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Bashara: Up to 20 years

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

DETROIT — Bob Bashara was sentenced Monday to 80 months to 20 years in prison for attempting to hire a hit man to kill Joseph Gentz. Wayne County Circuit Judge Bruce Morrow handed down the sen-

tence, apparently unmoved by Bashara's tearful plea that he was "ashamed" by his actions in trying to kill Gentz, the man charged with the January murder of Bob's wife, Jane Bashara. "These words are true and sincere," Bashara told the court, his voice breaking. "I know what I

did was wrong. I have no one to blame but myself. I understand this was a crime and I will regret it for the rest of my life. I am ashamed of what I did and I can't tell you how regretful I am of my actions."

Bashara broke down several times while reading his statement, his

voice shaking as he spoke of being abandoned by his friends and of his concerns for his family.

"I made a promise to my grandfather to be there for my mother in her senior years," he said. "I ask that you offer me some leniency."

Wayne County assis-

tant prosecutor John Moran urged Morrow to set a sentence of at least five years, saying Bashara lacked remorse, that Bashara's work for community organizations did not give him a blank check to commit a crime and alleging Bashara

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Ford House tradition

With Santa's help, Joey Harris of Grosse Pointe Woods and Alysa Collette of Richmond, color a holiday picture. Santa visits the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Saturdays. At right, Santa packs the gifts for the Christmas Eve flight. Below, Santa Claus took quill in hand to write the names of good girls and boys in his ledger. He keeps a globe near by to adjust and revise the route he'll take Dec. 24. At bottom, Santa's workshop at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House is filled with antique toys.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



Council tackles shortfall

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — The year 2013 is still weeks away, but the Grosse Pointe Woods city council decided not to wait to begin budget talks for the next fiscal year.

Faced with declining revenues that could mean a \$700,000 shortfall and a strong message from voters the way to balance the budget is to make cuts rather than raise taxes, the council has directed department heads to look to ways to cut costs as well as new revenue sources.

The council, meeting as the committee of the whole, heard from two department heads at its meeting Monday, Dec. 10, and while the budget talks are still very much in

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Suburb's woes affect waterworks

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Highland Park's financial problems could put the Grosse Pointe Farms water plant on ice.

The plant filters drinking water to residents of the Farms and City of Grosse Pointe.

It also draws raw water from Lake St. Clair through an intake pipe shared with Highland Park, which had to shut down its filtration system and seems unable to afford repairs.

The shutdown prevents using backflow from Highland Park to flush ice known to clog the 1,500-foot water intake from Lake St. Clair.

To prelude service interruptions this winter, Farms officials arranged to tap into Detroit's distribution network at short notice.

The intake, located 1,500 feet offshore in 10 to 12 feet of water, can choke with frazil ice, a slushy mix-

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Reward offered

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

A \$2,500 reward is being offered through Crime Stoppers for information in the murder of Grosse Pointe Woods resident Donald DeWulf.

DeWulf, 54, was found dead the morning of Monday, Nov. 26, in his house on Hampton. A relative had gone to the house when the family had been unable to reach him. Grosse Pointe Woods police have not released an official cause of death, but have confirmed it's the Woods' first homicide in nearly 30 years.

Woods Public Safety Director Andrew Pazuchowski has not released any information in the case. However, he said his department is working closely with Michigan State Police, Detroit Police Department and the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

"We are processing evidence and following up on leads," he said, "but at this point, we are not releasing any additional information."

Anyone with information, call Woods public safety at (313) 343-2400 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-773-2587.

Detail presented

Developers followed through this month with a more detailed proposal to renovate the limestone office building at 99 Kercheval on the Hill into a branch bank.

The building, constructed decades ago as the Grosse Pointe News headquarters, is unoccupied.

Eugene Casazza, an asset manager for the building's owner, Russell Development Co., based on the Hill,

provided members of the Grosse Pointe Farms city council this week color renderings and specifications of proposed renovations to the front facade.

Farms officials approved plans to enclose the building's front notch, built to accommodate an elm tree that died years ago, with an automatic teller machine and glass doors.

—Brad Lindberg

A real Christmas story



The children of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods performed the parts of the Christmas story at the church's annual living nativity performance last weekend. Above, children dressed as angels, wise men, Mary, Joseph and shepherds. At right, Stephanie and Sarah Westrick dressed as the wise men who may have traveled by camel to present gifts to the Jesus and his parents.



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Plans at Cottage coming along

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Developers hoping to augment Cottage Hospital with senior housing and assisted living presented the city council this week a preliminary notion of what the facility might look like upon opening in August, 2014, if everything goes right.

"We're here to present our conceptual plans for what we hope to bring in the future for site plan approval," said Tim McCaffey, senior project manager for REDICO, a real estate development firm.

REDICO is teaming with American House Senior Living Communities and Henry Ford Health System.

They're preparing to renovate the second and third floors of Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage Hospital on the Hill into 78 studio, single and double-bedroom condominiums.

The breakdown is 38 independent living quarters and a communal dining area on the second floor.

The third floor would consist of 30 assisted living units and 10 memory care units. Each division has a dedicated dining

area.

"It's purely conceptual," said James Sharba, lead designer at Hobbs & Black in Ann Arbor.

A hospital representative said such housing meets the needs of the community's aging population.

"We went through market studies and found there was significant demand for senior living in the area," McCaffey said.

"We want to focus a lot of energy on better serving our senior population right here in the area," said Paul Szilagyi, regional vice president, primary care and medical center, Henry Ford Health System.

The residential development, with the working title American House Grosse Pointe Farms, would share a medical campus being "more and more" oriented toward the needs of senior citizens, according to Szilagyi.

He said:

◆ "Our emergency room is the only Henry Ford Health System emergency room certified in senior care.

◆ "We have our first senior assessment center inside the Cottage facility itself.

◆ "We're enhancing services at Pierson Clinic,



BY REDICO

American House Grosse Pointe Farms, view of main entrance on Kercheval.

where we rent space, and adding new services that fit with what we're doing at Cottage, including adding EMT and audiology; also, some of the most advanced glaucoma treatment anywhere in the Henry Ford Health System."

In short, American House Grosse Pointe Farms "fits," Szilagyi said. "This is one of the most unique and exciting projects we've done."

Architects propose using the original, 1928 main entrance facing Kercheval.

Motor vehicle traffic enters from Kercheval, then exits onto Kercheval or northbound Muir,

toward the multi-level parking garage.

"We believe this will reduce congestion and traffic onto Kercheval and provide better flow," Sharba said.

Farms officials are likely to confirm that prospect by commissioning a traffic study.

Off-site parking for employees and extra visitors is provided by leasing half of the parking deck's third floor.

Developers value the original building's architecture.

"We want to maintain that look, with the Tudor design and old brick,"

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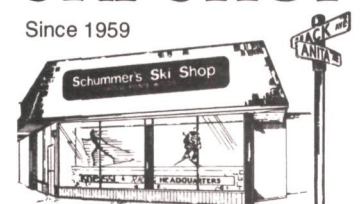
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- Joe Warner

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Super sweaters

Above left, Betty Pruden was given the distinction of wearing the ugliest sweater, covered with food and product wrappers to the Grosse Pointe ART Center's ugly sweater competition. Above right, from left, Hala Besmar, Amy DeBrunner and Linda Allen show off their Christmas sweaters. Besmar and DeBrunner said they embellished their sweaters for the event. Allen added items to the tree skirt she is wearing. The art center is open from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Those who shop in the Village can get their holiday presents wrapped free at the center during normal business hours. A receipt must be presented for the service.

Village merchants plan improvements

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — A gentleman shines the back of his shoes. Likewise, a pair of Village merchants is sprucing up the rear of their businesses. Longtime Village mer-

chant, Bill Lemanske, will renovate the rear facade of his family business, Notre Dame Pharmacy, on Kercheval. Plans feature a facade of brownish brick and a new door braced by two display windows. Two coach lights and three gooseneck fixtures will illuminate the area. The City of Grosse Pointe council approved Lemanske's plan this month. "The way the weather is now, it looks like early spring before it gets started," he said. "We're looking at the latest March 1 to get it going." Lemanske retained Rob Wood & Associates,

of the City, for the design. Wood's rendering includes a blade sign and awning with lettering. "The design is consistent with zoning ordinance requirements," said John Jackson, the City of Grosse Pointe planning consultant. "It really looks nice."

Down the block, the husband and wife proprietors of Chez Loulou salon are redoing the rear of their business.

"We hope to get it done in the next 30 days," said Jim Bellanca, of the Kercheval Company, on behalf of the proprietors. Plans are to transform the unadorned stucco facade and neighboring space with trim details, a new entry door with frosted glass panels above, gooseneck lighting and a sign.

"We're so happy to be part of the Village," said Brigitte Rist, one of the owners. "We're going to bring a ton of business."

Dredging a necessity

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS - "It has to be done, sooner rather than later."

That was the assessment by city Councilman Todd McConaghy on dredging the city's marina as the council, meeting as a committee of the whole Monday, Dec. 10, discussed declining lake levels and the impact it was having on Woods boaters.

"If we're going to continue to have a marina, dredging now is a necessity," McConaghy added.

At issue is the declining lake level brought on by recent snowless winters and rainless summers.

McConaghy, a boat owner, told the council the water level in his well has dropped 18 inches, while city administrator Al Fincham pointed out the lower levels were very evident to anyone who drives along Lakeshore, where the lake bottom is clearly visible along the shoreline.

Fincham told council he has received estimates on dredging, and sought council approval to begin the process, which begins with obtaining permits from three separate agencies.

The estimates include two separate plans, one for just the dredging of the channel leading to the lake, the other for the dredging of individual boat wells. Channel dredging ranges from \$132,000 to \$202,000, depending on how wide the dredging must be, with estimates being from 40 feet wide to 70 feet wide, with a length of 1,200 feet.

Dredging individual boat wells, two feet deep and 10 feet long, would add \$15,000 to the overall cost.

The cost of the project

would be paid for from the city's Boat Dock Enterprise fund, funded through boat well rental fees.

Permits for the project must be obtained from the Water Resource Board in St. Clair Shores, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

Noting that the City of Grosse Pointe is facing a similar issue with its marina, Fincham said he would be in contact with them to see if there could be a way some of the costs could be shared.

Woods city engineer Scott Lockwood urged the council to begin the process as soon as possible, as dredging equipment will be in high demand. The approval process could take up to 60 days, and he anticipated the dredging beginning as soon as the permits were approved, with the project being completed before the 2013 boating season.

"Everyone is in the same situation," he told the council. "In the next year, I anticipate a lot of dredging, so the earlier we can begin, the better."

Woods Director of Public Works Joe Ahee told the council additional work must be done on the marina, including new electrical work, water lines, repair of the seawall and several painting projects. He estimates the cost to be about \$70,000.

The council agreed to add those costs to the overall project, and recommended spending \$287,000 from the Boat Dock Enterprise fund to pay for the dredging and marina improvements.

Several boat owners attended the meeting, and voiced approval of the projects.

A final vote will come Monday, Dec. 17, at the regular city council meeting.

PLANS: At Cottage

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Sharba said. Hospital operations would focus on first floor radiology and outpatient ambulatory surgery,

Szilagy said. Continued emergency room operations "remain to be seen," he said. "Right now, its self-sustaining. If worse came to worse, it may be an advanced first care facility of some sort."

Developers announced the project last June with hopes of starting construction last fall.

"Now, we're moving forward," Sharba said.

They'll need Farms site plan approval before breaking ground in June.

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Drunken driving

A 22-year-old St. Clair Shores man registered a .185 percent blood alcohol level moments before his arrest on Cadieux near Jefferson at 12:15 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, for drunken driving.

Rotten employee

A Harrison Township man was accused last week of stealing some of his employer's power tools and checks.

The complaint, filed Friday, Dec. 7, alleges the thefts occurred the prior week while the victim and suspect were working in the Village.

Stolen checks were cashed for a combined \$3,400, according to the complaint.

Gets away

An accused housebreaker broke a patrolman's tackle, leaped a 6-foot fence and ran from the area of University and Goethe a few minutes before 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4.

Officers from multiple agencies, including a St. Clair Shores K-9 team, surrounded and searched the neighborhood without success.

The patrolman learned of the attempted break-in from a citizen.

The citizen flagged down the officer and reported an unknown male entering the backyard of a house in the 800 block of University.

"(I) noticed a male attempting to lift a window in the rear of the home," said the officer.

A scuffle ensued. The

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officer tried to stun the suspect with a Taser, but the wires failed to make contact.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Gets her kicks

Giving a policeman a swift kick in the hand merely added a charge of assault and battery against a female motorist.

The officer pulled her over at 3:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, for erratic driving.

The woman, 25, of Detroit, was stopped on East Warren near Mack for speeding and making an abrupt turn without signaling.

During a curbside investigation, the woman appeared intoxicated, according to a patrolman.

She huffed and giggled her way through a series of failed field sobriety tests and refused to take a Breathalyzer test, the officer added.

Officers also cited her for child endangerment because she was driving with a youngster in the car.

Phantom tree

At 3:34 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, a patrolman came upon a man in a black 2009 Pontiac G8 station-

ary on Kerby near Kerby Court, south of Grosse Pointe Boulevard.

The car had fresh front-end damage consistent with hitting a small-diameter tree, the officer observed.

The driver, 56, of St. Clair Shores, wasn't sure if he hit something, but said his "vehicle just stopped" in the roadway, according to police.

The man was arrested for having a .144 percent blood alcohol level.

"The area was checked with negative results as to the location of (the) accident," said an officer.

Admits it

A 43-year-old Eastpointe woman was arrested shortly after 12:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, for possession of marijuana.

The arrest capped a traffic investigation on westbound Mack near Washington.

While the woman searched her purse for identification, an officer saw in the purse a plastic bag containing a green, leafy substance.

"It's marijuana," the woman reportedly admitted.

Phone traced

A 16-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms girl said her \$500 iPhone was stolen Monday afternoon, Dec. 3, from the girl's locker room at Grosse Pointe South High School.

The phone had a pink and blue case.

It also has a locator application, which the girl activated. It registered at a house on Rivard near Jefferson in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Officers went to the location. No one they spoke with knew anything about a stolen phone.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Has drugs

A 27-year-old Sterling Heights woman, waiting in a car parked outside Shores public safety headquarters while her boyfriend attended a probation meeting, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

Officers initially questioned her about being wanted on an unspecified, \$5,000 felony warrant from Harrisville.

"During a search of the vehicle, a small baggie of suspected marijuana and rolling papers were found in the center console area," said an officer.

The substance tested positive for marijuana, police said.

Robbed of car

A 37-year-old Detroit man said, "This is a big mistake," during his arrest last weekend for possession of a stolen car.

At 4:17 p.m. Friday,

Dec. 7, police arrested him during a traffic stop on southbound Lakeshore near Stratton Lane. An officer stopped him for operating a red 2001 Dodge Stratus outfitted with an expired license tab.

The car was recorded stolen in Detroit.

Police confirmed the report by contacting the owner.

"(He) stated he was at a party and fell asleep," said an officer. "Upon waking, his car was gone and the key was not on his key ring."

Light broken

A vandalized decorative streetlight at Greenbriar Lane and Sheldon was reported to police the morning of Sunday, Dec. 2.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Business B&Es

A series of smash and grab incidents involving businesses on Kercheval occurred on two separate nights last week. Overnight Sunday, Dec. 2, bricks were used to smash windows and gain entry for two businesses in the 15000 block of Kercheval. In one incident, two cash registers were taken, in another a laptop and a flat screen television were taken. Thursday, Dec. 6, between 6:30 a.m. and

6:55 a.m., two businesses in the same block were hit. In both instances a rock was used to shatter the front door glass. While one reported no loss, the other reported \$100 was taken from a cash register.

According to Park Det. David Loch, some evidence was recovered and the Park police are working with detectives from the Detroit Police. However, they have no suspects at this point and the investigation continues.

Bike taken

A handyman who had been fired is suspected of stealing a bike the afternoon of Thursday, Dec. 6, from a basement storage area of a house on Nottingham. He had been hired by the landlord to paint the basement, but had been recently fired. He is being held on several outstanding warrants.

UDAA

A 2002 Chrysler Sebring was taken overnight Saturday, Dec. 8, from the 1200 block of Audobon.

MDP

A 2006 Jeep parked overnight Saturday, Dec. 8, in the 1400 block of Kensington was entered after an unknown suspect smashed the driver's side window. The contents of the center console and glove box were strewn about the car, but nothing was reported missing.

—Kathy Ryan

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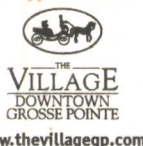
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Farms enjoys a strong fiscal year in 2012

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — It was a good year for city finances.

Municipal revenue totaled \$95,000 beyond expectations. Expenditures ended \$77,209 under budget.

"We collected a little more money than we anticipated," said Councilman Louis Theros, chairman of the Grosse Pointe Farms budget and audit committee. "A lot of it had to do with the rebound in housing starts and improvements, which we saw for the first time in quite a long time."

Increased construction had a trickle-down effect on sales of building licenses and construction permits.

"That was up \$104,000 over last year," said John Lamerato, Farms finance director.

The news came in a routine audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, conducted by Plante Moran accounting firm.

Revenues of \$12.7 million exceeded expenses of \$12.6 million.

"Our budget is about the same as it was in 2001," Theros said.

"All departments operated within their budgets," Lamerato said. "Only 31 cents of every \$1 in property taxes revenues goes to city services. That's a good figure."

Public safety accounted for about 37 percent of general fund expenditures.

"That number is closer to 50 percent in most cities around the state," Lamerato said.

Rainy day fund

Some \$172,000 was added during the year to the general fund balance, which is comparable to the city's savings account. Fund balance now stands at \$4.9 million.

Of that amount, undesignated funds, often called the rainy day fund, is \$3.2 million.

"That is just under 26 percent of our general fund budget, which is very good when you compare it peer-to-peer throughout Michigan," Theros said.

Auditors recommend municipal rainy day funds equal at least 20 percent of general funds.

The capital projects fund totals \$2.1 million.

"We're going to spend \$900,000 in the 2012-13 year on capital projects, with another \$800,000 committed to roads," Theros said.

A mild winter last year helped reduce costs in the road fund.

"Last winter, we spent \$82,000 less for snow and ice removal compared to the prior year," Lamerato said.

The savings is plowed back into the road fund.

"That will help us for future maintenance," Lamerato said. "But, you never know. We could have a bad winter this year."

Water fund

Lamerato characterized the water and sewer

fund as the "only not-so-bright spot."

Low water consumption last year drained revenue.

Expenditures and related costs, such as buying new equipment, rose in the wake of two cases of sewage backups involving about 300 households in the inland sewer district.

"That fund worsened by about \$700,000 over last year," Lamerato said. "Liabilities are more than their assets for that fund."

Total net assets are positive. When including capital assets, the fund has a \$1,193,929 deficit in unrestricted net assets, according to Lamerato.

The fund owes the general fund and capital fund

money borrowed for operations, he said.

"This year, we had a dry summer, so water consumption was up quite a bit," Lamerato said. "Those funds will help repay the general fund and capital fund for those advances."

The deficit elimination plan includes higher water rates, effective last July, and "the utilization of bond proceeds that will lower operating costs associated with the flooding," according to Lamerato.

A state grant is paying some costs of upgrading the Kerby Road Pump Station to ward off more backups.

"We've been assured of at least a \$90,000 grant,

and close to \$300,000, if we get a second one," Lamerato said. "That money will help refund the water fund."

Revenue

Property taxes comprise more than 70 percent of the city's revenue.

"The housing market has picked up quite a bit this past year," Lamerato said.

"We estimate we'll have, for the first time in years, no reduction in taxable values for the next year. We're hoping for at least a stable — and maybe even a positive return."

Awards

The Farms received two awards this year

from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

"For the 19th consecutive year, we received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for our audit report," Lamerato said.

The city also won an award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting for its citizen Financial Summary.

"We're one of only six cities in Michigan to receive both awards," Theros said.

This year's citizen's summary is due for distribution to households with the January newsletter.

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Parents or teachers may nominate students in first through fourth grades, after which a Child Study Committee of teachers and principals reviews nominations

as well as student testing data. The committee then will make recommendations to parents and the nominated student's elementary school.

Parents of any children currently having their academic needs met need not apply for nomination.

For consideration, complete the nomination form found at the district's web site at gpschools.schoolwires.net/site/default.aspx?pageid=11341. All nomination forms must be submitted to Sue Vogel, located on the second floor of the administration building at 389 St. Clair, on or before Friday, Dec. 21. For more information regarding the nomination process, contact your child's teacher.

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GUEST EDITORIAL By Judy Gafa

Questions

I have been struggling with and thinking over the new education legislation, now working its way through the state legislature.

These bills include expanding the Education Achievement Authority, the ability to create new schools and the Oxford Foundations Report. Dr. Thomas Harwood, superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, did an excellent job explaining the legislation and its impact on Grosse Pointe on his latest blog — gpschools.schoolwires.net/Page/11563.

I am trying to keep an open mind, but am very skeptical any of this will improve academic outcomes.

Question No. 1) Why not fund interventions, so the performance and proficiency develop? There is nothing substantial in these bills that address the core issues of failure such as poverty or lack of parental involvement.

Using the benchmarks of the Civic Marshall Plan to make data driven decisions. I would like to focus on: early childhood education, addressing chronic absenteeism, an early warning intervention system, high school credit recovery programs, mentoring programs and early reading programs.

All of these interventions have been shown to improve academic performance and should be considered best practices.

Proposed funding is not tied to these types of programs. Funding will now be tied to performance and proficiency. Although they are voting on legislation now, many state officials are telling us the details will all be worked out later. I cannot imagine implementing any policy in the Grosse Pointe schools, telling the community “we’ll work out all the details later.”

I expect to be able to explain the impact any policy will have on our academic programs and our students. I expect no less from our state legislators and neither should you. When our children’s education is being altered, every “i” must be dotted and every “t” crossed before there is a vote.

Question No. 2) Where is the proof that charter schools are better and why aren’t Michigan parents being heard? Michael Van Beek, director of education policy for the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, has stated “choice” has been available in Michigan for 18 years. After 18 years of choice, we still have more than 138 failing schools.

The research on charter schools has shown they are performing worse, or the same, as public schools. In a recent survey, parents overwhelmingly supported strong community neighborhood schools. Yet, that is not what the new legislation is offering.

Question No. 3) Why are models for failing schools being used as grounds for expansion? Last year the cap on charter and cyber schools was lifted, signed into law by Gov. Rick Snyder. I am not opposed to the idea of charter schools, but let’s make sure there is a rigorous review process in place for any proposed school.

Michigan Virtual Academy, a for-profit charter school, had no 11th graders proficient in math on the Michigan Merit Examination. If this had been a public school, the administration and Mackinac Center would have held that school up as an example of all that is wrong with public education. Yet, this option has been expanded — why?

Question No. 4) Why continue down a path that is clearly not working? Seventy-five percent of Michigan’s charter schools are for-profit — more than any other state. Five charter schools are failing, yet no one is addressing it.

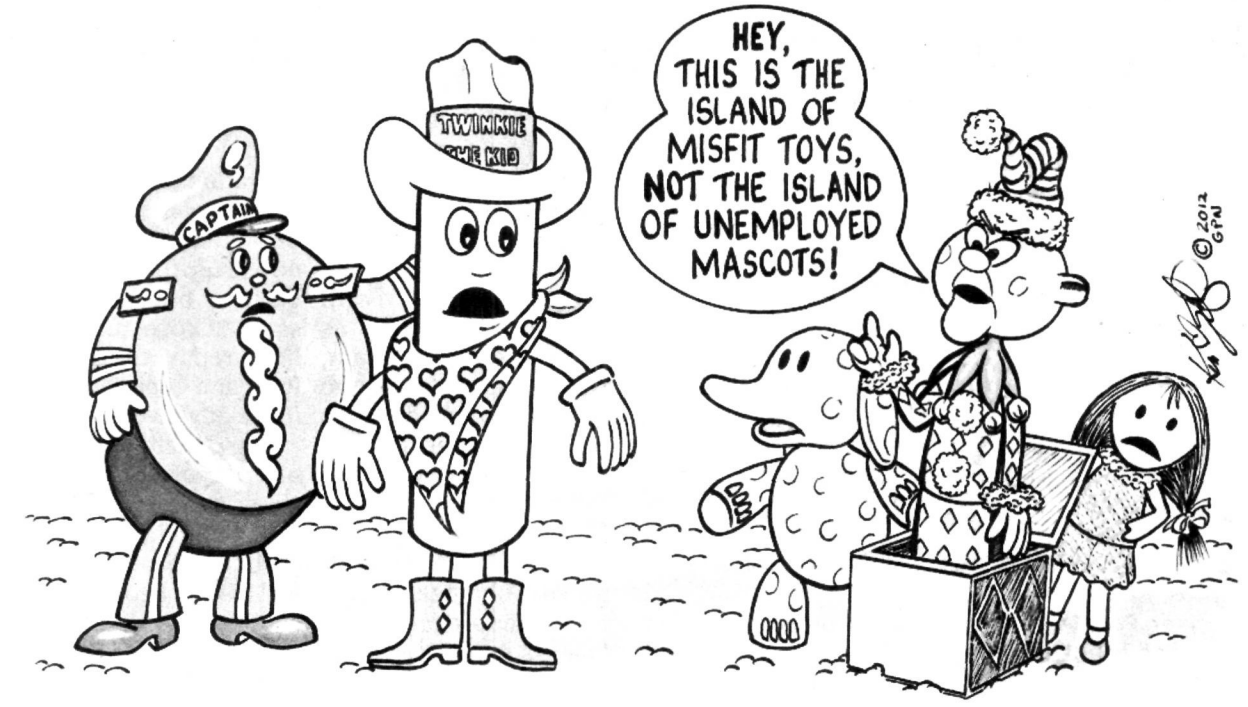
According to the Civic Marshall Plan, Michigan increased its number of dropouts by a factor of three this year. The percentage of fourth graders proficient in reading decreased from 32 to 31 percent. After 18 years of choice, why is Michigan not seeing an improvement in academic outcomes?

Question No. 5) Why won’t the state’s proposed “new district” — Education Achievement Authority — be held to the same standards public schools are held to? The newly-formed EAA is less than three months old.

The appointed chancellor overseeing the 15 failing schools in this new district came from Kansas, where the curriculum he instituted was so poor, it had to be abandoned and rewritten; produced no academic gains under his leadership; had the authority to write his own curriculum under Michigan’s new bill; and does not report to the state superintendent, but reports directly to the governor.

Question No. 6) How can the EAA possibly improve academic outcomes? The EAA will not be in charge of academics alone. It will also be in charge of every school building in the state. The EAA will force every district to catalogue each of its buildings on a yearly

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LETTERS

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Grosse Pointe half truths

To the Editor:

Mr. Waldmeir, I have read with interest the information you and your organization — Grosse Pointe Truth — sent out during the Fall 2012 elections, and most recently your letter in the “Letters” section of the Nov. 22 Grosse Pointe News.

Half-truths, distortions and missing facts have been the hallmarks of you and your organization’s messages in particular about the 2006/2007 Lake Front Park pool renovations.

Either you have forgotten you were on city council at the time the decisions on the pool were made or you intentionally left out or misrepresented the facts.

Never mind when pertinent facts you left out changes one’s perception of the project completely. One might suggest the missing facts are just an inconvenient truth to you.

◆ There are very few pool contractors — B&B Pools being one of them — in the state of Michigan capable of doing the repairs and renovations required.

◆ Councilman Hunsaker, one of the most prominent pool consultants in the United States — they were working on the Grosse Pointe South pool project — reviewed the proposal by B&B Pools and found their proposal to be reasonable and recommended some additional changes.

Councilman-Hunsaker also indicated that based on past work with B&B Pools they were confident B&B Pools is qualified to complete the work in a timely manner with a high level of quality.

◆ Time was of the

essence because pool work could not begin until the state Department of Environmental Quality reviewed the plans and issued a construction permit.

According to B&B Pools, the lead time for obtaining a state DEQ permit is about six to eight weeks.

◆ Because of the extensive repair and renovation work, the repair and renovation on the pool needed to begin immediately after the 2006 Labor Day closing of the pool for it to be ready for opening on Memorial Day 2007.

I find it interesting you were on the city council then and voted for the pool repair and renovation. And now you suggest there was a secret conspiracy — or in your words, an “expensive shell-game trick” involved in awarding of the contracts.

Pete, the half-truths and personal attacks need to stop. Give me all of the facts and I will decide.

MIKE MOORE
Grosse Pointe Woods
Citizens Recreation
Commission

Scholarship support

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Grosse Pointe Woman’s Club, I would like to thank the many people who helped support our scholarship benefit Nov. 14 at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The Grosse Pointe Woman’s Club has been in existence 62 years, and has always awarded a scholarship to at least two students — one from Grosse Pointe North High School and one from Grosse Pointe South High School. Scholarships are the mission of our club.

Our club works very hard to raise the funds to support our students. This past May, we were able to award two \$2,500 scholarships.

Thank you to a number of establishments and people: Athenian Shish Kebob, Circare, Dawood Boutique, LaLonde Jewelers & Gemologists, Virginia Liebaert, Lucido’s Florist, Moehring Woods Flowers, Nila Carter, Peggy Hickey, Marilyn Richardson, Sharon Ruggioli, The League Shop and many donations from our wonderful club members.

We would also like to thank and acknowledge Coldwater Creek of Grosse Pointe for the lovely fashion show following our luncheon.

Without all of these generous donations, we would be unable to give any scholarships. Thank you so much.

PAMELA ZIMMER
Benefit Coordinator
Grosse Pointe
Woman’s Club

Restore Catholic church

To the Editor:

Now that America has elected to pursue a progressive political agenda and has re-elected President Barack Obama by a substantial margin in both the popular vote and the Electoral College, it is high time the U.S. Catholic church examine its performance and commit itself to progressive reform.

While we Catholics understand our beliefs and worship are governed by a strict “top down” hierarchy in which virtually no dissent is tolerated, the bishops, archbishops and cardinals should examine how they have been leading the priests and laity.

If they are honest about their assessment, here are a few things they will find out:

1) The church has lost membership and is losing adherents at break-neck speed to evangelical churches, which appear to provide a surer journey to Jesus Christ and salvation.

2) The pederasty scandals have made most Catholics ashamed of the priesthood. However, most of them like and support their own parishes and pastors.

3) American nuns are being criticized by the Vatican for not practicing the party line and for their way of finding ways to mission to the least fortunate among us.

The Vatican continues to argue sisters must live together again in convents.

4) Priests who express a social justice agenda are held down by their supervisors. And they are not promoted to monsignor, much less bishop.

5) Everywhere in America there are shortages of priests, nuns and deacons. As a result, many parishes must share their clergy, including many situations where priests cannot retire at the customary

age of 70.

6) Many parish pastors come from other countries now, such as Ireland, Nigeria and the Philippines. Cultural and language differences can result in some estrangement between the foreign priests and their parishioners.

Despite these — and other — issues, there are some things which should be done to refresh and revive the Catholic church:

◆ It is urgently important the church cease its long practice of persecuting women: Stop implying women are second-class members of the church and stop the misogynistic behavior toward them. Remember, “If momma ain’t happy, ain’t nobody happy.”

◆ The ongoing rule only men can be ordained priests is absurd and not founded in the Bible or any other credible source.

Likewise, the conceit that priests and nuns cannot marry is unwise and inhuman to them as human beings. How are they supposed to counsel their parishioners about issues they haven’t lived and don’t understand?

◆ We American Catholics should convene a council to take up the hard issues and make clear recommendations to Rome.

Vatican II, convened by the “good” Pope John XXIII in the mid-1960s, made some enlightened changes which made the Catholic church more accessible to its American members. Unfortunately, since then, that “liberal” initiative has been watered down by Catholics who have a “neo-conservative” philosophy.

As part of the assessment of what to do next, we need to remember we, in Detroit, have been subjected to three consecutive conservative and obstructive archbishops.

Much as we all loved the Polish Pope John Paul II, we are going to have to insist on more enlightened leadership — including clergy who do not send large sums out of the area for investment in intangible projects, which later go bankrupt.

◆ There are countless other ways in which the Catholic church can do a better job.

I was motivated to write this letter by a Sunday Mass in Grosse Pointe, said by His Excellency Bishop John Quinn. Formerly an auxiliary bishop in Detroit, Bishop Quinn is now Bishop of Winona, Minn. His saintly homily, said in a quiet way, exhorted all people of good faith to help out the less fortunate as “our brothers’ keepers.” One can only guess why this admirable priest couldn’t be promoted here in Detroit, his hometown.

Let’s not have political roadblocks interfere with our primary obligation and privilege to care for “the least among us.”

BILL HODGMAN
Grosse Pointe Park

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BASHARA: Park resident pleaded guilty to solicitation charge in October

Continued from page 1A who had done work for Bashara and who goes on trial in January for the murder of Jane Bashara, was in the courtroom when Bashara's sentence was handed down. His attorney, Susan Reed, read a statement written

by Gentz. "I have been telling the truth since the beginning," Gentz wrote in his statement. "Bob has used me and threatened me. He told me he had friends in the Mafia. I was afraid for my life because he

said he could get to me anywhere, even in jail. I went to the police, but no one believed me. I'm still in fear. I don't feel safe anywhere."

Bashara pleaded guilty to the solicitation to murder charge in October. He was arrested in June after he was taped offering an appliance store owner, Steve Tibaud, \$20,000 to kill Gentz. Tibaud had gone to police shortly after Bashara talked to him about having Gentz killed, and police had

Tibaud wear a wire for future conversations with Bashara.

Gentz, who told police Bashara paid him \$2,500 to kill his wife, has been charged with first degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder. If convicted, both charges carry a sentence of mandatory life in prison without parole. Bashara was named a person of interest in the death of his wife, but has never been charged in that crime.

Bashara, who has been held since his arrest in

the Wayne County jail, was transferred Monday afternoon to the custody of the Michigan Department of Corrections. He will be held at the MDOC reception facility in Jackson for about 30 days where he will be evaluated before being assigned a facility where he will serve out his term.

Bashara's mother was in the courtroom for the sentencing, and she was allowed to visit privately with him. The family declined comment.

TACKLES: Several cuts proposed

Continued from page 1A instead," Ahee said. Also on the proposed chopping block for parks and recreation are the park bus service and the water slide.

According to Byron, the city could save \$29,500 by shutting down the slide, and with the city facing \$11,000 in repair costs to the park buses, she's recommending the bus service be eliminated, which would also save operating costs.

Other cost saving measures proposed by Byron are eliminating morning lap swimming, limiting the hours the diving well would be open, and cutting back on park hours, with a proposed opening time of noon instead of 10 a.m.

She also proposed charging for park passes and implementing a fee for guests.

"According to our records, we have 25,037 guests each year. If we implemented a fee of \$1 per guest, we could raise a significant amount," she told the council.

She also favors implementing a fee for winter storage of kayaks and increasing the fee for summer swim lessons.

Councilman Mike Koester reminded the council the city parks are not a necessity, but an amenity the city offers, and cuts should be made accordingly.

But councilwoman Vicki Granger said the council needs to remember all Pointes have municipal parks, and the parks and what they offer are an important part of determining where someone might buy a home in the area.

Ahee also proposed several cuts for his department, including eliminating curbside leaf pick up, cutting back on street sweeping and possible cuts in snow plowing, both sidewalk plowing and street plowing.

He also recommended eliminating fall tree plantings and spring mulching, as well as cutting back on the city's holiday decorations.

Other department heads will also be making recommendations to the council as the budget talks continue in 2013.

"We are undertaking an initial budget review," said city administrator Al Fincham, "and we wanted to get an early start looking at our options. It's a dynamic, on-going, changeable process."

Ski club is ready to roll

For more than four decades students have enjoyed the winter months, thanks to the city's Ski and Snowboard Club.

This season, the club — sponsored by the city's parks and recreation department — is gearing up to hit the slopes of Mt. Holly once a week from mid-December through February.

"We've averaged about

10 trips a season for the last 30 years, I bet," said Gary Sopfe who has led the group for the past 30 years. "There are some times when the weather may cause us to miss a week, but we can usually make it up somewhere down the line."

"We take students from the schools in St. Clair Shores and any other schools, too," Sopfe said.

"We've got kids from the Grosse Pointes, the Shores, from all over. We even have a girl that comes from Algonac each week."

For a \$180 club membership fee, skiers and snowboarders get coach bus rides to Mt. Holly each week.

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WEEK AHEAD:

SATURDAY, DEC. 15

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Polar Express departments at 5:30, 6, 6:30, 7 and 7:30 p.m. from city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza. The cost is \$4. To register, visit gpwmi.us.

SUNDAY, DEC. 16

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MONDAY, DEC. 17

◆ Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Detroit, is available for discussions from 9 to 10 a.m. at Grosse Pointe Park city hall, 15115 Jefferson. ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods city council meets in council chambers, 20025 Mack Plaza. ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods Polar Express departs at 5:30, 6, 6:30, 7 and 7:30 p.m. from city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza. The cost is \$4. To register, visit gpwmi.us.

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WOES:
Highland Park plant needs millions in repairs

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ture that forms in turbulent water.
The usual remedy is for Highland Park, which pumps water upgrade to its filtration plant 11.5 miles inland, to stop its pumps and let the flow swoosh back out the intake.
“Water flows backwards and pushes the ice out,” said Tom Biehl, vice president of Hubbell, Roth & Clark, the Farms engineering consultants. The process takes about an hour.

“Then, they turn the pumps back on,” Biehl said.
No longer, at least for now.
Cash-strapped Highland Park was ordered to shut down its filtration plant and make significant repairs. Biehl estimated repairs to cost \$20- to \$30 million.
“Where that money will come from, nobody knows,” he said.
“It doesn’t look likely that Highland Parks’ water plant will be operational any time soon,” said Scott Homminga,

Farms water superintendent.
The Farms draws water from the lake by gravity to a raw water tank buried near the filtration plant at 29 Moross.
Lake water drains into the intake pipe, which is 30 inches in diameter and has a maximum flow rate of 30 million gallons per day.
“There’s really no way for us to backflow water into that intake and push ice out without using Highland Parks’ water lines going up (Moross) to Highland Park,” Homminga said.
The Farms needs alternatives.
“We’re doing preliminary studies at this point,” said Shane Reeside, city manager.
“There’s a number of things we can do with regard to reversing pumps,” Biehl said.
A costlier option is burying the intake in the lakebed.
“It would draw water through the lakebed,” Biehl said. “You don’t have frazzle ice because it can’t get through the lakebed.”
The bed also serves as a filter.
“It helps with turbidity in the plant,” Reeside said.
The deal with Detroit is intended to be temporary through winter.
“We’ll have to determine in spring what’s going to happen permanently with (Highland Park) and where Grosse Pointe Farms goes with that intake,” Biehl said.
This may be the first year since 1929 that Highland Park won’t pump water to its reservoir, according to Homminga.
The Farms might utilize pumps at the Highland Park pump station, a small brick building off Lakeshore, west of Moross. The Farms has maintained the station’s pumps for two years, since a Highland Park employee retired.
“Highland Park no longer took care of the facilities,” Homminga said. “We ended up having to go in there and do as much maintenance as we can to keep things running.”

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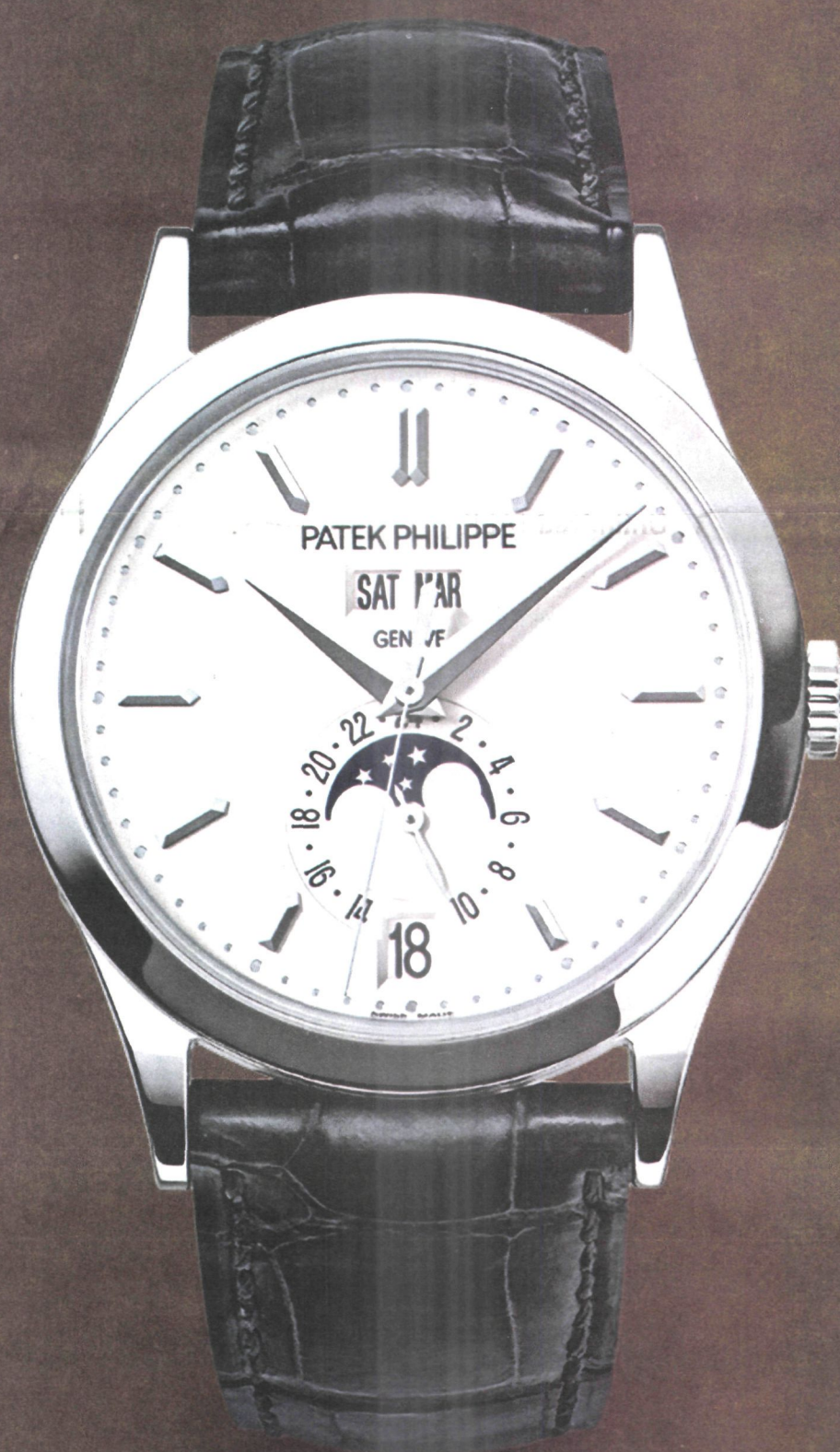


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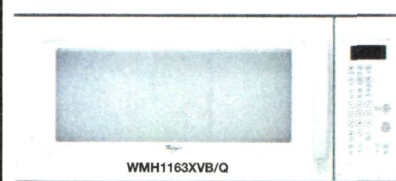


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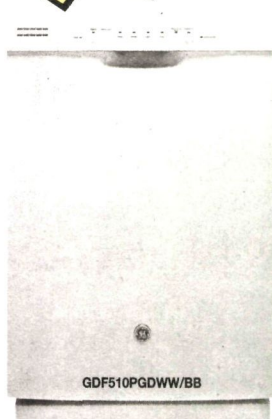
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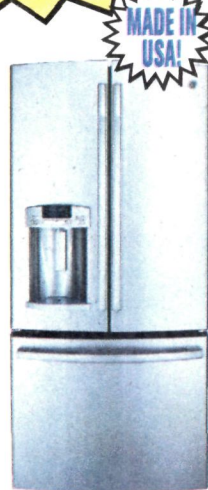
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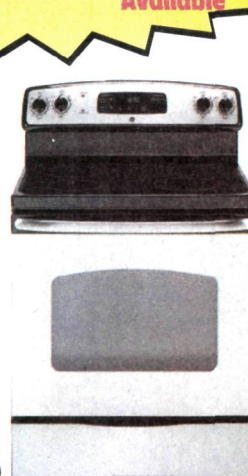
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Program builds connections, understanding



Challenge Day co-facilitator, Flo Luebke, right, high fives a Grosse Pointe North High School student.

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

We're not alone. We all seek to feel accepted, oftentimes striving to great lengths to create an entirely new persona to achieve that desire; in the process, building self-inflicted emotional wounds, barriers that prevent the true self from ever surfacing. Possibly out of fear of rejection, not realizing that beneath those barriers reveals schools of people con-

nected in their pains, their fears, their pressures, their struggles. "If we can break down our walls and get to know each other and understand each other, that maybe we can stop hurting each other," said Lisa Steiner, coordinator of Grosse Pointe North High School's Challenge Day, a national program in its sixth year at North. "When they cross the line — they do this very, incredible, deep activity where you cross the line

and you cross the line for all these different things that are in your life. They learn and they look around, and what I'm hoping is that they start to smile at each other in the hallway, that they take the ear buds off and they communicate. That they break down their walls." For two days, Challenge Day facilitators Jon Gordon and Flo Luebke engaged 100 students and a handful of leaders and adults in experiential

workshops and programs designed to build connection and empathy and to empower and celebrate their true selves. Throughout, Gordon and Luebke encouraged compliments and love, open-mindedness, listening, change and dropping the waterline and "getting real."

"We all live 10 percent above our waterline, and all that stuff we have we carry around," Steiner said. "This is our image. And it's teaching the children to let who you are out. Keep your image, don't only go part of it, be 100 percent. Be your image, but be yourself."

It's an emotionally taxing two days of personal and group reflection, connection and understanding, during which facilitators address issues like violence, teasing, social oppression, racism, harassment, peer pressure and substance abuse, as well as acceptance, love and change.

"This is a special place, really special place," Gordon said. "The team leaders are really dedicated, the adults are really dedicated, the students are courageous. And they know how to have fun, which is important."

"There's a lot of attention paid to the emotion, and by emotion, people mean crying. The day is such a wide range of

emotions plural. The majority of the day is some hilarious stuff. The students here today were awesome. The experience here has been phenomenal."

Founded in 1987 by Yvonne and Rich Dutra St. John, Challenge Day inspires middle to high school-aged students nationwide to "be the change they wish to see in the world" and to notice, choose and act.

"I think it's a tremendous awareness for kids," said Tom Tobe, North's interim principal. "It gives them an opportunity some times to open up and I cannot see how this would not carry over into school and be a very, very positive impact. Every one of them had an opportunity to see they're not alone."

See page 3A II for more on Challenge Day.



A group of students share an emotional experience, hugging as a symbol of their connecting through that shared moment.

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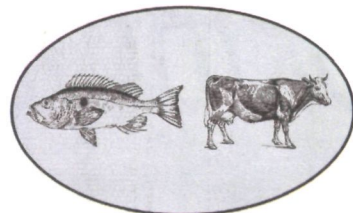
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Pictured at the wine tasting are, from left, Auction 2013 Patron Campaign chairpersons Rick and Kim Borrego of Grosse Pointe Farms; auction chairpersons Michael and Dianne Romanelli of the City of Grosse Pointe; and honorary chairpersons Kate and Brian Molloy of the City of Grosse Pointe.

More than 150 people Country Club of Detroit. Friday, Feb. 1, at the attended St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School's school's "An Around the World Adventure" contact the school at Thursday, Nov. 29, at the Auction 2013, which is (313) 885-3430.



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Holly Willson, a fifth-grade teacher at the Academy, with her children Ryleigh and Dane.

Academy celebrates holidays with tree-lighting

Grosse Pointe Academy held its annual tree-lighting and Christmas caroling celebration Tuesday, Dec. 4, at the school. More than 200 people attended the event, which included a performance from the eighth-grade bell choir and community caroling, along with the tree lighting. "As I look at this school," said Lars Kuelling, head of school, "it's a family school. You've got that great community spirit."

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.

A glimpse of the 'Big' time



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Grosse Pointe North High School trombonist Conner Blaine performs during the University of Michigan Marching Band's "In Concert at Crisler Center" concert.

Grosse Pointe North High School's Pep Band visited the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor Sunday, Dec. 9, to view the university marching band's annual "In Concert at Crisler Center" at Crisler Arena, during which North trombonist Conner Blaine was given an opportunity to perform with the U-M marching band. "It was a nice chance for the high school students to see a Big 10 marching band up close," said David Cleveland, North's director of instrumental music.

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Students engage in one of the many games and trust-building activities throughout the day during Grosse Pointe North High School's Challenge Day event.

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

The best line Jon Gordon has heard in describing Challenge Day is something along the lines of: it's like a parent trying to decide which of his kids he likes best.

"They're very different, but they're similar," said Gordon, one of two Challenge Day facilitators at Grosse Pointe North High School recently to conduct the two-day, national program. "That's the coolest thing about our job is no matter where we're at, we essentially say similar stuff — we said pretty

much the same stuff we did yesterday — and it's a totally different day. Every day is completely different."

It's that similar-but-different mechanic that ultimately drew North senior Francesca Ciaramitaro to the program each of the past three years. Because, despite the same, basic message of encouraging self-empowerment and acceptance and eliminating all forms of oppression, of being a source of positive change, there's one element to the program that diversifies the experience each year.

"The same things come out of it, but it's with dif-

ferent people, it's a different experience and it's just always nice to get that fresh perspective of how great we have it," Ciaramitaro said. "I come back because I love it and I love seeing all these kids here having their perspectives changed. It's indescribable. You can't understand it until you go, until you're here and you see everyone, until you see what they go through."

"You walk through the halls and you have no idea what kids go through, and you come here and everyone just lets their guard down. It's the most amazing thing."

Through the variety of games, trust-building activities and presentations and amid the high fives, the jokes, the laughs, the tears, is a connection students make in themselves and with others. It's a personal push toward acceptance and commitment to becoming a positive role model at North and in the community.

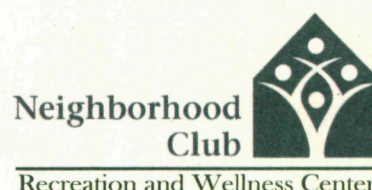
For the week or so after a majority of students undergo a transformation, a "Challenge Day High," as Ciaramitaro calls it, in which they feel

a profound sense of duty to their classmates. In most, it eventually subsides. But, Ciaramitaro said, if only a few students maintain that sense of duty, the program has accomplished its goal.

"If we changed the lives of one or two kids that day, that's all that matters," Ciaramitaro said. "There's kids like Sean O'Melia that go out and make it their mission to spread that throughout

the school, and when they reach those kinds of kids, that's how they get to everyone else. They reach a few kids every year and those kids become influential in our school and it's amazing to see."

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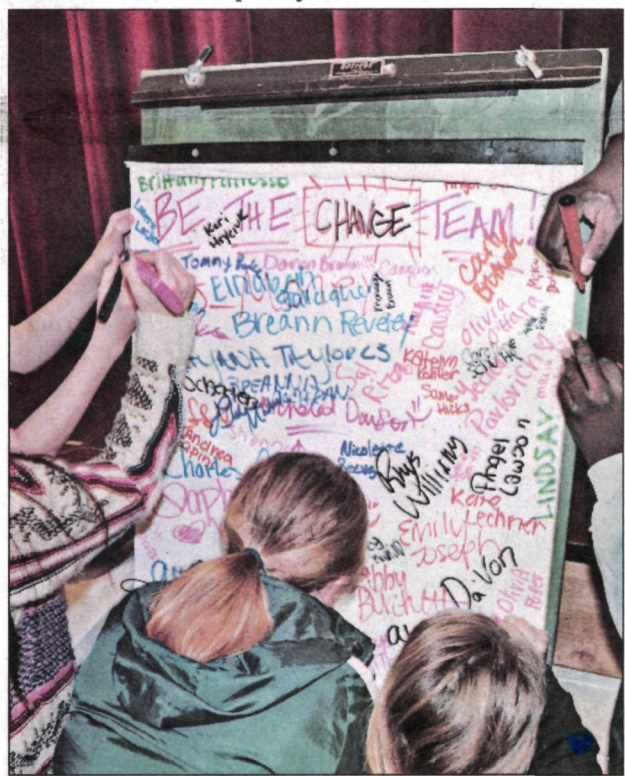
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Setting a new standard

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

Elementary school parents expecting to see A's and B's on their child's report card last week were instead met with some combination of "ES," "MS," "AS," "CA," plus signs and apostrophes.

The combinations represent a child's learning progress measured against the new Michigan Common Core Standards and the Grosse Pointe Public School System's push toward a standards-based report card across the elementary level.

"Traditional grading does not tell the full story," GPPSS Director of Pre K-Elementary Curriculum, Instruction,

Assessment and Technology Maureen Bur said during the November regular meeting of the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education. "It reports the overall grade only. For example, it may give us a snapshot of a weekly spelling test. Behavior might be embedded into that. But, is that directed feedback for a student? For example, a student can ace a spelling test, but can they actually apply those spelling skills in their daily writing? What do students do versus what they know?"

In the age of 21st Century Learning, of critical thinking and real-world application versus memorization and end-

of-unit tests, schools around the country have made the shift to standards-based grading.

Educators like Bur and others believe in the system, praising its adherence to setting clearer benchmark expectations and depth of understanding — for both student and parent — and aligning with the rigorous academic standards set forth by the state of Michigan Department of Education. Now, when a child receives an "MS" instead of an "A" or "B" it means he's meeting the standards, consistently and accurately demonstrating skills in that subject during that marking period.

That's not to say, Bur said, that traditional

standards are completely extinct.

"The mechanisms and the information provided is still going to be as concrete, probably even more so because you're going to get more detailed information," Bur said. "As far as overall classroom performance, students are still taking the NWEA, students are still taking the MEAP assessments, there's still the common assessments of the end-of-the-unit, everyday math, the science FOSS and Delta assessments as well."

"They're going to provide a depth of information and specificity that I don't think we've ever provided before."

Bur said she and a team of teachers and administrators spent the past year developing the report cards, elements of which were already in use at the kindergarten to third grade levels, as well as in some high school classrooms.

The change to include fourth and fifth grades was necessary for that more detailed feedback across the board, and Monday night, Nov. 26, at the board meeting, the board majority agreed.

"I think this is moving in the right direction," said Brendan Walsh, board treasurer. "It is very student-centered at a time when we've got so much emphasis on testing and performance because it clearly articulates to a student, you're doing well in these areas, you're not doing as well here."

"Change is never comfortable, but I think we're moving in the right direction also, and I hope the community learns to embrace this," said Judy Gafa, board president.

Liggett students present WWI exhibit

Juniors and seniors in University Liggett School's World War I class have curated an exhibit, organizing their own research into different war topics for presentation at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 13, in the main lobby at the school. Students serve as docents during "World War I: The Exhibition," explaining their projects to passersby. All are invited to attend.

Thespians earn high honors at state festival

A group of University Liggett School thespians participating in the Michigan Educational Theatre Association's festival Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 1 and 2, returned to school having earned a collection of honors.

Several students received "Superior" ratings, the highest of the festival. They were: Sean and Patrick Diaz, duet acting; Margot Alpert and Henry Duhaime, duet musical theater; Robert Babcock, lighting design; Alec Josaitis, monologue; Rosie DeRoo, monologue; Aaron Robertson, playwriting; Sean Diaz, short film; Andrew

Amine, short film; Caleb and Elisha Sword, short film; Nina White, solo musical theater; Stella Gatzke, solo musical theater; Kristin Schick, stage management; and Beth Ottosen, scenic design.

The following students earned "Excellent" ratings: Blair Blackwell and Julia Kaiser, duet acting; Kirby Rocha, Autumn Buyssee and John Peterson, group acting; Cherish Lott, monologue; Armaity Minwalla, solo musical theater; and Jacqueline Kopicki, solo dance.

Babcock also earned a Thespian Scholarship, given to the top 10 students in the festival.

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breakfast is served at 7:15 a.m. followed at 7:45 a.m. by the speaker, J. Theodore Everingham, whose topic is "On the Path to Lake Serenity." The event ends at 8:15 a.m.

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

First English

The First English Lutheran Church Sunday school pageant is at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, featuring children from preschool through fifth grade.

The church is located at 800 Vernier, Grosse

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First Christian Reformed

"Meeting God" is the title of the 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, sermon, at First Christian Reformed Church, 1444 Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park.

For more information, visit grossepointecrc.org.

Congregational Church

Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a Blue Christmas service from noon to 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20.

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Christ Church

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PASTOR'S CORNER By Roger Skully

Chanukah based on two ideals

Chanukah is not the "Jewish Christmas," falling the same time of the year — the winter solstice.

The eight-day holiday commemorates the revolt and victory of the Hasmoneans, or as some would call them, the Maccabees. They won a victory over the Syrian king, Antiochus Epiphanes, a successor to the eastern part of Alexander the Great's empire.

The Grecian kingdom of Asia was formed of various nationalities. So the Seleucids (Alexander's eastern successors) strove to hold and weld the elements of their kingdom through universal Hellenistic culture. Thus Hellenism was a part of the political policy of the government and

stood for loyalty to the kingdom.

As was always the case in Palestine, there were different political camps. Some favored the Egyptians, some the Syrians, who introduced idol worship into the temple in Jerusalem. There were Jews who were unconcerned with Syrian and Egyptian interests, but only with Jewish interests. This national party was under the leadership of Judah Maccabee and his brothers of the Hasmonean family.

The Maccabees were able to fight a guerilla war against the Syrians and set up a Jewish kingdom lasting less than 100 years. The last Hasmonean monarch turned the country over to Rome to rule. However, during this time spiritual life flourished providing us-

with the Rabbinic tradition which later produced Christianity.

The first day of the eight-day holiday of rededication of the temple begins Saturday, Dec. 15, hence, a candle is lit for each day of the holiday, beginning the evening of Dec. 14. Jewish holidays begin on the evening before the first day of the holiday.

Chanukah stands for two ideals: first, for the achievement of religious liberty; and secondly, for a revival of a sentiment for national development among the Jewish people.

We wish our neighbors a happy holiday season. Amen and Amen.

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

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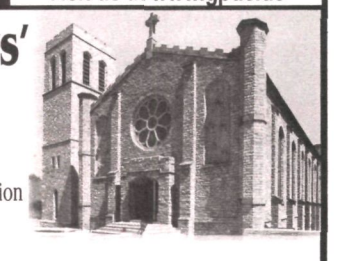
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William Thompson Bowles D.D.S.

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident William Thompson Bowles D.D.S., 84, died Thursday, Nov. 29, 2012. He had been living in Ponce Inlet, Fla.

Dr. Bowles was a long-time dentist in the Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe area. He was a proud veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and served during the Korean War.

He is survived by his children, Rebecca McKinnon (James Bobbitt), and Julie Janks (Brian); stepdaughters, Suzanne Rait (Charles), Cathy Sand (Don) and Diane Fisher (Gary); 11 grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and his sister, Julie Fleetwood.

Dr. Bowles was predeceased by his beloved wife, Beverly Bowles (nee Geisler) and his daughter, Sara Rudcki (Bill).

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

Elizabeth R. Brenner M.D.

Elizabeth R. Brenner M.D. died peacefully in her sleep Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2012, at her home with her husband of 44 years, Alan, lying next to her and her three children and their spouses, Brian (Valerie), Sarah Schwartz (Sheldon) and Anne Messman (David), nearby. She also is survived by grandchildren, Julianna, Isaac, Annika, Caleb and Eli and her brothers, Robert (Joyce) and Charles Jr. (Allison).

Dr. Brenner was born March 28, 1947, in Baltimore. She skipped her senior years of high school and college to go to medical school at the University of Maryland two years early. After graduation, she did a four-year residency at Northwestern University in Chicago. She moved to Grosse Pointe Park in 1975 and joined the faculty at Wayne State University as an assistant professor in the obstetrics and gynecology department. In 1980, she opened a private practice on Mack Avenue.

Her family said Dr. Brenner's technical skills and compassion for her patients quickly made her a beloved doctor. Sadly, in 1972, she contracted multiple sclerosis and her gradual decline in health caused her to retire in

1990. She adored and was adored by her husband and children.

For the last 23 years of her life, Dr. Brenner was confined to a wheelchair, had difficulty talking, developed spasticity and dementia and was legally blind. Yet, her family said, she spread happiness with her infectious smile, kindness, and gentle wit. Despite her difficulties, she exuded a positive attitude that imbued those around her with happiness and serenity.

A celebration of her life was held Dec. 10.

Donations may be made to the National MS Society-MI Chapter, 21311 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, MI 48076. Indicate "In memory of Elizabeth Brenner" on the memo line of the check.

Robert G. Frear D.D.S.

Robert G. Frear D.D.S., 88, died peacefully at home Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2012, surrounded by his loving family. He was the beloved husband of Joan Thibodeau Frear for 59 years. Together they raised six children and were blessed with 11 grandchildren.

Dr. Frear graduated from St. Paul High School in 1942. He was drafted shortly after his 18th birthday and served in Europe as a medic with the U.S. Army 102nd Infantry Division, 406th Regiment. He was awarded two Bronze Star Medals, the Combat Medal Badge, European and American Theatre Ribbons, National Defense, Good Conduct and World War II Victory Medal Ribbons.

Following his return from the war, he completed his education and graduated from University of Detroit Dental School in 1951. He served as a board member of the University Alumni Association, president of the Dental Alumni Association, president of the Detroit Dental Clinic Club and director of the Occlusion Section, fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry and the Pankey Institute for Advanced Dental Education. His family said he loved caring for his patients for more than 45 years and advancing professionalism in dentistry.

Dr. Frear volunteered as an usher at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church for

more than 60 years. He was a 33-year member of the National Ski Patrol serving in a number of leadership positions in Northern Michigan and especially at his beloved Otsego Ski Club. In more recent years, he served as an election official in Grosse Pointe Farms, where he enjoyed giving back to his community.

Dr. Frear was a senior member of the Country Club of Detroit, life member of The Players Club, emeritus member of the Cardinal Club of Detroit, member of the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe and the Woodworker's Club.

Dr. Frear was passionate about his family and friends. Together they enjoyed skiing, golfing, tennis, traveling, entertaining and laughing. He loved to read, complete crossword puzzles and play bridge. He will be greatly missed.

In addition to his wife, Dr. Frear is survived by his children, Robert (Karen), David (Leslie), Joan (John Capuano) and Julie (Stephen Schappe) and 11 grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his sons, Michael (Suzie) and Peter (Diane) and brother, Larry (Barbara).

A celebration of life was held Dec. 11 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to the St. Paul Educational Trust, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Cindy Elizabeth Drost (Urbiel)

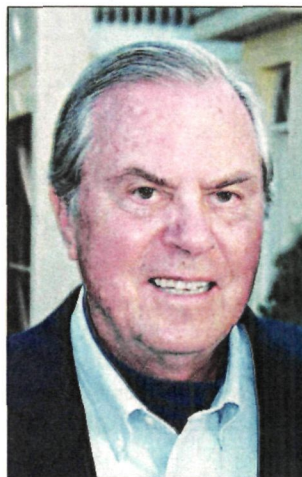
Grosse Pointe Park resident Cindy Drost, 55, passed away peacefully Monday, Dec. 3, 2012, at her home surrounded by family.

She was the best friend and sweetheart of Greg Urbiel to whom she was married 31 years. She was the devoted and caring mother of their three daughters, Claire Hunter (John), Rose Urbiel and Anne Urbiel.

She was the dear daughter of Joyce Elaine and Ronald Drost (Diana), and sister of Kevin Drost, Bonnie Blair, Janet Hagedorn (David), Johnna Drost and the late Christopher Drost. She also was loved by her many sisters- and brothers-in-law, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was born Aug. 12, 1957, in Detroit. After high school, she traveled Europe on her own and then attended Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City. At Madonna University, she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration, minoring in humanities, with highest honors. She worked for AT&T for 28 years, retiring as a senior market research and analysis manager of network planning and advanced technology.

She was a passionate and accomplished gardener, whose home won multiple Grosse Pointe Park beautification awards and was featured on the Grosse Pointe Garden



William T. Bowles D.D.S.



Elizabeth Brenner M.D.



Robert G. Frear D.D.S.



Cindy Elizabeth Drost



Walter Briggs Connolly



Clare Brackett Morison

Tour. Her roses won many awards. She was a member of the Grosse Pointe Sail Club and the Grosse Pointe Chapter of the American Rose Society. She enjoyed time kayaking on Lake St. Clair and Lake Huron, walking the boardwalk and sitting under the poplar tree at Patterson Park, biking, hiking trails, rowing, cross-country skiing and ice skating.

She was a voracious reader and enjoyed doing crossword puzzles and playing cards and Scrabble. She had a keen eye for special collectibles and was a dedicated and attentive hostess, with a talent for cooking vegetarian cuisine. She loved having coffee and visiting with her close neighbors, co-workers and friends. She enjoyed organizing vacations and opportunities to travel and spend time with her family.

In 2004, she began a brave, continuous battle with leukemia and lymphoma. She successfully underwent a bone marrow transplant in 2009. She was proactive and informed about her disease, researching and working closely with her dedicated oncology team, many of whom were like family.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 7 at her parish, St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Park.

Donations may be made to St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230; The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society at lls.org; or the Van Elslander Cancer Center, St. John Providence Health System Foundations, P.O. Box 673271, Detroit, MI 48267-3271.

Walter Briggs Connolly

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Walter Briggs Connolly, 95, died Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2012, surrounded by loved ones.

His family said Mr. Connolly was the consummate gentleman, an aficionado of sport coats and striped ties. He loved his country, a true patriot, raising the American flag each morning in front of his home. His faith and family were of upmost importance to him.

He was born Dec. 9, 1916, in Detroit to William F. and May Cameron Connolly. A graduate of Georgetown University,

Washington D.C., Mr. Connolly received his juris doctor degree in 1941 from the University of Michigan and was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan the same year.

He joined the U.S. Navy in 1942, serving two years during World War II as Beachmaster in the Mediterranean Amphibious Forces and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for service during invasion of Southern France. In 1946, he was discharged from the navy as a lieutenant after four years of service.

In 1941, Mr. Connolly began his automotive career at Briggs Manufacturing Company and returned to Briggs following his discharge from the navy. In 1953, he was named vice president of the company. When Chrysler Corporation purchased Briggs automotive plants in 1954, he became supervisor of labor relations and worked 22 years as a Chrysler executive. Upon his retirement in 1976, he held the position of vice president Stamping and Assembly Operations.

Mr. Connolly golfed twice a week with the self-proclaimed "Oldest Four-some East of the Mississippi." He played his last round just months ago at age 95. A true "snow bird," his family said he loved his winters in Stuart, Fla., walking the beach and swimming in the ocean.

He enjoyed traveling with his wife, Mary Lou, and spending time with his children and grandchildren's families.

Mr. Connolly served on several boards including Junior Achievement of Southeast Michigan and Marygrove College. He served on the Georgetown University board of governors and as Chairman of the United Way Fund automotive group.

Mr. Connolly is survived by his wife, Mary Louise (Murphy); children, Walter, William (Josie), Michael and Geraldine; stepchildren, Greg Murphy, Tim Murphy, Paul Murphy, Brian Murphy and Maureen Flaig (David); 22 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Anne Riordan Connolly; brothers, William, John "Jack" and Donald; sister, Adele Taylor and his son, Richard P. Connolly.

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

Donations may be made to the University of Detroit Jesuit High School, 8400 South Cambridge Detroit, MI 48221 or at uofdjhsuit.org or The Cameron Can Foundation, P.O. Box 373 Riverside, IL 60546 or at cameron-can.com.

Clare Brackett Morison

Grosse Pointe Park resident Clare Brackett Morison died at home Sunday, Dec. 2, 2012.

She was born Aug. 25, 1946, in Baltimore and was predeceased by her father, Ayers Morison, and long-time partner, Phillip Fike, professor, head of the metal arts department at Wayne State University. She is survived by her mother, Marylin Brackett Morison; her brother, Ayers Morison Jr. (Susan), and uncle, Rufus Morison (Beth).

Ms. Morison attended Grosse Pointe University School and graduated from Kent School in Kent, Conn. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Hollins College in Roanoke, Va. She did graduate work at Radcliffe College Publishing School in Cambridge, Mass. She worked for a publishing firm in Boston for whom she edited physics texts. Later, she used these skills for composing theater programs for Cass Theater productions. She also created numerous stage set and costume designs as well as acted in many of the amateur theater productions.

Her family said Ms. Morison was widely known for her artistic talents and developed "Studio Clare" into a thriving business to create and market wax and metal art work. She developed innovative technologies such as high-temperature wax to expedite her work. Some of her ornamental works won prize recognition as serious works of art.

She crewed on the beloved family sailboat, Sunshine, a frequent competitor in the Bayview to Mackinac race, and worked tirelessly on its upkeep as a true labor of love.

Ms. Morison sang in the chorale of Christ Church, Grosse Pointe, and toured with the group to several European cities. She was an active participant in the church's team that worked with Habitat for Humanity in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. She was on the board of the National Society of Colonial Dames in Michigan and a member of the Junior League of Detroit.

She will be deeply missed by her family and many friends.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Jan. 5, at Christ Church, Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

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Susan Ricci

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Susan Ricci, 64, passed away Thursday, Dec. 6, 2012, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit.

She was born March 11, 1948, in Detroit to Charles and Ethel Hessing and married Joe Ricci Jan. 29, 1987.

Her family said Mrs. Ricci touched the lives of everyone she met. She was deeply loved and will be dearly missed.

Mrs. Ricci is survived by Joe, her husband of 25 years; children, Jennifer Youngblood (Terry Farrell) and T.R. Youngblood (Tracy); stepchildren, Jay Ricci (Evie) and Andrew Ricci (Tina); grandchildren, Coco Farrell, J.T. Ricci, Kate Ricci, Mack Farrell and Brooklyn Ricci; sister, Sharon Weese (Larry); brother, Carl Hessing and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was predeceased by her parents and her sister, Marsha Humphreys.

A memorial Mass was celebrated Dec. 11, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to Huntington's Disease Society of America at HDSA, 505 Eighth Ave., New York, N.Y. or Van Elslander Cancer Center, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

Jane Stepp Warren

Jane Stepp Warren died Saturday, Dec. 8, 2012, in Grosse Pointe.

She was born Aug. 6, 1927, in Indiana, Pa., to James and Lois Stepp and graduated from Muskingum College in New Concord, Ohio, with a bachelor's degree in English. It is there she met Alfred S. Warren Jr. They married July 1, 1950. The couple lived in Buffalo, N.Y., for 10 years during which time she served as secretary to the philosophy department chair at the University of Buffalo.

Due to her husband's career, the couple moved

13 times before settling in Grosse Pointe in 1973. Mrs. Warren was involved in the community, especially with her church, Grosse Pointe Memorial. She served on nearly every committee at the church through the years. She served as an elder for several terms and was active in Presbyterian Women, serving as moderator at her church and for the Presbytery of Detroit. She cherished the friendships she made through Presbyterian Women for which she attended regional and national events.

Mrs. Warren was also a member of several organizations in the community, including the Detroit Industrial Arts Society, the Grosse Pointe Farm and Garden Club and the Theater Arts Club. She and her husband were members of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club for many years. Most recently, they were members of the Grosse Pointe Club, where they enjoyed meeting friends for dinner.

In 1992, she received the distinguished service award from Muskingum College for exemplary service to society.

Mrs. Warren loved to travel, especially to the farm and game reserve she and her husband owned in South Africa. Following her husband's retirement, the couple stayed in South Africa several weeks of the year. Mrs. Warren delighted in photographing the animals she encountered on her visits.

Her family said Mrs. Warren will be remembered as a generous, thoughtful, devoted and grace-filled person who loved God, her church, her many friends and, most of all, her husband, Al.

She was predeceased by her sister, Betty.

A memorial service will

be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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

Richard F. Parks

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident, Richard F. Parks, 90, passed away Thursday, Dec. 6, 2012, in Frankenmuth after a short illness.

Originally from Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Mr. Parks served in World War II, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business ('50) and joined the former National Bank of Detroit in 1951.

He enjoyed a career in commercial lending and delighted in working with his customers to grow their businesses. In 1982, he transferred to Saginaw with NBD where he retired in 1989.

Mr. Parks was always on the go and enjoyed a number of diverse interests including golf, travel, needlepoint, stamp and coin collecting, church choir and church and community volunteering. He was thrilled to have traveled to Antarctica in 2007 at age 85 to see the penguins and breathtaking landscape.

He was past treasurer of Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church in Detroit and later, First Congregational Church in Saginaw. He was active in the Saginaw community through Rotary, Saginaw Futures, Junior Achievement, Saginaw Children's Zoo, Samaritan Center and Habitat for Humanity.

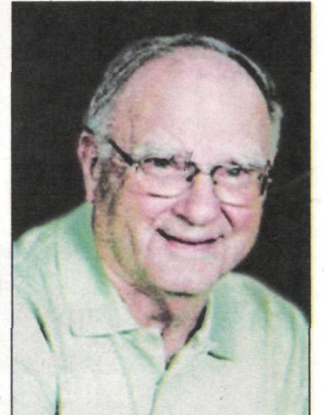
He was recognized twice for volunteering his time at Habitat for Humanity,



Susan Ricci



Jane Stepp Warren



Richard F. Parks

most recently as a Governor's Service Awards finalist for senior volunteer of the year for 2009.

Mr. Parks was predeceased by his first wife, Jeanette Edlund Parks and survived by his wife, Jeanne (nee Borchard), his daughter, Charlotte Cisko of Grosse Pointe Farms; son, Richard E. Parks and

grandchildren, Catherine and John Cisko and Jennifer and Elizabeth Parks, as well as a number of nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, at Second Presbyterian Church in Saginaw.

Donations may be made to Second Presbyterian Church, 2665 Midland Road, Saginaw Charter Township, MI 48603; Saginaw Habitat for Humanity at saginawhfh.org; or Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 East Jefferson Ave., Detroit MI 48214.

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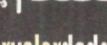
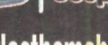
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AUTOS By Jenny King

Ford Flex re-defines 'crossover'



Ford calls its seven-passenger Flex a crossover. It shares a modified platform found on the Taurus and Explorer. It is utilitarian. It can be ordered with all-wheel drive. Seats for passengers fold in multiple ways to provide space for cargo. Yet, it is as comfortable as

any passenger car, and offers all the amenities one could ask for.

Ford touts several features on its 2013 Flex, including a "new generation" of the MyFord Touch comfort/infotainment system, rear inflatable belts, available collision-avoidance technologies, rain-sensing wipers, keyless entry, first-row heated and cooled seats, power-fold mirrors and an optional new appearance package.

The base 287-horsepower 3.5-liter engine delivers

improved fuel economy of 18 miles per gallon city/25 mpg highway. Adding all-wheel drive cuts mileages. The available 365-horsepower 3.5-liter EcoBoost V-6 is rated at 16 city and 23 highway. Ford notes the EcoBoost engine performs better using higher-octane fuel.

Models for 2013 include the Flex SE, SEL and Limited.

Inflatable safety belts for rear-seat occupants are available in the 2013 Flex. The advanced restraint system, a \$195 option on

the test vehicle, is designed to help reduce head, neck and chest injuries for rear seat passengers, who most frequently are children and older persons, Ford says.

Other safety features available include: radar-enabled adaptive cruise control and collision warning with brake support and the Blind Spot Information System with rear cross-traffic alert. These technologies help drivers avoid potential accidents using radar to detect the relative position of other vehicles and warn the driver with a combination of visual and

audio alerts.

Ford says the new Flex comes equipped with torque vectoring control and curve control technology. This system uses the car's brakes to imitate the effect of a limited slip differential, constantly balancing the distribution of engine torque between the front wheels during cornering.

Curve control, effective on dry and wet pavement, senses when a vehicle is entering a curve too quickly. It can apply four-wheel smart braking to reduce vehicle speed by up to 10 mph in approximate-

ly one second.

The test Flex was an SEL model with the standard 3.5-liter V-6 and six-speed automatic transmission. Its base price was \$33,225. And it was loaded with Equipment Group 202A. According to Ford spokesman Matt Leaver, that includes a rearview camera, 110-volt inverter, leather-trimmed seats, remote start and the Blind Spot Monitoring System. The group adds \$3,000 to the price of the vehicle.

A voice-activated navigation system was another

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Flex has a standard 3.5-liter V-6; Ford's 3.5-liter 365-horsepower EcoBoost V-6 is available.



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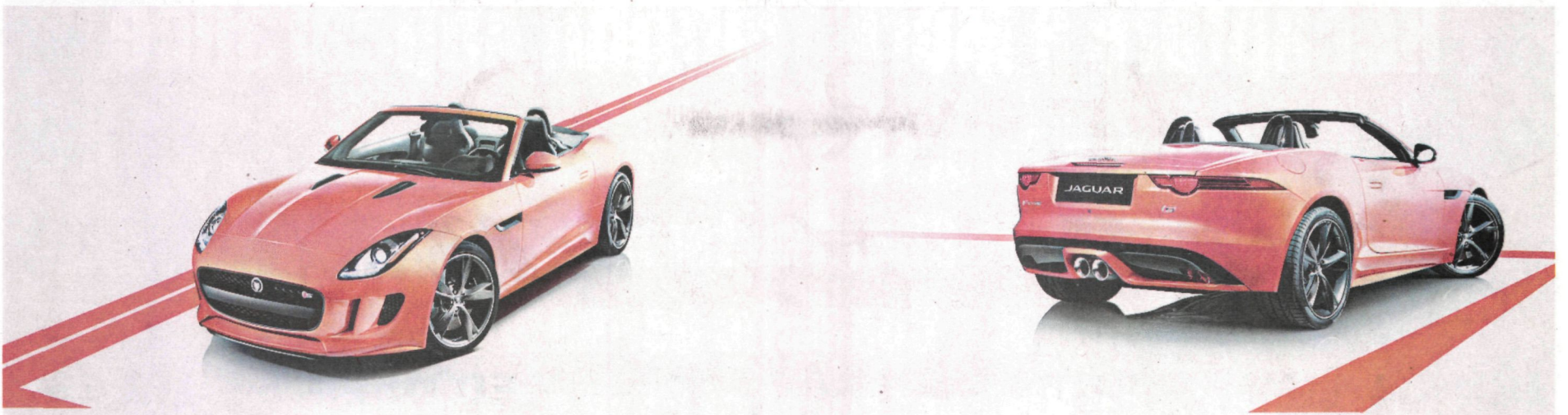


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King is an automotive writer who lives in the City of Grosse Pointe.

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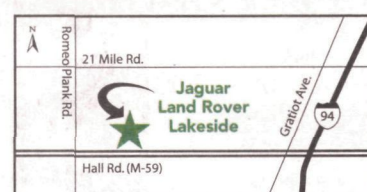
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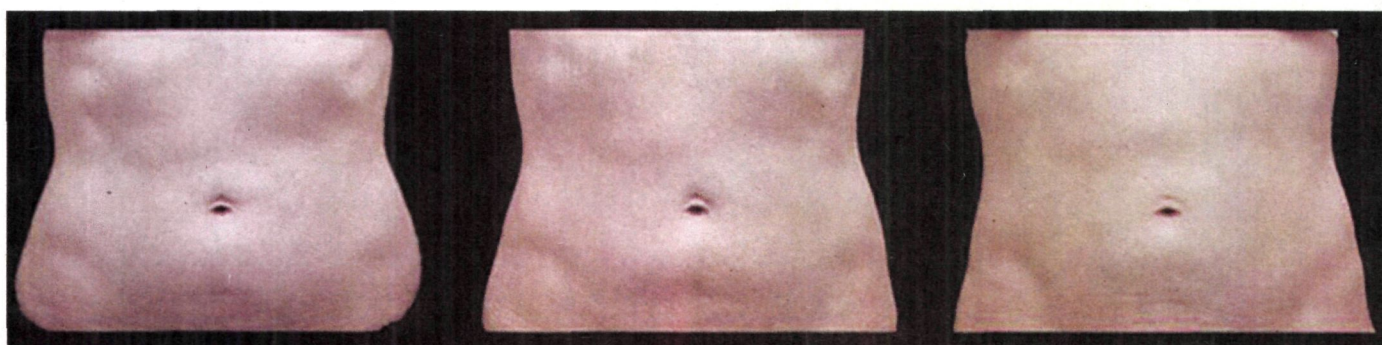
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December — a month of giving

Donate December offers a chance to make a difference

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Emily Alber does more than talk about donating. She walks the walk, makes the connections and totes the donations. And she is asking Grosse Pointers to do the same — make contributions.

For the entire month of December, Alber of Grosse Pointe Farms, is collecting contributions and transporting them to Coalition on Temporary Shelter as part of her project — Donate December.

"I'm encouraging people in Grosse Pointe to make donations to COTS. This is a call to action, to do this year 'round," said the Grosse Pointe South High School graduate.

And it's a perfect month because so many people are donating and thinking about year-end donations, she added.

"I care very much for



PHOTOS COURTESY EMILY ALBER

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Emily Alber works with children housed at COTS.



Emily Alber and her best friend, Leah Schroeder, host a February fundraiser, Best Friends Buy Beds for the Homeless, to involve other people in raising funds for COTS.

people. I learned to give said. without expecting any-

thing in return," Alber South, Alber learned,

through her friends, about co-COTS which, as she explained, is a bridge

between students and COTS and an idea she would like to reinstate at South.

"That's how I knew about co-COTS. I didn't officially become involved (with COTS), but I did get involved doing stuff with my family. We did sponsor families through church. My grandmother was a volunteer at SOC and we did Meals on Wheels."

Choosing COTS as her donation focus came about because she witnessed how COTS staff treated their clients.

"It is all about preserving dignity and helping people rehabilitate. As a former hotel supervisor, I was always concerned with our guests and their overall experience. Trish DeWald (COTS development coordinator) feels the same way about her guests at the shelter," she said. "COTS had every component to a non-profit that I wanted to support. It's high impact, has a great Head Start program, drug and alcohol counseling and has requirements for those who stay."

Alber said new clients are cleaned up and provided a safe environment.

It seems Alber's goal has been to take care of people.

After high school she followed a path of serving

people by working at Sunrise Assisted Living and in the Boston hospitality industry. Moving back to Grosse Pointe in 2010, Alber said she spent a lot of time looking for work and networking.

"I decided to design a project that would help me occupy my time. I wanted to share my resources, support my friends that are in the non-profit sector and to engage the community in something big during the holiday season so I started Donate December," she said. "I put my idea out there by creating a Facebook group and page, called up everyone I knew who were in the position to donate and the donations started rolling in — money clothing, toiletries, office supplies; so many donations I had to borrow SUVs to drive them all down weekly to the shelter."

She said she accepts any kind of donation for COTS clothing, money and furniture. However, the focus of Alber and her best friend, Leah Schroeder of Troy, is two-fold.

She would like an individual or company to take over supplying toiletries to COTS' guests

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La Societe des Jardinieres

The La Societe des Jardinieres meets at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, at Kathie Smith's house for a Christmas party.

Following dinner, Patricia Quinn Hays signs copies of her first published book, "First Dog," that is a Christmas story about wanting to belong to a family.

Proceeds benefit the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Winona, Minn.

For reservations, call (313) 882-9600.

NAMI

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17, at Henry Ford Cottage in Grosse Pointe Farms.

For more information, call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

Sunrise Rotary

Sunrise Rotary Club meets at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18, at the Hill Seafood & Chop House, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. The speaker is Lorraine Wege of 7th Generation.

Grosse Pointe Questers

The Grosse Pointe Questers Christmas meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 14. Hostess Elsie MacKethan displays her collection of creches and presents the Christmas tree's history.

Co-hostesses are Lisa Gandelot and Ann Hoag.

Grosse Pointe Woods

The Polar Express departs at 5:30, 6, 6:30, 7 and 7:30 p.m. every day from Saturday, Dec. 15, through Wednesday, Dec. 19, from the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center. Reserve tickets, costing \$4, at the Community Center.

Attendees depart from the center to tour decorated houses throughout the Grosse Pointes, while listening to a reading of "Polar Express." At the end of the tour, hot cocoa and cookies are served. Santa Claus will also be on hand. Children can wear pajamas.

Healing arts center

The Healing Arts Center on St. John Hospital and Medical Center's main campus, 19229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, holds a community night from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18.

Therapy gift certificates, complimentary 10-minute chair massage or reflexology, refreshments and a sale on Christmas items are featured.

For more information, call (313) 647-3320.

Nursing Unlimited

Memory screenings are performed from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Dec. 18, at Nursing Unlimited, 21131 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

For a free screening appointment, call (586) 285-0300.

SOC

Services for Older Citizens Christmas party begins at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 17, at St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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

Camera club

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Woman's Club

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club meets at noon Wednesday, Dec. 19, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Following lunch, the musical entertainment is Noels by Nicole.

A Salvation Army representative accepts gifts, cash donations or gift certificates. Each wrapped gift must designate the age, size and if for a boy or girl. Gifts for mothers are also accepted.

Guest reservations must be made by calling Sue Plath at (313) 884-5080. The cost is \$10.

For more information, call Peggy Hickney at (586) 407-1842.

Ford House

Visitors to Edsel & Eleanor Ford House get a peek into the lives and traditions of the Ford family's holiday festivities with tours of the seasonal decorations, a visit to Santa's workshop and a holiday tribute to dogs.

The North Pole

For the second year, Santa's workshop is set in the South Cottage where families see what goes on at the North Pole. The exhibit and interactive space feature photos and memorabilia from Henry and Clara

Ford's version of the workshop along with antique toys and historic images. Children get the chance to participate in holiday crafts and activities and meet Santa on December Saturdays.

Santa Paws

Josephine Ford's play house is decorated with a dog motif and features a tree decorated with photos of local dogs submitted by their owners.

In honor of Edsel and Eleanor's daughter, Josephine's love of dogs, the Ford House has partnered with the Michigan Humane Society, the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society and the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society. Visitors can bring donations of food or toys for pets to receive \$2 off admission for general holiday tours.

Admission includes a guided tour of the house, a visit to Santa's Workshop and Josephine's play house. Tours are offered from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sundays. Adult admission is \$12, seniors pay \$11 and children's admission is \$8.

Candlelight stroll

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Scots are entrenched in Michigan history contributing to fur trade, farming, lumbering, ice hockey and heavy industry to the annual Highland Games in Alma. Most recently, those of Scottish heritage have been recognized with a tartan plaid made specially for Michigan.

A five-colored plaid recognizes colors for which the state is known and was rolled out in July after a five year process, said Christy Haradean of the St. Andrew's Royal Scottish Honour Guard and St. Andrew's Society of Detroit social activities director.

The colors of white represent the state's snow, lake ice and summer clouds; tan the sand dunes, Petoskey stone and roads for the Model T; the deep green represents the forest, rolling hills and meadows; the deep red the state's maple leaves, cherries and apples; and the blue green for both the inland lakes and the Great Lakes.

The colors were selected by a committee, headed by Scott and Mary David. He is the past president of St. Andrew's Society of Detroit.

"For the State of Michigan tartan to first get rolling, the design with the colors and pattern need to be chosen," she said. "Kati Meeks of Alpena was commissioned by The St. Andrew's Society of Detroit to weave the very first item, a sash, for a sample and a legal tartan description. It was then sent to Scotland to get approved and registered with the tartan council. Petitions of signatures (were) collected by the society to prove there was an interest for the State of Michigan to have its own tartan."

The state legislature approved a resolution and both the governor, Jennifer Graham, and lieutenant governor, John Cherry, signed the tribute statement in November 2010 to make the interest and recognition official.

A 60-meter bolt of cloth was created by a Scottish manufacturer, arriving at Haradean's house two days prior to the Highland Games in August. She made a kilt and plaid with 7 1/2 yards of the tartan in a day worn on the 175th birthday of the state during the 163rd annual Highland Games, the



oldest games in North America.

The most difficult part of the process, Haradean said, was finding a Scottish weaving company because only one bolt was made. A bolt measures 60 meters of 60 inch wide cloth, costing \$45 per meter.

Michigan is one of a few states to have shown the interest of creating its own tartan, Haradean added.

— By Ann L. Fouty

Right, Christy Haradean of the St. Andrew's Royal Scottish Honour Guards holds the United States red, white and blue tartan plaid in her left hand and Michigan's newly unveiled plaid of white, tan, deep red, deep green and blue green.

Above, the kirking o' the tartans at Grosse Pointe Presbyterian Church included three members of the St. Andrew's Royal Scottish Honour Guard, from left Peg Chassar, Kathleen Gaynor and Phillaire Murray.



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Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club choir, from left, Foster Redding, Paul Nyquist, Tony Noto, Mark Wilson, Ken McMillin, George Moulton, Bob Murphy, Stu McMillin and Morrison Marshall; seated is Bob Borchak.

Club encourages individuality

The Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe offers social, educational, entertainment and humanitarian outlets for men more than 55 years of age, working or retired, living in the Grosse Pointes or nearby communities. Red Jones, an American League umpire, was the club's first speaker, Sept. 15, 1959, introduced by Ty Tyson, former WWJ radio sports announcer. Today, with a membership of more than 700 and the Grosse Pointe War Memorial still as its home base, the Senior Men's Club meets for lunch the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Speakers, selected by the SMC Program Committee, cover a wide range of subjects from sports, health care and politics to education, homeland security and humanitarian endeavors. Detroit Tigers announcer Ernie Harwell, former Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Gov. Rick Snyder, Detroit Mayor Dave Bing and economists, educators and health care specialists have all been guest speakers of the men's Club. Many of the club's newest members are employed in finance, real estate, law, insurance, medicine and small business. Senior Men's Club sub-clubs include bowling, golf, tennis, pool and billiards, bridge, a choral group, reading, technology and investment. Any member can start a new sub-club based on his interest, such as model railroads, wood working, art, yoga, skiing or cooking. To join, send name, address, telephone number and e-mail address to smcmembership@yahoo.com or SMC Membership Chairman, Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236-3726.



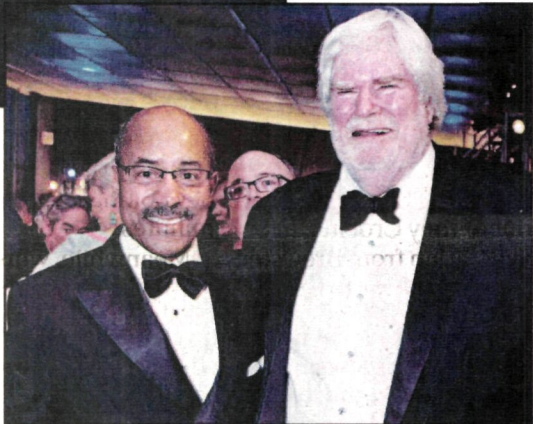
Wine auction

The Art of Wine, the 31st Detroit International Wine Auction, raised more than \$1.5 million for the College for Creative Studies. From left, Edward T. Welburn Jr. of Detroit, vice president, General Motors Global Design and co-chairman of the event; CCS Board of Trustees President Richard L. Rogers of Grosse Pointe; Vivian Packard of Bloomfield Hills, General Motors Foundation president; and Rhonda D. Welburn of Detroit, co-chairwoman of the event. Welburn presented CCS with a \$180,000 donation from GM to support automotive design education and training at the college.



Vice chairman of PVS Chemicals Inc. and CCS Board of Trustees member James M. Nicholson of Grosse Pointe Woods; Mary Beth Nicholson of Grosse Pointe Woods; and Manuel Louzada of Madrid, Spain, featured vintner at international wine auction.

At right, Keith E. Crain, right, of Grosse Pointe and chairman of Crain Communications Inc. and CCS Board of Trustees chairman and Edward T. Welburn Jr. of Detroit and CCS Board of Trustees member.





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Yesterday's headlines

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◆ **SCHOOLS HAVE GROWING PAINS:** Growing pains continue to harass the Grosse Pointe Public School System and the Board of Education took action to deal with several critical areas. Along with plans for an enlarged high school library and a small addition to Maire School, the board considered an addition to Ferry School or a new school in the

north end of the district. Superintendent Charles H. Wilson reported to the board concerning the enrollment surge at Ferry School as a result of new-home building in that area. He pointed out that 113 building permits had been issued in 1961 and 166 more through November of this year. As a result, enrollment is now 657 compared to 545 a year ago, when a six-room addition was opened there.

◆ **CASH STOLEN FROM RESIDENCE:**

Burglars broke into a home on Moross and got \$17,511 in cash and a lady's mink coat valued at \$450. The couple left the house to visit a funeral home and returned to find the front door off its hinges. They had money in the house from the sale of houses and kept money handy for real estate deals.

◆ **OBSCENE TELEPHONE CALL NABS POSTAL CLERK:** Grosse Pointe Park police arrested a 24-year-old postal clerk on a charge

of making obscene phone calls and ruined his Yuletide by confiscating hundreds of dollars worth of presents found under a Christmas tree in his home, all purchased with stolen charge plates.

1987
25 years ago this week

◆ **SMOKE ALARM ALERTS FAMILY:** A fire in the 700 block of Lakepointe in Grosse Pointe Park was brought under control after four hours early Sunday morning. A smoke alarm on the second floor of the home was credited with alerting the family and saving their lives. Damage is estimated at \$200,000.

— Compiled by Karen Fontanive



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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff



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Squash stuffed with delicious ingredients.

Vegetarians love good food, too



For most, the holiday season is full of rich meats and seafood alike. For vegetarians, it may not be so fun. So for those (vegetarians) I am stuffing acorn squash with a simple rye bread stuffing laced with spinach and other goodies we like in a stuffing. This recipe goes out to Joey Crocitto, a vegetarian from Brewster, N.Y., who loves to eat good food.

Stuffed Acorn Squash w/Spinach

3 yellow acorn squash, halved and seeded
8 cups torn, stale rye bread
1/2 stick butter
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 cups diced celery
1/2 cup diced shallot
3 garlic cloves, minced
10 oz. fresh baby spinach
1 cup half and half
1 cup vegetable broth
1/3 cup white wine

3 eggs
1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
2 tablespoons chopped fresh sage
pinch or 2 crushed red pepper flakes (optional)
1/2 cup dried cherries (optional)

Brush halved squash with olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Set aside.

In a medium skillet melt butter with the two tablespoons of olive oil over medium heat. Add celery and cook for five minutes or so. Add shallots and garlic and continue cooking for a few more minutes.

Meanwhile, whisk together half and half, vegetable broth, wine and eggs.

Place torn bread in a large bowl and pour liquid mixture over the bread.

Toss well and allow to sit for a few minutes to absorb liquid. Add cooked vegetables to stuffing.

Use same skillet to cook down fresh spinach (in batches) then add spinach to stuffing. Toss in parsley, sage, and either crushed red pepper or dried cherries. Taste your

stuffing and season with salt and pepper to taste.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Scoop stuffing into acorn squash halves creating a mound emerging from squash.

Place squash in a roasting pan and add about 1 inch of water to the pan.

Bake squash at 350 for 90 minutes or until squash is cooked throughout.

The size of the squash and your oven may alter the cooking time a bit.

Serve the halved squash as an entree or cut it down to compliment meat or poultry.

This yummy stuffing will even stand up on its own.

Cookie exchange

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

There are just some things not meant to be replaced, especially when the topic is Christmas cookies.

For example, Tammy Tedesco said, the green corn flake wreath cookie or the shortbread thumbprint with raspberry filling, even the gingerbread men and the rum balls need to be present at her annual cookie exchange.

When some 40 to 50 friends gather Tuesday, Dec. 18, for the 11th annual cookie exchange, they can pretty much be assured an Italian snowball cookie or a lemon bar will be awaiting.

The cookie exchange is by invitation only and began in Tedesco's Grosse Pointe kitchen 10 years ago with 10 friends who loved to bake.

"I had moved to Grosse Pointe to a house big enough to host friends," she said.

The intent was each woman would bake one batch of cookies, and leave cookie-filled containers of 10 varieties.

"That's how it started," she said. "We were trading so we wouldn't have to bake so many."

Every year, friends asked if they could bring a friend until the bakers and cookie trays outgrew her house. This year, the event is in Tompkins Center. Each participant

brings 10 dozen cookies and goes home with 10 dozen different cookies.

"It sounds like a lot," she said, "but when you break it down, it's two to three batches. People are looking to give things away. I give eight gifts out of 10 dozen."

This year the 2 1/2 hour event is Cookies, Cocktail and a Cause.

Women are asked to donate items to Reading Works, an adult literacy program.

"We take on a different program that can impact Grosse Pointers," she said. "Collectively, we have the power to make a difference in our neighboring communities that are less fortunate than us. Going forward, the cookie exchange will adopt a cause to accomplish this goal."

Tedesco said her Detroit-based catering company, Edibles Rex, provides the dinner during which women network. Following dinner, women pull on plastic gloves, pick up tins and walk around tables laden with cookies, both home made and store bought.

According to Tedesco, there are a few women

who do not bake. Instead, they bring store-bought cookies and that is acceptable.

Tedesco said she is making a cookie with peanut butter sandwiched between two Ritz crackers and dipped in chocolate.

Her idea of a fruitcake cookie, she said, was vetoed and she had to put the idea on the back burner.

"There aren't a lot of fruitcake lovers," she said.

However, she has heard there will be a hermit cookie, a recipe resurrected from an old Betty Crocker cookbook. It has cold coffee blended in, she said.

"You don't taste the coffee, but it has a distinct flavor," Tedesco said.

Along with the hermit cookies, there also will be a thumbprint baked with caramel center, potato chip cookies, cookies with ricotta cheese and a raspberry filled shortbread cookie. Tedesco's 10 dozen green cornflake wreath cookies and 10 dozen chocolate-dipped Ritz peanut butter cookies.

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6B | HEALTH

ASK THE EXPERTS By Lalitha Sivaswamy M.D.

Treatments for childhood migraines



Q. What are some of the common treatments for children who have migraines?

A. There are two groups of medications used.

"Rescue medications" are used when a child gets a migraine when in school or when immediate relief is needed. There are good rescue medications including certain inhalants, oral pills and even injectables. It depends on the level of comfort and what works best. Examples of these drugs include sumatriptan and rizatriptan.

Some other children have frequent headaches for which using a daily medication may be a better option. Most children use them once a day at night and can still take a rescue medication if needed. It depends on the symptom's severity and what the doctor thinks will work best for the patient.

Q. Are certain medications more effective than others?

A. Some children respond to medications like ibuprofen or naprosyn, while others may need a combination to achieve effective relief. Some children vomit quite a bit, in which case using an oral medication may not be the best option.

A doctor can suggest nausea medication so regular medication works.

Q. What are some alternative treatments?

A. Some herbal supplements such as petasites (butterbur) and feverfew have demonstrated benefit. There have been studies in children proving the alternative treatments' efficacy, so the best option may be a natural supplement. Just because something is not a prescription does not mean it is less strong.

Q. What about new treatments?

A. New treatments including almotriptan and rizatriptan are now FDA approved for use in

the pediatric age group. This gives parents the confidence their child is receiving something that has been scientifically studied in hundreds of children and found to be safe. Botox is also being used in children, though not FDA approved, and many youngsters have had pain relief with this intervention. It is a treatment that can be used once every three or four months and can improve the child's quality of life.

Q. What about prevention tips?

A. Adequate sleep, down time for rest and relaxation, regular exercise, maintaining a healthy body weight and avoiding overuse of pain medications all play an

important role in prevention of headaches.

According to the National Headache Foundation, more than 10 million American school age children, ages 5 to 17, are prone to headaches. About 5 percent can be attributed to migraines.

Sivaswamy is a neurologist and medical director of the headache clinic at DMC Children's Hospital of Michigan. For more information on children's headaches and other neurological disorders, visit childrensdmc.org/pediatric-neurology.

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Rehab center opens thanks to gift

The new Valade Gym, Education Center and Spa opened on the seventh floor of St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

The newest hospital facility provides patients with an enhanced physical rehabilitation environment and services. The Nov. 8 grand opening celebration and donor reception honored Gretchen C. Valade for her gift to the center and to pay tribute to Michael C. Burke, her friend in whose memory the gift was made.

A Grosse Pointe Farms resident, Valade is chair of Carhartt, CEO of Mack Avenue Records and owner of the Dirty Dog Jazz Café, who gave \$500,000 to support the gym, education center and spa.

A long-time hospital supporter, she has supported the Valade Healing Arts Center,



Seated from left, Sharon Burke and Gretchen Valade; standing from left, Kelly Burke Oliver, Peter Oliver, Carol, Amy and Kevin Burke.

the heart and circulatory center patient wing, the Valade Cardiovascular Hybrid Operating Room and the da Vinci® Si surgical robotic system.

The new gym provides an optimum

rehabilitation environment for those who have had joint replacement or spinal surgery to assist them in successful physical therapy prior to discharge. The area is set up to accommodate both

individual and group therapy clinics, and the state-of-the-art equipment includes a car simulator to teach patients the proper body mechanics of entering and exiting a vehicle post-surgery.

The education center is a component of the pre-operative process where joint replacement and spinal surgery patients learn what to expect and plan for before their procedure. Along with their at-home

"coaches," patients attend classes taught by patient care staff, pharmacy, social work, therapy and home care personnel.

By having the classroom on the patient floor, surgical candidates can see their post-surgical rooms and treatment areas prior to their surgery.

Patients and their support persons can take advantage of an array of pampering amenities such as massage therapies, manicures and hair styling.

At the opening event, Valade spoke of her commitment to the Detroit/Grosse Pointe community and the importance of friendship — especially her close relationship with Michael and Sharon Burke. Burke died of heart disease in May 2011, and Valade remembered him with her recent gift.

"St. John Hospital is a cause close to my heart, and I'm happy to support this area that will benefit many patients," she said.

Hospital orthopedic surgeons donated \$30,000 to help purchase equipment for the new facility.

DONATE: Step up to help COTS

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and to replace the beds at the temporary shelter.

"Last year my mom's law firm, Crimando & Cleland P.C. in Mount Clemens, supplied the toiletries. I want to continue that," Alber said. "I found a website to buy quality items in bulk."

Her father's law firm, Alber Crafton PSC in Troy, has taken on the responsibility of supplying toiletries as a company project this year. Next year, she would like to find a new sponsor.

To help purchase new furniture, Alber and Schroeder have created Best Friends Buy Beds for the Homeless annual fundraiser and birthday party in February held at a yet-to-be-determined local restaurant.

"Watch for that event in February of 2013. This is a great way to get involved," Alber said.

Cash donations can be given through her website citizenefect.org/users/1907. Alber can be contacted to pick up donations at donate.detroit@gmail.com. She can provide receipts for the donations.

ACTIVITIES: Deadlines

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Deadlines

Deadlines are changed for the issues of Dec. 27 and Jan. 3 due to the holidays.

To be included in the Features section of the Dec. 27 issue, all information must be submitted by noon Wednesday, Dec. 20. To be included in the Features section of the Jan. 3 issue, all information must be submitted by noon Wednesday, Dec. 26.

Send the information to afouty@grossepointe.news.com.

For more information or answers to your questions, call Ann L. Fouty, features editor, at (313) 343-6298.

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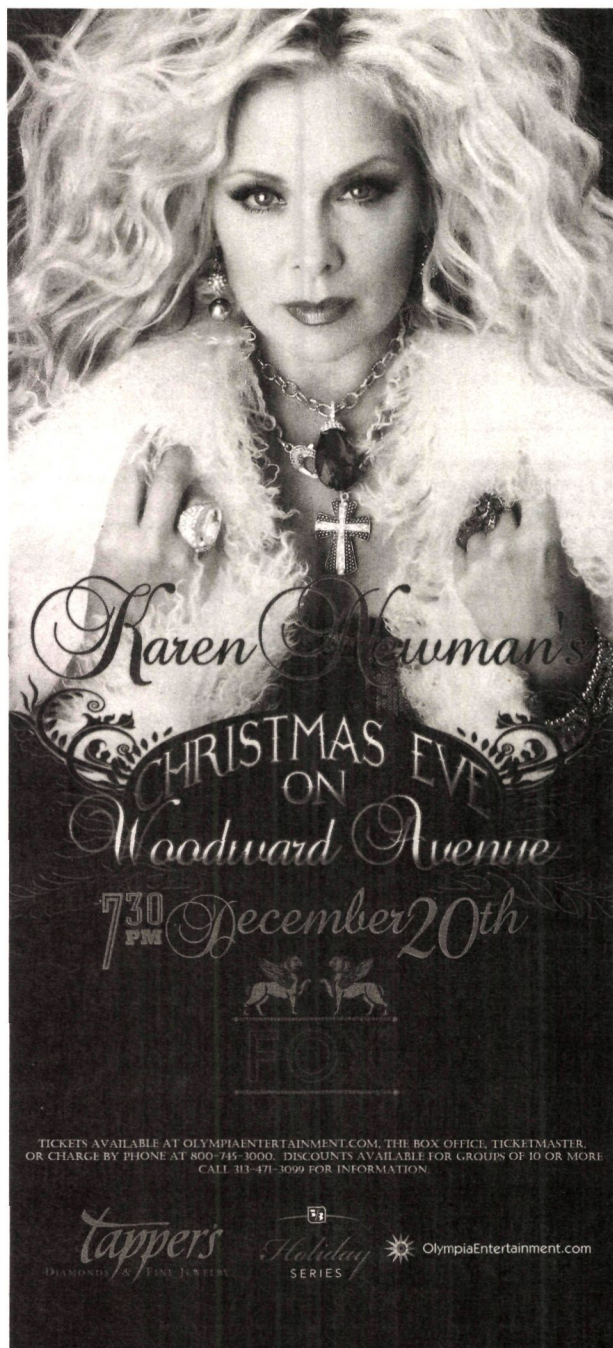
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SOC activities for January and February

Services for Older Citizens offers lunch and a variety of activities during January and February. Lunch is served at 11 a.m. and the donation is \$3. Two complete bingo games are at 10 a.m. and noon, unless otherwise noted. To make reservations or for more information, call SOC at (313) 882-9600.

White Sale bingo — Tuesday, Jan. 8. Essentials from the linen department are prizes.

Birthday celebration — 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9. The cost is \$3. Those with January birthdays receive a piece of cake with a candle, a photo and free lunch.

Rick Steves' "Istanbul and Western Turkey" —

11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 9. The 60-minute film highlights the Grand Bazaar of Istanbul, fishermen's wharf, a boat tour and follow stories of the Byzantine Empire at the Hagia Sophia and Topkapi Palace.

Tax Preparation Presentation — 11:30 a.m., Monday, Jan. 14. AARP tax aide volunteers cover a variety of topics for individuals who will have their taxes prepared at SOC, Harper Woods Public Library or any other AARP Tax-Aide site.

A customized check list is provided that day for each individual to help as you prepare for your tax appointment. Bring the 2011 tax return

to the presentation to receive your customized list.

Baby It's Cold Outside bingo — Tuesday, Jan. 15. Maire Elementary School third graders attend the 10 a.m. bingo only. Seniors win bingo prizes to warm you on the inside and outside! Students win Beanie Babies.

Hawaiian Luau party — 11 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 16. Pi'ilani Wahines provide the entertainment. The cost is \$5. It is at St. James Lutheran Church's lower level, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms. Chef Raymone prepares lunch. Wear Hawaiian or summer attire. Reservations need to be made by Friday,

Jan. 11.

Old-Fashioned Country Grocery Store bingo — Tuesday, Jan. 22. Savory treats are the prizes.

Insight: An Empowerment Approach to Vision Loss — 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 23. Lauren Swanson discusses coping strategies for vision loss and provides community resources for seniors regarding low vision.

Accessorize bingo — Tuesday, Jan. 29. Scarves and jewelry are prizes.

"We Bought a Zoo" is shown at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 30. The cost is \$5 per person and is two hours and six minutes. A pizza lunch is served and seniors can take a box lunch home. Call for reservations.

Grosse Pointe bingo — Tuesday, Feb. 5. Prizes are pink and green.

Rick Steves' Turkey: Central and Eastern regions — 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 6, 11:30 a.m. The 60-minute film highlights Central

Turkey's folk dances in ancient villages, geological wonders, cliff dwellings, the region's red pottery, the city of Ankara, Mount Ararat, Abraham's 4,000-year-old home town, one of the world's largest dams and Mount Nemrut.

For the Young at Heart — 11 a.m., Friday, Feb. 8. Maire Elementary third graders visit SOC for lunch, a sing-along and pass out cards.

Paczki Day — 11 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 12. Paczkis cost \$1 and must be ordered by Friday, Feb. 8.

Mardi Gras bingo — Tuesday, Feb. 12.

Birthday celebration — 11 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 13. The cost is \$3. Those with February birthdays receive a piece of cake with a candle, a keepsake photo and a free lunch.

Valentine's Day party — 11 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 14. The cost is \$8. John Needham provides the musical entertainment.

The party is at St.

James Lutheran Church. The luncheon buffet is provided by Marchiori Catering. A raffle concludes the festivities. A box lunch can be taken home. Reservations must be in by Monday, Feb. 4.

Cookies 'R Us' bingo — Tuesday, Feb. 19. Prizes are cookies, crackers and pretzels.

Be Heart Healthy — 11:30 a.m., Friday, Feb. 22. Registered nurse Nancy Snyder and Diane Fustin from Henry Ford Hospital discuss heart health.

Cookin' Up a Storm bingo — Tuesday, Feb. 26. Food and kitchen gadgets are the prizes.

Fun food and kitchen gadgets to help you cook up a storm.

"The Tourist" — 11 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 27. The cost is \$5 for the film that runs one hour and 43 minutes.

Pizza is served for lunch and attendees can take a box lunch to take home.

Reservations are needed.

Heart valve replaced

Doctors at Henry Ford Hospital are the first in Michigan to replace a patient's heart valve a second time, implanting an artificial valve by threading it through an artery to take the place of a previous surgical implant.

Sixty-three-year-old Kenneth Crayne of Carleton has struggled with heart failure for years.

After a 1998 heart attack caused him to retire at 49, he had open-heart surgery to replace a diseased aortic valve with one from a pig, a traditional treatment for the past 20 years. However, such valves only last for 10 to 12 years.

Once Crayne's implanted valve began to deteriorate, he needed to have the valve replaced again.

"Mr. Crayne had been

in and out of the hospital for six months as the pig valve began to fail," says William O'Neill M.D., medical director of the Center for Structural Heart Disease at Henry Ford Hospital.

"He was unable to have another open-heart surgery for this second replacement of the same valve.

"Fortunately, he was a good candidate for a transcatheter aortic valve replacement, or TAVR, procedure."

This is a minimally invasive procedure, approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for patients with severe narrowing of the aortic heart valve who cannot undergo open-heart surgery. Before its availability, patients had few treatment options.

O'Neill led a team of physicians from multiple

specialties, including interventional cardiology, cardiac surgery, advanced cardiac imaging, vascular surgery, and cardiac anesthesia, for Crayne's procedure. The doctors used a catheter to thread the replacement valve from a blood vessel in the leg to the heart's failing aortic valve, and replace it with the new artificial valve.

"Before getting this new valve, I could hardly breathe," Crayne said. "I could barely walk 20 feet. After the procedure, the doctors were surprised that I could feel the difference in my heart right away."

Crayne, a former automotive mechanic and instrument technician, said he is looking forward to getting back to tinkering with his car again and finishing some remodeling projects on his home.

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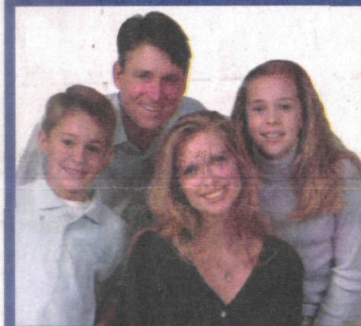
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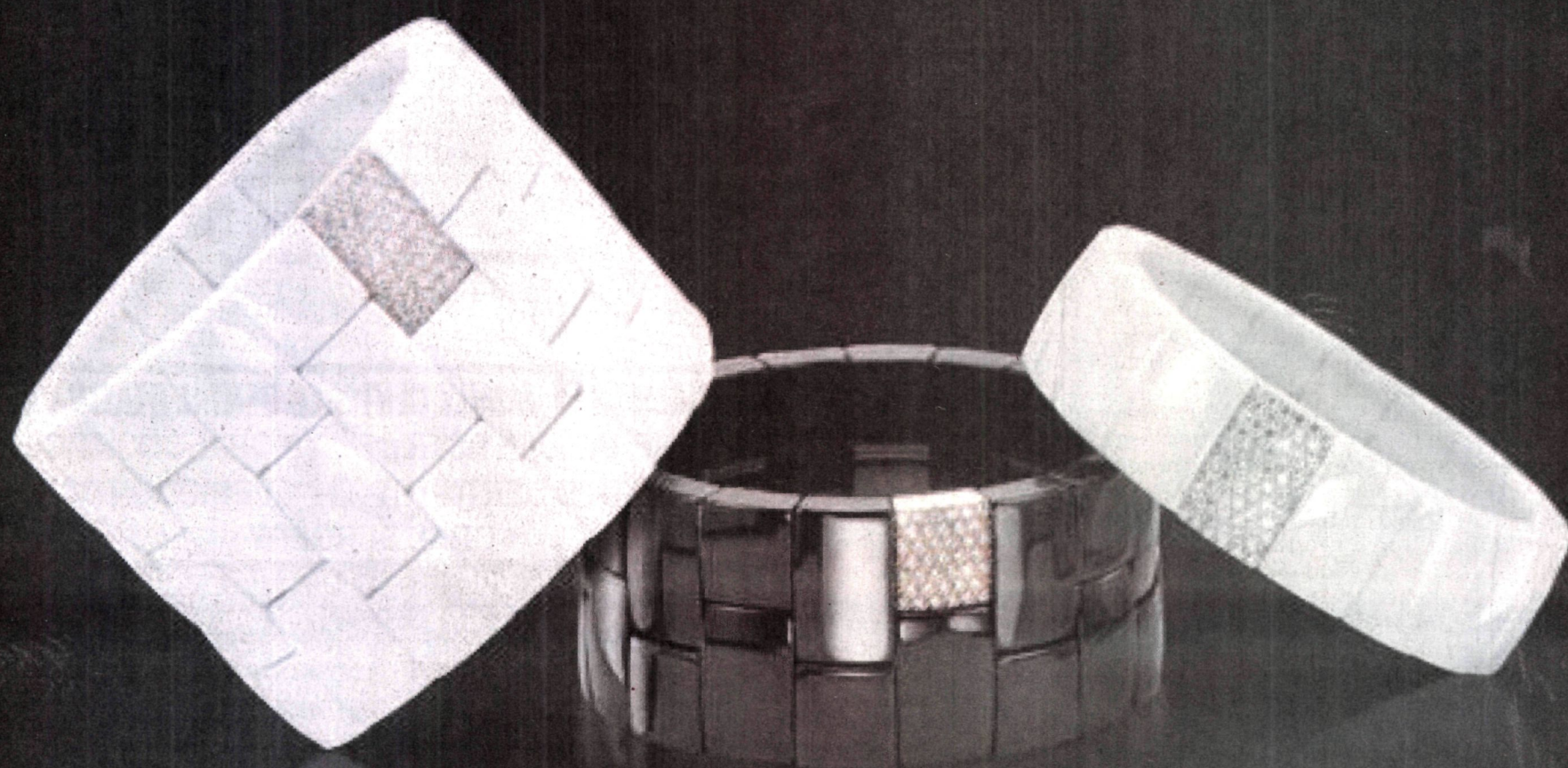
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WRESTLING

Positive start for Blue Devils

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

After three weeks of practice, Grosse Pointe South's wrestling team took to the mat, hosting Macomb Dakota 'B,' Redford Union and Sterling Heights.

The Blue Devils dropped matches to Sterling Heights, 66-15, and Redford Union, 63-16, but the increased enthusiasm for the program was evident.

"Our numbers are up

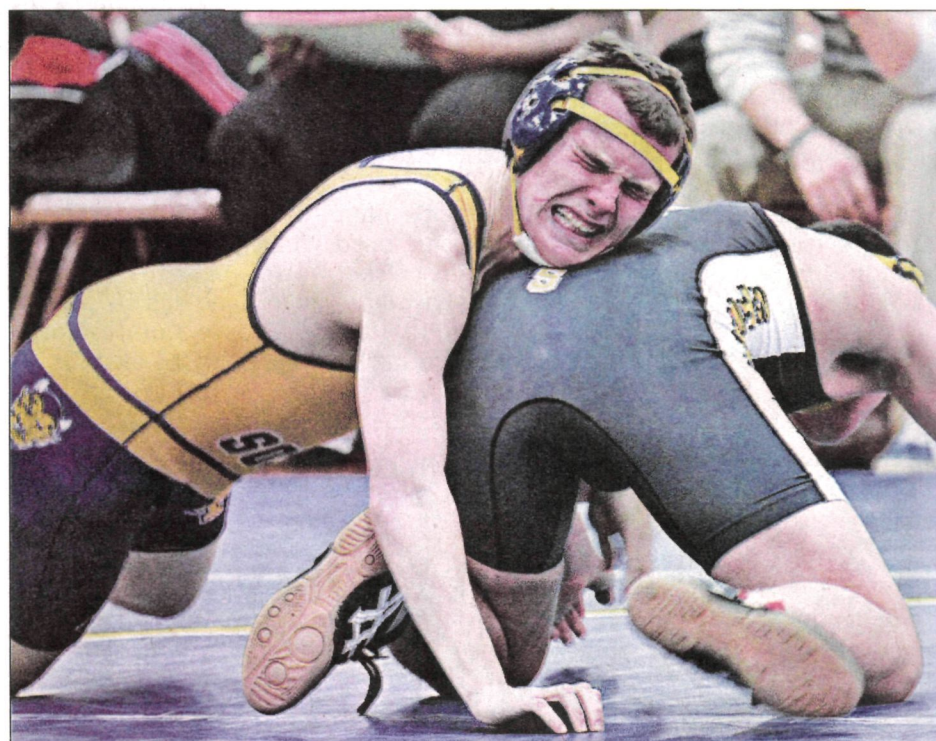
from the past couple of years and coach Paul and I can see the excitement from our guys as they prepared for tonight," head coach Greg Snider said. "I thought our wrestlers did a nice job against a couple of tough teams. We have work to do, but I think we got off to a nice start."

Against Sterling Heights, Jeshua Yglesias pinned his foe in the 119-pound division and Earl Allard, competing at 103

Blue Devils' final three points came when Frankie Pangborn earned a 7-5 decision in the 152-pound class.

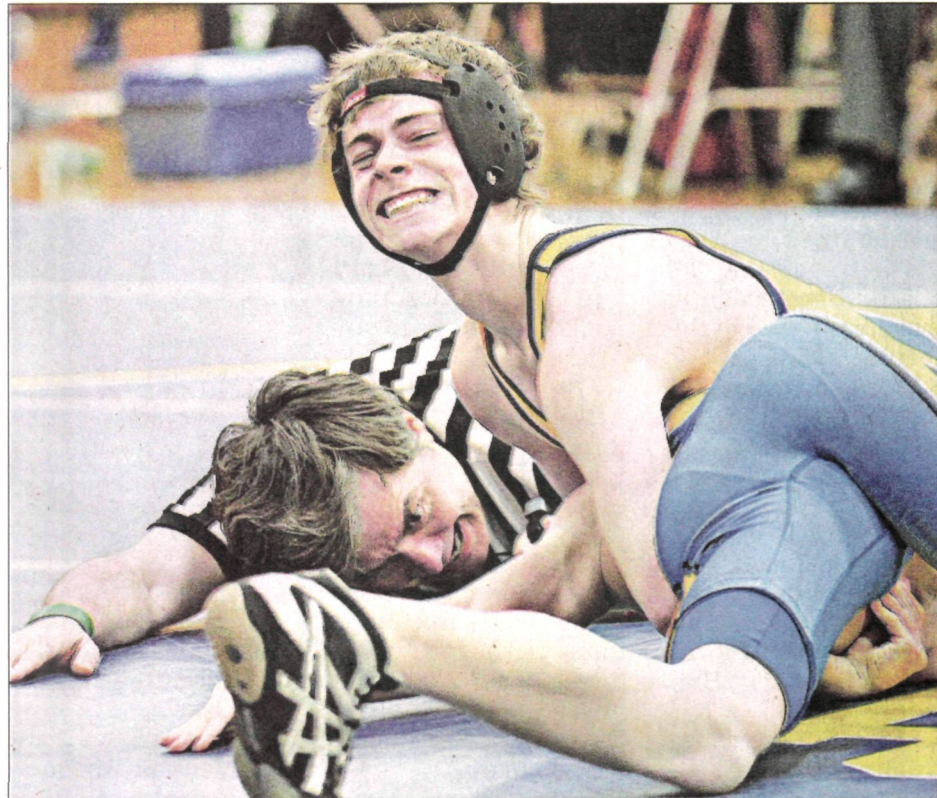
Yglesias also pinned his Union foe at 119 pounds and Allard won a 20-9 majority decision at 103 pounds to give the Blue Devils nine points. The other six points came compliments of Alex Manchester, who pinned his foe in a match in the 130-pound division.

In the first action of the season, Snider had a



South's Frankie Pangborn had a solid opening week wrestling in the 152-pound weight class.

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Grosse Pointe South's Alex Manchester was all smiles after winning his first match of the season, pinning his Redford Union foe.

lineup consisting of Allard at 103 pounds; Yglesias at 119 pounds; Andrew Simon at 125 pounds; Antoine Herrell and John Gough at 140 pounds; Pangborn at 152 pounds; Tommy Flynn at 160 pounds; Colin Brannegan, Naim Muhammad and Joseph Kurta at 171 pounds; and Carmeron Ennis at 189 pounds.

Last weekend, South

traveled to Warren Cousino for a team tournament. Snider's grapplers competed against Sterling Heights Stevenson, host Cousino, Dakota 'B,' Marysville and Pontiac Academy of Excellence.

"We see some different competition and it's good for our guys, especially our new ones to the program, to get more matches under their

belt," Snider said. "They can see what works and what they need to work on."

The team didn't fair well in the win-loss column, but the grapplers enjoyed some individual success.

The extra matches gave the newcomers a chance to learn from the mistakes made in the Thursday action.

South is 0-7 overall.

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Basketball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH GIRLS

Blue Devils beat PHN

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Kevin Richards knows his Grosse Pointe South girls' basketball team has a target on its back this season.

After coming within two points of winning a state championship last season, the Blue Devils are once again one of the state-title contenders and everyone will give them their best shot.

"The girls realize everyone wants to play their best and beat us and that is OK because it makes our girls play harder, too," Richards said.

After opening the season with a loss to Chicago Whitney Young, South returned home last weekend and beat Port Huron Northern 51-43.

"They're a 17-win team from a year ago, so we knew they would battle," Richards said. "This was a good basketball game and it was nice to get the first win of the season."

The Blue Devils used two scoring spurts, one in the second quarter and another to open the fourth, to stretch the lead to double digits.

In the first run, freshman Natalia Engel drained two three-pointers and the backcourt duo of sophomores Cierra Rice and Aliezza Brown scored four layups to help the home team turn a 14-11 deficit into a 30-22 halftime advantage.

The lead stayed between eight and 11 through most of the third quarter and was at 14 early in the fourth quarter.

The Huskies made a run late in the game and had a chance to cut it to three — or two with a three-pointer — but they missed and the Blue Devils were able to grab the rebound.

Rice led the way with 16 points and Brown followed with 13 for the Blue Devils. Engel finished with six points, as

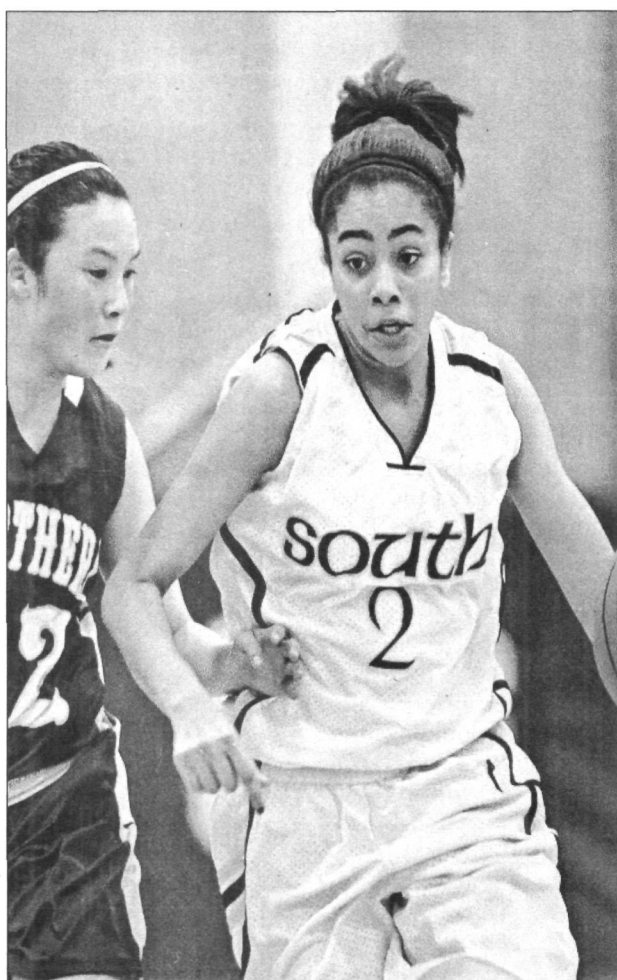


PHOTO BY PAUL KANIA

Grosse Pointe South's Aliezza Brown dribbles down court during the Blue Devils' win over Port Huron Northern.

did senior Christy Flom. Senior Claire DeBoer was held to four points.

"Northern was double- and triple-teaming Claire, taking her out of the

game," Richards said. "Our guards came through and our bench played well."

Grosse Pointe South improved to 1-1 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH GIRLS

Norsemen suffer losses

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' basketball team played two tough road games last week, making it four consecutive road contests to start the season.

The Norsemen lost 66-34 to Westland John Glenn and followed with a 47-36 loss to Livonia Ladywood.

"We didn't compete very well against a very good John Glenn team," head coach Gary Bennett said. "I was happy to see the girls turn it around and play much better against another good team in Ladywood."

Junior Maria Liddane led the way with 14 points and junior Jayla Hubbard had six points and five rebounds against John Glenn.

The Norsemen's offensive struggles continued, but they shot the ball better against Ladywood.

They trailed 19-18 at the half, but a scoring lull

in the third quarter allowed the Blazers to take a 35-23 lead.

Bennett watched his players hustle back into the game as Liddane and senior Stavi Varlamos each drilled a three-point basket, and Hubbard converted a three-point play, to help the Norsemen run off 11 straight points and cut the deficit to 35-34.

The Blazers used a couple of three-point baskets to distance themselves from the Norsemen in the final few minutes to win.

"We did a whole lot better than Tuesday," Bennett said. "I think the girls were pleased with their effort. They competed tonight, which is what I'm looking for. We want to be competitive."

Liddane led the team with 14 points and five assists, while Hubbard finished with nine points and senior Anna Giordano had six points.

Grosse Pointe North dipped to 0-4 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH BOYS

Pilots spoil North opener

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys' basketball team opened its season last week, losing 56-37 to Warren DeLaSalle.

"We have to be more consistent," head coach Matt Lockhart said. "You look at the scorebook and I see a good first and third quarter and bad second and fourth quarters."

"Our kids played hard and they hung tough against a good team. We have things to work on, but we also have positives to build on."

The host Norsemen trailed 3-0 in the first minute, but ran off an 8-0 run to help take a 13-9 lead after the first quarter.

The Pilots used an 18-9 second quarter to build a 27-22 halftime lead and the margin

nearly hit double digits early in the third period when the visitors scored the first four points of the stanza to lead 31-22.

In the final four minutes of the third quarter, Lockhart watched his players battle and eventually pull even at 34, thanks to a basket by senior Ricky Watson.

The Pilots scored the final four points of the third quarter to lead 38-34, and they used a distinct height advantage to wear down the Norsemen.

The deficit grew to 11 points midway through the fourth quarter and several missed shots later, the Norsemen were in a hole they couldn't get out of.

"We're not tall and taking on a very big DeLaSalle team was a tough way to open, but these games will prepare our guys for the league

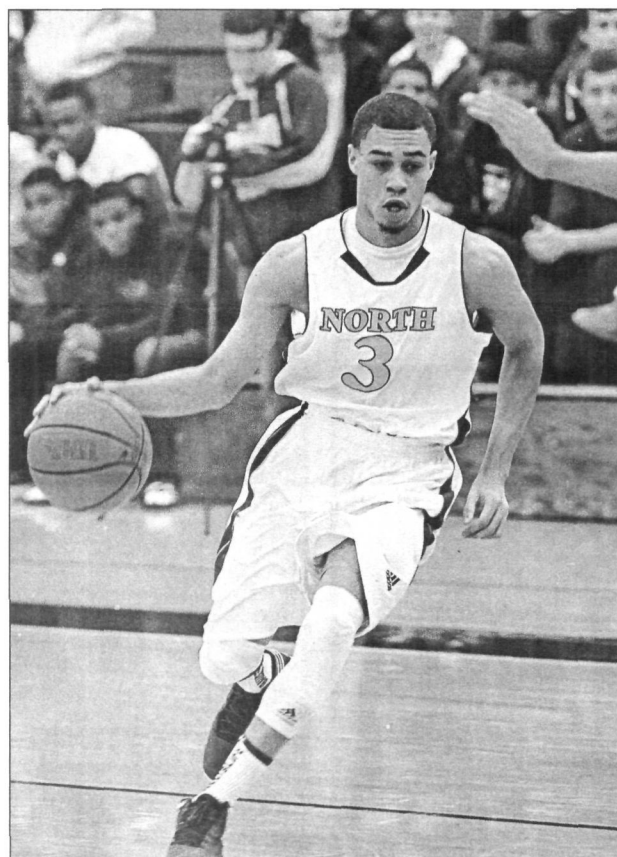


PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Grosse Pointe North's Ricky Watson drives the lane during the Norsemen's season opener against Warren DeLaSalle.

schedule and beyond," apiece.

Lockhart said. Junior Justin Kennedy Watson and senior had six points, as did Taiwan Wiggins led junior Tim Herd and Grosse Pointe North, 0-1 senior Chris Doherty. overall, with eight points

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH BOYS

Blue Devils bedeviled

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It was a tough start to the season for Grosse Pointe South's boys' basketball team.

The Blue Devils started with a 58-43 home loss to Chippewa Valley and ended with a 63-30 defeat to Detroit Osborn at St. Cecilia's.

"We had a nice first half against Chippewa Valley, but couldn't sustain it and fell apart in the second half," head coach Dave Grauzer said. "We have to get some more consistency and others have to step up."

The host Blue Devils led Chippewa Valley 26-25 at the half as Jabari Burton scored 10 points.

They were outscored 16-6 in the third quarter to fall behind by nine points and 17-11 in the final period to lose by double digits.

Burton finished with 10 points to lead the Blue Devils, while Darius Harris had nine and Joe Becker added eight.

Last weekend, Grauzer took his players to experience the uniqueness of playing at legendary St. Cecilia's in Detroit.

"It will be a good learning experience for the boys," Grauzer said.

The Blue Devils couldn't handle Osborn's speed and the deficit quickly grew to double digits.

With the loss, South is 0-2 overall.

LIGGETT GIRLS

Tough losses

The University Liggett girls' basketball team battled two of the Catholic League's top squads last week, Farmington Hills Mercy and Livonia Ladywood.

The Knights played well in a 52-39 loss to Ladywood, but not so well in a 70-47 loss to Mercy. Both games were on the road.

"We had a tough week

and we have a lot to work on," head coach Omar Ahart said. "We will be OK, but for now we have to get everyone on the same page."

With the losses, Liggett falls to 0-3 overall.

The Knights have a couple of weeks of practice before taking the court the week between Christmas and New Year.

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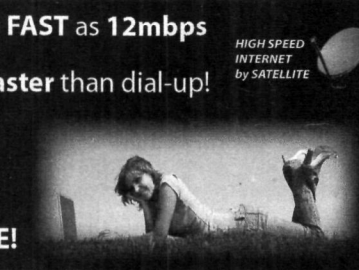
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Hockey

LIGGETT BOYS

Knights bury SCS

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett boys' hockey team pummeled St. Clair Shores Unified 8-0 last weekend, improving to 4-3 overall.

The host Knights scored a lone goal in the opening period when junior Jake Jerome tallied at the 15:50 mark, assisted by sophomore Mason Demsey and junior Vincent Scarfone.

Head coach Robb McIntyre watched his Knights explode for four second-period goals to break open a close game.

At the 16:40 mark, senior Jake Soyka scored, assisted by senior Cam Marchese, and freshman

Brett Abdelnour lit the lamp at the 10:47 mark with assists going to the Soyka brothers, Jake and sophomore Josh.

A little less than a minute later, the Knights made it 4-0 when Scarfone scored, assisted by juniors Anthony Giorgio and William Yates, and it was 5-0 at the 6:58 mark when Jake Soyka scored his second of the night, assisted by Demsey.

Marchese tallied early in the third period with Jake Soyka and junior Lordanthony Grissom drawing assists, and at the 7:31 mark Grissom used his superior size and strength to muscle through a couple of

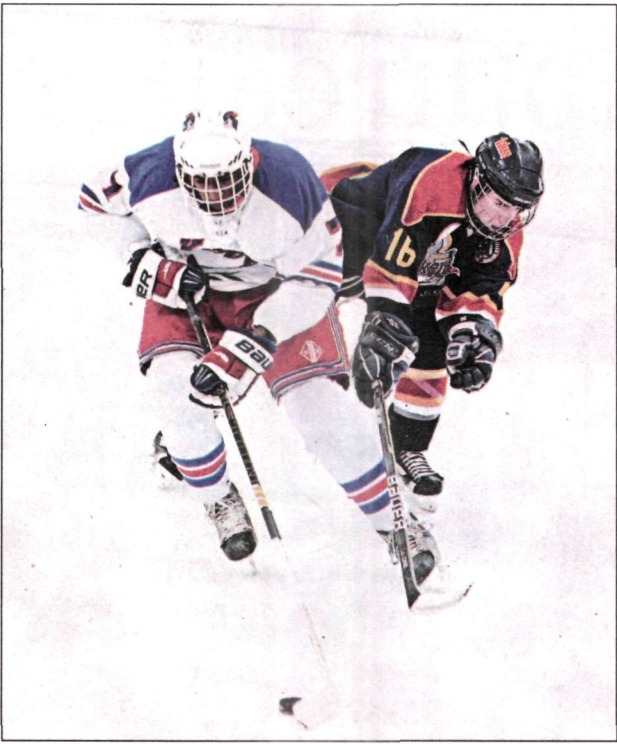


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Liggett's Lordanthony Grissom keeps possession of the puck during the Knights' easy win over St. Clair Shores Unified.

defensemen to score. This time, it was Abdelnour and freshman Harrison Wujek netting assists.

The Knights officially

ended the game via the eight-goal mercy rule when sophomore Stephen Campau scored with 2:47 left in the game. Grissom had an assist.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH GIRLS

Norsemen cruise

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' hockey team passed a couple of early-season tests last week.

The host Norsemen edged Port Huron 5-4 and Ann Arbor 4-2, improving to 3-0 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

"Both teams have good players, so we feel good about how well we played to earn two wins," head coach Joe Lucchese said.

The Norsemen built a 5-3 lead against Port Huron, but the visitors scored on the power play with three minutes left in the third period to make it interesting.

Sophomore goalkeeper Lauren Hartt made her first start of the season and made some key saves late to preserve the victory.

"Lauren did a nice job and had some big saves to help us win the game," Lucchese said.

Senior Sara Villani and freshman Elizabeth

Gallagher each scored two goals, while senior Julia Henderson tallied the home team's first goal in the opening period.

Drawing assists were senior Jacci Sherry with two, Villani with two, and senior Bryn Moody, freshman Lindsay Gallagher, Elizabeth Gallagher, sophomore Karina Lucchese, senior Katie Bowles and senior C.J. McCarthy with one apiece.

The Norsemen held Ann Arbor's dynamic first line, led by junior Caroline Hurd, to only two assists.

Lindsay Gallagher scored the Norsemen's first goal with Villani assisting, and Henderson had the second goal with Moody and McCarthy netting assists.

Moody scored what turned out to be the winning goal and Elizabeth Gallagher also tallied.

Assisting on the first goal were Sherry and Henderson, and on the second was Lindsay Gallagher.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH GIRLS

Unbeaten

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' hockey team won its third straight game, beating much improved Bloomfield 5-1 last week.

In year's past, Bloomfield wouldn't register a shot on net and the game would be over after two periods due to the eight-goal mercy rule.

Not anymore and it's to the benefit of the league said South head coach Joe Provenzano.

"This was a good hockey game and our girls had to work hard to earn this win," Provenzano said. "I like the fact that Bloomfield and other teams improved their roster. It makes for better games and improves the players' skills."

The host Blue Devils took a 2-0 first-period lead when junior Tenley

Shield lit the lamp twice. Her first goal was assisted by senior Allison Daudlin and the second was unassisted.

Bloomfield scored its goal with only 2:40 left in the opening period. South goalie Isabella Strickler couldn't get back quick enough after making an initial save. Bloomfield's Nicole Pomish scored.

Shield completed her hat trick at the 9:48 mark of the second period. She skated in alone and fired a shot on goalie Madi Kramer, who made the save, but Shield was able to corral the rebound and shoot it into the back of the net.

Senior Darian Dempsey scored at the 2:24 mark of the third period with Daudlin netting another assist, giving the home team a 4-1 lead after two periods.

In the final stanza, freshman Ellie Flom



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

South junior Tenley Shield looks up ice during the second period of the Blue Devils' 5-1 win over Bloomfield.

scored with Daudlin and Dempsey drawing assists.

Strickler earned the win, stopping a dozen shots in the process.

Last weekend, South scored a 3-1 victory at Livonia Ladywood,

improving to 4-0 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

Shield, Dempsey and Lindsey Makos scored goals, while Gennie Martin and Sam Taylor had assists.

LIGGETT GIRLS

Knights win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Junior Danielle Lorant had one of her best career games Monday evening, helping University Liggett's girls' hockey team beat Livonia Ladywood 5-3.

Lorant had one goal and three assists to lead the host Knights' offense. Other goal scorers were junior Hannah Hodges, senior Hannah Mason and senior Chandler Warren.

Drawing assists were junior Bella Canzano, senior Aria Ganz-Waple, freshman Jennifer Kusch, Hodges and Mason.

"We played a solid game and I was happy to see the girls generate a lot of scoring chances," head coach Cassie Jaeckle said.

The Knights took a 2-1

lead after the opening period and maintained the one-goal advantage after the second intermission as each squad tallied in the second stanza.

Hodges scored what turned out to be the winning goal at the 2:56 mark of the third period, and with 1:04 left, Lorant scored on a wrist shot.

For the Blazers, senior Hannah Pereira had all three goals.

The Knights had ample opportunities to add to the lead, but senior goalie Sarah Koch made several key saves.

For the home team, freshman Olivia Portillo was just as impressive, stopping three mini breakaways to preserve the victory.

Liggett improved to 2-3 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH BOYS

Team back on track

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It's been a rough start to the season for the Grosse Pointe North boys' hockey team.

The Norsemen, playing one of the toughest schedules in the state, hosted top 10-ranked Rochester United last week and lost 4-3.

"I thought we played pretty well and dominated most of the game, but I told the guys before the game they have to play a full three periods and they didn't do that tonight and we lost because of it," head coach Scott Lock said.

The Norsemen dominated the shots and time of possession in the first period, but it was scoreless.

Senior standout Jack Stander cut his arm preventing a Rochester scoring chance. The cut required stitches and kept him off the ice in the second period.

Rochester used a three-minute span in the second period to score

two power-play goals and an even-strength tally to build a 3-0 lead. Despite getting badly out-shot, Rochester had a 3-0 advantage heading into the final period.

Lock's second intermission chat motivated his players and at the 11:29 mark senior Nick Murray scored, with senior Nick Rahaim netting an assist.

The biggest blow of the game came two minutes later when Rochester scored what would turn out to be a huge goal. It upped the lead to 4-1.

The Norsemen fought back and junior Jeff Herron scored two goals in a span of 90 seconds, drawing the home team within a goal.

His first goal at the 2:12 mark was assisted by senior Jack Guest and the second at the 58.2 mark was assisted by senior David Chavis and junior Anthony Allemon.

"We worked hard and had our chances, hitting four or five posts," Lock said. "We have to find a



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

North's Jeffrey Herron scored two goals in the final couple of minutes to make it interesting for the Norsemen against Rochester United.

way to score more goals and play a full three periods. I know that will come."

North played better in its next game against Livonia Churchill, winning 4-1.

Rahaim scored in the opening period, assisted by junior C.J. Kusch and Murray. In the second period, Kusch scored,

assisted by Rahaim and Murray, and senior Jack Guest tallied with Kusch and senior Tyler Capp netting assists.

Stander put the finishing touches on the victory, scoring a power-play goal in the third period with Herron and Allemon drawing assists.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 2-4 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH BOYS



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Defeats

The Grosse Pointe South boys' hockey team evened its league record at 2-2 last week, losing 3-1 to Allen Park and 4-3 in overtime to Southgate Anderson. Junior goalie Andrew Wright, above, makes a save, and junior Andrew Bigham scored the Blue Devils' lone goal against Allen Park, with senior Max Corden getting an assist. The Blue Devils had a 3-2 lead over Anderson, but gave up the final two goals to fall to 2-6 overall.

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GROSSE POINTE BULLDOGS

Bulldogs capture tourney title

The 1998 Grosse Pointe Bulldogs won the AAA division Bantam Major championship at the Bauer World Invite Tournament in Chicago the weekend of Nov. 2.

The 40-team field of 13- and 14-year-old players included the best Tier II and some AAA teams from 17 different states and three Canadian provinces.

The Bulldogs went 6-1 during the three-day tournament to bring home the hardware to Michigan. They outscored their opponents 37-12.

The Bulldogs lost their only game of the tournament in an opening game, falling 2-1 to the Missouri Affton Americans. Gunner Markiewicz scored the lone Bulldog goal with assists from Zack Pearson and Jack Flynn.

Knowing another loss or a tie would spoil any chance of advancing to the quarterfinals, the Bulldogs won their next three round-robin games. In the second game, the Bulldogs over-



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The Bulldogs are, kneeling left to right, Sam Knoblauch, Alex Grimm, Gunner Markiewicz, Jack Flynn, Jonathan Theros and Jacob Robinson; standing, middle row from left, Zack Pearson, Andrew Tomasi, Marshall Vyletel, Griffin Brooks, C.J. Ramsdell and Mac Cimmarrusti; and back row from left, Tate MacDonald, Theo Calvas, Logan Jenuwine, Mac Welscher, Brandon VanOphem and Zack Kaiser. Coaches are Robb McIntyre, Geoff Welscher and Mark Brooks.

came an early 3-1, first-period deficit to defeat the Florida Jr. Panthers, 8-4, as Sam Knoblauch (3), Theo Calvas, Markiewicz, Mac Cimmarrusti, Brandon VanOphem and Marshall Vyletel scored. Assists were tallied by Zack Kaiser (2), Logan

Jenuwine (2) and Mac Welscher.

Next up, the Bulldogs played a very strong AAA team, prevailing 3-1. Goals came from Vyletel, Jenuwine and Welscher and assists were from Jonathan Theros, MacDonald,

Markiewicz and Cimmarrusti.

The Bulldogs completed round-robin play with a 13-1 thrashing of the Houston Wild. Goals were scored by Welscher (3), Pearson (3), Jenuwine (2), Theros, Vyletel, Calvas and Flynn. Assists came from

Griffin Brooks, Cimmarrusti (2), Welscher, Pearson, Jenuwine (2) and Markiewicz (3).

On Sunday, the Bulldogs faced a familiar Michigan foe, the Rochester Rattlers, in the quarterfinals. Regulation ended with

the teams tied 1-1. After fighting off a 4-on-3 situation in the first overtime, Welscher scored the winning goal for the Bulldogs with just 40 seconds left in the second overtime to advance to the semifinals to face the Toronto Aeros.

There, the Bulldogs carried the play and won 2-1 with goals from Pearson and Welscher.

In the championship game, the Bulldogs faced the Tampa Bay Scorpions, which upset St. Peters Selects, 4-2, in its semifinal game. The Bulldogs dominated the game from the start, racing to a 7-2 victory. Two goals each were scored by Jenuwine, Vyletel, VanOphem and C.J. Ramsdell scored the last goal.

Stout defense was provided by Andrew Tomasi and Alex Grimm and Jacob Robinson provided stellar goaltending. The duo combined for a 1.71 goals against average.

The team shared the most valuable player award.

GROSSE POINTE BRUINS

Bruins enjoy tournament success

The Grosse Pointe Bantam Bruins won the Selects Tournament's Turkey Day Invitational held in Mt. Clemens and Fraser, the weekend of Nov. 23.

The field of teams included Little Ceasers and Adray League Teams

from Southeast Michigan. The Bantam Bruins, comprised entirely of 12- and 13-year-old boys from Grosse Pointe, suffered only one loss in their drive to the championship and outscored their opponents 25-8.

"Except for a mental lapse in the third period of the second game of the tournament, the boys played well and the results showed that our season goals of teamwork and hard skating do pay-off", said head coach Kurt Strehlke.



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The title-winning Bruins team members above are, goalies Robbie Burton and Sam Nehra; seated from left, Alex Strehlke, Jack Roma, Jack Glover and Ted Pinder; kneeling from left, Chris Lorelli and Tommy Sine; standing from left, John Schulte, Howie Crane, Mark Thibault, John Hughes, Reed Boeckler, Matt Brauer, Doug Roby, Bobby Molitor, Mac Carron and Jack Holme. Not pictured are Noah Hauswirth and Nick Ruffing, and coaches are Kurt Strehlke, David Holme Pat Carron.

"The final two games of the tournament may have been the best of the season".

In the championship game, the Bruins faced the Southgate Senators Travel Hockey Team.

The Bruins beat the Senators previously in the tournament, but the Senators started the game with physical play in an attempt to change the pace of the game.

The Bruins responded

with toughness of their own and outskated the Senators, winning the game 7-1 behind solid goaltending by Robbie Burton and aggressive skating by the team, with Mark Thibault leading.

Swimming

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils drop opener to Huron

The Grosse Pointe South boys' swimming and diving team lost its meet last week, 116-70, to host Ann Arbor Huron.

Junior Patrick Jackson had a solid meet, winning the 100-yard butterfly and 100-yard backstroke with state-qualifying times of 54.11 and 56.99, respectively.

The Blue Devils' other winner was junior Nick Yoo in the 100-yard freestyle, turning in a time of 50.34.

Other top finishes were posted by the 200-yard medley relay team of the Jackson, senior Frank

Cusumano, freshman Doug Graham and junior Jack Martin, taking second with a state-qualifying time of 1:46.50; Yoo in the 200-yard freestyle, second with a time of 1:50.94; Martin in the 200-yard individual medley, third with a time of 2:20.13; sophomore Devlin Francis in the 50-yard freestyle, third with a time of 24.03; sophomore Erik Romer in diving, third with 167.65 points; Francis in the 100-yard butterfly, second with a time of 58.07; Graham in the 100-yard freestyle, third

with a time of 52.50; sophomore Zach Due in the 500-yard freestyle, third with a time of 5:44.04; the 200-yard freestyle relay squad of Yoo, Martin, Cusumano and Francis, second with a time of 1:34.34; Graham in the 100-yard backstroke, third with a time of 1:00.46; sophomore Robby Koueiter and Martin in the 100-yard breaststroke, second and third with times of 1:07.95 and 1:09.43; and the 400-yard freestyle relay team of Jackson, Graham, Francis and Yoo, second at 3:28.36.

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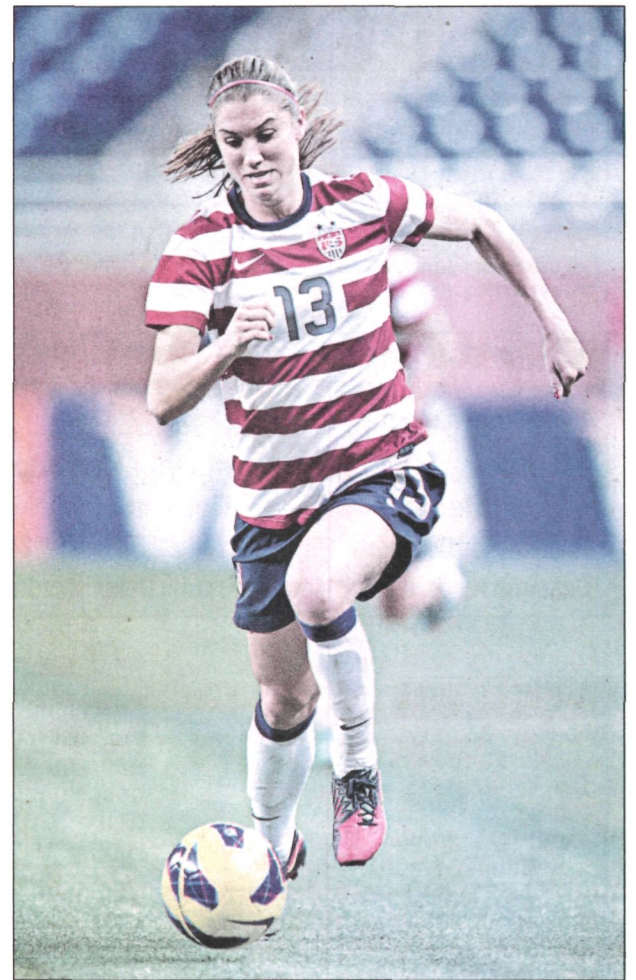
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Victory for USA

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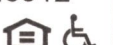
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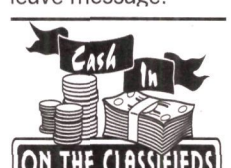
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