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◆ Grosse Pointe South High School choir performs at 3 and 8 p.m. at Orchestra Hall. Tickets are available at the door or at dso.org.

SUNDAY, DEC. 23

◆ Grosse Pointe South High School choir performs at 3 p.m. at Orchestra Hall. Tickets are available at the door or at dso.org.

MONDAY, DEC. 24

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◆ Grosse Pointe Shores city hall is closed.
◆ Grosse Pointe Woods city hall is closed.
◆ Grosse Pointe Farms city hall is closed.
◆ Grosse Pointe Shores city hall is closed.

TUESDAY, DEC. 25

◆ Christmas

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26

◆ Curb side Christmas tree chipping begins in Grosse Pointe Woods.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

K9 Raleigh pretends to push the cart to the delight of Ella Silva, who thought Raleigh was funny.

Shopping with friends

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A group of special needs children showed adults a few things last week about the Christmas spirit.

Given the chance to get gifts, the children also gave.

They spent hefty portions of free gift cards on presents for family members and friends.

Their spree was in connection with the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 102's Shop With a Cop Friday morning, Dec. 14, at Target, Eastland Center mall.

Each of the 20 children from Grosse Pointe schools teamed with a Grosse Pointe or Harper Woods patrolman for the expedition.

Boys and girls received \$100 Target gift cards to buy anything they wanted in the store.

"I'm looking for a train," said Sean Burdt, 6, of Grosse Pointe Farms.

He partnered with Grosse Pointe Woods Officer Brian Conigliaro, a member of the special response unit.

They pushed a shopping cart directly to the toy department.



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Shop With a Cop volunteer, PSO Brian Conigliaro, of the Grosse Pointe Woods public safety department, helps Sean Burdt, 6, of Grosse Pointe Farms, shop for gifts at Target.

Sean spotted what he wanted, a railroad train. It hung from a high hook.

"That's it," he said, pointing. Conigliaro reached up to get it.

"I'm having a great time," he said.

Sean then sought gifts for his sisters, aged 2 and 5.

"He's a nice guy," said Sean's mother, Sarah Burdt.

The same stories played out among other children and officers, many wearing red and white elf caps.

"The kids are thrilled," said Burdt. "Who doesn't want their own police officer for a couple of hours? It's great of them to donate their time."

Afterward, everyone had a

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At left, City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Officer Lisa Monticciolo hugs Andrew Coutilish as he expresses joy over a DVD player. Above, Grosse Pointe Park PSO Ryan Willmer holds Montice Posey's hand while shopping.

Crook claims he's no crook

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The defendant's handcuffs and ankle shackles clanged as he shuffled before the judge to explain why his arrest for attempted burglary was the stuff of fantasy.

"The situation I'm in right now is a total misunderstanding," pleaded Henry James Crook, 22, of Detroit.

He was arraigned Thursday, Dec. 13, in City of Grosse Pointe Municipal Court for attempted second degree home invasion in the 800 block of University. No one was home.

"I was on my way to see a friend of mine ..." Crook continued.

"Remember," warned Judge Russell Ethridge, "you have a right to remain silent. Everything you say can be used against you."

"I was on my way to see a

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Recycling made easy in Woods

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — The renewal of Grosse Pointe Woods' rubbish hauling contract may come with a bonus for residents.

The Woods city council, at its Dec. 17 meeting, approved a five-year contract with Rizzo Services to continue rubbish collection services for the city, ensuring a seamless transition when the current contract expires Dec. 31.

In addition to providing regular trash removal services, Rizzo has also offered to provide Woods residents, free of charge, with the latest recycling containers. The containers, available in 35- or 65-gallon sizes, feature a lid and wheels, allowing it to be easily moved to the curb for collection.

According to public works director Joe Ahee, the new containers would encourage residents to recycle more, thus lowering Rizzo's total costs at the final dumping site, which lowers the cost to the city.

The offer of the recycling

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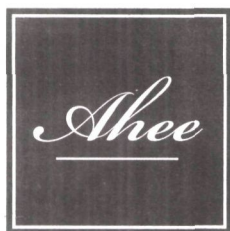
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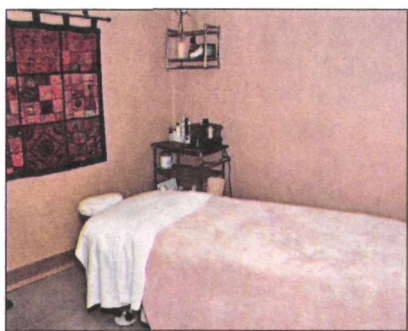
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Last minute Christmas shopping, some great food and a little relaxation are all right here. Below, shopping opportunities on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods, at right, Terme Day Spa, on Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores.



Fresh Farms Market, on Fisher across from South High School, is perfect for holiday time meals and is surrounded by several shops great for Christmas shopping.



Top, The Hill on the Hill in the Farms. Middle, Village Food Market on Mack, City of Grosse Pointe and above, the Village shopping district.

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Commission helps departments

By Brad Lindberg
Staff writer

THE GROSSE POINTES

A private organization of top law enforcement veterans is helping police departments investigate crime.

Assistance is offered at no charge. Nor are there expectations of getting something in return.

"If there's a quid pro quo, it's us being allowed to continue to serve," said Ellis Stafford, operations manager of the

Detroit Crime Commission.

Stafford is a retired assistant commander of the Michigan State Police special operations division.

He and other top area veterans, such as a former head of the Detroit FBI, belong to an organization featuring multilingual intelligence analysts, statisticians and investigators.

Their mission is to help local agencies track and anticipate criminal activ-

ity.

The process includes intelligence-led policing. "We take the data and apply an analytical to it, which gives back understanding," Stafford said.

Law enforcement agencies can use the tool to investigate such crimes as larcenies and vehicle theft, for instance.

"Those are things we can get really granular with — where, when and what," Stafford said. "It allows you to deploy forces in a more efficient

manner."

Commission members met with most Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods public safety directors and detectives this month at the Farms Pier Park community center.

"They can provide assistance for things that are not our expertise, like white collar crime, mortgage fraud and grant writing," said Dan Jensen, Farms chief.

"The Detroit Crime

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City sheds light on solar rules

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Grosse Pointe Woods homeowners with New Year's resolutions that include installing solar energy systems might want to check with city hall before they do.

The city has put in place new regulations pertaining to the installation of such systems, and new guidelines are in place, effective immediately.

"The city wanted to be pro-active on this issue," said Gene Tutag, building director for the Woods. "We know some cities don't have regulations in place, and some of the systems that have been installed can be an eyesore. We wanted to take the steps necessary now to avoid that problem in the future."

Specifically, the ordinance defines a solar energy system as "an accessory to a main structure, or an accessory to an accessory structure such as a garage," which is comprised "of a combination of solar collector(s) and ancillary solar equipment used to generate heat or electricity primarily for consumption on the property." It defines a solar energy system as including "photovoltaic or solar thermal system."

The ordinance mandates a building permit and any necessary mechanical, plumbing and electrical permits be obtained prior to installation, and that

only rooftop systems are allowed and that those systems have a minimal visual impact as it relates to neighboring houses. It mandates that systems be composed of "building-integrated" components such as solar shingles that are not readily evident or "be designed and mounted to match the shape, proportions and slope of the roof."

In addition, it sets regulations as to how solar panels will be arranged, colors and materials that must be used and preventative measures that must be taken in order to deter animal nesting.

The arrangement of the system must be done in such a way so as not to reflect sunlight or glare onto adjacent houses or roadways and colors must blend into existing color schemes.

The ordinance also directs that if a system has not been in operation for more than 12 months, the system can be declared a nuisance by the city's building department and the owner will be required to remove the system.

"As solar technology evolves, we expect to see more interest," Tutag explained.

"We also see where the ordinance will evolve to reflect those changes. But at this point, we wanted to make sure we had a policy in place."

Copies of the ordinance can be obtained from the Woods building department, located at the Woods City Hall.

Daytime jogger robbed of iPod

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Police have a vague lead in the armed holdup last week of a male jogger on Charlevoix near Moran.

Within 15 minutes after the crime, reported at 1:43 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, a motorist saw two men matching the robbers' description.

They were driving in an older-model Ford Crown Victoria on McKinley, about four blocks from the crime scene, heading toward the Hill commercial district, according to a tipster.

The witness claimed the men "seemed in a hurry," according to a public safety officer.

The driver, a black male, wore of hooded sweatshirt, as did the gunman, according to the jogger.

He tried to pass, then turned onto another road,

the witness reportedly told police.

The tip came in response to police posting notice of the robbery on Nixle.com.

"We don't have a license plate number," said an officer.

Both suspects are thin black males, ages 18 or 20, with no facial hair and wearing black hoodies.

One suspect wore glasses and a hat.

The robbery victim, 32, of Grosse Pointe Farms, was jogging eastbound on Charlevoix approaching Moran.

As he approached two men heading toward him on the sidewalk, he raised a hand in salutation.

"One of the males pointed a black revolver at (him) and stated, 'What you got on you?'" according to a patrol officer's initial investigation at the scene.

The man surrendered his iPod and headphones.

"(The) suspect told (him) to run the other way and he did," said the officer. "(He) observed (the) suspects go northbound on Moran. From there unknown."

The holdup generated more than a dozen reader responses on Nixle:

◆ "In front of my old house ..." wrote Brian Fife Sr.

◆ "I remember back in the 1980s when Coleman Young didn't want gun control in Detroit because he feared all those hostile gun-toting suburbanites," posted Nils Lucander of North Carolina. "My, how times they do change."

◆ "What do these armed morons think peo-

ple have with them when they are jogging? Tons of money, credit cards or iPads? Lol so they can hogback with all their purchases? DUH," wrote Mary Kay Nikesch of Worcester, Mass.

A similar crime occurred in September in the City of Grosse Pointe.

A male gunman stole a cell phone belonging to a 14-year-old girl walking with her little sister in the area of Charlevoix and Lakeland, a short distance from their house.

The suspect was last seen running north on Lakeland toward Mack and Detroit, pointing his pistol at people along the way.

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free lunch and met Santa Claus at the Farms Pier Park Community Center.

"If this doesn't get you in the Christmas spirit, I don't know what will," said Shores Sgt. Dan Pullen.

Veronica Cashion, a former Harper Woods officer hired this year by the Farms, coordinated the event.

"When I went to Grosse Pointe Farms, I wanted to continue this tradition

and get all the Grosse Pointe agencies and Harper Woods together and make it a bigger event than last year," Cashion said.

Target donated the gift cards.

"This is part of our commitment nationwide to give back 5 percent to the community," said Amir Puraj, executive team leader of the Eastland store.

"Grosse Pointe Farms gave \$700," Cashion said.

Harper Woods also gave money.

The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 102 donated food for the luncheon.

"It's overwhelming that everyone wants to help," Cashion said. "We're trying to make the community better and show the little ones that the police are here to help. We want to bring that bond and bring cheer to the kids."

"We want to show the good we do," added lodge president, Officer Joe Adams, of City of Grosse Pointe public safety.

"We're not always the bad guy. We're trying to help and give back the community that provides for us."



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointe Farms PSO Wesley Kipke shops with Hailey Kelley and her brother Shawn Kelly.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Family affair

A 42-year-old Clinton Township woman vomiting out of the driver-side door of a white Chevrolet Tahoe parked in the 400 block of Lexington, near Mack, registered a .153 percent blood alcohol level, according to an officer who came upon the scene during routine patrol shortly before 2 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 16.

Officers cited the woman for drunken driving. She also faces a charge of child endangerment because her 5-year-old daughter was in the back seat.

The woman's husband, 43, was on the floor of the rear back seat area. He was too intoxicated to drive home, police said.

Officers left the Tahoe curbside and arranged for the father and daughter to go home in a taxi cab.

Hidden .38

While working on a 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe, an employee of a service station on Mack found a loaded Cobra .38-caliber handgun in an air conditioning panel.

The vehicle's owner, a Grosse Pointe Farms man, said the gun wasn't his.

The station owner turned the weapon over to police.

.357 & ammo

Police confiscated a .357-caliber handgun and six rounds of hollow point bullets found in a red Chevrolet pickup operated by an 18-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man on Mack near Dorthern shortly after 1 a.m. Friday, Dec. 14.

The gun and ammunition were stored separately, but within reach of the driver.

He told police he was

moving home from college. Officers released him at the scene.

Drunken driving

At 12:04 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, police arrested a 45-year-old City of Grosse Pointe man on Touraine near Mack for drunken driving.

He had a .152 percent blood alcohol level, according to police.

An officer investigated the man after spotting him on Mack driving a silver 2009 Mini Cooper with two flat driver-side tires.

The man reportedly said the tires were punctured by hitting a pothole on Seven Mile in Detroit.

Vandalism

Someone caused \$100 in damage by defacing a wall near the Dumpster at St. Paul Catholic

Church, according to a complaint filed the morning of Monday, Dec. 10.

An unknown suspect wrote gibberish on the wall in white paint.

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Wreck

A drunken 26-year-old City of Grosse Pointe man accidentally drove his green 2006 Jeep into a 2012 Infiniti parked on Rivard off Jefferson, according to police.

The wreck was reported at 5:05 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11.

"(The suspect) stated he was driving and believes he fell asleep," said an officer.

The man admitted drinking "about an hour ago," the officer added.

Police said he had a .160 percent blood alcohol level, which is twice the state legal limit to operate a motor vehicle.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Midnight caller

A 32-year-old St. Clair Shores man is suspected of banging on windows of a house on Stillmeadow Lane shortly after 2 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, and making threatening references to the resident's daughter, according to a complaint filed at public safety headquarters.

Hard feelings

Blowback from posting critical comments on the Internet about an Internet purchase gone wrong prompted a 58-year-old Grosse Pointe Shores man last week to seek added police protection.

The resident told officers Monday, Dec. 10, he was receiving harassing calls from a communications company representative from metro Detroit. The caller demanded the resident remove postings from the Web about buying an aftermarket cell phone on amazon.com.

Patrolmen are giving his house extra attention.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Home invasion

Unknown intruders kicked in a back door of a house on Severn Tuesday, Dec. 11, and removed an Apple computer. A short time later, Harper Woods police notified Grosse Pointe Woods public safety they had located a car with an Apple computer in the back seat. The driver and passenger of the car had fled. The computer was picked up by Woods police and is being held as evidence.

Free water

A public works employee reported to police on Thursday, Dec. 13, when he went to repair a water main at a house on Lochmoor, he found the meter had been bypassed and the water line was not being monitored. The homeowner

maintained his lawn sprinkler installers had done the bypass. The meter was re-attached and the city will follow up.

— Kathy Ryan

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

GROSSE POINTE PARK

Lock your cars

Police remind residents to remove valuables and lock cars after several thefts from autos were reported last week.

Overnight Thursday, Dec. 6, a 2001 Subaru parked in a driveway on Bedford was entered and an iPod was removed.

Overnight Monday, Dec. 10, two cars in the 700 block of Lakepointe were entered and in both cases a global positioning device was removed. That same night, a 2012 GMC Terrain parked in the 700 block of Westchester was entered and a pair of Ray-Ban sunglasses was removed.

Overnight Sunday, Dec. 16, a 2012 Chrysler parked in a driveway in the 700 block of Balfour was entered and \$10 in coins was removed.

Bikes taken

Two bikes were removed during the early morning hours of Sunday, Dec. 16, from an unlocked garage in the 700 block of Balfour.

Oops

When officers responded to a report of a disturbance at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, at a house in the 700 block of Berkshire, they observed marijuana in plain view, resulting in the arrest of a 58-year-old male.

— Kathy Ryan

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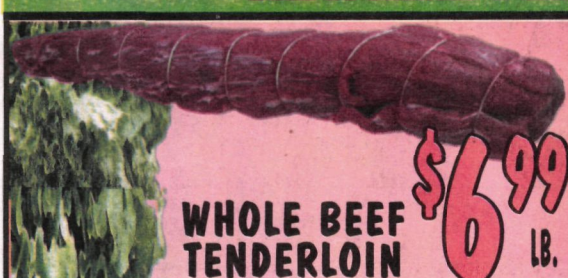


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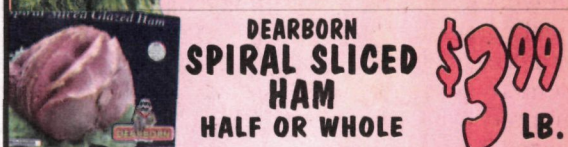
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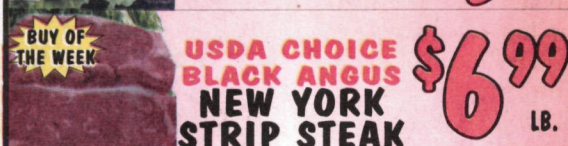
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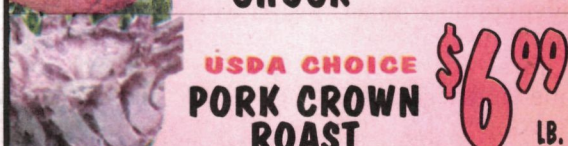
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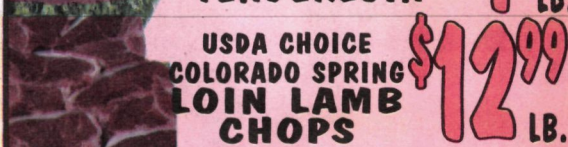
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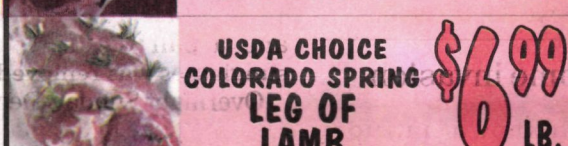
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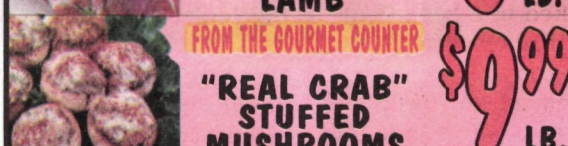
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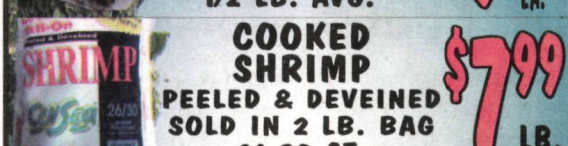
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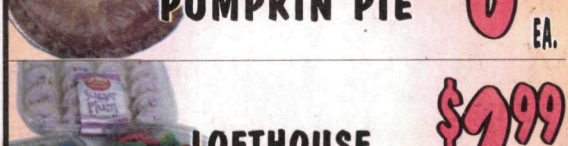
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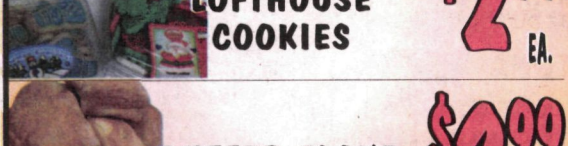
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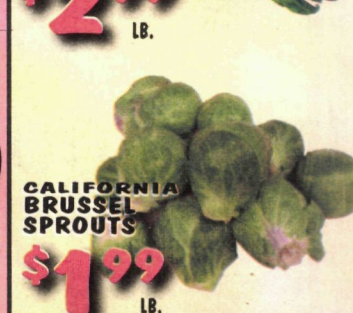
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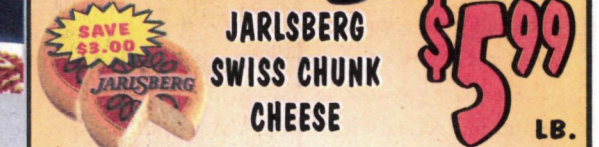
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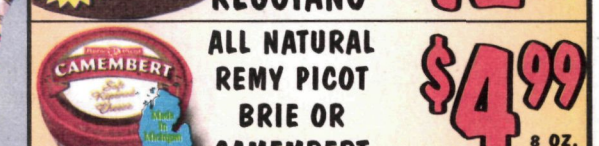
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Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Brian Dickie with his cousins, Emily Moores and Matthew Moores, both of Grosse Pointe Woods, in Ketchikan, Alaska.



Grosse Pointe Woods residents Mary and Jeanne Bourget visited England, Wales and Scotland and stopped at Stonehenge, the 5,000-year-old burial ground.



Estela Boudreau of St. Clair Shores took the Grosse Pointe News with her on a spiritual retreat in Brazil.



Grosse Pointe South student Mat Millenbach took the Grosse Pointe News with him during a summer study program at Yale University in New Haven, Conn.

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HELPS: Old practice

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Commission will be an excellent resource," said Stephen Poloni, City chief. "They have a vast amount of experience and time on the job in our field. They have great assets."

Crime commissions aren't new.

Chicago's is more than 100 years old. New York City's has operated nearly 60 years.

Each commission seems to have a particular focus.

"New York's main thrust is to influence legislation that impacts public safety," Stafford said. Detroit's commission is

more like one in Louisiana, he said.

"They look at public corruption type of investigation," Stafford said.

The Detroit commission, founded nearly 1 1/2 years ago, has no power of arrest.

"But," Stafford said, "we can do things that we couldn't do in our respective agencies," such as fishing expeditions, slang for conducting investiga-

tions without criminal predicate.

"(United States) Attorney guidelines prevent the FBI or Department of Justice from just looking at things because they want to," Stafford said. "We can. If, for whatever rea-

son, there's something afoot, we can look at it."

During a time of shrinking municipal budgets, police resources sometimes can't match many officers' whereabouts to undertake demanding investigations.

"You have great investigators out there," Stafford said. "We're trying to make their jobs a little easier."

"We welcome any opportunity to work with anybody and everybody to keep crime in check," Jensen said.

CROOK: Says he didn't do anything

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friend of mine in Grosse Pointe," Crook persisted.

He told how, a few minutes before 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, he wound up standing outside a ground-floor rear window, screen removed.

"I had to use the restroom," Crook said. "I stopped, turned around. A cop was behind me with a Taser. He said, 'Get on your knees. Put your face in the dirt.'"

That would be Officer Joe Adams.

He'd been alerted during routine patrol by a lawn care worker of a suspicious man entering the backyard.

Crook continued, "I said, 'Officer, I didn't do anything.' He Tasered me; grabbed me by the hood. I feared for my life because I was being Tasered. All I thought was to run. I ran and, now, I'm here."

Adams, in a written report, described Crook, thin and 6-foot-4, disobeying instructions, squirming, scuffling, breaking a back-up officer's tackle, jumping over a 6-foot fence and running westbound.

Officers from multiple agencies, including a St. Clair Shores K-9 team, searched the neighborhood without success. School officials locked down Maire Elementary, five blocks away.

"All right," said Ethridge, wrapping things up.

He began the process of appointing Crook an attorney, scheduling a preliminary examination for 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, and setting bond at \$250,000. Crook must post at least 10 percent.

Attempted burglary is punishable by up to 5 years in prison.

"The people may be seeking to add a resisting and obstructing charge, a 2-year felony, on or before the next court date," said Gary Bresnehan, assistant Wayne County prosecuting attorney.

The search

Detectives tracked down Crook from evidence at the scene.

"Detective Christopher Lee recovered several items near the rear window, including a black hoodie sweatshirt, black baseball cap, gray jewelry box containing miscellaneous jewelry and a blue boys Roadmaster mountain bike," according to an account by Det. Alan Gwyn.

Officers went to Coins & Stamps, on Mack, which trades in second-hand jewelry, regarding valuables recovered at the scene.

"(An employee) provided a possible suspect, Henry James Crook, who frequents their store on a regular basis selling jewelry," Gwyn said.

Gwyn included Crook's image in a photo line-up for Adams and the back-up patrolman.

"They immediately identified Crook as the individual involved," Gwyn said. "We received information of his whereabouts."

Gwyn knows Crook.

"He has been in this court for larceny of a bicycle approximately one year ago," Gwyn said. "(His) criminal history shows an arrest for burglary out of Harper Woods in 2011."

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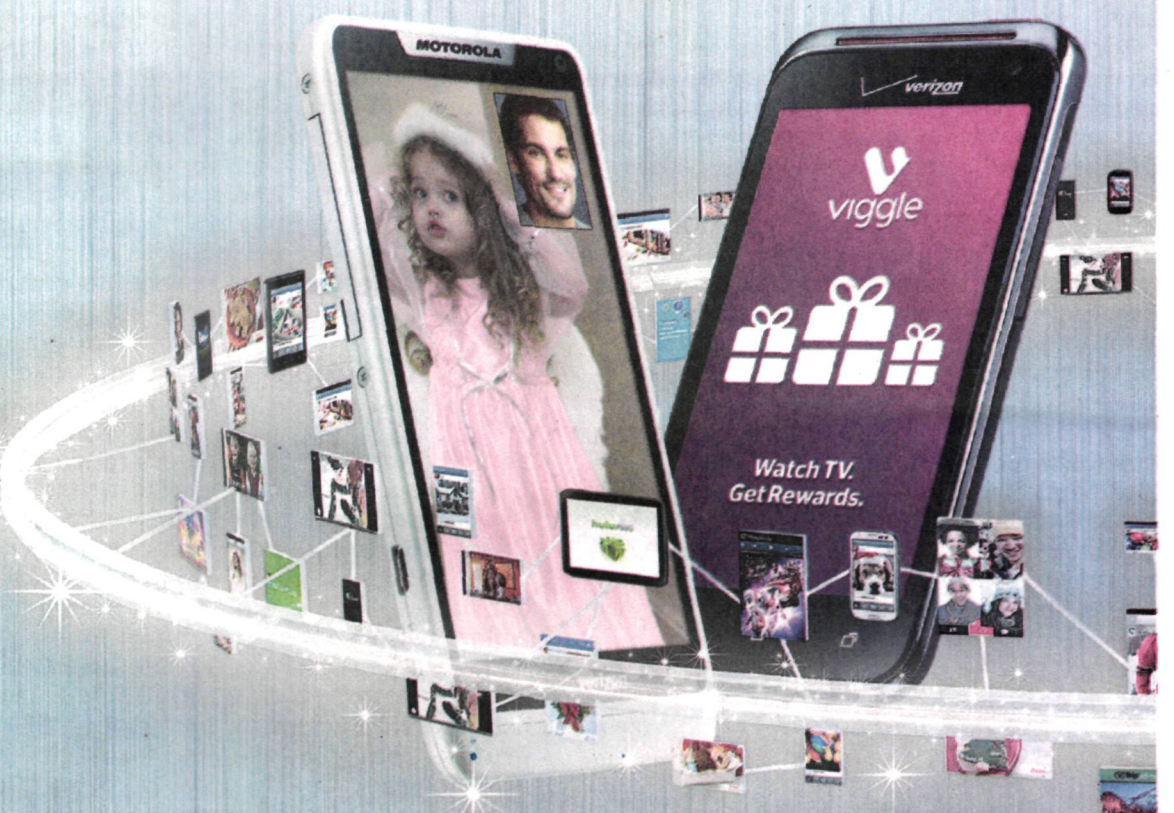
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Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

Eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon wrote a letter to the editor of New York's Sun, and the response was printed as an unsigned editorial Sept. 21, 1897. Newsman Francis Pharcellus Church wrote The Sun's response to Virginia.

"We take pleasure in answering thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun.

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

— Virginia O'Hanlon
"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

"All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy.

"Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus.

"The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond.

"Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

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

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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Uplifting news

To the Editor:

I want to thank the Grosse Pointe News for being the kind of newspaper I can open up and feel better at the end, than when I started.

After the events of last week, I, like most of us, have been in a fog of grief, anguish and disbelief.

I have tried Christmas carols, soothing hot drinks, working out, and nothing can make me smile. Today, I picked up last week's edition and felt my emotional load lighten.

I feel blessed to be a part of this beautiful, kind, open, heartwarming community.

Thank you for your wonderful paper, which captures the spirit that is Grosse Pointe and makes a dark day just a dark brighter.

LAURA MONAHAN
Grosse Pointe Farms

Lansing's plan questioned

To the Editor:

In her guest editorial, "Questions," Judy Gafa raises thoughtful and valid concerns about Lansing's plan for our children's education.

Michigan families need realistic reforms that have the backing of professionals in the field, not legislation that is meant only to grind a political axe.

The problem with public education is not that Lansing politicians and corporate CEOs don't have enough control of it. The problem is not that teachers receive too much support and respect. And the problem is not that families are not overwhelmed enough by options that, as Judy Gafa points out, are at best, unproven; at worst, proven to fail.

Politicians are intent on viewing public education as a business, ignoring the fact children are not products, they are people.

If we see things their way, however, we should at least understand that when the workers who are entrusted to produce a given product are supported and treated as professionals, the quality of the product improves.

Working conditions and morale matter.

The legislation coming out of Lansing casts people in the education field as the problem, not the solution.

When Judy Gafa argues for "interventions" to help improve success, she recognizes educators need help and support. They do not need to be vilified and blamed.

Not only does the proposed legislation unprofessionally demonize educators, it dilutes our children's education and overwhelms parents with false choices.

When we reform education, our No. 1 goal should be to increase student success and support families.

Lansing's latest plans for our children damage their ability to succeed by fragmenting their education and forcing parents to create their own curriculum a la carte from various districts, corporate schools and online schools.

This will lead to a deterioration of both the student/teacher and family/school relationships, both of which are vital to a child's educational success.

Since funding is tied to the student, this political plan will also drain money out of Grosse Pointe public schools, leaving those of us who choose to keep our children in the very community schools we grew up in, often with the same teachers we ourselves had, with an underfunded and under-supported shell of a district.

Clearly, the entire community would suffer.

There is a better way. We need to be focused on expanding pre-K programs research proves are essential to a child's long term success.

We need to do a better job of teaching critical and analytical thinking skills in addition to standardized tests that simply promote knowledge for knowledge's sake, but do nothing to create independent thinkers who will become productive adults.

We need to explore the opportunities that blended learning can provide both inside and

outside of the classroom.

While Lansing may prefer a more radical and risky route, we in Michigan should be doing all we can to provide all of our children access to the same high quality education.

This legislation, however, will give all our kids access to the same low quality education.

CHRISTOPHER PROFETA
Grosse Pointe Woods

Lake Front Park pool

To the Editor:

Permit me to respond to Mike Moore's unwarranted personal attack in the Dec. 13 Grosse Pointe News letters to the editor, "Grosse Pointe Half Truths," regarding the Woods' bait-and-switch, \$1.3 million no-bid pool liner replacement and renovations contract that was paid for out of the city's treasury in 2006/2007.

A wise old farmer once warned me the more you kick a manure pile, the more you make it stink.

But since you chose to kick the pile first, Mr. Moore, permit me to stir the smelly mound a bit.

In 2006, as now, B&B Pools, of Livonia, had the exclusive contract for annual maintenance on the city of Grosse Pointe Woods' Lake Front Park swimming pools. B&B is handsomely paid to be the pools' ever-vigilant guardians.

Shortly after the pools closed in fall 2006, council member Vickie Granger — then the city's representative to the recreation commission, of which you are a member, Mr. Moore — informed the council the pools would require serious repairs and renovations before opening for the 2007 season.

I had been a council member for nine months in September 2006. If the park pools needed repairs, I said publicly, fine. Let's get competing bids and select a contractor. It ain't brain surgery.

Whoa, said Ms. Granger, who now is our mayor pro tem. There's no time to get bids. B&B Pools is the only supplier who can get the job done by spring 2007.

I suspected the deal smelled, but I didn't know it until later when I discovered: 1) the no-bid contract for the pool liner replacement and other repairs would cost the whopping \$1.3 million, 2) B&B Pools had had the pools' maintenance contract for years, but

didn't notify the council about the emergency repairs until it was too late to get other pool firms' bids, and 3) incredibly, the chairman of the city's recreation commission, Bill Babcock, an appointee of Mayor Robert Novitke and the city's former pool manager, was the star salesman for B&B Pools.

So, why did I go along with the no-bid \$1.3 million pool liner deal despite this obvious conflict of interest?

First, it was a "fait accompli." Because of the suspected insider dealing, there was no way to stop it at that late date. Also, at the time Granger was pushing plans for a huge renovation of the Lake Front Park facilities, to be paid for with a proposed new recreation bond issue.

On Granger's and Novitke's recommendation, it was decided the pool repairs would temporarily be financed through the issue of 12-month "bond anticipation notes" for the \$1.3 million, the money to be replaced later "when the Rec Bond passed."

The pie-in-the-sky rec bond never was floated, however. So the "bond anticipation notes" that ultimately paid for the B&B Pools' perfectly legal no-bid \$1.3 million pool liner contract were paid off with taxpayers' money out of the city's general fund surplus.

So much for the Woods' supposedly inviolate "rainy day fund" that can't possibly be tapped to repair crumbling residential roads.

You wanted facts, Mr. Moore.

PETE WALDMEIR
Grosse Pointe Woods

Catholic church facts

To the Editor:

As a former ABC news correspondent, I was trained to tell the truth, to report the facts.

I was hoping this was true of the Grosse Pointe News. Perhaps you don't examine your letters to the editor with the same precision you hopefully exact from your articles.

I refer to the letter, from Bill Hodgman, "Restore Catholic church," that appeared in the Dec. 13 Grosse Pointe News. It was fraught with errors concerning the Catholic Church.

Clearly, disaffected from his religion, Mr. Hodgman urges the church to follow the will of the voters who re-

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elected Barack Obama president.

God, however, is not a democracy. He does not change his master mind with every new poll. And neither does the church he founded.

That's why faithful Catholics remain faithful. We are indeed governed from the "top down"...the very top and our hierarchy continues on an unbroken line from the apostles Jesus appointed to carry his gospel to "the ends of the Earth."

The most essential doctrines the apostles handed down have been preserved, despite popular pressure to "modernize."

Let's look at some of the facts: Mr. Hodgman claims the Catholic Church is losing membership at "breakneck speed" to evangelical churches. Google lists the Catholic Church, with roughly 1.2 billion members, as the largest Christian denomination in the world.

All the myriad Protestant denominations combined are estimated somewhere between 600-800 million. From 2000-2008, Catholic membership is reported to have increased 11.54 percent worldwide; 10.47 percent in America alone; 33 percent in Africa.

Mr. Hodgman claims "most Catholics" are ashamed of the priest-

hood. All Catholics are ashamed of the behavior of priests guilty of pedophilia.

We are not ashamed of the estimated 95 percent who have not been accused of abusing children.

The very fact the writer admits most Catholics like and support their own pastors or parishes affirms this fact. Do the math.

The Vatican is not criticizing nuns for helping the least fortunate. Only those women who contradict church doctrine are being questioned. Interestingly, the orders drawing the most young women are the nuns in community, the nuns in habits.

The Sisters of Life in New York who care for women in crisis, the Dominicans in Ann Arbor, Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity are three cases in point. Mother Teresa began with just herself.

When she died, she had some 4,000 sisters in more than 100 countries caring for the poorest of the poor.

I am a life-long Catholic woman and I do not feel persecuted. I have been a Eucharistic

minister, lector and member of the Order of Malta, a lay religious order, serving on the board of councilors.

The Catholic Church is criticized for celebrating the blessed virgin Mary, making her the most famous and respected woman in human history.

If ordaining only men is "absurd" and anti-biblical as Mr. Hodgman claims, he should complain to Jesus Christ who most rational people would call "biblical." Jesus chose only men among his 12 apostles. The church honors his choice.

And speaking of apostolic succession, I would strongly defend Archbishop Allen Vigneron as a man of humility, intelligence and principle, not in any way an "obstructionist." Observers in Lourdes were extremely impressed with his care of the sick during a recent visit to the French Shrine of Healing.

This past very sad weekend in Newtown, Conn., reminds us the Catholic Church has been the loudest voice battling the "Culture of Death" and the 40-year-

old Supreme Court ruling that legalized killing 55 million pre-born children.

I'm proud of the fact my church consistently and courageously stands for a culture of life.

In conclusion, I would urge Mr. Hodgman to learn more about his faith. The catechism of the Catholic Church, which tells what we believe and why we believe, would be a very good start.

PEGGY STANTON
City of Grosse Pointe

Woods' city services

To the Editor:

This is in response to, "Council tackles shortfall," published in the Dec. 13 Grosse Pointe News.

So Mr. "Invisible" public works director Joe Ahee proposes upon the city's shortfall to eliminate most of we citizenry's calendar of city services from twig to trunk, road to walkway.

Why can't we just eliminate Ahee's position, for starters.

And to top it off, let's eliminate pubwks@gpwm.us inasmuch as

that operation doesn't deem it necessary to respond to citizen inquiries in the first, and last place.

"Join my e-mail network" intones the webworker; and for what — so we can be ignored?

And while you're at it "Mr. Big Problem Solver," why don't you divert some of your relentless machinery marches down some other roadway now and then? This way, Aline Drive residents don't have to bear the brunt of all the continual rumbling to and fro from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, which serves to contribute to the breakup of our concrete — that apparently doesn't merit cold-patch, since the seam-sealers bypassed the "big ones."

Taxes are coming back up, rainy day funds aren't sacrosanct — or are they? Well, certain city jobs shouldn't be either, starting topside.

What's next Mr. BPS? Our semiannual hazardous waste dropoff?

Everyone has to bite proverbial bullets, but suggesting stem to stern cuts such as has been

proffered by Mr. Ahee are ludicrous — who's he trying to impress?

TOM DE BOEVER
Grosse Pointe Woods

Christmas Carol Sing-Along

To the Editor:

Let me congratulate the Grosse Pointe News for having December filled with concerts and plays.

One item missing was the Christmas Carol Sing-Along, presented in the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, Dec. 4, by the talented Miller family.

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With Robert Foster founding out the group, it was a very fulfilling evening.

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Academy unveils new technology program

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

"Traditionally we wouldn't consider people literate if they could read but not write. And today we shouldn't consider people literate if they can consume but not produce media." — Henry Jenkins, media scholar

The golden moment for Lars Kuelling with Grosse Pointe Academy's new emphasis on technological production over consumption happened on a Monday morning in the middle school library.

"A group of eighth grade boys, no less, were standing around a computer monitor and it was a Monday," the head of school said. "And they were all on the Internet. I said, 'Uh-oh, eighth grade boys, Internet, Monday. If I'm lucky, it's sports.'"

It wasn't sports, nor was it anything disconcerting. As Kuelling approached, he overheard a student "excitedly sharing" with others a Prezi presentation he created for class matching characters in a Shakespeare play with their celebrity counterparts based on traits.

"The kids were arguing about whether or not these current celebrities fit the character traits of these Shakespeare characters," Kuelling said. "And I was blown away. We knew it would be



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Fourth graders Kaitlyn Gray and Oscar McWood, pictured above, from Didi DeBoer's and Brigdetta Murray's classrooms work together on the school's new iPads to design a "Pic Collage" predicting the ending of "Abel's Island," in which Abel is stuck on an island and attempts to escape. Using the iPads, the students created a presentation with their predictions of his escape, as well as directions on how to design his escape vessel. They presented their predictions to the class.

"We really just want to see them thinking," DeBoer said. "It's about predicting, they're making predictions."

transformative, but this really shows it."

This past summer the Academy embarked on an extensive technological transition from PCs to all Apple products. An all-Apple environment, Kuelling said, builds a more unified tech system, within which exists a more robust offering of programs and creativity

tools and enables more collaboration and cross-talking among and between teachers and students.

It started as a two-phase plan, first to place technology in teachers' hands, then in students'. Success from the spring Action Auction accelerated the plan and, in October, after a slow

rollout and teacher training, the Academy unveiled its mobile classroom sets of iPads. Each mobile set — the school currently has four — contains 17 iPads for use in first- to eighth-grade classrooms.

"What we're hoping to do is get (students) more comfortable with creating, using their devices as a vehicle for their voice and their expression in their world and creating a positive digital footprint for them-

selves," said Megan Black, the Academy's technology and learning specialist who helped train teachers on integrating iPad technologies in their classrooms. "Collaborate with others and sort of tear down the walls of the traditional school and build a more global presence."

The devices also change the nature of the Academy's instruction, pushing instruction into the 21st Century Learning model and providing a heavily student-centered approach to learning within what was considered a traditional college preparatory expectation.

That's not to say, Kuelling said, that traditional instruction won't exist, rather, the devices offer a creative avenue to supplement, augment and drive students to a greater depth of understanding and complexity, one beyond the typical paper-and-pen setting. It's something Kuelling already sees happening.

"Again, I think about that young man," Kuelling said. "Tell me, how many times do you walk into a school building and you see eighth grade boys talking about Shakespeare, doing a really solid analysis of celebrities related to Shakespeare."



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Panel calls for community action against legislation

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

Each of the approximately 300 people who attended the panel discussion about potential legislative and financial reforms to public education, Marcie Lipsitt said, represents a piece of the solution.

Lipsitt, a special education advocate and founder of the Michigan Alliance for Special Education, along with Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Tom Harwood and GPPSS Board of Education President Judy Gafa, warned those in attendance Tuesday, Dec. 11, at Brownell Middle School's Multipurpose Room of the destructive impact the legislation could have on public education and the community itself and urged them — and everyone in the community — to speak up and speak out.

"You have a lot to worry about," Lipsitt said. "If these bills pass, if the Michigan Public Education Finance Act becomes a reality, you will see your schools, very quickly, become



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Tom Harwood, right, presents during a panel discussion Tuesday, Dec. 11, at Brownell Middle School's Multipurpose Room.

part of this five percent."

The five percent Lipsitt mentions references one of the proposed legislations, House Bill 6004 and Senate Bill 1358, which expands power of the Education Achievement Authority, a governor-controlled school system that operates the lowest performing 5 percent of schools in the state. That, as well as

Senate Bill 620 (Parent Trigger), House Bill 5923 (Selective Enrollment Schools) and the Michigan Public Education Finance Act of 2013, were the main school reform bills presented during the nearly two-hour discussion, sponsored by the Partnership for Different Learners.

"You as parents, as grandparents, as mem-

bers of this community, you give us every day your precious commodity, which is your children," Harwood said. "And we have the responsibility every day that we have in our classrooms, in our school buildings, in our programs to make sure that they get the quality education that they really deserve. And the things that we need to do is to make sure that we are an active voice and not fall silent on some of the things that are happening in Lansing."

The question becomes, and one several community members asked during the question-and-answer session that followed the discussion, what can the residents do to make the most impact?

"In order for us to speak, we want to be able to speak correctly, we want to say the right things," one resident said. "If I'm going to put the effort in, I want it to go the right way."

Information, Harwood and others said, is available at gpschools.org, tricityalliance.org and via the GP LAN network. Residents, others said, also make their impact through phone calls or e-mails to legislators and Gov. Rick Snyder, all of who have numbers and e-mail addresses made available on the Tri-County Alliance for Public Education's web site.

"I think, if we're going to call our legislators, that's what you need to do, you need to get the passion," another resident said. "It matters more that you're vehement about it, you say, 'I'm angry.' ... Give them a call and let them have a piece of your mind."



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North student places second

Grosse Pointe North High School junior Tess Kolp won second place in the 11th Grade Award grouping of the 25th Annual North American International Auto Show Poster Contest for her submission, which used text to "draw" a car.

Kolp currently takes computer graphics at North and is learning about creating 3D animations and constructing a 3D head using NURB modeling. She's had animations featured in North's art show and has designed posters in the past for the school's music department.

"It is gratifying that she will have her work on display at the Auto Show and that she will

also receive \$250 as a prize," said Robert Thies, North's art department chair. "Her name will also be on the NAIAS web site as well as printed materials at the Auto Show."

"Her original thinking really paid off."

The contest was open to all Michigan residents enrolled in grades 10 to 12, and an independent panel of representatives of the local art community judged submissions.

Entries were original artworks, 25"x21" in size, two-dimensional, camera ready and included the following: "North American International Auto Show 2013, Detroit and Cobo Center."

Spreading cheer



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHARLIE KRASNER

Members of the Native Sons and Daughters group came together to build candy-laden gingerbread houses and sing Christmas Carols for community seniors.

Members of the Native Sons and Daughters group came together recently to build candy-laden gingerbread houses for seniors in the community. It's the eighth year of the Gingerbread House Project.

"Thanks to Betsy Schulte of Beaumont Hospital, who provides the list of recipients each year, this gaggle of girls, 14, and eight dads got

their holidays off to the right start," said Charlie Krasner, Chief of the Chippewa Tribe.

The group delivered the houses and platters of cookies and entertained the seniors with Christmas carols and hugs.

"While the Gingerbread House Project only reaches a handful of recipients each year, having the colorful house sit in their homes through the Christmas season, reminding them of the special visit they received by a group of girls and their dads makes a huge impact for them," said Pete Spencer, who passed on the tradition to the current Lakeshore Longhouse leaders of the program.

"I'm sure it takes them back, as Christmas does for all of us, and gives them some happy thoughts."

With this year's event in question, Krasner's daughter, Devon, and fellow member, Mike Hix, came to the rescue, putting it together in a limited time. It has become an annual tradition, and one that Krasner and others hope continues to flourish.

"This small gesture brings out the best in everyone and grows greater and greater each year," Krasner said.

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SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 2012

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

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except Councilman Daniel S. Palmer.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Councilman Palmer from tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held November 19, 2012 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held October 18, 2012, The Board of Trustees Employees Retirement System meeting held on November 27, 2012 and the Planning Commission meeting held on November 28, 2012.
- 3) To add to the agenda an executive session.
- 4) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 98916 through 99014 in the amount of \$364,876.25 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
- 2) To adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing a collective bargaining matter.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan
SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES
NOVEMBER 19, 2012

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Farquhar; Councilmembers, Wood, West, Joseph, Theros & Waldmeir.

Absent Were: None.

Also Present: Messrs. William Burgess, City Attorney; Shane Reeside, City Manager/City Clerk; Terry Brennan, Director of Public Service; John Lamerato, City Controller/Treasurer; Daniel Jensen, Director Public Safety; John Hutchins, Deputy Director of Public Safety; Pamela Baker, Exec. Assistant/Deputy City Clerk.

Mayor Farquhar Presided at the Meeting.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 19, 2012, were approved as submitted.

The Minutes of the Closed Session held on November 19, 2012, were approved as submitted.

The Council accepted the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2012 from Plante & Moran.

The Council, acting as a Zoning Board of Appeals, approved the appeal of 423 Lake Shore Road, with certain conditions.

The Council approved the Revised Site Plan for 99 Kercheval Avenue.

Representatives from Cottage Hospital & REDICO gave Council an update on future conceptual plans.

The Council adopted the Resolution regarding the Deficit Elimination Plan for the Water & Sewer Fund, as presented.

The Council approved the following item from its Consent Agenda:

- 2013 Schedule of Council Meeting, as follows:

January 7, 2013
February 4, 2013
March 11, 2013
April 15, 2013
May 13, 2013
June 3, 2013
July 15, 2013
August 19, 2013
September 9, 2013
October 14, 2013
November 18, 2013
December 9, 2013

- Wayne County Annual Permit Renewals.
- Schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, January 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. to consider the formal adoption of the Retirement Systems Ordinances.

The Council received the following Reports:

- Public Safety Report for November 2012.

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 90 KERBY ROAD, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN 48236. THE MEETING IS PUBLIC. INTERESTED PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE CITY ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. YOU MAY ALSO VIEW THE AGENDA AND MINUTES ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE: www.ci.grosse-pointe-farms.mi.us/

James C. Farquhar, Mayor

Shane L. Reeside, City Manager/City Clerk

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What's Really Behind the Housing Recovery?

The housing market has shown several consecutive months of improvement in home prices and buyer demand. The housing market—once a downer for the U.S. economy—is now its one bright spot. But why?

A recent TIME magazine article questions what's really behind the real estate market's improvement.

Tim Iacano of Iacano Research credits the majority of the recovery and rise in home prices—if not all of it—to the Federal Reserve's aggressive actions to keep mortgage rates low. The Fed's quantitative easing (QE) program has prompted mortgage rates to fall to all-time lows in recent weeks.

The lower interest rates have increased home buyers' purchasing power and boosted affordability.

For example, Iacano points out that a buyer today could purchase a house worth \$280,000 and if he's able to snag a record-breaking 3.3 percent mortgage rate, he'll have a \$1,100 per month mortgage payment.

"Even if mortgage rates moved back up to their 20-year average rate of 6.5 percent (what many thought were simply unbelievable rates when they first dropped that low last decade), that same \$1,100 mortgage payment would finance a home purchase of just \$193,000, not the current \$279,000," Iacano points out. "The difference between these two prices is nearly 50 percent!"

Source: "Is The Housing Recovery Just an Illusion Created by the Federal Reserve?" TIME (Dec. 7, 2012), and DAILY REAL ESTATE NEWS.

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North inducts 108 into NHS

Grosse Pointe North High School inducted 108 new juniors and seniors into the National Honor Society Thursday, Dec. 6, during a ceremony at the Performing Arts Center.

Of the 108 new inductees into the 2012 class, seven are seniors. They are: Courtney Brinker, Christopher Doherty, Wilson Fisher, Michelle Kavanaugh, Lauren Koeppe, Jack Stander and Taylor White.

Junior inductees include: Brielle Ahee, Brian Almeria, Emily Always, Christina Amato, Michelle Austin, Patricia Bajis, Eric Bergeron, Courtney Berns, Conner Blaine, Carter Bock, Marie Bourke, Alexander Brady, Monaeja Brown, Vincent Bruno, Lauren-Elise Brush, Gabrielle Burchett, Lindsay Carlisle, Abigail Casterline, Bradley Centala, Salvatore Ciaravino, Justin Clayton, Ava Cosens, Matthew DeZeery, Phoebe Dodge, Eleni Doherty, Kenneth Elkin, Isabelle Ellery, Abigail Fielder, Allison Fly, Audrey Franklin-Curl, Kate Freeman, Jessica Gabel, Madison Gafa, Courtney Giesekeing, Melina Glusac, Analisa Guido, Krystal Hadley, Keelia Hamdan, Susan Hartzell, Andrea Held, Mariah Herfi, Mary Hryciuk, Jayla Hubbard, Leslie Jacobs, Matthew Kain, Kristen Kaled, Isabella Kirck, Tess Kolp, Connor LaPratt-Perreault, Maria Liddane, Kathryn Little, Kayla Luteran, Dayle Maas, Daniel MacAskill, Colleen Maher, Elizabeth Mark, Jack McLauchlan, Leen Mosa, Michael Murray, Emily Murray, Tyler Nelson, Connor Olzem, Olga



Above, Grosse Pointe North High School junior Abigail Fielder accepts her NHS certificate from interim principal Tom Tobe. Below, North's inductees into the 2012 NHS.

Panagos, Nikhil Patel, Ruprecht, Sarah Rustmann, Julia Rustmann, Angela Scapini, Sarah Schade, Natalie Schaefer, Michael Schudlich, Caroline Schulte, Lauren Semack, Andrew Sharon, Hadi Shehadeh, Amanda Shenouda, Robert Simone, Anna Sinh, Brigitte Smith, Marissa Stinson, Grant Strobl, Elizabeth Sumnik, Ted Supal, Jasmine Thomas, Sydney Thompson, Susan Tomasi, Madison Vens, Thomas Vismara, Madeline Vyletel, Stephanie Walworth, Easton Washburn and William Zinn.

Local artists raise funds for South ArtFest



Local artist Suzy Fishback, pictured left, and Amy Thelen, members from the Friends of Art at Grosse Pointe South, donated hand-painted Christmas buckets to help raise funds for Grosse Pointe South High School's 2013 ArtFest. The buckets were featured during the Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South's Wednesday, Dec. 12, "Let it Go" luncheon at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Buckets were filled with an assortment of unique items.

Also on sale during the luncheon, Irene Nosedá, pictured right, and Amy Thelen, members from the Friends of Art at Grosse Pointe South, sold holiday cards designed by art students, as well as 'Friends of Art at Grosse Pointe South' tote bags.

Bags were decorated with original artwork from South art students, with sales benefiting ArtFest, which runs 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday to Friday, March 20 to 22, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 23.



South choirs to perform with DSO

After performing two nights of holiday concerts with "Sounds of the Season" this past weekend, the Grosse Pointe South High School choirs, under the direction of new Director of Choirs, Christopher D. Pratt, will perform with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at Orchestra Hall this weekend.

It marks the 20th holiday performance by the award-winning choir with the DSO. Performances are this weekend at 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21; 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22; and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23.

Tickets are available at

dso.org and at the Orchestra Hall box office.

Joining the DSO and South choirs is the Andover High School choir, under the direction of Bruce Snyder.

The South choirs have completed their third major show of the year, which include: the summer workshop, "That's Entertainment," "Fall Follies" and "Sounds of the Season."

In addition, the choir has completed major fundraising projects this fall, including delivering "The Little Blue Book" to 26,000 residences and the Grosse Pointe South High School Choir

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CHURCH EVENTS

Unitarian Church

The Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe, hosts a winter solstice celebration at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21, with the Rev. Shelley Page as worship leader.

The event includes meditation, contemplative music, live musicians, dancing and refreshments.

To sign up for child care, e-mail gpuc@gpuc.us.

◆ Christmas candles of

hope is the title of the 5:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 24, service.

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PASTOR'S CORNER By Rev. Mosal Collier

The season of preparation

The book of the prophet Malachi is the last book of the Old Testament. In that book we read, "See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple" (Malachi 3:1 NRSV).

The prophet added that this new king will usher in a day when all will present offerings to the Lord

in righteousness. The Old Testament ended with this message of anticipation that a messenger would usher in the Day of the Lord. This messenger will ask the people to prepare their hearts in advance of the coming of this new and righteous King.

According to Matthew's gospel, just before the beginning of Jesus' earthly ministry, John the Baptist appeared in the wilder-

ness proclaiming this message of preparation through repentance.

In the Christian calendar, we are now in the season of Advent. Advent is the season of preparation.

In Advent, the faithful remember Christ's coming as a baby, while at the same time we examine ourselves to see if we are ready to receive him as

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Homestead, Harper Woods, holds its annual cookie walk beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 22.

Grace United

The youth ministry of Grace United Church of Christ, 1175 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park, performs its annual Christmas play, "A Christmas Journey," at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23.

◆ The church's second annual Kwanzaa celebration begins at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 27. For a reservation, call (313) 822-3823.

Christ Church

A candlelight service of nine lessons and carols with the Christ Church Grosse Pointe's combined choirs is at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 23. This is a service of readings and music celebrating the nativity of the Lord.

The church is located at 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Congregational Church

Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 21316 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, holds services at 5 and 11 p.m. Monday, Dec. 24.

The earlier service is the children's Christmas pageant and the later service is traditional.

First Christian Reformed

"Looking for the Lost Children" is the topic of the 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 23, service at First Christian Reformed Church, 1444 Maryland, Grosse Pointe Park.

◆ "A Place Called Home" is the topic of the 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 24, service that includes Christmas carols.

For more information, visit grossepointecrc.org.

First English

Candlelight services are offered at 5, 7:30 and 11 p.m. Monday, Dec. 24, at First English Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier,

Grosse Pointe Woods.

The first service has a children's message.

Special music begins at 7:15 p.m. prior to the 7:30 p.m. festival worship service.

Holy communion is offered at the later service and special music begins at 10:45 p.m.

◆ More than 50 Christmas trees can be seen during a self-conducted tour from 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27. A tea is offered following the walk. A contribution of canned goods and free will donation is accepted. The canned goods are used to replenish the church's pantry that helps the homeless.

For a reservation, call the church at (313) 884-5040.


St. Albertus

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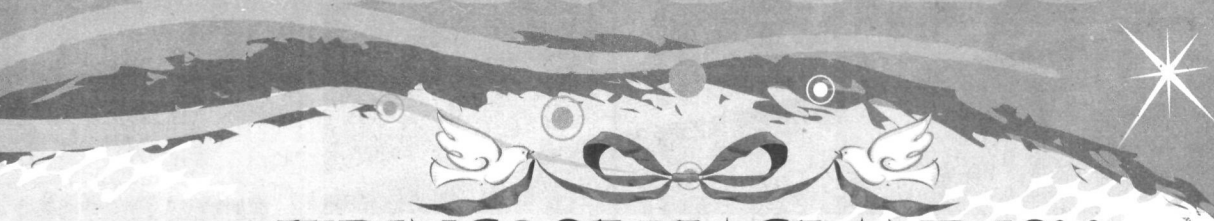
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9:00 pm Concert (professional choir, soloists, strings)
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9:30 pm Festive Holy Eucharist

Tuesday December 25th Christmas Day
8:30 am Meals on Wheels (Ledyard Hall)

Sunday December 30th Christmas 1
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Christmas Day December 25

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Eve of First Sunday after Christmas

Saturday December 29

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

First Sunday after Christmas

December 30

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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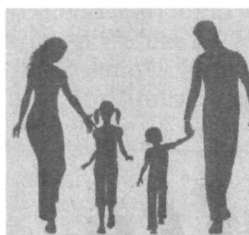
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PASTOR: Preparing

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King and Judge, when he comes again. Advent is a joyous season, a time of hope amid crisis, and light—though we still experience the darkness of the world. Advent rings a growing sense of expectation that God's promises are not in vain. Like Malachi stirred up Israel, we bring to mind how John the Baptist encouraged us to stay awake for the coming age of justice and peace.

Though the commercial world may already be in Christmas, it is necessary the church endeavor to keep Christmas closer to Dec. 25 while we follow the readings from scripture calling us to penitence for our sins, and to observe Advent, the season of preparation.

Collier is associate pastor at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



Pasta and sauce

Above left, Morgan and Allie McIntyre of Grosse Pointe Woods choose chocolate cake after their pasta dinner at St. Ambrose Catholic Church. Above, Katherine Kuhnlein pours sauce over pasta on the plate held by Grace Whittaker of Grosse Pointe Park. Some 297 tickets were sold during the fundraiser for St. Vincent de Paul last month. At left, from left, Richard Landuyt, Bernie Van Antwerp, Pat Sperti and Trish Buttiglieri work in St. Ambrose Catholic Church's kitchen cooking 54 pounds of pasta and 40 gallons of sauce.

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December 23 - Worship, 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Adult Education, 10:10 a.m.
Special activities for children, 10:10 a.m.

December 24 - Christmas Eve Worship Services
Worship, 11:30 a.m.
Family Worship Service, 5:00 p.m.
Candlelight Services, 7:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

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FEAST OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST
Tuesday, December 25, 2012
Concert at 11:30 p.m. Christmas Eve
MIDNIGHT MASS AT 12:00 A.M.
MASS OF CHRISTMAS DAY AT 8:30 A.M.
MASS OF CHRISTMAS DAY AT 11:15 A.M.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
Saturday, December 29, 2012
MASS AT 4:00 P.M.
Sunday, December 30, 2012
MASSES AT 8:30 A.M. & 11:15 A.M.

NEW YEAR'S EVE & DAY
Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God
Monday, December 31, 2012
MASS AT 4:00 P.M.
Tuesday, January 1, 2013
MASS AT 10:00 A.M.

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December 30, 2012 (1st Sunday of Christmas)
10 am Worship with Holy Communion

December 31, 2012 (New Year's Eve)
7 pm Worship 8 pm Family activities

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College Reception 10:00 pm
Worship Service 11:00 pm (Chapel)

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Sunday, December 21 • 7pm
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9:00pm - Candlelight Festive Communion

Christmas Day - 11am in the Chapel

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Sunday, December 30 - First Sunday after Christmas
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4:00 pm Vigil
6:00 pm Children's Nativity Pageant
(11:30 pm Christmas Caroling)
12:00 am Midnight Mass

Christmas Day
Tuesday, December 25, 2012
9:00 am and 11:00 am

December 26, 27, 28 Masses at 8:00 am
Sunday, December 30, 2012
Saturday Vigil—4:00 pm
Sunday Morning 9:00 and 11:00 am

Tuesday, January 1, 2013
Mary, Mother of God—Mass 10:00 am

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6A II | NEWS

OBITUARIES

Obituary notices are purchased and often prewritten by family or friends. While we try to run obituaries as submitted, we nevertheless reserve the right to edit for accuracy, style and length.

Susan Marie Amine

Susan Marie Amine, nee LeFevre, 47, passed away peacefully Saturday, Dec. 15, 2012, surrounded by her family.

She was the beloved wife of Anthony for 24 cherished years and the loving and proud mother of Amanda, Andrew and Charlie.

She was the dearest daughter of Mary Lou and the late Robert LeFevre and dear sister of Gregory (Mary), James (Lois), Thomas (Jennie) and Michael. She also is survived by her aunt, Carolyn (Edward) Wujek and many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 19 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to the Susan Marie Amine Memorial Fund, c/o Our Lady Star of the Sea, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

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Samuel Thomas Ciaramitaro

Samuel "Sal" Thomas Ciaramitaro, 90, died Monday, Dec. 3, 2012.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 65 years, Anna Francis; loving children, Grace Rashid (Carl), Anthony (Donna) and Richard (Catherine); adoring grandchildren, Carl Rashid (Elizabeth), Lauren McLaughlin (Benjamin), Paul Rashid, Nicole Singleton (Kurt), Anthony (Christina), Richard Jr. (Mary), Brian (Sheri Ann), Tim (Steffany), Melissa Cassidy (Shawn), Tara MacDonald (Gary) and Jaime Frenette (Jacob); and 20 great-grandchildren. He also is survived by his brother, Joseph.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 7 at St. Lucy Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores.

Donations may be made to Windsor Life Centre, 4490 7th Concession Road, Windsor, ON N9A 6J3 or Susan G. Komen for the Cure, P.O. Box 650309, Dallas, TX 75265.

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Mary Joanne Ekin

Mary Joanne Ekin, nee Cairns, died suddenly Sunday, Dec. 9, 2012.

She was born Feb. 9, 1934, the youngest daughter of Sarah and John Cairns. She attended St. Martin grade school and graduated from Dominican High School in 1952. She was a long-standing member of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church and was involved with the Rosary Altar Society, the League of Catholic Women and the Bon Secours Assistance League.

She enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren, many loving friends and taking enjoyable vacations with her husband.

Mrs. Ekin is survived by her husband, Elwood C. "Al" Ekin; daughter, Susan Booden and her husband, James, of Kalamazoo and their daughters, Ashley and Jackie; daughter, Colleen Kuhnlein and her husband, Jerry, of St. Joseph, and their children, Ryan, Tara, Scott and Megan; and son, Christopher Ekin and his wife, Jeanette, of Grosse Pointe Woods, and their daughter, Katie. She also is survived by her sister, Patricia O'Connor; brother, Frank Cairns and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her brothers, John Cairns Jr. and Thomas Cairns.

A celebration of Mrs. Ekin's life will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. The family will receive friends beginning at 9 a.m.

Donations may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

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Sarah Selehowski

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Sarah Selehowski, 94, died Sunday, Dec. 16, 2012, at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

She was born in Jeannette, Pa. and was a longtime Realtor in Grosse Pointe.

Mrs. Selehowski is survived by her daughters, Sandra Stencel (the late

Joseph) and Denise Maiuri (Steven); four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Joseph; sister, Mary Bonbrisco and brothers, Daniel Juliano and Dominic Juliano.

A memorial service was held Dec. 19 at Grace Community Church in Detroit.

Arrangements handled by New Traditions Funeral & Cremation Services in Eastpointe.

Jeanine Cathy Pflager

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Jeanine Cathy Pflager, 48, died Sunday, Dec. 16, 2012, at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

She was born June 23, 1964, in St. Paul, Minn., to Ben and Lenore Pflager.

She was a full-time mom who doted on her family and enjoyed gardening and helping others.

In addition to her parents, Ms. Pflager is survived by her daughter, Janelle Pflager and sons, Steven Morris and C.J. Morris; sister, Julie Arnold (Gary) and brothers, John Pflager (Chris) and Doug Pflager (Ellie).

A memorial gathering will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

Adela Rodriguez Goodman

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Adela Rodriguez Goodman passed away peacefully Dec. 10, 2012, surrounded by her adoring children and loving grandchildren.

She was born Aug. 15, 1933, in Cuba, the seventh child of Armando and Bailia Santrayll. She was a college graduate and pro-



Susan Marie Amine



Sarah Selehowski



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Mary Joanne Ekin



Jeanine Cathy Pflager



Adela R. Goodman

Irene Joann Lowther

Irene Joann Lowther died Monday, Dec. 10, 2012, after a lengthy illness.

Born in 1930 to Helen and Michael Zgonyan, she graduated from Southeastern High School in 1948. She received her bachelor's degree from Wayne State University, where she studied education. In 1952, she married Jesse Lowther, who predeceased her in 1985.

An elementary school teacher, she worked for the Grosse Pointe Public Schools from 1955 until 1990, when she retired. She continued to substitute teach until 2002.

In 1965, Mrs. Lowther and her family took the first of many vacations to Jamaica. She continued to visit several times yearly until 2006. She loved the beaches, the food, but most of all, the warm and welcoming people of Montego Bay with whom she developed lifelong friendships.

She remained an active member of Grosse Pointe Congregational Church until her death.



Irene Joann Lowther

Mrs. Lowther is survived by her daughter, Jane Ann Nehra; son-in-law, Paul Nehra and granddaughters, Anne, Mary Elizabeth and Katherine Nehra. She also is survived by her sister, Mathilda Tanner; niece, Mary Ellen Tanner; nephew, Michael Tanner and "niece," Raine Paulson-Andrews.

A memorial service was held Dec. 15 at The Grosse Pointe Congregational Church.

Donations may be made to Next Generation Choices Foundation, 1247 Washington Road, Rye New Hampshire, 03870 or at lesscancer.org or to a charity of your choice.

St. Paul forensics

Seven eastside Catholic schools and the Grosse Pointe Academy competed in the Eastside Catholic School Forensic League's annual seventh and eighth grade forensics competition Saturday, Dec. 8, at St. Thecla Catholic School in Clinton Township. St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School's team took third place.

They were two points behind St. Lawrence, who finished second. St. Thecla won the competition.

Other area schools included St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School, Our Lady Star of the Sea, St. Joan of Arc, St. Anne and the Academy.

Liggett math finalists

University Liggett School seniors Joe Renzi of Clinton Township and Elisha Sword of Grosse Pointe are finalists in the 55th Annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition.

The two qualified based on scores from a multiple-choice exam in October and a second exam in December. Exam two consisted of five problems to which students provided written explanations of their claims and mathematical proofs. Mathematicians from 70 colleges and universities in Michigan grade the tests, and the top 50 scores are eligible for scholarships of \$250 to \$2,500.

Renzi placed 14th in the state as a freshman and seventh as a sophomore. He was sixth last year.



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St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School's seventh and eighth grade forensic team, front row from left, coach Beth Reilly, Lauren Kanan, Abby Reid, Mary Kate Bodien, Zoe Evans, Mary Forbes, Sarah Charbonneau and coach Paula Vokal; middle row from left, Nicole Sceglio, Isabelle Adams, Isabelle Thibault, Gigi Bonnell, Rose Williamson, Alice Williamson, Micaela Fraser, Annabelle Romanelli, Lucy VanBerkum and Rachel Malinowski; and back row from left, Jessica Boehmer, Lydia Beaton, Ellie Gardey, Kathryn Williamson, Elise Whitney, Jamey Daley, Evan Theros, Anthony Hopkins, Julian Karustis, T.J. Dulac, Kyle Johnson and Jordan Colina.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council, meeting as Board of Appeals under the provisions of Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, PA 110 of 2006, MCL 125.3101 et seq, will meet in the Council-Court Room of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, on Monday, January 7, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. to hear the appeal of Kelly and Michael Zilli, The Ear Center, 1875 Hawthorne, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, who are appealing the denial of the Building Inspector to approve a Business License due to proposed use. The property is zoned R-1C District and audiology service is not a permitted use in a residential district as described in Section 50-208, *Permitted Uses*, of the 2007 City Code.

The public hearing materials are available for public inspection at the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given opportunity for public comment. The public may appear in person or be represented by counsel. Written comments will be received in the City Clerk's office, up to the close of business preceding the hearing. A group spokesperson is encouraged on agenda items concerning organized groups. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact the Grosse Pointe Woods Clerk's Office at 313 343-2440 seven days prior to the meeting.

Lisa Kay Hathaway, MMC
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 12/20/2012

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

Holiday Rubbish Schedule for 2012 Christmas/New Year Holidays

There will be no rubbish collection on Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2012 or Tuesday, January 1, 2013

Collection schedule will be:

Monday, December 24, 2012 - All residential rubbish routes collected by 11:00 a.m.

Monday, December 31, 2012 - All residential rubbish routes collected by 11:00 a.m.
Please have trash out by 7:00 a.m.

There will be no rubbish collection on:

Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2012 or Tuesday, January 1, 2013

Residential routes for these dates and the remainder of the week will be delayed one day with Fridays routes collected on the following Saturdays; December 29 and January 5

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Wednesday, January 2, 2013 - All commercial rubbish will be collected

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The North American International Auto Show begins with a Press Preview on Monday, Jan. 14, at Cobo Center, 1 Washington Boulevard, Detroit.

NAIAS Chairman Jim Seavitt says the show begins a week later in 2013 to move away from the holidays, making it more convenient for journalists and auto industry executives who travel from around the world to participate in the show.

"Each year our dates move up one day on the calendar so every five or six years, we need to make an adjustment, and push the show back one week," said Seavitt. "We do our best to keep some distance between the holidays and our opening, and many people have expressed appreciation for that."

Here's the NAIAS schedule for 2013:

◆ Press Preview — Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 14-15.

The global automotive community comes together to catch up on the latest news and events. Show floor opens at 6:30 a.m.

◆ Industry Preview — Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 16-17.

The event is sponsored by the Detroit Auto Dealers Association.

For more information, call (248) 283-5169.

◆ Charity Preview — Friday, Jan. 18.

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AutoGlow

The Children's Center's 2013 AutoGlow, "Vive Detroit," presented by Ford Motor Co., is Friday, Jan. 18, at Ford Field, following the North American International Auto Show Charity Preview.

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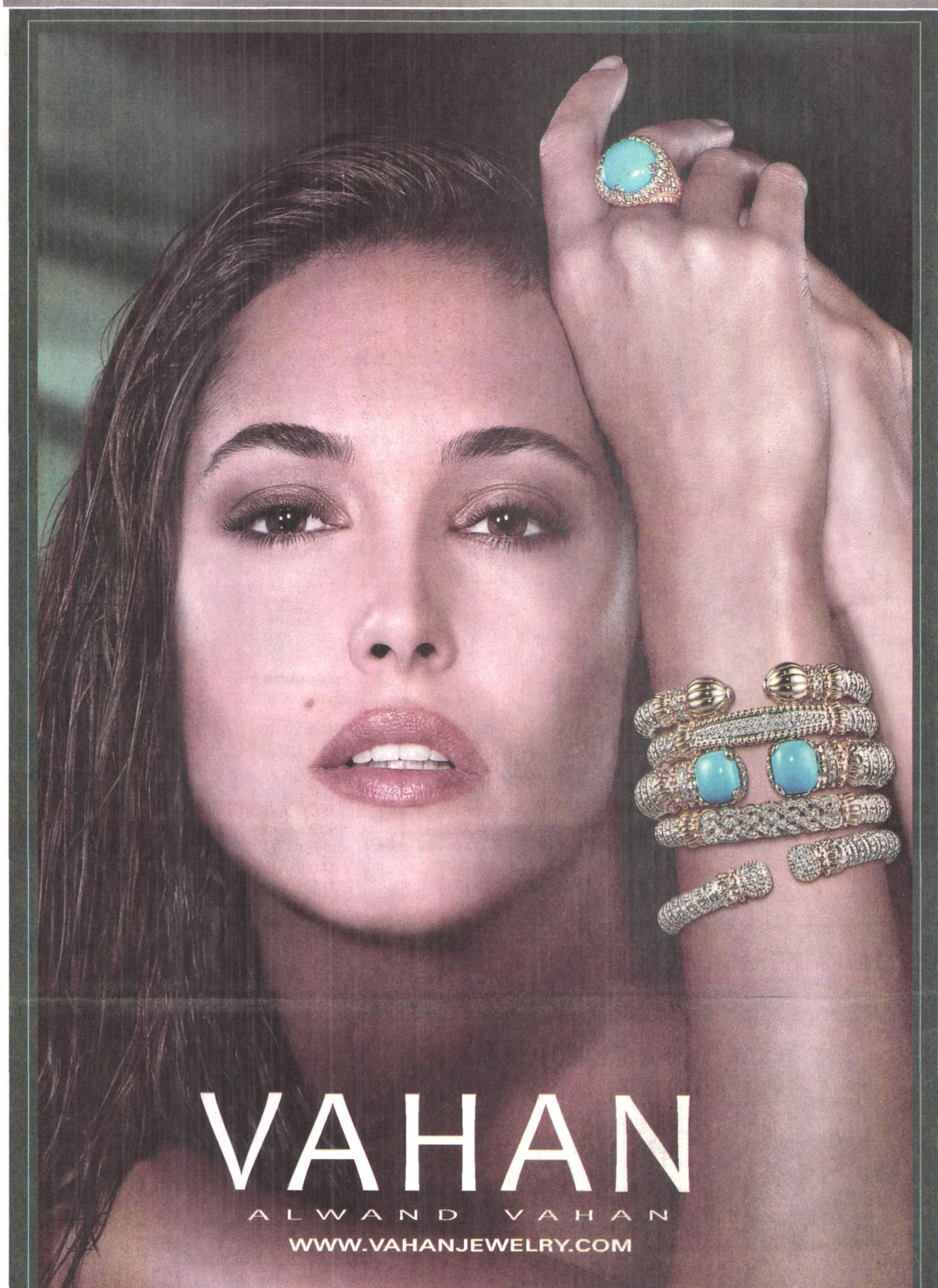
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Three hives are maintained by St. Ambrose Catholic Church parishioner Bernie Van Antwerp. Far left, the church, in the background, shelters the hives from prevailing winds. Antwerp holds up a shelf on which a honeycomb is made by bees, center. A wax honeycomb with each cell filled with honey created by bees that travel in a two-mile radius of the church collecting nectar.

Culmination of a summer's work

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

My son, eat honey, for it is good, and the drippings of the honeycomb are sweet to your taste.

Proverbs 24:13

Honey is the natural golden sweetener created by insects no bigger than a baby's toe. It has been recorded in Bible verses, used by ancient Egyptians as offerings to their gods, found in pharaohs' tombs and adds a distinct flavor to today's culinary creations.

Just the word "honey" creates a picture of a slow-moving, clear liquid pooling in crevices of a hot biscuit, topping a steaming bowl of oatmeal or being drizzled into a cup of tea.

Due to bees' contribution to the food chain pollinating 30 percent of the food we eat, and their product, hives are popping up in rural areas, as well as urban sites, including Grosse Pointe Park. There, three bee hives are on the grounds of St. Ambrose Catholic Church where they are watched and nurtured through the seasons by apiarist Bernie Van Antwerp of Grosse



Bernie Van Antwerp inspects the cells of the honeycomb made by bees of St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park.

Pointe Park. He tends the hives, collects the honey, spins, strains and bottles it for the church.

Jars of nature's golden liquid have been sold at St. Ambrose for two years

in one pound jars. St. Ambrose is the patron saint of bee keepers and, according to legend, he was so dubbed because of his smooth, sweet speaking abilities. Upon the request of Rev. Timothy

Pelc, a patch of land was set aside for the hives stocked with about 20,000 Italian bees to make honey sold as a church fundraiser. Italian bees are more productive and less aggressive than the heartier Russian bees, Van Antwerp said.

"Father Pelc wanted beehives," Van Antwerp said. "I volunteered to get the bees. I built the hives and got the bees. I woke up one morning and had 600,000 animals a year in my keeping and you can't take them to the vet's."

It's obvious he enjoys his volunteer work with the bees, or "my girls" as he calls them, because he readily shares his knowledge both locally and at his northern Michigan house where he has 10 hives to tend.

Bees have a life expectancy of six weeks to six months with the queen constantly laying eggs.

"Normally, she would be succeeded by a new queen every two to three years," he said.

With the high use of insecticides and weed killers and bugs from other countries that are hard to eradicate, bees are

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AREA ACTIVITIES

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PHOTO BY JOHN MINNIS

Help for Ghana

Following a slide presentation on the Rotary Club of Windsor's 18-year effort to help the people of Jirapa, in upper Ghana in west Africa by the club's president-elect Janet Kelly, left, Rotary of Grosse Pointe President Diane Strickler presented a check to Kelly. The \$500 check will be matched at 80 percent by the Canadian Rotary Collaboration for International Development.

grams or classes during 2013.

Offerings by the War Memorial next year include a three-part series called "Listening to Jazz" by Judy Adams, classes to develop talents, representatives from the Detroit Institute of Arts provides an art appreciation program, a cooking boot camp, as well as programs on tea, Belgium beer, Italian and French bistro dishes will be offered.

Classes on how to use iPad and iPhone 101 will also be available in 2013. For the globetrotter, trips to England, Spain or San Francisco Portland and Seattle will have an orientation class Feb. 7.

A new fitness class in a mix and match package for \$99 is available. Attendees can sign up for the 10-session class and choose from cardiomax,

cardiocore, yoga, hoop fitness, Mat 5 and belly dancing.

For more information or to receive a booklet, call (313) 881-7511 and visit warmemorial.org.

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



Garden donation

Grosse Pointe Shores Garden Club has been instrumental in the development of the veterans garden at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and donated a teak garden bench in the spring. The bench's dedication reads "In honor of Lynn Lutomski-Kiley for her vision of the Veterans Garden - 2012." This photo taken in the spring includes, standing from left Roma Thrasher, Margie Prokop, Shirley Hartert, Dolores Serra, Marilyn King, Georgie Richner, Ruth Ellen Mayhall; seated, Pat Tappert, Lutomski-Kiley, Shirley Ireland and Lutomski-Kiley's brother, Chris Lutomski. Lutomski-Kiley died of cancer in the summer.



Dine-around-town

Winners of the Soroptimist dine-around-town raffle and Soroptimists include, Carol Hofer, Diane Kashuba, Pat Casey, Myra Golden, Ross Braun, Katie Lucey, Amanda Duda, Karrie Blankenship, Kerri Green, Jane Lightfoot, Marya Malkovich, Marina Houghton, Laura McCourt, Roseanne Horne, Mary Clare Toffanetti, Marlane Washington, club president Mary Ellen Burke, Diana Langlois and Sue Stewart. The raffle supports the scholarships given in the spring to women going back to school to finish a degree and a high school girl involved in community service projects.

version of the workshop. Children get the chance to participate in holiday crafts 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

Luminaries line the drive and candles illuminate the inside of the house from 5 to 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays during December.

Local student musicians provide holiday music.

Edsel & Eleanor Ford House is located at 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. For more information, go to fordhouse.org or call (313) 884-4222.

Deadlines

Due to the holiday, the deadline for the Jan. 3 issue has changed.

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CAREGIVING By Terri Murphy

Know with whom you are dealing



The use of private pay home care services is soaring in the United States and many families do not understand the risks to which they or their loved one can be exposed by hiring home care services from an individual who claims they are an "independent contractor." The same risks apply when hiring a caregiver on your own as an "independent caregiver."

The problem

The number of families purchasing private duty home care services continues to grow. Many cite the desire for a higher quality of life and independence as the reasons for the choice of care at home. Most of these services are paid out-of-pocket; using available disposable income to hire the care they need in their

home. Because of this, they often turn to independent caregivers, or agencies offering the cheapest price for care without understanding the implications of their choice. Some of these "cheaper" companies are not employing their caregivers, but are merely "placing" them in home care settings. This has resulted in unfortunate situations for seniors, families and the home care industry in general.

Risks

There are many unexpected or hidden issues consumers face when employing these individuals in their home. One major issue is there is an employer-employee relationship created in most of the care situations. With few exceptions, elder caregivers do not fall under the IRS guidelines of "independent contractor" (as indicated in IRS Publication 926). Unfortunately, most families are unaware of this. Individuals working as "independent contractors and placement agencies"

often do not communicate to the family this relationship most likely will result in the creation of an employer-employee relationship, not an independent contractor relationship. Both the worker and the family can suffer significant financial liabilities.

Liabilities, abuses, payroll taxes

Families of those receiving care are confronted by a confusing array of federal and state laws. The simplest and most direct requirement is that anyone who gets a paycheck must pay the government any taxes due. This includes Social Security, Medicare, federal and state unemployment and state and federal payroll taxes.

When the family is the employer and responsible for compliance, and none of these taxes are being paid, the government may sue the family or their estate for back taxes, interest and penalties. In a situation where many days of care, or many hours each week of services

over a long period of time have been delivered, this tax responsibility can be a substantial amount. Other remedies authorities may seek can include civil fines and criminal penalties. There is no statute of limitations on the failure to report and remit federal payroll taxes. You are most likely to be "caught" when your former "independent contractor" files for unemployment or Social Security benefits. This could be years down the road, and their filing could have nothing to do with you. You, not the worker, will be required to pay all back taxes, including the worker's federal and state withholding taxes.

Work injuries

This is the most potentially devastating result for families and workers who are unaware of the employer-employee relationship. If no workers' compensation protection is provided (as mandated by law for employees for nearly every state), and the worker sustains an

on-the-job accident, the liabilities can be substantial. Medical costs and disability payments for workers could cause financial hardship for even a very wealthy family. Many families incorrectly assume homeowner's insurance will cover this type of loss, when, in fact, homeowner's insurance usually specifically excludes employees in the home.

Abuse, exploitation

Most workers who enter the home care industry are caring, giving people. Unfortunately, there are also those who know it is easy to take advantage of frail, functionally limited, often cognitively impaired clients. An individual, working on their own, is most likely not insured or bonded and has no one supervising their work. No one has done a background investigation on him or her either. In addition, an agency working as merely a "placement" agency cannot provide any substantive work supervision, scheduling, or training of the workers

without them becoming their employees. If they do, the agency, by law, becomes the employer of the worker. Insurance, bonding, background investigations, supervision, scheduling, and worker training are important benefits to consumers and are provided only by agencies that hire their workers.

If you do choose to hire an independent contractor, or use an agency that provides a placement service, you must understand what your responsibilities are as an employer. Also, these agencies do not always communicate to you these workers are not actually employed by their agency. When it comes to providing elder home care services for your loved one, don't be penny-wise and pound-foolish.

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Eric Herman

Making the holidays less materialistic



It's not the gifts but what's behind them that's important — the spirit of giving.

Q. During this time of year children are bombarded with commercials to entice them to want a variety of toys and gadgets they may not need. What can parents do?

A. Of course it can be challenging to eliminate all exposure to TV and radio marketing messages, but you can always turn off the TV or limit your kids' watching time. Another important tip is to teach children not everything they want can always be theirs and a little

"want" here and there isn't all bad.

Q. What are some things parents can do to help make the holiday more meaningful?

A. Focus on family traditions. Talk about which family traditions your family loves the most or find out what the holidays mean to others. You can also work as a family to build new traditions. Show children giving your time, effort and kindness is more rewarding than just expecting to receive lots of presents.

Q. What are some of the lessons children and even adults can learn from giving to others?

A. There are many, including giving to others can show that one person can make a difference. Giving also highlights the benefits of sacri-

fice and tolerance, and it can also help children learn to be even more appreciative of what they have.

Q. What's the most important thing parents can do to help their children appreciate the spirit of giving this holiday season?

A. Parents need to be a good holiday role model. Show your children the holidays can be joyous and fulfilling, not just a stress-ridden time revolving around marathon shopping trips. If you start early with traditions that emphasize the true meaning of the holidays and the caring thoughts behind gift giving, you can help mold your kids' perspectives on the holiday season and what it means to both give and receive all year long.

Herman is a clinical

psychologist at DMC Children's Hospital of Michigan.

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White Castle donates to Wigs 4 Kids

Local non-profit Wigs 4 Kids received \$10,000 from White Castle to continue the organization's emotional, social and psychological support services.

Wig 4 Kids provides wigs and support services to children experiencing hair loss as a result of illness and medical treatment. The program is available to Michigan youth between the ages of 3 and 18 years at no cost to them or their families.

"The restaurant chain has supported Wigs 4 Kids since 2005, raising \$186,910 in funds over the years and helping us open our wellness center," said Maggie Varney, founder and CEO of Wigs 4 Kids. "Now they are helping us with our new effort, as we have serviced the children of the community and have become aware of their needs that required us to expand our programming."

As a 501(c)(3), the organization focuses on cancer patients and includes other young people with similar

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Yesterday's Headlines

1962
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◆ **PRANKSTERS RECEIVE SENTENCES:** The five teenage “pranksters” responsible for Grosse Pointe’s “Reindeer Incident” have been placed on personal probation and are to report to City Judge Douglas Paterson for the next six months.

While on probation, the teenagers, ranging in age from 15 to 17, must stay away from each other and refrain from “loitering” in the Grosse Pointe area.

Each must repay, out of his own money, the \$54.75 his parents gave in restitution and each was directed to write two essays, one on “Kindness to Animals” and the other on “The Importance of Pets,” delivering them to Judge Paterson within a week.

◆ **PARK FACES GAS STATION PERMIT SUIT:** A preliminary hearing in a suit to force the Park to issue a permit to build a

gas station in a section of the city’s proposed civic site, will be heard in Wayne County Circuit Court.

◆ **TEEN ACCUSED OF BURNING BOY:** A 15-year-old Park boy will have to undergo psychiatric treatment because he burned the forehead of another boy with a cigarette.

◆ **PUT TEETH IN DUTCH ELM LAW:** The Farms council set a date for a public hearing on an amendment to its Dutch Elm Ordinance.

The amendment puts more “teeth” into the present law, which requires elms be sprayed to control and eradicate Dutch Elm Disease, and infected trees be destroyed.

Under the present ordinance, it is merely directed that the necessary steps be taken in the fight against the tree blight under penalty of the law.

The amendment would require “every person, firm or corporation which owns or has under its control an elm tree located within the city

limits,” to properly spray the trees each year with an insecticide.

1987
25 years ago this week

◆ **FIRE DESTROYS HOME:** A family escaped with their lives, two parrots and the clothes on their back when their large Tudor house on Lakepointe in the Park was destroyed by fire. Estimates are the home and contents were valued at \$250,000.

◆ **LOT SPLIT REQUEST DENIED FIVE TIMES:** For the fifth time, the Woods city council has denied a request for a lot split and the petitioner is considering Circuit Court action as a way to remedy the situation.

A Sunningdale resident has been unsuccessfully petitioning the council since 1979 to approve a lot split at the corner of Sunningdale and Holiday.

— By Karen Fontanive

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Perk up Santa's midnight treat



’Twas the night before Christmas...what are you leaving out for Santa Claus this year? The usual milk and cookies? Don't you think the old guy grows weary of that? I'm throwing Santa a curve ball this year and replacing milk and cookies with a bag of holiday treasure — a delightful mix of sweet roasted pecans tossed with spiced gum drops. The recipe is from the kitchen of my sister-in-law, Jesse Rouleau.

Pecan Holiday Treasure
1 egg white
½ teaspoon water
1 lb. pecan halves
½ cup sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 package spiced gum drops
Preheat oven to 250 degrees. In a medium bowl, whisk egg white with water



PHOTO BY VIRGINIA O. MCCOY

Leave Santa sweet pecans for his Christmas Eve treat.

until frothy. Fold in pecans and gently toss. In a small bowl combine sugar with cinnamon.

Toss mixture with pecans until all are evenly coated. Spread on a greased baking sheet (in a single layer) and bake at 250 for 1 hour. As pecans cool break them into pieces. Add spiced gum drops to cooled pecans.

The flavor combination of the cinnamon sugar and the spiced gum drops is a home run.

I'm packaging up my pecan holiday treasure in cute little bags for giving. I'll leave one for Santa to grab so he can keep moving along on his big night.

Peace and merry Christmas from A la Annie.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Drones, bees that don't work, are kicked out of the hive. Bees also guard the entrance against intruding insects.

BEES:
From flowers to jars

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having a difficult time surviving and thriving. Each year about 30 percent die from mites foreign to the United States or from insecticides or weed killers used by farmers or in the city, he said.

The St. Ambrose bees live a sheltered life. The hives are on a patio with the church protecting them from the prevailing winds on one side and hedges and a fence surrounding the other three sides. A fountain just across the hedge supplies the bees with fresh water. According to Van Antwerp, bees consume about a gallon of water per hive per day during the summer. With the abundance of blooming

flowers in the bees' two-mile flight radius, they are busy from morning until night bringing nectar back to the hive. They work all summer and Van Antwerp harvests about 35 pounds of honey per hive in September. He returns a portion of the wax combs to the hive so the bees don't have to work so hard replacing the combs, he said.

However, the wax has to be replaced every three years due to the chemicals the bees bring back to the hive.

“The wax the bees make works like a sponge. It soaks up all the chemicals. We don't use the wax more than three years. Those chemicals don't transfer to the



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Bernie Van Antwerp will gently remove the bees from their hive so he can remove the honeycomb and process the honey. The honey is sold at Christmas at St. Ambrose Catholic Church.

honey,” he said. He said Detroit is a good place to keep bees

because of the abundance of old growth trees and empty lots sprouting dandelions and other flowering weeds. And particularly, there are no chemicals being sprayed on these areas.

“Raising bees in Detroit has been successful because there are a lot of wildflowers in a two-mile radius,” he added.

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Re-opening gala

After months being closed for renovations, the Detroit Historical Museum opened with a flourish. Among the attendees were from left, Paul W. and Kim Smith of Bloomfield Hills and Mary Ann and Bob Bury of Grosse Pointe Park. Bob Bury is the Detroit Historical Society's executive director.



On hand for the re-opening of the renovated Detroit Historical Museum were from left, Mimi McMillan, past Detroit Historical Society trustee chairman Sandy McMillan of Grosse Pointe Farms; society trustee Bernadette Dennehy and Joel Alam of Grosse Pointe; and Corey and Devin Scillian of Grosse Pointe Park.



Cutting the ribbon to open the new Detroit Historical Museum were, from left in the front row, Bob and Maggie Allesee, techno musician Eddie Fowlkes of Grosse Pointe Park, former Detroit Red Wings player Ted Lindsay, Diana Lewis, Jim Nicholson of Grosse Pointe Farms and Detroit Deputy Mayor Kirk Lewis. Pictured in the back row, from left are historical society executive director Bob Bury, Paul W. Smith, Devin Scillian and Tom Buhl of Grosse Pointe Farms.

NEW ARRIVALS

Elliot Ann Grady

Bobby and Polly Grady of Parma are the parents of a daughter, Elliot Ann Grady, born May 1, 2012.

Bruce and Judy Chipman of Jackson are maternal grandparents.

Paternal grandparents are David Grady of Grosse Pointe Woods and Dora Grady of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Patrick Jon Rice

Russell and Chrstine Rice of Grosse Pointe Woods are the parents of a son, Patrick Jon Rice, born Nov. 14, 2012.

Deadlines

Feature deadlines for the issue of Jan. 2 noon Wednesday, Dec. 26. E-mail information to afouty@grossepointe-news.com.



Attending the grand opening were, from left, former Detroit Red Wings hockey player Ted Lindsay and Diane and Doug Dossin of Grosse Pointe Farms. Doug Dossin is the vice president of the Detroit Historical Society.



Dressing up

Twelve members of the Assumption Ladies Philoptochos Society from the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church dressed 24 dolls. The dolls were donated to the Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit for its annual No Child Without a Christmas event. Helping dress the dolls were, from left, Matina Hall, Froso Andiaris, Violet Champane, Mary Zoto, Mary Bayo, Stephanie Brennan, Grace Kalkanis-Nichols, Catherine Spadafore, Rina Cherpes and Sophie Plastiras.

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Donation

Rotary of Grosse Pointe President Diane Strickler, left, on behalf of the Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation, donated \$500 and six laptops to Francis Mustapha, Nov. 12. He discussed the construction of two schools in his native village of Madina, Sierra Leone in West Africa. Mustapha is a retired teacher from Fort Wayne, Ind.



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A Boy Scout places a worn flag in the fire during the ceremony. Right, members of the John Paul Jones Society, Children of the American Revolution led the ceremony's Pledge of Allegiance. Members from left, Jonathan Theros and Mac, Bruce and Athena Findeis and their mother Louisa St. Clair Chapter member Elizabeth Findeis and C.A. R. member Evan Theros.

Worn flags still earn respect



The Louisa St. Clair Chapter, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution hosted a flag retirement ceremony Oct. 27, with 50 community members attending.

More than 75 worn flags were collected at the Grosse Pointe Farms and Park municipal offices. Boy Scout Troop 96 performed the ceremony. The assembled read "The American's Creed." Troop 96 leader Jim Babiarz of Grosse Pointe Farms and troop members explained the flag's symbolism and when to fly the flag. Members of the troop took turns placing the discarded flags on the fire.

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GIRLS HOCKEY

South gets upper hand with North

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

For the first time since meeting in last spring's state championship game, city rivals Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South battled on the ice at City Arena.

South made it two wins in a row over its rival, beating North 3-1.

"It wasn't our best effort, but the girls made the most of their opportunities and Anastasia (Diamond) kept us in the game until we got going," South head coach Joe Provenzano said.

"We didn't play well at all," North head coach Joe Lucchese said. "We were lazy and it cost us."

Neither team scored in the opening period, but the Norsemen outshot the Blue Devils 11-4.

"I don't know why we came out so slow, but we didn't have a fast step and North did," Provenzano said. "Anastasia kept the game scoreless with solid goaltending."

North goalie Sarah Richardson didn't face the same number of shots, but she came up with a big save to keep the game scoreless.

The Blue Devils broke the tie late in the second period when junior Anne Crowley scored a power-



North's Sara Villani camps in front of the net looking for a tip-in with South's Allison Daudlin defending.

play goal. Seniors Lindsey Makos and Darian Dempsey drew assists.

Senior Katie Bowles brought the Norsemen to a 1-1 tie with a goal at the 12:11 mark of the third period. Senior C.J. McCarthy had the first shot on Diamond, who made the save, but Bowles jumped on the rebound and pounded it to the back of the net for a goal.

With each team skating four due to offsetting penalties, senior Samantha Taylor scored what turned out to be the winning goal. Her wrist shot sailed over Richardson's glove to give the Blue Devils the 2-1 lead.

Lucchese pulled Richardson to give the Norsemen an extra attacker, but it was the Blue Devils which scored as Dempsey pushed the

puck into an empty net with 13.2 seconds left in the game. Juniors Allison Daudlin and Tenley Shield had assists.

"We're playing a lot of close games and the girls are playing with confidence," Provenzano said.

In other games last week, South beat Plymouth-Canton-Salem 2-0 and Ann Arbor 3-2 in overtime, (against Ann Arbor), while North defeated Bloomfield 4-0



PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE

South's Lindsey Makos assisted on a huge goal that gave the Blue Devils some breathing room.

as Sara Villani scored and Susan Tomasi each twice and Melanie had one assist.

Grosse Pointe South Mermiges and Kallin Morris had a goal apiece improved to 7-0 in the

Maddie Vyletel had two assists, while Nicole High School Hockey League; Grosse Pointe Haggarty, McCarthy, Morris, Natalie Skorupski North is 4-1.

LIGGETT



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Close victory

Ania Dow, above, and the University Liggett girls' hockey team evened its record at 3-3 last week, edging visiting Northville 4-3. Freshman Jennifer Kusch scored twice to lead the host Knights and freshman Allison Stapleton tallied. Freshman goalie Olivia Portillo earned another win in net. She is playing well and the defense in front of her, led by the trio of senior Chandler Warren, junior Bella Canzano and sophomore Jenalyn Pangborn. The Knights are hanging tough in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League behind Grosse Pointe South, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood and Grosse Pointe North.

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Boys basketball

RIVALS

North rips rival South

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys' basketball team played great defense to beat city rival Grosse Pointe South 50-32 last weekend.

"Our first-half defense was outstanding," North head coach Matt Lockhart said. "It was a group effort tonight. Everyone played hard and they did a nice job on the defensive end of the court."

"This was a nice win on the road against a team we might see in the state playoffs."

The visiting Norsemen jumped out to an early 10-2 lead and a solid second quarter helped them build a commanding 26-5 halftime lead.

South head coach Dave Grauzer watched his Blue Devils shoot the ball poorly in the opening half, but then again many of their shots were contested.

"Jumping out to the big

lead took away some of their steam and it helped us stay focused," Lockhart said. "It was a good confidence boost for us."

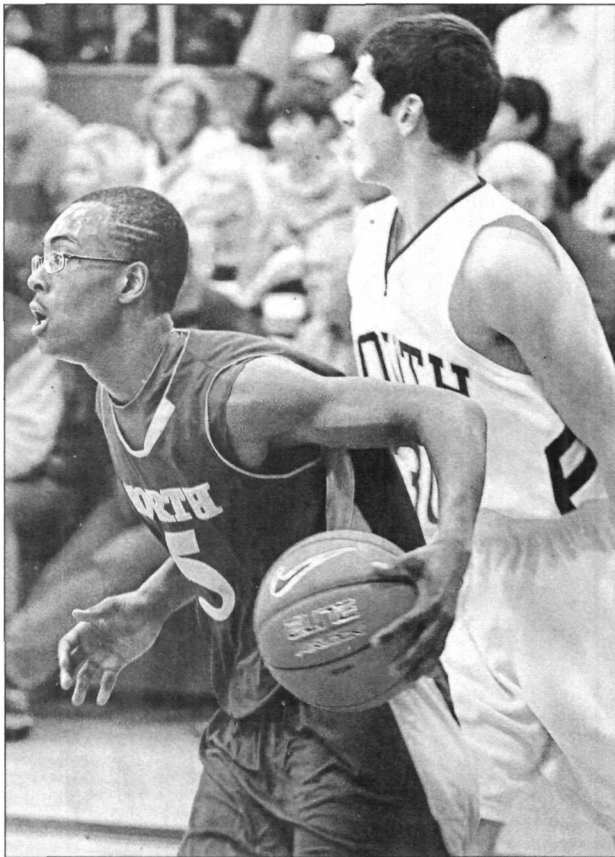
The Norsemen's lead stayed at a comfortable 18 to 22 points throughout the second half as each team nearly traded baskets in the final 16 minutes.

For the Norsemen, senior Taiwan Wiggins led a balanced scoring attack with 12 points. Junior Ricky Watson, junior Tim Herd and sophomore Jacob Zacharias each scored eight points, while junior Justin Kennedy had six points.

For the Blue Devils, junior Darius Harris was the only person in double figures, scoring 13 points.

Earlier in the week, South lost 73-50 to one of the top teams in the Catholic League, U-D Jesuit, dropping to 0-4 overall.

North also played ear-



PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE

Grosse Pointe North's Taiwan Wiggins looks to pass the ball during the Norsemen's win over the Blue Devils.

lier in the week and beat host Warren Woods-Tower 49-38.

For the Norsemen, Watson had 18 points as they jumped out to an 18-7 first quarter lead. The double-digit lead held at the half and after three quarters.

Wiggins and Herd

chipped in with nine points apiece.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 2-1 overall.

The Norsemen have a couple of weeks of practice before their next game, while the Blue Devils travel to L'Anse Creuse for a 7 p.m. tip-off Thursday, Dec. 20.

Girls basketball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils win two

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

After losing its season opener, Grosse Pointe South's girls' basketball team put together a three game winning streak.

Included in the streak are wins last week over Canton, 48-25, and Benton Harbor, 67-43.

"We're playing much better at both ends of the court," head coach Kevin Richards said. "I think we can play better, but right now I'm happy with where we're at."

The Blue Devils hosted Canton and led 12-9 after the first quarter and increased it to 11 points, 25-14, at the half.

They broke open the game by outscoring Canton 7-4 in the third to take a 32-18 lead into the final quarter.

Senior Claire DeBoer had 11 points, six rebounds and four steals,

while senior Gretchen Shirar added 11 points and five rebounds to lead the Blue Devils.

Sophomores Cierra Rice and Aliezza Brown had solid games, scoring 10 and nine points, respectively.

Richards and the Blue Devils took the long trek to play Benton Harbor, which fields a team with two of the top underclassmen in the nation.

DeBoer had her best outing of the season, scoring 19 points and grabbing 12 rebounds. Others in double figures were Shirar with 14 points and Brown with 13.

Richards also pointed out senior Christy Flom played good defense and junior Bre Andrews played her first game since tearing her ACL back in March.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 3-1 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen net win No. 1

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' basketball team won its first game of the season last week, beating Romulus 42-30.

It was the home opener for the Norsemen, who played without two starters, Taryn Kiah and Lauren Koeppel. Both missed the game due to illness.

"I'm seeing growth and I'm seeing improvement," head coach Gary Bennett said. "We had two good practices before this game and our collective defense and being confident with the ball played a big part in our win."

Junior guard Maria Liddane took control of the offense, scoring 18 points as the home team led 12-7 after the opening quarter and extended the advantage to double dig-

its at the half, 27-17.

In the second half, Liddane had plenty of help from junior Jayla Hubbard (seven points), senior Emily Armbruster (six points), and freshman Erin Armbruster, (five points).

Senior Anna Giordano added four points as the Norsemen used a rebounding advantage and good team defense to hold Romulus to only 30 points.

It was the best defensive game of the season for the Norsemen.

Others who chipped in one way or another were junior Phoebe Dodge, senior Stavi Varlamos and sophomore Megan Lesha.

The only downfall was free-throw shooting in which the home team made only 11-of-29 attempts.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 1-4 overall.



Grosse Pointe North's Ricky Watson looks to get off a shot with Grosse Pointe South's Dan Dixon trying to block it.

LIGGETT

Knights open with loss

University Liggett's boys' basketball finally started its season last weekend, losing 63-41 to Pewamo-Westphalia.

The Knights took the two-hour bus ride to open the season against

the Pirates of the Central Michigan Athletic Conference.

Head coach Sidney Johnson used the weekend as a bonding experience for his senior-oriented squad.

The team is 0-1 and prepares for a non-league game Friday, Dec. 21, at Lincoln Park.

The Knights also play a non-league game during the two-week holiday break.

Wrestling

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Pair earn medals

Grosse Pointe North and South's wrestling teams competed in last weekend's Wayne County Tournament.

For the Norsemen, Paul Menth, 145-pound class, and Andrew Lock, 152-pound class, earned medals.

"We had some nice results and it was nice to see Paul and Andrew earn a medal," North head coach Eric Julien said.

Menth won a fourth-place medal and Lock took home a sixth-place

medal.

In the opening week of action, the Norsemen won a couple of matches against Dearborn Edsel Ford and L'Anse Creuse, but lost to Sterling Heights and three others foes, including host Auburn Hills Avondale.

This weekend, the Norsemen compete in the Macomb County Tournament.

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Boys hockey

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Victories

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys' hockey team is back to the .500 mark after last week's division victories.

"The guys are starting to get rewarded for the hard work they put in," head coach Scott Lock said. "They're playing better hockey."

The Norsemen beat Wyandotte 3-2 as freshman Brendan Nelson scored his first career goal midway through the third period. His tally was the game winner.

They trailed 1-0 before junior Nick Murray scored 33 seconds later. Senior Jack Stander and junior Anthony Allemon had the assists.

It was 2-1 Wyandotte in the second period before senior Jeffrey Herron scored with senior Nick Rahaim and Murray drawing assists.

Senior goalkeeper Tanner Colborg played well between the pipes

and earned the win after Nelson scored. Allemon had the lone assist.

After that, the Norsemen defense tightened and they were able to squeeze out the one-goal victory.

There was only one penalty called the entire game.

Three days later North played one of the state's hottest teams, U-D Jesuit. The Norsemen prevailed 4-3, improving to 3-3 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League and 4-4 overall.

It also gave the Norsemen a three-game winning streak.

Stander scored the game-winning goal on the power play and he assisted on the Norsemen's other three goals.

Other goal scorers were Herron, junior C.J. Kusch and senior Jack Guest.

Coming up for the Norsemen is the Marquette Tournament Jan. 4 and 5.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Grosse Pointe North's Tyler Capp keeps an eye on defending his goalie in the Norsemen's big division win over U-D Jesuit.

Gymnastics

GROSSE POINTE UNIFIED

Ladies open 1-0-1

Grosse Pointe United's girls' gymnastics team finished 1-0-1 in its season-opening tri-meet last week.

The team beat Troy 134.5-127.45 and tied Troy Athens 134.5-134.5 as six girls earned regional qualifying scores to highlight the evening.

On vault, Emily Griffith (8.05), Madi Bush (8.1), Caitlin Gaitley (8.35), Michelle Ellis (8.7), Aubryn Samaroo (8.7) and Emma Abessinio (8.9) made it, respectively.

Also competing on vault were Sam Rogers, Simone Bendix and Emily Fleming.

On bars, qualifying for the regional meet were Griffith with a 6.85, Ellis with an 8.0, Samaroo with an 8.05 and Abessinio with an 8.4, and on beam, making the

regionals were Meagan Curran with a 7.95, Amy Olson with a 7.55, Ellis with a 7.9, Griffith with an 8.45, Samaroo with an 8.1 and Abessinio with a 9.2.

Also competing beam were brenna Bromwell, scored just missed qualifying with a score of 7.25, Kelsey Newa and Gyanei' Johnson.

On floor, qualifying scores were earned by Sam Rogers (7.85), Curran (8.3), Bush (8.5), Ellis (8.5), Gaitley (8.3), Samaroo (8.9) and Abessinio (8.85).

"This was a good result for our first meet," head coach Courtney Law said. "We had a lot of girls competing for the first time and I thought everyone did really well."

"There's definitely a lot of things we can build on and I think we will continue to go up from here."

LIGGETT

Two losses

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's boys' hockey team is getting the best effort from all of its foes this season.

Last week, the host Knights dropped two one-goal decisions, falling 2-1 to Utica Eisenhower and 3-2 to Macomb Dakota. Both reside in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

The Knights had trouble scoring against the Eagles earlier in the week and the struggles continued against the Cougars.

They fell behind 1-0 in the opening period, but junior Cole Zingas tallied at the 8:40 mark of the second stanza to tie it, 1-1.

One big part of the loss was the inability to score on two two-man advantages. The first one came in the second period when the chance lasted 42 seconds and the second was a full two minutes in the third period.

"We haven't had a full lineup on the ice since the second game and I think it is affecting us a little bit," head coach Robb McIntyre said. "We had a lot of chances tonight, but the deflections missed by an inch or two."

"The guys worked hard, but things just didn't go our way."

Dakota scored late in the period to take a 2-1 lead into the third stanza, but once again the home team tied it. This time it was freshman Alex

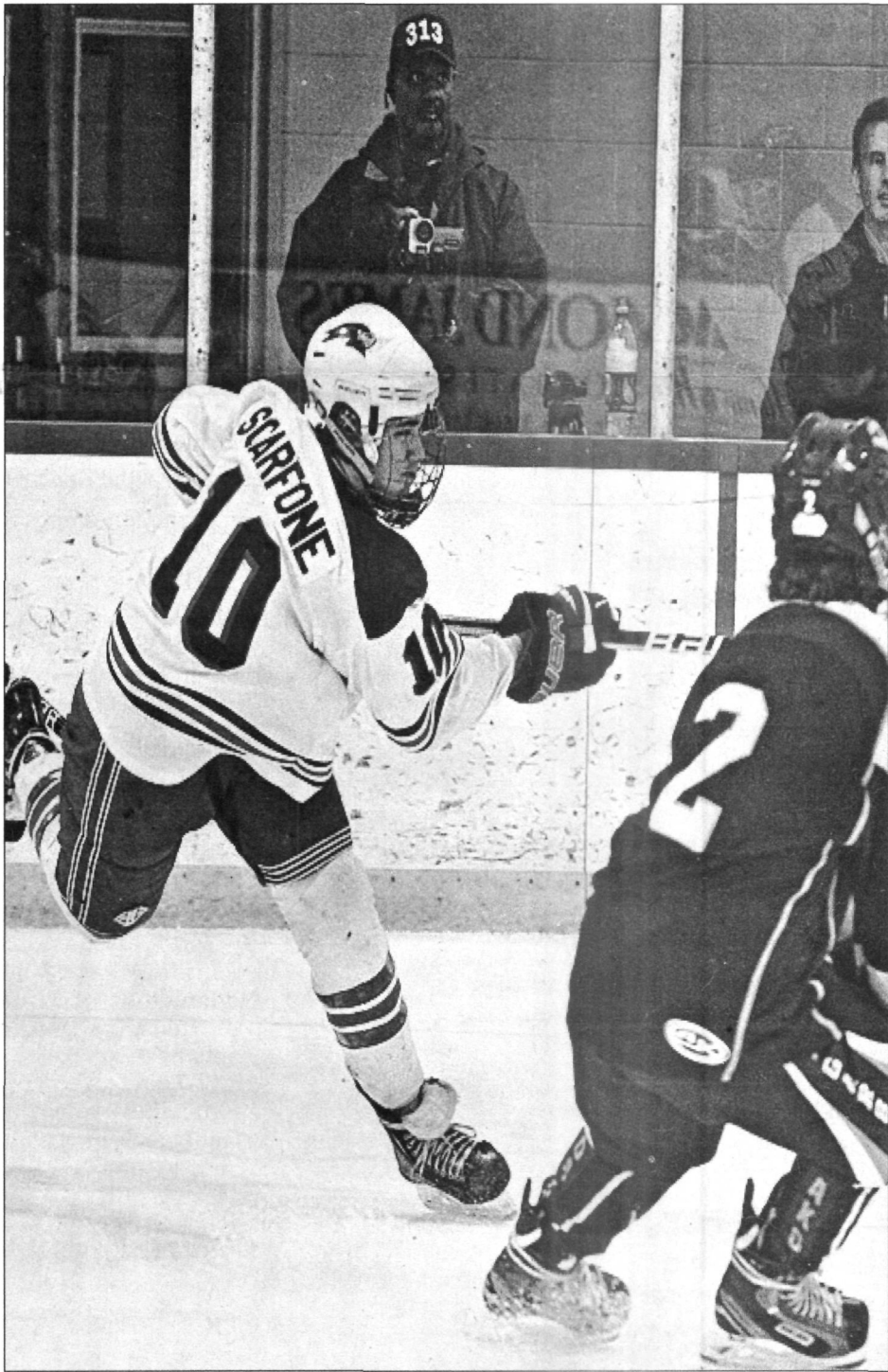


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Liggett's Vincent Scarfone lets a slap-shot rip during the Knights' loss to Macomb Dakota.

Minanov who scored at the 9:27 mark.

However, the Cougars scored the winning goal on the power play at the 6:24 mark.

"We outplayed Dakota for a majority of the second and third period, but we had one bad shift in

the third period and it cost us," McIntyre said.

Liggett dropped to 4-5 overall.

Coming up for the Knights are two tournaments.

First, they host the Liggett Showcase Friday, Dec. 21, and Saturday, Dec. 22.

The Knights face Grosse Pointe South and Muskegon Mona Shores plays Sault Ste. Marie in the semifinals.

Second, the Knights travel north to Big Rapids to play at Ewingleben Arena.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils beat Falcons

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' hockey team ended its three-game losing streak last week, beating host Dearborn Divine Child 4-0.

The Blue Devils scored once in the opening period when junior Tyler

Demery tallied at the 8:04 mark. Junior Wyatt Flynn and senior Jake Corden had assists.

Neither team scored in the second period, leaving the outcome much in doubt for what would be a strong third period for the visitors.

It was still a one-goal game until the 7:30 mark

when junior Andrew Bigham scored on the power play.

Corden and senior Ryler Maher had the assists.

Three minutes later, senior Shane Sparkman scored an insurance goal with Maher and sophomore Jason Sommerville netting assists, and for

good measure, Bigham scored the final goal with newcomer to the varsity Alex Newell and Corden netting assists.

Head coach Bobby McKillop's squad move one game above the break-even mark in the Michigan Metro Hockey League, 3-2, and is 3-6 overall.

Baseball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Register now

The annual Dan Griesbaum Baseball School is Thursday and Friday, Dec. 27 and 28, at Grosse Pointe South High School's main gymnasium.

The holiday hitting camp runs from 1 to 4 p.m. each day and is for players in second to sixth grade. Those in seventh and eighth grade from out of the Grosse Pointe Public School System may also attend due to MHSAA regulations.

The cost of the camp is \$60 for each day or \$100 for both days and all players must be pre-registered. The camp is to provide detailed instruction on the fundamentals of the game of baseball by teaching proper mechanics in a safe and positive atmosphere.

The emphasis is instructional, not recreational.

Camp directors are Dan Griesbaum and Matt Reno.

Griesbaum has been Grosse Pointe South's varsity baseball coach for 30 years. During his tenure, the Blue Devils have won 12 conference, 19 district and one state

championship in 2001. They have been in five state semifinals.

He is a member of the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Reno is Griesbaum's assistant baseball coach and manager of the Grosse Pointe Redbirds and Muckdogs summer baseball teams.

He was an All-Conference baseball player at Grand Valley State University.

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Rowing in the ACC

Grosse Pointe South senior Marijane Brennan, second from right, signed a letter of intent to row for the University of Virginia women's rowing team under head coach Kevin Sauer. She was joined at the ceremony by family members and rowing coach. Her future team, the UVA Cavaliers, recently won three races at the Rivanna Romp. She will row in a short fall season before training all winter. Her spring season begins at the end of March.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH



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She's a Monarch

Grosse Pointe South senior Emily Hughes, seated center, signed a letter of intent to row for the Old Dominion University women's crew team under the tutelage of head coach Dan Garbutt. The Old Dominion women's rowing team wrapped up its third varsity season with several impressive results. Fresh off a second-place showing by the Varsity Eight and Varsity Four at the Dad Vail Regatta, the Lady Monarchs also had sweeps of Miami and Colgate, wins over six-time Patriot League Champion Bucknell, a third place finish at the Colonial Athletic Association Championships, and Grand Final appearances at the Knecht Cup. The Lady Monarchs compete in Conference USA.

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Ivy League

Grosse Pointe South senior Casey Wizner, second from right, signed a letter of intent Wednesday, Nov. 14, to row for head coach Will Porter and the Yale Bulldogs. Wizner, with her family at her side, begins her collegiate career next fall with several races in October before gearing up for the main season, which starts at the end of March. Yale is a member of the prestigious Ivy League, along with Brown, Harvard, Dartmouth, Penn, Princeton, Cornell and Columbia.

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