Bayview Yacht Club, during an Etchells race in 1985, Mr. Thorpe was introduced to a fellow attorney, Tracy Allen, whom he married in 1989.

Armed with more than 30 years of sailboat racing experience, Mr. Thorpe became engaged in race management, as a judge and umpire, and according to his family, was a well-respected and much sought after race official noted for his burning sense of fair play on the water. He was appointed as a judge in 1997 by U.S. Sailing, the sport's national governing body, and later as a senior judge in 1999, an umpire in 2004, and an international judge in 2006.

In 2007, he became a U.S. Sailing regional administrative judge and frequent instructor to train judges in the organization's certification program. He also served as chairman of the protest committee for the Detroit Regional Yacht-Racing Association. Since 1997, he was a member of protest committees at more than 100 race events, both nationally and internationally.

Mr. Thorpe also was active in snow skiing, making his first trip to Aspen Mountain in Colorado at age 12 and skiing until as recently as last February. He also was a frequent golfer.

After graduating from Grosse Pointe High School in 1956, Mr. Thorpe received a bachelor's degree in economics in 1961 and a juris doctor degree in 1967, both from the University of Michigan. He was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan in 1968 and practiced commercial transactions, liti-



William P. Thorpe IV

gation and corporate law for 45 years with Fildew Hinks PLLC and two predecessor firms in Detroit and Royal Oak.

Following his undergraduate career, Mr. Thorpe served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy from 1961 to 1965. He was a communications officer aboard the USS Randolph, an anti-submarine carrier, in the western Atlantic Ocean during the Cuban Missile Crisis as well as the recovery of the Project Mercury spacecraft and astronaut John Glenn after the first American orbital flight in space, both in 1962.

Mr. Thorpe is survived by his wife, Tracy; two sisters, Barbara (John) Jay of Naples, Fla., and Nancy Thorpe of Stuttgart, Germany, and nephews, Michael and Rob Jay, both of New York City.

He was predeceased by his parents, William P. "Bud" Thorpe III and Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Thorpe, and his brother, John Thorpe.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home Inc., 16300 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Park.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 2326 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

Donations may be made to the Bayview Yacht Club Junior Sailors Inc., 100 Clairpointe, Detroit, MI 48215; Friends of Detroit Rowing Inc., 27551 Rackham, Lathrup Village, MI 48076; Hermelin Brain Tumor Center, 1 Ford Place, 5A, Office of Philanthropy, Detroit, MI 48202; or Community Living Centers Inc., 33235 Grand River, Farmington, MI 48336.

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Revised holiday deadlines

Due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays, deadlines for obituaries will be as follows:

For the Dec. 27 issue, obituaries are due at 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20.

For the Jan. 3 issue, obituaries are due at 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27. The paper will be going to the printer Friday, Dec. 28.

Information can be sent through our website at grossepointenews.com; faxed to (313) 882-1585 or sent to karen@grossepointenews.com.

For more information, contact Karen Fontanive at (313) 343-5591.

Prayer: God's blessing

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If fact, when we partake of his bounty without a blessing, or thank you, it is as if we are stealing. Hence we say "blessings" for his goodness to all of us, and to recognize the source of the goodness we receive.

Skully is president of the Grosse Pointe Ministerial Association and cantor at the Isaac Agree Downtown Synagogue.

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Manet exhibit helps put things in perspective

Addie St. John, barely 4, likes railroad trains. Her reason is simple: "Because," she said.

That's it. She neither offers explanation nor honors requests for elaboration. Shades of Bartleby preferring not to.

Twynnes, as Addie, of Grosse Pointe Farms, pronounces them, are as fascinating an element of her young world as they were in 1873 to Suzanne Hirsch of Paris, a child of France's burgeoning Industrial Age.

This is shown in "The railway," a portrait of Suzanne, modeling the role of a daughter, by Edouard Manet.

The girl stands in the foreground, her back to the artist and viewer. She looks through a wrought iron fence at a steam locomotive wreathed in steam.

By evidence of her steadfast posture, Suzanne's focus on the train admits no distraction. Not by her dotting



"The Railway," by Edouard Manet, 1872-1873, National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C. At right, Manet painted "Chez Le Pere Lathuille — En Plein Air," or, "in the open air" on the terrace of a Paris restaurant in 1879. From the Musee des Beaux-Arts, Tournai, Belgium.

passers. Not much has changed in 139 years.

"Manet is often called the father of modernity," said Brian Kennedy, director of the Toledo Museum of Art, where "The Railway" hangs

... Manet. It sounds like David Letterman's "Oprah ... Uma" shtick at the 1995 Oscars.

"We know the public may confuse the two," said Larry Nichols, co-curator of the exhibition and TMA's William Holden senior curator of European and American painting and sculpture before 1900.

The show helps put things in perspective.

"Manet is arguably the greater of the two artists and had far more impact on 20th century art," Nichols said. "One thinks of Michelangelo, Rafael and Rembrandt. Manet ranks in that echelon. 'Manet: Portraying Life' excites the daylights out of me."

Manet virtually begged for acclaim.

"Manet was very gregarious and driven, desiring acceptance," Nichols said. "Does this sound familiar to humanity?"

Manet was indignant when young Claude Monet came on the scene.

"Who is this Monet whose name sounds just like mine and who is taking advantage of my notoriety?" Manet said at an 1865 exhibition.

Resentment soon yielded to respect. They became friends. In 1875, Monet rallied patrons to buy a destitute Manet's paintings "in order to help out a talented artist."

Manet was a pallbearer at Manet's funeral in 1883.

The exhibition includes Manet's portrait of Monet in a garden with his wife, Camille, and son.

Getting ready

The exhibition was organized in partnership with the Royal Academy of the Arts in London.

Preparations took at least four years. Works belong to 31 public and



private collections, from Budapest to Tokyo with Kansas City in between.

"The premise of this show is to focus on works where we know who is in the paintings," Kennedy said.

Manet lived at a time that saw the first commercial method of photography, the daguerreotype.

"No matter what your means, you could have your photograph taken," Kennedy said.

Included in the show are nearly 20 photographs of people represented in the paintings. Photos and paintings are displayed almost side-by-side.

"You'll see in this exhibition the intervention of the artist in how an individual looks," Nichols said. "This exhibit is very much about 2012 and what it means to conceive of yourself to be perceived by somebody else."

"Manet: Portraying Life"

Life appears through Jan. 1 at the Toledo Museum of Arts, 2445 Monroe Street, Toledo, Ohio.

Museum admission is free. Admission to "Manet" costs \$8 per adult, \$5 per senior and students ages 2 to 22. TMA members and children under 5 are admitted free. Combination tickets for "Manet" and "Made in Hollywood: Photographs from the John Kobal Foundation,"

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"The Monet Family in their Garden at Argenteuil," 1874, Metropolitan Museum of Art and, in rear gallery, "Lady With a Fan (Jeanne Duval)," 1862, Szepmu veszeti Muzeum, Budapest.

mother sitting to her left. Not by a cuddly puppy sleeping in her mother's lap. Not by a tasty bunch of green grapes within grasp to the right.

"Because," she seems to say.

The mother, incidentally, is modeled by Victorine Meurent, the subject of Manet's "Olympia," not in the exhibition.

When Suzanne's character and Addie outgrow childhood, they'll be better equipped to reconcile their fascination with trains as fire-breathing vehicles to the outside world and harbingers of things to come.

Today's art historians rate "The Railway" highly. Much more so than critics of the day.

Foreground, background and the iron fence are in equal focus. The perspective is flat. There are few transitional tones.

By giving equal focus to the girl and train, Manet balanced childhood innocence with societal changes imposed or pending by industrialization.

The fence, being slotted rather than solid, stresses the tenuousness of trying to maintain traditions in the path of new ways of life.

The locomotive, hidden behind a cloud of steam, reinforces the unknown consequences and promise of technology.

The fence protects Suzanne. It keeps her within her innocence, for now. The fence also defines the railroad right-of-way and discourages, but does not defeat, tres-

with 70 paintings in "Manet: Portraying Life" through Jan. 1.

"The challenge and opportunity for our visitors is to engage with what was new about Manet," Kennedy said. "In 'The Railway,' the steam engine is the locomotive of technology the way electronic technology is today. In the way Manet encapsulates the period, we have a window into the birth of modernity."

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Peppy Lancer GT priced to sell



There must be some mistake. Did we get the wrong window sticker? How could such a handsome, nimble and well-equipped sport sedan be so affordable? The 2013 Mitsubishi Lancer GT 2.4 is the car in question. The Lancer has a rather complicated lineup. Models include DE, ES, SE, GT and the Ralliart. So our GT was near the top, yet its manufacturer



suggested retail price was \$19,995 — a modest figure, we thought, given its challenging tempera-

ment, great looks and equipment level. We found the Lancer to be among the most fun to drive sedans we can recall. We likely owe some drivers a quick apology: this car likes to zip across busy divided roadways and responds well to last-minute decisions to edge over for right-hand turns. Visibility, except for the rear spoiler, is good in the Lancer. Front seats are OK; they are manually adjustable. And the rear seat is pleasantly accessible with extraordinary body room and decent leg and foot room. It was comfy and would likely do nicely for back-seaters on a long drive. We like cloth seats, so we were not disappointed in the absence of leather surfaces. Riding up front, a friend who owns a large luxury sedan found the Lancer noisy, reflecting every seam and depression on the roadway. The DE, or base model, does not have standard

air conditioning, but does feature a four-speaker audio system, remote keyless entry, a four-way adjustable driver's seat and blacked-out front grille. Equipped with a five-speed manual transmission, its starting price is listed as \$15,995. The ES, with manual transmission, is \$17,095; the SE starts at \$20,295 and has a continuously variable automatic transmission. Our GT, if ordered with the automatic, is priced at \$20,995.

The "beefier" Lancer Ralliart has a turbo-charged 2.0-liter four and six-speed twin-clutch transmission with Sportronic Shift for those who like to do their own shifting minus a clutch pedal. It features all-wheel-control all-wheel drive and starts at \$28,095. Lancer ES is available with numerous options, including a HDD navigation system with music server, Mitsubishi Motors' FAST-Key passive entry with panic feature, and the company's FUSE Handsfree Link System. Both the 2013 Lancer DE and ES models are powered by a 16-valve 2.0-liter DOHC four, rated at 148 horsepower. Fuel economy for these DE and ES models is 26 miles per gallon city/34 mpg highway when equipped with the continuously-variable transmission. The 2013 Lancer GT — our test car — is powered by a 168 horsepower 2.4-liter four-cylinder engine. The sporting Lancer GT comes with a short-throw five-speed manual



Mitsubishi meets the sport sedan market head-on with its 2013 Lancer GT. Lancer's rear spoiler is cool, but it does confuse rear visibility. Vehicle information includes miles until next service and a farewell greeting to the exiting driver.



transmission. A continuously-variable transmission with Intelligent & Innovative Vehicle Electronic Control system is available. The CVT-equipped Lancer GT also includes Sportronic shifting via steering wheel paddle shifters. Other standards on the 2013 Lancer GT are sport front bucket seats, automatic climate control, sport-tuned suspension, a six-speaker audio system, the more aggressive-looking front fascia from the Lancer Ralliart model, 18-inch alloy wheels, and leather-wrapped steering wheel and shift knob. The 2013 Lancer SE AWC model — introduced to the Lancer model lineup in 2012 — receives additions to its list of standard features. They include a Thule plug-in roof carrier accommodation. Mitsubishi said this is a freebie for the customer who wishes to carry items atop the car in a Thule product. And 16-inch five-spoke alloy wheels are available. A new premium pack-

age for the SE AWC includes a power glass sunroof, Rockford Fosgate premium audio system with SiriusXM satellite radio, 6CD/MP3 in-dash head unit, leather-wrapped steering wheel and shift knob and soft-touch door trim with chrome lever. Standard on all Lancer sedan models are side-impact head protection curtain air bags; front seat-mounted side air bags; driver's side knee air bag; anti-lock brakes with electronic brake-force distribution and active stability control with traction control. The Lancer has an overall government safety rating of four stars. In frontal crashes, it earned five stars for the driver's side and four for the front passenger's side. In side crashes, front seat passengers were protected to a five-star level; rear seat passenger safety was at a three-star level. The Lancer earned four stars in rollover tests. Stars notwithstanding, the Mitsubishi Lancer was named a "Top Safety Pick" by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety for the fifth consecutive year, Mitsubishi said. Mitsubishi wants to introduce two new vehicles in 2013 and a third in 2014, an Outlander plug-in hybrid, plus increase local production at its facility in Normal, Ill. King is an automotive writer who lives in the City of Grosse Pointe.

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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

G.P.N.: 12/6/2012

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 19, 2012

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:00 P.M.

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

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Councilman 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 on November 5, 2012 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Board of Canvassers meeting held November 6, 2012.
- 3) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 98761 through 98915 in the amount of \$170,152.25 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 Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in the amount of \$5,381.20 for the 2013 annual water supply fee.
- 2) To adopt the Performance and Indemnification Resolution authorizing the City to make necessary repairs to county roads and sidewalks, and further to adopt the Performance and Indemnification Resolution authorizing the City to take any necessary restorative corrections to county roads and sidewalks, and further to adopt the Performance and Indemnification Resolution authorizing the City to temporarily close county roads and/or place temporary banners within the right-of-way.
- 3) To Approve the transfer of \$100,642.26 in delinquent Water and Sewer Bills, \$103,582.66 in Miscellaneous City Services and \$9,201.00 in Special Pickups and \$2,678.00 for meter replacements (total of \$216,103.92) to the 2012 Winter Tax Roll as proposed and submitted by the City Treasurer.
- 4) To extend the corporate existence of the Grosse Pointes-Clinton Refuse Disposal Authority and further to authorize the City Manager to sign any documentation to implement this extension.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor **Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk**

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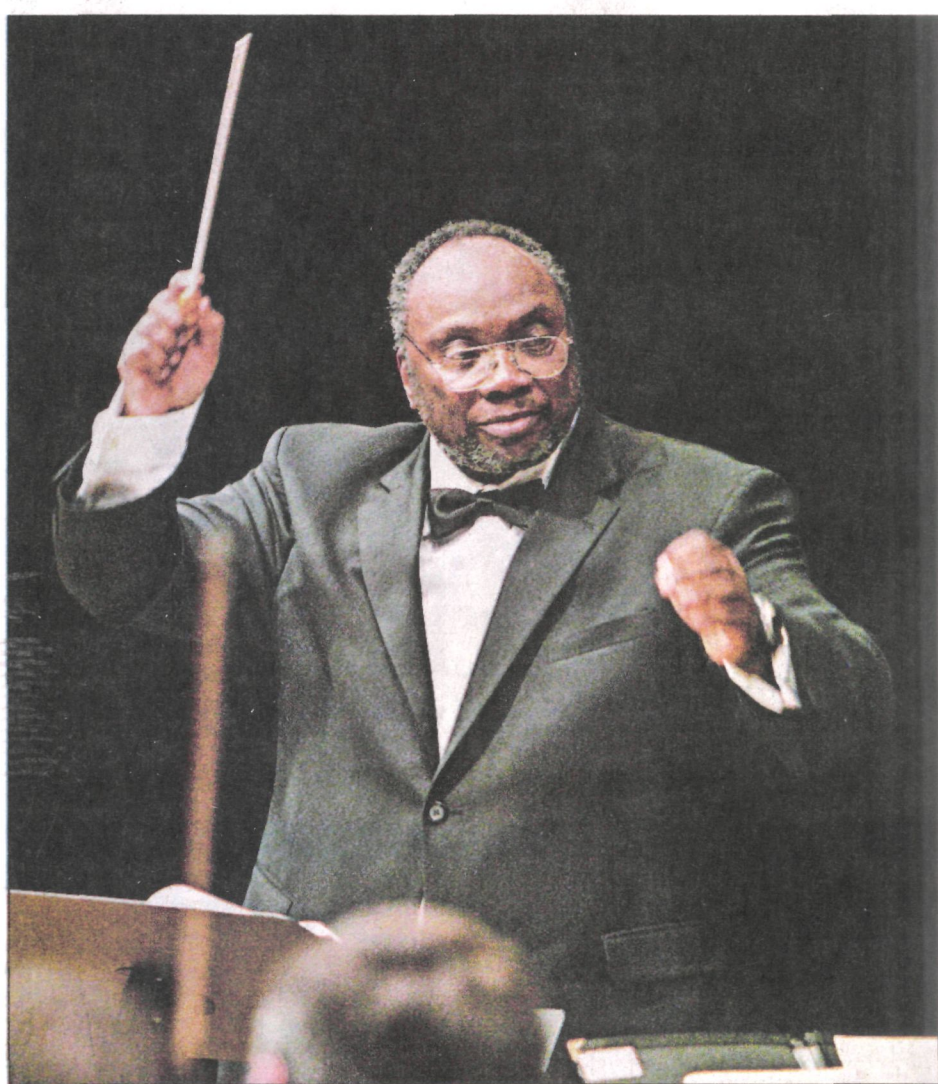
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Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra director Joe Striplin is also a violinist with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Music by friends for friends describes the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra. It is an unofficial aphorism by which the orchestra has stood 60 seasons.

Under the direction of Joe Striplin, the 60-plus members present a Christmas Brass concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at the Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church.

"People sustain it," said William Hulsker, the orchestra's president and 15-year member, of how the orchestra has maintained its long standing in the community.

"We have a faithful crowd. They've been coming for years. People bring their children and grandchildren," he said. "We have a strong legacy. This is great music in your backyard. It's always fun to have friends and neighbors in the audience."

It's also fun to be surrounded by people who love music either as a professional or not. For



City of Grosse Pointe resident Jamie Dabrowski plays the viola for the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra.

instance, the orchestra has couples, brothers and sisters and one performer met her husband through the orchestra. They come from all walks of life, Hulsker said. Some members are music teachers, some are retired and others are business professionals.

"This is a close knit community," he said.

And it is for the community's benefit a wide

variety of music is selected. Striplin chooses pieces for four concerts a year, plus a free August concert in the atrium of St. John Hospital and Medical Center. Before the economy hit sour notes, the orchestra performed six concerts a season. Hulsker said with the auto industry turning

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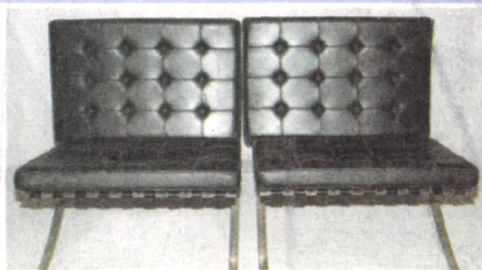
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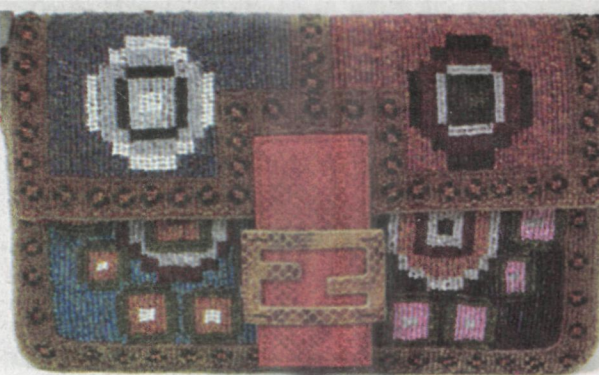
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AREA ACTIVITIES

Grannie Nannies

The Grannie Nannies meet at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at Big Boy Restaurant, 20710 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The organization is open to area grandmothers.

For more information, call Services for Older Citizens at (313) 882-9600.

Children's chorus

The Michigan Opera Theatre Children's Chorus presents its sixth annual holiday concert and fundraiser, "A Winter Fantasy," at the Detroit Opera House at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9.

Adult tickets cost \$28 and children's tickets cost \$15. To purchase tickets, call (313) 237-

SING.

Eight chorus members are Grosse Pointe residents: John O'Dell, Colette Henry, Josie Monahan, Hayden, Barry, Antonio Cipriano, Steffi Roche, Marcella Staricco and Elizabeth Duus.

Historical society

The Provencal-Weir House Museum and LaBelle Country Store, 376 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, are open from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8.

Toastmasters

The Northeastern Toastmasters meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10, in the Brownell Middle School cafeteria, 260



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Veterans' garden

Sunday, Nov. 11, Veterans Day, 30 engraved memorial bricks were dedicated in the Veterans' Garden at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, including one in memory of U.S. Army Cpl. William Peppler, who served from 1944 to 1946. His daughter, Laura Peppler-Maloney and widow, Shirley Peppler, were at the event hosted by the Grosse Pointe Garden Club and War Memorial. Bricks have been placed on the renovated hillside. Bricks cost \$250 and may be purchased by calling the garden center at (313) 881-7511.

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For more information, call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikielek at (313) 884-4201.

Senior Men's club

The Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe holds a

luncheon meeting at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The Grosse Pointe South High School choir performs Christmas music.

For more information, call Eric Lindquist at (313) 469-8288, or e-mail grossepointeinterests@comcast.net.

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Camera club

The Grosse Pointe Camera Club meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, in Room C-11 at Brownell Middle School, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The club offers workshops, discussions and competitions.

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

26717 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores. She provides tips on how to enjoy the holiday season during her presentation, "12 Days to Go! Don't Worry ... Be Happy."

Social hour begins at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 6:30 p.m.

For reservations and information, call Nancy Neat at (313) 882-1855 or Marcia Pikielek at (313) 884-4201.

Alliance Française

The Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe's Cine Club hosts the showing of "Les femmes du 6ème étage," at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods branch, 20680 Mack.

The film is set in 1960 Paris and directed by Philippe Le Guay.

Admission is free.

Women's Connection

Women's Connection hosts Jill Wrubel at its Thursday, Dec. 13, meeting at the Ardmore Cafe,

SOC

Services for Older Citizens hosts a party for school-aged children from 4 to 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 13, during which holiday cards are made. Supplies are furnished.

The cards will be delivered to seniors in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

To register, call SOC at (313) 882-9600, ext. 242. Adults must accompany the children.

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Yesterday's headlines

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◆ **46 ROBBERY CASES SOLVED:** Thanks to an alert citizen who called City police when he noticed suspicious activity in the gas station at 17800 Mack shortly after 2 a.m. Friday morning, nine young men implicated in 46 breaking and entering cases in the Macomb County-Grosse Pointe area during the past three months, have been apprehended.

◆ **VANDALS PREYING ON CAR AERIALS:** In the past few weeks, City police have received numerous reports of broken radio antennas — ripped from cars left parked by their owners in residential streets over-

night. Aerials have been torn off from at least six cars. The matter is under investigation, but so far no suspects have been located.

◆ **FARMS COUNCIL APPROVES MOROSS SCHOOL CROSSING:** The Moross-Beaupre intersection will not get a traffic light, but a cross walk will be painted across Moross at that point and "School X-ing" painted on the street and proper warning signs placed along Moross approaching the crossing, according to Farms police.

1987

25 years ago this week

◆ **YACHT CLUB SEEKS TO EXPAND:**

Several residents along Lakeshore near Vernier have raised opposition to a proposal from the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club to expand its harbor by some 84 wells south of the existing facility.

◆ **FARMS PASSES RESOLUTION TO CONSOLIDATE POLICE, FIRE:** The Farms council came right out and said last week what it's been thinking for a decade: It wants to consolidate the police and fire departments.

The decision to move toward a consolidated public safety department was made by resolution that empowers the city administration to negotiate an arrangement with the two unions. So far, no details of the plan are certain.

— By Karen Fontanive

ACTIVITIES: War Memorial offers seasonal events

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and snacks to fill holiday baskets delivered to seniors. Donations are needed by Tuesday, Dec. 18, and can be taken to SOC.

◆ Holiday baskets are assembled from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, at SOC, third floor of Henry Ford-Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ SOC's holiday tea is from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, at St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Grosse Pointe North High School choir sings during the event.

The cost is \$5.
◆ For more information, call JoAnn at (313) 882-9600.

Belle Isle Conservancy

The Belle Isle Conservancy hosts a holiday stroll at the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory and Belle Isle Aquarium from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14.

The Deep River Choir and violinist Ian B. Tran provide musical entertainment.

For more information, call (313) 331-7760 or visit belleisleconservancy.org/calendar/events.

Grosse Pointe Woods

◆ A day trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts leaves the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center at 9 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, and returns at 3 p.m. Tickets cost \$25 for Woods residents and \$28 for non-residents.

Reservations must be in by Dec. 21 and can be made by calling the center at (313) 343-2408.

ART Center

The Grosse Pointe ART Center's exhibition committee seeks artists to paint, decorate, build and find chairs to donate for its Oct. 26 fundraiser.

For more information, call the center at (313) 881-3454 or e-mail gpa@grossepointeartcenter.org.

War Memorial

Among this month's events at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial youngsters have a chance to meet Santa and adults can enjoy dinner and a holiday-inspired show. For registrations, call (313) 881-7511.

Breakfast with Santa

— 10:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Dec. 8, and Sundays, Dec. 9 and 16. A family style breakfast is served while awaiting Santa's arrival by helicopter. He'll visit each table to exchange Christmas greetings and lead all to the auditorium where the Merry Music Maker perform. The cost is \$18. Parents should bring a booster seat.

◆ **Bedtime Stories with Santa** — 7 to 7:45 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 11, Wednesday, Dec. 12, Monday, Dec. 17 and Thursday, Dec. 20, in the Alger House reception room. Santa reads Christmas stories to children ages 4 and up. Youngsters can wear pajamas and bring a blanket. Milk and cookies are served. The cost is \$10 per child. Adults are admitted free.

◆ **Scarf Tying for the Seasons** — 7 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 11. Instructor Jackie Miller provides a hands-on demonstration on tying scarves. Bring several styles and weights of scarves. The cost is \$15.

◆ **In the Spirit of Christmas** — 4:45 to 10 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 11. The evening begins with an Italian dinner at Brio Tuscan Grille followed by Holiday Brass show at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts. The Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings with the Dakota Varsity Choirs are also on the program. The cost is \$85.

◆ **Tribute Tree** — Adorned with tribute lights, the 25-foot tall evergreen in the old courtyard of the War Memorial shines in honor and memory of friends,

and family.

Place a light in someone's name for \$10. Forms are available at the War Memorial, or at warmemorial.org.

Outstanding

Recognized

Grosse Pointe Park resident **Deb Miller**, president and chief executive officer of Hugr Boot Wraps, is the winner of the Bronze Stevie Award in the female entrepreneur of the Year, 10 employees or less category, of the ninth annual Stevie Awards for Women in Business.

The 2012 awards received entries from 17 nations and territories.

She created a patent-pending boot cover allowing women to change the look of a pair of boots.

The item was featured on the "Made in America" series on ABC World News with Diane Sawyer and was named top swag at the Sundance Film Festival.

Listed

Seven Grosse Pointe attorneys have been listed in the 2013 edition of the peer-review journal, The Best Lawyers in America. All are employed with Bodman PLC.

Grosse Pointe Park residents included are: **Harold M. Deason**, **Robert J. Diehl Jr.**, **Fredrick J. Dindoffer**, **David M. Hempstead** and **Dennis J. Levasseur**. Other attorneys mentioned are **R. Craig Hupp** and **E. William S.**

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Presto — Winter pesto



With the holidays in our midst, dinner can get lost in the shuffle. Keeping it easy yet flavorful is a week night dilemma. Spruce dinner up this week with winter pesto made with spinach and all the other things we love in a pesto (garlic, olive oil and cheese). Throw a pound of pasta on the stove, whip up some fresh pesto and supper is served.

Winter Spinach Pesto

½ cup toasted walnuts
1/3 cup olive oil
1 large garlic clove, minced
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
4 cups baby spinach, lightly packed
½ cup parmesan cheese

Place toasted walnuts



PHOTO BY VIRGINIA O. MCCOY

Annie's winter spinach pesto goes a long way.

along with olive oil, garlic, salt and pepper in a food processor and pulse a few times.

Add half of the spinach and pulse until smooth. Scrape sides of bowl, add remaining spinach and pulse until smooth.

Add cheese and pulse just to mix it in, two or three times.

Taste and add more of anything you like to taste in your pesto.

I tossed some of my

pesto (remember a little pesto goes a long way) with just cooked gnocchi (potato pasta) and topped it with shredded parmesan and a sprinkle of crushed toasted walnuts.

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ORCHESTRA:
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around it affords the possibility of increased sponsorship thus more concerts could be added to the schedule.

In the meantime, Hulsker, Striplin and the seven member board sit down and discuss the season's selections made by Striplin who took over for long-time director Felix Resnick.

GPSO has a small sheet music library from which to chose a program. It buys some music and it rents other pieces.

The orchestra belongs to a southeastern Michigan cooperative so orchestras can share music because, for instance, renting the Vaughn Williams' tuba concerto costs \$400. Sharing music helps contain costs, Hulsker said.

Composers from the 20th century are becoming standard fare, though the usual composers are frequently incorporated. In fact, he said, with regular attendance to the concerts, the audience will hear a variety of music.

"It's a chance to hear friends and neighbors play an eclectic (selection of) music. We try to get two or three styles on the program. If you come through the season, you will get a well-rounded education," Hulsker said.

For example, both Wagner and Beethoven selections were performed at the opening in the fall of 2012 concert. The December 2011 concert, with the Cantata Academy Chorale, featured music by Handel, Healey Willan, Brent Pierce, John Tavener, Ralph Vaughn Williams, Giovanni Bottisini and J.S. Bach, while the April



Pianist Zhihuz Tang performed at the October concert. Tang is one of many professional musicians invited soloists.

2012 spring concert had selections by German composer Max Bruch.

"We've got to keep it varied," Hulsker explained. "It's more interesting to the audience and players."

Sunday's concert features Scott Schroeder and Paul Miller on trumpet performing Vivaldi's "Concerto for Two Trumpets." Other selections include Christmas songs and the Cantata Academy Chorale with conductor Susan Catanese.

The venue for the latest concert is Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church, the fall concert was held in Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

Not surprisingly, churches have good acoustics, he said.

Finding appropriate venues to accommodate the orchestra, audience seating and provide good sound are a concern and Hulsker is in favor of a permanent home to be shared with all Grosse Pointe fine arts organizations.

Until such time, the orchestra practices every Wednesday from late September through early May at Parcels Middle School.

Parcels was the first venue for the 59 musicians who gathered in January 1954. The new orchestra consisted of 12 teachers, 18 students, five housewives, a banker, lawyer and 13 others, according to the March 3, 1954, issue of the Grosse Pointe News.

Wayne Dunlap was the



Erich Hintzen of the City of Grosse Pointe plays the tuba for the Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra.

first soloist and conductor. Henri Nosco was the director and Felix Resnick served as conductor and music director from 1959 until Striplin took over in October 2006.

In addition to performing, the orchestra selects, through an audition process, a student for its Nester Scholarship.

The most recent recipient was Charles Paul, a senior at Grosse Pointe South High School. Performing a solo with the orchestra is a stipulation of receiving the scholarship.

The symphony orchestra holds informal auditions prior to joining. It

charges no dues and welcomes new members, as well as volunteers. The latter is needed to help with fundraising, promotions and marketing.

"You don't need to play," Hulsker said, "but they do turn out to be music lovers."

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Bassoonist William Hulsker of Grosse Pointe Park performs at the 2012 fall concert. He has been a member of the symphony orchestra for 15 years.

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Michael Richman

Adapting to child's learning style



Q. How can parents determine their child's "learning style" and what are some tips to help students succeed in school based on their particular "learning style"?

A. How each child reaches full academic potential is something every parent is yearning to know. What's your child's "learning style" — visual, auditory or kinesthetic? Identifying one's learning style allows students to score higher on tests, have better attitudes and

become more efficient. Students learn in many ways, like seeing, hearing and experiencing things first hand. But for most students, one of these methods stands out. Your "learning style" may be the single most important key to improving your grades.

Research has shown that students can perform better on tests if they change study habits to fit their own personal learning styles.

Here are two different ways you can identify your child's "learning style":

Paper airplane activity: For the first attempt at making the paper airplane, verbal directions are read. The second attempt, visual and written

directions are given. For the third attempt, the instructor demonstrates each step while the child folds the paper airplane. Which one was the child most successful with?

Learning style memory exercise: This activity is best for a group. Choose 15 items that can be seen, heard and touched. Take each item out of a box and have the children pass them quickly down the row to each other. They will have the opportunity to look at each item, feel it and hear it. When all of the items have been passed and returned to the box, have them see if they can recall the items and write them down on a sheet of paper.

Then discuss the results: What did you forget

and why? How did you remember the items? Did it help you to remember the items if you could touch them? See them? Hear them?

Here are some tips for each style:

Visual learners: Take lots of notes and write down any explanations.

Organize your work, re-write and reorganize; make outlines and lists.

Draw out pictures, mind-maps, flow diagrams and time-lines.

Visualize pictures to go with information you are trying to remember.

Study in a private place with no visual distractions.

Use flashcards; color code words; use highlighters; circle words; underline.

Auditory learners: Use word associations and songs to remember facts and lines.

Record lectures and classes to play back if possible.

Watch and listen to videos.

Repeat facts over and over with your eyes closed.

Participate in class discussions and study groups.

Tape notes after writing them.

Kinesthetic learners: Study in short blocks.

Keep your body active while you study; chew gum, squeeze a stress ball, walk around with a book in your hand and recite information to be learned.

Study and role play

with others.

Type and use the computer while studying.

Play music while you study.

Play memory games.

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Peanut butter jars

The Professional Nurse Council at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe teamed up with Michael Pieh M.D., internal medicine, to collect jars of peanut butter. Pieh serves as the president of the Taia River Union that provides food, medicine and other necessities in his home country of Sierra Leone. Peanut butter, with additional supplements added, provide calories, protein and a full complement of vitamins and micronutrients to the malnourished children of this region. The peanut butter drive collected more than 150 jars. Pictured are in front from left, Pieh, Linda Amato, Michele Gamel, Shelline Wellman and Donna Martin; in the back from left, Denise Martin, Celeste Decker, Pam Lively, Michael Michon, Heidi Kemper, Benjamin Borton, Sharon Whitney-Boykin and Geri Day.

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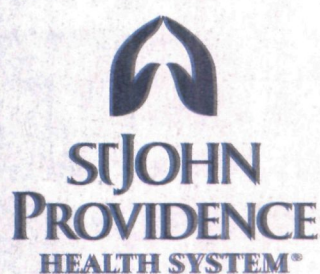
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GIRLS HOCKEY

North opens by blanking Liggett

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' hockey team was the last squad to play a game and it came last weekend at city rival University Liggett.

"The girls are ready to finally play a meaningful game after a few weeks of practicing," North head coach Joe Lucchese said.

It took the Norsemen a period to get the rust off, but once they did, the results were a 2-0 win over the Knights.

Neither team scored in the first period as both goalies played well. North senior Sarah Richardson made her first start in net after a two-year hiatus from the sport and Liggett freshman Olivia Portillo was on her game.

At the 13:11 mark of the second period, North senior Jacci Sherry scored what would be the game-winning goal, lifting a wrist shot over Portillo's shoulder. Senior Bryn Moody drew the lone assist.

The Knights had ample opportunity to draw even as they had three power-play chances in the second stanza. However, the Norsemen defense and Richardson's solid play in



Liggett's team captains this season for head coach Cassie Jaeckle, far right, are, from left, Chandler Warren, Ania Dow, Danielle Lorant and Aria Ganz-Waple.

net kept the Knights off the scoreboard.

After a Liggett penalty at the 11:59 mark of the third period, the Norsemen scored an insurance goal as senior Julia Henderson tallied a power-play goal five seconds later with seniors C.J. McCarthy and Katie Bowles netting assists.

"It took us a while to get going, but once we did, we played pretty well," Lucchese said. "Sarah did a nice job in net and the girls were strong defensively."

"I liked our offense and

the girls had a lot of shots on net. It was a good hockey game and we're happy to be 1-0."

The Knights had two golden chances to score late in the third period, but Richardson came up with both saves to preserve the shutout. The defense was led by the foursome of Natalie Skorupski, sophomore Karina Lucchese, Moody and Sherry.

For the Knights, the offensive pressure was supplied by senior Hannah Mason, juniors Ania Dow, Hannah

Hodges and Danielle Lorant, and freshmen Molly Murphy, Grace Scarfone, Allison Stapleton and Jennifer Kusch.

Earlier in the week, Liggett played Ann Arbor and lost 6-1.

"We played a poor game and it showed in the final score," Liggett head coach Cassie Jaeckle said. "Ann Arbor is a nice team and it might be one of the favorites to win the title in March."

With the win, Grosse Pointe North is 1-0 in the



PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE

North senior Bryn Moody drew an assist and played stellar defense in the Norsemen's win over Liggett.

Michigan Metro Girls game Saturday, Dec. 8, High School Hockey against Ann Arbor at League and after the Grosse Pointe defeats, Liggett fell to 1-3 Community Rink.

Coming up for the an away game the same day against Bloomfield.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils net 'team victory'

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' hockey team improved to 2-0 after beating Walled Lake 3-1 last weekend.

"It was a pretty good game against a much-improved team," head coach Joe Provenzano said. "We were able to skate three full lines and we mixed our veterans with our new girls."

"It worked out well and the girls played a

good game."

Junior Tenley Shield scored the Blue Devils' first goal with senior Lindsey Makos netting an assist, and in the third stanza senior Darian Dempsey tallied, making it 2-0. Sophomore Ellie Flom had an assist on the goal.

Walled Lake scored early in the third period to make it close, but freshman Grace Moody tallied a huge insurance goal with junior Anne Crowley drawing an

assist.

"It was nice to see Grace score her first varsity goal and it came at an important time in the game," Provenzano said. "Having a two-goal advantage gave us some breathing room down the stretch."

"Our new players are blending in nicely."

Senior goalie Anastasia Diamond was solid in net, stopping 29-of-30 shots as she improved to 2-0 on the young season.

FOOTBALL

Doyle, Elliott earn gridiron accolades

Grosse Pointe South senior Jack Doyle earned postseason honors after helping the Blue Devils' football team win a division title and make the state playoffs this fall.

The senior made the Detroit News Division 1-2 All-State Team and Associated Press Division 1-2 All-State Honorable Mention Team at line-backer. Joining Doyle on these lists are Mike Czarnota of Fenton, Brett Showers of Rockford, Derric Williams of Lake Orion, Anthony Darkangelo of Novi Catholic Central, Jon Reschke of Birmingham Brother Rice, Lucas

Bourelle of Midland Dow, Anthony Edwards of Port Huron, Jon Metz of Bay City Western, James Mills of Lansing Everett and Ronnie Russell of East Lansing.

Doyle, as well as Grosse Pointe North senior offensive lineman Steve Elliott, made the Prep Football All-East Team.

Elliott was named North's defense's most valuable player, finishing with 75 tackles, 19 solo tackles, three quarterback sacks and eight tackles for loss.

Doyle finished his career as South's all-time leading tackler with 331.



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Girls basketball

LIGGETT

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Omar Ahart drew a tough assignment when making his head coaching debut for University Liggett's girls' basketball team, hosting Class B state champion Goodrich.

"These games get our girls ready for state play-offs," Ahart said. "It's a tough opponent to start the season, but it's OK with us. I can't wait to see our girls improve as basketball players and as a team."

The Knights lost 51-42 as a second-half scoring drought played a key role in the defeat.

Goodrich opened an 18-11 lead in the opening quarter and it was 34-26 at the half. The Knights

cut the deficit to six points, 44-38, by outscoring Goodrich 12-10 in the third quarter.

However, the offense only mustered four fourth-quarter points as the Knights went down to defeat in Ahart's debut.

"The girls need time to get used to my system and I have all the confidence in the world in our girls," Ahart said. "We will get better."

Sophomore Jessica Rotzoll led the Knights with 13 points, followed by senior Haleigh Ristovski with 11, freshman Kendall McConico with seven, sophomore Lola Ristovski with six, senior Arianna Castillo with three and junior Lea Evangelista with two.

Liggett is 0-1 overall.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Liggett sophomore Lola Ristovski, right, is tightly guarded by Goodrich sophomore Tania Davis during their season opener last weekend.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls' basketball team opened its slate last week, dropping tough non-league games to Sterling Heights and Birmingham Marian.

The Norsemen lost 37-36 to the Stallions as the home team hit a three-pointer with 18 seconds left in the fourth quarter.

The Norsemen trailed 24-15 at the half, but played solid defense in the second half to nearly pull out the victory.

"I was really proud of our defensive effort," head coach Gary Bennett said. "We could have folded, but we pulled together and worked hard as a team."

Junior Maria Liddane led the team with 14

points. Sophomore Megan Lesha had six points and four rebounds, and junior Jayla Hubbard has six points and senior Stavi Varlamos added five points.

Two nights later, North led 19-16 at the half at Marian, but had trouble scoring in the final two quarters.

"We had 27 turnovers for the game, many in the second half," Bennett said. "At the other end, we only turned them over three times in the second half which limited our chances for some easier baskets."

Senior Taryn Kiah had 12 points, four steals and three rebounds to lead the Norsemen, while Hubbard added nine points and Varlamos had six in a losing effort.

Grosse Pointe North is 0-2 overall.

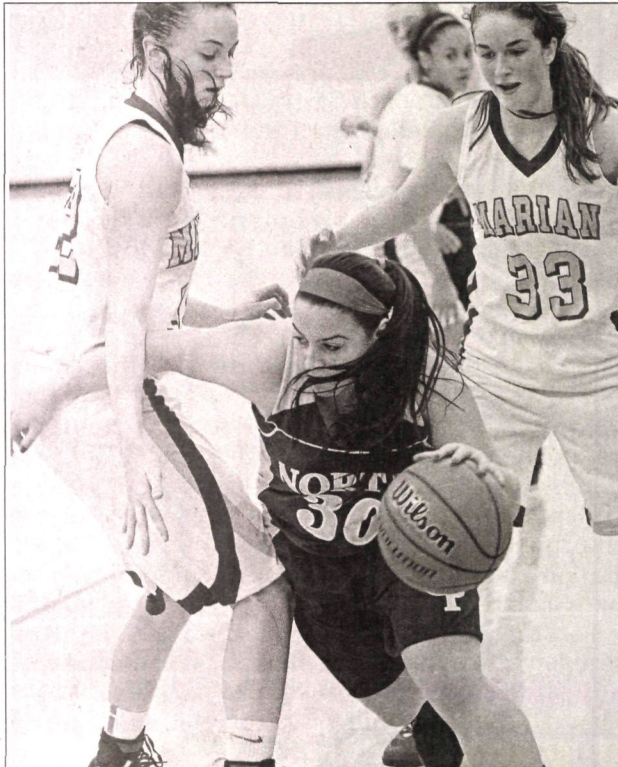


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North guard Stavi Varlamos dribbles through traffic during the Norsemen's non-league loss to Birmingham Marian.

COLLEGE NEWS

Smooth sailing

University Liggett 2012 graduate Madison Ristovski, right, is playing well as a freshman on the University of Michigan women's basketball team. The Wolverines, under first-year head coach Kim Barnes-Arico, has played in all seven games (5-2 overall), averaging nearly 18 minutes per game. She has nine rebounds, 18 assists and scored 25 points. Another local student-athlete, Grosse Pointe North graduate Ariel Braker, is a junior on the University of Notre Dame women's basketball team. The nationally-ranked Fighting Irish are 5-0 overall as Braker is playing 18 minutes per game and has 19 rebounds, six blocked shots, seven steals and scored 34 points.



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Boys hockey

LIGGETT

Knights get split

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's boys' hockey team split its games last weekend, falling 8-0 to Orchard Lake St. Mary's and beating Toledo St. John's 5-0.

"I think the St. Mary's score is a little deceiving," head coach Robb McIntyre said. "We had our chances to score and they had a few bounces go their way. It's one of those games you look at and see some positives, even though we were mercied."

It was a scoreless opening period, but the host Eaglets continued to pressure until they finally scored midway through the second period.

After that, it was all Eaglets as they tallied five more second-period goals and ended the game with a little more than three minutes left in the third stanza.

Sophomore goalie Luke Soyka suffered the defeat, stopping 40-of-48 shots. He rebounded to blank St. John's two days later.

"It was a weird game," McIntyre said. "They had good scoring chances early in the game, but somehow we managed to dodge those and scored on our end."

Junior Jake Jerome scored twice to lead the host Knights. Senior Jake Soyka and junior Lordanthony Grissom also tallied for the Knights.

Liggett is 3-3 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils win in Metro

The Grosse Pointe South boys' hockey team improved to 2-0 in the Michigan Metro Hockey League after shutting out Pontiac Notre Dame Prep 3-0 last week.

Senior Will Newell earned his first win of the season between the pipes and junior Andrew Hyde led the offensive attack with two goals.

The other goal scorer was senior Tommy McShane and junior Andrew Bigham, sophomore Cameron Mogk

and senior Max Corden had assists.

Last weekend, head coach Bobby McKillop's Blue Devils played well against state power Trenton, but lost 3-2.

Junior Andrew Wright suffered the tough defeat in net and Corden had both goals, including a short-handed tally in the second period.

On his first goal in the opening period, Bigham had the lone assist.

Grosse Pointe South is 2-4 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH



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Division defeat

Grosse Pointe North senior Jack Stander, above, and his teammates lost their boys' hockey Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League game 8-0 to Brother Rice last week. The visiting Warriors, the defending Division 2 state champ, led 2-0 after the first period, but poured it on in the second stanza, tallying six times to end the game by mercy. With the loss, the Norsemen dropped to 0-3 in the MIHL and 1-3 overall.



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Girls cross country

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils earn post-season honors

According to the NHSCA (National High School Coaches Association), Grosse Pointe South's girls' cross-country team finished the season ranked No. 2 in the nation.

The only team to finish higher was Michigan's Birmingham Seaholm. Also placing in the top 10 was Saline, giving Michigan three of the top nine positions nationally. Both Seaholm and South upended six-time national No. 1 Fayetteville Manlius High School in New York.

In addition, three South cross country runners were named to the Division 1 All-State Team: senior Hannah Meier, junior Kelsie Schwartz and sophomore Ersula Farrow.

Meier became the first runner in South history to earn four consecutive All-State awards.

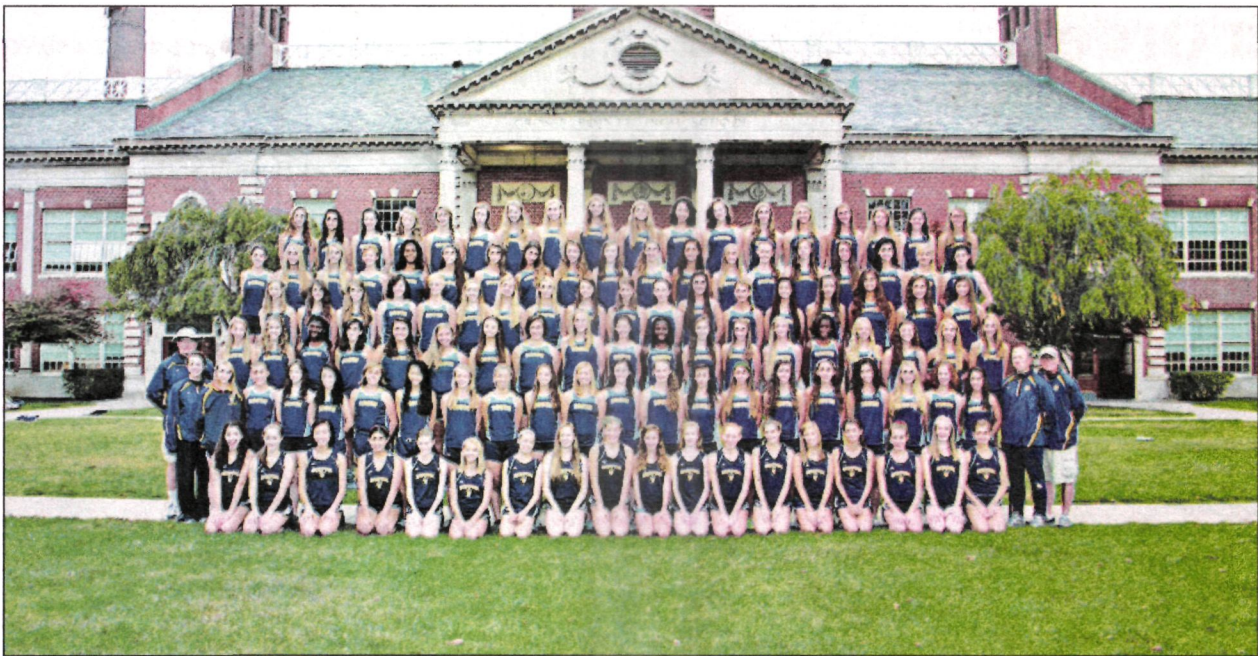


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Grosse Pointe South's girls' cross-country team put together another solid season.

Schwartz has now earned three consecutive awards and Farrow earned her second straight.

More honors came to the Blue Devils in the postseason as the team

earned academic awards with an overall grade point average of 3.878. South had the third highest team GPA in the state.

At the recent team awards night, several

special honors were awarded. The top four runners, Hannah Meier, Kelsie Schwartz, Ersula Farrow and Haley Meier, earned the most valuable athlete award. All four

were part of South's 2011 state championship team and this year's state runner-up team.

Earning the Most Improved Award were sophomore Mary Spencer

and freshman Hadley Diamond, while freshman Anna Piccione earned the Rookie of the Year Award.

Special Captain's Awards were given to Janey Degnan, Natalie Sullivan, Ellen High and Rachel Forcillo. Coaches Awards were given to Sam Holm, Annalise Bissa and Gretchen Cozad.

Hannah Meier was also recognized for lowering her own school-record 5,000 meter (3.1 miles) mark to 17:16 and was named the MAC Most Valuable Athlete for the fourth straight year.

The 20 seniors on the team experienced during their cross-country career four undefeated seasons, 19 invitational championships, four MAC red division titles, four state regional titles, a state runner-up title and a state championship.

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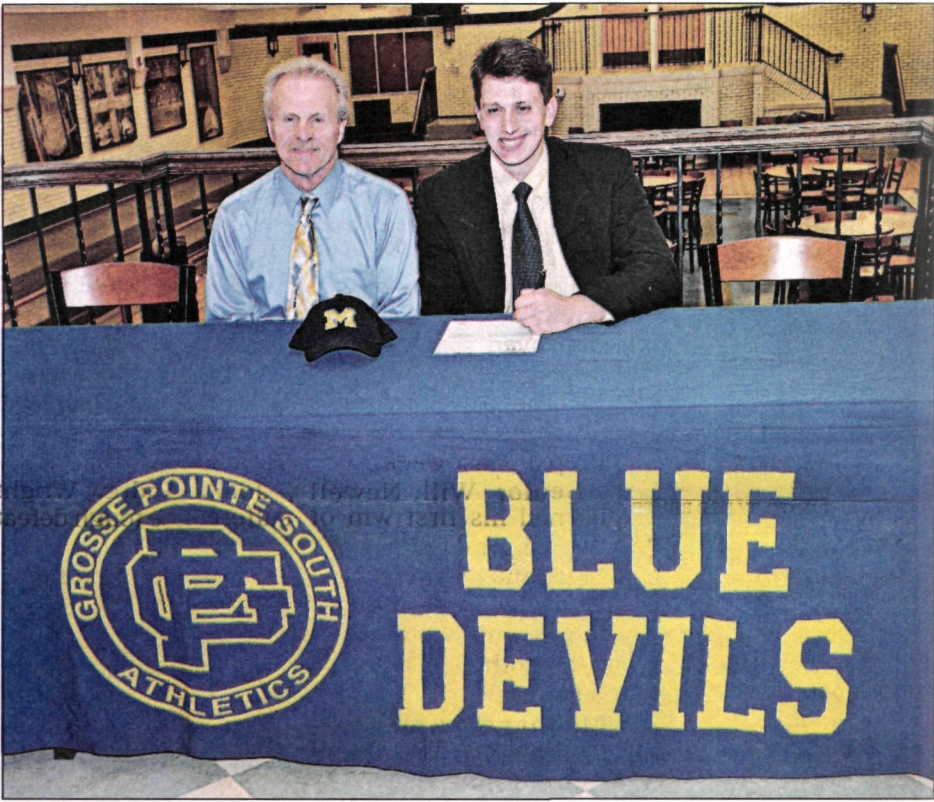


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Maize and Blue

Grosse Pointe South senior Carmen Benedetti, right, signed a letter of intent Wednesday, Nov. 14, to play college baseball for head coach Erik Bakich at the University of Michigan. Benedetti, shown with South varsity baseball head coach Dan Griesbaum, enters his final season of high school baseball as a 2012 member of the MHSBCA Dream Team as a first baseman and a Division 1 All-State first baseman. He is ranked as one of the top players in the nation by several publications. He hit .557 his sophomore season and last spring hit .494 with 39 RBIs, 29 runs scored, seven doubles, two triples, seven home runs and walked 30 times.

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Oakland Grizzly

University Liggett senior Connor Fannon, seated left, signed a letter-of-intent to play college baseball for Oakland University next year. Taking part in the celebration were his parents, brother, Liggett Athletic Director Michelle Hicks, and his varsity baseball coach, Dan Cimini. Oakland University is coached by John Musachio and the Grizzlies finished 25-31 last year, including 15-6 in the Summit League.

GROSSE POINTE PARK

Rahaim earns drag racing championship

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It took a little less than four seconds for Grosse Pointe Park's Bob Rahaim to travel the 660 feet in his drag racing car to officially claim the American Drag Racing League Pro Nitrous series championship this season.

The 52-year-old put together a season for the ages in 2012, winning three races and competing in the finals in several others.

Not bad for a guy who took a 15-year hiatus to help raise his family.

"A lot of hard work by a lot of people went into this championship," Rahaim said. "It's something I will never forget. What an amazing season."

Rahaim delivered his world champion acceptance speech Oct. 21, with an emotional start.

He thanked his family, his crew and race officials, and in the end said his father was a big inspiration for him, and his mom was looking down from heaven.

Rahaim finished with 3,726 points, followed by Doug Riesterer with 3,121, Rickie Jones with 2,895 and Robert Mathis with 2,496.

This is Rahaim's first world championship. He took the points lead from Jones at the end of May and steadily increased it throughout the summer.

His crew did a great job of getting his car ready for the weather and track conditions.

During the summer, temperatures would start off relatively warm for the first run of the day and quickly heat up to the 90s during the afternoon runs.

Rahaim and his crew were the masters of the Pro Nitrous track and they are ready to defend the title.

Adding to his joy was the fact that many of his family members watched him win races and his three daughters, Jennifer, Sarah and Kristin, were members of his pit crew.

"They got their hands dirty and really dug in to make this car run fast," Rahaim said. "I can't

thank my family and friends enough for the support."

He returned to racing in 2006. He had to get some of the rust out, but slowly and surely he found the mojo it takes to compete at the championship level of drag racing.

Rahaim has to get from start to finish in times ranging from 3.81 to 3.85 seconds, meaning he travels the 1/8 of a mile at 198 mph.

His silver car looks like a bullet racing down the track.

If fans blink during the race, they could miss one of his victories. He won the title driving a new Reher-Morrison motor and car from Jerry Bickel Race Cars.

In addition, he worked with Switzer Dynamics race team.

Rahaim began his drag racing career in the late 1980s, but took time off to help raise his family.

He had the urge to get back to the sport he loves and he did in 2006.

Six years later, Rahaim is the Pro Nitrous champion.

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