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## Chamber awards night

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce held its Pointer of Distinction awards dinner at the Country Club of Detroit Thursday, Jan. 30. For more photos and information, see page 3A.

## Harwood believes bond is right for schools

By Joe Warner  
Editor

Superintendent Tom Harwood has heard the opposition to the bond proposal on the Feb. 25 ballot, but still believes it's right for the school district and community.

"This is what's best for our schools," Harwood said in an interview at the Grosse Pointe News. "This would make us competitive again."

Harwood said the Grosse Pointe Public School System has lost ground on other top schools over the years. "We've been keeping up with curriculum and small class sizes. I'm confident this is something

that needs to pass to help us in other areas."

Other areas include security and computer technology and infrastructure updates, all part of a bond question seeking \$50.2 million over 10 years. If approved, the bond would cost the owner of a \$200,000 house with a \$100,000 taxable value \$228 in additional taxes each year.

Opposition to the proposal has been vocal through a group called Residents for Responsible Spending. The main charge is the district is asking for more than what's needed.

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## Park approves second screen

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Park's city council gave two thumbs up at its meeting Jan. 27 to a gift that will fund the construction of a second movie theater at Windmill Pointe Park.

The gift, from the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation, will allow the city to add a 60-seat theater to the existing Okulski Family Theatre located in the Lavins Center.

The residents-only theater is very popular, generating profits of \$75,000 per year to the city, and that led

Park officials to consider adding a second screen, which would allow the city to show a wider variety of movies.

"The distributor put limitations on us," said city manager Dale Krajniak, "and we were only allowed to show one movie at a time requiring us to retain the same movie for several weeks. We weren't allowed to 'share' a screen, showing two different movies during the same week. We focus on Disney-type films, but we want to add to the mix."

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## Kay pleads guilty in firebombing

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

Charles Patterson Kay pleaded guilty in Wayne County Circuit Court to three counts related to the May 2013 firebombing of a lakeside mansion in Grosse Pointe Park.

The judge in the case put off sentencing for up to two years.

Judge James Chylinski put Kay on probation for the next two years, subject to several conditions. Under the terms of his

probation, Kay cannot use or possess illegal drugs or alcohol, he must maintain full-time employment or go to school full time, successfully complete an anger management program and receive court-approved mental health treatment. He also must live with a parent.

In addition to Chylinski's orders, Kay is required to comply with all conditions set forth by the probation department, not engage in

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Nine-month-old Charlie Henze attended his first Winterfest at Lake Front Park. His father, Jeff, provided the transportation by pulling a small sled across the snow.

PHOTOS BY  
RENEE LANDUYT

## Woods winter

Grosse Pointe Woods' 13th annual Winterfest was a reason to fire up the grill and get the hot dogs roasting with Mike Moore and Abe Frohman of the Woods Recreation Commission. Below, Amaya Scott flies through the air before descending on the inflatable slide. Bottom right, first place in chili cook-off was captured by Gayle Grapetin, right, with her Guinness chili. Her daughter, Sara, left, dished up the flavorful recipe.



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# Carroll proud to be part of growing company

By Joe Warner  
Editor

Pointe Capital Management LLC welcomes an All-American leader to their growing team.

James L. Carroll is managing director of the Grosse Pointe Farms firm.

He joined in January, a homecoming to the area in which he grew up.

Carroll spent the last 17 years with financial giant Loomis Sayles & Co. as vice president and equity portfolio manager.

His career started with National Bank of Detroit as an assistant vice president and equity portfolio manager. He worked for Rtan Mosle Inc. from 1981 to 1983, when it was purchased by Paine



James L. Carroll

Webber Inc. He was a managing director and senior energy research team leader for Paine Webber until 1996 when he joined Loomis Sayles & Co.

After being with some of the top firms, he looks forward to working with the team of Pointe Capital

Management.

"I had a desire to join an organization where I could have more of an impact," Carroll said. "This office has a unique combination of time-tested and deep bench experience with a lot of enthusiasm of younger staff. There is a great passion for investment work here and each of us brings something different to the party. We really complement each other."

Carroll said the team-focused office allows clients the best service available.

"It's more individual here," Carroll said. "We're part of the community and we know many of the people we're working for and with. For me, it's exciting to be here. It would be difficult

to find another firm in Michigan with this combination of talent. I have seen giant organizations that would strive to find what we have right here."

For Carroll and his wife, Perry, it's a homecoming. She grew up in Grosse Pointe Farms. Carroll grew up in Harper Woods.

"We love the small-city feel," Carroll said. "The restaurants and stores, walking the Village and the Hill. Grosse Pointe is a great place."

The Carrolls have two adult children, William and Christina.

Carroll holds a Bachelor of Science

degree from Wayne State University with a concentration in economics and a Masters of Business Administration from WSU with a concentration in corporate finance.

He was selected an Institutional Investor All-American team member from 1984-1996 and ranked the No. 1 energy service analyst in the United States for 10 consecutive years. He has been a Chartered Financial Analyst since 1976.

Carroll enjoys skiing, running and is a boating enthusiast.

"I am happy to be part of this," he said. "This is

really about the team that has come together at Pointe Capital. They're very experienced and very deeply trained. The breadth of our bench is very unique on this team."

Pointe Capital Management LLC is an SEC Registered Investment Advisor, founded by industry veterans in 2010. Pointe Capital has offices in Grosse Pointe Farms and New York City.

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## Skyetique Boutique & Beauty Bar

Skyetique Boutique & Beauty Bar in Grosse Pointe Park is now open at 15129 Kercheval. Skyetique offers a number of beauty packages such as blow dry and updo's, makeup applications and tanning as well as clothing and jewelry. For more information, call (313) 649-2855 or visit [skyetique.com](http://skyetique.com). At ribbon cutting ceremonies with the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, from left, Chamber executive director Jennifer Boettcher; sales associate Nina Campbell; Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Palmer Heenan; owner Jackie Lentine; sales associate Sue Klink; Park city manager Dale Krajniak; and Park city councilwoman Laurie Arora.

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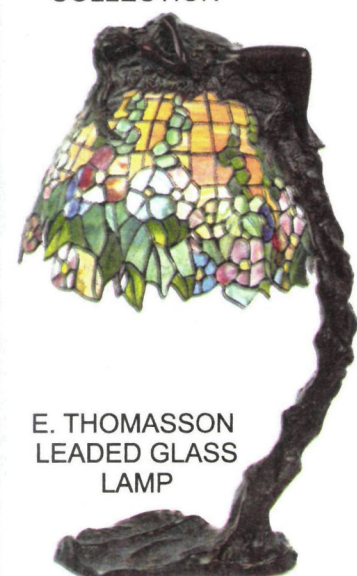
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## Winners

Some of the community's finest were honored at the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Pointers of Distinction awards dinner. At right, from left, chamber board vice chairman Ted Everingham, chairwoman Kathleen Mullins, New Business Enterprise award winner Ellen Durand of El's Boutique and chamber executive director Jenny Boettcher. Below, Katherine Krueger of Grosse Pointe South wins the Youth Achievement Award.



St. John Providence Health System and its foundation were represented by, from left, Nadine Cook, Tomasine Marx, David Brooks and Scott Smith.

At right, Richard Stowger receives the award for Community Service. Below, Nicolas Wu of University Liggett proudly displays his Youth Achievement Award, as does Maria Liddane of Grosse Pointe North in the bottom photo. The community nominates local leaders and students for the awards, presented each year by the Grosse Pointe Chamber. This year's dinner was at the Country Club of Detroit in Grosse Pointe Farms.



At left, Bruce Anderson, owner of Moehring Woods Flowers, receives the award for Excellence in Business.

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## Scrappers gut vacant houses

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Someone gutted two vacant houses on Hillcrest of copper pipes and related hardware without neighbors being the wiser.

A Grosse Pointe Farms public safety officer likened the scrappers to hiding in plain sight; acting with such assurance that casual onlookers assumed nothing was wrong.

Both houses are in foreclosure and owned by Fannie Mae.

They're located side-by-side on the cul-de-sac

in the 400 block of Hillcrest above Chalfonte. One house borders a wall separating the residential neighborhood from playfields at Mack and Moross.

"Crews often put work into bank-owned houses to resell them," said Detective John Walko. "I'm guessing this is the case with these scrappers. If someone did ask them, that's a relatively safe alibi."

Police learned of the thefts Friday, Jan. 24, from a real estate agent.

"(The agent) was intending on preparing

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## Week Ahead

### SATURDAY, FEB. 8

◆ Grosse Pointe Park's Chilly Fest is from noon to 4 p.m. at Patterson and Windmill Pointe parks with music and lunch provided.

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods' Mother and Son movie day begins at 12:30 p.m. at the Community Center. For more information, call (313) 343-2440.

◆ The parody singing troupe, A (Habeas) Chorus Line, presents "Chapter Nein" at 7:30 p.m. in Pierce Middle School auditorium. The cost is \$20. Tickets are available at Posterity Gallery, at the door and at the League Shop. For more information, call (313) 432-4700 or (313) 402-5805.

### SUNDAY, FEB. 9

◆ Lamia & Lamia, 19653 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, holds a fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with proceeds going to offset medical bills of former Grosse Pointer Chantel Giacalone. For more information, call Kelsi at (313) 884-1710.

### MONDAY, FEB. 10

◆ Chat with Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Detroit, from 9 to 10 a.m. at Grosse Pointe Woods city hall, 20025 Mack Plaza.

◆ Jeffrey Zacharias M.D. discusses sports medicine for the female athlete from 7 to 8 p.m. in the University Liggett School upper school commons. Admission is free. For reservations, visit [rclark@uls.org](mailto:rclark@uls.org).

◆ Grosse Pointe Park city council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.

### TUESDAY, FEB. 11

◆ Services for Older Citizens annual meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. at 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms.

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 12

◆ Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce holds Business After Hours from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Beaumont Breast Care Center, 468 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe.

### THURSDAY, FEB. 13

◆ Five ways to knock negativity by living lighthearted with a positive mindset is presented at 7 p.m. by Marie Reinman, director of cardiovascular services Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe in the hospital's Connelly Auditorium. The cost is \$10. To register, call 800-633-7377.

## PARK:

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According to Krajniak, the total cost of the project, \$450,000, will be underwritten by the Foundation. Construction could begin as early as this spring, with completion slated for the fall.

While construction costs will be covered, it was the operating costs that brought questions from councilwoman Laurie Arora.

"I appreciate the Foundation's efforts, but I've had more requests from residents for a dog park than I have had for another theater," she said, a comment that several residents in attendance appeared to agree with. "I love the theater, but is another one necessary?"

Arora also objected to the council being asked to approve the project without being shown any plans or budget projections, and without clarifying if any shortfalls in the operation would be covered by the city's general fund.

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"I expect sales and attendance to grow," Krajniak responded. "We'd be utilizing the same staff and lobby area." Krajniak also said the new theater will be a "clone" of the existing one, and drawings and final plan. "We don't have drawings because we didn't want to make the investment if the project wasn't approved."

The second screen will allow the city to show films with more mature themes, something several residents have requested over the years. Current city policy does not allow the showing of R rated movies, though exemptions have been granted for certain movies, including "Gran Torino," which was filmed in the Park, and more recently, "Captain Phillips."

"We have focused on family movies, but that doesn't give our older residents a fair shake," said Mayor Palmer Heenan.

Krajniak said the project had been approved by

the city's recreation commission, which brought comments from several residents.

"Why are we just finding out about this now?" one resident asked the council. "Why weren't the residents asked about this project? Shouldn't the community decide on this project rather than the council?"

Another resident echoed those sentiments.

"I came here tonight expecting to see drawings and a budget, and I'm upset that you appear to be making decisions without any of that information," she said.

Heenan responded by saying this was merely an addition to the existing theater.

"We're proud the theater has been popular," he said. "We have done a good thing with the first theater, now let us do another good thing."

A Pemberton resident raised concerns about additional traffic, and questioned the parking problems that could be created by the expansion. Initial plans call for expanding the Lavins

Center out into the parking lot, eliminating about five parking spaces in the existing lot.

"I know traffic can be a concern in the summer, but adding 60 seats won't add to the problem," Krajniak said.

And even if traffic does increase, councilman Dan Grano asked the residents, "What difference will it make? You already have a problem. If you had come to us before, we could have been working on it."

The residents asked council to consider tabling the proposal while community input was sought, but the council moved forward, approving the project on a 5-1 tally, with Arora casting the dissenting vote. Councilman Greg Theokas was absent.

After the meeting, Arora said her vote "was not against the added theater," adding, "I expected a formal presentation and expected my questions to be answered regarding the estimated costs to the taxpayers. I didn't get that."

## KAY:

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any criminal behavior or acquire any criminal convictions. The court may require him to wear a GPS tether with specified times of home confinement.

Any violations of these orders can result in immediate sentencing on the charges, which include second-degree arson, sending explosives with intent to injure or destroy causing property damage and manufacturing or possessing a Molotov cocktail.

The first two charges carry a sentence of 20 years in prison, the third carries a sentence of four years.

At 3:23 a.m. Friday, May 17, police were called to the home of Gary VanElslander on the report of a fire which was caused by someone throwing an incendiary

device through a kitchen window. The fire was extinguished by family members.

Kay was arrested after police tracked his footprints through wet grass.

Kay, 21, and a Park resident, has been free on \$35,000 bond.

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# Marina rates hike 3 percent

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — Rental rates at the municipal marina are increased 3 percent this year to help shore up the financially floundering harbor fund.

New rates mean that a 25-foot well, renting last year for \$870, costs \$896 this year.

The marina's largest well, for 60-foot boats, renting last year for \$4,176, increases to \$4,301.

Even with the hike, the first in two years, land-lubbers may be drawn into bailing out the fund, which turned turtle and shows no sign of righting itself.

The marina at Osius Park traditionally oper-

ates from a stand-alone proprietary fund fueled by boating fees.

"You're supposed to make money in a proprietary fund," said Grosse Pointe Shores Mayor Ted Kedzierski. "We've lost money in the marina, without factoring depreciation."

General taxpayer money may be tapped to pay some harbor costs because the public has access to harbor facilities, especially the scenic boardwalk, a popular fishing and sightseeing spot.

"It's not strictly for boaters," said Councilman Robert Gesell, of the finance committee. "There may be something we can look at to see where we can meet that portion of

that."

The boardwalk is part of harbor reconstruction financed in 2007 by issuing 30-year bonds at about 4 percent interest.

"The bond issue was based on full occupancy (of the harbor)," said Mark Wollenweber, city manager.

Yet, the rental rate last summer fell short at 92 percent.

"That's been the history for the last few years," said Councilman Robert Barrette, chairman of the parks and harbor committee.

The city has been meeting bond obligations so far by dipping into reserves, Kedzierski said.

"It's going to get worse because the principle is going to increase," added

Councilman Bruce Bisballe, chairman of the finance committee.

The 3 percent increase for this year matches one from two years ago, but doesn't price the Shores beyond the market, including private marinas in St. Clair Shores, according to Barrette.

"We only had a cursory comparison with Jefferson Beach," said Frank Tenkel, of the harbor committee. "Some (marinas) are priced below where we are now."

Shores boaters reserving a municipal well for next season must pay half the rental fee by Tuesday, Feb. 18, according to Tom Krolczyk, harbor master.

The balance is due by Tuesday, April 15.

# City settles tax case with St. John

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

Based on a recommendation from the Grosse Pointe Woods city assessor and city attorney, the city council approved the settlement of a tax case with St. John Hospital and Medical Center that dates back to 2012.

At issue is St. John's contention its VanElslander Cancer Center and adjoining parking lot should be tax exempt based on a restructured business model put forth by St. John. While 80 percent of the property had been tax exempt previously, St. John now maintains the remaining 20 percent is now no longer occupied by paying tenants and should be removed from the tax rolls.

In a letter to the coun-

cil, city attorney Chip Berschback said he and the city assessor, Scott Vandemergel, reviewed the information from St. John and agreed the property should now be listed as tax exempt.

However, because St. John benefits still benefits from Woods city services, including police and fire, the hospital has agreed to a separate agreement with the city for Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT).

Through the agreement, St. John agreed to pay the city \$27,180 for 2012 and a similar amount for 2013.

The rate for 2014 is still to be determined.

The council, at its Feb. 3 meeting, voted unanimously to accept the agreement, thus canceling a hearing before the state's Tax Tribunal.

# Johnston celebrates milestone

Frieda Peslar Johnston, a resident of Grosse Pointe Farms since 1953, celebrated her 100th birthday Jan. 5.

Johnston lives in the house where she and her husband Hugh, built a rich life focused on their love nieces and



Frieda Peslar Johnston

their friends and interests.

Johnston was one of the few women who regularly skied "up north" at Otsego in the early 1940s. She reminisces about long wooden skis, walking up the slopes and of their singing after skiing with her friends who met at the German Club in Detroit.

One member was Evert Kircher, who built Boyne Mountain. Johnston participated in the opening of the ski resort there.

Johnston, an avid tennis player, enjoyed playing tennis with Hugh until she had her hip replaced.

Once they turned 70, she decided that tennis and skiing were too risky. So they rode motorcycles into their 80s with friends in Grosse Pointe and called themselves "Hell's Geezers."

Frieda and Hugh, until his death four years ago, were passionate supporters of the Michigan Opera Theatre, Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Stratford Shakespeare Festival Theatre. Regularly, Johnston attends the opera and symphony.

When asked how she made it past 100, she said, "It is luck and a bit of genes."

Johnston's family said she is a positive person who enjoys more sedentary pastimes and is amazed she is a centenarian.

# Strong start to year

For the Moross Greenway Project, the new year is off to a great start thanks to recent donations totaling \$110,000.

The project's benefactors are The Community Foundation of Southeastern Michigan (\$20,000), the McGregor Fund (\$20,000), a Grosse Pointe Farms resident (\$20,000) and a private family foundation (\$50,000).

These funds are a significant boost to the Moross Greenway's plan to reforest and landscape the seven islands on Moross Road between St. John Hospital and the I-94 service drive.

"We are thrilled to announce these very generous gifts," said Gail Warden, the project's honorary chairwoman. "They will allow us to begin planting this fall. After four years of planning, fundraising and

community collaboration, we are ready to kick off the work of revitalizing the area."

The project involves the planting of trees, shrubs and perennials that will provide a sustainable landscape including native plants and an irrigation system to ensure the plants will thrive.

The first phase was launched in June 2011 with the planting of 191 trees along Moross.

Additional funds are still needed to provide the trees, shrubs, perennials and labor necessary to complete the landscaping of all the islands.

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	<b>VIVIO'S BLOODY MARY MIX</b>	<b>\$4.99</b>	MADE IN EASTERN MARKET 32 OZ. BTL. PLUS TAX

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## 6A | NEWS

## City of Grosse Pointe

## Window smashed

Between 2 and 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, someone smashed the rear window of a vehicle parked in the 16900 block of Kercheval Place.

—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

## Skimmed

An employee of a snowplowing service is accused of conning \$65 from an 83-year-old female Farms customer.

On Saturday, Jan. 25, the employee, a 46-year-old man from Macomb Township, obtained a \$65 advance payment from the resident. He reportedly told her the money was needed "due to expenses."

Later, the woman spoke with the service's owner, who reportedly told her the employee never forwarded the money.

"(The woman) realized her payment was essentially stolen," said a public safety officer. "The suspect again approached (her) on an unknown date claiming to need payment again. She confronted him about the first payment and he left."

## Public Safety Reports

She wants to press charges, police said.

## 40 suspensions

Among a 47-year-old Detroit man's "several" outstanding warrants are two in Grosse Pointe Shores regarding traffic infractions, according to a Farms patrolman.

The patrolman arrested the man during a traffic stop shortly after 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, on westbound Mack near Neff.

The officer pulled him over for operating a green 1999 Mercury Sable with a defective headlight.

"(He) is currently suspended 40 times," said the patrolman.

## Drugs

Police found 10 grams of marijuana in a 2002 Chevrolet Trailblazer operated by a 55-year-old Detroit man on westbound Mack near East Warren.

A patrolman pulled him over at 8:58 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31, because the Trailblazer lacked an illuminated license plate.

"(He) informed (me) that he is a retired police officer," said the patrolman. "He then informed (me) that he was not ever a police officer, (but) he used to work with police

officers while working for the department of transportation."

## Tipped off

A resident informed police at 5:02 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, of an unknown woman knocking on the door of a house in the 400 block of Hillcrest.

The house is in the same block where unidentified thieves in mid-January stripped copper pipes and related hardware from two vacant houses.

The woman drove a white 1998 Chevrolet box van.

A patrolman stopped her on Charlevoix near Kerby. The woman, 50, of Detroit, wore a dark hat and black coat.

"(She) is known in the area for salvaging rubbish," said the officer. "She said she salvaged a scooter from (the house on) Hillcrest three weeks ago and was attempting to retrieve the title from the residence."

A search of the van revealed a water heater.

"One of the items stolen in a home invasion was a water heater, the make and model unknown at this time of the stop," said the officer. "(I) documented the water heater."

## Catalytistrophe

Between noon and 7:50 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, someone stole the catalytic converter off a 1991 Chevrolet Lumina parked in a commercial lot in the 18700 block of Mack.

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

## Grosse Pointe Shores

## Rollover

The driver of a Ford Explorer that landed on its left side in the median of the snow-covered, right-hand curve in the 1100 block of eastbound Lakeshore refused medical treatment, according to patrolmen and medics at the scene.

Officers were dispatched to the single-vehicle wreck at 9:29 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 1.

The driver, a 48-year-old Detroit man, lost control of his SUV roughly midway between the entrance to the Edsel & Eleanor Ford estate and the intersection of Lakeshore and Fairlake Lane.

## Making sure

An EMS crew responded at 5:31 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, to a house on Oxford for what ended up being a false alarm.

A female resident reportedly fell and accidentally pushed her medical alert button.

"Officers ensured there were no medical emergencies (and) showed the owner how to reset the alarm when an accidental activation occurs," according to an officer's account.

## Snack time

A 64-year-old Eastpointe man, being questioned at 11:32 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, for parking a pickup truck on eastbound Lakeshore near Willison to eat a hamburger, was arrested for drunken driving.

His blood alcohol measured .20 percent, according to police.

"(I) asked (him) what he was doing, and he stated, 'Eating,'" according to an officer.

The man reportedly gave up trying to perform field sobriety tests.

"(He) stated that we had him," said the officer.

Police impounded the man's 1999 Ford F-150.

—Brad Lindberg

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

## Grosse Pointe Park

## Arrest made

A 50-year-old Detroit resident was taken into custody Saturday, Jan. 25, by officers responding to a report of a person tampering with cars. After his arrest, he was found to be in possession of several credit cards reported stolen from a

car the night before. The suspect had used the credit cards several times.

## Duo arrested

An alert resident called police at 3 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31, to report two unknown suspects in a driveway on Wayburn looking at a car. Responding officers observed the subjects walking on Alter Road, and once the pair realized they were being watched, one dropped a screwdriver. Police stopped the pair and found both had extensive criminal histories, including auto theft. The suspects were arrested and charged with trespassing.

## Bad check arrest

A 20-year-old Detroit resident was arrested on Monday, Jan. 27, and charged with uttering and publishing after she attempted to cash a fraudulent check at a bank on Jefferson.

## Coat, phone taken

An afternoon basketball game on Sunday, Feb. 2, proved costly to one player. He placed his North Face jacket down on the bench. When he was finished playing, his jacket, along with his phone that was in the pocket, were missing.

—Kathy Ryan

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

## Grosse Pointe Woods

No reports available.

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## Phone taken

At about 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, a man from Grosse Pointe Woods told police he suspected someone removed his \$500 Samsung cellular telephone from his coat pocket while he attended a function at a church in the first block of Lakeshore.

## Book draft is coming

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — Preparations continue on a municipal history book.

A draft is expected in June, according to Councilwoman Kay Felt, liaison to the Grosse Pointe Shores Ambassador Committee.

Publication, by Arcadia Press, is targeted by

Christmas.

"Arcadia Press approved the project a few days ago," Felt said Tuesday, Jan. 21.

There's talk of a December book signing by author, Arthur Woodford.

"The book will make a nice stocking-stuffer for Christmas," said Mayor Ted Kedzierski.

Committee members, charged with promoting

the Shores, suggested the book as a pictorial history of the community, which celebrated its centennial in 2011.

Woodford, of Harsens Island, is well represented in the Grosse Pointe Public Library card catalog.

His works include editing both volumes of "Tonnancour" for the


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To prove it, take a walk down into your basement, look up at the ceiling for thin sheets of tin nailed between your floor joists. These are your cold air return lines. Give them a good pounding. You'll see puffs of dust seeping out of the edges. That my friends, is the reason you have uncontrollable dust problems!

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BOND:

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Not so, says Harwood. "These are items we need to accomplish," he said. "We worked hard over the summer to properly prepare the information and to make the decisions about this bond issue."

When asked about the timing of the election - with it Feb. 25 instead of last November - Harwood said there wasn't time to assess what was needed before election deadlines passed. "Some of the board members didn't feel comfortable approving that particular item being placed on the November ballot," Harwood said.

GUT:

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the house for a showing and, when entering, discovered the lock box that was on the front door missing," said Officer Stephen Puckett, the initial investigator. The agent also found the back door off its hinges and propped inside. "He entered the house and discovered all the copper pipes and the hot water heater missing," Puckett said. The agent said the crime occurred between Friday, Jan. 17 and Thursday, Jan. 23. While seeking statements from neighbors, officers noticed the back door missing from a neighboring house. Inside, the kitchen sink, cabinets, stove, refrigerator, furnace,

duct work, hot water heater and pipes were gone. A neighbor across the street outlined a lead. "(She said) that this morning she observed an adult with a young girl at 426 Hillcrest," Puckett said. "There were inside and out of the home." The pair drove a newer model crossover vehicle. "(The witness) observed people in and out of the homes in the past week or so," Puckett said. "She assumed they were cleaning the homes." Patrolmen are giving special attention to the rough half-dozen other vacant houses in the Farms. "If people see something going on at a neighbor's house, call us," Walko said. He also notified area agencies. "If they nab someone, I'm going to try to tie in our B&Es," Walko said.

"We've worked hard to communicate every step of the process. With parents, the community, municipalities. We've worked to get the word out about why this bond proposal is needed." Harwood said maintaining small class sizes, offering elementary art and AP classes have contributed to the delay in some needed technology upgrades. "We offer some great programs and services with staffing in place," Harwood said. "The majority of our staff members not only work here, but live here as well. They care about the students and don't want us to fall behind. We're always compared to Birmingham of Bloomfield and we're expected to compete. We have some needs to be addressed." Among the upgrades in the bond proposal, a safety and security component is listed.

"Part of the changes we need to make are mandated," Harwood said. "Security, including lighting upgrades, computer based key fobs and sensors to tell us when doors or windows are propped open all go to the security of protecting our valuable resource, the students, staff and teachers in our buildings. We also lack cameras to help give us a view of our properties." Harwood said security has always been an issue and the local chiefs of public safety have been involved developing a plan to secure the schools. On the technology side, the infrastructure of the system fails on a daily basis, Harwood said. It's outdated and the Cloud technology doesn't allow for the security or the capacity to handle thousands of students accessing information at the same time. "The average age of

our computers is nine years," Harwood said. "Over half of the computers in our system are older than the oldest child in our elementary schools. We need to close the digital gap and provide a foundation for our students to be successful. This addresses that need for the life of the bonds. Harwood said he understands there is always opposition to a commitment, but stresses Grosse Pointe has always backed the high expectations for their schools with support of their needs. "It's an amazing community," he said. "There are so many people connected with what we do in our schools. They volunteer, interact, attend events and they give us input to make sure what they have in their school district is valuable. That's our goal. I feel this community has always been connected to the needs of the children.

"We have tremendous support from staff and teachers, from foundations and the PTOs. There needs to be a return on the investment and there is with this proposal." When asked the next step if the bond proposal fails in less than three weeks, Harwood said, "We will have to take a difficult look at cutting some significant costs to do what we need to do here. "We will do our best to our ability to implement the changes we need to make, but there will be real choices we have to make. Real tough choices." More information is available at [gpschools.org](http://gpschools.org). Next week, we talk to more residents for and against the proposal. Letters to the editor start on page 8A. The series of questions and answers continues next week.

BOOK:

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Grosse Pointe Historical Society. He also edited "The Michigan Companion," published in 2011 by Omnigraphs, and wrote an Arcadia book about former Tashmoo Park. Arcadia books, including the recently released, "Legendary Locals of Grosse Pointe," the third collaboration for Arcadia by hometowners Ann Marie Aliotta and Suzy Berschback, are generally 128 pages long, cost \$21.99, have at least one photograph and an extensive caption per page. Committee members also are planning a com-

memorative city tile featuring an image of city hall. A manufacturer is being sought. "We already have a price from Motawi Tile in Ann Arbor," said Mark Wollenweber, city manager. He's waiting for a bid from Pewabic Pottery, on East Jefferson in Detroit. Shores officials will compare rendering from both companies. "We'll see which works the best," Wollenweber said. Shores city hall, built in 1915, is an Albert Kahn design. The building was expanded in 1984 to its present configuration by Grosse Pointe architect Robert Wakely.



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JOE WARNER

# It's a special day

A milestone hits for me, today, Feb. 6.

I'm not 50, though I'm closer to that than 40.

It's something that makes me appreciate life a little more.

My oldest daughter, Abigail Lynn, turns 13 today.

It doesn't seem possible to have a teenager, though she's been acting like one for some time now.

Abby, or Abbie as she likes to spell it, is a beautiful girl. She has an incredible smile. She's smart and funny. She's tall and energetic. She's a great swimmer. She qualified for several races for the Junior Olympics coming up in a month. She heads to the state finals in March. It's been fun watching her compete and I'm so proud of her. She'll be a great athlete. Heck, she already is. But Abby's a better person. She's caring, loving and amazing in every way. She's even a great sister to Molly, who will soon turn 9 and demand her own column. Sorry, Molly, this is all about Abby today.

I'm proud of Abby's friends. They, too, are wonderful and bright. Many of them are swimmers on her club team. From experience, I know they could be friends for life. While I don't keep in touch with many people from high school or college, my teammates are among those I do talk to.

Abby, those friends will be there for you when a boy breaks your heart. Or when a girlfriend is mean. They'll be there when you do great on a test, or when you bomb one, which evidently you're able to do occasionally, just like me.

Those friends will pick you up when you're down. They'll tell you good job, even if you didn't have a good race. They'll be your support group and stick up for you. They'll give you a hug when your parents give you grief.

And you'll get grief. Just remember our serious talks and our discipline comes from a good place. We've been there. And we aren't so old we can't remember.

You'll make mistakes. Just don't forget that we're always here for you, unconditionally. Things will change even more as a teenager. Your friends and family, your mom and stepdad and all of our friends love you very much and support you, even when you drive everybody nuts, on occasion.

Me? Well, you're the greatest thing that ever happened to me in my life. And your sister a few years later was equally awesome.

I'm blessed to have two daughters, each unique and special. I can't compare it to anything else, because there is nothing more important.

While there are times I want to yell at you, deport you to another land, throw your phone in Lake Michigan or fast forward decisions you make today so you can see the results tomorrow, I've learned patience thanks to you.

I've also learned what love is — when you came along Feb. 6, 2001.

Happy 13th birthday, Abby. I love you. Now go make your bed.



Abby and Molly Warner in Clearwater Beach, Fla.



# LETTERS

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your letters to the editor. All letters should be typed, double-spaced and signed. Longer letters may be edited for length and all letters may be edited for content. We reserve the right to refuse any letter. Include a daytime phone number for verification or questions. The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday. Letters to the Editor can be e-mailed to [jwarner@grossepointenews.com](mailto:jwarner@grossepointenews.com).

## Movie theater

### To the Editor:

It is my fervent hope Grosse Pointe Park City Council Member Laurie Arora's "no" vote on the addition of a movie theater at Windmill Pointe Park is not misinterpreted or portrayed as anything other than it was: A respectful and courageous, if lonely, step on the side of government transparency, participatory democracy and respect for all citizens and taxpayers.

The Grosse Pointe Park's Jan. 27 council meeting included an item only released to the general citizenry in a Friday afternoon e-mail with the evening's agenda.

It simply read "Grosse Pointe Park Foundation: Mayor Heenan and members of city council will review the foundation's current efforts for the construction of an additional theater."

While no audience or council member, including Ms. Arora, spoke in complete opposition to the project, numerous worthy questions were asked at the public meeting:

◆ Why were no designs or architectural renderings of the new building provided?

◆ What are the general fund budget implications for the new endeavor, since the city is expected to staff and maintain the building?

◆ Where exactly would the theater be located?

◆ How is parking at the park affected?

◆ Where is the traffic impact study for residents living on the streets used to access Windmill Pointe Park?

◆ How this proposal communicated to residents outside of the foundation itself or the Grosse Pointe Park Parks and Recreation Committee, which apparently unanimously approved the measure?

Council gave no sufficient answers to these questions and instead responded with seemingly rehearsed semi-related statements:

The foundation has done good projects in the past, the city council is to be trusted because of its record, council members and the mayor know what's best for the city, more communication wasn't necessary because we were discussing it at the meeting, "never look a gift horse in the mouth," and Grosse Pointe Park is a wonder-

ful place for families.

Leaving aside the question of how a facility showing R-rated films, specifically, is good for families, the process was disconcerting to many in the audience; and should be to those in the community, who could not attend or were not aware of the proposal.

Instead of embracing the residents' interest and building goodwill and confidence with honest answers to questions about the project, our leaders, except Ms. Arora, made a long-term and potentially expensive decision. A decision with no public information, budget, drawings, environmental impact plan, traffic study and formal process for citizen input, except for the few who made the meeting on the 48-hour notice given.

I would imagine the placement of a park bench or bike rack along Kercheval requires more publicly available documents.

Probably like Ms. Arora, I'm confident the theater is going to bring excellent programming and other value to our community. If only our process for adopting such projects did the same.

When so little openness, transparency, communication and respect for interested citizens surrounds a simple project, such as this additional theater, how are we to trust our local government's actions regarding larger and more expensive and extensive taxpayer-funded projects, efforts and operations?

SANDRA SVOBODA  
Grosse Pointe Park

## Superior setting

### To the Editor:

As a life-long resident of Grosse Pointe Park, a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and parent of three current Grosse Pointe Public School System students, including one graduating this year, I am well aware our excellent teaching staff is more than capable of teaching in the "traditional way," sans the updates in technology.

However, in my professional role as an academic advisor at Wayne State University, I am also acutely aware of the expectations our students face when they get to the collegiate level.

Most Grosse Pointe schools students enter college well-equipped academically. Technologically, however,

we are putting them at a terrible disadvantage if we do not equip our teachers and students with the infrastructure and tools they need to hit the ground running in a technologically superior collegiate setting.

If we want to continue to pride ourselves on being a district that consistently sends the majority of its students on to post-secondary education, we need to equip them with all of the tools — and this includes the ability to navigate technology comfortably.

Traditionalists are truly kidding themselves if they don't think this is part of the expectation of our graduates. I know my husband and I will be voting in favor of the technology bond on Feb. 25.

KIM CLEXTON  
Grosse Pointe Park

## House in order

### To the Editor:

I am a native Grosse Pointer. I attended public schools from kindergarten until I graduated from Grosse Pointe High School — Grosse Pointe North didn't exist.

There were more than 1,000 students in my graduating class.

My parents were not wealthy. I delivered The Detroit News to more than 100 homes every day after school and on weekends for six years, to earn money for college.

I paid my own bus fare to and from school every day, and I also bought my own textbooks, lunches and school supplies.

There were more than 3,000 students in the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades when I attended high school, but we only had six sports — baseball, basketball, football, swimming, tennis and track — not 30.

Schools emphasized education in my day, not sports; which were for boys — girls were cheerleaders. There were no teaching assistants — we had one teacher per classroom, who taught us. Our choir director had no professional accompaniment — one of our classmates played the piano.

I matriculated to the University of Michigan and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering. A few months after I began working at the Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn, I was drafted.

When I completed my tour of duty, I returned to Ford and, after work, earned a Master of Science degree in engineering from Wayne State University at night school. I retired from Ford seven years ago after 36 years of service.

Like my parents, I am not wealthy. My income primarily consists of monthly Social Security and Ford pension checks.

I have a 20-year-old daughter studying engineering at the University of Detroit Mercy; and a

17-year-old son, who is a senior at Grosse Pointe North High School. Her tuition costs \$34,000 a year, and my son's tuition will also cost \$34,000 a year, as he also plans to enroll in engineering at the University of Detroit Mercy this fall.

I have never voted against an increase in funding education since I became eligible to vote in 1969, but I will not vote for a 2.2839 mill increase on Feb. 25 to fund a \$50.3 million technology bond.

At 10.0882 mills, we are already a premium-funded district, equivalent to Troy, 10.51 mills; and Bloomfield Hills, 10.92 mills.

Ten years ago, our local homestead millage rate was 7.0431 mills — 30.2 percent less than the 10.0882 mills we currently pay.

If the 2.2839 mill increase for the \$50.3 million technology bond is approved on Feb. 25, our local homestead millage rate will increase 22.7 percent to 12.3782 mills — 75.7 percent more than the 7.0431 mills we paid 10 years ago.

Where does it end? Our taxes are already too high.

Many prospective buyers have told me they declined to purchase a home in the Grosse Pointe area because property taxes are too high. A 22.7 percent increase of 2.2839 mills will make prospective buyers even less inclined to purchase a home in the Grosse Pointe area, which will further devalue our properties.

We cannot afford another bond issue until we get our financial house in order.

All voters — school administrators, board members, teachers and residents with, or without, children in the system — need to remember we still have \$62 million in bonds from 2000 that were rolled over in 2007.

How close are we to paying those off, or is the district only paying interest on them?

On Aug. 27 2013, Moody's Investors Service downgraded the Grosse Pointe Public School System on our general obligation bonds from Aa1 to Aa2. Refer to [moodys.com/research/Moodys-downgrades-Grosse-Pointe-Public-Schools-MI-to-Aa2-negative-PR-281058](http://moodys.com/research/Moodys-downgrades-Grosse-Pointe-Public-Schools-MI-to-Aa2-negative-PR-281058).

This is not good news. The district has \$47.8 million of rated general obligation unlimited tax debt outstanding, and an additional \$1.9 million of unrated general obligation limited tax debt also outstanding.

Concurrently, Moody's assigned a negative outlook for our Grosse Pointe Public School System, too. The downgrade reflects the district's weakened financial position.

See LETTERS, page 9A

## Correction

A Letter to the Editor in the last issue of the Grosse Pointe News from Gary Abud Jr. contained an error that couldn't be corrected at press time. Mr. Abud sent an edited version correcting the bond proposal opposing group's name to HeckNo.

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tion following four consecutive operating deficits.

The negative outlook also reflects the district's modest reserve levels, which provide limited flexibility to offset potential budget variations. We have a very narrow financial position and are also exposed to an underfunded statewide cost-sharing pension plan.

Establishing a trend of positive financial operations and increasing general fund reserves as projected could move the Aa2 rating up.

On the other hand, failure to restore positive financial operations and increase general fund reserves as projected will move the rating down. Incurring \$50.3 million in debt over the next 10 years for a technology bond, in addition to the \$62 million in bonds from 2000 that were rolled over in 2007, will not be conducive to moving our deteriorated rating up — it will move it down.

Deterioration of the district's tax base or demographic profile, both of which are beyond our control, will also move the rating down.

Finally, I personally take extreme offense to the letter, "Education technology in G.P. schools," that Mr. Gary G. Abud, Jr., of Shelby Township wrote to the editor of the Grosse Pointe News on Jan. 30. Abud deliberately accuses people like me, who oppose the \$50.3 million technology bond, of opposing technology in Grosse Pointe Schools, too, which could never be farther from the truth.

I have championed technology all my life, and so has my wife. We both hold Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in engineering. Our two children are pursuing degrees in engineering, too.

Abud, who doesn't even reside in our district, has the audacity to mali-

ciously charge people like us with opposing technology in Grosse Pointe schools, which is blatantly false — but we do oppose spending money we don't have.

Considering Moody's Investors Service downgraded the Grosse Pointe Public School System just last August on our current outstanding general obligation bonds from Aa1 to Aa2, and also assigned a negative outlook for our Grosse Pointe Public School System, it would be shamefully irresponsible for us to borrow an additional \$50.3 million for a technology bond, whether it's warranted or not.

It's easy to speak in the abstract and spend other people's money, but we must first get our financial house in order before we dig the debt hole we're already in — to such a great depth that we'll never be able to get out.

GREGORY F. WALTON  
Grosse Pointe Shores

## Omnibus bond

To the Editor:

The "technology" bond proposal in the Grosse Pointe Public School System is an appeal to voters and taxpayers for \$50 million. But the entire technology project only needs \$10 million.

I don't need to guess how much computer equipment costs. I know how much it costs. I am an information technology professional with a certification in computer equipment.

The people who crafted this proposal are asking for an excess amount of \$40 million. Why?

Taxpayers and voters have not been given any believable explanation. I ask them to look at the actual bond proposal. That is where taxpayers and voters will find their answer.

This is not a technology bond. It is an omnibus spending bond. A "no" vote is plain common sense.

ERICA A. WARREN  
Grosse Pointe

## Informed voting

To the Editor:

The average Grosse Pointer picking up the Jan. 30 Grosse Pointe News last week, was probably very concerned about the direction our school system was going in.

The treasurer of the citizen group Residents for Responsible Spending warned the community voting "Yes" on the technology bond gave no guarantees on how the school district will use the money.

School board member and RRS supporter Cindy Pangborn was reported to believe the upgrades the district needs could be accomplished for \$10 million, not the \$50 million asked for in the bond.

Even a Bloomfield Hills resident chimed in to warn our community the school district has no plan to boost academic achievement with the new technology. But just because it is printed in the newspaper does not make it a reality.

Our school district has been developing this technology bond proposal for over a year; they have had committees of educators developing plans on how 21st century learning would look in Grosse Pointe, our administrators and board members have toured other districts to learn how they integrate technology into their curriculum and a technical assessment was conducted by an external consultant for each building in the district.

Other bond options were discussed in committee meetings, however Mrs. Pangborn's mysterious \$10 million proposal was never brought before the school board.

All of this information can be found online at the district website, gpschools.org. The Grosse Pointe News is also printing a three-part series on frequently asked questions about the bond.

I implore Grosse Pointe voters not to be fooled by the naysayers, get the facts, ask questions and learn the truth. A respon-

sible voter is an informed voter.

I am confident once the voters look beyond the negative hype, they will come to the same conclusion I have and vote "Yes" on the Grosse Pointe Schools technology bond.

ALLISON BAKER  
Grosse Pointe Park

## Compromise

To the Editor:

I've had the opportunity to read through the technology bond, which will be put forth to Grosse Pointe voters Feb. 25.

I love Grosse Pointe, I really do — go big or go home. And while we're at it, let's add a little "D.C.-style" pork to the bill. I mean, who's watching?

Fundamentally, I understand what the district looks to accomplish. You cannot underestimate the value of a Tier 1 school system and the value it brings to a community.

My three children are products of Kerby, Brownell and South; and my oldest always likes to say Grosse Pointe South High School prepared her well for college.

The district seeks \$50 million, and change. This is much more than just upgrading a bunch of obsolete desktops and file servers. In fact, it's not just about technology but physical plant — new school high-definition security systems; new phone system; heating, ventilation and air conditioning; and lighting upgrades, \$16 million. And aesthetic upgrades — carpeting; painting; ceiling replacement, \$1.8 million as well.

And really, \$3.6 million for natural gas generators? Backup generators are to preserve — UPS do the same thing for a fixed amount of time — computing uptime for companies who process millions of customer transactions daily, not a school district.

My chief concerns lie with the procurement, deployment and refresh of desktops, laptops, tablets and software.

The district is asking voters to spend \$17 million — over one-third of the total bond — on equipment which will require refreshing every two to three years if we are to stay current with technology trends.

This is unsustainable financially. What prohibits the district from going back to the voters in another 10 years to buy all new equipment?

And let's not forget if the bond were to pass, we would have several thousand students running around our streets with state-of-the-art tablets. Seems neat, but all I can think about is loss, damage, theft...can I assume the district's insurance premiums are up to date?

I appreciate all of the work the Grosse Pointe Public Schools System Board of Education has invested in the proposal, but I cannot support it in its current format. I would like to see a "skinnied-down" version, which focuses on the true technology components.

Adding security, lighting, HVAC, paint, carpet and new furniture, etc., upgrades are disingenuous and reek of just packing in as much as I can, in hopes of getting it by an unsuspecting community.

Sometimes you just can't have everything you'd like, but through concession and compromise you'd be amazed at what you can get.

JEFFREY L. HENEL  
Grosse Pointe Farms

## Up-to-date

To the Editor:

I am writing in support of the technology bond.

We are the parents of a dyslexic student. Writing, reading and spelling are a huge chal-

lenge for our son.

In our struggles to find better methods for him to get his thoughts on paper, we hit brick walls at every turn.

The school discouraged us from using the technology available, word processor, stating "Kids don't like to use them. It makes them feel different." We insisted on trying anyway.

Our son was given a word processor with a full-size keyboard and an approximately 1- to 2-inch screen to type in. He could not see what he had typed after three lines. He could not go back and edit his documents freely. The teacher didn't know how to plug it into the computer so he could edit his work.

Besides that, it was cumbersome and he was not allowed to use his backpack to carry it to class.

No wonder students were not successful at using this technology.

We invested in an iPad for our son, and had its use in the classroom added to his individualized education plan.

Since that time, he has learned to use his iPad to take notes, take photos of the board notes, listen to electronic textbooks and use speech-to-text software, among other amazing things.

If we had not been able to afford this for him, he would still be struggling to get his thoughts on paper and organize his notes.

There are many students who can benefit from up-to-date technology, not just those with learning differences. That is just one reason why we will be voting "Yes."

JULIA AND DON  
HOFFMANN  
Grosse Pointe Park

## Cheated

To the Editor:

I am a Grosse Pointe

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Public School System parent and Republican who is in support of the bond being voted on this Feb. 25.

I have kids in elementary and middle school. The technology that is currently in place is broken, really broken.

My son and daughter's education is being compromised right now. Every day they are being cheated out of learning activities because the network goes down, computers crash or take forever to spool up.

On top of that, the phone systems seem to fail with regularity. That's personal to me because I have a son with life threatening food allergies — one more run-in with peanuts, and there is a good chance I will lose him.

If something were to

happen at school while the phone system was out, precious time would be lost while some teacher or administrator rushes outside with a cell phone. Minutes, seconds count with anaphylactic shock. Because, as you know, there is no way to get a cellular phone signal in our dear, old Kerby Elementary School.

Last Friday at Trombly Elementary School, my nephew was to view a presentation on the Arctic. The third-grade classes were gathered to watch the show on those magnificent whiteboards all the parent teacher organization's bought over the last few years. Unfortunately the network was overwhelmed at Trombly, due to a lack of bandwidth. The presentation crashed. Again, precious educational time lost.

One-to-one devices in the classroom are becoming the norm. Functioning technological resources are the norm everywhere else.

I want my kids to have the same learning tools that kids in Troy, Plymouth, Fraser, Warren Woods and Birmingham have. Throw in Rochester, Clarkston and Detroit, as well.

I view this as a direct investment in my local community. My kids, our kids, will benefit from the proceeds of this bond issuance for years. We are not shipping this cash off to bureaucrats in Lansing, nor is it being flushed down the Potomac. It stays here and we control the spend.

Please support the bond on Feb. 25.

BOB HARAN  
Treasurer  
GP Tech Yes

Dissenting voices

To the Editor:

What a sad moment in our democracy when dissenting voices are not welcome.

A Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education trustee posts on his personal Facebook complaints about lies and misinformation contained in a batch of recent robo-calls asking for a defeat of the bond paid for by Residents for Responsible Spending.

To his credit, the trustee apologized at the board meeting but was not reprimanded by the board president.

The Michigan School Teacher of the Year, in the Dec. 30 Grosse Pointe News letter to the editor, "Education technology in G.P. schools," mischaracterizes the group — asking for the defeat of the technology bond as being anti-technology, instead of as residents who are merely requesting responsible

spending of their tax dollars.

Why not engage in a debate over disputed positions?

KELLY BOLL  
Grosse Pointe Park

Outdated

To the Editor:

I have yet to find one person, either for or against the technology bond, who thinks the technology in our schools isn't massively outdated and needs to be fixed.

Everyone agrees something must be done. But those opposed to the bond all have different reasons and think they have better solutions.

Some think we have to do something, but it's just too expensive. Others want the new security doors and cameras, but don't want 1:1 devices. Still others think updating the phone system to be compliant with the law isn't needed, but they're fine with the infrastructure upgrades. Some argue the cloud is better than a private server, but support 1:1 devices.

And their ideas on how to pay for the upgrades are just as varied. They range from closing schools to even more teacher pay cuts, from becoming a school of choice to cutting programs and even making current students' parents pay for it.

One person even relies on spending down the general fund to a dangerously low level and reducing fund equity.

Everybody opposed has either a criticism for one part of the proposal or a plan they think is better. And they all differ.

But the one thing all these opinions or so-called solutions have in common is they have already, long ago, been analyzed, dissected, discussed and

researched. And all were found to be lacking either physically, educationally or financially by not only the board, but by the numerous unbiased education, technology and security experts who were consulted to make sure each part of this bond was the best, most precise solution.

So to those just tuning into this bond vote and confused by all the cooks in the kitchen, understand the board didn't just throw this plan together to see if it'll fly. It's as tight as it can be in terms of solutions for our schools' educational and security needs, and its benefits will be far-reaching and felt by our entire community.

I urge everyone to vote "Yes" on technology Feb. 25.

LAURA GUSHEE  
MONAHAN  
Grosse Pointe Farms

The big picture

To the Editor:

Unbelievable! With the upcoming vote for the \$50 million tech bond, many Grosse Pointe residents who are a part of the Residents for Responsible Spending are looking at the big picture.

In other words, many are wondering what goes beyond the personal lap tops and new school doors.

In an effort to make sense of the need for a \$50 million tech bond, isn't it best to ask, how long will it take Grosse Pointe to get out from under the debt?

On Feb. 25, the tech bond is on the ballot. Under the bond's umbrella, it is not making maximum use of cloud computing options or its cost-effective measures as other school districts and businesses across the country are doing in their future

technology planning.

In other words, this bond is not mirroring the national trend. Quite the opposite, as matter of fact, the Grosse Pointe administration has admitted cloud technology "...has a subscription cost that is not a permissible bond expense and therefore would need to be financed through the general fund budget, which is already over-burdened."

Overburdened! How about a \$4.2 million deficit last year?

As it turns out, the administration's Fund Equity balance has diminished from \$20 million to \$2 million in the past few years. This is not to mention that the administration hasn't followed through with what it promised, which is to collect tuition reimbursements from the 42 families that were residency violators during the 2013 school year. To make matters worse, the school system hasn't publicized that in 2007 \$48.3 million of general obligation bonds were refinanced. To date, \$47.8 million plus interest is still owed and will not be paid off until 2027.

This is all bad news when it comes to the future of our district.

According to Moody's, our district has already been assigned a downgraded rating and warned about restoring financial operations, increasing the general fund reserves and not increasing debt. Adding another \$50 million to this debt should leave the taxpayer in shock and make them want to vote "No" on this tech bond.

DIANE KARABETSOS  
Grosse Pointe

Editor's note: This letter published last week contained errors by the Grosse Pointe News and not the author.

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## On the same page

By Ann L. Fouty  
Features Editor

Whether called a book club, a discussion group or a reading group, men and women are getting together to discuss topics ranging from poetry, classics, fiction and non fiction, newly released best sellers, lesser known titles to picture books.

Some book clubs are organized around similar interests, others admit only women, others are men-only clubs and some cater to couples or families. Others are reading a single genre; some are organized so participants can just read, socialize, and, if time permits, talk about the plot, writing style and what thoughts and emotions the book produced in the reader.

Whatever the reason, book

clubs are prolific because it's a good reason to get together.

"It must be working because it is a fun thing to do," Grosse Pointe Public Library Central librarian Cynthia Zurschmiede said.

"Beside getting the true meaning out of the books we read, we also share in wonderful camaraderie," said Jill Crane, Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church Women's Book Discussion Group facilitator.

Nathan Heller, writing for online Slate.com, estimates more than five million adults are in book clubs, a concept that began in the mid-18th century, organized by English women. Their American counterparts took up the idea because they wanted to continue learning outside the limited mainstream education afforded women at the time.



**"Border Crossings: Coming of Age in the Czech Resistance" by Charles Novacek was discussed during a January library book club.**

By the 1920s, the Book-of-the-Month Club and Literary Guild were offering books to mainstream America. Today, book clubs can be found meeting in libraries or neighborhood homes. Organizations and churches have formed book discussion groups as special interest groups.

There are no age limits for creating a book club, said Zurschmiede, who has been moderating a group for six years.

Filled with retirees, Zurschmiede's group of 10 to 12, has a waiting list of those who would like to read and discuss more recently published material.

"I pull selected books from the Best of NPR, (or) 2013 best books of the year," she said of how books are selected.


The group meets once a month, September through May, to discuss books in paperback she has purchased.

Zurschmiede said one of the positives of a book club is reading books she wouldn't normally have selected.



**From left, Grosse Pointe Public Librarian Cynthia Zurschmiede, talks with Services for Older Citizens book club members, Dorothy Carty, Roz Peters and Florence Stafford.**

### Mac McKee's 90 Years Young!



Martin "Mac" McKee moved to Grosse Pointe in the 1950s, so it's fair to say that he's a "life-long resident of Grosse Pointe Farms." A longtime member of Grosse Pointe Presbyterian church, Lochmoor Club and Detroit Yacht Club, Mac is celebrating his 90th birthday with his wife Edna and family in his current home of Solana Beach, California.

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**Far right, librarian Sandy Novacek leads the Woods' book discussion group, who read her late husband's book about his years within the Czech resistance.**

After her group is done with the books, they are turned into book kits to be loaned for eight weeks to other book clubs. The kits include 10 books, book review, an author biography and book club how to's.

If there was more staff, Zurschmiede said, the library would offer more than five book discussion groups for adults, middle schoolers and mothers and daughters.

Kathleen Gallagher's book club is geared to mothers and their fourth or fifth grade daughters, meeting from October through April. Gallagher selects books with a female character about the same age as her young participants in the genres of fantasy, historical fiction, realistic or mystery. This month's book is "The Case of the Missing Marquess" by Nancy Springer.

When the group gathers at Ewald branch, Gallagher leads

them into the discussion either via a game or a discussion of the characters or the plot.

Chris Kronback of Grosse Pointe Farms is a member of a three-year-old club created as a way for female family members to gather on a regular basis on a Sunday afternoon. Meeting once a month, books are selected upon a member's suggestion and topics alternate between a deep, thought-provoking book to something of a lighter fare.

Conversations begin with a question, she said, such as what character did you like best or who did or didn't like the book

"It snowballs from one to another," she said as the women, who range in age from 22 to 87, talk about that month's selection.

Kronback said she believes

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## 2B | HEALTH

**ASK THE EXPERTS** By Pam Cronovich, Chris Miller and Melissa Sharp

# Kindergarten essentials

**Q.** What can parents do to help their child get ready for kindergarten?

**A.** Readiness for kindergarten can be found in many forms. Early academic skills and concepts will give your child a strong base as he or she enters kindergarten. But there are equally important readiness skills that set the stage for your child's learning. Raising an eager learner is the goal, and it can be achieved through play and day-to-day activities.

Here are some readiness skills that kindergarten teachers look for:

- ◆ Enthusiasm toward learning: Does your child ask questions, take initiative, and persist when tasks are difficult?
- ◆ Solid oral/language skills: Research shows one of the best predictors of reading success is a well developed oral vocabulary in kindergarten.
- ◆ The ability to listen:

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Kindergarten Essentials – Ensuring a Successful Transition for Your Child  
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Listening is a key part of school behavior. Children must be able to concentrate on what the teacher is saying, listen carefully to directions, and tune in to the sounds in letters and words.

- ◆ The desire to be independent: Encouraging self help is an important step in preparing your child. Remember, it may be quicker for you to do it, but independence is

critical for helping your child adjust to school. Children entering kindergarten should have independent bathroom and dressing skills.

- ◆ The ability to play well with others: Your child will need your assistance refining essential social skills such as sharing, compromising, turn-taking, and problem-solving. They should also be able to express their feelings in words and begin to understand two people can use the same thing at the same time.

- ◆ The ability to follow routines: Help your child grasp the concept of blocks of time to help with transitions.

- ◆ Establish healthy home routines. Eat healthy meals and snacks sitting together. Have an active playtime and a peaceful rest time. Create morning and bedtime routines that are predictable and promote independence.

Cronovich is a Kerby Elementary School teacher and has been a kindergarten grade level leader for several curriculum areas. She can be reached at Pamela.Cronovich@gpschools.org or (313) 432-3832.

Miller retired from Fraser Public Schools after 38 years of teaching kindergarten and young 5s. She can be reached at (313) 917-3851.

Sharp is the director at Assumption Nursery School & Toddler Center and has a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education. She can be reached at (586) 772-4477.

The Family Center serves as the community's hub for information, resources and referral for both families and professionals. Its mission is to serve the community through programs and resources vital to today's families and has the motto "enriched communities through stronger families."

It is a non-profit organization, all gifts are tax-deductible.

To volunteer, contribute or make inquiries, visit familycenterweb.org, call (313) 432-3832 or write to: The Family Center, 20090 Morningside Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

# AREA ACTIVITIES

## Pettipointe Questers

Pettipointe Questers #243 of Grosse Pointe meet at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, at Jeanne Srigley's house. Co-hostess is Janet Wisner. The program is "storytelling" with Jeanne Pichel. Lunch is also served. For more information about the Questers, call the east area coordinator Dorothy at (586) 977-3506.

## Junior League

The Junior League of Detroit hosts two free membership open houses. The first is at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, at Talbots; the second event is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, at Pointe Fitness & Training Center, 19556 Harper, Harper Woods.

The evening at Talbots includes a spring fashion show and a shopping discount. The Feb. 11 event features a fitness demonstration and tips from fitness professionals. Guests should wear clothing and shoes suitable for exercise.

E-mail reservations for the event at Talbots to melissanowak73@yahoo.com.

The JLD is a social and charitable organization for women who provide educational, recreational, cultural and health resources for Detroit children.

◆ JLD offers a "Sneak a Peek" at the undecorated 2014 Designers' Show House from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, and Sunday, Feb. 9. Admission is \$3. Tickets are available at the show house's door, 1007 Bishop, Grosse Pointe Park.

Parking and a free shuttle to and from the house are available at Patterson Park, 16010 Essex, Grosse Pointe Park. Parking is not allowed on the block of the show house.

Local interior designers, artists, landscapers and decorators refurbish and update the rooms and gardens prior to the Saturday, May 3, through Sunday, May 18, open house dates. The house also features a boutique, greenery and cafe area.

The 9,000 square foot Tudor house features a black marble foyer, eight fireplaces, five family bedrooms, a loggia, paneled library, Pewabic tile, leaded glass windows, hand crafted details throughout the home and is situated on a double lot.

Show house ticket prices are \$20 prior to

the opening on May 3 and \$25 at the door. For more information, call JLD's office (313) 881-0040 or visit jldetroit.org.

Proceeds support the JLD's health and nutrition initiative — Project E.A.T. — to provide healthy eating opportunities for Detroit children and their families. In its newest partnership with Humble Design, a local non-profit, the JLD will be outfitting kitchens with essentials such as small appliances, pots and pans and utensils, for families who need assistance.

## Grannie Nannies

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

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

## Chamber music

Grosse Pointe Chamber Music presents a 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, concert in the Crystal Ballroom, Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Pieces by Jacques Ibert, Beethoven, Dvorak, Will Rowe, Gary Friedman and Joseph Haydn will be performed.

Tickets costing \$12 can be purchased at the door. Those 18 years and younger are admitted free. For more information, call (586) 945-6830 or visit gpchambermusic@yahoo.com.

Three additional concerts are scheduled March 2, April 27 and May 18.

## Camera club

The Grosse Pointe Camera Club meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, at Brownell Middle School.

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

## Senior Men's Club

The Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe lunch is at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The cost is \$10.

Attorney Barry L. King, whose 11-year-old son was abducted and murdered 37 years ago in Oakland County, discusses his video "Decades of Deceit."

Men, retired or more than 55 years of age from any community, can

attend. Jackets should be worn.

For more information, call Charlie Rutherford at (313) 885-1823.

## Optimist club

The Grosse Pointe - Lakeshore Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

For more information, call Mike Hohlfeldt at (313) 268-8743.

## SOC

Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts a \$5 tea, "A Heartfelt Valentine," from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13. Call SOC at (313) 882-9600 by Monday, Feb. 10, for a reservation.

◆ Zumba Gold is offered from 1 to 2 p.m. Mondays by instructor Susan Leithauser-Yee in the Newberry Room. The cost is \$4 and the first class is free. Walk-ins can attend.

## La Societe des Jardinieres

La Societe des Jardinieres meets at noon Thursday, Feb. 13, at Madeleine Phillips' house. The luncheon meeting features speaker, Katy Wyerman, director of resource development for the Belle Isle Conservancy. She will give an overview of the conservancy goals.

In January, the club had its bi-annual treasures and trinkets fundraiser and made donations to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Belle Isle Conservatory.

## Questers

The Grosse Pointe Questers No. 147 meet at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 14, for a meeting and lunch at Lisa Gandelot's house. Co-hostesses are Ann Musial and Mary Lamparter. The theme is "Be Mine," in observance of Valentine's day.

## Grand Marais Questers

"Will you be my Valentine" is the topic of the Friday, Feb. 14, Grand Marais Questers at Wendy Jennings' house. She discusses the history of Valentine's day and will show Valentine

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## Know Your Skin

By Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD

Eyelid dermatitis. Red, rashy, itchy, scaly, and sometimes painful eyelids characterize this irritating condition.

Unfortunately, unlike other parts of our bodies, the eyelid's skin is so thin that even everyday products can irritate them. And while symptoms may indicate an infection, more likely eyelid dermatitis results from an allergic reaction to something that has come in contact with our eyelids.

Common causes of eyelid dermatitis include cosmetics such as eye shadow or mascara, contact lens solutions, eye drops, aerosol sprays, airborne allergens, and the chemicals in nail polish or artificial nails. Irritating substances can attack the eyelid through direct contact such as by rubbing or touching our eyelids, or by more indirect contact such as dusts and particles trapped by our eyelashes that transfer to the eyelids. And because it may take up to a week

or more for the eyelid to start to react to whatever is causing the condition, finding the exact cause of eyelid dermatitis may require some detective work on the parts of both the physician and the patient.

Depending on the severity of the condition, eyelid dermatitis most likely will be treated with topical corticosteroids or steroid-free immunomodulators, as well as with oral antihistamines and compresses to relieve symptoms.

To learn more about eyelid dermatitis and its treatment, contact your dermatologist, or call us at Eastside Dermatology, Dr. Lisa Manz-Dulac and Associates.

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8 oz. mushrooms, sliced  
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1/2 cup dry sherry (not  
cooking sherry)  
1/2 cup chicken broth  
1/2 cup chopped ham

Place sliced tenderloin between sheets of plastic wrap and pound each to 1/4 inch thickness. Season cutlets with salt and pepper. Heat a tablespoon or so salad oil in a medium skillet over medium-high heat. Working in batches, sear cutlets for 2 minutes on each side then transfer to a plate and cover with foil and keep in a warm (250 degree)

To the same skillet add onion and mushrooms. Cook and stir until vegetables are soft and cooked throughout. Add sherry, deglaze pan and cook until sherry is mostly evaporated. Add broth, ham and heavy cream and cook and stir over medium heat for a few minutes, allowing sauce to reduce slightly. Taste sauce and season with salt and pepper. Stir in parsley. Ladle sauce over

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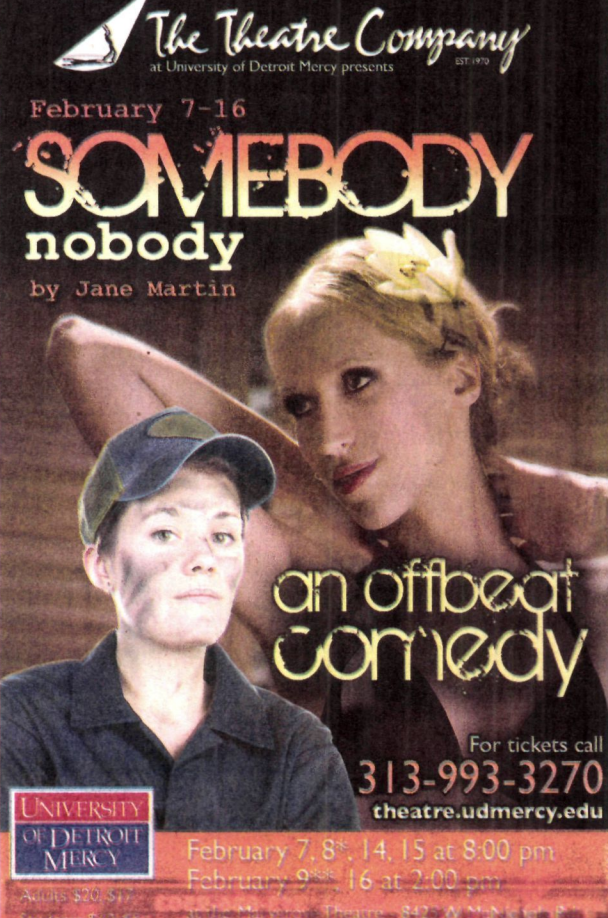
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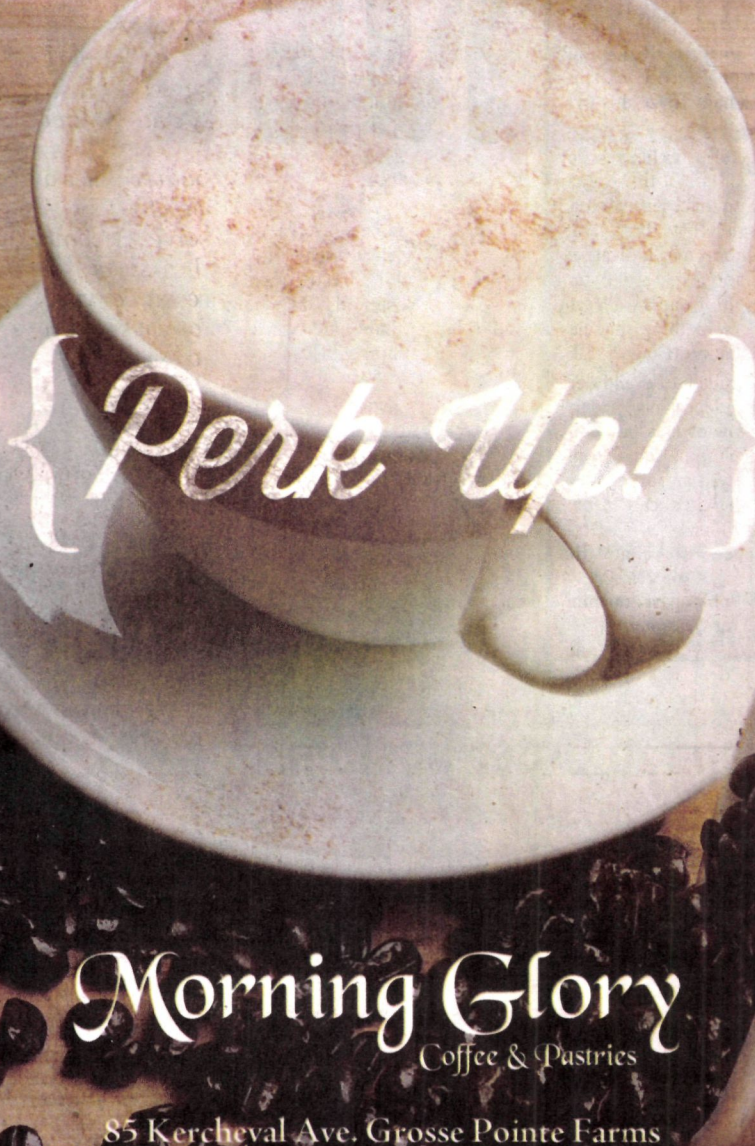
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From left, Tom and Diane Schoenith of Grosse Pointe and Mary Ann and Bob Bury of Grosse Pointe Park.

Historical society ball

From left, Stephen Polk, ball co-chairwoman Bobbie Polk of Bloomfield Hills, Detroit Historical Society CEO Bob Bury, society trustee Rick Ruffner, ball co-chairwoman Cat Ruffner of Grosse Pointe, ball co-chairwoman Leslye Rosenbaum and Dr. Lewis Rosenbaum of West Bloomfield.



From left, Mary Ann Bury of Grosse Pointe Park and Jeff and Cathy Lutz of Grosse Pointe Farms.

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cards.

Leukemia & Lymphoma

Gary Jobson, America's Cup winner and The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society chairman, presents a film on the America's Cup races at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Tickets cost \$35 and can be purchased at [mi.llsevent.org/LCRKickoff](http://mi.llsevent.org/LCRKickoff) or contact Allison Frantz (248) 581-3908 or Allison.Frantz@lls.org.

St. John

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Santa run raises money for LLS

More than 60 runners and walkers, from 6 to 80 years old, turned out the morning of Dec. 24 to participate in the second annual Santa Claus 5K run in Grosse Pointe Farms, benefitting the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Organizer Carolyn Rohde, a 2004 Grosse Pointe South High School graduate, dedicated 2013's event to Jeff Nardone, who died Nov. 3 of T-Cell lymphoma. He was her high school journalism teacher.

The event raised \$6,550, surpassing Rohde's goal of \$3,000. "I started the Santa Claus 5K in 2012 as a Leukemia & Lymphoma Society fundraiser to raise money for my first triathlon with Team in Training, Lavaman Waikoloa in Hawaii. But I also wanted a way

to kick start the holidays on a healthy note with friends and family while giving back to a worthy cause," she explained in an e-mail. "I have become passionate about endurance sports such as running and triathlons. It's too easy over the holidays to slip into unhealthy habits, so the 5K is a way for people to get moving and to recognize that they can still be healthy and active and enjoy their holiday indulgences."

She said she chose the LLS having met many survivors, patients and families affected by blood cancers.

"My mom's cousin is a survivor of multiple myeloma, a type of blood cancer that LLS supports," Rohde said.

Adults ran the 5K on sidewalks beginning at Lewiston to Grosse

Pointe Boulevard down Warner, north on Lakeshore to Moross, back to the boulevard, ending on Lewiston. Children ran a 100-meter dash.

All entrants received a red Santa hat to serve as the race bib and ear warmers. Christmas ornaments and ribbons were fashioned into finishers' medals.

A resident of San Francisco, Rohde is a member of the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of Team in Training that coaches athletes to train for endurance events such as marathons, triathlons and bike rides while raising money for LLS.

She is training for the Ironman Lake Tahoe and raising funds for LLS. To date, she has donated more than \$24,000 for LLS through fundraisers.

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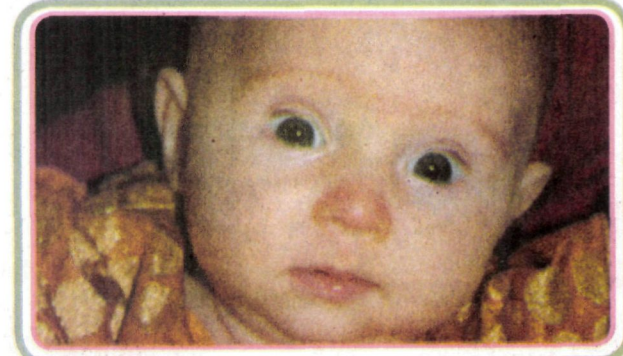
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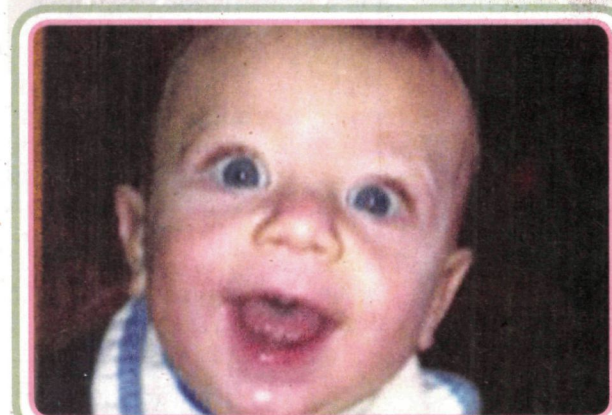


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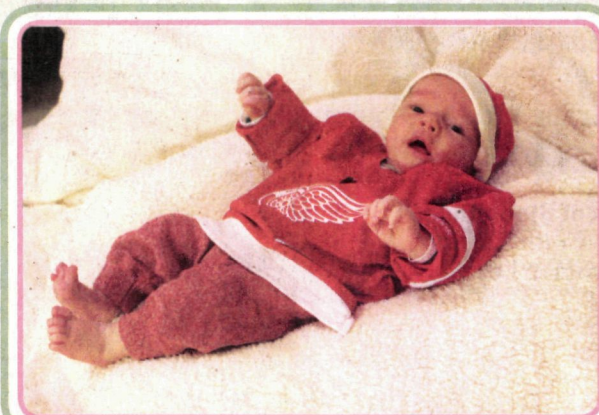




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Don & Kristina Pierce



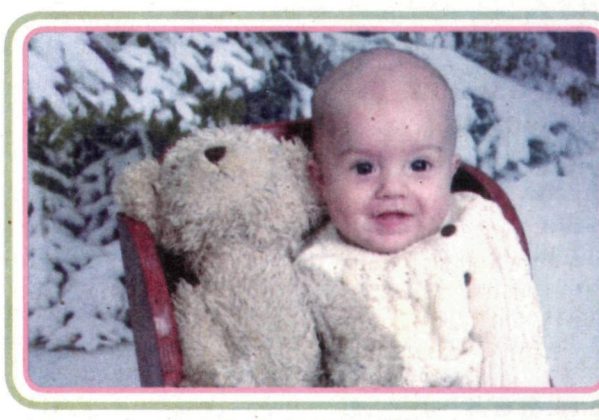
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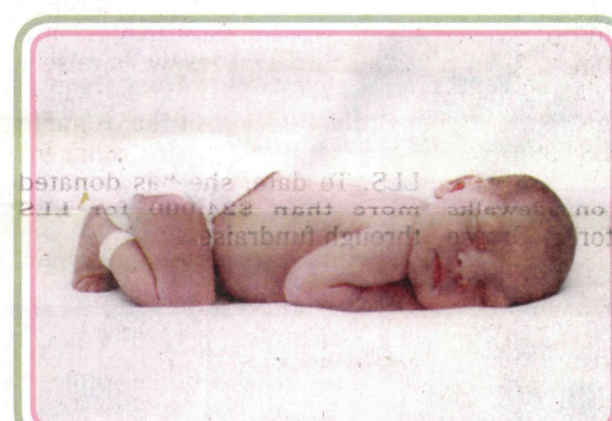
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Autumn & Kevin Hirzel



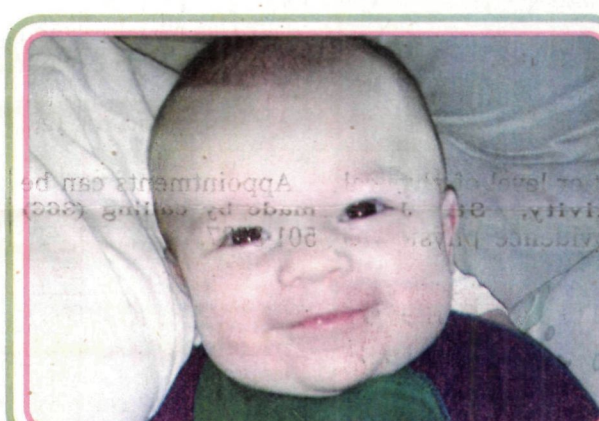
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grandparents: Linda & David Litchfield



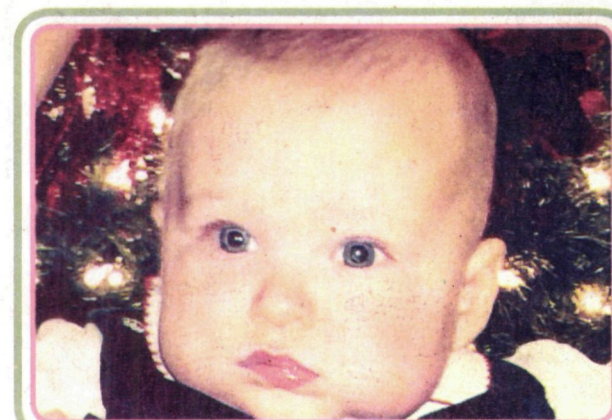
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2 months  
Sydney McIlroy & Hicham Bourdane



**Lydia Vaughn Grosfield**  
3 months  
Gregory & Jaclyn Grosfield



**William Charles Allor**  
6 1/2 months  
Scott & Jenny (Gage) Allor



**Evelyn Rose Vandenberghe**  
7 months  
Brian & Brit Vandenberghe



**George Randolph Volis**  
5 months  
George & Jill Volis



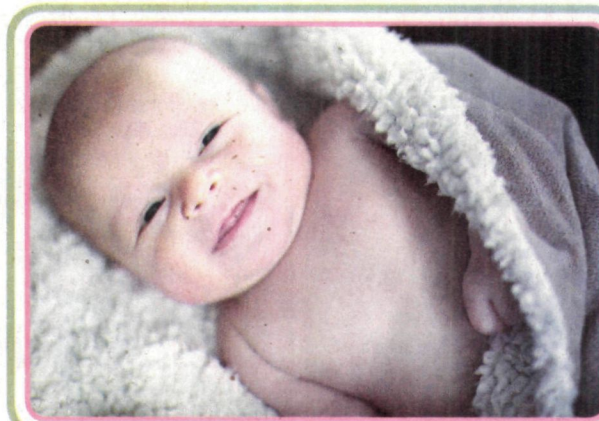
**Christopher Amori**  
7 months  
Brian & Jennifer Amori



**Katelyn Holloway**  
6 months  
Lindy & Aaron Holloway



**Penelope Joanne Bellamy**  
September 5, 2013  
John & Joanie Bellamy



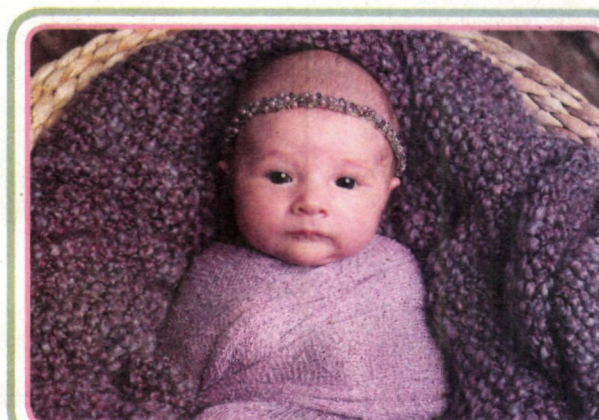
**Matthew Vincent Johnson**  
December 3, 2013  
David & Margaret (McCormick) Johnson



**Massimo Francesco Giglio**  
6 months  
Frank & Lisa Giglio



**Caden Wettstein**  
2 months  
Matt & Heather Wettstein



**Lillian Sophia Schorer**  
5 months  
Mike & Abby Schorer



## 6B | CHURCHES

## PASTOR'S CORNER

By Rev. Jim Rizer

## Lift your eyes

This past Sunday we were greeted with much anticipated weather prognostication from Punxsutawney Phil as to how much longer winter will last.

Actually in this part of the country we have competing marmots who offer their predictions. Locally, we have Michigan's official groundhog — "Woody the Woodchuck." Groundhogs and woodchucks are the same animal.

Recently I learned Canada looks toward to at least three different predictions from Shubenacadie Sam (Nova Scotia), Wiarton Willie (South Bruce Peninsula) and Balzac Billy (Alberta, Canada). This clearly reveals many mired in the middle of this record setting winter are hoping for some good news.

At another level I wonder if this doesn't reveal our human desire to look for insight and help in all sorts of places. Maybe it's that business edge; maybe it's the proverbial leg up; maybe it's the desire to have the inside information that drives us to look all over, even to groundhogs.

The people of Israel experienced this same challenge as they would traverse the country toward Jerusalem for worship on the highest of holy days. As they traveled the hills were filled with small shrines to the god of the hill, sun or moon, and purveyors of trinkets, en-

vision an ancient rabbit's foot, to ensure a safe journey. Yet, every time the people of faith made this journey they actively remembered the source of their help.

## Psalm 121

- 1) I lift up my eyes to the hills — where does my help come from?
- 2) My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.
- 3) He will not let your foot slip — he who watches over you will not slumber;
- 4) indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
- 5) The LORD watches over you — the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
- 6) the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.
- 7) The LORD will keep you from all harm — he will watch over your life;
- 8) the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

May we lift our eyes not toward Gobbler's Knob or the home of any other groundhog. We lift our eyes to the Lord who watches over you, who protects you, who has redeemed you and who promises never to leave or forsake you.

Yours in Christ.

Rizer is the minister of Living Hope Evangelical Church.

## CHURCH EVENTS

## Christ Church

Christ Church Grosse Pointe Boy Choristers sing during the 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, Evensong service. The public can attend.

## First English

Faith Circle at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church holds its annual Valentine salad luncheon at noon Tuesday, Feb. 11, in the Luther Center, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Donation is \$10 for salads, desserts, beverages and door and table prizes.

Bring a game of your choice. To make a reservation, call Chris Judson at (313) 886-4914.

## St. Paul

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church holds a spaghetti dinner and silent auction from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, in the school's cafeteria. Proceeds benefit the purchase of medical supplies for the June mission trip by the Haiti and Africa Relief Team, H.A.R.T.

The event includes an all you can eat dinner, desserts, silent auction and children's activities. Beer and wine are available for purchase. Adult tickets cost \$12 and children pay \$5.

## Assumption

Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores, offers "Team Exercise: Lose

Weight & Become the Slimmest Olympics Winner" and "The Immortals Boot Camp!"

Team exercise classes run from 7 to 8 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 7-8 a.m., beginning Feb. 24. The cost is \$100.

Boot camp is from 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, beginning Feb. 24. The fee is \$180.

Sarine John-Rosman presents "February is Heart Awareness Month: Strategies to Prevent Heart Disease for the 21st Century Woman" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12. The presentation is free.

Pickleball is offered 1 to 3 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and noon to 3 p.m. Fridays. Courts also are open to the public and may be reserved for private parties from 8:15 to 9:30 p.m. Thursdays.

For more details or to register, call (586) 779-6111, ext. 4.

## BOOK CLUB:

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the wide range of ages is a good thing.

"The different age group is beneficial. It's very interesting to see their thoughts on a book," she said. "We read a lot of different kinds of books. It's not always fiction, but mostly fiction."

Group consensus is the way the GPUC selects its book list.

"We have a potluck dinner in May and many bring book suggestions and we choose from there. We try to vary the selections. We often have a poetry meeting as one of our members is a retired English teacher," Crane said.

Many book clubs are led by a moderator, such as Gallagher or Zurschmiede. Others are led by the person who suggested the title, as happens in Crane's group.

"The leader usually gives a background on the author and information on other books he or she has written. From there, the leader usually does some question and answer time and the conversation seems to flow from there," Crane said.

Book clubs at the library are moderated by the librarian.

In preparation for her group, Zurschmiede reads the book, researches the author and prepares questions to prompt the discussion.

"I routinely ask 'who finished the book?' 'Who did not like the book?' 'Who did like the book?' I let it (the discussion) spin itself. It's a new discussion every time," she said.

While conversing about the book, Zurschmiede

said, personal stories, triggered by the book's plot, often surface. To keep on point, she suggests book clubs be limited to about 90 minutes with a dozen members. Book clubs with more members tend to form smaller outside conversations away from the moderator.

"I am always amazed at what insight some of them (book club members) have and feel I learn so much when I attend," Crane said. "It makes reading so much more fun."

And isn't that the point to be on the same page?



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Judy Willes, right, gives her opinion about the book and what she thought of the characters in the book, "Beautiful Ruins." She and Fran Kasteley, left, are part of the newly-formed book club at Services for Older Citizens.

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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.

## Cynthia Ann Fikany

Grosse Pointe Park resident Cynthia Ann Fikany, 58, died Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2014.

She was born March 17, 1955, in Detroit, to Frank and Helen Wojtaszek and graduated from Dominican High School in Detroit in 1973. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Eastern Michigan University in 1977.

Her family said she lived for those she loved and those she loved will remember.

Mrs. Fikany is survived by her husband, Michael; daughters, Christine Fikany Tracy (Landon), Andrea Fikany, Michelle Fikany and Margaret Fikany; sister, Pamela G. Witte and brother, Gregory F. Wojtaszek.

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

Donations may be made to Children's Hospital of Michigan, 3901 Beaubien, Detroit, MI 48201 or at [childrensdmc.org](http://childrensdmc.org).

## Mildred Mae Kasiborski

Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Mildred Mae Kasiborski, 95, died Thursday, Jan. 30, 2014.

She was married to Chester Kasiborski, a Detroit attorney, for 65 years until his death in 2007.

She was born April 24, 1918, in Arnold Pa., to Alex and Alexandra Blazowsky and moved to Detroit with her family as a young girl. She worked her way through Wayne State University as a sales clerk at J.L. Hudson Department Store and graduated with a degree in education. While at Wayne State, she was active in the Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority where she made dear friendships that lasted the rest of her life.

After graduation from college, her main occupation was homemaker, but she also worked as a substitute elementary school teacher for many years.

Mrs. Kasiborski enjoyed entertaining friends and family, gardening and baby sitting for her grandchildren and "grand dogs." She spent many winters in Florida and was a member of Gowanie Golf Club for many years.

In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her brother, Walter Blazowsky and sisters, Olga Smith and Irene Petty.

Mrs. Kasiborski is survived by her children, JoAnne Vatter (Dick) of Cadillac and Bradenton, Fla., Terry Kasiborski (Kathy) of Grosse Pointe Woods and Linda Rinke (Paul) of Sterling Heights; grandchildren, Kay Donahue (Jeff), Margaret Thompson, Kevin Kasiborski (Kate), Brian Kasiborski (Natalie), Michael Kasiborski, Dan Rinke (Katie) and Dayna Novak (Tim) and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, at the Van Lerberghe Funeral Home, 30600 Harper, St. Clair Shores.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, 467 Fairford,

Grosse Pointe Woods. Visitation begins at 11 a.m. at the church.

Donations may be made to Wayne State University at [wayne.edu](http://wayne.edu) or the Michigan Humane Society at [michiganhumane.org](http://michiganhumane.org). Share a memory at [vanfuneral.com](http://vanfuneral.com).

## Dorothy N. Knudsen

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Dorothy N. Knudsen, 95, of Venice, Fla., died Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2014.

She was predeceased by her parents, Axel and Elizabeth Nielsen; husband, Arvid; brothers, George and Henry; and sisters, Helen Barnett and Pauline Anderson.

Mrs. Knudsen is survived by her son, Robert Knudsen (Marilyn); brother, Willard (Maxine); sister, Mary Babcock; granddaughter, Elizabeth Lollis (Michael); great-grandsons, Matthew Lindsay and Nathan Lindsay, who are both currently serving in the U.S. military and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was active in her church choir as well as the Ladies Guild.

Donations may be made to Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 or Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 5659 Honore Ave., Sarasota, FL 34233.

## Peter K. Ness

Peter K. Ness, 71, an avid sailor and senior member of Bayview Yacht Club, died Monday, Jan. 20, 2014.

Sailing was Mr. Ness' true passion, starting with his college days at the University of Michigan. He would come home every weekend from school to help his dad and a sailing friend build their own sailboat from start to finish. The boat, "Flying Buffalo," won many races and was highly regarded in its class.

When the lakes froze over, Mr. Ness could be found on the hills of Nub's Nob in Harbor Springs, his second home. He divided his time between skiing and snowboarding all the way up to his 70th year. He had a pure enjoyment of both sports.

Mr. Ness graduated from U of M with a bachelor's degree in metallurgical engineering. He worked as a metallurgist for Induction Steel, a company started and operated by his family, until it was sold in the late 1970s. Following his time there, he started up his own business, Castings & Forgings. The company sold those very items for which it was named to different foundries.

Mr. Ness is survived by his wife, Sally, nee Seelye; children, Laura Lynn Ness and Karl Robert Ness (Lynn); cherished grandchildren, Samantha and Benjamin, and his sister, Margot Ness.

He was predeceased by his parents, Karl and Hilde Ness.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society at [cancer.org](http://cancer.org) or the Michigan Humane Society at [michiganhumane.org](http://michiganhumane.org).

## William Russell McBrearty Jr.

William Russell McBrearty Jr., 53, of Grosse Pointe Park, passed away suddenly Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2014.

He was born Oct. 4, 1960, in Grosse Pointe and graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School, the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and Wayne State University Law School. He practiced criminal defense law in Detroit.

Mr. McBrearty is survived by his mother, Barbara; brother, Michael and sister, Molly Susalla. He was the proud uncle of Harry and Stuart Susalla. He also is survived by loving aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was predeceased by his father, William R. McBrearty Sr.

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

## Rita J. Warchol

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Rita J. Warchol, 88, died Saturday, Jan. 25, 2014.

She was the beloved wife of Joseph, who predeceased her; dearest mother of James Warchol (Janet), Lisa Fuller (James) and the late Rickerd (Cindy) and proud grandmother of Jennifer and Dominique. She also is survived by her sister, Patricia Podeszwick and sister-in-law, Mike Mizak and many loving nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her siblings, Joseph Podeszwick (Mary), Mary Osip (Joseph), Helen Kwiecinski, Sylvester Podeszwick (Matilda) and Theresa DeSantino (Vito).

Her family said Mrs. Warchol was an excellent cook who enjoyed spending time with her family whether at home in Grosse Pointe Woods where she lived the past 39 years or at her summer home in Lake George.

She loved the Detroit Tigers. One of her favorite things was to go to Lafayette Coney Island and then the ballpark for a game. She never missed a game and was knowledgeable about player statistics. She also lived for Starbucks coffee and Danish, followed by a day of marathon shopping with her daughter.

One of her favorite annual traditions was going to Eastern Market Flower Day with her daughter and granddaughter. Mrs. Warchol loved her garden.

She also enjoyed concerts, whether it was jazz at the Ford House or the music of Tina Turner, Harry Connick or Bette Midler, to name a few. She was scheduled to see Cher in concert this spring. She especially enjoyed dressing up when going to these venues.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 30 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to the American Heart Association at [heart.org](http://heart.org) or St. John Hospice, St. John Health Foundation, P.O. Box 673271, Detroit, MI 48267-3271.



Cynthia Ann Fikany



Mildred Mae Kasiborski



Peter K. Ness



William R. McBrearty Jr.



Rita J. Warchol



Barbara J. Richardson

## Barbara Joyce Richardson

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Barbara Joyce Richardson, 83, died Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2014.

She was born in Escanaba to Madge and Olaf Trytten, grew up in Kalamazoo and graduated from Kalamazoo Central High School in 1948.

She earned a bachelor's degree in fine arts from the University of Michigan, where she met Dean Richardson, whom she married on her graduation day, June 14, 1952.

From 1954 to 1959, Mrs. Richardson worked as a commercial artist at Michigan Bell Telephone Co., in Detroit.

She was a parishioner at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Grosse Pointe Woods for more than 30 years.

She loved the arts and was a strong supporter of the Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit Symphony, Interlochen, the Pewabic Society, the University of Michigan and the Oxbow School of Art in her beloved Saugatuck.

Mrs. Richardson loved to cook, travel, and, with her family, shared a love for the outdoors.

Mrs. Richardson is survived by her daughter, Ann E. Spica and her husband, James; son, John M. Richardson and his wife, Rita, and grandchildren, Charlotte Richardson and James, Helen, Emily, George and Joseph Spica.

She was predeceased by her husband, Dean E. Richardson.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to Crossroads of Michigan, 2424 West Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48208.

## Marion Ethel Munn

Former Grosse Pointe resident Marion Ethel Munn, nee Tippner, 96, passed away Thursday, Jan. 23, 2014, at Beechwood Manor Assisted Living Facility in St. Clair Shores. After many years living in Florida, she returned to Michigan to be closer to her family. She lived a long and healthy life among good friends and loving family members, who will miss her dearly.

Mrs. Munn was born June 25, 1917, in Detroit, to Ethel and Max Tippner. She grew up in Grosse Pointe Park and attended school there until her family moved to Detroit.

She graduated in 1936 from Southeastern High School. While at Southeastern, she met Philip R. Munn Jr., whom she later married. The couple enjoyed a long and happy marriage, which included extensive travel throughout the United States, Europe and Asia.

Mrs. Munn enjoyed

many activities including golf, exercise, sewing, reading and ceramics. Of particular importance to her were the years she and her husband spent sponsoring the Luther League at Holy Communion Lutheran Church in Detroit. She became a member of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms, after moving back to Michigan.

Mrs. Munn was predeceased by her husband, Philip Rankin Munn Jr.; sister, Dortha Dunn (James) and brother, Frank Tippner (Patricia).

She is survived by her daughters, Sharon Munn Innes (Robert) and Kathleen A. Hunwick (Rodger); grandchildren, Robert Innes (Michael) and Michael Innes (Elizabeth), Rodger Hunwick Jr. (Michelle) and Heather VanPoucker (Dale) and great-grandchildren, Lauren and Lillian Hunwick, Owen and Weslee Innes and Grant and Andrew VanPoucker.

She also is survived by her brother, James Tippner (Wilma).

A memorial service will be held in March at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to Doctors Without Borders at [doctorswithborder.org](http://doctorswithborder.org); Lutheran Social Services of Michigan at [lssm.org](http://lssm.org); Southwest Solutions at [swsol.org](http://swsol.org) or Gleaners Community Food Bank at [gcfb.org](http://gcfb.org).

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## Lawrence James Kelly, Sr., M.D.

Grosse Pointe resident Dr. Larry Kelly, 96, passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 4, 2014 at St. John Hospital in Detroit, Michigan. Throughout his life, Dr. Kelly maintained strong traditional principles of Christian love, faith, honesty, and kindness. He valued education highly and offered unconditional support to his loved ones in their pursuit of various goals.

He was born in Butte, Montana, a copper mining town, to John Joseph and Marguerite Louise Kelly. He attended the Christian Brothers High School, then at night the Butte Business College, working as a secretary for the Montana Power Company and at the family Variety Store and their Paddock Bar. He led his own dance band, playing trumpet, saxophone, and clarinet. He played football when he attended Carroll College in Helena, Montana. While he attended the University of Michigan Medical School during World War II, he was drafted into the Navy as an Apprentice Seaman. He married the love of his life, Betty, in 1947 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. He was drafted a second time, serving as a Captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps during the Korean War, stationed in Battle Creek. He was among the first staff members of St. John Hospital. He balanced an extremely busy solo practice, delivering over 10,000 new lives, with his family's needs. He and Betty devoted their many talents during 60 years of marriage to raising their eight children to be independent and educated. How fortunate they were to find time to travel in their 'bus' and to teach them at the Detroit Boat Club, the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Otsego Ski Club and various golf clubs near Juno Beach, Florida. He was highly respected, always generous, gentle and unusually patient.

Betty preceded him in death in 2008. They are survived by their children, Lawrence, Jr. (Garner), Barbara, Dr. Brian (Sheilah), Sharon, John (Val), Marilyn (Martin Grummer), Susan (Chris) Bickley, and Timothy Kelly; and their 19 grandchildren, Megan Kelly, L. Jamie Kelly, Dr. James Kelly, Eric C. Kelly, Caitlin Kelly, Margaret Kelly, Paul Stanton, Rachel Stanton, John Patrick Kelly, Eric S. Kelly, Aidan Grummer, Maxx Grummer, Dr. Daniel Bickley, Robert Bickley, Brian Bickley, Mathew Kelly, Lauren Kelly, Ethan Kelly and Andrew Kelly.

Dr. Larry Kelly is also survived by his sister, Mary Lou Kelly Sullivan, niece Johnette Sullivan, nephew Timothy Sullivan, nieces Denise Cassidy Philips and Mary Sheila Cassidy and nephew Kevin Cassidy. He was preceded in death by his brother John J. Kelly Jr. (Jack) and his brothers-in-law Timothy Sullivan and George L. Cassidy (Helen).

Private services were held January 18th at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.





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OBITUARIES:  
Loved ones remembered

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Elisabeth Caldwell  
Mistele

Elisabeth Caldwell “Libby” Mistele of Grosse Pointe and Naples, Fla. passed away Monday, Jan. 20, 2014. She was 100.

She was born Dec. 3, 1913, in Dayton, Ohio, to Elisabeth and Charles Caldwell Moore and lived in the Detroit area most of her life. She graduated from the University of Michigan in 1936 and worked as an accountant at Ernst & Ernst. On June 10, 1939, she married Harold Mistele in Grosse Pointe.

In addition to raising a family, Mrs. Mistele managed the accounting records for the Mistele Coal Company and was treasurer for the Federated Women’s Clubs of Detroit. She volunteered for many civic and charitable organizations, including the Grosse Pointe Women’s Club, American Association of University Women, Kappa Delta Sorority Alumni Association, the PTA and the Detroit Yacht Club. During the 1960s through the 1980s, she was a devoted volunteer at Harper Hospital’s diabetic clinic. She and her husband were active members at Covenant Baptist Church in Detroit, and later at Bethel Baptist Church in St. Clair Shores and First Baptist Church in Naples, Fla.

As a member of the Detroit Yacht Club since 1938, she was an avid and

accomplished sailor on Lake St. Clair. She was one of the first female skippers in what was considered a gentleman’s sport. Throughout the 1930s to the 1960s, she collected more sailing trophies and flags than most other sailors of her generation — much, to the chagrin of her male competitors.

Her family said, while opinionated and tenacious, Mrs. Mistele was refined and generous and brought an admirable style of dignity and grace to each day. She enjoyed good health throughout nearly all of her 100 years of life.

Mrs. Mistele is survived her husband, Harold; children, Henry (Sandra) of Grosse Pointe, Charles (Diane) of Bluffton, S.C., and William (Anna) of Honolulu; grandchildren, Curtis (Laurinda), Bryan (Priscilla), Kevin (Katie), Michelle Long (Norris), Holly Condon (David), Brittany Tarleton (Huntley), Dianna, Benjamin and Dan and 15 great-grandchildren.

She also is survived by her siblings, Russell Moore and Katherine Moore Bunn.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, and 4 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, at Bethel Baptist Church, 24600 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores. Visitation begins at the church at 10 a.m.

Joanne Fitzgerald  
Ross

Grosse Pointe Park resident Joanne Fitzgerald Ross, 56, died Monday, Jan. 27, 2014.

She was born April 25, 1957, in Lakeview to Gerritt W. Fitzgerald and Josephine (nee Suarez) Fitzgerald, and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in criminal justice administration from Michigan State University in 1978. She earned a juris doctor degree in 1983 from University of Detroit, where she served as an executive editor of the Journal of Urban Law and where she met her future husband, Bert Ross.

After law school, Mrs. Ross served as a law clerk to two federal judges, then held various other positions in Detroit law firms before going to work for the Social Security Administration.

Mrs. Ross was a member of the Junior League of Detroit more than 22 years and held many leadership positions, including president and treasurer. She also was a member, First Church of Christ Scientist, Grosse Pointe Farms.

She was an avid gardener, enjoyed spending time at the family cottage in northern Michigan and canoeing the Au Sable River. She relished her role as a “horse show mom” at her daughter’s riding competitions.

Mrs. Ross is survived by her husband, Bert T. Ross; daughter, Katherine E. Ross; sister, Jane E. Fitzgerald and brother-in-law, Ronald Bladen.

A celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 17, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.



Elisabeth Caldwell Mistele



Joanne Fitzgerald Ross



Mary Catherine Crandall

Mary Catherine  
Crandall

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident, Mary Catherine Crandall, 66, died Monday, Jan. 20, 2014, in Harrison, Ark. Known as Mary Kay to family and friends, she was born July 13, 1947, to William and Helen Crandall. She will be best remembered for her passion for gardening, her intelligence and love for her son, Buddy.

She will be deeply missed.

Ms. Crandall is survived by her husband, Lee Moore; son, Buddy Moore (Lori); grandchildren, Dustin and Eric Moore and Brent Belcastro; brothers, David, Charles, Robert (Sheila), Patrick (Paula) and Matthew; sisters, Suzanne Bassett (Brad), Margaret and Maureen.

She was predeceased by her parents, Bill and Helen and her brother, Michael (Margaret). She also is survived by several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, at

Holy Innocents St. Barnabas Church, 26100 Ridgemoor St., Roseville.

Cathryn E. “Kit”  
Steffen

Cathryn E. “Kit” Steffen, 85, of Hilton Head Island, S.C., passed away Sunday, Feb. 2, 2014, after a short illness.

She was born Nov. 17, 1928, in Northville, to Thomas W. Moss and Isola (nee Haines) Moss. She married John F. Steffen Jr. May 9, 1953, in Plymouth. They spent 34 years raising a family in Grosse Pointe, before retiring to Hilton Head Island in 1987.

Mrs. Steffen and her husband enjoyed many years playing golf and tennis with many friends on the island. The couple was married 57 years at Mr. Steffen’s passing in 2010. Mrs. Steffen volunteered a lot of her time to numerous philanthropic endeavors and was involved in many clubs and groups.

Mrs. Steffen is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Jeff and Bonnie Steffen of Grand

Rapids, Pete and Cheryl Steffen of Laguna Beach, Calif., and John and Amy Steffen of Santa Barbara, Calif.; stepsons, Mark Steffen of Bentonville, Ark., and Dave Steffen of Harrison Township; grandchildren, Tovah, Trevor, Sarah, Brad, Luca and Cate and great-granddaughter, Remi.

She also is survived by her sister, Virginia Walker of Dallas Township, sister-in-law, Patricia Lane of Hilton Head Island, and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Feb. 4 at All Saints Episcopal Church on Hilton Head Island.

The family would like to thank the staff at Fraser Medical Center and Hospice Care of the Lowcountry.

Donations may be made to Hospice Care of the Lowcountry, P.O. Box 3827, Bluffton, SC 29910; All Saints Episcopal Church, 3001 Meeting St., Hilton Head Island, SC 29926 or the American Cancer Society at cancer.org.

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From left, Soroptimist Grosse Pointe president Mary Ellen Burke, Myra Golden, Soroptimist District III Director Vivian Walczesky, author Theresa Flores, Rasheda Kamaria, Andrea Lavigne and Diana Langlois.

Soroptimist bring awareness

Members of Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe, joined hundreds of volunteers Saturday, Jan. 11, to bring awareness to the issue of human trafficking.

About 200 people gathered at the House of Help Community Center in Detroit on Human Trafficking Awareness Day as part of the Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution project. Volunteers, distributed pamphlets and more than 100,000 soap bars to 70 Detroit area hotels and motels educating staff about human trafficking and commercial sex



exploitation of children. The soaps were wrapped with the National Hot Line toll free number, 1-888-3737-888.

Thousands of bars of soap were distributed by Soroptimists to Detroit hotels to create awareness of human trafficking.

Mary Ellen Burke, SIGP president, stated, “Soroptimists of the Grosse Pointe club have been supporting Theresa Flores since 2009, especially her S.O.A.P. project.”

Flores is a national speaker who discusses her experience of being trafficked as a teen and forced into prostitution.

“The first year soap was distributed during the auto show, a young woman called the emergency hotline number, 888-3737-888 and was rescued. So this project is making a difference in improving the lives of women and girls in our local community.”

For more information, visit [grossepointesoroptimist.org](http://grossepointesoroptimist.org).

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT  
PUBLIC NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held on Monday, February 24, 2014 at 7:30 p.m., in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, to hear comments regarding the Program Year 2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Proposed Estimated budget as shown below:

2014 Proposed Estimated CDBG Budget

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| 1. Services for Older Citizens (SOC)                    | \$4,823.00         |
| 2. Minor Home Repair                                    | \$48,233.72        |
| 3. Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services (PAATS) | \$4,823.00         |
| 3. Administration                                       | \$6,430.00         |
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Al Fincham,  
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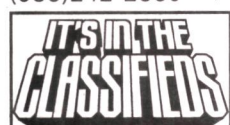
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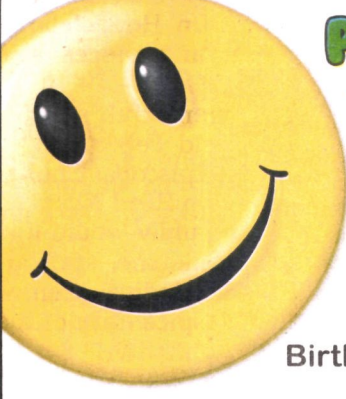
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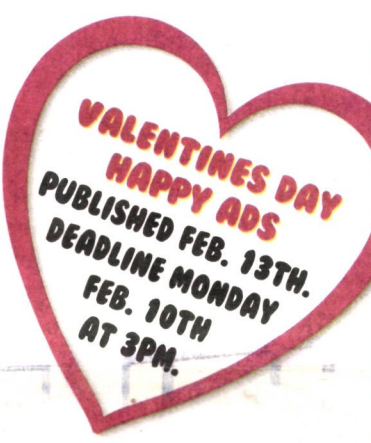
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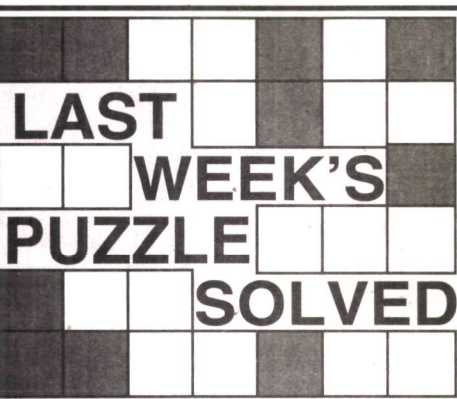
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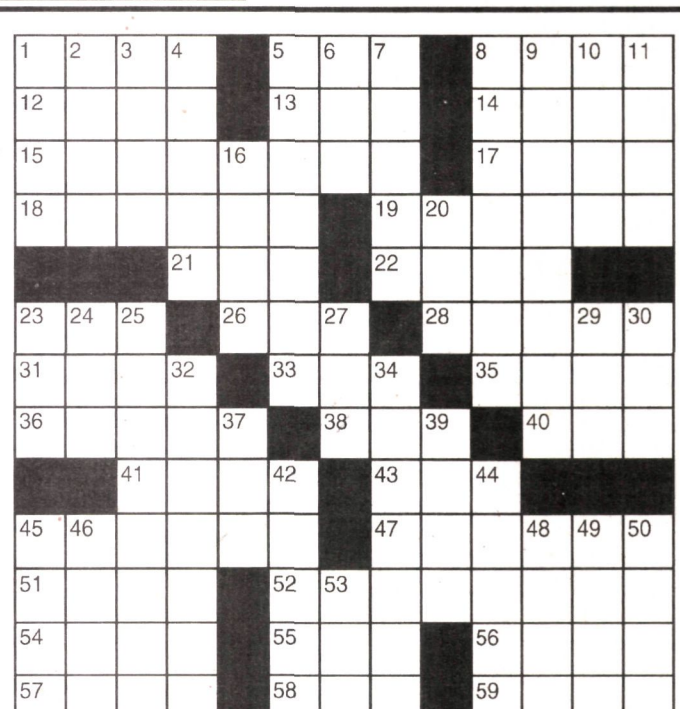
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## BOYS HOCKEY

# South clinches share of Metro

## North falls to U-D

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys' hockey team clinched a share of the Michigan Metro Hockey League championship last weekend, shutting out Detroit Country Day 2-0.

"We need only one point in our final two games to clinch the title outright," head coach Bobby McKillop said. "The guys played a solid hockey game tonight against a well-coached hockey team in Country Day.

"Our penalty kill was outstanding and everyone has bought into this system. Everyone is contributing."

The host Blue Devils took a 1-0 lead at the 6:41 mark when junior Zach Kohut scored, assisted by senior Joseph Toth.

After further review, the goal was credited to senior Casey Livingston, with Kohut and Toth netting the assists.

Neither team scored in the second period, but it was the Yellowjackets who had several power-play opportunities.

The Blue Devils' defense was up to the task and senior goaltender Andrew Wright made the saves when called



South senior Andrew Bigham, No. 15 shown against Grosse Pointe North, has received scoring help from the Blue Devils' second and third lines during the team's winning streak.

upon. The Yellowjackets never threatened on any of their power plays, thanks to aggressive penalty kill by the Blue Devils.

South had the better scoring chances in the second period, but senior goaltender Chris Cantrell made three huge saves to keep it a 1-0 game heading into the final period.

The Blue Devils had a big insurance goal at the 7:50 mark of the third period when senior Ken Cervone tallied, with

senior Andrew Hyde and Kohut assisting.

Earlier in the week, South used a five-goal first period to beat Brownstown Woodhaven 7-3.

Junior defenseman Ian Corbett recorded a career-high five points, while senior team leaders Andrew Bigham and Hyde each added a hat trick to their seasonal accolades.

Defenseman William Walker had a playmaker (3 assists) and forward

Tyler Demery scored a goal and had an assist.

Defensively, goaltender Trent Magheilse turned back 21 shots, while Griffin Brooks, Brad Miller, Toth and Will Barrett were strong on the blue line.

Will Poplawski, Livingston and Demery played notably well, killing off several Woodhaven power plays.

With the wins, Grosse Pointe South improved to 10-0-1 in the Michigan Metro Hockey League and 14-3-1 overall.

Divine Child can tie South with 21 points if it wins out and the Blue Devils lose their final two games. The most points Country Day can earn is 20.

Coming up for the Blue Devils are two games in the prestigious Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League Showcase.

The Blue Devils face Plymouth at 2 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 6, and Grand Rapids Christian at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, at Kennedy Arena in Trenton.

## North results

The Grosse Pointe North boys' hockey team dropped a 4-0 decision to league foe U-D Jesuit last weekend at City Ice Arena.

The Norsemen's offense was stuck in quick sand as they were out-shot 54-8 in falling to 0-11 in the Michigan



PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE

South senior Casey Livingston scored what turned out to be the winning goal in the Blue Devils' huge 2-0 league win over Detroit Country Day.

Interscholastic Hockey League and 2-16 overall.

For head coach Brad Case and his Norsemen, the schedule doesn't get any easier.

North squares off against Utica Eisenhower at 12:40 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, at Trenton Prac rink, and gets Muskegon Mona Shores at 8:40 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, at Kennedy Main rink.

## College news

Grosse Pointe North 2009 graduate Justin Kovacs, a Grosse Pointe Woods resident, is a member of the Western Michigan University mens' hockey team and was recently nominated for the Hobey Baker Award, one of the most prestigious awards in hockey. Kovacs has nine goals and 11 assists for 20 points in the 22 games played (as of Jan. 29). He has helped the Broncos earn a top-25 national ranking.

## GIRLS HOCKEY

# North battles, but loses

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' hockey team had a chance to produce a signature win last week when it hosted Ann Arbor Pioneer.

The host Norsemen took a 3-2 lead, but couldn't hang on in an eventual 4-3 defeat.

"I saw some good things from our girls and they played a nice game against a very good team," head coach Joe Lucchese said. "We had our chances, but in the end we couldn't stop their No. 1 line."

Pioneer senior forward Mercedes Reyes scored all four goals and senior forward Caroline Hurd had four assists to lift the team past the Norsemen.

The teams exchanged goals in the first period.

Ann Arbor scored a short-handed goal at the 11:45 mark, but the Norsemen came back to tie it when sophomore Jen Kusch scored at the 6:50 mark. Junior Karina Lucchese had the assist.

Sophomore Lindsay Gallagher scored just 39 seconds later, giving the Norsemen a 2-1 lead. Once again Lucchese had the assist.

Pioneer tied it with a goal at the 2:54 mark.

Sophomore Elizabeth Gallagher put the Norsemen ahead 3-2 with a goal at the 7:15 mark of the second period. This time, Lindsay Gallagher had the lone assist.

The lead lasted only three minutes as Reyes scored her hat trick goal at the 4:26 mark. She scored on a power play to tie it 3-3 heading into the final period.

Reyes scored early in the third period to give Pioneer the lead for good and junior goalie Paulina Arsenault made it stand, making a couple of tough

saves down the stretch.

"We are playing better hockey, but this would have been a really tough win for us," Lucchese said. "We have to play a little better defensively to beat the teams ahead of us in the standings."

North also played against Division 2 foe Warren Regina and lost 4-1, falling to 6-7 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 7-8 overall.

The Norsemen need to finish strong in the final three weeks to avoid finishing in the bottom half of the Division 1 standings.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

North junior Cinnamin Aslanian, right, has been playing solid hockey for the Norsemen this season.

## YOUTH HOCKEY

# Bruins dominate foes, capture tourney title

The Grosse Pointe Bruins hockey team won the 2014 North American Cup Bantam Division held in Port Huron during the Martin Luther King Jr. weekend.

Top Bantam level teams from the U.S. and Canada qualified for the tournament.

The Bruins, a team of Grosse Pointe area 13- and 14-year-old boys, went undefeated in their drive to the championship and outscored their opponents 20-4.

"The boys played well this weekend and the results showed that teamwork, the willing-

ness to do the dirty work and hard skating with purpose pay-off," said Bruins coach Kurt Strelhke. "I was also especially happy to see everyone contributing. It made the difference."

The championship game pitted the top team Canadian from Dorchester, Ontario, against the Bruins. Earlier in the tournament, when the two teams met, the close, physical game ended in a 2-1 Bruins win.

The finale started out the same way with the bigger Canadian Team using its size to attempt

to dictate the pace and style of the game.

After a slow grinding start, the Bruins outhustled the Canadians and Mario Lorelli opened the scoring with a beautiful shot from the slot with four minutes left in the first period.

Bruins goalie Connor Brannagan defended a barrage of shots and furious scrums in front of the net en route to his second shut-out of the season.

Matthew Oliver, Ted Pinder and Joe Serventi all added goals in the Bruins' 4-0 victory and North American Cup Championship.



PHOTO BY MATT BRAUER

The Bruins, standing from left, Max Ruffing, Joe Serventi, Mathew Oliver, Noah Hauswirth, Jamie Daley, Jacob Brauer, Mac Carron, Chase Clark, Ted Pinder and Sam Nehra; and in the front row from left, Alex Strelhke, John Poplawski, Jack Glover, Connor Brannagan, Mario Lorelli and Tommy Sine.



Boys basketball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Hunter's heroics save Blue Devils

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Junior Sam Hunter's driving layup and free throw with only 1.4 seconds left lifted Grosse Pointe South's boys' basketball team to a 40-37 win over Port Huron Northern last weekend.

"We didn't play very well and this might have been our worst effort of the season, but the guys found a way to win," head coach Troy Glasser said. "For some reason, Northern gives us fits."

The Blue Devils never found their rhythm, scoring only 11 points in the first quarter, six in the second and five in the third.

They did everything wrong, like committing a season-high 25 turnovers and shooting only 4-of-14 from the foul line.

They came to life in the fourth quarter after trailing 31-24. They used a 9-0 run to take a 33-31 lead.

It was tied at 33 and then Blue Devils trailed 35-34. It was again tied at

37 before each team traded turnovers in the final minute.

The Blue Devils' pressure defense forced one final turnover and they called a timeout with 6.5 seconds left.

Hunter received the inbounds pass and drove the lane. He was fouled while shooting. The ball hit nothing but the bottom of the net and his free throw completed the game-winning three-point play.

"Sam is a bulldog and he wasn't going to be denied," Glasser said. "I knew sooner or later we would have a less than stellar effort and tonight was it. I'm proud of the guys."

Hunter finished with six points, all in the fourth quarter, and senior Dan Dixon nearly had a triple-double, finishing with 10 points, 11 rebounds and eight blocked shots.

Senior Gordie Post had seven points and 10 rebounds, and senior Jabari Burton finished with six points.



South junior Sam Hunter drives in and scores the winning points in the Blue Devils' 40-37 home win over Port Huron Northern.

PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

The Blue Devils' first-place showdown at Warren Fitzgerald scheduled earlier in the week was postponed when neither team had school.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 6-0 in the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division and 11-1 overall. Its winning streak is at 11.

LIGGETT

Knights drop heartbreaker

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The young University Liggett boys' basketball team fought back from a 13-point third quarter deficit on the road, but in the end lost 63-59 to Novi Franklin Road Christian last weekend.

"I was proud of my kids," head coach Sidney Johnson said. "It's a tough loss, but for our young kids to come back and make it a great ending is a step in the right direction. This is a learning experience for the guys."

The Knights stormed

back from the double-digit deficit to tie the game with one minute left.

Unfortunately, they couldn't finish the job and fell by four.

Jordan Peterson led the Knights with 20 points, followed by Spencer Ewing with 16 and Ian Clark with seven.

Liggett's game earlier in the week was postponed due to adverse weather and will be made up this month.

Liggett dropped to 2-4 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 3-6 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Bad fourth

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys' basketball team endured a fourth-quarter meltdown in last weekend's 63-45 loss to Utica Ford.

The visiting Norsemen tied the Falcons at 39

after three quarters, but they were outscored 24-6 in the final eight minutes to lose.

Senior Justin Kennedy had 14 points and senior Sal Ciaravino added 10 as the Norsemen dropped to 1-4 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 3-7 overall.

Girls basketball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Close to title

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls' basketball team made it clear it is the best team in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division with two big wins last week.

The Blue Devils went on the road and beat Romeo 62-45. It was tied at 28 at the half, but the Blue Devils outscored the Bulldogs 22-9 in the third quarter to win.

"It was a good road win against a good team," head coach Kevin Richards said. "This was a nice test for the girls."

Junior Cierra Rice scored 23 points, followed by junior Aliezza Brown with 16, senior Bre Andrews with 14 and sophomore Anna Carmody with seven.

Two nights later, South hosted Macomb Dakota and blitzed the Cougars 64-39.

It was 20-13 after the first quarter and the home team used a 19-4



South sophomore Elizabeth Rauh, right, battles for a loose ball in the Blue Devils' big win over Macomb Dakota.

PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

second quarter to open a huge halftime lead, 39-17.

The Blue Devils were in cruise control in the second half as their defense kept the Cougars off balance. The Blue Devils forced 20 turnovers and turned several of those into easy transition baskets.

"These two wins put us within a game or two of winning the division title," Richards said. "We can clinch with two more wins and a loss by Romeo and Ford."

The Blue Devils had three players in double figures. Rice had 17 points, followed by Andrews with 16 and Brown with 11. Sophomore Benna Ames had eight, while sophomore Tamira McCoy-Motton had six and junior Katie Kish had five.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 8-0 in the figures. Rice had 17 MAC Red Division and 15-1 overall.

LIGGETT

Knights win

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The University Liggett girls' basketball team completed the first half of its league schedule with two wins last weekend.

The Knights beat Novi Franklin Road Christian 69-52 and the following day defeated Plymouth Christian 58-40.

Against Franklin Road Christian, the Knights built a 37-19 halftime lead and never let their

foe get within single digits in the third and fourth quarters.

Junior Lola Ristovski had her best game of the season, scoring 24 points, and senior Angelia Evangelista had 14.

Against Plymouth Christian, junior Jessica Rotzoll had 15 points and sophomore Kendal McConico had 14 as the Knights once again built a nice halftime lead.

Liggett is 6-1 in the MIAC and 9-3 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen fall

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls' basketball team played a second half to forget last week during its 45-31 home loss to Utica Ford.

The Norsemen dominated 13 of the first 16 minutes of the game, taking a 24-22 lead.

However, the tide turned in the second half as the Norsemen's shooting woes continued and they made only two field goals in the third and

fourth quarters.

The Norsemen dominated the boards, but they couldn't make a shot as the Falcons outscored them 16-4 in the third quarter and 7-3 in the fourth.

Sophomore Erin Armbruster led the Norsemen with 11 points, eight of which came in the second quarter, and senior Jayla Hubbard had 10 points.

With the defeat, North fell to 3-3 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 6-6 overall.

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University Liggett School and Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe invite athletes, coaches and parents to attend a presentation titled, "The Female Athlete," held at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, at Liggett.

It is free and open to

the public. Jeffrey Zacharias, M.D., will discuss various aspects of being a female athlete, including strength training, nutrition, injury and recovery.

To register, RSVP to Renita Clark at rclark@uls.org



SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING



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On to nationals

Dearborn crystallettes intermediate level synchronized figure skating team took second place out of 18 teams at the 2014 Midwestern synchronized skating sectional championships in Hoffman Estates, Ill., Jan. 25. The team advanced to nationals Feb. 27 in Colorado Springs, Co. Grosse Pointe North junior Mackenzie Clark, as well as North senior Jessica Gabel, are members of the team.

Swimming

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils shine

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Host Grosse Pointe South won the 2014 Wayne County boys' swimming and diving championship meet last weekend. South and Livonia Stevenson battled to the end with the home team edging Stevenson 418-415 to capture the title. Northville was third with 294 points and Salem took fourth with 231. The other 16 teams had point totals ranging from 161 to three. The Blue Devils needed to take first or second in the final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay, to win the meet. The foursome of Devlin

Francis, Jack Martin, Jacob Montague and Patrick Jackson took second with a time of 3:22.89 to secure the championship. Head coach Eric Gunderson always has his team ready for the big meets and they were ready in this one, winning the opening event, the 200-yard medley relay, with Jackson, Montague, Francis and Nick Yoo winning with a time of 1:41.77. Doug Graham was fourth in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:50.01 and Montague took second in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 1:58.42. The Blue Devils had two of the top four in the

50-yard freestyle, with Martin taking second and Francis fourth with times of 22.70 and 23.00, respectively. Eric Addy won the diving competition with 398.90 points and Erik Romer was third with 379 points. Jackson won the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 52.65 and Yoo was fourth at 54.41, and the Blue Devils' 200-yard freestyle relay team of Yoo, Cam Francis, Sam Wilkinson and Martin placed fourth with a time of 1:33.06. Jackson won another event, taking first in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 53.66. Montague was second with a time of 55.04.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen fall to CV

The Grosse Pointe North boys' swimming and diving team lost to Chippewa Valley 114-72 last week. North had individual winners. Duncan MacAskill took the 1 meter diving, while John Cobau scored a win in the 100-yard butterfly.

Head coach Mike O'Connor said season-best performances were recorded in the 50-yard freestyle by Patrick Turnbull; 100-yard freestyle by Daniel Leone; 200-yard freestyle by Joseph Cobau; 500-yard freestyle by Danny MacAskill; 100-yard

breastroke by Matt Stander; 100-yard butterfly by John Cobau; and 200-yard individual medley by Leone. Grosse Pointe North is now 0-4 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 6-5 overall. The league meet is later this month.

YOUTH SOFTBALL

Softball leagues return to Pointes

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Local Little League director Ron DeCoopman is making sure he brings the fun of softball to the Grosse Pointes. The long-time baseball enthusiast tried to create a softball league in Grosse Pointe in the 19080s. However, some of the powers to be made sure that wouldn't happen. The project never materialized, but the thought was always in place to one day have a softball league girls in the Grosse Pointes could join. Harper Woods Parks and Recreation, which is in District No. 6, along with the Grosse Pointes, allowed Grosse Pointers to register and join its leagues. This worked for the past decade, but the games were played in Harper Woods, St. Clair Shores and Clintondale. Numbers of girls trying out for these recreation teams began to decline in

recent years, but now that will change. Now, with the cooperation of Harper Woods, girls ages 6 to 16 in the Grosse Pointes can join the Grosse Pointe Farms-City, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League and play in front of the home fans. "This is a great thing for young ladies in the Grosse Pointes," DeCoopman said. "We hope to get 200 or so to register and this league will help them learn the game and have fun when they get to high school and play for their high school teams. "We also have a league for the girls in high school. This is a win-win for all of us." The league is divided into instructional (ages 6-8), minor (ages 9-10), major (ages 11-12), and senior (ages 13-16) divisions. Girls with more ability who are age 8 or 12 can play in the minor and major league to help the growth of their skills.

Teams play at three fields in Grosse Pointe and two in Harper Woods. In addition, the girls might play a game or two in St. Clair Shores or Clintondale. DeCoopman received plenty of support from Jennifer Gallagher, who got the ball rolling back in August about the softball league. In addition, Burke's Sports Haven is helping supply the uniforms and providing new equipment. There is a player evaluation March 13 at Harper Woods High School. Girls ages 8 to 10 go from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and ages 11 to 12 go 8 to 9:30 p.m. There is another evaluation period which will be announced at a later day and will be held at either Grosse Pointe North or Grosse Pointe South High School. The season starts in early April, registration is open online at grossepointebaseball.com, and the fee for the inaugural season is only \$125.

Wrestling

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils rally to earn share of division crown

The Grosse Pointe South wrestling team faced a daunting task, getting back in the conference race after losing its first Macomb Area Conference Silver Division match of the season to New Haven. But the leadership of senior captains Alex Manchester, Colin Brannagan and Caleb Cimmarrusti, combined with an outstanding young group of assistant coaches, including Patrick Salazar, Nolan Goodall, Frankie Pangborn and Sergio Rodriguez, were more than up to the task. After defeating unbeaten conference foe St. Clair Shores Lakeview the previous week, the Blue Devils would still have to get by Madison High School in the final dual meet of the season. Tyler Thompson set the tempo for South as he continually battled back in his match at 119 pounds. Trailing midway through the second

period, Thompson turned his opponent to his back three different times before ultimately recording the fall. Manchester followed suit with a first period pin of his own, utilizing a powerful upper body throw. In what may have been the most exciting match of the evening, junior Antoine Herrell recorded several different throws of his opponent during the first period, while also being nearly pinned himself. With 8 seconds remaining in the opening period, Herrell turned Jalen Barbee for the fall. John Gough followed Herrell's victory with a 14-7 domination of his Madison opponent. In similar commanding fashion, Cimmarrusti recorded a 12-1 victory over Ryan Cruz. However, the most emotional bout of the evening featured the return of sophomore Jimmy Nunley. Nunely, who had been battling adversity all

year, was set to wrestle for the first time since mid-December. Having lost his father earlier in the season, as well as battling injury throughout the past month, the stage was set for Nunley's comeback. With his teammates and friends cheering wildly, Nunley put on a show of both speed and power. His lateral drop throw in the final period resulted in a pin and put the cherry on the top for South's improbable Conference title, in it's 61-12 victory over Madison. Grosse Pointe South finished 4-1 in the MAC Silver Division and co-champs with Lakeview. In last weekend's league meet at Warren Cousino, Thompson earned a silver medal, while Manchester took home a bronze medal and Herrell a fifth-place medal to lead the Blue Devils. Coming up for the Blue Devils is a Division 1 individual district Saturday, Feb. 8.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Duo earn medals

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

White Division dual meet North finished 3-4 in the MAC White Division. finale.

Grosse Pointe North's Mike Bowden and Andrew Lock earned gold medals in last weekend's Macomb Area Conference Gold Division Tournament at Warren Cousino. Bowden avenged an early season loss on his way to winning the 152-pound class title, while Lock dominated the competition in the 160-pound class. "We had a couple of guys loose in the blood round, so overall we had a decent tournament," head coach Eric Julien said. Fraser won the title and earlier in the week the Ramblers beat the Norsemen 56-19 in the

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March 13th is the first evaluation date for girls ages 9-13. Please log onto your city little league website for further information:  
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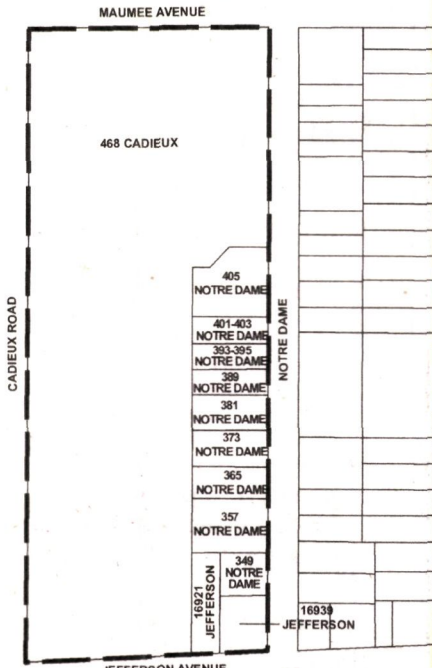
Girls Softball: New in 2014 for girls 6-16 years old. Players will be assigned to teams organized across Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods. Teams will practice and play locally and against teams from other Districts 6 leagues.  
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• Major League: Ages 11-12 • Senior League: Ages 13-16

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Act No. 110 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan for the year 2006, as amended, and the Grosse Pointe City Code, that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, February 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Council Chambers at 17147 Maumee Avenue, Grosse Pointe, MI, concerning the conditional rezoning request for the following property owner:

Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe - 468 Cadieux Road - Proposed Conditional Rezoning of 13.24 acres of land from R-1B, P-1, and R-T to HF, Hospital Facilities District which will contain specific standards regarding: permitted uses, area, height, bulk, placement requirements, screening, development standards, parking, review procedures, and other related standards. The proposed conditional rezoning includes the following property:

- 468 Cadieux
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- 16939 Jefferson
- 349 Notre Dame
- 357 Notre Dame
- 365 Notre Dame
- 373 Notre Dame
- 381 Notre Dame
- 389 Notre Dame
- 393-395 Notre Dame
- 401-403 Notre Dame
- 405 Notre Dame



The complete application may be viewed at City Hall located at 17147 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, MI, Mon.-Fri. 8:30 am to 5 pm, 313-885-5800.

Public comment is welcome. If you are unable to attend the hearing, written comments will be accepted until 12:00 noon on February 21, 2014.

Julie E. Arthurs,  
City Clerk



# Closings come in record numbers

By Joe Warner  
Editor

While hundreds of Metro Detroit districts close their doors after a few inches of snow, it's rare for the Grosse Pointe Public School System to join the shuttered.

A stretch of arctic air in late January closed the schools here three straight days, the first time ever for the district.

There are no buses in the Grosse Pointe schools, so one issue other districts face is eliminated.

"There are several of us who talk," said GPPSS Superintendent Tom Harwood, who has the final decision. "We look at the safety around our buildings, the streets and sidewalks. Our biggest consideration is safety of the students."

Last week, the bitter cold again cancelled

classes on Tuesday, Jan. 28, when wind chills fell to 35 degrees below zero.

"At that point, safety was an issue," Harwood said.

While temperatures Wednesday, Jan. 29, started below zero, the wind was calmer and the high temperature for the day was set to rebound into the high teens.

Harwood sent a letter through the district's e-mail to registered parents and teachers.

"The Grosse Pointe Public School System will be open tomorrow, Wednesday, January 29th. It is projected that the temperature will be in the single digits at the start of school and approaching double digits by noon. We encourage you to drive your children to school or carpool if possible. Students in the district who utilize transportation to special

education programs will be contacted by our transportation provider if the bus will be delayed or unable to transport due to weather conditions. There will be no recess activities.

"While it is still cold, we feel it is safe to have children return to attend classes and get back to the business of teaching and learning. Parents/guardians always have the right to keep their children at home if they do not believe they should go to school because of weather conditions. However, we ask that you call the school's attendance line to report the reason for the absence, so we know your child is safe."

In the letter, Harwood went on to explain the decision is made after communication with the manager of buildings and grounds and the deputy superintendent.

"We do our best to communicate this to you in a timely manner through local radio and TV, our websites, phone fan-outs and social media. We have also added child-care options on snow days as a service to our families," Harwood wrote.

The cold weather forced the closing of all area schools Jan. 28, including classes at the University of Michigan for the first time since 1978.

"It's been a tough January," Harwood said. "Four days in two weeks, I've never seen anything like that here."

Harwood said the district is allowed six snow/cold days before the school calendar is affected.

"We can adjust the day by a few minutes to make up for the lost time," Harwood said.

The state mandates 170 days of instruction with 1,098 instructional hours. Gov. Rick Snyder is allowed to change that number to accommodate the record-setting winter.

"Maybe February will be better," Harwood said.



## School briefs

### Mom to Mom

Christ the King Preschool hosts it's 8th annual Mom to Mom sale on Saturday, March 8. For more information on renting table space or selling items in the Big Item Room you may contact Karen at [ctkm2m@comcast.net](mailto:ctkm2m@comcast.net) or call the preschool at (313) 884-5998.

### More school news

More school news is on page 8B of this week's paper.

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## Service project

Students at St. Paul Catholic School in Grosse Pointe Farms were asked to bring in brown bag lunches (peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, fruit, chips) for the homeless. It was a service project during "Catholic Schools Week." More than 200 were collected and Liberties Outreach Center picked up the lunches and will distribute to the homeless.

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## Bond proposal

A story regarding the Grosse Pointe Public School System bond proposal with Superintendent Tom Harwood is in Section A of today's paper. Letter's to the editor regarding the Feb. 25 election start on page 8A and continue to other pages. Letters to the editor should be sent to [jwarner@grossepointenews.com](mailto:jwarner@grossepointenews.com) or mailed to the Grosse Pointe News, 21316 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

We will dedicate all the space possible for letters to the editor each week through the election.

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## Help

Athanasios Hedglin and Camille Burke carrying lunches into Grosse Pointe North's cafeteria. Interact Club asked parents, staff and students to pack an extra lunch for the homeless and the response was incredible. The school collected 1,141 lunches which were delivered to the Michigan Veterans Foundation to go to homeless vets.