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## Winter's grip tightens

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — Roads were so glacial earlier in this ice-encrusted winter that shipments of road salt couldn't make it to the Grosse Pointe Shores public works garage.

"My argument was how can I get the roads good if we don't have salt?" said Brett Smith, DPW director. "We were out of salt for a few days."

Supplies also dipped due to widespread increased demand.

"Everybody used so much in a



short period of time," Smith said. He made up for the shortage by using the buddy system.

"We have great relationships with communities around us," he said. "Everybody worked together to get through the issue and we're back up to par."

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**Plows are a common sight in 2014. At right, the thermometer outside Wild Birds Unlimited in Grosse Pointe Woods tells the subzero story. Below left, Pier Park looks pretty lonely.**

TOP PHOTO BY  
JOHN MCTAGGART.  
LEFT AND RIGHT BY  
RENEE LANDUYT

## Too cold to open

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — The forecast of arctic weather shut down more than schools this week, as Grosse Pointe Woods also chose to shutter city offices Tuesday.

"With the extreme temperatures expected, school closings and the news media announcing severe weather warnings and wind chill precautions, I felt it would be prudent to do so," said Woods city administrator Skip Fincham. "DPW and public safety employees will be working as usual."

City hall, the community center and Lake Front Park were all closed. The Woods Municipal Court also was closed, except for probation reporting services.

Woods residents were notified of the closure Monday night via the

See COLD, page 4A

## Lifesavers

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — A man is alive today due to public safety officers cross-trained in emergency medical care.

"I'm proud of that," said Lt. Kenneth Werenski of the Grosse Pointe Shores public safety department.

Five officers tended the man, suffering from a heart attack while shoveling snow on Wednesday, Jan. 8, at his house in the 600 block of Lakeshore.

Werenski, one of two officers assigned that day to clear snow from fire hydrants, had an inkling of what the man had been feeling.

"After my 12th hydrant, it was cold," Werenski said. "I was starting to get tight and short of breath."

He was resting when alerted by radio dispatchers of "a man down," he said.

"There was a 67-year-old man on the front lawn with his 30-year-old son starting CPR," said Werenski, first on scene. "As I approached this individual — I don't want to be graphic, but he was purple. I started to assist him with CPR."

Werenski is cross-

trained as an emergency medical technician.

Three more officers, Detective Scott Rohr, PSO Ron Coste and PSO Justin Childrey — all paramedics in addition to their police and fire fighting duties — arrived in the department's ambulance within an estimated 90 seconds.

"The back of the ambulance is nothing short of a small ER room," Werenski said.

Department Chief John Schulte also made the scene.

"There was a lot going on at one time, so it helped having a few sets of hands," Rohr said.

Officers put the man on a stretcher and placed him in the ambulance.

"We put him on the monitor — flat line, nothing," Werenski said.

"He was cold and purple," Coste said.

Freezing weather worked in the man's favor, Coste added.

"It slowed everything down and, with constriction of everything, helped blood pressure," Coste said. "If he were warm in that condition, he'd have less chance."

Officers said they used

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PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

Attorneys for Bob Bashara, Mark Procida and Nancy Shell, listen as Wayne County Prosecutor Lisa Lindsey challenges a point in a hearing before Judge Vonda Evans.

## Tempers flare at hearing

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

**DETROIT** — Sparks flew in a Wayne County Circuit Court hearing last week, as the judge in the case against Bob Bashara for the murder of his wife admonished prosecuting attorneys for what she believed was "forum shopping."

The hearing, before Judge Vonda Evans, was requested by attorney Henry Scharg on behalf

of his client, Grosse Pointe Park resident Dean Valente. Valente, who was identified as Bob Bashara's personal attorney for his real estate holdings, was requesting the return of files seized in a raid of Valente's house Oct. 29, 2013. The raid was carried out by Grosse Pointe Park police and investigators from the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, and was based on a search warrant signed by Judge Michael Hathaway.

According to Prosecutor Lisa Lindsey, a subpoena for Valente and a search warrant for his home office were requested based on telephone calls Bashara placed from jail to Richard Falcinelli, between March 9 and Oct. 6, 2013. Falcinelli, who holds Bashara's power of attorney, was sitting in the back of the courtroom, but when he attempted to say something, he

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# Back in court

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

Bob Bashara, appearing relaxed and confident following eye surgery earlier in the week, was back in court on Thursday, Jan. 23, for a hearing on whether he would be issued a laptop computer in order to review discovery materials in his upcoming murder trial.

There was also discussion as to whether a new attorney would be assigned to his case.

Bashara is scheduled to go to trial March 3, for the murder of his wife, Jane, in January 2012, but Judge Vonda Evans said was concerned that attorneys from the state's Public Defenders Office lacked the resources to "provide Mr. Bashara with the type of representation he deserves."

However, Evans was also quick to praise Bashara's public defender Mark Procida, citing his "stellar record," and when she asked him directly, "Can you do your job," he responded, "I think I can."

Bashara told Evans while he was content with the representation he had received so far, he felt more could be done.

"I hope Mr. Procida and the defenders office uses every resource the court

can provide to them in order to provide me with the best defense," he said.

Evans told Procida that she had secured \$200,000 from Wayne County for Bashara's defense, adding that she was authorized to pay two attorneys up to \$125 per hour to assist in the case.

Procida told the court that his office had "reached out to benefactor firms" who might supply his office with law clerks or first-year associates to assist in cataloging over 10,000 pages of discovery and 300 witness statements.

Bashara told the court he thought another attorney should be added to the case.

"I appreciate you wanting to afford me the best possible defense and I want that, too," he said. "I am confident that Mr. Procida can provide that, but we have talked to a third attorney who does not want his name used at this point since he has not yet agreed to take the case."

However, concerns were raised by prosecuting attorney Lisa Lindsey, who said that if a new defense team was assigned to Bashara, it would take six to nine months for them to be brought up to speed, something the judge

denied.

"You have not lived with this case as we have," Lindsey told the judge. "The court has not seen what we have seen."

She also noted if the trial were delayed, Bashara would be required to waive his right to a speedy trial.

"At the end of the day, this is not a rush," Evans said. "We want to do a thorough job. I believe that more resources can be expended." Evans then asked Procida to provide her with the name of the attorney under consideration.

Evans did not rule on Bashara's earlier request for a laptop computer that he could use to review documents related to the trial.

However, he did ask the court for new pencils, which Evans agreed he could have. Bashara's request for a ballpoint pen was challenged by Lindsey, who said pens are forbidden in jails because they can be fashioned into weapons.

Bashara also said he had not been able to read since his eye surgery earlier in the week.

Evans said she will announce her decision as to the status of Bashara's defense at a hearing on Tuesday, Feb. 18.

Earlier in the hearing, in discussions related to the speed at which a new defense team could be brought in, Evans noted that it had been two years since Jane Bashara had died, and the case needed to move forward.

At the conclusion of the hearing, Bashara seized on that comment from Evans, telling the judge, as his voice quivered and his eyes welled with tears, "Thank you very much for recognizing the second anniversary of my wife's passing. Please, everyone, don't forget her. She was a wonderful gal."



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Director Stephen Poloni, left, presents a plaque to Sgt. Mike Almeranti and Officer Lisa Monticello that reads: "In loving memory of Police K-9 Raleigh, Years of dedicated service, Sept. 10, 2005 - Nov. 12, 2013. Forever a loyal partner."

## Service salutes Raleigh

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Raleigh the police dog was praised during his memorial service last week, two months following the 9-year-old male German shepherd being put down due to cancer.

"Raleigh was a unifying force," said Sgt. Michael Almeranti, the dog's handler. "He connected with people. I'd walk down the street and, no matter who it was, they wanted to see that dog and make a connection with the police department, especially with kids."

"Raleigh was very well behaved with a sweet disposition that caused children to fall in love with him," said Skip Fincham, head of City of Grosse Pointe public safety when the team was established in 2005. "It has left a void in our public safety services that we perform on a daily basis."

Scores of people and K-9 units from 12 metropolitan Detroit communities attended the memorial, Jan. 22, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church.

Jack Reeber, a 9-year-old Trombly Elementary School student from Grosse Pointe Park, presented Almeranti with letters from classmates supporting the K-9 program.

"I especially thank the Grosse Pointe residents

who cared, loved and supported Raleigh over the years," Almeranti said. "Their support is what makes the K-9 program possible."

"We look forward to having a good replacement of Raleigh," said John Stevens, president and founder of K-9 Public Safety Partners of Grosse Pointes. "The partners will back it financially. We're going to do the best we can to support the program."

City of Grosse Pointe officials foresaw the public relations benefits of forming the first K-9 operation in the Pointes since before World War II.

"Grosse Pointers are known as dog lovers," said Fincham, now administrator of Grosse Pointe Woods.

"They responded in a positive manner to this addition to our department."

It began with Maire Elementary School students holding a K-9 naming contest.

Fincham said, "Our residents embraced the idea of having a K-9 team and responded with grants from businesses, donations from organizations and individuals, school bake sales and dog wash fundraisers — all designed for one purpose, to support what the community believed to be a very worth while addition and contribution to the community."

The dog was more than a publicity gimmick.

"The primary mission of a K-9 team is to search for suspects or evidence that relate to a specific crime scene," said Stephen Poloni, City public safety director.

Almeranti and Raleigh conducted 288 trackings, 88 building searches, 51 evidence searches, worked crowd control 38 times and performed 153 public demonstrations.

"The team of Sgt. Almeranti and Raleigh were without question a success," Poloni said.

Terry Foley, owner of K-9 Academy Training Facility in Taylor, conducted Raleigh's initial 288 days of training and weekly refreshers thereafter.

"Some people might ask why would we give a memorial for an animal?" Foley said.

"There is no job that has the responsibility that Mike and his family had to do throughout his career. They have to change their vacations (and) be called out in the middle of the night. When the dog is sick, he has to take care of it."

Foley spoke for the dog.

"Raleigh has asked me to say this prayer," Foley said. "'Oh, mighty God, whose great power and eternal wisdom embraces the universe, watch over my handler as I no longer can ... Amen.'"

## A year of accomplishments

The editorial staff won the following awards during 2013:

Michigan Press Association 2013 Better Newspaper Contest

Members of the Nebraska Press Association reviewed 3,108 entries by 114 Michigan newspapers.

The Grosse Pointe News competed in weekly circulation class B.

Winners were announced Oct. 6, in the following sequence listing category, winner, headline of winning story (where applicable) and judges' comments:

**News enterprise reporting:**

Brad Lindberg, 3rd place

"Cases kicked to the curb."

"Using examples that show (how) serious the crimes that are not being prosecuted, this entry not only exposes a major problem but explains to the reader the causes in terms that are easy to understand. Adequate context is given so the reader can reach his or her own conclusions."

**Design 2nd place:**

Staff members and the sections they lay out are Joe Warner, news; Ann Fouty, features; Diane Morelli, autos and editorial pages; Karen Fontanive, obituaries and pointer of interest; A.J. Hakim, schools; and Bob St. John, sports.

"Second place goes to the Grosse Pointe News' clean header, with great color. The layout of the page is clean. Copy-to-photo ratio is organized and allows the readers' eyes to follow along the page."

**Feature story:**

Brad Lindberg, first place

"Doolittle legacy."

"There were so many wonderful entries in this category, I had to look for something to set one apart — and this was it! This story captures a remarkable piece of history, and is very well told. Thank you!"

Brad Lindberg, third place

"Above and beyond."

"To me, a good feature story should serve a purpose for writing it — and this story certainly does that. Thank you for preserving this piece of his-

tory so wonderfully."

**Editorial writing:**

Joe Warner, first place. "Its editorials are well-written, with an excellent choice of local topics and strong endings. Nice work."

**Editorial pages:**

Grosse Pointe News, second place.

"Good work providing an editorial voice and inviting community input."

**Local Columnist:**

Karen Fontanive, honorable mention.

Judge did not comment.

**Photo story:**

Renee Landuyt, first place.

"Our heroes."

"Excellent variety to tell the whole event. Layout is a plus."

**Sports photograph:**

John McTaggart

"Blue Devils drop heartbreaker."

"Captures all of the emotion of a sports contest. Nice image."

**Paul Kania, honorable**

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## Preview night

The Grosse Pointe South High School choir presents a London-Paris Preview Concert 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30 at the Brownell Auditorium. The benefit concert will raise funds to help offset trip costs for the South choir. See page 6C for details of the concert and ticket information

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



# Bellanca draws an ace

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Dividing the vacant, 30,000-square-foot former Ace Hardware building into numerous small retail and commercial spaces is more than a field of dreams.

"The function of what we're trying to do is 'if we build it, they will come,'" said Jim Bellanca, a representative of the building's owner. "I'm pretty sure I have 7,000 square feet leased."

Leading off in Bellanca's lineup is Calico Corners, a fabric and furnishings store.

The retail shop is the first tenant listed for the building to be renovated at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair in the downtown Village district of the City of Grosse Pointe.

"This month represents the 16th month since we began the process of attempting to repurpose the building vacated by Ace Hardware in January of 2013," Bellanca said.

He was unable to fill the space in one swoop with a single, large occupant.

"We couldn't find the right big box to fit," Bellanca said. "In the end, we have chosen to repurpose the building for potentially as many as 10 to 12 retail and commercial users."

A unanimous city council approved Bellanca's site plan on Monday, Jan. 27.

"It's a substantial improvement to what's there," said Councilwoman Jean Wiepert.

The plan includes new facades of brick or stone

veneer featuring picture windows, a series of distinctly different entrances and variable roof lines along Kercheval and St. Clair.

Designers intend to add variety and interest to a humdrum structure.

"We are going to invest a considerable amount of money to create this facade in hopes of finding tenants," Bellanca said.

"The huge benefit of this is the St. Clair facade which now is a blank facade," said John Jackson, senior vice president of McKenna Associates, the city's planning consultant.

A storefront on St. Clair has sidewalk seating.

"There's been talk of having a restaurant," Jackson said.

"We are in negotiations with several other

tenants, including a pub or bar," Bellanca said.

During the nearly 1 1/2 years the building has been unoccupied, Bellanca sought many ways to fill it.

"Options included a complete demolition of the property to build a new edifice from scratch, (and) the addition of a second or third floor for office or residential use," he said.

The building is next store to the former Borders Building, an 18,366-square-foot structure that sat empty for three years, but is due to reopen next summer with the rear 55 percent as St. John Providence Health System medical offices.

The remaining 45 percent facing Kercheval is reserved for up to three retail shops or similar businesses.

## Farmhouse will have a new home

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Time and more moves on for the Cadieux farmhouse.

Come April, the house, built a decade before the Civil War, will be hauled in two sections to a new location on St. Clair a half-block south of the Village.

It will become home to Dr. Leslie Kaye, currently of New Baltimore.

The move ends worries that the 160-year-old structure's days were numbered.

Alternatives included relocating it to another community or tearing it down.

"This was the dream we had from the beginning, to find someone exactly like this woman to take ownership of this house," said Susan Hartz, a member of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society.

Relocation required approval from the City of Grosse Pointe council.

"So often we destroy our past," said

Councilman John Stempfle Monday, Jan. 27. "Now, we're saving it."

The house is on a city block that Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe owns and plans to

develop.

"Beaumont has agreed to coordinate and pay for all the relocation costs," said Michael Hoefflein, of Jones Lang LaSalle commercial real estate.

It will take about four hours to move each section of the house.

The route is from its current location at 16939 East Jefferson at the corner of Neff, east on East Jefferson one block to St. Clair, then north 1 1/2 blocks to a vacant lot at 533 St. Clair.

Utility lines along the route will be temporary relocated, including five DTE Energy power lines, four Telecom lines and 13 streetlights on St. Clair.

"They guaranteed us there's not going to be any disruption in service," said John Jackson, senior vice president of McKenna Associates, the city's planning consultant.

Because the house consists of two parts, the original and an addition, each part will be moved separately. Both moves

are restricted to between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.

Residents along the route will be notified "well in advance" of the

moves, which require portions of the respective roads to be closed during transport, Jackson said.

## The Week Ahead

### SATURDAY, FEB. 1

◆ The Winterfest on the Hill is from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and includes a chili cook-off, ice cravings, cookie decorating and ice carving demonstrations.

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods' WinterFest is from noon to 2 p.m. in Lake Front Park. For more information, call (313) 343-2408.

### MONDAY, FEB. 3

◆ The Grosse Pointe Woods city council meets in council chambers at 7:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5

◆ "You joined LinkedIn, Now What?" is the topic Patrick Hopper of OpenSystems Media discusses at 11:30 a.m. meeting of the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce at The Hill Seafood & Chop House. The cost is \$25 for member and \$30 for non-members. To make a reservation, call (313) 881-4722.

### THURSDAY, FEB. 6

◆ An American Red Cross blood drive is from 9 a.m. to 745 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. To make an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org and use the sponsor code gpbloodcouncil. For more information, call Beth at (313) 550-3870.

## New consultant joins Shores

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — A new municipal planning consultant joined the crew this month with lower fees.

"Welcome aboard," said Grosse Pointe Shores Mayor Ted Kedzierski. "We're going to save about \$2,000."

Continued cost savings is the city's "task" for 2014, he added.

"We're looking at every line item," Kedzierski said.

The new planning firm, Carlisle-Wortman Assoc.

of Ann Arbor, has been in business for 27 years. It replaces the Shores' prior consultant, who accepted a job with a township.

Carlisle-Wortman is one of a half-dozen firms responding in November to the Shores' request for bidders for the job.

"We are or have provided planning services for many cities in the surrounding areas of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores," according to a cover letter to the Shores signed by company vice president Donald Wortman and principal David Scurto.

Projects include master plan updates for Grosse Pointe Woods, Northville, Plymouth and, in St. Clair Shores, the comprehensive plan plus the parks and recreation master plan.

Grosse Pointe Shores City Manager Mark Wollenweber and Mary Matuja, chairwoman of the planning commission, interviewed representatives of four firms in December.

"Our decision is based on saving money and getting quality folks," Wollenweber said.

"We are in negotiations with several other

"Wortman grew up in the Grosse Pointes and Scurto is from St. Clair Shores."

Scurto attended this month's Shores city council meeting.

"I looked at the work you've done," Kedzierski told him. "It's high caliber."

Members of the city council will discuss charging a separate fee for Carlisle-Wortman personnel to review plans.

"We'll set the fee so people requesting the plan review pay for the consultant's time," Wollenweber said.

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### mention:

"Norsemen pummel." "Fling helmet adds drama to an otherwise unremarkable image."

### Sports writing:

Bob St. John, first place.

"South gets upper hand with North."

"We don't know much about hockey or girls hockey, BUT the writer kept me interested in the game all the way through."

### Sports columnist:

Bob St. John, first place

Judge did not comment.

### Sports feature:

A.J. Hakim, third place. "A throwback to 1860s baseball."

"Other than layout, this feature was well worth the effort."

### Sports coverage:

Grosse Pointe News, second place

"Strong all around. And very encouraging to see youth sports receive that kind of attention."

### Open circulation, all classes combined:

Best headline Brad Lindberg, second

place.

"Not so boring."

"I can see this going over so many heads."

### Society of Professional Journalists, Detroit Chapter

Announced during an April 27 banquet in Troy. Print, class C:

### Open government reporting:

Brad Lindberg, first place.

"Grosse Pointe Shores water dispute."

"You have to applaud Lindberg's bulldoggish ambition to uncover all angles and aspects of this

dispute, obtaining city documents under the Freedom of Information Act. I also appreciated his care in explaining various concepts and terms so the reader wouldn't get lost in the technical aspects of the case. A very well researched and well written piece that ended up 'changing the guard' in local government."

### Open circulation, all classes combined:

Criticism Brad Lindberg, second

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Judges did not comment.

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# A century of wonderful memories

Elizabeth “Betty” Banton’s piano teacher thought Banton would become a classical concert pianist. Yet, knowing she would need to support her widowed mother, Banton said she didn’t want to depend on the sporadic money earned from concerts so she pursued a teaching career, something she did for more than 40 years. “I mostly taught Latin, sometimes French and English, in high school and college,” she said of a career from which she retired in 1973. Living through decades that saw great changes is notable. However, the fait accompli was Banton observing her 100th birthday, Saturday, Jan. 25.

During her years as a teacher, Banton used chalk boards, mimeographed study sheets and passed out hand-written report cards. She traveled on buses to get to

work and heard civil rights leaders speak because her father, a Washington, D.C. lawyer, was active in the civil rights movement. The advancement in women’s and civil rights are the most notable events she said she has witnessed. “Women have more role in society,” she said. “I have always been for equal rights for Negroes. The restraints have been lifted. It seemed to show me the country is improving. My father was active in civil rights. It would have been hard for him to believe an African-American is president.”

So many political and social changes occurred during her lifetime, yet the best inventions Banton has seen are helicopters and electricity. “So many things can be done with it — heating with it, light with it and do chores with it,” she said. It lights the lamp while



PHOTO BY ANN L. FOUTY

Elizabeth “Betty” Banton observed her 100th birthday Saturday, Jan. 25. She stands by a drawing done by her son, Jim. Banton keeps active by attending Woman’s Historical Club to discuss various topics in depth.

she reads a biography of Duke Ellington, one of the many jazz musicians she heard at Washington clubs. Lights illuminated the stages where she and her mother listened to concerts.

But there is no lamp on the grand piano in the Grosse Pointe Park house she shares with her son, Clarence. Banton said she doesn’t play now. Well, maybe if no one is around. Instead, Banton enjoys music by attending Tuesday Musicales events.

The piano top and a nearby small chest of drawers are dotted with family photographs.

A picture of 4-year-old Banton and her mother show them in white summer dresses and Banton with a large white hair bow, the fashion in 1918. “My father bought it for

me. It was satin,” she said.

Following her graduation from a Washington, D.C. high school, Banton attended Wellesley College in Massachusetts where she was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa during her junior year, 1933. The nation’s oldest academic honor society chose her not only for her outstanding grades, but also for participation in choir and dance.

“I didn’t have a good voice but I could read music,” Banton said.

Her father died during her freshman year at college and Banton finished her higher education with the help of scholarships and the generosity of her uncle.

Banton remarked she was glad her mother didn’t make her drop out of college, but allowed

her to graduate. After receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in Latin she earned a master’s degree in classic studies from the University of Chicago in 1935. Her first job was at Southern University in Baton Rouge, La., where she taught French, a language widely spoken there.

Banton returned to Washington and through a friend, met Clarence Banton, who had earned a chemical engineering degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, in Troy, N.Y. They were married March 18, 1944, before her husband was shipped out as a Tuskegee airman. She stressed he was not a pilot but rather ordnance. After the war, the couple moved to Detroit where Clarence Banton was in “charge of doings at the Tank” com-

mand in Warren. For 52 years, she lived on Atkins Street in Detroit and raised sons, Clarence and Jim. Jim was born deaf and is deceased. But the walls of her home are decorated with Jim’s paintings, a talent he pursued at the College for Creative Studies. Her son, Clarence, served in the Vietnam War and is retired.

Once the two boys were in school full time, Banton returned to teaching literature and Latin in the Atkinson District of Detroit from 1956 to 1973.

“I’m a born teacher. I’m curious about things and I want to tell people about it,” she said and explained why Eleanor Roosevelt is her heroine, having heard her speak at Wellesley.

“I grinned at her and she grinned at me. She has a high trembly voice because she couldn’t hear well. She went everywhere — in the mines, all kinds of places. I don’t think President Roosevelt could have managed without her. She went everywhere and told him what was going on.”

Banton said if she could relive a portion of her life she would like to return to Wellesley and do it all over again.

“I liked the people and it was so beautiful. It’s a place where they expected women to be smart and everyone wanted to be smart as they could be,” she said.

## Trough not lost

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — The horse trough outside of city hall is gone, but not missing.

The nearly century-old trough was removed recently from its foundation in a garden at the center of the Grosse Pointe Shores headquarters circular driveway.

It was sent out to be repaired and refurbished. Work includes sandblasting and painting.

“The horse trough is 100 years old in May,” said Councilman Robert Barrette. “We’ll have a dedication for that.”

The one-ton trough may be transformed into a fountain.

“That hasn’t been decided yet,” Barrette said. — Brad Lindberg

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## LIFE:

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an external defibrillator to get a shockable heart rhythm. “At the same time, Justin was doing an airway and IV for medication,” Coste said. “He was intubated,

which, basically, is inserting a tube into the airway and securing what we call a patent airway, which means a secure airway,” Rohr said. “A lot of times during CPR, people aspirate the contents of their stomach, which, in turn, is inhaled in their lungs. This secures their airway so they can’t aspirate.”

“He was intimated with a definitive airway in under four minutes from the time we got the call,” Coste said. “The return of his pulse was the benchmark we were looking for.”

“By the time we left the scene and transported to St. John Hospital, I think within eight minutes, the subject was alive,” Werenski said. “He lost his pulse as we

were approaching the hospital and we had to defibrillate him again,” Coste said. “We were breathing for him.”

Werenski told his part of the story at the Tuesday, Jan. 21, city council meeting.

“Before today’s meeting, I called St. John and confirmed he’s still in their facility and is still alive today,” Werenski said.

“What a great outcome,” said Mayor Ted Kedzierski.

The Shores established the first public safety department, in which police officers double as fire fighters, in the United States in 1911.

In addition, the Shores goes an extra step with medical training.

“We’re the only community where officers are cross-trained with Advanced Life Support,” Werenski said.

“The advantage of having paramedics is we’re able to give the same type of treatment as an ER doc,” Rohr said.

“When you have that service, good things happen,” Coste said. “It happened for him.”

“It’s what our residents pay for and deserve,” Rohr said.

Three new officers sworn in last month have “extensive” Advanced Life Support backgrounds, Werenski said.

He told the council, “You should feel comfortable that you sought these people out to provide a really good service.”

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## GRIP:

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In Grosse Pointe Farms, a snow plow exposed a sink hole on McKinley. “A sewer line had an opening in a joint,” said

Shane Reeside, Farms manager. “It eroded dirt and, over time, created a cavity beneath the road, which was opened when a large plow came through.”

Crews had to fix the sewer before backfilling the hole for a permanent repair.

Snowfall this season is making a mark on labor costs. “Overtime is higher because it seems to only snow at night and on Sundays,” Smith said. “We’re getting through it. We have a great bunch of guys and they’re doing a great job.”

Employees also are repairing water damage from burst pipes in the Osius Park bathhouse.

“There may be some insulation to replace,”

Smith said.

In the City of Grosse Pointe, Councilman Donald Parthum Jr. is impressed with the snow-clearing efforts of municipal employees.

“I’ve seen the guys working their tails off,” Parthum said.

“The guys have been working on nothing but snow and equipment,” said Gary Huvaere, City public service supervisor.

Obtaining road salt isn’t a problem, and there’s room in the budget for more.

“We can get one more load of salt and still be within our budget,” said Peter Dame, City manager. “We’re allowed to get 30 percent more salt under our contract. If we need to buy more salt, we will.”

## COLD:

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city’s NIXLE service.

This was the second alert issued by city administrators this week. On Monday morning, residents were alerted to hazardous road conditions. Road crews were called in at approxi-

mately 4 a.m. to deal with the three-inch snowfall, and were plowing and salting the streets, but residents were warned to be aware the roads were snow covered and slippery. Strong winds and falling temperatures were making streets and sidewalks dangerous, and drivers and pedestrians were urged to exercise caution.



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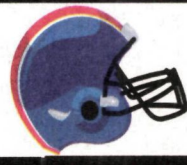
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City of Grosse Pointe

Close call

At 12:17 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, a patrolman was monitoring traffic from inside his cruiser parked next to the curb on east-bound Mack at Neff when the driver of a 2002 Chrysler Sebring almost crashed into him from behind.

Upon stopping the man, 24, from the City of Grosse Pointe, "(I) asked why he almost struck my vehicle," the officer said. "He stated his windows were fogged up, although the front window appeared clear to (me)."

The man appeared disoriented. The patrolman arrested him for drunken driving.

At headquarters, the man registered a .17 percent blood alcohol level, more than twice the state legal maximum to operate a motor vehicle.

Another larceny

Between 2:50 and 3:25 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, someone broke out a side window of a white 2010 Ford Taurus parked behind a building in the 17400 block of Mack and stole a black cloth brief case.

The case, worth \$120, belongs to a Grosse Pointe Farms man.

"Subjects used the same MO as previous larcenies at that location," said a public safety officer.

B&E

A burglary victim living in the 400 block of Washington thinks he may have left his house's front door unlocked prior to someone stealing electronic equipment over-

night Thursday, Jan. 16, or early the next morning.

Missing from various locations in his house are a Hewlett Packard laptop computer, two Verizon iPhones and an iPad.

—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

'Open the door'

Two detectives and a lieutenant responded last week on behalf of an 87-year-old female resident, whose missing iPhone was traced to an address in the 3500 block of Freemont Place, near the intersection of Gratiot and Mt. Elliott in Detroit.

The phone was traced by using its "Find my Phone" app.

"The address was a vacant home with no prints in the fresh snow around the residence," said one of the officers. "However, the neighboring residence appeared to be lived in."

Knock knock.

"A woman yelled through the door, 'Who is it?,' to which officers replied, 'Police ma'am, open the door,'" said an officer.

"After several announcements stating intentions and identification, there was no response for the woman again," said an officer.

Lacking a search war-

rant, police couldn't barge in, but are pursuing the investigation.

The woman is also missing her small, black leather purse. She last saw her phone and purse during the afternoon of Thursday, Jan. 23, at a cleaners on Mack above Moross.

Pilfered

A house painter working in the 200 block of Merriweather was arrested last week for stealing a dozen of his employers prescription Vicodin pills.

The victim informed police on Monday, Jan. 20, that the painter, a 40-year-old Roseville man, admitted taking the pills, prescribed due to the homeowner's hip injury.

Sneaks drinks

Detectives are following up on a case of underage drinking by a

17-year-old Grosse Pointe Park male.

The teen registered a .078 percent blood alcohol level at about 1 a.m. Monday, Jan. 20, at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital.

He told police he snuck drinks from an unattended bar during a party with fellow employees of a business on the Hill.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Marijuana

During a traffic stop on Vernier near Michaux Lane at 3:15 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 26, police arrested a 20-year-old Warren man for possession of 2 grams of marijuana.

The man was a passenger in a 2010 Ford Focus

which was being operated erratically in the area of Putnam and Blairmoor, according to police.

The male driver, 22, of Madison Heights, wasn't arrested.

Drugged driving

A 31-year-old St. Clair Shores man was arrested during a traffic stop at 11:24 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24, for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs.

A patrolman pulled over the man because his 2004 Buick Rancier had a broken taillight.

"The driver appeared to be confused and slow to respond," according to police.

He had a .07 percent blood alcohol level and admitted taking schizophrenia medication.

"(He) has a prior conviction for (drunken driving), making this a second offense," according to police.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

UDAA

Sometime overnight Friday, Jan. 24, a 2007 Jeep Wrangler was stolen from the 1200 block of Whittier. The car was parked in the street.

Larceny from auto

Sometime between 8 p.m. and 11:45 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26, a catalytic converter was removed from a Pontiac Grand Am parked in the 1400 block of Maryland.

—Kathy Ryan

Report information on these or other crimes to Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety at (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Woods

No reports.

# Campaign nets thousands

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — A traffic ticket amnesty campaign late last year netted several thousand dollars in uncollected fines, according to Grosse Pointe Shores public safety officials.

"The total amount was \$7,500 during the first round of the amnesty program," said Lt. Kenneth Werenski.

The six-week campaign lasted from November to Dec. 18.

Many attempts to notify delinquent offenders by mail failed.

"A lot of letters came back with bad addresses," Werenski said. "We're working on new addresses and getting letters out so we can try to build that number up a little bit."

"The amnesty program lets us clear a lot of things off the books," said Mark

Wollenweber, city manager.

The Shores municipal court also participates in a discount ticket collection program on behalf of 36th District Court in Detroit.

"If we collect the money for them, we keep half of it," Wollenweber said.

Public Safety Director John Schulte instituted another method of collecting money from lawbreakers.

"The city enacted an

impound administration fee," Werenski said.

Collections totaled \$2,900 by the end of 2013, he said.

"That's \$2,900 we never had before," he said.

The public safety department is using the money to subscribe to an investigative database.

"It's information sharing among law enforcement," Werenski said. "It seems to be money well spent."

# Shores reshuffles committees

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — The city's problematic councilman has been removed from two municipal appointments.

organizational meeting of the city council, Grosse Pointe Shores Mayor Ted Kedzierski did not reassign Councilman Dan Schulte, on probation following his second arrest in a year for domestic violence, as chairman of the planning commission and liaison to the parks committee.

"I like our judgment

calls to be in the best interest of the city," Kedzierski said.

"I did not request to be removed from any committee," Schulte said in an e-mail interview. "I have since received several e-mails from the respective committee members saying that I did a good job and will be missed, so I do not know

the reason behind this, and have not inquired."

The changes follow Kedzierski's demotion of Schulte, with council support, from mayor pro tem in August, shortly after Schulte's latest arrest.

Changes also follow Kedzierski's removal of Schulte in August 2012, as public relations liaison. Schulte, who lists his profession as a marketing and media director, was offended.

He reacted by claiming to file grievances against the mayor's law and CPA licenses. Schulte later denied making the threat, a recording of which exists on the mayor's cell phone.

In September, Schulte began a one-year sentence of probation resulting from pleading no contest in municipal court to the charge of domestic violence and guilty to attempted obstruction of police.

His lone mayoral appointment becomes liaison to the tree board.

The nine-member board is chaired by Brett Marshall, owner of a tree service firm.

Membership includes Helen Bai, beautification chair and master gardener, who stood up to Schulte in 2009 when he publicly chided her for rejecting a property tax cut and writing the city a check for \$250.

Kedzierski announced the new appointments at the Nov. 15 council meeting.

He filled Schulte's seat on the planning commission with Councilman Robert Gessell, an attorney.

"We have two other planning commission

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## FLARE:

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was ejected from the courtroom by Evans.

When the investigators arrived at Valente's house, Valente declined to accept the subpoena, but the search warrant was executed. According to Scharg, investigators seized three boxes of records and various attorney files, but failed to inventory the items in front of Valente. According to Scharg, items taken included newspaper articles related to the Jane Bashara murder case, writings by Bob Bashara and legal files regarding properties Bashara owned that Valente managed. Also under question were two files, one related to a former tenant of Bashara's who was on the witness list for his upcoming murder trial, the other related to a loan made by Bashara's mother, Nancy, to his mistress, Rachel Gillett. According to Scharg, Gillett has defaulted on the loan.

Scharg requested the hearing in front of Evans to secure the release of some files seized his client maintains were not relevant to the Bashara murder case, and others were work product and still others fell into the realm of attorney-client privilege.

But even before prosecutors could respond to Scharg's request, Evans challenged how the search warrant came to be authorized by Hathaway.

"You asked for a warrant based on calls made in March, May and August, and you wait until October to request a warrant and that is what is troubling," Evans said. "This matter was before this court in September, but you go to Judge Hathaway to get a search warrant?"

Lindsey said from the beginning of the investigation into Jane Bashara's murder, her office went to the court's Chief Judge Tim Kenney for authorization of subpoenas and search warrants, explaining that working with one judge in a complex case such as this makes it easier, as the judge would be familiar with all aspects of the case.

However, when a search warrant was sought for Valente's home office, Kenney was not available and Hathaway had been designated as his stand in, which is why investigators went to him for authorization. That was when the exchange between Evans and Lindsey became heated.

"We took our investigative subpoenas to Kenney," Lindsay started to explain, "and if that person ..."

"We're not talking

about persons, we're talking about judges," Evans interjected.

When challenged as to why the prosecutor was in such a rush to get a warrant when the calls had been going on for six months, Lindsey responded investigators were not certain of the location of papers Bashara spoke about in the phone conversations that he wanted transferred to Falcinelli, and once that location was determined, a warrant was sought.

"We were afraid the writings could be destroyed," she told Evans.

"I'm tired of hearing how complex this case is," Evans responded. "It has the appearance of forum shopping. If there are any more subpoenas or search warrants, I must be notified. The day of you going around this court is over."

Lindsey strongly objected to Evans' accusations.

"I have a long history with this court and have never disrespected this court," she told Evans.

When tempers calmed and the focus was put back on the disposition of the files in question, Evans revealed that she had heard some of the particulars on the issue from another judge who had been named a master in the case of the Valente files, and who had been asked to review the evidence to determine what could be returned to Valente.

Evans said the other judge had discussed the issue with her at a holiday dinner party.

Evans said she will review the files, not the other judge, and that she will make the determination of what will be returned to Valente.

"I am tired of people coming into court and if you don't like what I do, there are two levels of appeals, the Judicial Tenure Commission and the Court of Appeals. I am the presiding judge and everything else will come through me."

This court was taken aback by going to Judge Hathaway. Other people are making decisions about the case. If there is a review, I am responsible."

This was not the first time Evans discussed the possibility that, if convicted, Bashara could take the case to the Court of Appeals. At a hearing on Jan. 9, she questioned whether he was receiving adequate representation from his public defender, and said if Bashara was convicted on the murder charge, he could appeal on grounds of "ineffective assistance of counsel."

Bashara was in the courtroom for the hearing on the evidence seized from Valente. He sat off to the side, smiling and sharing comments with a deputy.

ager. Barrette continues as public works liaison.

"Bob Barrette has done a stellar job on our infrastructure needs," Kedzierski said.

As parks liaison, Barrette will deal with installation of a splashpad, donated to the city by the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation, and other construction projects.

"We may be having limited concession stand service during summer," Kedzierski said.

Schulte remains on the mayor's Blue Ribbon operations panel to recommend administrative efficiencies.

"They're talking about issuing a report in February," Kedzierski said.



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## Alger's Deli &amp; Liquor

Alger's Deli & Liquor celebrated grand re-opening and ribbon cutting with the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce. Alger's has been family-owned for 40 years and they offer a full-service deli, subs, dessert counters, fresh salads, and a large selection of wine, liquor and beer including microbrews. Alger's is located at 17320 Mack Ave. in the City of Grosse Pointe. For more information, call (313) 885-2020. From left are Grosse Pointe City Councilman Andrew Turnbull, Claudia Muer, Chuck Donaldson, Councilman John Stempfle, Sherree Hill, owner Louise Donaldson and Jenny Boettcher, Executive Director of the chamber.



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members who are attorneys as well, but I thought we needed to beef it up," Kedzierski said.

The commission is beginning to address possible legal matters regarding property maintenance.

"Our city attorney is seeing if we need to toughen our blight ordinance," Kedzierski said. "On top of that, we're looking at whether we need to regulate thermal roofs."

Kedzierski replaced Schulte's chairmanship of the parks committee with Robert Barrette, a retired DTE Energy man-



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Thanks on behalf of Raleigh

To the Editor:

To the residents of the Grosse Pointes and supporters of Police K9 Raleigh:

I would like to thank you on behalf of Police K9 Raleigh, myself and my family for all the kind words, cards and letters of support over the years and since Raleigh's death.

I have been honored to serve you and to have been partnered with such an outstanding dog.

Raleigh loved to come to work each day and I know a portion of it was due to the loving attention he received from the people of this community.

I trained with approximately 50 other police departments and the devotion and caring expressed by this community is unmatched.

The ongoing support Raleigh received to keep the K9 unit going was truly amazing. Being the first K9 for the Grosse Pointes, Raleigh has left a truly special and memorable legacy.

He not only protected my life on a daily basis, but provided protection and crime deterrence for the community as a whole.

Raleigh and myself especially loved seeing and connecting with the children of the community and believing we made an impression on them.

Once again, accept my heartfelt appreciation for your recognition of Raleigh's unselfish devotion to duty.

SGT. MIKE ALMERANTI  
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Public Safety Department

Education technology in G.P. schools

To the Editor:

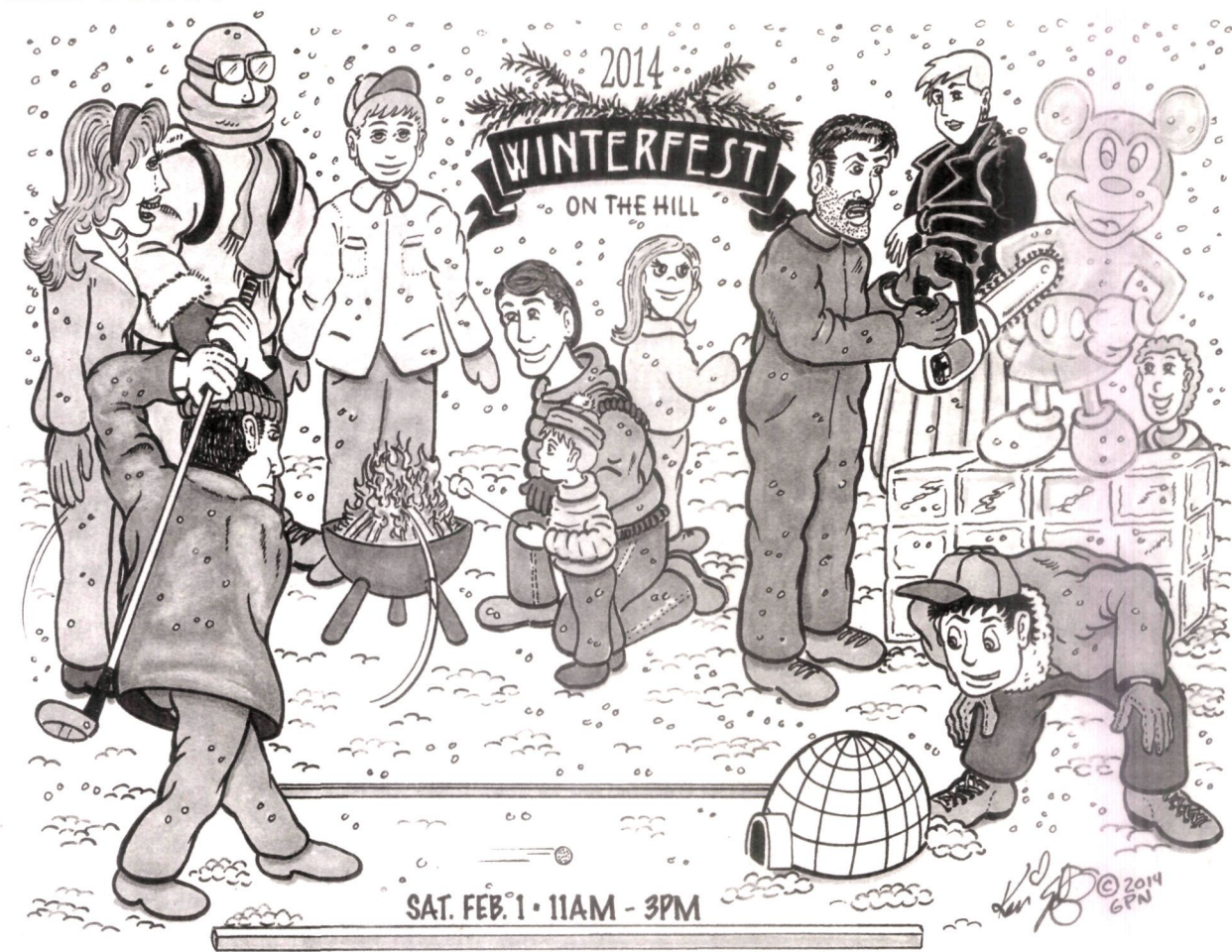
As the 2014 Michigan Teacher of the Year, I have the privilege of being involved in education at the state and national level this year.

The current ballot proposal on Feb. 25 by the Grosse Pointe Public Schools for a technology bond, which seeks to modernize infrastructure and computers, is not unique to the Grosse Pointe community. It mirrors state and national trends in

education, but it also matches the nature of the world in which we live today.

Citizens of Grosse Pointe are among the most educated Michiganders. They choose to live, work and raise their families in the community. Working members of this community hold more advanced education than most in our state, but they also embrace technology in the modern world.

KEN SCHOP



From St. John Hospital & Medical Center, where physicians are using electronic health records and tablet computers to treat patients, to the Lunchbox Deli on Mack Avenue, where all transactions and ordering are managed using a single iPad, preparing the next generation workforce for an increasingly technological world is critical.

Michigan Governor Rick Snyder has called for an educational system in our state "that prepares students for the technological age of today and jobs of tomorrow." The Michigan Legislature has crafted policy to expand digital learning opportunities through online courses for students in grades five through 12. Colleges and universities in Michigan require students to take fully online courses to earn a degree. The department of education is headed toward computer-based state assessments for K-12 schools over the next few years.

A report by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy on online and blended courses recommended online learning be integrated into Michigan's K-12 schools, because it improves education.

The tech bond issue is about more than technology, it's about education for the technological age and jobs of tomorrow. Education is something that economically and fundamentally impacts the Grosse Pointe community.

Currently, the infrastructure in Grosse Pointe schools severely limits the ability for students to get a technology-integrated education and this bond would change that. A community-led group, referring to themselves as "TechYES," has championed the technology bond in Grosse Pointe. They have relayed the importance of technology in schools and everyday life to support what the tech bond is looking to do. However, they are not the only group around. An opposing viewpoint has been offered by individuals referring to themselves as "TechNO."

While the signposts are there that the world today demands technology-savvy citizens, perhaps the most compelling evidence that students need to be prepared for a technology-rich world has come from the very group that opposes technology in Grosse Pointe Schools. The TechnO group has

depended heavily on technology to communicate their anti-technology message, which illustrates just how technology-integrated the world really has become.

The TechnO group has heavily relied on Facebook posting to converse and share information about their anti-technology view. Besides that, they have been blogging about the technology bond and commenting on blog posts of others about it. Additionally, they have used social media to make their case for less technology in schools, and they have even leveraged an automated computerized phone calling service (with an out-of-state area code) to make robot calls asking Grosse Pointe residents to vote against technology in education.

If campaigning for a cause against technology cannot be accomplished without technology today, then neither can education.

The writing on the wall is clear that the technology-integrated world into which our students will emerge is going to be one that requires more than just knowledge; it will require skills and experience with technology.

Can Grosse Pointe students graduate truly ready for the world ahead without technology as a part of their education, especially if technology is such a demonstrable necessity in so many areas of life?

The importance of technology in education is not about technology, it is about educating students for their future.

GARY G. ABUD, JR.  
Shelby Township

Information technology

To the Editor:

How curious the information technology manager for the Grosse Pointe Public School System was absent from the technology bond proposal panel at the League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe forum.

The stated purpose of the forum was to facilitate a citizen education meeting.

I can understand why Dr. Thomas Harwood, superintendent of schools, and Christian Fenton, deputy superintendent for business and operations, were present to respond to philosophical and business-related questions from residents.

But "Teacher of the Year" as the most knowledgeable representative for the state of

technology in the schools?

KELLY BOLL  
Grosse Pointe Park

Coordinate voting dates

To the Editor:

I can't help but feel the technology bond proposal vote on Feb. 25 constitutes a stealth election.

It is not fair to generous Grosse Pointe Public School System taxpayers to host an election at a time of year when many of them are not here to vote.

This single-issue election will cost about \$70,000. Those dollars were intended to educate children.

It's time to coordinate with general elections to save money and increase participation.

SALLY BERNARD  
Grosse Pointe Farms

Irresponsible bond and date

To the Editor:

If it wasn't bad enough for our Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education to select a February election date, at a cost of \$70,000, the school system has admitted no plan exists for using any new technology to boost academic achievement among our students.

Fifty million dollars is a lot of money. This new tax represents a 23 percent increase in Grosse Pointe schools taxes. We already receive premium funding, ranking No. 3 in the state in terms of tax dollars received.

The ballot language is vague. We have no idea how all that money will be spent.

If the Grosse Pointe schools need technology upgrades, they need to develop a reasonable plan that includes a quantifiable return on investment. This bond—and the stealth election date—is irresponsible. Please vote "No" on Feb. 25.

JENNY GREENWELL  
Grosse Pointe Park

Christmas tree proposal

To the Editor:

For the first time in my life, I will vote against an increase in funding education.

Here are my reasons: 1) Capital versus operating expenses.

Bonds should be issued for capital improvements and they should be used for items that have a life approximately equal to the life of the bond.

Many of the items listed on the district

website have a short life. Who will pay for replacements and how.

For example \$17 million will be used to buy tablets and computers, or white boards and fancy projectors for \$7 million that become obsolete in five years.

Other items on the list, such as security, should have been included in the operating budget over the years.

It surprises me that only now the school board wants to install cameras, years after Columbine and other school incidents.

2) Quality of education. The school board should focus on quality of education and not on gimmicks.

— In the Channel 20 presentation, Grosse Pointe was compared with Troy, Bloomfield Hills, Okemos, etc.

I have been following the performance of our students in the Michigan standardized test and we generally fall below those districts and this is not because of local millage. Bloomfield Hills, 10.92; and Troy, 10.51; are about the same as Grosse Pointe, 10.09.

— I see very little in the proposal to improve science, math and engineering education.

Two of my daughters are graduates of the Grosse Pointe schools and during their time I complained about the quality of math education, to no avail.

Providing a computer does not teach calculus, or organic chemistry topics that were inadequately taught, as we found when they went to college.

— Providing elementary school children with tablets will likely encourage games and distractions. And I fail to see how it can contribute to better reading, writing and arithmetic.

3) Informing the community.

I am disturbed by the fact the Grosse Pointe League of Women Voters organized essentially a propaganda "fest." Responsible leaders in Grosse Pointe education, like Cindy Pangborn, should have been invited to present. Denying access on a technicality was shameful.

I also object to the continuous screening of the meeting on Channel 20. A healthy debate — pro and con — is the best way to inform the electorate.

4) Amount of increase.

The bond will add 2.2839 mills to taxes. And although person-

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## LETTERS:

# Community offers thoughts, ideas of proposed technology bond

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ally I have no problem paying, this seems to me to be an increase of around 20 percent to what I pay for the schools.

Increases of this amount should be carefully thought out to ensure they are the best way to improve education.

For example, does an elementary school need a 200-kilowatt generator to enable full operations during the couple of days we experience power failures, or should there be only sufficient emergency power to evacuate the school. The bond provides for about \$5 million for emergency power.

This seems to me a Christmas tree proposal. Let's put in anything we can think of, call it technology and hopefully Grosse Pointers will not notice the waste.

LINOS J. JACOVIDES  
Grosse Pointe Farms

## Go back to the drawing board

To the Editor:

It has come to my attention the Grosse Pointe Public School System technology bond proposal contains \$17 million for individual computers for all students, grades three through 12.

Since when is providing personal computers the responsibility of the

taxpayers and not the responsibility of the parents? In a district like Grosse Pointe, I would guess more than 95 percent of the students already have their own computer.

I'm sure the schools do need new wiring and new computers, but this \$50-plus million proposal is way over the top when it includes individual computers for every student.

Let's vote "No" on Feb. 25 and make the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education go back to the drawing board and present a reasonable proposal in the future.

THOMAS TREFZER  
Grosse Pointe Park

## Responsible spending

To the Editor:

Residents for responsible spending are all for: students, learning, new technology and responsible planning and budgeting.

We are not for a blank check funded by the taxpayers without the above.

Eighty-five percent of the school district's new technology plans are ordering cloud-based storage technology. It is a potential substantial cost saver and delivers tremendous instruction and administrative systems to school districts.

Schools can still store student files locally, to protect privacy issues

from third parties.

Grosse Pointe administration has admitted cloud technology "... has a subscription service cost that is not a permissible bond expense and therefore would need to be financed through the general fund budget, which is already overburdened."

Is that the real reason for promoting a 10-year renewable bond with computers that will be obsolete in three to five years? Or is it that a bond can include everything else: lighting, carpeting, costly door replacements, extensive video and security surveillance.

Speaking of bonds, the \$62 million bonds from 2000 were rolled over in 2007? How close are we to paying these off, or is the district just paying the interest?

This community has many financial and information technology experts that would like to work with the school system on a committee for better planning, transparency and accountability. Please don't ignore them.

DIANE KARABESTOS  
Grosse Pointe

## Upcoming millage vote

To the Editor:

I want the best possible education for all of our students.

A lifelong member of the community, property owner, product of the

Grosse Pointe School System, and parent of four children educated in our public schools, I have concerns regarding the upcoming millage vote on Feb. 25.

With a decision of this magnitude, ongoing disappointment is the date chosen for the vote, when many members of our community are away. I question how many requested absentee ballots when information about the issues to be decided is minimal.

There are many red flags concerning this millage. Grosse Pointe residents received a flier announcing a discussion of the proposed millage a day after the meeting. Many attending observed a less than balanced overview.

We need honest, unbiased information and the media has a responsibility to their readership to provide the best possible coverage of the issues, including the consequences of their vote.

Valid concerns need a voice when important issues will affect our community for several years. We should do our own homework, but it shouldn't require a challenging fact-finding pursuit. I am grateful to those who have

researched the facts and have captured our attention before the vote.

This letter is offered as a plea for our citizens to be informed and involved. Read the information available providing statistics, true costs, above average salaries and risks. Learn that cities from New York to California have bought computers with no substantive change in test scores. Understand that most in our community have computers in their homes and access through many free sources.

This election is critical and is every citizen's duty to be informed before casting a vote. Honest, relevant facts should be easily accessible, allowing us to vote with confidence in our choices.

Our water, electricity and taxes have all increased, yet our schools are ranked lower than they have in decades. In the 1950s, we were among the top schools in the nation. Others have maintained that status for more than 60 years.

If our goal is to regain our reputation for harvesting the best and brightest, it would be wise to look beyond costly and unnecessary technology.

LAUREN CHAPMAN  
Grosse Pointe

## School tax increase

To the Editor:

Wake up fellow Grosse Pointers. You are about to be hit with a \$50.3 million Grosse Pointe Public School System spending spree — a 23 percent increase in your school taxes.

The ballot language is vague, the \$50.3 million proposal is in draft form.

There is no guarantee that money you approve will be spent in the manner proposed.

They want you to pass the bond before they tell you exactly what's in the bond. Sound familiar?

Don't be fooled. Your "No" vote is not a vote against our students, our teachers, or technology.

It's a vote to demand the Grosse Pointe schools go back to the drawing board and offer our community a moderate and responsible technology plan.

I urge you to visit responsible spending.com to learn more.

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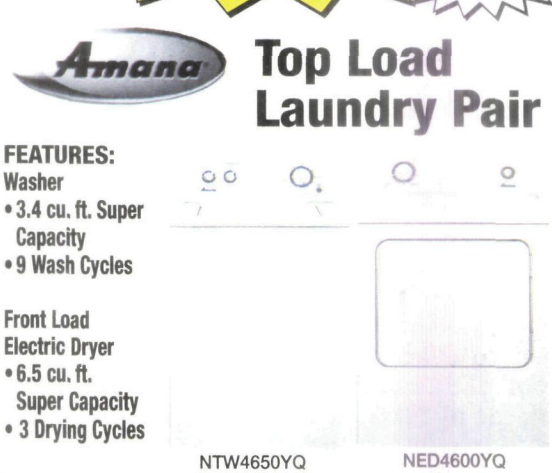
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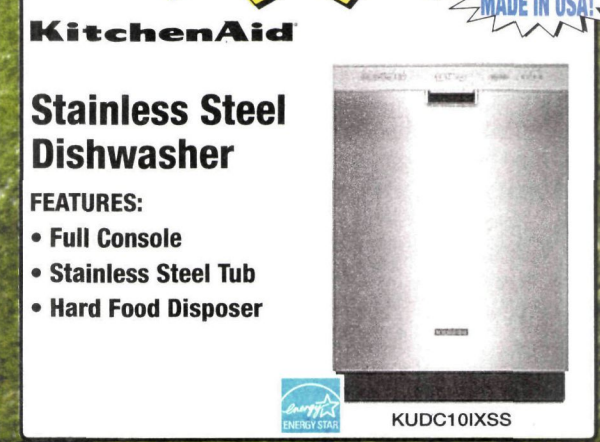
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## The choice is yours

By Ann L. Fouty  
Features Editor

*Editor's note: This is the final story in a four-part series on improving health and life styles.*

A healthy lifestyle has to start at some point. Today is that day for Grosse Pointers to embrace "60 Days of Health."

"Sixty Days of Health has been designed for the community to live a healthy lifestyle," said Andrea Beebe, the Neighborhood Club's fitness program coordinator.

"The purpose of the 60 Days of Health program is to celebrate everyone's health and well being; to promote awareness to being healthy, be active and to promote fitness for people in the community," said Stu Alderman, the Neighborhood Club's executive director.

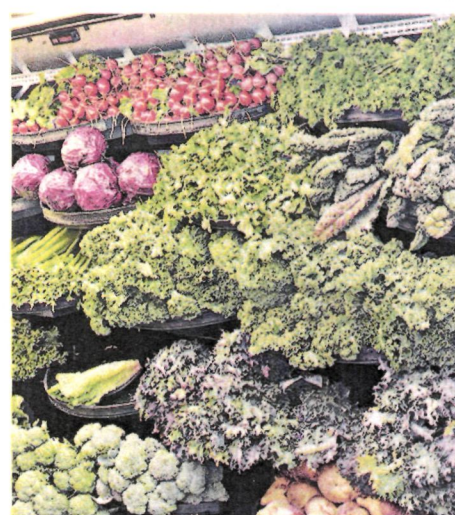
With programs to benefit all ages, the 60 Days of Health offers opportunities to enroll in a new exercise class, sit in on lectures presenting new ideas to enhance healthy thinking options, seek out places to socialize and tips to improve your life.

In a nutshell, 60 Days of Health suggests simple ways to change thinking, step out of the box and try something new.



Tim Madigan of Harper Woods has lost 100 pounds in the last year. He said he gradually built up his workouts as his strength increased.

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A wide array of vegetables available year round makes it easy to incorporate them into your diet.

"Ultimately it starts with thinking, making choices, at the grocery store or time," said Lucy Sternburgh, Beaumont's manager of employee and community health promotion of how to establish a healthy lifestyle. "Make sustainable choices, things that will last. Take small enough steps with community support. Find the right people, keep healthy company."

She goes on to say the human body was not built to sit 10 hours a day. Rather it is designed to be active and one way to achieve that is to get 30 minutes of exercise a day. It can be broken up into 10 minute segments, participating in light activities, standing and walking more.

For example, place the recycling bin or the printer in another room, park the car at the end of the parking lot or walk

### Small steps

- ◆ Use one cup mashed bananas or one cup applesauce in brownies instead of sugar.
- ◆ A square or two of dark chocolate with a tablespoon of peanut butter will stave off an afternoon sweet craving.
- ◆ Substitute a handful of veggie chips for a handful of potato chips.
- ◆ Replace a soda with seltzer water flavored with a drop of vanilla.
- ◆ Order a wild salmon burger instead of a beef burger. And top it with grilled onion or mushrooms instead of cheese.

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the dog.

"A lot of people are invested in taking care of others — family, work and the elderly. Self care takes a back seat. We are a product of our environment. We believe we must build an island of health. Find that sacred chunk of time. (For example)

Those people with dogs have an accountability partner," Sternburgh said.

Once the lifestyle begins to change — no more grabbing a snack from the vending machine — the culture around us changes because, "Our behavior is contagious. We can't wait for the government to say 'get healthy.' It's a personal choice," Sternburgh said.

Beebe added 60 Days of Health feeds right into that.

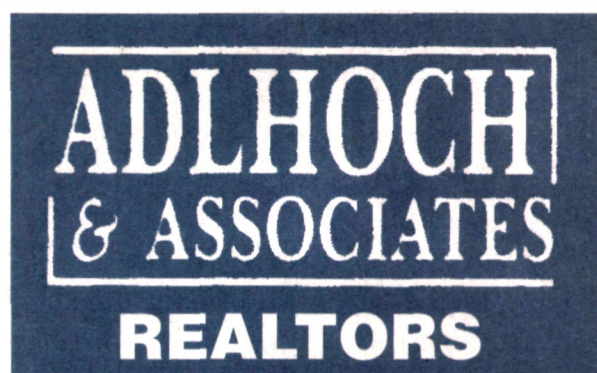
"The program that we have been working on is designed for the community to live a healthy lifestyle," she said.

Whether it's a diet change or a change in an exercise routine, it is a conscious choice.

"You have to see this as a positive experience," Sternburgh said.

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## AREA ACTIVITIES

**NAMI**

The National Alliance on Mentally Ill support group meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3, at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information, call Barb Kozicki at (313) 886-8004.

**Friends of Vision**

The Friends of Vision Support Group meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 3, and Wednesday, Feb. 5, at the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, 15415 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

It also meets from 1 to 2:15 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3, at St. Lucy Catholic Church, 23401 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

For more information, call Nancy Pilorget at (313) 824-4710, ext. 225.

**Camera club**

The Grosse Pointe Camera Club meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, at Brownell Middle School.

For more information, call Mike Florian at (313) 822-7080 or visit [grossepointecameraclub.org](http://grossepointecameraclub.org).

**Garden club**

The 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, Windmill Pointe Garden Club meeting is at Cathy Murray's house. Co-hostess is Monica

Silverstone and the speaker is Mary Northcutt.

**Herb society**

The Grosse Pointe Unit of the Herb Society of America has a membership tea from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, at the home of Mary Northcutt. To attend, call Northcutt at (313) 885-5575.

♦ The society meets at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. Fungi is the topic addressed by Master Gardener Helen Bai.

Guests can attend at 7 p.m.

**Grosse Pointe Woods**

The movie, "The Butler," is shown Tuesday, Feb. 18, at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center during the lunch and movie event.

Prior to the movie, starring Forest Whitaker and Oprah Winfrey, a noon catered lunch is served. The cost is \$9 for residents and \$11 for non-residents.

For reservations, call the community center at (313) 343-2408.

♦ A tour of the Ford Rouge Factory is Friday, Feb. 21. A bus to transport attendees leaves the community center at 10 a.m.

The self-guided five-part tour includes the

Legacy Theater, the Art of Manufacturing Theater, observation deck, Dearborn truck plant and the Legacy Gallery. Lunch is available at the Michigan Cafe, at your expense.

Registration deadline is Friday, Feb. 15. Woods residents pay \$15 and non-residents pay \$18.

**Beaumont**

"Five Ways to Knock Negativity" is presented from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, in the Connelly Auditorium of Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, 468 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe.

The workshop is designed to help attendees live lighthearted and keep a positive mindset.

The lecture costs \$10 and reservations can be made by calling 800-633-7377 or visiting [classes.beaumont.edu](http://classes.beaumont.edu).

**Unitarian Church**

The Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church hosts the musical group, Yellow Room Gang, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 1, at the church. The opening act for the seven songwriters and performers is Straight Eight.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [gpuc.us](http://gpuc.us).

**Ford House**

The Edsel & Eleanor

**Mr. President**

Former president of Poland, Lech Walesa, left, met with Congressman John Boehner, D-Ohio, and speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, center, talked with Polish-born Teo Nowakowski of Grosse Pointe Park. She was invited to Washington because her daughter had been on Boehner's staff.

Ford House showcase the works of Michigan artist Kim Cridler in "Nature Uncontained: Metalwork."

She incorporates flora and fauna images into her works of steel, bronze and silver sculptures.

In conjunction with the exhibit, the Ford House offers two jewelry workshops. The 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, is about fold-forming and costs \$95. The second class, sawing and piercing, is at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 1, and costs \$95.

Other offerings are the jewelry and refined sculpture at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16, and architectural sculpture at 1 p.m. Sunday, March 16. Both cost \$25.

The Ford House features up-and-coming Detroit artist and art styles exhibit at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, and 7 p.m. Thursday, March 13. Both cost \$25 each.

A metal smithing stu-

dios tour is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 8, and costs \$65.

For more information or to register, call (313) 884-4222 or visit [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org).

**Volunteers**

Salute to Senior Service nominations are accepted through March 1. The program recognizes the contributions adults, age 65 and older, who give at least 15 hours a month of volunteer service to their favorite cause.

Home Instead, Inc. is donating \$500 to each Michigan winner's designated and approved non-profit organizations, and his or her personal story is online. In addition, \$5,000 is donated to the national winner's designated and approved non-profit charity.

To complete and submit an online nomination form and to view official contest rules, visit [SaluteToSeniorService.com](http://SaluteToSeniorService.com). Completed nomination forms can alternatively be mailed to Salute to Senior Service, P.O. Box 285, Bellevue, NE 68005.

For more information, call (313) 647-9682.

**War Memorial**

To register for classes and programs at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, call (313) 881-7511. Registering on day class starts often requires an additional fee. Coming up in the days ahead:

**Beginning Adult Piano**

— 1 to 2:30 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 30 through March 20. Learn to play piano in a group setting led by instructor Penny Masouris. The class focuses on basic music skills, the keyboard, note reading and counting. At home practice is required with an instrument with a full-size keyboard. The cost is \$168.

**Italian New Year** — 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4. Learn how to prepare Italian dishes with chef Doug Cordier. Participants must be 21. The cost is \$48.

**Middle School Dance: Valentine's Day Dance** — 7:30 to 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7. This is open to all students in grades 6 through 8, who reside in or attend school in Grosse Pointe. Wear red and white. Students also must show a \$15 War Memorial ID card. The dance costs \$14 and no tickets are sold at the door.

**Viva Espana! A Wine Tasting** — 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7. The class explores the flavors, geography, wine making and food harmony from several Spanish regions with instructor Michelle DeHayes. The cost is \$45.

**The Renaissance: DIA Art Lectures** — 10:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Feb. 11. Discover the period of change 500 years ago through ancient Greece and Rome through the art of the DIA. The fee is \$18.

**Winter Bistro** — 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12. Learn how to create French fare with instructor Lisa Woodward. Participants must be 21. The cost is \$46.

**ASK THE EXPERTS** By Kathleen Blazoff

## Parent and child need to discuss hospice, palliative care early

**Q** My doctor recommended palliative care to my mother with Alzheimer's dementia. What is it?

**A** Palliative care or palliative medicine is specialized medical care for people with a chronic and/or serious illness. Palliative focuses on providing patients with relief of symptoms, pain and stress of an illness with equal attention to emotional and spiritual well being. Palliative care assists the patient and family in establishing goals of treatment and advance care planning. Palliative care can be consulted at any time during your mother's illness. Most hospital systems have a multidisciplinary palliative care team to assist the patient and family. Care and treatment continues through the primary care physician with consultation from the team.

**Q** Each time I go to a physician office,

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they ask me if I have an advance directive, what is this?

**A** It is a document to help you choose your patient advocate and express health care wishes. An advance directive for health care can only be used in situations when you are unable to make your own decisions. Once you have completed your advance directive, be sure to give a copy to your physician and patient advocate. To download an advance directive for health care, visit [stjohnprovidence.org/advancedirective](http://stjohnprovidence.org/advancedirective).

**Q** How do I choose my patient advocate?

**A** A patient advocate should be someone who knows you, your values and beliefs. This person may have to make health care and/or mental health decisions for you if you are not able to make them for yourself. The advocate need not be a family member, but someone trustworthy to honor your wishes no matter how difficult the situation. Spend time talking to family members and your advocate about your health care wishes.

Blazoff is a nurse practitioner with St. John Providence/Providence Park Hospital—Palliative Medicine. For more information, call (586) 753-1260.

**LIFESTYLE: Make a choice**

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"Viewing it as a personal reward rather than a daunting task. Change the lens of the way we view this personal topic."

The Neighborhood Club has more than 40 exercise classes geared to youngsters through seniors and at a variety of times. Early morning and later afternoon classes are popular with working adults, Beebe said. Retirees come during the day.

"The pool is very well used," she said.

For those reluctant to change, Beebe said, "Try something different and mix up a routine."

Maybe revising your exercise routine isn't up for discussion. Many Beaumont-sponsored

speakers discuss current topics, such as how parents can reduce their stress levels. How to make a home more green is a topic to be addressed during 60 Days of Health by LocalMotionGreen @ Ecology Center.

Today is a good day to learn what the Grosse Pointes have to offer as lifestyles are adjusted to the healthy side of the street.

*The Family Center is a non-profit organization. All gifts are tax-deductible.*

To volunteer or contribute, visit [familycenterweb.org](http://familycenterweb.org) or call (313) 432-3832. E-mail questions to [info@familycenterweb.org](mailto:info@familycenterweb.org).

**Feeling squeezed**

An increasing number of Americans find themselves caught in the "sandwich generation," often not sure how to cope with the emotional and financial stress of being pulled in two directions.

"Taking Care While Giving Care: Coping with the Challenges of the Sandwich Generation," presented by the Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods in partnership with Assumption Cultural Center and Senior Expo, is from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, at the Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

"If you find yourself in the middle of caring for aging relatives while balancing the pressures of your own life, you will learn a lot from this evening's presentations and the opportunity to meet with resource organizations," said Family Center Director Debbie Liedel.

"Most people aren't educated in how to help an aging parent so knowing where to look for help can be the first obstacle many people don't get over," said Sharon Maier, Services for Older Citizens executive director and a Feb. 6 speaker. "While being part of the sandwich generation stresses all of your resources, the best defense is a good offense which means know what resources are available to help you and be willing to use them."

"When caring for your aging parents, know that you are entering a new lifestyle and you will

need to develop new skills and knowledge to adapt," said Heidi Uhlig, SOC director of volunteer services and one of the evening's speakers. "To cope with the new life style, it is important to gain knowledge on resources through the web or local organizations and to ask for help."

**Presentations:****Survival Tips for the Sandwich Generation**

Maier and Uhlig When caring for your parents and your family, planning and preparation are important, but it is also important to realize you can't do it all on your own.

**The 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's and Dementia**

Barbara Roden, owner, Senior Helpers, and board member of the Alzheimer's Association Greater Michigan Chapter.

One of the hardest parts about the disease — especially in the early stages — is one cannot readily see something is wrong.

**Comfort Care: Understanding Palliative Care and Hospice Services**

Kathleen Balzoff, RN, Palliative Medicine, St. John Providence/Providence Park Hospital.

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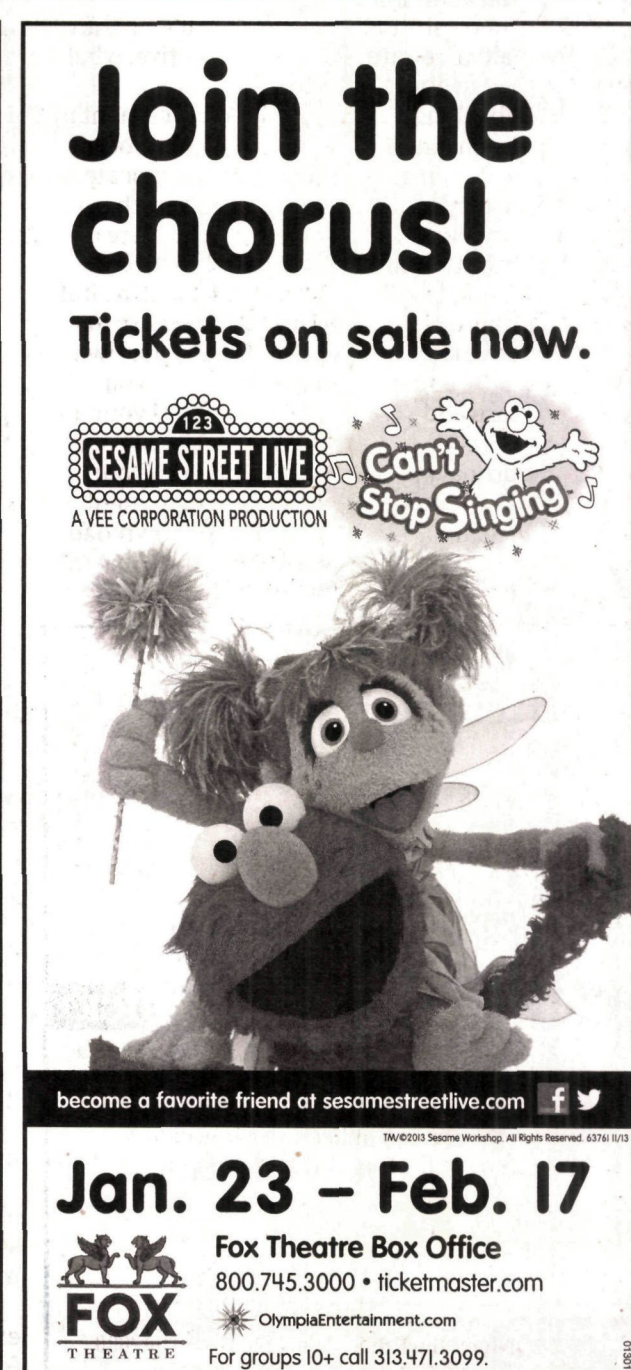
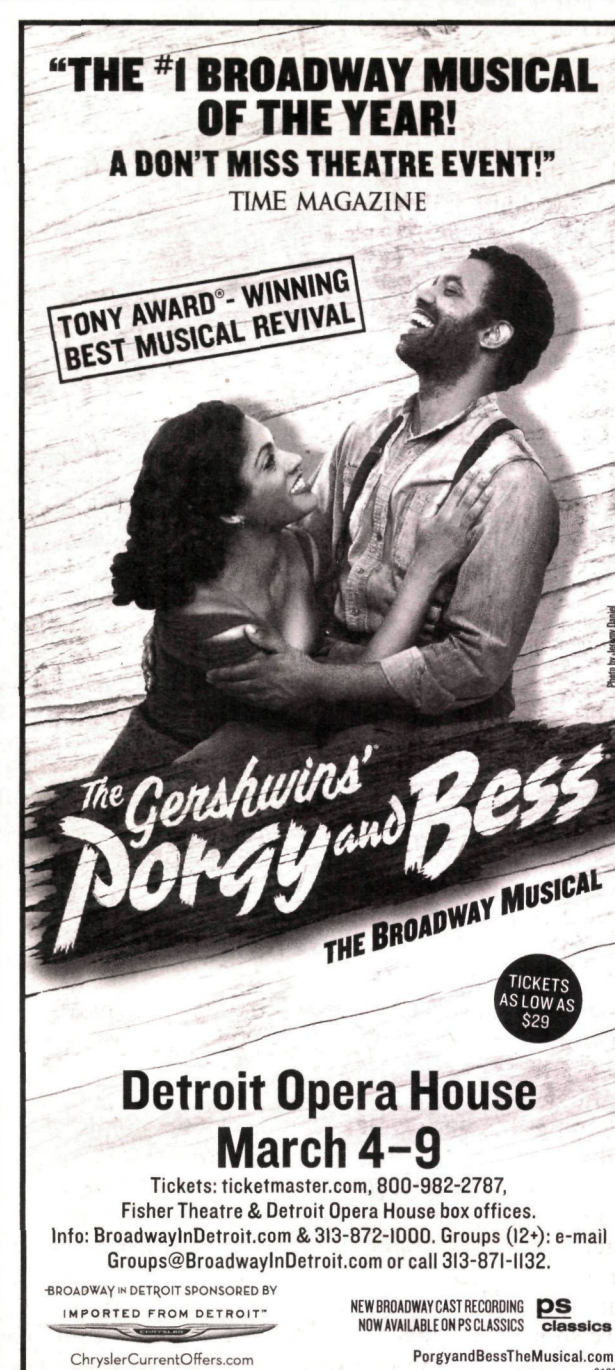
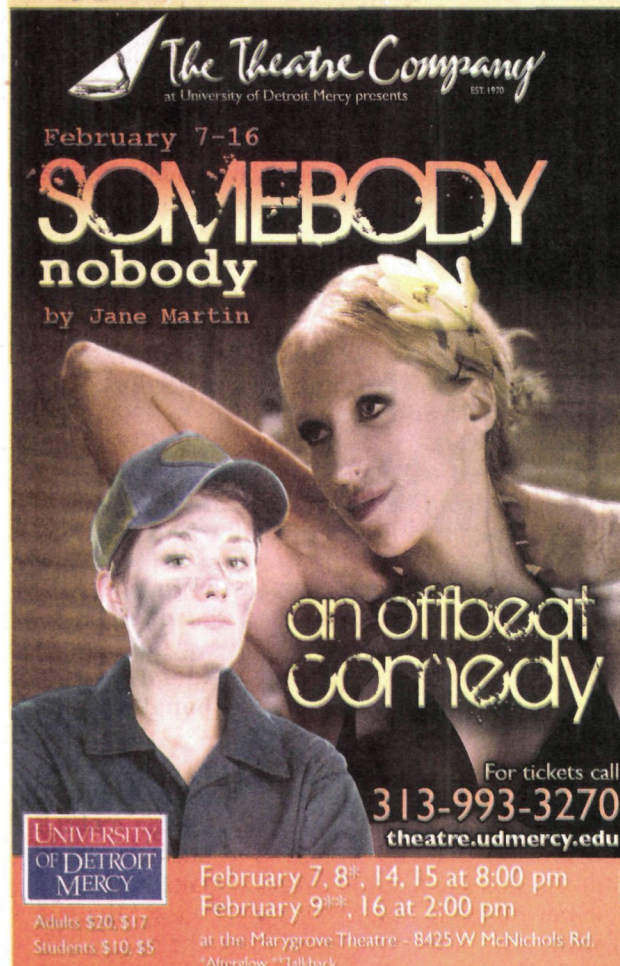
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## PASTOR'S CORNER

By Rev. Scott R. McKinney

## Faith: Putting feet on hope

In the fall of 2006, then-Sen. Barack Obama had his second book published, "The Audacity of Hope: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream."

The book remained on the New York Times best seller list for 30 weeks. Obama then proved himself to "hope audaciously" by announcing his candidacy for the office of the presidency of the United States Feb. 10, 2007, a little more than three months after the publication of the book.

Most of us live with hope and some of us with many hopes. Hope provides a vision, a picture of what we desire to become real. Hope pulls us into the future with high expectation. Hope even gives us the strength and comfort to manage present disappointments, failures and fears.

Yet, hope can lapse into "wishful thinking" when we are not acting upon it. For hope to be fruitful, we need to walk in its magnetism. The Bible calls this acting in hope *faith*. As the writer of the biblical book Hebrews notes, "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things unseen." (11:1.)

So rather than a noun, the word faith is more a verb — a word of action. Some Christian writers try to turn the word faith into "faithing" to show its activity. Faith puts feet on hope. Faith describes more than our emotional or cerebral process; faith shows up in our behavior. People observing what we do should be able to know what our faith is all about.

There's an old story describing a high wire artist walking a tight rope back and forth over a roaring waterfall. He does this dangerous act pushing a wheelbarrow. Several time she crosses the tight rope with the wheelbarrow. When he arrives back on terra firma he asks a spectator, "Do you have faith that I can do that again?"

"Yes, I do," replies the admirer.

"Then, hop in," the artist says.

So faith is much more than giving assent to beliefs. Faith is living out our hope. The Bible, both old and new testaments, says much about hoping in the Lord, or God, or Jesus Christ. It takes writers like St. Paul to put this hope into concrete activity. Thus, Paul gives us neat little "laundry lists" of how to live hope with faith: "Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affections; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer." Romans 12:9-12

We can do all these things because we do have hope. These faith activities grow out of our hope in the Lord. And it all shows.

Rev. McKinney and Rev. Jill McKinney are interim ministers at St. James Lutheran Church.

## Husband-wife team share pulpit

By Ann L. Fouty  
Features Editor

The Revs. Jill and Scott McKinney of Rochester Hills are sharing the ministerial duties as the interim ministers at St. James Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

"The interim process is quite wonderful," she said. "The congregation can stop and look at its history and discern what God is saying. It's a transition time. It's a good time for self study."

With the retirement of Rev. Gerald Spice, the husband and wife team are providing the spiritual leadership for the congregation which could last 18 months, or longer.

McKinney said she was raised on the east side of Detroit and graduated from Finney High School. After two years at Oakland University she dropped out to marry and raise a family. At 41, she went back to earn a human resources management degree from Concordia University Ann Arbor. She spent eight years as the Evangelical Lutheran synod's bishop and has since trained as an intentional interim minister. St. James is the fourth congregation she has served as an interim minister over the past eight years, serving an average of 1 1/2 years.

Scott McKinney was raised in Arlington, Va., and earned a

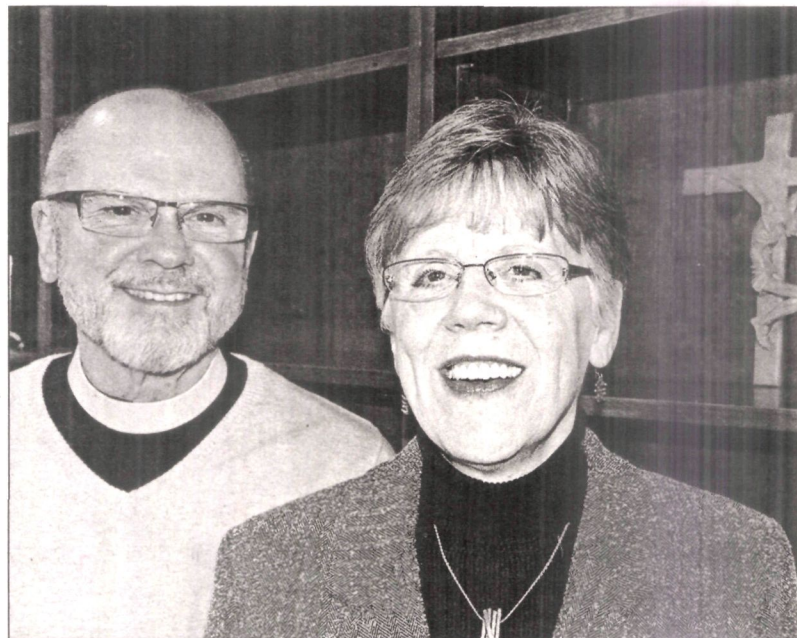


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Revs. Scott and Jill McKinney are interim ministers at St. James Lutheran Church.

Master of Divinity degree from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus in 1964. His first church was in a 4,000 member congregation in Detroit, followed by a move to Traverse City and back to the metro area. During that time he earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from New Jersey's Drew University. After retiring in 2004, Scott McKinney has taken on part-time ministry jobs. However, this is the first time the couple have served together.

"This is the first time in 27 years we have been together on Sunday. It's delightful," she said. McKinney is lead minister for St. James, while her husband is part time.

"I do most of the sermons," Scott McKinney said, "and the adult education."

In fact, they see their roles as playing to their strengths — his are adult education, home and hospital visits and hers are offering the sacraments, administration and overseeing the staff.

## CHURCH EVENTS

## Ecumenical breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical breakfast begins with coffee at

6:45 a.m. Friday, Jan. 31, at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A buffet breakfast is served at 7:15 a.m. followed at 7:45 a.m. by the speaker, the Rev. Krister Ulmanis from St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran

Church, Grosse Pointe Farms. The event ends at 8:15 a.m.

Men of all faiths can attend. For more information call Robert Fortunate at (313) 886-3383.

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Soprano Molly Bruner

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# OBITUARIES

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

## Dorothy Denler Hanna

Dorothy Denler Hanna, 98, a lifelong citizen of the Detroit area, died Saturday, Jan. 25, 2014.

Mrs. Hanna resided at Sunrise Senior Living in Grosse Pointe Woods, where she was a founding member since joining that community in February 2005. Sharp, thoughtful, independent, curious, energetic, wryly humorous, and not a little playful at times, she was active at Sunrise, interacting with its staff throughout her residence there.

Dorothy Margaret Denler was born June 1, 1915, in Detroit, to William John Denler and Mabel Margaret Murphy, and was raised on Atkinson St. and Burlington Drive in Palmer Woods. She attended Caroline Crosman Elementary, Emma Stark Hampton Middle School and Highland Park High School. She also attended Western College for Women, now Miami University, in Oxford, Ohio.

She met the love of her life, Richard Granville Hanna, and they married Nov. 18, 1939, in the Christ Church Chapel at Cranbrook. They lived a full life together for 30 years until his death in June 1969.

Mrs. Hanna devoted herself to family, home and community, contributing 30 years of volunteer service at Hutzel Hospital in Detroit. She paid attention to current events and politics, an interest stemming from international travel in Europe and Latin America with her husband throughout the 1940s to 1960s, and

developed a growing passion for social justice. She loved to dance and was interested in sports, particularly tennis, golf and baseball, and she rarely shied away from games of chance.

Mrs. Hanna is survived by her son, James Clay Hanna of Purcellville, Va.; grandson, Scott Marsden Hanna of Washington, D.C.; sister-in-law, Heather Denler, and many nieces and nephews, for whom she felt much love and fondness.

A celebration of Mrs. Hanna's life will take place at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations honoring her commitment to social service may be made to Leader Dogs for the Blind, 1039 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307 or the Salvation Army, 10 W. Algonquin Road, Des Plaines, IL 60016-6000.

## Norval Reamer

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Norval Reamer passed away Sunday, Jan. 5, 2014, at La Vida Llena Retirement Community in Albuquerque, N.M.

He was predeceased by his wife, Dorothy, after 51 years of marriage; and his brother, Irving. He is survived by his niece, Nancy Luttrup, her two sons and their families of Fort Collins, Colo.

Mr. Reamer served his country in World War II and was in the first wave of soldiers to land on Normandy Beach. After 36 years of employment,

he retired from the casualty underwriting division of AAA of Michigan Automobile Group.

His family said Mr. Reamer will be remembered for his loving care of his wife, commitment to his community, his "can do" attitude, and wonderful sense of humor. He will be missed by those fortunate to have known him.

A memorial service celebrating Mr. Reamer's life will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, in Carter Hall at La Vida Llena, 10501 Lagrima de Oro Road NE, Albuquerque, NM.

Share a memory at FrenchFunerals.com.

## Shirley Andrews

Shirley Andrews, nee Guier, passed away Sunday, Jan. 26, 2014, at her home in Grosse Pointe Woods. She was 88.

She was the beloved wife of Paul for 63 years; dear mother of Krysty Schwikert (Paul) and the late Mark "Doc" Andrews. Shirley also is survived by her sister, Dorothy Paul of Loxley, Ala., and grandchildren, Eddie and Hollis Andrews and Shane and Brittany Schwikert.

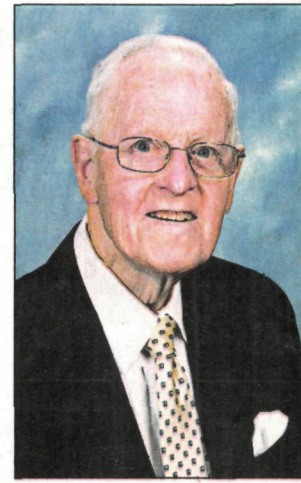
Born Dec. 16, 1925, in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., she moved with her family to Detroit the following year. A 1943 graduate of Denby High School, she also attended Wayne State University where met her husband, Paul.

An outgoing and loving person, she cherished her family and friends and loved so many things: her church, entertaining, cooking, music, art, movies, reading, travel, animal life of every description, nature, beauty, bowling and golf (especially her eagle 2 at Hickory Hollow in 1996).

Visitation will be held from 2 to 9 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 30, at A.H.



Dorothy Denler Hanna



Norval Reamer



Shirley Andrews

Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

A celebration of her life will be held at 10 a.m. Friday Jan. 31, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to Triumphant Cross Lutheran Church, 22310 Thirteen Mile Road, St. Clair Shores, MI 49082.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

## Fernando Panepucci

Fernando Panepucci, 76, died Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2014.

He was the beloved husband of Kathy for 29 years; loving father of Tony, Tommy (Betsy), Julie Crawford (Matt), Jeff Crawford and Jill Grantham (Joe); and proud grandpa of Olivia, Lily and Bess Grantham and Michael Crawford. He also is survived by his sister, Filomena Defelice (Mario) and brother, Firpo (Lois), along with many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his brother, Fiore (survived by Kay).

Born July 9, 1937, Mr. Panepucci was a proud and loyal employee of Ford Motor Co., working his way up and retiring as product coordinating supervisor.

His memory will be cherished by many good friends and neighbors.

A funeral service was held Jan. 27 at the Dearborn Chapel of Howe-Peterson Funeral Home.

Donations may be made to Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation at pulmonaryfibrosis.org.

Share a memory at howepeterson.com.

## Minette Kay Risser Graves

Minette Kay Risser Graves, 85, died Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2014.

Born Feb. 4, 1928, in Middletown, Ohio, to James S. Risser and Marie Kay Kelley Risser, she was raised in Bay City, attended Central High School, but completed her senior year of high school at Stephens College.

In spring 1948, she graduated from Stephens College with a degree in fashion merchandising and was president of the school's merchandising club. Her family said she could look at a photo of a designer dress and duplicate the pattern.

On Dec. 30, 1948, she married Lawrence B. Graves, known as "Laurie" to friends and family, at First Presbyterian Church of Bay City, where they were members more than 50 years.

In the mid-1960s, Mrs. Graves opened Bell, Book and Candle, a novelty shop in downtown Bay City, which she owned and operated more than 20 years. In her spare time, she enjoyed quilting, knitting, needlepoint, beading and painting. She also enjoyed swing dancing and snow skiing.

Mrs. Graves accompanied her husband in his Aircoupe airplane and on hunting trips. She was accomplished with a rifle and cross bow. She also served as co-captain of their Chris-Craft 42-foot Constellation.

In later years, Mrs. Graves and her husband traveled the United



Minette Kay Risser Graves

States first by car, and then by motor home. For many years, they wintered in Florida. They loved spending time in Lexington, Ky., and vacationing in Nassau, Bahamas.

The couple moved to Grosse Pointe in December 2011, to be closer to family.

Mrs. Graves is survived by her sons, James R. Graves (Janet), Lawrence B. Graves Jr. (Sue) and Mark S. Graves (Deb); grandchildren, James R. Graves II, Jason T. Graves, Justin C. Graves, Jonathan B. Graves, Kaitlin R. Derks (Zachary) and Jeffrey G. Graves and brother, James Bruce Risser.

She was predeceased by Laurie, her husband of 64 years; parents; and sister, Susan Risser Grimm.

Mrs. Graves' family thanks Helen, Robyn, Melissa, Jessy, Juvy, Angela, Miranda and Michelle for their loving support and comfort during her difficult times.

A funeral service was held Jan. 25 at First Presbyterian Church, Bay City.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

## CHURCHES:

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"First Sunday" Music in the Woods features Oakland University students soprano Molly Bruner and baritone Mark Hosseini at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2.

The two perform a duet recital featuring works of Schumann, Milhaud and Rossi.

The suggested donation is \$10 and proceeds benefit the Skinner 705 organ restoration project.

For more information, visit stmichaelsgpw.org or call (313) 884-4820.



Baritone Mark Hosseini

are the featured musical pieces.

The public can attend.

### Christ Church

Christ Church Grosse Pointe Choir of Men and Girls sings during the 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2, Feast of the Presentation. The Candlemass procession is followed by the Holy Eucharist celebrating the presentation of Jesus Christ in the temple.

Mozart's "Mass in C major" and "Organ Solo"

### St. Margaret

St. Margaret of Scotland, 21201 13 Mile, St. Clair Shores, hosts a mom-to-mom sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8. Admission costs \$1. Early bird admission is \$2.

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# PRIDE OF THE POINTES

**Kaitlin R. Graves** graduated from the Kirkhof College of Nursing at Grand Valley State University summer 2013 with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing and a minor in psychology. The Grosse Pointe North High School graduate is the daughter of Sue A. and Lawrence B. Graves Jr. of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The following local students were accepted into the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Program at Albion College for the fall 2013 semester: Regina High School graduate **Alexis Ahee**, daughter of Raymond and Gina Ahee, City of Grosse Pointe; Grosse Pointe North High School graduate

**Mary Maher**, daughter of John and Kelly Maher of Grosse Pointe Farms; and Grosse Pointe South High School graduate **Savannah Rana**, daughter of Daniel and Bindra Rana of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The following local students were accepted into the Carl A. Gerstacker Institute for Business and Management at Albion College for the fall 2013 semester: De La Salle Collegiate High School graduate **Joseph Pompey**, son of Pasquale and Josephine Pompeo of the City of Grosse Pointe; and Grosse Pointe North High School graduate **Michael Rieth**, son of Robert and Nancy Rieth of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The following students were named to the Dean's List for the summer semester at Central Michigan University: **Jonathan William Crandall** of Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe Woods resident **Zakiya Watt**. Watt also graduated in August 2013 with a Bachelor of Science degree.

The following students, all of Grosse Pointe Woods, graduated August 2013 from Central Michigan University: **Frederick Griswold**, Bachelor of Science degree; **Renee Hermann**, Master of Science Administration degree; **Michael Koltun**, Bachelor of Science

degree; and **Michael Pilot**, Bachelor of Science degree.

**Hannah W. Wheeler** was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2013 semester at Furman University. The 2012 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School is the daughter of Greg and Sarah Wheeler of Grosse Pointe Park.

**Peter Fox** of Grosse Pointe Farms has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2013 semester at the University of Notre Dame.

**Stephen Fox** of Grosse Pointe Farms has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2013 semester at the University of Notre Dame.

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## 6B | AUTOMOTIVE

AUTOS By Jenny King

## 2014 Toyota Tundra tackles tough



**R**edesigned inside and out, Toyota's 2014 Tundra is a capable work horse that has its work cut out for it.

The full-size pickup goes up against trucks from Ford, Chevrolet, Dodge Ram and Nissan Titan.

This is a skirmish in which you don't want to get caught, even though these vehicles ride high, offer powerful engines and can be equipped with a range of safety, comfort and convenience options.

We were, frankly, intimidated when faced with a vehicle that might not be able to make it through some parking structures without bumping its head, or ruining the neighbor's grass in a graceless exit down the drive. As for other unintended close encounters, a full-size pickup is long and wide and takes no prisoners in parking lots and on narrow streets.

Size matters and other drivers seem to realize this, taking necessary precautions.

What we didn't realize until behind the wheel is how much fun it is to drive a high-riding 4X4 pickup.

Toyota's 2014 Tundra speaks with a Texas twang flavored with Alabama and North



The 2014 Tundra crew cab model features wide second-row doors and capacious seating area. Tundra's 5.7-liter V-8 delivers power at a price: about 15 miles per gallon, average. Front seat passengers have a useful center console which can be filled up for a third passenger.

Carolina drawls and nonsense midwest English.

The full-size pickup truck is powered by an engine built in Alabama

and transmission from North Carolina. Its design and engineering are out of Michigan and California, and final assembly takes place in

San Antonio.

Our 2014 Tundra SR5 had a crew cab that would hold six big folks, secure them with three-point safety belts and promise a surprisingly comfortable ride.

Powered by the largest of the three engines offered in a 1914 Tundra — a 381-horsepower 5.7-liter i-Force — we cruised town and country.

The big V-8, smaller 310-horsepower 4.6-liter V-8 and a 270-horsepower 4.0-liter V-6 are engine choices for the Tundra. Both V-8s come standard with a six-speed electronically controlled automatic transmission.

All engines seem to get, depending on size, between 13 and 20 miles per gallon. Our information screen reported 15.1 mpg with the 5.7-liter V-8 in combined city/highway driving.

The 2014 model is available as an SR, SR5, Limited, Platinum and the 1794 Edition. The last, Toyota said, is a tribute to the ranch, founded in 1794, where in San Antonio the Tundra plant now



A rearview camera is a must for a full-size pickup such as the Toyota Tundra.



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stands. The truck's three cab styles include a two-door regular, four-door double cab and four-door CrewMax. All are available in two- and four-wheel drive.

Prices run from \$25,920 for a basic two-door cab to \$47,320 for the larger four-door cab-in with top trim levels. The well-equipped test 4X4 SR5 CrewMax with 5.7-liter V-8 had a base price of \$36,375. Options — wheels, running boards, bed liner — and delivery charges raised the bottom line to \$39,241.

#### Standard features

All Tundras feature a standard back-up camera and standard Bluetooth hands-free phone and audio streaming. Windshield wiper de-icer, front and rear mudguards, power window and door locks and heated, power, outside mirrors are standard.

SR and SR5 grade models include air conditioning; Limited, Platinum and 1794 Edition models come with dual zone air conditioning.

Toyota's Star Safety System applies to all and includes vehicle stability control, traction control, antilock brakes with brake force distribution and brake assist.

The Limited grade includes an eight-way power driver seat, standard chrome door handles and outer mirrors, 20-inch alloy wheels and a deck rail system.

The Platinum and 1794 Edition come with a 10-way power driver's seat with memory and a four-way power passenger's seat, both with heat and ventilation.

The 1794 Edition interior features saddle brown premium leather-trimmed seating with embossed leather and ultra-suede accents. Matching soft-touch materials also accent the shift console, front and rear door trim and instrument panel.

The top-of-the-line models include power moonroof (CrewMax only), parking sonar and Entune Premium JBL Audio with navigation.

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

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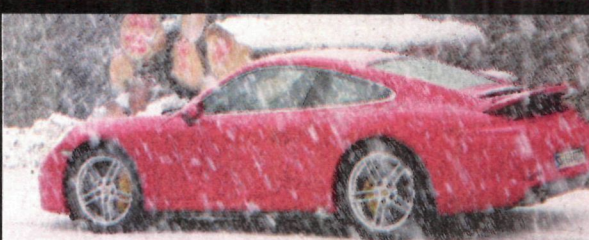


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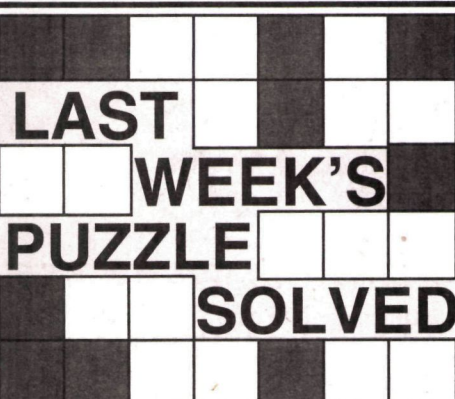
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# Beautiful Beginnings



## ENGAGEMENTS

### Caralis - O'Toole

Marina and George Caralis of Grosse Pointe Shores have announced the engagement of their daughter, Alexa Caralis, to Reilly O'Toole, son of Mary Alice and Joseph O'Toole of Chicago, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods. An October wedding is planned.

Miss Caralis graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School and the University of Michigan with degrees in political science and modern Greek studies. She is a digital advertising sales executive with Cars.com in Chicago.

Mr. O'Toole attended De La Salle Collegiate High School and Grosse Pointe North High School. He graduated from Miami University with degrees in political science and economics and is an associate vice president of mortgage lending with Guaranteed Rate.

### Barao - Mathias

Paulo and Edite Barao of Sao Paulo, Brazil, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Talita Camacho Barao, to Jeffrey Ryan Mathias, son of Rick and Kim Mathias of St. Clair Shores. A spring wedding is planned.

Miss Barao earned a degree in architecture from the University of Sao Paulo College of Architecture and Urbanism and is an architect.

Mr. Mathias graduated from Notre Dame Preparatory School in 2004 and earned a

Bachelor of Science degree in 2008 from Florida Institute of Technology. He earned a Master of Business Administration degree in 2011 from the University of South Carolina and is in finance.

### Lieder - Arinci

James and Suzanne Lieder of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Julie Marie Lieder, to Mark Arinci, son of Francisco and Maria Arinci of Orchard Park, N.Y. A June wedding is planned.

Miss Lieder is a 2004 graduate of University Liggett School and a 2008 graduate of University of South Carolina, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in fashion retailing and merchandising. In 2009, she earned a Master of Arts degree, also from the University of South Carolina, in the same field. She is a senior assistant production manager with the Cato Corporation, Charlotte, N.C.

Mr. Arinci graduated from Cardinal Gibbons High School in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in 2001. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and political science from Wake Forest University in 2005, and a Master of Business Administration and a Juris Doctor degree in 2009 from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. He is an associate in the real estate finance practice group with Winstead PC, Charlotte, N.C.

### Haigh - Ford

Darci Goodman and Tom Haigh of Santa Ana, Calif., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Emily Haigh, of Corona del Mar, Calif., to Henry Ford III, of Corona del Mar, Calif., son of Cynthia and Edsel Ford of Grosse Pointe Farms. A May wedding in Grosse Pointe Farms is planned.

Miss Haigh earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the University of California, Los Angeles and a Master of Arts degree in education from Loyola Marymount University. She is a teacher.

Mr. Ford earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Dartmouth College and a Master of Business Administration from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and is in marketing with Ford Motor Company.

### Hay - Ford

Mikie and Dan Hay of Bakersfield, Calif., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kristen Hay of San Francisco, to Stewart Ford of San Francisco, son of Cynthia and Edsel Ford of Grosse Pointe Farms. A March wedding in Santa Barbara, Calif., is planned.

Miss Hay graduated from Miami University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications. She is a public relations account executive with Launchsquad, a tech startup company.

Mr. Ford earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and film studies at Miami University. He is a sales executive with Automotive eCommerce, an online automotive marketplace.



Alexa Caralis and Reilly O'Toole

### Llaneza - Mok

Jeffery and Kimberly Llaneza of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Amanda Llaneza, to Jeffery Mok, son of Gary and Patricia Mok of Clinton Township. An August wedding is planned.

Miss Llaneza earned a bachelor's degree in marketing from Western Michigan University and a master's degree in management from Argosy University, Chicago. She is a client database manager.

Mr. Mok earned a bachelor's degree in finance from WMU and is a software solution advisor.



Talita C. Barao and Jeffrey Ryan Mathias



Mark Arinci and Julie Marie Lieder



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Stewart Ford and Kristen Hay



Jeffery Mok and Amanda Llaneza



Leann A. Mocer and A. J. Domzalski

### Mocer - Domzalski

Anne and David Mocer of Grosse Pointe Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Leeann A. Mocer, to A.J. Domzalski, son of Alan and Valerie Domzalski of Grosse Pointe Woods. A June wedding is planned.

Miss Mocer graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 2007 and earned a general business degree in 2011 from Michigan State University. She is a risk management representative with Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

Mr. Domzalski graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 2007 and earned an applied engineering science degree in 2011 from MSU. He is an industrial engineer with Integrated Manufacturing and Assembly.

## WEDDING

### Shammami - Murray

Francine Mary Shammami and George Michael Murray were married May 18, 2013, in St. Thomas Chaldean Catholic Church.

The bride is the daughter of Salwa and Jalal Shammami of West Bloomfield. Mary Beth Murray of St. Clair Shores, formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms, and George O. Murray of Sterling Heights are the groom's parents.

The Revs. Frank Kalabat and Emmanuel Boji performed the ceremony that was followed by a reception at the Shenandoah Country Club in West Bloomfield.

The bride chose a white beaded, lace bodice gown with a sweetheart neckline and off-the-shoulder beaded lace straps and a full tulle skirt with beaded lace accents. She carried a spring bouquet of white and yellow roses, stock and green cymbidium orchids.

Pauline Shammami of Seattle was her sister's maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were Nicole Mammo of Ann Arbor, the bride's cousin; the groom's sister, Katie Murray of Harrison Township; and friends of the bride, Jenna Schroeder of St. Paul, Minn.; and Dannelly Brown of San Diego.

They wore strapless pis-



Mr. and Mrs. George Michael Murray

tachio-colored chiffon dresses with sweetheart necklines and carried spring mix bouquets of pink and white roses, stock and greens.

Flower girls were the bride's cousins, Mara Salem of Farmington Hills, Grace Shina and Olivia Abdal both of West Bloomfield.

Steve Taylor of St. Clair Shores served as his friend's best man.

Ushers and groomsmen were the bride's brother, Aujan Shammami of West Bloomfield; the groom's brother, Dave Murray of Beaufort, S.C.; and the groom's friends, Tareq Ahmed of San Francisco and Brandon Griesbaum of Royal Oak.

Dominic Abdal of West Bloomfield served his cousin as ring bearer.

The bride's mother chose a full length blue gown with lace and bead accents and wore an orchid corsage.

The groom's mother wore a full length buff color beaded gown with cap sleeves. She also had an orchid corsage.

Heather Nofar was the organist. Readers were the bride's brother, Valentine Shammami, and the bride's grandmother, Amara Abdal.

The bride earned bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering from the University of Michigan and is a hardware engineer with Microsoft.

The groom earned a bachelor's degree in computer science from U of M and is a software developer with ExtraHop Networks, Inc. Following a honeymoon to Hawaii, the couple resides in Seattle.

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## BOYS BASKETBALL

### Make it 10

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Senior Darius Harris scored a career-high 26 points to help Grosse Pointe South stay unbeaten in league play, with an 85-67 win over Port Huron last weekend.

It gave the Blue Devils a 10-game winning streak. It's been years since the program won this many games in a row.

"We beat a good, athletic team," head coach Troy Glasser said. "It was a nice victory and the guys continue to play with confidence. It was a good game."

Harris scored 12 points in the third quarter when the host Blue Devils outscored the Big Reds 24-14 to break open a close game. He also finished with six assists.

Senior Dan Dixon also did a lot of damage in the paint, netting 22 points, 12 rebounds and three blocks.

The Blue Devils led 18-16 after the first quarter and it was 39-30 at the half. The 10-point difference in the third quarter made a big impact as the home team kept its advantage near 20 points throughout the final stanza.

Junior Brian Blanzky had eight points, while junior Sam Blanzky and senior Jabari Burton had seven points apiece.



South senior Darius Harris, shown at a game a week before, scored a career-high 26 points in the Blue Devils' win over Port Huron.

Senior Gordie Post had only four points, but finished with nine rebounds in another Macomb Area Conference Blue Division victory.

The Blue Devils also helped themselves by making 23-of-29 free throws and they made 20-of-26 in a 63-50 win over Fraser earlier in the week.

"We practice free throws every practice and it is paying off," assistant coach Peter Kingsley said. "Making free throws is a huge weapon in games."

Dixon had another double-double, netting 24 points and 11 rebounds, and Post also had one, with 17 points and 11 rebounds.

The visiting Blue Devils took it right at the Ramblers, leading 16-5 after the first quarter and it was 32-18 at the half.

The visitors made 10-of-10 free throws in the fourth quarter to seal the deal.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 5-0 in the MAC Blue Division and 10-1 overall.

### Knights net split

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The University Liggett boys' basketball team split its division games last week, beating Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest 64-47 and losing 78-43 to Southfield Christian.

Head coach Sidney Johnson led his Knights to a solid double-digit victory over the Crusaders as Andrew Lohman scored 19 points and grabbed eight rebounds,

and Ian Clark added 16 points.

Three nights later, the Knights went up against the top-ranked team in Class D, Southfield Christian.

The two-time defending state champ took it right at the Knights and it wasn't close.

The youthful Knights were led by Clark's 18 points as the team is 2-3 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 3-4 overall.

### Norsemen suffer tough White losses

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys' basketball team gave a win away last week, losing 85-84 in overtime to visiting Warren Mott.

"We were the better team tonight, but didn't take advantage of our opportunities," head coach Matt Lockhart said. "This was a frustrating loss. These are games we have to win and we just didn't get it done tonight."

The Norsemen led 38-28 at the half, but watched Mott take a 49-48 lead late in the third quarter.

Lockhart's squad weathered the storm and took control of the game again with a strong fourth quarter. The Norsemen led 74-68 with a minute left, but their best shooters couldn't make a free throw.

The Norsemen missed seven straight free-throw attempts in the final minute, which could have sealed the victory.

Instead, the misses helped Mott get back in the game and outscored the home team 6-0 to send the game to overtime.

In the OT, it was Mott's turn to miss free throws, allowing North an opportunity to stay close.

Senior Ricky Watson hit a couple of jumpers to bring the Norsemen within a point, but in the end, senior Sal Ciaravino's last-second three-point attempt hit the rim and missed.

Watson finished with 29 points, followed by senior Jacob Zacharias with 16, senior Justin Kennedy with 15 and sophomore Mitchell Zacharias with 11.

"Mott is a handful and we had them beat," Lockhart said. "It's a tough loss, but now we have to regroup and come back strong in our next game."

Once again the Norsemen played well, but not well enough to prevent a 64-59 loss to L'Anse Creuse.

Grosse Pointe North dropped to 1-3 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 3-6 overall.

Coming up for the Norsemen are away games Friday, Jan. 31, against division opponent Utica Ford and Tuesday, Feb. 4, against Warren Lincoln, a MAC cross-over foe.

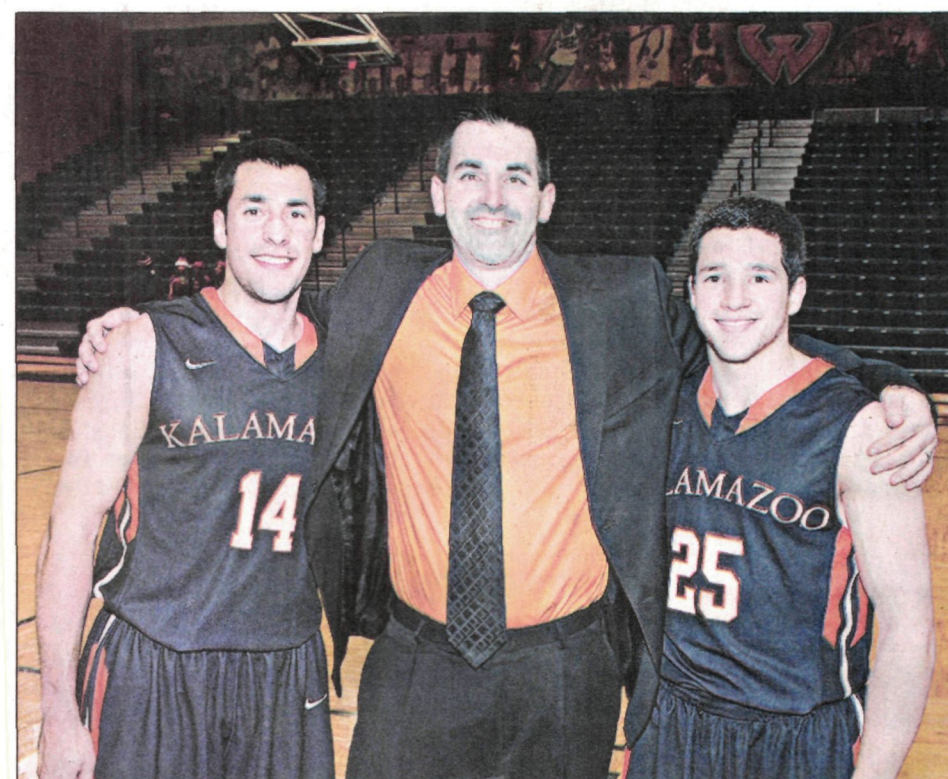


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### Back home

University Liggett graduates Mark Ghafari, left, and his younger brother, Carl Ghafari, played 34 and 30 minutes, respectively, for head coach Eric Dougal, center, and the Kalamazoo College men's basketball team. The Hornets traveled to Wayne State University for a non-league game Dec. 11, which turned into a close 74-66 setback. Mark Ghafari scored 23 points, grabbed seven rebounds, had two assists and one steal, while Carl had three points.

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Girls hockey

Rivals meet

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' hockey team played city rivals University Liggett and Grosse Pointe South last week.

The Norsemen had the unfortunate circumstance to play the Knights during mid-term week and lost 3-0.

They battled back and played better two days later, beating the Blue Devils 5-1 behind a dominant effort.

"Playing games during exam week isn't good because the girls are tired and not into it," North head coach Joe Lucchese said. "This wasn't one of our better outings (against ULS), but I guarantee it will be better against South."

The visiting Norsemen couldn't get a puck past Knights sophomore goaltender Olivia Portillo. They didn't generate good scoring opportunities and the Knights took advantage.

"Our girls played a nice game and this is a good win for us," Liggett head coach Cassie Jaeckle said.

The Knights scored



PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE

South senior Tenley Shield, right, and North sophomore Jen Kusch battle for a loose puck in the Norsemen's 5-1 victory over the Blue Devils. Both scored first-period goals in the game.

twice in the opening period, as sophomore Grace Scarfone had the first tally at the 9:23 mark and senior Ania Dow the second at the 8:28 mark.

Dow and senior Hannah Hodges assisted the first goal, while Dow's tally came unassisted.

The home team rounded out the scoring

in the second period when sophomore Allison Stapleton scored at the 8:29 mark, with sophomore Molly Murphy and freshman Riley Marchin netting the assists.

North was more focused in its weekend showdown against South and it showed on the scoreboard with a 5-1 victory.

"I wish we had this effort against Liggett," Lucchese said. "Our girls did a great job. We had a good offensive flow, our defense was sound and Lauren (Hartt) played well in net. This was a good team win."

The Norsemen jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead.

Sophomore Lindsay Gallagher, assisted by sophomore Caroline Bock, scored at the 13:21 mark and 50 seconds later sophomore Jen Kusch, unassisted, tallied to make it 2-0.

Bock scored at the 2:47 mark to make it 3-0 as junior Karina Lucchese had the lone assist.

The Blue Devils got back in the game when senior Tenley Shield scored an unassisted goal with only 82 seconds left in the stanza.

Junior Devyn LaValley scored at the 7:31 mark of the second period to give the Norsemen a 4-1 lead and sophomore Elizabeth Gallagher tallied at the 5:08 mark of the third period to round out the scoring.

Junior Cinnamin Aslanian assisted LaValley's goal, while Lindsay Gallagher and junior Nicole Haggerty had assists on Elizabeth Gallagher's tally.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 6-5 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 8-6 overall.

The win over South came in the inaugural MMGSHL Showcase.

Liggett played Ann Arbor in its showcase game and lost 5-4.

The Knights built a 4-2 lead early in the third period, but gave up three straight goals to fall by a goal.

"This was a good game to get everyone into the flow of the game, especially against a good team like Ann Arbor Pioneer," Jaeckle said.

Scoring goals for the Knights were Marchin, Stapleton (two) and Dow. Stapleton's second-period game came short-handed.

Liggett improved to 7-1 in the MMGSHL and is 9-2 overall.

South also hosted Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood last weekend and lost, falling to 6-6 in the league and 7-8 overall.

Boys hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Road victory

The Grosse Pointe South boys' hockey team defeated Ann Arbor Pioneer, 2-1, in the Michigan Metro Hockey League high school hockey showcase.

Junior transfer, Andy Jakub, was the defensive player of the game, with 19 saves in net, in his first career game for South. Jakub came within 30 seconds of a shutout and made several spectacular saves en route to the Blue Devils win.

Defenseman William Walker opened the scoring for South midway

through the first period, on a blistering slap shot from the point. Fellow defenseman Ian Corbett assisted on the play.

Midway through the second period, Andrew Bigham ripped a point-blank rebound by the Pioneer goaltender. He was assisted by Dominic Rinaldi and Andrew Hyde.

Jakub was busy in the final stanza, and especially in the last three minutes. With 30 seconds to play, Pioneer's relentless offensive onslaught paid a dividend. But it

was too little and too late, as head coach Bobby McCilop rang up another South victory.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 8-0-1 in the Michigan Metro Hockey League and 12-3-1 overall.

South's road to a league championship is filled with four tough games Woodhaven, Detroit Country Day, Dearborn Divine Child and Allen Park.

If it wins all four, the Blue Devils are Michigan Metro Hockey League champs.

LIGGETT

ULS wins 2-of-3

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The University Liggett boys' hockey team played its most complete game in a month last week, beating a very good Toledo St. John's Jesuit squad 4-1.

"This was a good win, especially since we beat them 2-0 a few weeks ago," head coach Mike Hamilton said. "We knew they would be ready to play. They are a big, physical hockey team, but we handled that with our game plan and worked it well."

The host Knights took a 1-0 first-period lead when senior Jake Jerome scored, assisted by senior Anthony Giorgio and sophomore Brett Abdelnour.

St. John's tied it 1-1 with a goal at the 8:06 mark of the second period. But less than a minute later, the Knights took the lead for good when senior Vincent Scarfone tallied, with Giorgio and Jerome netting assists.

Junior Stephen Campau scored an insurance goal at the 2:34 mark of the second



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Liggett senior Jake Jerome carries the puck into the offense zone during the Knights' game with Gilmour Academy.

period, with senior William Yates getting the lone assist.

The two-goal cushion gave the Knights enough breathing room since they took a penalty at the end of the second period and three more in the third to give the Titans four power-play opportunities.

"Our lack of discipline at times was the only negative I saw in this game," Hamilton said. "However, our penalty killing units stepped up."

Jerome put the finishing touches on the victory, scoring an empty net goal with 23.2 left in the game. Abdelnour and sophomore Alexander

Minanov had the assists.

Junior goalie Luke Soyka was solid in net, stopping 20-of-21 shots. For the game, Liggett outshot St. John's 37-21.

Last weekend, Liggett hosted a high school showcase and split its games.

On the first night, Liggett charged out to a 5-0 lead, but had to hang on in the end as Gilmour Academy scored four unanswered tallies to make it a 5-4 game.

The Knights scored an empty-net goal to win 6-4, but the following afternoon they lost 4-2 to St. Francis de Sales High School, falling to 14-2-1 overall.



Liggett senior Hannah Hodges had an assist on a goal in the Knights' win over the Norsemen.

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GROSSE POINTE NORTH



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Playing the best

The Grosse Pointe North boys' hockey team battled two of the top squads in the state last week, Orchard Lake St. Mary's and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood. The Norsemen struggled in each game, losing 4-0 to the Eaglets and 8-2 to the Cranes, falling to 0-10 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League and 2-15 overall. The Norsemen had trouble getting their offense on track in both games. They were out-shot 48-10 against St. Mary's and 56-11 against Cranbrook-Kingswood. Netminder Josh Champney, above, suffered both defeats, but made 44 saves in the first game and 48 in the second. Against the Cranes, J.P. Navetta scored a power-play goal with one minute left in the opening period, cutting the deficit to 2-1. Nick Murray and Vince Romanelli had the assists. The Cranes scored the next six goals to build an 8-1 lead. The Norsemen's final tally was scored by Nick Cusmano, with Eddie Nepi drawing the assist.



Girls basketball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils take control of Red

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The first half of the Macomb Area Conference Red Division schedule is finished and Grosse Pointe South girls' basketball team has sole possession of first place after two more wins last week.

The Blue Devils traveled to Utica Ford and blasted the Falcons 61-35 and returned home to crush Chippewa Valley 59-10.

"The girls are playing pretty well right now, but we need to get a little better as a team, and we will have to before the state playoffs begin," head coach Kevin Richards said.

The Blue Devils led Ford 12-9 after the opening quarter and 26-19 at the half.

They erased any thought of an upset, outscoring the Falcons 26-9 in the third quarter to build a 52-28 lead with eight minutes remaining.

Junior Cierra Rice had 13 points and five rebounds and Aliezza Brown added 10 points and four rebounds to lead the Blue Devils. Senior Bre Andrews had 12 points and six rebounds, too.

That took care of Ford and the host Blue Devils raced out to a 32-4 first-quarter lead against the Big Reds.

It was 47-6 at the half and the second half was played with a running clock.

Brown led the team with 12 points against



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

South junior Cierra Rice, shown in a game earlier this season, had 13 points against Utica Ford and 10 against Chippewa Valley.

the Big Reds and Rice was also in double figures with 10.

Other leading scorers were sophomore Anna Carmody with eight, followed by Andrews with six, sophomore Elizabeth Rauh with six, and sophomore Natalia Engel with five.

All 11 players scored for the Blue Devils.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 6-0 in the MAC Red Division and 13-1 overall.

Coming up for the Blue Devils is a home game Friday, Jan. 31, against Macomb Dakota and an away game Tuesday, Feb. 4, against Sterling Heights Stevenson.

Both games are against MAC Red Division foes.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

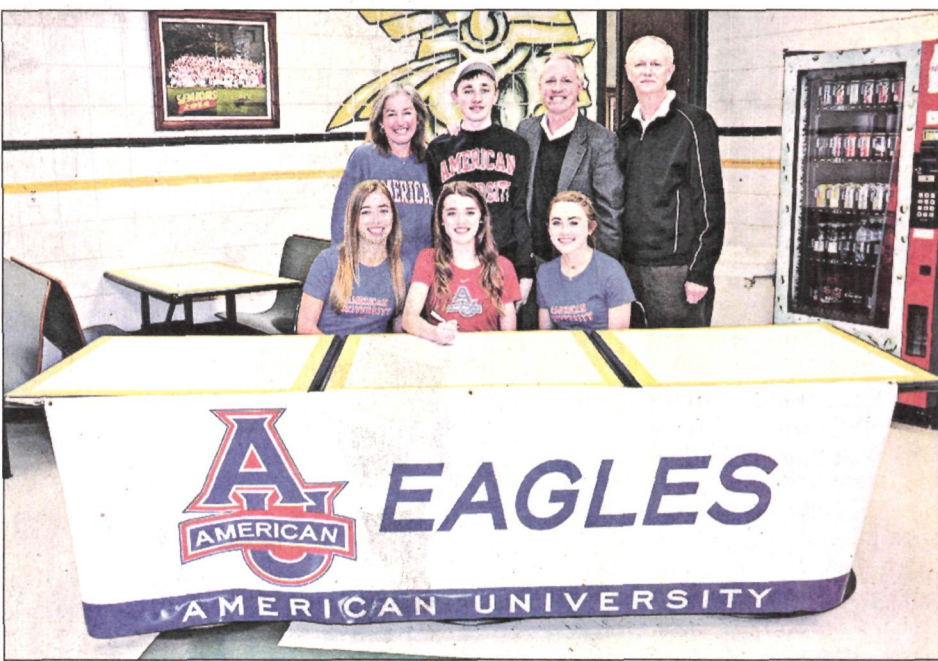


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Going to D.C.

Grosse Pointe North senior Maria Liddane, seated center, recently signed a letter-of-intent to play basketball at American University under first-year head coach Megan Gebbia. Taking part in the ceremony were Maria's sisters, Allison Liddane, seated left, and Micaela Liddane, seated right; and standing from left, mother, Jeanne Liddane; brother, Thomas Liddane; father, Michael Liddane; and North girls varsity basketball head coach, Gary Bennett. American University is off to a 6-2 start, while Maria Liddane helped the Norsemen win their season-opener over Sterling Heights. The AU Eagles compete in the Patriot League against Bucknell, Holy Cross, Loyola (Maryland), Lafayette, Boston University, Army, Navy, Colgate and Lehigh.

YOUTH SOFTBALL

Time to register for softball league

For the first time in its history, the Grosse Pointe Farms-City Little League has teamed with the little leagues from Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores, and Harper Woods to bring fastpitch girls softball to the community.

The Grosse Pointe local leagues join with Little League International and

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The league is open to girls' ages 6 to 16 and is divided into instructional (ages 6-8), minor (ages 9-10), major (ages 11-12), and senior (ages 13-16)

divisions.

The season starts in early April and registration is open online at [grossepointebaseball.com](http://grossepointebaseball.com).

The fee for the inaugural season is \$125.

Registration for all other little league divisions is also open online at [grossepointebaseball.com](http://grossepointebaseball.com).

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen play tough in division

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls' basketball team split its division games last week, beating Chippewa Valley 38-20 and losing 52-35 to Romeo.

Against the Big Reds, the Norsemen jumped out to an 11-2 first-quarter lead that was extended to 16-4 at the half.

The lead never dipped below double digits at any point in the final two

quarters.

Seniors Phoebe Dodge and Jayla Hubbard scored 10 points apiece to lead the Norsemen, while on the defensive end, Hubbard had six rebounds.

Dodge finished with three steals and junior Megan Lesha chipped in with four rebounds.

Two nights later, the visiting Norsemen played well in the first half and trailed 23-21.

They lost the third quarter 16-6 in which

head coach Gary Bennett said the girls did a poor job in transition defense, allowing the Bulldogs to stretch the lead.

Sophomore Lucy Dodge had 11 points and four rebounds and Lesha had 10 points and three assists to lead the Norsemen.

Hubbard chipped in with five rebounds in the defeat.

Grosse Pointe North is 3-2 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 6-5 overall.

LIGGETT

Knights getting defensive in wins

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

After suffering its first division loss in four years, the University Liggett girls' basketball team is getting on another roll.

Last week, the Knights improved to 4-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference with wins over Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, 62-35, and Southfield Christian, 61-44.

"We got off to fast starts

against both Northwest and Southfield Christian," head coach Omar Ahart said.

In the victory over LNW, senior Lea Evangelista had a career-high 19 points and sophomore Kendall McConico added 13 points.

"It was nice to see my senior guard stand out and play well," Ahart said. "I hope this gets her going and Kendall played a nice game. We got after them defensively, which is what we need to do

every game."

The Knights once again put together a nice defensive effort in the win over Southfield Christian.

They forced turnovers, scored easy transition baskets and had a balanced scoring effort as junior Jessica Rotzoll had 16 points, followed by junior Lola Ristovski with 15 and freshman Nia Ahart with 11.

Liggett improved to 6-3 overall.

Next for the Knights is an away game Jan. 31.

LIGGETT

School needs coaches

University Liggett School has two coaching vacancies for the 2014 spring season: varsity girls' lacrosse head coach and JV girls soccer head coach.

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College signing

LUTHERAN NORTH

Kruse signs

In his first season as head coach of the Hillsdale College men's baseball program, Eric Theisen is bringing in five players who will begin their careers with the Chargers in the spring of 2015.

Joining the program next year are: Colin Hites of Fairport Harbor, Ohio; Matt Young of Alma, Mich.; Alex Walts of Amherst, Ohio; Phil Carey of Tecumseh, Mich. and Will Kruse of Grosse Pointe.

Theisen said he's excited to work with this group for its character, versatility and ability to fit into the current Charger program.

"These guys are all great fits for our program and Hillsdale College," Theisen said. "They are all hard-working students that take their studies seriously. This class is important for what we are trying to put together here. Their skill sets fit our team's mold very well and they will be great additions on many levels."

The east-side city of Grosse Pointe has pro-



PHOTO COURTESY OF TIM KRUSE

Taking part in the ceremony were, from left, Ryan Wesley, Lutheran North athletic director; William Kruse; and Mike Hardies, Lutheran North varsity baseball head coach.

duced some excellent ballplayers in recent years for the Chargers, and Kruse is the latest to join the program.

He comes to Hillsdale from Lutheran North High School, where he struck out 61 batters in 47 innings pitched as a junior in 2013. At the plate, he had an OPS of .843 and a .323 batting average in 2013.

He earned All-Catholic in 2013 and is a two-year

captain of the baseball team.

A three-sport standout, Kruse is entering his third season playing varsity basketball, and was honorable mention All-Macomb Area Conference in football in 2013.

"Will has a great pitcher's frame," Theisen said of the 6-foot, 3-inch Kruse. "He's got great downhill action on his pitches and the ball

comes out of his hand nicely. He's a guy that we think has a lot coming that we haven't seen yet."

Most recently, he played travel baseball for the Michigan Bulls. He previously played for the Grosse Pointe Avengers and the MBC Muckdogs. He carries a 4.1 overall grade point average and academically ranks in the top 10 of his class. He is a member of the National Honor Society.

Wrestling

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils earn big victories

All season-long, the Grosse Pointe South grapplers battled and competed hard.

And each week it has been a different combination of wrestlers who met the test and produced the points needed to stay in the Macomb Area Conference Gold Conference race.

Against unbeaten conference foe St. Clair Shores Lakeview, senior captains Colin Brannagan and Alex Manchester came up big with second period falls to provide essential points to keep Grosse Pointe South in the match.

Freshman Matt Ground, at 215 pounds, wrestled his most technically sound match of the year, narrowly defeating John Gardner 4-2 to keep South even.

But the highlight of the evening came in the final match with the Huskies. With the score knotted at 33-33, 152-pound sophomore John Gough met the challenge.

Gough took a commanding 5-0 first-period lead. Midway through the second period, Gough was able to turn his opponent for the fall, sealing the Blue Devils' victory, 39-33.

South defeated conference foe Center Line, in the second bout of the evening, 36-24. Brannagan led the way once more with a third period fall. Antoine Herrell also turned in an outstanding performance, with a second period pin.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 3-1 in the MAC Silver Division.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen give chase

The Grosse Pointe North wrestling team split its league dual meets last week, beating host Warren Mott and losing to St. Clair.

"We had a nice evening and almost beat a good St. Clair team," head coach Eric Julien said. "It's nice to see the guys making progress as we get closer to the postsea-

son." Leading the way for the Norsemen were, Ardie Milwrick at the 145-pound class and Matt Moores at the 140-pound class.

The Norsemen are 3-3 in the Macomb Area Conference Gold Division with one dual match remaining against champion Fraser.

Swimming

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen slowly build momentum

The Grosse Pointe North boys' swimming and diving team dropped a 113-73 decision to Macomb Area Conference Red Division rival Macomb Dakota last week.

Individual winners for the Norsemen were Patrick Turnbull in the 50-yard freestyle, Duncan MacAskill in 1 meter diving and Danny MacAskill in the 500-yard freestyle.

Head coach Mike O'Connor said season-best performances were recorded in the 50-yard freestyle by Michael Lemanske; 100-yard freestyle by Turnbull, Graham Eger and A.J. Owens; 500-yard freestyle by Danny MacAskill and Joesph Cobau; 100-yard butterfly by Michael Lemanske; and 200-yard individual medley by Alex Blunden and Trevor Mieczkowski.

North dropped to 0-3 in the MAC Red Division, but improved to 6-4 overall two nights later after beating Center Line 115-68.

The Norsemen had three double winners,

with Joesph Cobau winning the 200-yard freestyle and 100-yard backstroke, John Cobau winning the 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard butterfly, and Turnbull winning the 50- and 100-yard freestyle.

Single event winners were Danny MacAskill in the 500-yard freestyle and Duncan MacAskill in the 1 meter diving.

O'Connor said season-best performances were recorded in the 50-yard freestyle by John Cobau; 100-yard freestyle by A.J. Owens, Daniel Leone and Ben Sliwinski; 200-yard freestyle by Adam Schrek; 500-yard freestyle by MacAskill; 100-yard backstroke by Alex Owens; 100-yard breastroke by Trevor Mieczkowski and Quinn Gallant; 200-yard individual medley by John Cobau and Alex Blunden; and 1 meter diving by Phillip Gusmano.

Coming up for the Norsemen is a home meet Tuesday, Feb. 4, against Livonia Franklin, and the MISCA meet Feb. 8 and Feb. 9.

Martial arts

GROSSE POINTE PARK

Black belt ready

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe Park resident Brian Pontillo recently earned the Grand Master Status with an 8th degree black belt.

"It's a honor to be at this level," Pontillo said. "A lot of hard work went into this and it's been a learning experience for me, as well as those who I train and all of my students."

He honed his skills through hard work, dedication and a work ethic he spreads to his students at his studio, Sidekicks Martial Arts in St. Clair Shores.

He has taught more than 6,000 students since establishing his business in 1994.

He earned the 8th degree Saturday, Dec. 21, 2013, by performing difficult tasks, including breaking several cement

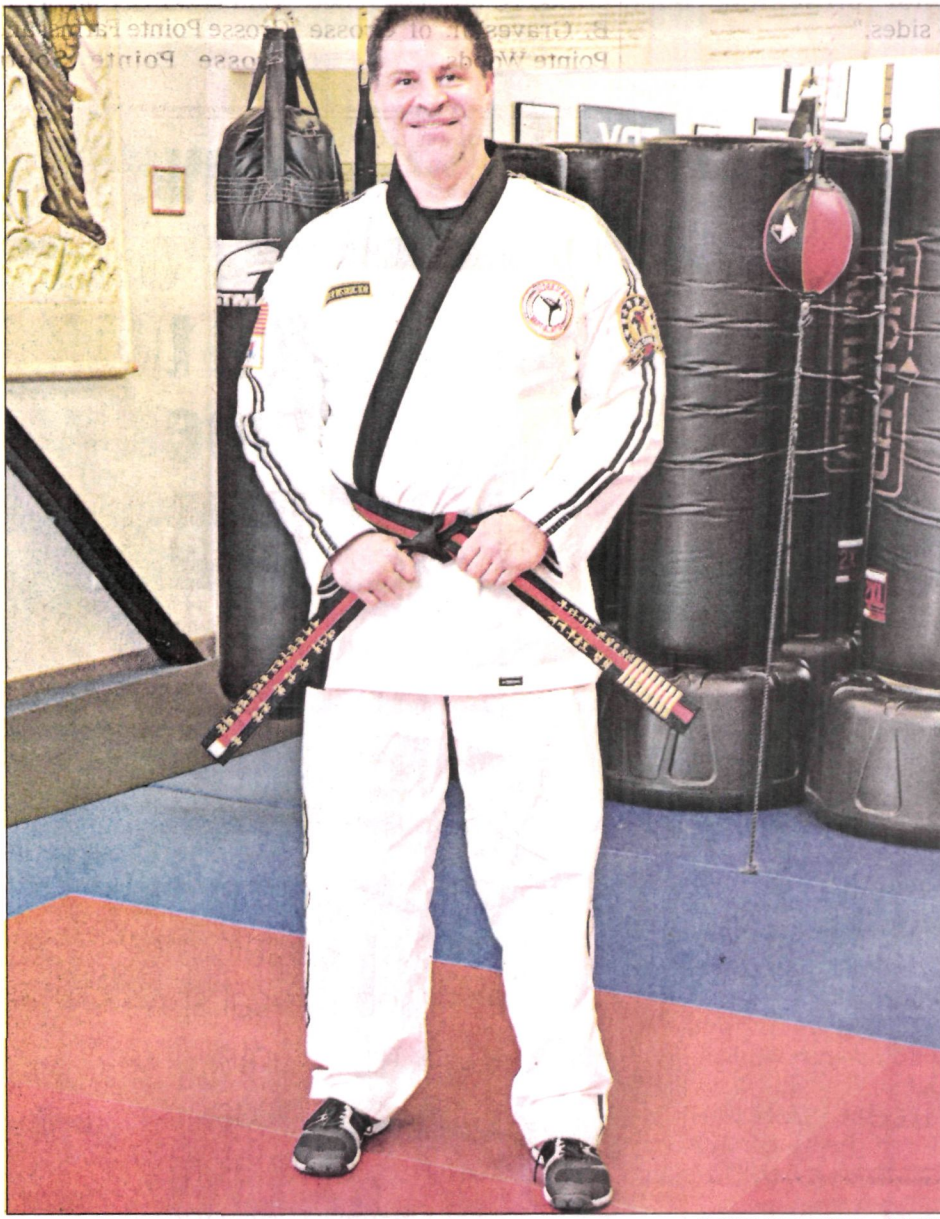


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Grosse Pointe Park resident Brian Pontillo proudly dons his 8th degree black belt earned Dec. 21. He endured rigorous training to achieve this lofty status in the martial arts community. Type caption here.

slabs in a demonstration at his studio.

He has several students who are third degree black belts, which is one of the criteria it takes to earn an 8th degree black belt.

He had to have a minimal of eight years of either teaching or training to get the 8th degree black belt, plus must live the martial way.

Pontillo fulfilled all the requirements, but the process was filled with several obstacles.

Pontillo has been a black belt for 30 years and has 36 years of martial arts experience.

He is a seven-time Michigan State Tae Kwon Do champion and a National Academy of

Sports Medicine certified personal trainer with advanced specialization in Performance Enhancement and Corrective Exercise.

He is also one of the first graduates of the Mixed Martial Arts Certified Conditioning Coaches Association.

He has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Western Michigan University in communications and psychology, Magna Cum Laude, 1981.

"I've loved every minute of this journey, but it has been tough," Pontillo said. "I owe a lot to those who pushed me to be my best and I push myself to stay in good shape mentally, as well as physically."



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# Group opposes bond question

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Feb. 25, the Grosse Pointe Public School System will ask voters to approve a \$50 million bond to finance technology improvements for the district's 8,500 students.

Included in the bond proposal are funds for infrastructure, equipment and security updates.

According to district administrators, updates and improvements to existing computers and infrastructure can't be done with the district's current general budget. Acting on the recommendations of several consultants, the district opted to ask residents to approve a 10-year bond to fund the projects.

The bond, if approved, will cost a homeowner with a house valued at \$200,000 and a \$100,000 taxable value \$228 per year.

And that, according to the opposition group, Residents for Responsible Spending, is not in the best interests of either taxpayers or students.

"Voters should reject the \$50,280,000 bond proposal and demand that the GPPSS develop a moderate and responsible technology plan which meets the needs of our students, prepares them for the future, and is affordable for our community," the group posted to its website.

Grosse Pointe Park resident Mickey Montagne Shield, treasurer for RRS, believes the spending called for in the bond is irresponsible.

"People in this community are generous and we want to support our children and schools," she said. "Some will feel that a 'no' vote is a vote against our teachers, stu-

dents and technology, but that's not what a 'no' vote means. It is a request to the school board to provide us with a responsible spending plan."

According to Brendan Walsh, a former school board member and a member of RRS, one of the main sticking points in the bond is a \$17 million allocation for personal computing devices and support, such as a tablet or laptop, for every student.

"The district does not appear to have a plan for the use of these devices," he said. "The bond allocates \$1,200 per device, and to give out 8,500 iPads without a plan just doesn't make sense."

While the group does not oppose replacing or upgrading shared devices, such as desktop computers in classrooms and school computer labs, it feels that individual devices should be supplied by parents. For those students unable to afford such devices, district money should be set aside to assist them.

The group also questions the nearly \$8 million designated in the bond for network infrastructure and servers. While it recognizes the need for central servers throughout the district, it questions why the district is not moving to commercial cloud services.

"Businesses are moving to cloud services and off-site storage," Walsh said. "Why would we handcuff ourselves by buying equipment that will soon be outdated?"

Cindy Pangborn, the lone school board member who voted against the district going for the bond, also questioned why the district did not fully investigate leasing equipment.

"I don't believe we ever received a full accounting

of the cost of leasing equipment and cloud storage," she said. "It's the board's responsibility to present the best work we can to the community, but I believe this is going to hold the community hostage."

Pangborn and other members of RRS believe that the upgrades the district needs could be accomplished for \$10 million, not \$50 million, and believes that the language of the bond proposal allows for possible abuse.

"The bond allows for remodeling and refurbishing classrooms," she said. "Does that mean we will be carpeting and painting and replacing light fixtures with bond money? Those are projects that should come from the general fund."

The group had hoped to present its case against the bond at a recent forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters Grosse Pointe, which featured representatives of the school district, including superintendent Tom Harwood, chief financial officer Chris Fenton and Grosse Pointe North teacher and the Michigan Teacher of the Year Gary Abud.

"We had requested a seat at the table that night, but our request was denied," Shield said. "We felt it did the community a disservice by not presenting both sides."

Information on the technology bond is posted on the school district's website, [gpschools.org](http://gpschools.org). A citizens group formed in support of the bond, Tech Yes, also has a website, [gptechyes.org](http://gptechyes.org). Information from Residents for Responsible Spending can be found on its website, [gpresponsiblepending.com/](http://gpresponsiblepending.com/)



## Book donation

In December, Monique Vasquez's 4th grade class at Monteith Elementary did a service project for Wayne Elementary School in Detroit through a group called The Front Porch. The class donated money and wrapping paper. Vasquez used the money to purchase a book for every child in a first grade class at Wayne school. Then when the books arrived, the class wrapped them and made cards for the children with nice letters in them.

Vasquez said when she delivered the books, she found there is such a great need for books at home for these students. "So this month my class scoured their bookshelves at home, and donated gently used books," she said. "We collected over 300." The Front Porch is going to take the donated books to Wayne school, and allow every child in the school to choose a book to take home.

## Pride of the Pointes

December Pride of the Pointes

Kaitlin R. Graves graduated from the Kirkhof College of Nursing at Grand Valley State University summer 2013 with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing and a minor in psychology. The Grosse Pointe North High School graduate is the daughter of Sue A. and Lawrence B. Graves Jr. of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The following local students were accepted into the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Program at Albion College for the fall 2013 semester: Regina

Alexis Ahee, daughter of Raymond and Gina Ahee, City of Grosse Pointe; Grosse Pointe North High School graduate Mary Maher, daughter of John and Kelly Maher of Grosse Pointe Farms; and Grosse Pointe South

High School graduate Savannah Rana, daughter of Daniel and Bindra Rana of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The following local students were accepted into the Carl A. Gerstacker Institute for Business and Management at Albion College for the fall 2013 semester: De La Salle Collegiate High School

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## Technology bond FAQ

The following is information about the technology bond, provided by the school district (part 1 of 3):

**What is a technology bond proposition?**

A technology bond proposition is a request by the school district for voters to approve the sale of bonds, which raise

funds to purchase equipment, renovate and/or construct facilities and infrastructure to support the district's technology plan.

**Why is a technology bond proposal necessary?**

We have computers that are older than the elementary students

using them. We have a network that cannot sustain the technological demands of today's classrooms. We have to ask for help to move beyond this. It cannot be accomplished within our existing general budget. The board has chosen to pur-

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Show is tonight

The Grosse Pointe South High School choirs present a London-Paris Preview Concert 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30 at the Brownell Auditorium. The benefit concert will raise funds to help offset trip costs for the South choir. The concert is the last opportunity to see parts of the performances the Ambassador Choir will take to London and Paris next month. The Pierce and Brownell 8th grade choirs will also perform, along with individual choirs The Pointe Singers, Tower Belles and South Singers. Tickets are available at [gpsouthchoir.org](http://gpsouthchoir.org) and at Posterity Gallery in the Village.

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sue the technology bond proposal because it permits the district to defray the capital cost of its plan for instructional and security technologies and related facilities without using general fund dollars.

When will voters get to decide?

After receiving the RFQs for the architectural technology design, the board of education approved ballot language Nov. 25. Voters in Grosse Pointe Public School System will be asked if they support a bond issue on Feb. 25, to replace aging district technology and infrastructure to support its strategic plan for continuous improvement in providing 21st century learning. The length of the bond program is 10 years and the amount is not to exceed \$50.2 million. For planning purposes, the original GPPSS proposal was for \$48 million and a two-series bond was proposed. Through the RFQ process the current proposal was developed with the help of Ehresman, Wright & Hunter and Peter Basso Associates totaling \$50,280,000. The documents are posted on the website reflect those figures.

How much will this cost the average taxpayer?

The district weighed several options to minimize the cost to taxpayers while providing the technological requirements of today's learners and putting the district back on competitive ground with other school systems. Seven and ten year bonds as well as issuing a series of bonds were considered.

Why did you only do one bid through the RFQ process?

The Technology Design RFQ posted on the school systems' website was a request to provide consulting services. No actual equipment, infrastructure or installation work bids will be provided until the projects are engineered, specified and publicly bid following the vote.

Was leasing of the laptops/desktops/fiber evaluated?

Leasing is not an eligible use of bond funds.

Will there be a standard number of quotes from different vendors presented before a final recommendation is made?

The district works diligently providing a transparent bidding process for all purchases. All purchases above \$21,000 are required to go through the bid process and are brought before the Board of Education at televisé and webcast board meetings, and all documents are posted online at [gpschools.org](http://gpschools.org). We encourage our community to come to board meetings, watch them on TV or online and explore the detail provided on our website.

Why are we asking for fiber when we should use "the cloud" instead?

Cloud storage will continue to be part of the district's storage strategy for student assignments and collaborative digital resources. Multimedia resources such as video curriculum that are large file sizes, make local storage critical to the distribution of digital curricular materials. The digital materials are being accessed all day by thousands of students and teachers simultaneously. Considering Google and other storage providers'

recent definition of ownership to data stored in the cloud, confidential data such as human resources, grade books and other materials also need to be securely stored locally (in-district).

Why has it been decided that iPads are the standard device to be given to students?

That decision has not yet been made. As described below, we continue to investigate our options

The current estimated price is \$500/device. Does this take into account the increase in price per device over the life of the bond based on inflation and further generations of the device?

Yes. However, please note: the per unit price for desktops and laptops (as delineated in the draft proposal after the RFQ process) is \$1,200, while the student computing devices remain at \$500.

If mobile devices are given, will protective cases be given as well?

The district has carefully considered this and the \$500/student device budget accommodates protective cases. It is also important to remember that our GPPSS families have a tradition of protecting our educational resources and we see no reason why this technological resource would be any different.

What is our current network capacity?

Our current network is at capacity. At the end of the 2012-13 school year, with online grading systems and reliance on e-mail and Internet for both educational and business demands, we were exceeding network capacity and losing Internet access regularly at peak hours of 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

What will be the network load of a 1:1 program with tablets, with laptops, with tablet and laptops?

Our first step in the deployment of this bond will be to address the underlying infrastructure so we can accommodate the network load of 1:1 technology as well as the more efficient security and business operations also encompassed in this bond initiative. Our technology staff has carefully studied this and consulted with experts to ensure we are prepared.

In line with the 1:1 program, how will the decision be made on what tablet to roll out?

The district has been carefully reviewing the technology purchases of other school districts and their satisfaction with a number of variables including, but not limited to: flexibility with different learning needs (special education and foreign language are two key examples), suitability for age group, use with different software and online textbooks, damage and loss statistics and cost. We have been collecting empirical research, visiting other districts, asking colleagues across the state and country, comparing curricular options and discussing these with representatives from various companies. With the help of the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education, we have also been piloting several different tablet options within our own GPPSS classrooms. The pilot programs will continue through the 2013-14 school year. As the first bond purchases must be directed to the infrastructure of the network, we have time before the final tablet decision is made.

School briefs

Donations welcome

During the week of Feb. 10-14, students at Pierce Middle School in Grosse Pointe Park will be "Connecting the Dots" of the Heidelberg Project through a week-long, school-wide interactive learning experience to understand the importance of community, art and themselves.

Pierce students will dedicate and decorate school hallways in tribute to each of the houses destroyed by arson at the Heidelberg Project. Students will help Pierce evolve by adding dots each day, just as the Heidelberg Project has evolved over time.

Students will be engaged in critical thinking questions and dialogue about their own community, artwork and how it relates to themselves and how they are a part of it.

The Heidelberg Project is a nationally renowned artwork started by Smithsonian-recognized artist Tyree Guyton and is a part of our community, located six miles away. Students will be able to be permanently connected to the Heidelberg Project by donating one of their own used and well-loved dolls, as requested by Guyton, to be included as part of the installation at the Heidelberg Project. Donations will be collected Friday, Feb. 14. To participate or donate a doll, contact Pierce art teacher Natalie Zoufal at [Snatalie.Zoufal@gpschools.org](mailto:Snatalie.Zoufal@gpschools.org).

Technology showcase

The Grosse Pointe Technology Showcase will be 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, at the Brownell multi-purpose room.

Students will demonstrate the pilot technology tested in the schools.

Great Lakers ... Great Times

It's not too late to join the fun at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School's auction, Great Lakers ... Great Times.

Class art projects and live and silent auctions highlight the night. Cost is \$95 per person. It begins at 6 p.m. with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction and raffle. A strolling dinner starts at 7 p.m., followed by the live auction at 8 p.m. Paul W. Smith is master of ceremonies and the auctioneer is Bob DuMouchelle.

For auction items, visit [stpaulonthelake.com](http://stpaulonthelake.com). For tickets, call (313) 885-3430.

Funds for seats

Pierce Middle School will raise money to refurbish the auditorium seats with an event 7:30 p.m. Feb. 8.

A Habaes Chorau Line presents "Chapter Nein" with special guest appearance by Three Men and a Tenor.

Tickets are \$20 and available at Posterity in the village and The League Shop on the Hill. A Habaes Chorus Line is a group of local attorneys who showcase their talents outside of court with singing and satire. Their songs are crafted by the group and they are all about current events and on this particular evening they will sing about hte bankruptcy, DIA, Belle Isle, NSA spying and Kevyn Orr. There will also be a 50/50 drawing.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call (313) 423-4703.

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graduate **Joseph Pompey**, son of Pasquale and Josephine Pompeo of the City of Grosse Pointe; and Grosse Pointe North High School graduate **Michael Rieth**, son of Robert and Nancy Rieth of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The following students were named to the Dean's List for the summer semester at Central Michigan University: **Jonathan William Crandall** of Grosse

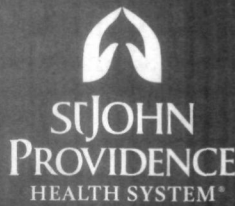
Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe Woods resident **Zakiya Watt**. Watt also graduated in August 2013 with a Bachelor of Science degree.

The following students, all of Grosse Pointe Woods, graduated August 2013 from Central Michigan University: **Frederick Griswold**, Bachelor of Science degree; **Renee Hermann**, Master of Science Administration degree; **Michael Koltun**, Bachelor of Science degree; and **Michael Pilot**, Bachelor of Science degree.

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