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◆ An American Red Cross blood drive is from 1 to 6:45 p.m. at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. To make an appointment, call Beth Frahm at (313) 550-3870. All donors receive a 20 ounce brick of coffee and a voucher for a free pound of coffee.

SATURDAY, JAN. 4

◆ Emergency sirens are tested at 1 p.m.

MONDAY, JAN. 6

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods city council meets in council chambers at 20025 Mack Plaza.
◆ Services for Older Citizens offers a 10:30 a.m. blanket making class and an 11 a.m. poker tournament
◆ Beginning at 11:30 a.m., SOC offers chair yoga.

TUESDAY, JAN. 7

◆ Learn how to download eBooks onto a tablet or Smartphone from 6 to 7 p.m. or 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. Bring fully-charged equipment, library cards, e-mail address and password. Call (313) 821-8830 by Jan. 6 to register.



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In October, a contracting crew was about 10,000 feet into replacing 50,000 feet of failed marina decking at Grosse Pointe Shores Osius Park. Next week's edition of the Grosse Pointe News will wrap up the 2013 Year in Reviews.

2013: Financial swing in Shores

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Municipal finances ruled the roost during 2013 in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Tight budgeting paid off with a fiscal year-end surplus. A 1 mill tax increase funded public safety enhancements. The rainy day fund increased. So did the bond rating, back to AA+.

In other news, marina decking was replaced, residents donated a splashpad to Osius Park, coyotes returned, a councilman was arrested twice and, as the year was about to end, three new public safety officers took the oath of office.

A monthly summary of 2013:

January

◆ Begonias will replace impatiens this year in municipal flower gardens.

The switch stems from lingering soil contamination by

downy mildew.

◆ Police encourage snowbirds to protect their houses while on the wing.

Vacationers can add their hometown houses to the public safety department's watch list, prompting patrolmen to give the property special attention.

◆ Leave it to skinflints on the city council to figure ways of saving money by spending it.

The council is considering city-wide upgrades to electrical, environmental control and public works infrastructure that more than pays for itself in energy and operations savings, according to representatives of Honeywell, the proposed project manager.

◆ Realtors accept the council's invitation to pitch the idea of posting "open house" signs.

◆ On a nearly 0-degree night, Raleigh the City of Grosse Pointe police dog, warms his nose to an alleged thief hiding in a side-yard storage bin in the 800 block of Lakeshore.

"He flipped the lid of with his nose and chomped down on the guy's pant leg," said City Sgt. Michael Almeranti, the dog's handler, responding to the Shores' request for mutual aid in finding the 21-year-old male suspected car thief from Sterling Heights.

February

◆ The public safety department's most veteran officer, Lt. James Demeulenaere, retires from a 27 1/2-year career.

He'd been the department's senior shift commander for 13 years.

"I couldn't work in a better place for better residents," he said.

◆ Front-runners in the race for a new city tag line tout the community's location next to Lake St. Clair.

Sloganeers from the municipal Ambassador Committee favor, "Lakeside living, small town charm."

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Three hit the streets

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Roll call just got longer in the public safety department.

The mayor swore in three new patrolmen this month.

"The best part of the job is to welcome young, energetic, enthusiastic public safety officers to our fine village," said Ted Kedzierski, mayor of Grosse Pointe Shores. "It is a high honor."

The ceremony occurred during the last regularly-scheduled city council meeting of the year, Tuesday, Dec. 17.

The public safety department had been operating short-handed.

"With the addition of the new public safety officers, I think that's going to reduce the overtime cost we've incurred," said Councilman Bruce Bisballe, chairman of the finance committee.

One more officer needs to be hired to put the force at full strength, but Chief John Schulte is being picky.

"We're using a lot of scrutiny because we want the best," he said.

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Mayor thinking summer

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Osius Park could be full to the gills next summer with increased recreation opportunities.

"We're talking about a children's fishing rodeo tournament, perhaps during July 4, at the park," said Ted Kedzierski, mayor of Grosse Pointe Shores.

An upswing of activities at the lakeside facility parallels the residents' willingness to develop park infrastructure, namely a new marina and playscape at Osius, plus a year-round activities building at Schroeder Park behind city hall.

The playscape and building were funded largely by the Shores Improvement Foundation, as is a splashpad opening next spring beside the swimming pool at Osius.

"We're hopeful to have limited concession services next

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Slogan search continues

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — More municipal slogans are being run up the flag pole to see if anyone salutes.

"We have three at the top of the list," said Grosse Pointe Shores Councilwoman Kay Felt, chairwoman of the Ambassador Committee.

The latest suggestions are:

◆ "Exceptional, peaceful, beautiful,"

◆ "Experience the Shores" and

◆ "Lakeside living, village charm."

The search for a municipal slogan has been going on all year.

In January, suggestions included, but were not limited to,

◆ "Lakeside living, small town charm,"

◆ "It's location, location lakeside,"

◆ "Livable, lovable lakeside,"

◆ "More lakeshore than any other Pointe" and

◆ "Discover beauty, we live in Grosse Pointe Shores."

The volunteer Ambassador Committee was established last year to promote the Shores as a quaint, close-

knit, upscale community in which to buy a house and raise a family.

A slogan is intended to relate those qualities and more.

Related projects by the committee include producing a privately-funded history book about the city and designing a commemorative municipal tile.

Felt said she expects the book to be published by Christmas 2014.

"We're waiting for proposals on tiles," she said.

Possible designs include an image of city hall or the city seal.

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we'll have to find another option."

◆ Cream rises, and so does the Barracudas municipal swim team.

It wins the Lakefront Swimming Association Season with a perfect 5-0 record.

August

◆ There aren't enough candidates for three open seats on the city council to justify a primary election.

Voters will have their one-and-only say on Election Day, Nov. 5.

Council incumbents Louis Theros, Peter W. Waldmeir and Martin West are seeking reelection. Elizabeth Vogel is challenging.

Incumbent Municipal Judge Matthew Rumora is challenged by Matthew Peck.

◆ A record crowd of 1,250 attends the 65th annual Grosse Pointe Farms-City Family Fishing Rodeo at Pier Park, according to organizer, Dick Graves, of the Farms.

Attendance beats the

old record by 150, Graves said.

◆ Fire destroys three neighboring garages in the 400 blocks of back-to-back Madison and Lothrop.

◆ As long as there's a sun in the sky, a newly-installed solar-powered sign will point the way to Jumps Restaurant on the Hill.

September

◆ About 1,500 people attend the inaugural Dabble in the Farms: A Craft Tasting Experience, on the Hill.

◆ Loyalty is paying off for dogs.

Municipal officials accept an offer by the Farms Foundation to pay \$200,000 toward improvements to the dog park at Mack and Moross, established about 10 years ago.

The city will pay \$100,000 toward the \$300,000 project, which doubles the size of the park to roughly 210-by-150 feet.

October

◆ A 25-year-old homeless man is arrested for breaking into a man's house in the 200 block of Lakeshore and claiming

to be the late king of pop, Michael Jackson.

"He has a criminal history out of Tennessee," said Farms Detective Bryan Ford.

◆ The fight against phragmites continues on accretion above Pier Park.

An environmental consultant oversees another herbicide application this month on invasive weeds dominating the 1/4-mile stretch of accretion.

"It's constant vigilance, something we're probably going to have to do on a regular basis for many years," said Shane Reeside, city manager.

◆ Leashed dogs are allowed during this off-season at Pier Park.

"The intent is to give people another venue to walk their dogs," said City Manager Shane Reeside.

Dog owners violating the leash requirement face confiscation of their park pass.

November

◆ The race for three council seats ends in victories for veteran Councilmen Louis Theros, Peter W. Waldmeir and Martin West. Three-time council

challenger, Elizabeth Vogel, finishes fourth.

Municipal Judge Matthew Rumora, a 25-year incumbent presiding in Farms and Shores municipal courts, is returned to office by a nearly 3.5-to-1 victory over first-time challenger Matthew Peck.

Mayor James Farquhar is unchallenged in his reelection victory.

◆ The city council refuses the installation of a shoreside surveillance radar station.

Federal agents wanted the radar to detect illegal cross-border activity on lower Lake St. Clair.

Denial ends efforts by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Customs and Border Protection Division to place a 10-foot radar atop a 60-foot camera tower on land leased from the Grosse Pointe (Little) Club in Grosse Pointe Farms, according to agents that promised for nearly a year to abide by the council's decision.

December

◆ Transforming the top two floors of Henry Ford Cottage Hospital into senior living begins with a ceremonial groundbreak-



Something's ruffling the feathers of red-winged blackbirds at Pier Park.

ing.

When the residential facility, American House Grosse Pointe, opens next fall, Cottage's second and third floors will consist of a total of 84 one- and two-bedroom independent, assisted living and memory care rooms ranging in price from \$2,600 to \$7,150 per month.

◆ The routine annual audit for fiscal year 2012-2013 ending June 30, presented to the council this month, concludes that the

city has an unrestricted general fund balance equaling 26 percent of annual operating costs.

The \$3,368,335 balance — a rainy day fund — increased \$160,000 from the year before.

Farms officials credit the percentage for the city's high bond rating.

"We're at AA+," said Shane Reeside, city manager. "They want you to have at least 20 percent of general fund operating costs in fund balance."

SHORES:

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Other popular ideas are, "Lakeside lifestyle, village charm," and "Got lake!"

Members of the volunteer committee, established last year by Mayor Ted Kedziarski to boost the Shores as a premier residential community in which to buy a house, will let City Manager Mark Wollenweber pick the winner.

March

◆ A smidgen of tax relief is likely if bond refinancing goes through this summer as planned.

Projected savings totals \$239,212 over 12 years, or just under \$20,000 per year.

"This means we will be able to lower our millage," said Mark Wollenweber, city manager.

◆ Another vacationing homeowner is the fifth burglary victim of 2013.

"All home invasions we've incurred in this spike were of vacation homes," said John Schulte, Shores public safety director. "Two were unlocked. It makes it very easy for our suspects."

Investigators are targeting two 15-year-old male suspects from Grosse Pointe Farms and City.

"We believe there is third one," Schulte said.

April

◆ Municipal officials gain ground against providers of failed composite decking installed five years ago at the Osius Park marina.

Brian Renaud, city attorney, reports "significant progress" convincing the decking supplier, contractor and architect to replace the planks, many of which are cracking and splitting ahead of their advertised duration. "The hope is for them to make us 100 percent whole without having spend a dime," Renaud said. "In reality, that may not be possible without further legal action."

◆ The question of "open house" signs is closed.

Shores elected officials agree this month with members of the Ambassador Committee to allow limited placement of "open house" signs on private property.

◆ Reports of fast-acting medics highlight the public safety department annual wrap-up of 2012, re-

leased this month.

"Our medical response time averaged 2.8 minutes," said John Schulte, public safety director.

The department's 15 officers, including Schulte, responded to 2,800 calls for service during 2012.

Arrests totaled 247, one more than in 2012.

◆ Shores officials look forward to completing the fiscal year with jingles in their pockets, figuratively speaking.

"We're going to end up this year with, maybe, a \$100,000 surplus," said Councilman Bruce Bisballe, chairman of the finance committee.

May

◆ A pair of contractors walk the plank over failed decking at the municipal marina.

The decking supplier agrees to compensate the Shores with more than enough new material to replace boards that are degenerating prematurely in the 5-year-old marina at Osius Park.

Replacement material is valued at \$90,000 and has a 20-year limited warranty.

In addition, the marina contractor is kicking in about \$15,000 cash.

◆ Passage of next fiscal year's \$7,974,290 municipal budget, effective July 1, includes a 1 mill tax increase to pay for public safety enhancements, such as restaffing headquarters 24 hours per day with clerks.

The budget also includes a 6.25 percent increase in water and sewer rates, largely to meet 4 and 6 percent rate increases from Detroit and Wayne County, respectively, but also to shore-up reserves in the city water fund.

June

◆ In separate incidents, two alleged drunken motorists drive over the curb at the foot of Vernier at Lakeshore, smashing through the wrought iron fence into Osius Park.

◆ Intense heat and flames confront public safety officers from four departments fighting a multiple-alarm house fire in the 900 block of Lakeshore.

◆ The first coyote reported in the area for a long time is sighted on Fontana.

Coyote sightings and reports of attacks on small pets generated regular entries in Pointe police blotters until last year.

July

◆ The sun shines brighter on Hawthorne when remaining ash trees on municipal property lining the roadway are cut down.

"It's going to change the character of the street," said Brett Smith, Shores public works director.

He remembers before emerald ash borer started killing 80 ash trees lining the block, there was a stately look of uniformity.

◆ Public safety headquarters is scheduled to resume full-time staffing within a few weeks.

Shifts of clerks are hired to work around the clock, seven days per week, at the former police and fire dispatch desk, vacant since dispatch operations were contracted in June 2011 to Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ A splashpad is approved for construction at Osius Park.

The \$162,000 pad is funded by the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation, a private group that raises money for community enhancements beyond the normal scope of municipal operations.

Shores officials expect municipal costs associated with installation, such as adding water and drainage lines, will total about \$25,000.

August

◆ The hiring of two more public safety officers could bring the force to nearly full strength by year's end.

Both officers are firefighter paramedics. They must pass various background checks and a 17-week police academy curriculum before their hiring becomes official.

◆ Members of the Ambassador Committee chose veteran author, Arthur Woodford, to write a book about the Shores to be published by Arcadia Press.

Woodford edited both volumes of "Tonnancour" and the recent, "The Michigan Companion."

◆ Councilman Dan Schulte blames the police for arresting him this month for domestic violence against his wife and obstructing officers.

"I think a lot of this is political because, apparently, the police don't like me," said Schulte, 59, free on \$1,000 personal bond following his second arrest since May for domestic violence.

Wayne County prosecutor's didn't file charges

stemming from Schulte's arrest in a May incident, citing a lack of evidence.

◆ Councilman Dan Schulte's colleagues on the city council unanimously agree to remove him as mayor pro tem.

September

◆ Councilman Dan Schulte pleads "no contest" to misdemeanor domestic violence and "guilty" to attempted obstruction of police.

The pleas are a deal to avoid spending up to one year in jail should he fight prosecution for domestic violence and obstructing police.

◆ Real estate signs won't be mandated to a uniform color scheme, city officials decide.

◆ A recommendation by the Ambassador Committee to establish a volunteer Fun Committee wins council approval.

Members of the committee will solicit ideas from residents for ideas on community activities and recreational events.

October

◆ Renovations to the 100-year-old Grosse Pointe Yacht Club's harbor will begin during the off-season.

Renovations include replacing boat slips with fewer, but wider slips to accommodate modern, wider boats.

◆ Municipal officials capitalize on renovations to the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club harbor as an opportunity to join with the club in studying the cause, and possible remedies, of accretion above and below the Shores and club marinas, both of which project side-by-side into Lake St. Clair.

◆ Another alleged drunken driver blasts through the intersection of Vernier and Lakeshore into the wrought iron fence of Osius Park.

◆ Replacement begins of marina decking.

November

◆ Police hope a ticket amnesty causes a run on the courts.

"Letters are going out to approximately 325 individuals with fugitive warrants in the Shores," said John Schulte, public safety director. "We are working with the court to establish a program to waive some fees and defaults to clear warrants from our books."

Outstanding warrants and costs total approximately \$140,000, according to Madeline

Eberhardt, court clerk.

Typical cases involve unpaid traffic tickets.

◆ Coyotes get cocky near the north end of town.

A contractor, Critter Removal, places traps on the grounds of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, including the estate's meadow across Lakeshore, which abuts Colonial Court.

"They have one in custody, as we call it," said John Schulte, public safety chief.

◆ The routine annual municipal audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, shows a continued, gradual rise in unrestricted general fund balance to 15 percent of annual general fund operating costs.

"You've managed to increase your fund balance over the four-year period from 2010 to 2013," a CPA with Abraham & Gaffney auditors told members of the council. "That's fantastic."

December

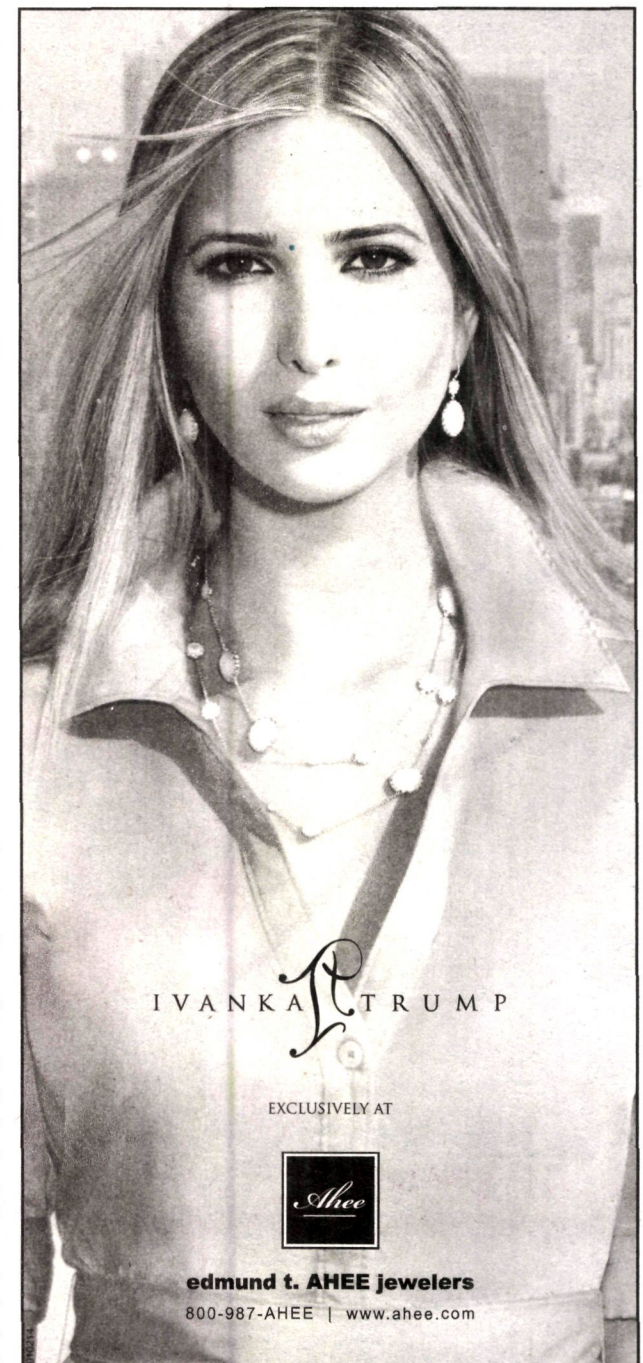
◆ Standard & Poor's upgrades the city's bond rating to AA+.

The Shores was downgraded a few years ago to AA when fund balance declined during the 2009 consolidation of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, Grosse Pointe Township and Lake Township into a city form of government, namely the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, a Michigan City.

"The only reason they downgraded us was when we became a city, (city officials) stockpiled money in the fund balance and used that in the short fiscal year," said City Manager Mark Wollenweber, hired after the transition. "As a result of that, (Standard & Poor's) wanted to see a trend back to restoring it."

◆ The municipal administration intends to save money by providing members of the city council documents for monthly meetings in electronic form rather than on paper.

Although the transition to paperless operations involves buying the mayor and six council members iPads costing a combined \$4,000, savings are forecast.



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Slim pickings

An unknown intruder faced the equivalent of empty shelves upon breaking into a house in the 800 block of Loraine between 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24 and 3:30 p.m. the next day.

"The victim advised the home was empty and they are in the process of remodeling," said the officer.

Homeowners discovered the crime upon returning home Wednesday, Dec. 25.

Investigators determined the person or persons responsible initially tried to enter the house by slashing through a piece of plastic covering a back door window, but couldn't overcome the door's dead bolt lock.

"(The suspect) then went to the north side of the home and gained entry through a door there," said a public safety officer. "A piece of plastic, which was also covering a previously

broken window, was cut on that door and the inside dead bolt had been opened."

Nothing seemed to be missing. Police are giving the property special attention during patrols.

Xmas visitor

Several officers responded to a burglar alarm at 3:40 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24, at a store in the 17400 block of Mack.

Patrolmen found the front door pried open and no one inside.

They summoned the manager from home.

"(He) noticed an interior door leading to the cash office had been pried open, but no further access to the actual office was made," said an officer.

Card stolen

Someone tried to charge \$1,000 to a credit card belonging to a Maryland woman shortly after she lost her wallet at

a restaurant in the 17100 block of Kercheval in the Village.

She reported the incident to police at 2:24 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23.

"She attempted to retrace her steps and check in garbage cans to find the wallet, but was unsuccessful," said police.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Bangs head

A few minutes past 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 28, officers were dispatched to the area of Kercheval and Hall place on the Hill regarding a "highly intoxicated" man who'd fallen from his head.

An officer confirmed 53-year-old man's condition and residence within normal walking distance.

"It was determined (he) was a danger to himself and was transported to St. John Hospital for detox," said an officer.

Police think the man may have had something to do with a damaged white 2012 Fiat 500 parked nearby on Kercheval.

The car, owned by a 28-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man, had broken windshield wipers and passenger-side mirror.

"Next to the car was blood and blood droppings leading to where (the man) was located upon (my) arrival," said the officer.

The owner reported the damage to police the following day.

Pried open

The rear door of an office building in the 18500 block of Mack was discovered pried open at about 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28.

"(The victim) stated that he believed this incident may have been related to another break-in in recent days," said an officer.

Alarmed

Between 3:34 and 3:43 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, someone tried to enter the rear door of a building in the 18500 block of Mack.

The owner, called to the scene, said nothing seemed missing.

"It appears that an unknown subject forced the rear door, heard the interior alarm, then fled without gaining entry," said an investigator.

Under influence

Police arranged for a 46-year-old Detroit man to be driven home by a relative following a drunken driving investigation at Mack and Moross at 12:56 a.m. Friday, Dec. 27.

The man passed field sobriety tests, but admitted being under the influence of Vicodin prescribed for back pain. His silver 2003 Dodge Durango was impounded.

Delivery taken

A woman told police her \$199 Kindle Paperwhite E-reader was stolen out of its UPS delivery box on the front porch of her house in the 100 block of Lewiston sometime between 7 a.m. and 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 25.

Thwarted

The female caregiver of a man living in the first block of Lothrop reported an attempted home invasion at 10:11 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24.

The caregiver said an unknown woman rang the front doorbell, then walked to the rear of the house and tried to enter.

"When (the suspect) saw (the caregiver) inside the house, she fled the yard," said one of many public safety officers at the scene.

An officer found the suspect, a 46-year-old St. Clair Shores resident,

walking across Kercheval at Lothrop.

She wore a mask, green military-type jacket and black pants, said the officer.

"She stated she was out for a walk," said the officer. "She stated she rang (the) front door bell of an unknown house. She further stated she was having an Asthma attack and needed to make a phone call to get another inhaler."

Officers arrested her for attempted burglary.

They said they confiscated her flashlight, pepper spray and Macomb County Circuit Court badge.

Investigators were unavailable by the time of the Grosse Pointe News deadline to explain the woman's possession of the badge.

Compromised

A Farms woman, 54, was surprised to learn last week that someone changed the e-mail address and security password of her Discover credit card.

A fraudulent attempt to raise the account's credit limit failed, she said.

"She feels her identity was compromised when she used the healthcare.gov website in November to get insurance under the Affordable Care Act," said a public safety officer. "(She) stated that the Social Security number from her and her daughter, as well as the return information, were required to obtain Obama Care. This was the only time she has released this information."

—Brad Lindberg

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

More reports will be printed next week.

THREE:

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Schulte said public safety is a "critical factor" of a community.

"By having a good complement of officers, we can provide tremendous service," he said.

The rookies qualified for employment by passing a series of evaluations, interviews, background checks, physical tests, psycholog-

ical evaluations and, for two of the three candidates, a 17-week curriculum at a police academy.

The new officers are:

- ◆ Officer Jason Cook, married and father of two daughters and one son.

"Jason served 10 years with MedStar Ambulance and was their operations supervisor," Schulte said. "Jason served with the Macomb County Sheriff and was paramedic for the SWAT team."

Cook graduated fifth in his class this month at the Macomb Police Academy,

Schulte said.

- ◆ Officer Jesse Lafriniere, married, no children.

"Jesse comes to us from MedStar Ambulance and the Utica Fire Department, where he served eight years as a paramedic firefighter," Schulte said.

Lafriniere also graduated from the Macomb Police Academy, Schulte said.

"I spoke with the director of the academy and many instructors," Schulte added.

"They unanimously told me that we have hired two excellent candidates."

- ◆ When Officer Michael O'Brien applied for the job, he already

held the multiple certifications needed for employment in the Shores.

He's an EMT with private ambulance experience, a paramedic and certified firefighter.

O'Brien graduated in March from the Michigan State Police trooper recruit school, Schulte said.

"Michael told us while he received excellent training in the state police program, he felt somewhat limited, as he would only be performing one service — police," Schulte said. "He indicated that it was his intention to utilize all of his skills. That is why he wanted to be a public safety officer in Grosse Pointe Shores."

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year at the park on swim meet nights, weekends and holidays," Kedzierski said.

Based in part on the success of this year's city-organized sports contests and competitive activities at Osius Park, such as tennis and chess tournaments, Kedzierski foresees more in 2014.

A continuation of the chess tournament is almost a given. The tennis tournament will have age-specific brackets to match players of comparable ability, Kedzierski said.


Look next summer for more new activities, such as bocce ball, croquet

matches and "extended swimming hours on certain dates, maybe for teenagers," he said.

A variation of the defunct top-guard competition, in which municipal lifeguards from the five Grosse Pointes matched life-saving skills, may be inaugurated with beach volleyball games between the various communities' lifeguards and swim team members.

More ideas of that nature are expected to come from the volunteer municipal Fun Committee, the members of which Kedzierski is in the process of choosing.

"We're looking for committee members," he said. "The purpose of the committee is to bring more recreational activities for young families."



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GUEST OPINION By Nicolas Loris

Time to stock up on incandescent bulbs before they go out permanently

If your New Year's resolution is to change your light bulbs, don't worry — the federal government's here to help. Beginning Jan. 1, the federal government will ban the use of 60-watt and 40-watt incandescent light bulbs. The light bulb has become a symbol in the fight for consumer freedom and against unnecessary governmental interference into the lives of the American people.

Take a look at the Department of Energy's Federal Energy Management Program. Basically anything that uses electricity or water in your home or business is subject to an efficiency regulation.

In 2007, Congress passed and President George W. Bush signed into law an energy bill that placed stringent efficiency requirements on ordinary incandescent bulbs in an attempt to have them completely eliminated by 2014. The law phased out 100-watt and 75-watt incandescent bulbs last year. Proponents of government-imposed efficiency standards and regulations will say, "So what? There are still plenty of lighting options on the shelves at retail stores; we're saving families money; and we're reducing harmful climate change emissions." The "so what" is the federal government is taking decisions out of the hands of families and businesses, destroying jobs and restricting consumer choice in the market. We all have a wide variety of preferences regarding light bulbs. It is not the role of the federal government to override those preferences with what it believes is in our best interest. Families understand how energy costs impact their lives and make decisions accordingly. Energy efficiency has improved dramatically over the past six decades — long before any national energy efficiency mandates. If families and firms are not buying the most energy-efficient appliance or technology, it is not that they are acting irrationally; they simply have budget constraints or other preferences such as comfort, convenience and product quality. A family may know buying an energy-efficient product will save them money in the long term, but they have to prioritize their short-term expenses. Those families operating from paycheck to paycheck may want to opt for a cheaper light bulb and more food instead of a more expensive light bulb and less food. Some may read this and think: Chill out — it's just a light bulb. But it's not just a light bulb. Take a look at the Department of Energy's Federal Energy Management Program. Basically anything that uses electricity or water in your home or business is subject to an efficiency regulation. When the market drives energy efficiency, it saves consumers money. The more the federal government takes away decisions that are better left to businesses and families, the worse off we're going to be. Loris is a policy analyst at The Heritage Foundation's Roe Institute for Economic Policy Studies.

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High community standards and commitment

To the Editor:

Early one Saturday morning, I was having coffee and watching the snow fall. A salt truck and plow roared down my street, protecting my neighbors and myself from slipping and sliding in the elements. This made me think about the great services we have here in Grosse Pointe. Additionally, I hosted a dinner party for five friends recently who, like me, no longer have children in Grosse Pointe schools. We have been Monteith Elementary School and Cub Scout friends for more than 30 years. I, my sons and my extended family, have all completed our education in the Grosse Pointe Public School System. While both of my sons' Monteith friends live all over the country, they maintain close and bond-

ing relationships with each other. You may ask what does this have to do with the technology bond? It exemplifies commitment to community and the high standards our community provides. I am a retired teacher. I still maintain my commitment to education as I tutor students from many Grosse Pointe schools. I witness the struggles students can have when their particular learning style may not be addressed to its fullest capacity. What needs to be addressed is our community's commitment to providing the resources to our students that further their love of learning. Students are not cars produced on an assembly line. Their individual needs must be examined, and whatever it takes to put that spark in their eyes must be done. As a volunteer at Monteith, I have observed first-hand kindergarten students being instructed and learning on tablets

paid for with grant money. All three classes share seven devices. Additionally, my fourth-grade grandson is motivated, self-directed and excited about learning, because he is lucky enough to be in one of the technology pilot programs. His comment to me was, "this is what we have been waiting for, a teacher who uses tablets." His enthusiasm for learning, even creative writing, has been touched. He blogs with Mr. Backman which creates the ultimate home-to-school connection. His teacher support is never further away than his Nook. How is the success of Grosse Pointe students going to have a positive effect on the retired, families who do not have students currently in school, and senior citizens? Passing the technology bond will provide our students access to ongoing innovations in educational instruction and allow us to be competitive in the educational community. My dad brought our family to Grosse Pointe in the early 1950s. I attended Vernier School until Barnes School was completed. While college educated, my dad never really understood the physical, emotional and time commitments it takes to be a teacher. My parents were also very "thrifty." They brought us to Grosse Pointe, however, to experience community, strong values, and quality education. In spite of his attitudes, I remember one strong statement: "Christine, someone paid taxes for you, and I will pay them for others." Teachers do not work six hours per day, nine months per year. Teachers do not build cars and throw away the defective parts. Teaching is a calling, not a job. Teachers have a commitment to students, parents, community and to themselves. In my volunteer work at Monteith, I see that commitment. Our exemplary teachers must be supported. If we do not provide the highest level of resources to instruct our students, what will become of our community and school system? The technology bond has been researched. Questions have been addressed — gptechyes.org — and it is time to view the affective side of education. It is time to provide updated resources that will put an even greater sparkle in the eyes of our outstanding students. "This is what we have been waiting for" should not apply only to a pilot program, but to every student in the Grosse Pointe Public School System. CHRISTINE PROFETA Grosse Pointe Woods

I SAY By Diane Morelli

Belle Isle Advisory Committee to master plan for the park

Islands are special places. Amid the transition of Belle Isle becoming Michigan's 102nd State Park on Feb. 10, many Grosse Pointers continue their commitment and support of the 982-acre island park located in the Detroit River. The park was designed in the 1880s by renowned landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, whose design influence graces many Grosse Pointe neighborhoods. Gov. Rick Snyder recently announced appointments to the seven-member Belle Isle Advisory Committee. The committee will advise the state on implementation of improvements, master planning and public safety for the park. Michele Hodges of Grosse Pointe Park, president of the Belle Isle Conservancy since January 2013, will serve

"As a crown jewel of the state, Belle Isle will be a significant player in the renaissance of Detroit while also providing world-class recreational opportunities to the citizens of Detroit, Michigan and beyond." — Gov. Rick Snyder as committee chair. Hodges is a joint-appointed of Snyder and Mayor Dave Bing. "Belle Isle is Pure Michigan magnificence even in the rough," said Hodges. "In my role as conservancy president and now as chair of the Belle Isle Advisory Committee, I am committed to continuing the restoration charge and moving Belle Isle forward. It's the committee's privilege, honor and responsibility to advise, assist and continue initiating positive change on Belle Isle." Committee members

include Michael Curis of Grosse Pointe Shores; Bryan C. Barnhill II of Detroit; Rev. Lonnie Peek, Jr. of Detroit; Bud Denker of Bloomfield Hills; Alicia Minter of Detroit; and Sommer Woods of Detroit. "I appreciate the willingness of committee members to serve in this important advisory role, and thank them for their time, efforts and contributions to Belle Isle, Detroit and the state," said Snyder. "As a crown jewel of the state, Belle Isle will be a significant player in the renaissance of Detroit while also providing world-class recreational opportunities to the citizens of Detroit, Michigan and beyond." "The Belle Isle Advisory Committee will work diligently to assist in returning the island to its original beauty and elegance," said Bing. "The advisory committee is a compassionate group of individuals who care about Belle Isle and understand the need for its major restoration." Beside its beauty, Belle Isle has numerous historic landmarks. The Belle Isle Conservancy is made from a long history of joined private support organizations, including: the Friends of Belle Isle, Belle Isle Botanical Society, Belle Isle Women's Committee and Friends of the Belle Isle Aquarium. Belle Isle is beloved by many. It's a crown jewel of the state — one of its best-kept secrets.

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.

Martha Fischer Reinowski

Martha "Dolly" Fischer Reinowski, 84, passed away in St. Clair Shores.

She was born in 1929 to beloved Detroit restaurateurs Herman and Margit Fischer and grew up in Grosse Pointe. Known as Dolly, she graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1947 and earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Detroit.

After a short time as a freelance artist, she became a homemaker. She was married to Charles Reinowski for more than 40 years until his death in 1997. Together they raised three children in Grosse Pointe Farms. She is survived by her son Charles (Deanna) Reiner and daughter Robin (Fred) Reiner. She was predeceased by her daughter Karen Reiner in 2009.

Her family said Mrs. Reinowski was a wonderful stitchery woman and long-ago member of St. Paul on the Lake Altar Society. She was fiercely articulate and passionate about her favorite causes. She and Charles Sr. did much to help Polish immigrants

from the Solidarity movement resettle in the Detroit area. She founded the Grosse Pointe Council on Better Literature for Youth, a church-based group. P.I.M.E. Missionaries remained a favorite charity.

Funeral services were held on Dec. 24, at St. Paul on the Lake. Burial took place at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy. In lieu of flowers, donations in Mrs. Reinowski's memory may be made to P.I.M.E. or the Altar Society at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church.

Virginia Petrouleas Lounsberry Tomasevic

Virginia Petrouleas Lounsberry Tomasevic, 88, died Dec. 24, 2013.

She was the youngest child of Christ and Radojka Petrouleas and was a 1946 graduate of the University of Michigan, where she met her first husband, Frederick Lounsberry.

Mrs. Tomasevic was proud of her Greek and Serbian heritage and was a founding member of St. Stevan Decanski Serbian Orthodox Church in Warren. In 1973, she

married Nikola Tomasevic, a Canadian, and enjoyed many years living in Ontario, Canada.

Her family said she was a woman of many talents, including mosaic arts, sculpture and opera singing. In Canada, Mrs. Tomasevic hosted an international music radio program, directed church choirs and managed investment properties. She loved entertaining and she taught her family to appreciate home cooking.

After some years in San Diego, Mrs. Tomasevic returned to her beloved Michigan, settling in St. Clair Shores. An avid reader, she believed in the importance of continued learning throughout one's life and she loved sharing her knowledge with others.

She is survived by her daughters, Marina L. Sterling (Peter) of San Diego, Calif., and Barbara L. Richnow of Stafford, Texas. She was loving grandmother to Jason and Russell Reid of Stafford, Texas, and Adam and Michael Sterling of New York City. She also is survived by her stepson Peter Tomasevic, cousins George and Christ Petrouleas and their families and dear friend



Martha Fischer Reinowski



Virginia Petrouleas Lounsberry Tomasevic



Catherine B. Christensen

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She was predeceased by her husband, Nikola and son, Christopher Lounsberry.

Arrangements and visitation were at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods. Services were held Friday, Dec. 27, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, St. Clair Shores. Special thanks to the caregivers at Shorepointe Village for their care. Memorial contributions may be made to Assumption Church, 21800 Marter Road, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 or to the Serbian Singing Federation, P.O. Box 71007, Madison Heights, MI 48071. Private interment will be at a later date.

Catherine B. Christensen

Catherine B. Christensen, a longtime resident of the Grosse Pointe area, died Monday, Dec. 23, 2013, in her home, surrounded by family.

Mrs. Christensen was born Dec. 29, 1930, in Esterville, Iowa, daughter of Harold and Lucile (Heflin) Spurling. She married Raymond Christensen on Feb. 1, 1952, in Iowa City.

She received her Bachelor of Science in nursing education from the University of Iowa in 1951. She was selfless in her giving and volunteered her time and resources to many organizations and causes.

She is survived by Raymond, her husband of 61 years; her six children, Catherine A. Christensen of Grosse Pointe Woods, Mary Beth Christensen of Grosse Pointe Woods, Susan Christensen of Littleton, Colo., Nancy (John) Christensen Schlie of Littleton, Colo., Chris Christensen of Grosse Pointe Woods and Kim (Kelley) McCormick of Arlington, Mass.; six grandchildren; and her sister, Betty Jean Whittinger of Redding, Calif. She was predeceased by her parents and two brothers, William Spurling and Joseph Spurling; and a sister-in-law.

Services were held Saturday, Dec. 28, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home Inc., Grosse Pointe Park. Memorial gifts may be made to Fontbonne Auxiliary of St. John Hospital and Medical Center, 19251 Mack Ave., Suite 102, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236. Share a mem-

ory at verheyden.org.

Janice E. Fassler

Janice E. Fassler, 75, of Grosse Pointe Park, died Dec. 14, 2013.

She was born in Kansas City, Mo., the daughter of Herbert Patton and Janet Scaggs.

Mrs. Fassler owned Windrush Inc. in St. Louis, Mo. She was an antique collector and a compassionate owner of her pets.

She is survived by a son, James Fassler; grandchildren, Aaron (Sarah) Baker, Diana Baker, Katie (Josh) Collman and Lauren Fassler; great-grandchildren, Cora Baker, Ronald Baker, Makayla Collman, Chase Collman and Ava Fassler; and her brother, Herbert Patton. She was predeceased by her husband, Ronald; a daughter, Jane Baker; and sister, Patricia Reiff.

Arrangements were by Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home Inc., Grosse Pointe Park. A private family ceremony was held. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph Road, Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.

Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification awards



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

The Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Commission awarded residential awards to, from left back row, Hank Ritter, David VanGorder, John Vitale, Jeff and Laura Joseph, Robert and Michelle Nichols, Pete Koester, Maryjo and Steve Kovach, Denice and Ronald Muccioli, Carol and Mario Palazzolo and Christopher Gonzalez; and the front row, Roberta VanGorder, Mary Ann Vitale, Sue Ritter, Mayor Robert Novitke, Rachelle Koester, Karen Shehadeh, Anne Joseph and Nancy Gonzalez.

The Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Commission awarded its annual residential and business awards.

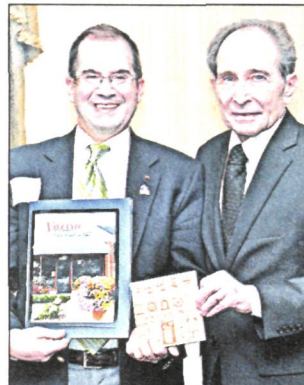
The business awards were given to Closet Connections, Detroit Custom Framing, Joseph DiMaggio Jewelers, Flagstar Bank, Grosse Pointe Stone Works, The Little Blue Book, New Visions Salon, Nursing Unlimited, Woods Wholesale Wine and Our Lady Star of the Sea — Mary's Garden.

Eugenio Painting and Viviano Flower Shop earned the business renovation award.

Residential awards were presented to Dennis and Lisa Downs, Christopher and Nancy Gonzalez, Jeffrey and Laura Joseph, Peter and Rachelle Koester, Maryjo and Stephen Kovach, Ann Joseph and George Litras, Ronald and Denice Muccioli, Robert and Michelle Nichols, Henry and Susan Ritter, Sam and Karen Shehadeh, David and Roberta VanGorder, John and Mary Ann Vitale and Theodore and Eleanore Wells.

When traveling about town, the commissioners

At right: Paul Viviano, left, of Viviano Flower Shop received the business renovation award at the recent Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Award ceremony. With Viviano is Mayor Robert Novitke. Eugenio Painting was given a like award.



look at residential property seeking quality over size, one that creates an overall style and healthy greenery, coordinating plantings to the building's

decor and walkways, balance, proportion and harmony.

The Legacy Award went to Edmund t. AHEE Jewelers.



The Ahee family gathered to receive the Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Legacy award. The business, Edmund t. AHEE Jewelers, earned the award because it demonstrated a continued excellence in landscaping and building appearance for 10 years following the receipt of the Landmark Award.

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North, South team up for Adopt-a-Family

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe South High School's student association teamed with its city neighbors to the north last month for the Grosse Pointe North student association's Adopt-a-Family program. It's South's first time participating in the program's nearly 30-year history.

"The program has been growing at North, so they reached out to us and invited us to join in with them," said Laura Distelrath, South's SA advisor. "Since it is a community-wide event, I think it is wonderful for both of the schools to be involved."

With both schools involved, the 60-plus Grosse Pointe-area families adopted this year for Christmas — which



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Jack Rieth, a student at Grosse Pointe North High School, organizes the presents in preparation for their Adopt-a-Family deliveries.

equated to about 150 children served — were divided between North and South.

Only homerooms at each school adopted families to avoid burdening students involved in multiple school groups or organizations.

More than 40 classes at South participated.

while delivering," Distelrath said. "The staff also played an integral part in helping the students bring everything together and sharing their own joy in giving and helping others in our community."

Gifts were a mix of canned goods, gift certificates, sheets and blankets, winter coats, basketballs, toys, household items and other essentials for the families and children.

Each school's homerooms raised money to pay for gifts for their adopted families.

North SA advisor Jonathan Byrne said students typically spend a couple hundred dollars per family, and the student association contributes a \$50 Kroger gift card as well, paid for using association funds.

"The (program) response is usually overwhelming, both for the families that are adopted and the students who provide the gifts," Byrne said. "It is a really important event to show the community how much we care for one another."

Distelrath agreed, saying her students were energized and excited about their involvement in the program.

"My student association students were really excited when I brought the idea of getting involved up to them, and I have heard nothing but positive feedback from the students as they have gone through the process," she said. "Hearing students speak about their deliveries showed how rewarding and enlightening their experience was."

Delivery was Dec. 19.

Sounds of the season



PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVID CLEVELAND

The Grosse Pointe North High School bands and orchestra held several community performances throughout December, among which included the String Extravaganza, National Honor Society induction, Ferry Elementary School Santa Dinner, Barnes Early Childhood Center Christmas Party, Parcels Middle School assembly, North Distinguished Alumni Award ceremony and more.

Next for the bands and orchestra is the north-end Band-O-Rama at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, at North's gymnasium. Admission is a donation of \$1 or more.

Band-O-Rama features all the bands from Ferry, Poupard, Monteith and Mason elementary schools, Parcels and North.

Chapel giving



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointe Academy's annual Christmas tradition, the Chapel Giving, is an all-school program, during which students donate gifts of canned goods, toiletries, socks, hats, mittens, toys and other items to the Capuchins. The program also includes two days of prayer and giving. Pictured in the chapel, students gather around the donated supplies.

Liggett senior named QuestBridge Scholar

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer



PHOTO COURTESY OF RON BERNAS

Mostafa Shanta

Before Mostafa Shanta ever had a chance to fully digest the e-mail, his parents had already phoned nearly everyone they knew, family and otherwise, delivering the exciting news.

Shanta, a senior at University Liggett School, had just learned of his acceptance as a QuestBridge Scholar and receipt of a full-ride scholarship to Yale University.

"I was telling my parents, who were in shock as well, and the next thing you know, they're calling everyone that they possibly can as I'm just sort of writing up e-mails to thank all the teachers that wrote (letters of recommendation) and everything like that," said Shanta, whose family emigrated from Bangladesh when he was 2 years old. "I've just only sent out three e-mails; my parents have called the whole globe. It was quite exciting."

QuestBridge is a non-profit organization that connects low-income students with educational and scholarship opportunities from 35 of the top-ranked colleges and universities in the country, of which applicants choose their top eight.

This year, nearly 13,000 students applied, with less than 5,000 named as finalists. Only

Jamett, director of College Guidance. "There is no question that he has the talent and instinct to contribute to scholarly dialogue in the most meaningful way."

Shanta is the third Liggett student in four years to receive the scholarship. Aaron Robertston (Princeton) was a QuestBridge Scholar last year and Janaya Gripper earned the scholarship in 2009. She attended the University of Chicago.

"A lot of it is still, I can't sort of comprehend that I'm going to be at Yale next year," Shanta said. "Going through this process, it was a hopeful outlook ... it was a shot in the dark for me; I thought it'd be nice if it worked. It did, and I'm still getting over that, the fact that it worked out in the end."

While at Yale, Shanta plans to pursue a degree in international studies, a topic he's been interested in ever since his family moved to Hamtramck from Bangladesh.

"I grew up in Hamtramck, where there's also a lot of Polish, Eastern European, Arabs and Yemeni people sort of gathering there," Shanta said. "I viewed all these interactions and I was like, What does this look like from a national sort of groundwork? That got me interested with the whole study of it."

a few hundred were matched with a college or university of their choice. Yale was Shanta's second choice, Princeton University his first.

"Part of the reason I liked Questbridge is because, they ask for all these essays about yourself, all these deep, what do you think? what do you want to do?" Shanta said, adding that his time at Liggett, to which he transferred as an eighth grader, helped shape his character and work ethic. "Before Liggett I don't think I could've answered those (QuestBridge questions) as easily."

At Liggett, Shanta participated in the quiz bowl and debate teams, as well as the Interfaith Club and robotics team. He's also a Merit Scholar.

"Those of us who work with Mostafa fully expect that he will become a scholar of the highest order," said Elizabeth

Poupard awarded grant money for special assembly

Poupard Elementary School students, staff and families would like to send a sincere thank you to the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, Michigan Humanities Council, as well as the Poupard PTO. These three groups granted the funds that provided our Dec. 20 assembly.

We are especially thankful for the award of grant money from the Council for Arts and



Cultural Affairs and Humanities Council. This is the second time our school has received funds from these prestigious organizations.

Guy Louis Sferlazza provided an exuberant



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and entertaining World of Music Extravaganza. He included our students in the performance. They especially loved beating and dancing to the African drums.

He used humor and music to expose our students to the beauty of diversity.

It was truly an enriching experience for our students, parents and staff. Thank you again for bringing music and movement to our school.

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170 McMillan Road
Plans are available at City Hall for review.

Written comments will be accepted till noon, on Friday, January 10, 2014, or you may appear at the above scheduled date and time.

Shane Reeside,
City Clerk

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Special needs campers are the winners

E.R. doctor competes in IRONMAN contest with goal of helping children

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

What do Kids on the Go and the IRONMAN Florida competition have in common?

The former is the beneficiary of more than \$12,000 raised by the latter, Robert Takla M.D., chief of emergency medicine at St. John Hospital and Medical Center and competitor in the Nov. 2 IRONMAN race in Panama City Beach, Fla. He swam 2.4 miles in the Gulf of Mexico, biked 112 miles and ran 26.2 miles all with the goal of helping the local non-profit summer therapy program for special needs children.

"We raised \$11,105 on our own," he said, "and the IRONMAN foundation was kind enough to also donate an additional \$1,000 — so \$12,105 in total. That's 24 kids for summer camp!"

Kids on the Go was founded in 1999 to provide summer therapy, said speech and language pathologist Kristy Schena, executive director and founder of the nonprofit. It costs \$500 for one child to attend a six-week camp, usually held at the Assumption Cultural Center in St. Clair Shores.

Takla and Schena became acquainted when

he worked at St. John Oakland and witnessed the work she accomplished with special needs children through physical, occupational and speech therapy.

"I have been a supporter, but this time found a way to support even more," he said.

In last year's competition, Takla, who has been with St. John since 1996, had written the names of his children, Taylor and Alex, on his bib.

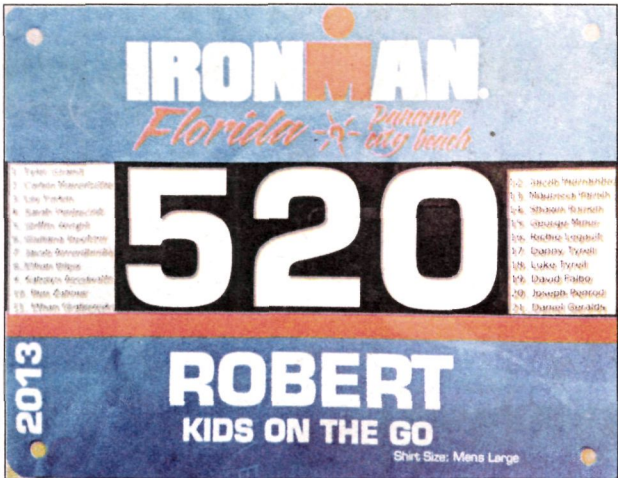
"I always tell them never quit. So when I was getting tired last year during the race, I knew I had to finish and live by example and emphasize the values I try to teach my kids.

"This year, I thought there was room for many more on my race bib. I approached Kristy and asked her for every \$500 we raise, can I have permission to write a child's name on my race bib — so that as I race and cross the finish line — they are also racing and crossing the finish line with me. Let's fundraise and race at the same time. The journey will be more meaningful and the race would be a celebration."

When packing for the Florida trip, his second 140.6 distance event, Takla included good luck cards and pictures created by the Kids on the



Children who encouraged Robert Takla in his IRONMAN challenge, from left, Ethan Grabowski, Griffin Wright, Jacob Arrendondo, Sarah Pentecost, Jacob Hernandez, Tyler Girand Takla and Corbin Marentette; in front from left, Benjamin Zahner and Giovanna Revitzer.



PHOTOS COURTESY ROBERT TAKLA

Robert Takla's IRONMAN bib listed all those who were encouraging him to do his best.

Go children, whose 21 names were written on both his racing bib and on his bike. Those words of encouragement from children back home were his inspiration, Schena said Takla told her.

To prepare for the race, Takla trained as much as

18 hours a week.

"It is like any worthy endeavor — there are no shortcuts. It requires a

commitment and a time investment, lots of hours, lots of early mornings, long weekends and sacrifices. Anytime you say yes to something — you are saying no to something else," he said in an e-mail.

However, the sacrifices were worth it.

"I am a middle to end of pack racer in general when you compare me to other ironman athletes. But I am not competing against anyone else, only against myself. So if I give it my best and cross the finish line, then I have succeeded. And in this case, I came in first place because 21 kids raced with me," he said.



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An ice cream social culminates the summer's activities for Kids on the Go attendees. From left, occupational therapist Heather Pillars, Colin Nowicki and occupational therapist Linda Netzel stopped in the midst of the activities to have their picture taken.



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Tea time

Sisters Audrie and Olivia Miller of Mount Clemens take turns feeding marshmallows to the nutcracker at Edsel & Eleanor Ford House's Nutcracker Tea. The two said they didn't want the wooden doll to be left out of the tea party.

Below, Ellie Groustra of the City of Grosse Pointe said one can never have enough marshmallows in hot chocolate.



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The National Alliance on the Mentally Ill meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6, at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information, call Barb at (313) 886-8004. Parking is free.

Alliance Francaise

The Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe celebrates Epiphany from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

A French tradition since the Middle Ages, the Galette Des Rois is an afternoon of fun including an age-appropriate French film (with English subtitles) the whole family can watch. It is followed by the galette aux amandes and the crowning of the king or queen.

Members pay \$9 and non-members pay \$10. Reservations may be made by sending a check payable to Alliance Francaise de Grosse Pointe, c/o Christiane Stein, 23009 Maxine, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080. Reservation deadline is Jan. 7.

For more information, e-mail specialevents@afgrossepointe.org.

Optimist club

The Grosse Pointe - Lakeshore Optimist club meets at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. For more information, call Dave Hohlfeldt at (313) 268-8743.

SOC

January "Take a Break from Winter" afternoon tea is from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, at Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. The cost is \$5. Make a reservation by Monday, Jan. 6, by calling (313)

ART Center

The Grosse Pointe ART Center is closed through Tuesday, Jan. 7. It reopens at noon Wednesday, Jan. 8.

Intake for the "Motor City" exhibition is from noon to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, through Saturday, Jan. 11. The exhibition's preview is from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17.

Grosse Pointe Woods

"Admission" is the movie featured at the Grosse Pointe Woods noon lunch and a movie event Tuesday, Jan. 21, in the Woods Community Center.

Reservations must be in by Tuesday, Jan. 14, by calling (313) 343-2408. The cost is \$9 for Woods residents and \$11 for non-residents.

◆ The community center sponsors a trip to Casino Windsor Wednesday, Jan. 22. The day includes round-trip luxury motor coach transportation and \$20 to be used in the casino. The cost is \$5 for Woods residents and \$7 for non-residents.

The bus leaves from the community center, 20025 Mack Plaza, at 9:30 a.m. and returns at 4 p.m. Registration deadline is Jan. 10 and can be completed by calling the aforementioned phone number or stopping by the community center.

G.P. Chamber music

"Three American Miniatures for Flute and Clarinet," by John Rutter "London" are performed at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Other musical selections to be performed include: "Trio No. 1 in

C Major" by Joseph Haydn; "Oboe Quartet in F Major, K. 370" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and "Be-In" by Evan Ziporyn.

A season membership costs \$40 and individual tickets available at the door cost \$12. Those ages 18 years and younger are admitted free.

For more information, call (586) 945-6830 or visit gpchambermusic@yahoo.com or Facebook.

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial Association sponsors a series of eight chamber music concerts throughout the year. Remaining concerts are Feb. 9, March 2, April 27 and May 18.

Assumption

Assumption Cultural Center offers classes with personal trainer Chad Demchik directing "Team Exercise: Lose Weight and Become the Slimmest Olympics Winner" and an immortals boot camp.

The first class begins Jan. 20. Teams of four meet for 30-minute classes three times a week for six weeks. Classes involve team-building games, exercise, stretching, physical and mental stimulation. Each team receives its own coach, personalized team T-shirts, a daily meal tracker plan, a fitness plan and access to fitness trainers. Each session kicks off with food, music and measurements. Classes run Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, and teams choose their class time: 6 to 6:30 a.m.; 6:30 to 7 a.m.; 7 to 7:30 a.m.; or 7:30 to 8 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The cost is \$100 per person.

Immortals boot camp is an intensity, full-body workout for the advanced exerciser. Boot camp is run by a personal trainer and consists of one-hour classes run meeting twice a week for six weeks at Assumption.

The class size is limited to 30. For more information, call (586) 779-6111, ext. 4. The cost is \$180.

CHURCH EVENTS

St. Michael's

Music in the Woods concert begins at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The concert features Amy Saari, a singer, songwriter and pianist. Her style crosses many genres, including soul, folk, rock and even gospel.

Light refreshments and afterglow immediately follow the concert. A donation of \$10 is suggested.

First English

Epiphany is celebrated during regular worship times, 9:30 and 11 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 5 at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ The Fitness Firm offers low impact dance, aerobics, kick boxing, yoga, free weights, zumba and stretching classes in two sessions.

The eight week sessions are from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The cost is \$75 and participants can attend as many classes as they want.

For more information, call Judy Sheehy at (313) 886-7534 or visit vita-fitjudy@comcast.net.

Christ Church

The Epiphany procession begins at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms. The Choir of Men and Boys sings during the service that is a reading and music

celebrating the manifestation of God in the form of Jesus Christ.

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

The public can attend. The choirs are directed by Scott Hanoian.

Memorial Church

Members of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church's reel theology group meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 6, in the Jordan cinema room to watch "Les Miserables," starring Hugh Jackman. A 30-minute discussion follows.

Older, Wiser, Learning Still group meets from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, in Room 209. Member Lee Sanborn talks about his 2013 trek in the Himalayas.

St. Paul

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church holds Eucharists adoration every Tuesday from noon to 7 p.m.

A rosary for life is prayed at 7:15 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

St. Albertus

St. Albertus Historic Catholic Church has an Epiphany Mass at 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 5. Doors open at 10 a.m.

Following the service, the Polonaise Chorale performs a Christmas concert.

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January SOC events

Services for Older Citizens offers a wide variety of events. Many need reservations which can be done by calling (313) 882-9600.

Bingo begins at 10:15 a.m. in the Great Room. The cost is \$2 per card.

Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. in the café.

White sale bingo — Tuesday, Jan. 7, and Thursday, Jan. 9.

January birthday celebration — 11:30 to 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, in the café. Whether reservations are for the 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. lunch, if celebrating a January birthday, join the festivities in the café at noon where those observing birthdays receive a piece of cake with a candle and are serenaded. Call SOC for a reservation.

Old fashioned country store bingo — Tuesday, Jan. 14, and Thursday, Jan. 16.

Ways to manage back and neck pain — 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14. HealthQuest's Laura Solomon discusses ways to manage back and neck pain and developments in technology to relieve arthritis and neuropathy. The presentation is followed by a free lunch. Reservations are required and can be done by calling SOC.

Don't fall into a statistic, maintain your independence — 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 15. Physical therapist Stephanie Price discusses ways to decrease risk factors, preventative measures and exercises to help decrease your risk for falls and improve balance. Bring questions, undergo a free individualized screening of your risk for falls and receive

information pertinent to maintaining independence. Reservations are necessary.

Baby it's cold outside bingo — Tuesday, Jan. 21, and Thursday, Jan. 23.

Brain neurobics: Get your head in the game - Part 1 — 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 21. The session includes an overview of brain structure and function and activities that challenge old routines. Call SOC for reservations.

"Unfinished Song" — Wednesday, Jan. 22. Lunch is served at noon and the movie is shown at 1:30 p.m. For lunch and a movie, the cost is \$6; lunch only is \$4 and the movie only costs \$2. The movie tells the story about Arthur, a grumpy 72-year old, who is content sticking with his dull daily routine until his beloved wife, played by Vanessa Redgrave, introduces him to a local seniors singing group. The group is led by the youthful Elizabeth, and her friendship with Arthur reignites his passion for new adventures. Call for reservations.

Spanish for the traveler — 1 to 3 p.m. Fridays, Jan. 24 through March 14. The class is presented by Wayne County Community College District. The class is an introduction to practical conversational Spanish. Call for a reservation.

Readers Digests: America's most scenic drives from Texas to Yellowstone (Part 2) - Travelogue — 1:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27.

Super Bowl bingo — Tuesday, Jan. 28, and Thursday, Jan. 30.

Brain neurobics: brain health - Part 2 — 12:30

p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28. Topics will include stress, nutrition, stimulation, physical activity, key games, activities, sensory triggers and interactions to promote new brain connections. Call SOC for reservations.

Celebrate Chinese New Year — The Year of the Horse! — Wednesday, Jan. 29. Lunch is from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. China travelogue is from 1 to 2 p.m. by Jack Liang and an origami lesson is from 2 to 3 p.m. presented by Roz Peters. The cost is \$8. Call SOC for reservations.

Book discussion group — 1:30 p.m. the last Thursday of every month through June. Members of the discussion group are responsible for getting their own books, available at the Grosse Pointe libraries. Cynthia Zurschmiede, Outreach Services, Grosse Pointe Public Library, leads the discussions. The first book is "Beautiful Ruins" by Jess Walt. Call SOC for reservations.



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Living legends

Under the protection of a tent, "Legends of the Lake," a joint production of The Grosse Pointe Historical Society, The Grosse Pointe Theatre and the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, played to sold out audiences three October nights. Legends retold some familiar and some not so familiar stories about people whose lives were connected to Lake St. Clair. Patricia O'Brien, right, was the evenings' narrator, Marie Carolyn Watson Hamlin. She learned the early history of Lake St. Clair from Robert Cavalier de la Salle, portrayed by Eddie Tujaka. Members of Boy Scout Troop #96 served as ushers.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Kunal Kalra M.D.

Sports physical can reveal underlying medical problems



Q What can I do to prevent injuries when my kids play sports?

A When students begin a new sports season, it can mean injuries ranging from sprained ankles to ACL injuries and concussions. According to the Centers for Disease Control, sports-related injuries are the leading cause of emergency room visits for 12 to 17 year olds. Injuries from organized and unorganized sports also account for 775,000 emergency room visits annually. Common sports related injuries can include sprains and strains, stress fractures,

anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) injuries, bruises, dislocations, pulled muscles and concussions. The good news is a little preparation can go a long way in preventing some injuries.

Here are some tips parents and athletes should consider before participating in any sports related activity.

- ◆ Get a sports physical before the season which can uncover underlying medical problems that can increase complications and injuries.
- ◆ Participate in regular warm-up exercises to increase flexibility.
- ◆ Use recommended safety equipment, such as pads, helmets, mouthpieces, protective cups and eye wear.
- ◆ Get proper conditioning to strengthen muscles.
- ◆ Proper coaching about prevention of over-

use injuries of the upper and lower extremities can significantly reduce the risk of injuries during the season.

- ◆ Hydrate before, during and after exercise to avoid heat-related illness.
- ◆ Wear sunscreen for outdoor sports to prevent burns.
- ◆ Do not continue activity if pain is severe or if it persists more than two weeks.

The Department of Orthopedic Surgery at DMC Children's Hospital of Michigan offers child-friendly services at the Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit as well as specialty centers in Canton and Clinton Township. For more information visit childrensdmc.org/orthopedics or call (313) 745-5227 to see a specialist.

Kalra is an orthopedic surgeon at DMC

Children's Hospital of Michigan, has dual fellowship and is trained in pediatric orthopedics and orthopedic sports medicine.

For more information, call (313) 745-KIDS or visit childrensdmc.org.

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A LA ANNIE

By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff



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Who knew pistachios could be turned into a scrumptious soup? Only Annie.

Delicious soup from a gift of nuts



parsley
1 cup heavy cream
white pepper to taste

I received a gift of Germack pistachio nuts for Christmas. Who would think a bag of nuts could become a pot of delicious soup? It's a creamy flavorful soup that steps out of the usual soup zone. A taste that's worth stepping out for.

Cream of Pistachio Soup

1 1/2 cups shelled pistachio nuts, finely ground
4 slices of bacon, cut into 1 inch pieces
1/2 cup finely chopped celery
1/2 cup finely chopped onion
1 garlic clove, minced
1/2 cup dry sherry
1 bay leaf
6 cups chicken broth
1/4 cup white rice
1/4 cup chopped fresh

Sauté bacon for a few minutes then add celery, onion and garlic and cook until veggies are soft and the bacon is crisp, about 5 to 7 minutes. Add bay leaf and sherry, raise heat and cook until sherry evaporates.

Add chicken broth and rice and bring pot to a boil. Lower to simmer, cover and cook for 30 minutes. Discard bay leaf.

Stir in 1 1/4 cups of ground nuts along with parsley. Cool for a bit then purée in small batches in a food processor until smooth.

Return to pot over low heat and stir in cream. Season with white pepper, ladle into bowls and garnish with a sprinkle of remaining chopped pistachio.

Serve this yummy soup as a starter or a main course with a fresh garden salad.

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ICE HOCKEY

Liggett doubles its holiday fun

Boys beat Soo in finals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

City rivals Grosse Pointe South and host University Liggett boys' hockey teams played a game to remember last weekend in the first game of the ULS Holiday Invitational.

A packed house enjoyed a game, which the Blue Devils came within one minute of winning, but in the end it was the Knights winning 3-2 in overtime.

"This was a great atmosphere and a great high school hockey game," Liggett head coach Mike Hamilton said. "We didn't play our best, but we found a way to win."

"We had to play a little tighter in our zone for another minute and we would have won a big game," South head coach Bobby McKillop said. "It's a disappointing loss. We had our chances to win and didn't take advantage of those."

Junior Stephen Campau scored in the opening period to give the Knights a 1-0 lead. Junior Jacob Smith and senior William Yates had



PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE
Liggett senior Lordanthony Grissom skates up ice during the Knights' win over the Blue Devils.

the assists.

Neither squad scored in the middle stanza, but the Blue Devils tied it at the 11:32 mark of the third period when senior Andrew Bigham tallied, with junior Dominic Rinaldi drawing the lone assist.

With time winding down in the third period, the Blue Devils scored the go-ahead goal at the

5:36 mark when senior Kenneth Cervone scored, with junior Ian Corbett and senior Casey Livingston netting assists. Fans for both sides cheered.

South fans rooted for the Blue Devils to hold onto the lead, while Liggett fans wanted to tie the game.

Hamilton pulled junior goalie Luke Soyka to gain

an extra attacker and it worked as senior Vincent Scarfone scored with only 79 seconds left in the game. The Blue Devils' defensive unit didn't clear the puck and the turnover burned them.

Smith and Yates had the assists and all of a sudden the game was tied and headed to overtime.

With only 2:37 left in the first extra session, a turnover in the Blue Devils' zone turned out to be a killer as Knights junior Josh Soyka took the loose puck and fired it by South senior goalie Andrew Wright, winning the game.

Yates had his third assist of the game and senior Jake Jerome also earned an assist as the Knights celebrated.

Twenty-four hours later, Liggett used a stunning performance by sophomore goalie Alexander Grimm who stopped 25 Sault Ste. Marie shots to left the Knights to a 2-0 win in the tournament championship game.

"We beat a very good Soo team tonight," Hamilton said. "We weren't as aggressive and fast as I would like, but in the end we had a great goaltending performance from Grimm and won the game."

The Knights mustered only 12 shots on net, but



South junior Brennan Ifkovits battles for the puck in the Blue Devils' tough overtime loss to Liggett.

two found the mark. Yates scored at the 2:42 mark of the first period and at the 8:39 mark of the second stanza.

Senior Lordanthony Grissom assisted the first goal, while Smith and sophomore Alexander Minanov had assists on the second tally, which game on the powerplay.

Liggett improved to 7-0 overall.

In the consolation

game, South blanked Traverse City St. Francis 5-0 as senior Andrew Hyde scored two goals.

Other goal scorers were senior Tyler Demery, Bigham and Rinaldi. Netting assists were Bigham, Cervone (three), Corbett, junior William Walker, Demery and sophomore Mark Cimmarrusti (two).

Grosse Pointe South is 5-3-1 overall.

Girls edge rival South in finals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

A veteran University Liggett squad was pushed to the limit by the young and inexperienced Grosse Pointe South team in last weekend's ULS Holiday Tournament championship game.

In the end, the experienced Knights won 2-1 behind a third-period goal from sophomore Allison Stapleton. She scored, unassisted, at the 7:21 mark.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE
Liggett's girls' hockey team celebrates with the championship trophy after beating Grosse Pointe South in the title game.

"We're playing as a team and everyone is contributing," Liggett head coach Cassie

Jaeckle said. "All three of our lines are producing and that didn't happen during my first two years as coach."

"It's nice to see everyone playing a role and winning a tough championship game against Grosse Pointe South. It was a great game."

"We played pretty well and had our chances to tie it in the end, but we just came up a little short," South head coach Joe Provenzano said. "I can see our girls getting better and better."

The Knights scored first as sophomore Grace Scarfone tallied, with senior Emma Nicholas assisting.

A couple of minutes later, Blue Devil senior Tenley Shield tie it with her goal, which was

assisted by sophomore Gennie Martin.

The Blue Devils picked up the pace in the third period and killed three Knights power plays, but they couldn't get the equalizer after Stapleton's goal.

Both goalkeepers played well and made the all-tournament team. Liggett sophomore Olivia Portillo stopped 24-of-25 shots, while South sophomore Isabella Strickler stopped 20-of-22 shots.

Liggett improved to 5-1 overall, while Grosse Pointe South dipped to 7-3 overall.

In the consolation game, Grosse Pointe North and Northville were knotted up 1-1 late in the third period before the Norsemen exploded for four goals to win 5-1.

Junior Devyn LaValley and sophomore Jen Kusch had big games, scoring two goals apiece, while sophomore Caroline Brock had one goal.

Kusch and sophomore Tesa Ulrich had two assists apiece, while junior Cinnamin Aslanian, junior Karina Lucchese, Brock and LaValley each had one assist.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 3-5 overall.

In the semifinals, South edged North 2-1 and Liggett beat Northville 8-4.

The host Knights had huge nights from sophomore Allison Stapleton, who had four goals and one assist, and senior Caroline Eckrich, who had two goals and one assist.

Defense took a back seat in this game as each team scored at least one goal in each period. Liggett won the first period 3-2, the second 2-1 and the third 3-1.

The Knights took a 2-0 lead in the opening period behind goals by sophomore Maranda Saigh and Stapleton. Senior Kaitlyn Vreeken and freshman Riley Marchin assisted on the first tally, while senior Ania Dow had the lone assist on the second goal.

Northville tied it 2-2, but Stapleton scored late in the first period to give the Knights the lead for good. Sophomore Molly Murphy and Marchin had assists.

In the second stanza, Stapleton, from Dow and Murphy, and Eckrich, from Stapleton, scored to give the Knights a 5-3 lead heading into the final period.

Northville scored to make it a 5-4 game, but the Knights tallied the next three goals to win

going away.

Senior Danielle Lorant scored the first goal, with senior Hannah Hodges and junior Jena Pangborn netting assists, and Eckrich tallied, with Vreeken and junior Jane Ninivaggi drawing assists.

The Knights' final goal was scored by Stapleton, with Dow and Eckrich netting assists.

Freshman Haley Malewicz earned the win in net.

The North/South game was completely opposite of the Liggett/Northville tilt. Defense and great goaltending led the way.

North did everything right, except win the game. It dominated puck possession and shots on net, winning that statistic 26-18, but in the end it was South which won and advanced to the title game.

Neither team scored in the opening period, with the Norsemen outshooting the Blue Devils 10-3.

Midway through the second period, North sophomore Jen Kusch scored, with freshman Carissa Parada and junior Devyn LaValley drawing assists.

The biggest goal and momentum shift came in the final minute of the second period when sophomore Gennie Martin scored a power-play goal, with seniors Tenley Shield and Anne Crowley assisting.

The game-winning goal came at the 8:47 mark of the third period when Martin scored on the power play, assisted by Shield and junior Eliza Bourke.

After that, Strickler slammed the door on the Norsemen and stopped several scoring opportunities.

North and South meet again Saturday, Jan. 11.

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Grosse Pointe North sports

BOYS BASKETBALL

Norsemen earn victory over Pats

By Fletcher Sharpe
Special Writer

Senior leadership goes a long way, as head coach Matt Lockhart found out when senior guard Ricky Watson came off the bench to score 21 points in Gross Pointe North's 59-52 win over Warren Cousino Friday, Dec. 20.

"We played hard and we competed," said the fifth-year head coach of the Norsemen. "I shook up the line-up a little bit, and the team played well with the changes."

Things looked a little bleak for North in the beginning when Cousino stormed out to a quick 18-12 lead, behind a

strong interior game from big man Zack Meyers.

The game went back and forth for the first half, but shifted towards the Patriots at the end of the first half, due to senior Justin Kennedy's foul trouble.

The big man in the middle finished with 15

points, 16 rebounds, four blocks and seven steals.

The normally on target Jake scored five points, but on a 2-of-8 shooting (1-of-5 from three-point range).

He did have three rebounds and two assists to help out all around.

North started to put its finger print on the game

with 4:42 left as Watson grabbed a key offensive rebound on the left side of the court.

The ensuing play lead to a Josh Fischer basket.

The sophomore forward finished with nine points on 3-of-5 shooting, including hitting his only three-point attempt.

Scrappy senior Sal

Ciaravino also added nine points, with most of his damage done from the free-throw line, going 5-of-6.

In fact, North did a lot of damage from the charity stripe, making 17-of-26, with Watson going 7-of-11.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 2-2 overall.

BOYS HOCKEY

Something positive to start the new year

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North wrestling team finished tied for 25th with Center Line with 39 points in last weekend's Macomb County Invitational at Roseville High School.

Macomb Dakota won the title with 270.5 points, ending Richmond's three-year championship run.

Anchor Bay was second with 191 points and Warren Lincoln was third with 169 points.

The lone Norsemen to take home a medal was

Andrew Lock, competing in the 160-pound division. He won a 4-1 decision over Chippewa Valley's Tristan Oliver in the third-place match.

Hockey

Grosse Pointe North's boys' hockey team lost 4-0 at home to Trenton

before the holiday break.

The Norsemen played well enough to win for 45 of the 51 minutes. However, the Trojans took advantage of a couple of defensive mistakes to score three goals in the first period.

That was the difference as the Norsemen tight-

ened up on the defensive end the final two periods to mix with a very solid effort by goalie Josh Champney.

North also played a night game at Comerica Park Monday, Dec. 23, losing 8-3 to Warren DeLaSalle.

"It was a great experi-

ence, but in the end we just didn't play well enough to win."

Ryan Babcock, Nick Murray and Vince Romanelli scored for the Norsemen.

Grosse Pointe North fell to 0-6 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League and 0-9 overall.

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Grosse Pointe South sports

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Girls win league opener

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Kevin Richards was back on the bench as his Grosse Pointe South girls' basketball team played in front of the home fans for the first time this season.

The Blue Devils started the season with six road games, including last week's 58-32 win over Utica. During that time, Richards was suspended for breaking a Michigan High School Athletic Association rule.

With that in the rear-view mirror, Richards and the Blue Devils hosted Macomb Area Conference Red Division foe Romeo last weekend and won 54-42.

"It's great to be back on the bench with this team and it's nice to start our division schedule with a win over a good Romeo team," Richards said. "We didn't play very well, but we played good defense and made our free throws."

The Blue Devils were cold from the field and trailed 5-0 midway through the opening quarter.

They scored the next eight points to lead 8-5, but the Bulldogs tallied the final four to lead 9-8



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

South junior Aliezza Brown goes up for two of her 15 points in the Blue Devils' win over Romeo.

after the first quarter.

The Blue Devils' full-court press forced a dozen turnovers, but the home team couldn't take advantage, thanks to poor shooting from the field.

South used a 19-10 second quarter to lead 27-19 at the half and it outscored Romeo 14-7 in the third stanza to open a 41-26 advantage.

The Blue Devils used their quickness to get to through the paint, drawing fouls.

They converted from the free-throw line, making 19 and missing only seven.

Junior Cierra Rice led the Blue Devils with 20 points and junior Aliezza Brown followed with 15.

Senior Bre Andrews scored 11 points, while sophomore Anna Carmody had four.

Rounding out the scoring were junior Katie Kish and sophomore Natalia Engel with two points apiece.

In the win over Utica, Andrews had 24 points and Brown added 14. Sophomore Benna Ames scored six points as the Blue Devils built a 36-14 halftime lead and never looked back.

Grosse Pointe South is 1-0 in the MAC Red Division, but dropped to 7-1 overall after losing 57-55 to Chicago Crete Monee in the Roundball Classic at Detroit Edison High School the day after Christmas.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Blue Devils win three

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Playing three road games in four days is a trying feat for any team.

Grosse Pointe South boys' basketball team performed the feat before Christmas and earned all A's after winning the three games.

Head coach Troy Glasser and the Blue Devils opened with a 50-40 win at Chippewa Valley and finished off the trek with two games at U-M Dearborn, beating Southgate Anderson 48-44 and Plymouth 54-50.

"We really grinded out those wins," Glasser said. "We played good, south basketball. It's nice to go into the break with three big road wins."

The Blue Devils' depth was evident in the double-digit win over a good Chippewa Valley team and the following night, senior Dan Dixon blocked seven shots in the narrow victory over

Anderson.

After getting a one day break, the Blue Devils returned to Dearborn to face another solid team in Plymouth.

The Blue Devils held a narrow 16-12 lead after the first quarter and neither team played well in the second stanza, won 5-4 by Plymouth.

In the third quarter, senior Gordie Post got hot, hitting back-to-back three pointers to help South open a 34-26 lead.

In the fourth quarter, Dixon converted a three-point play to give the Blue Devils a 40-30 lead.

Junior Sam Blanzly drilled a three-pointer to make it a 45-35 lead with 4:33 left, but Plymouth wouldn't go away.

The Wildcats cut the deficit to 47-43 with 1:19 left, but the Blue Devils hit several free throws to seal the deal.

The Blue Devils made 12 free throws in the fourth quarter and made three field goals to score 18 points in the final

stanza.

Senior Darius Harris led the team with 12 points, including six free throws in the fourth quarter, while Post and Dixon each had 10 points. Post had five rebounds to go with Dixon's eight rebounds and five blocks.

Senior Charlie Warren had six points, all in the first quarter, while Sam Blanzly had eight points. Junior Brian Blanzly chipped in with four points and senior Josh Gray also had four points.

Each team finished with 20 turnovers, but it was the Blue Devils' free-throw shooting which made the difference.

"We want to be the best free-throw shooting team in the state," assistant coach Peter Kingsley said. "We work hard on that aspect in practice and it is paying off. It's a huge part of our game."

Grosse Pointe South improved to 3-1 overall and hosts Dearborn Divine Child at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 3.

BOYS SWIMMING

Blue Devils start year

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys' swimming and diving team placed sixth out of 12 squads in the Warrior Relays Saturday, Dec. 21.

Host Birmingham Brother Rice won the meet with 308 points, followed by Birmingham Seaholm with 278, Ann Arbor Pioneer with 278, Ann Arbor Huron with 200, Troy with 196, South with 158, Lake Orion with 150, Warren DeLaSalle with 146, Grand Blanc with 134, Romeo with 78, Waterford United with 66 and Rochester Stoney Creek with 38.

South's 400-yard medley relay team of Patrick Jackson, Robby Koueiter, Devlin Francis and Jacob Montague took fourth with a time of 3:45.82, and the 800-yard freestyle relay squad of Cameron Francis, Sam Wilkinson, Patrick Waterston and Jack Martin finished sixth with a time of 7:58.21.

In the 400-yard backstroke relay, Connor Mallegg, Andrew Harrison, Adam VanOsdol and Spencer Rizer took 10th with a time of 2:05.39, and the 850-yard crescendo relay team of Clark Frick, Jack Warren, Zachary Due and Cameron Francis

placed seventh with a time of 8:47.30.

The Blue Devils' top finish was turned in by the 200-yard butterfly relay foursome of Montague, Devlin Francis, Wilkinson and Warren Jackson, who took second with a time of 1:38.92. The 200-yard medley relay team of Mallegg, Koueiter, Wilkinson and Warren placed sixth with a time of 1:51.64, and squad of Martin, Montague, Devlin Francis and Jackson was fourth in the 400-yard individual medley relay.

The Blue Devils' 200-yard freestyle relay team of Waterston, Frick, Rizer and Due finished seventh with a time of 1:40.77, and the 200-yard breaststroke relay squad of Koueiter, Warren, Andrew Harrison and Martin finished eighth with a time of 2:09.49.

In the meet's final relay, South's squad of Cameron Francis, Due, Mallegg and Waterston placed ninth with a time of 3:44.29.

In other recent action, South lost its season-opening meet, 97-89, to Huron.

The 200-yard medley team of Jackson, Martin, Devlin Francis and Montague won with a state-qualifying time of 1:42.75, and Nick Yoo

was runner-up in the 200-yard freestyle, posting a time of 1:54.94.

Jackson won the 200-yard IM with a state-qualifying time of 2:05.35, and Martin was second in the 50-yard freestyle, turning in a time of 23.25.

The Blue Devils' top event was the 100-yard butterfly in which they swept the top three spots. Yoo won with a state-qualifying time of 54.88, while Devlin Francis was second and Montague third with times of 55.85 (state qualifying) and 57.62.

For good measure, Tyler Leggat was fourth in the butterfly with a time of 55.84.

The Blue Devils also won the 500-yard freestyle, with Cameron Francis posting a time of 5:18.12.

The squad of Yoo, Koueiter, Devlin Francis and Wilkinson was second with a time of 1:36.20, and Montague came back to win the next event, the 100-yard backstroke, turning in a state-qualifying time of 56.27.

Huron swept the 100-yard breaststroke, but the Blue Devils made it close after winning the 400-yard freestyle relay as Martin, Yoo, Montague and Jackson had a time of 3:26.99.

Grosse Pointe South is 0-1 overall.

BASKETBALL HONORS



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Honor

Grosse Pointe South senior center Dan Dixon, No. 42, has been nominated as a McDonald's All-American for 2014. This is one of the biggest awards in high school basketball. Dixon played on the Blue Devils' varsity squad last season and improved throughout the season. He put a lot of time in the gymnasium this off-season and is ready for his final year of high school basketball.

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9:00 am Vitality Plus (Step/Kick Boxing)
9:30 am Vitality Plus (Aerobics)
10:00 am Vitality Plus (Tone)
10:30 am Things to Do at the War Memorial
11:00 am Out of the Ordinary
11:30 am Senior Men's Club

12:00 pm Cars in Context
12:30 pm Pointes of Horticulture
1:00 pm The John Prost Show
1:30 pm Great Lakes Log
2:00 pm Out of the Ordinary
2:30 pm Aging Well in America
3:00 pm In a Heartbeat
3:30 pm Art & Design
4:00 pm Economic Club of Detroit
5:00 pm Great Lakes Log
5:30 pm The John Prost Show
6:00 pm Aging Well in America
6:30 pm Shine a Light
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