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A gathering place going away

By John McTaggart
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — McCubbin's Barber Shop owner, David McCubbin, sat in one of several padded chairs lining the back wall of the small shop he'd known nearly all his life.

Boxes sat half-packed to his right, a pair of barber poles wrapped in bubble wrap were neatly placed

beside the end chair, resting next to a box of old photographs.

"The old sign is down in my basement now," he said, referring to the neon sign that once hung in the building's front window. "And the two poles, they're taken down and wrapped up, ready to be taken out."

Before he said another word though, there was a moment of silent reflection, his eyes scanning the room

where his grandfather, father and uncle had spent countless hours, where he had worked for nearly four decades. It also was where so many men and boys from the community had come for a haircut and the type of conversation one can only get amongst friends at a local barber shop.

"It's time," he said. "It's just time."



PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

Dave McCubbin stands at the front of the barber shop his grandfather, father and uncle all worked at during the past 63 years.

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Be mine

Viviano Flower Shop in Grosse Pointe Woods was hopping on Valentine's Day. At right, Elise Holderbaum wraps a bouquet for a customer. Below, Aaron Humphreys of Grosse Pointe Park has the flowers and looks for a card. Below, middle, sparkly red hearts were popular for the day. Below, far right, a rose dubbed Hearts on Fire was the perfect call for many gift givers on Feb. 14.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Appeal dates in March

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The date of the second board of review meeting next month is changed.

New dates are:

- ◆ 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, and
- ◆ 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Monday, March 23.

Hearings are scheduled by appointment and held at Grosse Pointe Farms City Hall, 90 Kerby.

The board holds two meetings in March during which property owners may petition for lower property tax assessments.

"Two dates are required by the (city) charter in March," said Shane Reeside, city manager.

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Trolley numbers off the tracks

By John McTaggart
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The numbers are impressive, and the mission accomplished.

The K-Line Trolley was conceived with the intention of easing the parking woes along Kercheval between Moross in Grosse Pointe Farms and Wayburn in the Park, as well as showcasing the businesses along that popular stretch of road, and has been a resounding success.

"In addition to accenting and promoting the quaint nature of our communities,"

Park City Manager Dale Krajniak said, "It also has greatly assisted the Park in relieving its parking shortfall during peak hours where previously efforts were focused acquiring homes and extending parking lots into our adjoining residential districts. Additionally, the trolley service complemented the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce's Dine, Shop, Play in Grosse Pointe campaign."

The success of the K-Line is easy to quantify, Krajniak said.

"The average number of passengers per night was 280," he said. "With the peak



The trolley, with the mayors of the Pointes and Harper Woods and their families, rolled down Kercheval during the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade.

month being August, where we averaged 456 riders per night. The busiest nights

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By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — No one from the public addressed the city council during a second, mandated public meeting about proposed block grant expenditures.

"We are required to have a second public hearing for members of the community to comment about what the (city) administration is proposing," said Ben Hughes, a Community Development Block Grant consultant retained by Grosse Pointe Shores, at the meeting Tuesday, Jan. 27. Block grants are administered by the federal Department

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in August where we averaged 590 (passengers) per night.”

The K-Line made its first trip in early August, and wrapped up operations for the year Dec. 27, running from about 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. September and October, and 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. in November and December.

“Our last day of operations, Dec. 27, it carried 233 passengers,” he said.

The K-Line was a valuable tool for patrons who wanted to dine at some of the area’s most popular restaurants and the statistics reflected this trend.

“Approximately 80 percent of the riders were between the hours of 5 p.m. and 10 p.m.,” Krajniak said. “This coincides with the use of the trolley as primarily for dinner traffic. The top spots were the area restaurants along Kercheval.”

The K-Line is truly a community service, made possible, Krajniak said, thanks to members of the community.

Red Crown, the Manoogian Foundation, Sean and Nancy Cotton, the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce and Paul and Carol Schaap were all instrumental in making the vision of the K-Line trolley a reality.

Carol Schaap also is the impetus behind the new theater under construction at the Lavins Center at Windmill Pointe Park in the Park, the Carol C. Schaap theater.

“The Park, and the Pointes, are so fortunate to have individuals like Paul and Carol (Schaap), Jane and Richard Manoogian, along with Sean and Nancy Cotton, step up and truly make a difference,” Krajniak said. “The K-Line was a huge success.”

The trolley will begin service this year in the spring, when the weather permits, Krajniak said.

Movie time


Mario DeLisi adds a tugboat sticker to the frame he is making at the mother-son movie night in Grosse Pointe Woods Feb. 7.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



Logan Smith wore his Lego shirt, perfect for the event where the theme was Legos and the movie was The Lego Movie. Below, left, Danny Storrs, mom Sheri Storrs and Nate Storrs enjoy some time together at the movie.





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Dave McCubbin proudly displays a photo of what the building looked like in 1952 when the shop opened. At right, Some of the tools of the trade at McCubbin's get cleaned before the next haircut.



Long-time McCubbin's barber, Mark Rittinger, cuts Jeff Adams' hair Saturday morning.

PLACE:

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After more than six decades, McCubbin decided it's time to close the doors on McCubbin's Barber Shop and begin a new chapter.

“It's been really hard,” he said, “But after talking to my wife about it, we just decided that it was time. We've got grandkids down in North Carolina we want to go and see, and some other traveling we want to do, too. It was tough, but it's time.”

The shop opened in 1952, and since then, it's been a gathering spot for men from all over the area.

Three generations of McCubbins have taken the helm of the shop since that day in 1952.

“I've been here for 39 years,” he said. “And I took it over from my dad and my uncle, who took it over from my grandfather. It's all I've ever known, really. It's been a long time. I'll tell you, if these walls could talk, they'd have some great stories to tell.”

“At one time there were eight or nine barbers in here,” he said. “The

The people, the stories, are the real soul of McCubbin's, he said, and the essence of what made the business so successful over the years.

“It's a barber shop, sure, but it's more than that it has been more than that to a lot of men over the years,” McCubbin said, a smile creeping across his face. “These men would come here and talk about things they might not say anywhere else, to anyone else but the group of guys here. This place was like (Las) Vegas, what goes on here stays here. That's what it was like.”

In that time, the city has certainly changed, McCubbins said.

“When we first opened we were the only building,” he said. “They really sort of built this whole strip of Mack around it.”

At one time there were nearly 10 barbers manning the chairs at McCubbin's, but over the years that number has dwindled.

“At one time there were eight or nine barbers in here,” he said. “The

chairs were so close together that it was tough to turn them even. There really aren't many places like that, for men, around any more.”

After Feb. 25, there will be one less.

That's when the doors at McCubbin's Barber Shop will close for the final time.

“I don't have a single regret,” McCubbin said. “It's hard, and I hate to see it go, but it's been good to me, my family, and I think it's been good for the community, too. It's been a really good run. I was happy to be a part of it for so many years.”

McCubbin was quick to note that most of the employees have found landing spots already, a place to work after the doors close.

As for him, when Feb. 26 rolls around, he's ready to start the next chapter in his life.

“It's going to be weird, I know that already,” he said. “But we plan to go down to North Carolina. I've got some great memories here, but it's time to start making some new ones.”



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Saying thanks

Students at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School spent time this week creating handmade thank you cards for military personnel. Grades Pre-K through 8th participated and there were a total of 372 cards made. Top, Julia Gebeck wrote thank you for taking care of our country. Above, James Nyquist cleverly used stickers in place of writing certain words telling the soldiers they were great and deserved an A+ for protecting our country. At left, fifth grader Katelyn Moyer said she liked making the cards because she got to express her feelings. She writes her card as Mara Doyle watches.

The Week Ahead

SATURDAY, FEB. 21

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores town hall meeting begins at 10 a.m. in the municipal building.
- ◆ The Neighborhood Club sponsors a hips and ham strings yoga workshop from 2 to 3 p.m. The cost is \$10 for club members and \$15 for non-members. To register, visit neighborhoodclub.org.

MONDAY, FEB. 23

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods city council meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park city council meeting begins at 7 p.m. in council chambers.
- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers.

THURSDAY, FEB. 26

- ◆ The Family Center

hosts Drugs & Alcohol: What Parents and Professionals Need to Know from 6:15 to 8:30 p.m. at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The keynote speaker is Debra Jay. To register, visit familycenterweb.org.

- ◆ An American Red Cross blood drive is open from 9 a.m. to 7:45 p.m. at the

Grosse Pointe War Memorial. To make an appointment, call Beth at (313) 550-3870 or visit redcrossblood.org and use the code gpblood-council.

- ◆ The Grosse Pointe Library Board meets at 7 p.m. in the Woods branch, 20680 Mack. The public can attend. The agenda is available at the library's website, gp.lib.mi.us.

Packing it in

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Rubbish trucks are purchased in the future tense.

Due to the long lead time needed to construct such large vehicles, customers must order them months before delivery.

The time to buy one for receipt this summer is now.

Shane Reeside, manager of Grosse Pointe Farms, planned to spend part of next month's city council meeting seeking approval to buy a rubbish packer on behalf of the public works department.

Some \$130,000 was budgeted for the truck. Expenditures that large need council endorsement.

Reeside advanced the matter to the Monday, Feb. 9, meeting upon learning the truck's three-month lead time

had doubled to six months.

"So, DPW asked we try to get it approved as soon as possible," he said.

Bids obtained through a statewide, competitive buying program came in lower than expected.

Total cost, which the council approved, is \$116,895.

The bidding process is handled by MiDEAL, an operation of the state transportation department since 1984.

"Local governments benefit directly from the reduced cost of goods and services and indirectly by eliminating the time needed to process bids," according to a statement on the department website.

"We've utilized this the last few years for public safety vehicles," Reeside said. "It saves the city the cost of putting together the specifications before going out to bid."

Grants approved

By John McTaggart
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — City Council put the finishing touches on this year's community development block grant funds with the approval of its dispersment Monday, Feb. 9.

The Woods had to divvy up \$64,309.72 according to guidelines set by Wayne County.

This year, Services for Older Citizens will get \$4,823.

These funds will be used to assist with a wide-array of services ranging from the Meals on Wheels program to medical equipment available for lending from SOC, as well as other social programs the organization sponsors.

Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services

will benefit by \$4,823 as well.

These funds help provide necessary transportation to the elderly and handicapped within the city.

Administrative costs account for \$6,430 of the grant funds, covering the cost of about six staff members involved with administering the grant program. Also included in these monies are purchases necessary to run the program such as software or computers.

The remaining funds, \$48,233, are dedicated to the housing rehabilitation program.

About 50 homes in the Woods will be maintained, repaired, and modified to provide senior and disabled residents the opportunity to live in a safe house and maintain their independence.

Dance date set

By John McTaggart
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — For each of the past five years, residents of all five Grosse Pointe communities have

shared in one very special evening.

"It's really one of the cutest and sweetest events we are a part of," Grosse Pointe Woods

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Lifeguards needed in the Woods

By John McTaggart
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — The pool at Lake Front Park is a valuable park of many residents' summertime routine.

Hours are spent exercising, cooling off, and simply enjoying the amenity at the city's premier residents-only facility.

That said, the safety of all those enjoying the water is paramount.

That's why a staff of about 100 lifeguards, each one trained extensively, watches over the waters and the residents who enter it every season.

"They're so vital it's amazing," parks and recreation supervisor Nicole Bryon said. "Without them we wouldn't be able to even open the pool. They've got to be there. We're thankful they are there, and, we have total confidence in each of them."

As Bryon said, each lifeguard is extensively trained, and all this training begins with a class.

"Classes start this year on Tuesday, Feb. 24," Bryon said. "And they go through March 24 at the

pool at Grosse Pointe North."

Bryon said this class, governed by the guidelines and standards of the American Red Cross, is the first step to anyone looking to join the Woods' lifeguard lineup.

"It's where you have to start," she said. "Right now, we have about 80 of the 100 lifeguards coming back from last year, but that still leaves room for new lifeguards this year."

Along with the class, potential lifeguards need to meet several requirements.

"You need to be at least 15-years old," Bryon said.

"You need to be able to swim 500 yards using a front crawl and breaststroke, and you need to be able to tread water for two minutes without using your hands."

And these requirements are just a sampling of what is needed to join this team.

"Our lifeguards go through training every year," Bryon said. "It's only required by law every two years, but we have our lifeguards go through this every year. It's very important to keep sharp with these

skills."

The class is \$200 for residents, \$220 for non-residents and includes books and materials.

"The class does tend to fill pretty fast," she said. "So if anyone is inter-

ested, I would say call as soon as possible."

Registration is at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center anytime between now and Feb. 24, but space is limited, Bryon said.

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Business has taken off for Woods resident

By Joe Warner
Editor

Most 23-year-olds who attended the North American International Auto Show dreamed of sitting in a \$200,000 Bentley or driving a Ford Mustang GT 500.

Not Grosse Pointe Woods resident Michael Kassab. Been there. Done that.

He looked at each car and what he could do with it. He was there, with several cars, bringing business back to his St. Clair Shores-based company, Envy Auto Group.

As a 10-year-old, he started detailing his parents' cars. A couple years later, he was making money at it and at a

young age, a career took off.

It has evolved into much more than a detailing business, though they do that, too.

Kassab, the son of Chris and Elie Kassab of Grosse Pointe Woods, started Envy Auto Group with a couple of friends after he graduated from University Liggett School.

He attends University of Detroit Mercy, where he is pursuing a business degree.

His business is all about cars and trucks, from the everyday to the exotic.

His secured showroom had an Audi, BMW and Maserati. A little out of place, but receiving equal attention, was a

Volkswagen Beetle.

One car was being outfitted with a complete Envy package, which included window tinting, grill and wheel work and more.

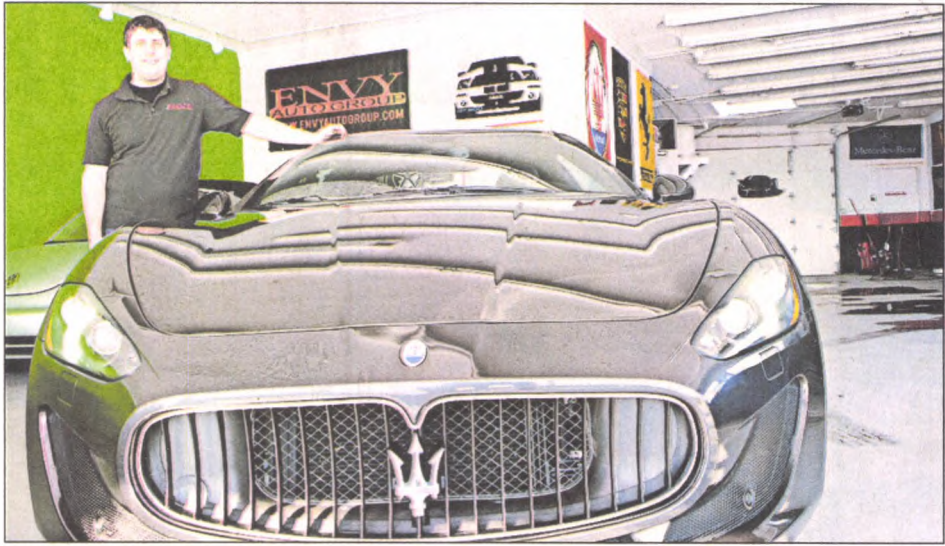
Another car had a vinyl wrap to protect the paint. Yet another had its wheels painted dark.

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"We've had some great cars in here to work on," Kassab said. "But I like working on cars like mine," as he pointed to his winter vehicle, a Dodge Ram pickup with a Hemi and some custom work done to it.

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"The auto show was good for us," Kassab said. "It helped build credibility for the work we do. We received a lot of support for the work we do. It's something you see a lot of in (Los Angeles), New York and Miami. Not as much around here, which is why I



would like to continue working in this area."

The auto show was so good to Kassab, he sold his prized, custom Mustang GT 500.

"It wasn't for sale, but someone made me an offer," he said. "Everything is for sale, I guess."

Kassab said he enjoys doing the work in this area because it's Detroit.

"And there's nowhere in the world like Woodward," he said. "It's very special in regards to the history of cars. I'm trying to do what I can to make a difference. I'm



PHOTOS BY JOE WARNER

Michael Kassab with a Maserati he's working on at Envy Auto Group.

having fun." Much more on the custom work Kassab and Envy Auto Group perform is available at envyautogroup.com.

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parks and recreation supervisor Nicole Byron said. "To see some of the fathers with their daughters, it's just so sweet."

The annual Daddy-Daughter Dance begins this year at 7 p.m. March 21, and will be held in the gymnasium at Grosse Pointe South High School.

"Last year we had over 800 people participate," Byron said. "So it's a very popular event, for sure."

Although a number such as 800 seems like a lot, the truth is, since registration kicked off Feb. 2, spots at the dance are going fast, with less than 200 remaining as of press time.

"Registration did already open," she said. "And we encourage anyone interested in attend-

ing to register as soon as possible."

Would-be participants need to call their appropriate parks and recreation department in order to reserve their spot at the event, Byron said.

"In Grosse Pointe Woods," she said. "Residents can register for the Daddy-Daughter Dance on the website (www.gpwmj.us). If you're a resident of any of the other communities you can give those offices a call"

This year's event is sponsored by Beaumont Health Systems, and there is a charge of \$8 per person for the dance.

"It's really geared for daughters 12-years old and younger," Byron said. "It's an event really made for elementary-school ages daughters and their father."

Registration is not available at the door the evening of the dance.

Fire escapes chimney

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — A house fire last week started in the most benign place imaginable.

"It appears it started in the fire place," said Stephen Poloni, City of Grosse Pointe public safety director, citing a preliminary investigation.

Flames from the first-floor hearth rose into the brick-and-mortar chimney, sneaking through cracks, igniting wood frame in walls, ceilings and the attic, he added.

Chimney cracks aren't

unusual in older structures.

"It happens a lot of times," Poloni said.

The three-alarm fire, shortly before 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, drew officers from neighboring Grosse Pointe Farms and Park to a two-story, wood frame house being renovated at 847 Fisher.

No one occupied the property, although the homeowner and workers were present.

"The owner was inside the house and called 911," Poloni said.

City officers deployed both of their fire trucks and, upon confirming a

working fire, sounded a second alarm as prescribed by the Grosse Pointes' automatic aid agreement.

Four Farms officers responded at 10:56 a.m. with a truck outfitted with a telescoping ladder tipped by tower and nozzle that swings above fires for overhead attacks.

The truck also carries 300 gallons of water — a three-minute supply — and 550 feet of pre-connected hoses for quick, grab-and-go dousing while larger-diameter hoses are unloaded and hooked to hydrants.

"We had heavy, heavy

smoke on the second floor," said Farms Lt. Jack Patterson.

Fire crept up an outer wall beside the chimney. "Fire looks for air," Patterson said. "Flames became visible in a window coming out of the walls."

During an "aggressive interior attack," he added, "we knocked down fire on the second floor and opened an outside wall."

Downstairs, officers knocked holes in plaster to check for fire.

"They hit it quickly and hard to knock it out," Poloni said of all responding officers.

Wearing protective gear, Poloni, incident commander City Lt. Eddie Tujaka and Patterson pulled the mantle apart to expose flames.

Getting the Farms tower into position was difficult due to on-street parking allowed on Fisher, only 17 feet wide, Patterson said.

The truck requires 17-feet, 4-inches of space to deploy outriggers, which stabilize the vehicle when the tower is deployed, he said.

Two City firefighters had minor injuries.

"One had a back injury," Poloni said. "The other fell on ice outside. It was cold and icy."

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City of Grosse Pointe
Phantom return

Someone from the Internal Revenue Service reportedly told a City of Grosse Pointe woman last week that her 2014 tax return is being reviewed.

Fine, except for one thing, she told police Monday, Feb. 9:

“(She) has yet to file her 2014 tax return,” said a public safety officer. “She was advised to fill out form 14039 (an identity theft affidavit) and submit it to the IRS office if she believes that someone may be attempting to use her identification to scam her.”

Form 14039 is two pages long and may be downloaded from irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f14039.pdf.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms
Beyond limit

At 2:09 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, a tipster reported a man driving a 2013 Chrysler 200 “all over” Lakeshore east of Moross, according to police.

A patrolman pulled him over on Moross near Piche.

The driver, 30, of St. Clair Shores, “fumbled”

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for his driver’s license, smelled of intoxicants and slurred, said the officer.

The man refused to take a roadside Breathalyzer test to determine his blood alcohol level.

Upon relenting at headquarters, he registered a level of .24 percent, according to police.

Key clue

A weekly tally of receipts at a healthcare office on the Hill came up \$411 short Wednesday, Feb. 11.

Cash is missing from a safe.

Deposits are made through a turn-style mechanism, according to police, not by opening and closing the door.

“The locked safe required a two-key system to open,” said a public safety officer.

Whiskey bent

A border patrol agent released a drunken driving suspect to Farms police shortly after 1:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11.

The agent stopped the man, 27, of New Baltimore, on westbound Lakeshore near Kerby for running a red light at Vernier and Lakeshore in Grosse Pointe Shores and driving erratically.

Police searching his 2014 Ford Fusion reportedly found an empty pint of whiskey, 3/4 empty pint of whiskey and empty one-ounce container of whiskey.

His blood alcohol level measured .14 percent, police said.

Expelled

A man wearing a backpack containing garden sheers sprinkled with suspected marijuana residue reportedly refused to leave Richard Elementary School at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10.

Police from the Farms and City of Grosse Pointe responded to the complaint.

They said the man, 31, of Detroit, had a drug pipe in his pocket.

Charges consist of possession of narcotics paraphernalia.

Nightmare

At 3:54 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, officers investigated a 25-year-old Detroit woman reportedly sleeping at the wheel of a 2010 Kia Soul parked for a half-hour with its engine running beside a gasoline pump at a service station on Mack and Moross.

“(She) was sleeping and had her head resting on the driver-side win-

dow,” said an officer.

A patrolman knocked on the window and opened the door.

“(She) woke up and shut the door,” said the officer.

Two more rounds of give-and-take and she tried to put the car in gear.

A second officer opened the passenger-side door and turned off the ignition, according to police.

The woman had glossy eyes, slurred speech and a prior drunken driving conviction, police said.

They saw a half-empty bottle of vodka on the passenger seat.

She failed a series of field sobriety tests and refused to take a Breathalyzer test to indicate her blood alcohol level.

Officers searching her purse reportedly found .7 grams of marijuana.

They cited her for drunken driving, possession of marijuana and refusing to take the breath test.

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

Grosse Pointe Shores
Over limit

A man speeding a 2009 GMC Acadia up to 57 mph on northbound Lakeshore during cold, snowy conditions early Saturday, Feb. 14, was arrested for drunken driving.

It took a while for the officer to catch up to him due to slippery road conditions.

During a traffic stop near the intersection of Bayview Drive in St. Clair

Shores at 2:53 a.m., the driver, 23, of Redford, failed field sobriety tests.

“(A) preliminary breath test was not given due to it being inoperable (because of weather),” reported the officer.

In the warmth of headquarters, he registered a .17 percent blood alcohol level, police said.

Move it

The owner of a parked car blocking a fire hydrant on South Deeplands was cited twice Friday, Feb. 13 — at 11:35 a.m. and 2:20 p.m.

Also on the same block that morning, an officer cited the owner of a parked, black Cadillac for partially blocking a driveway.

No guarantees

During the morning of Friday, Feb. 13, a Michaux Lane resident wanted public safety officers to trap two stray cats living under the porch.

There was a catch.

“The homeowner asked that the cats be removed only if no harm to them is guaranteed,” reported a patrolman. “(I) explained that it could not be guaranteed. The homeowner then requested the cats be left for the time being.”

Drunken driving

A 27-year-old man from Farmington Hills, being questioned on Lakeshore near Roslyn at 7:49 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, for operating a 2008 Ford Taurus despite operator’s license being suspended, was arrested for drunken driving.

His blood alcohol level measured .155 percent, police said.

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Home invasion

A home invasion on the 700 block of Balfour resulted in the theft of a 40-inch television, car keys, a cell phone and

jewelry, Monday, Feb. 9. The back door to the house was unlocked and items were removed from the first and second floor of the house, according to the police report.

Stolen, found

A Ford Edge was stolen from the 800 block of Westchester between 1 and 6 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, according to a police report. The vehicle was taken from the driveway of the house and the suspect gained entry by breaking the rear driver’s side window. The vehicle was subsequently recovered by Park officers inside the city limits of Detroit.

Table taken

Sometime between Friday, Feb. 13, and Saturday, Feb. 14, a vehicle parked near the intersection of Mack and Lakepointe was broken into through a window on the driver’s side. A massage table, valued at about \$300, was taken in the theft.

—John McTaggart
Report information on these and other crimes to the Grosse Pointe Park public safety department at (313) 822-4416.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Stolen truck

A vehicle was reported stolen from the north parking garage of St. John Hospital and Medical Center Thursday, Feb. 12. According to a police report, the victim parked his Ford F250 truck in the garage about 8 a.m., then returned to where he left it at about 6 p.m.

Officers drove the victim around the parking garage in search of the truck, but it was nowhere to be found. Police are still investigating the incident.

Stolen identity

A resident on the 2100 block of Hollywood reported to police, Saturday, Feb. 14, he was the victim of identity theft. The victim told police he received a phone call from Apple Credit regarding an account he had with a balance of \$5,500. The victim checked his credit report and discovered an account had been open without his knowledge. Not long after the Apple Credit call, a representative from Best Buy called stating someone in California was trying to open an account in his name.

Tax trouble

A suspicious phone call from someone posing to be from the IRS prompted a resident on the 1500 block of Oxford to call police Saturday, Feb. 14. The caller instructed the victim to fill out a separate form in regards to a recently filed tax return. The victim reached out to the Michigan Attorney General’s office as well as the police department. An investigation is ongoing.

—John McTaggart
Report information about these or other crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety at (313) 343-2400.

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Charter One robbed

By John McTaggart
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — The Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department is on the search for a man who robbed the Charter One Bank on Mack Avenue, just north of Moross, Friday, Feb. 12, according to public safety officials.

The black male suspect is described as between 30 and 40 years old, 5-foot 10 inches to 6 feet tall, weighing about 250 to 275 pounds.

The suspect was wearing a multicolored skull cap, glasses, a black waist-length Carhartt jacket, dark pants and work boots, according to a press release issued by the department shortly after the incident.

About 5:30 p.m., the suspect entered the bank



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Security cameras footage showed the suspect moments before he robbed the Charter One Bank.

and handed the teller a note stating he was robbing the bank. The teller complied, surrendering an unknown amount of cash to the suspect.

The suspect fled the bank and left the scene in a white sedan, possibly a Chevy Monte Carlo.

Anyone with information about this crime can contact the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department at (313) 343-2400, or if they wish to remain anonymous with their tip, they can call Crime Stoppers at (800) SPEAK-UP.

Stuck in wrong area?

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Detectives are trying to determine if a City of Grosse Pointe man violated probation by driving near the house of a Farms resident he's been ordered to leave alone.

"(Terms of) probation says 'no contact' with the complainant," said Farms Detective Bryan Ford. "(The City man) didn't actually make contact with him. But, by being in

the area"

The suspect, 77, compiled a record during 2013 of repeatedly damaging the landscaping of a resident living in the 200 block of Ridgemont, between Ridge and Beaupre.

At 3:03 a.m. Friday, Feb. 13, an officer reported the City man in a tan 2014 Chevrolet Sonic four-door stuck in a snowbank at the intersection of Ridgemont and Ridge.

"(He) was sitting in the drivers seat with his foot on the gas pedal," said the officer. "(He) looked confused."

The man reportedly explained he was driving southbound on Ridgemont.

The route passes the house of the resident he's ordered not to contact. He ran off the road and

got stuck in snow while trying to turn around at Ridge and backtrack toward Beaupre, he reportedly told police.

"He stated he had several drinks" at a party earlier that evening, said the officer.

A roadside check of his criminal history revealed a probation order "for destruction of property — grass, trees, shrubs and turf — at (the house on) Ridgemont," said the officer.

The driver's alleged .09 percent blood alcohol level, for which officers cited him as an impaired motorist, also bears on the court order.

"The probation order stated not to violate any criminal laws," said the patrol officer.

"The criminal activity violated probation," Ford said.

Says he didn't do it

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — There's no way the future of accused car-breaker, Steven Robert Radulovitch III, 28, is so bright he's gotta wear shades, especially at night, according to police.

Investigators doubt his claim of innocence when caught at 4:29 a.m. Friday, Feb. 13, with three pairs of sunglasses, two of which a woman said were stolen that night from her unlocked car parked at her mother's house in the 600 block of Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

Shores Lt. Detective Scott Rohr questioned Radulovitch after a



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A cold afternoon

Al Fincham, city administrator of Grosse Pointe Woods, said a power outage was called in about 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17. Dozens of homes and businesses north of Vernier and east of Mack were affected. Partial restoral was reported at 4:55 p.m. and the city declared full power restored at 6:14 p.m. through the Nixle network. Above, police work the Mack/Vernier intersection.

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I SAY BY JOE WARNER

Cheaters lose and that’s the way it should be

The Grosse Pointes are great and we know that. We all banded together in 2013 to watch the Woods-Shores team play in the Little League World Series. Some of us scheduled a late lunch one day to go to a local pub to watch it. With dozens of people in the middle of the day. We were proud of the team. And while they didn’t win in Williamsport, Pa., they came home to a hero’s welcome, complete with a parade and rally at Woods city hall. We were proud they made it. And while every day life shows us winning is everything, I believe you have to have a couple losses before you learn how to win the right way. These young athletes represented our community - on the huge ESPN stage - and did just fine. I remembered this community’s pride the last couple weeks as we learned about the Jackie Robinson West scandal. The team used players who lived outside of the boundaries. They cheated and they won. So Little League did the right thing. They stripped the team of their title. Some argue the players shouldn’t have been punished for the actions of parents and coaches. I disagree. Whether it was a new, great baseball player that came to the team, or whether it was the ineligible player, the players had to know something wasn’t right here. Certainly the coaches knew. Which makes the punishment necessary. They won with ineligible players. And now they’ve forfeited the title. The aftermath has been equally disappointing. Jesse Jackson used the word “persecution” in his quotes, while he threatened to sue Little League. This because the team’s players were black? C’mon, Jesse. Race had nothing to do with this. Cheating is cheating. Who cares what color the athletes are? Chicago’s mayor went after Little League baseball. And President Barack Obama said this takes nothing away from what the team accomplished. Yes it does. It takes everything away. And the coach who blew the whistle on the team? He says he’s had death threats. A police car sat outside his house one morning last week. How ridiculous is that? This is Little League. It’s just a game, but the biggest losers seem to be the adults. Those who cheat and those condoning the actions. I believe part of the problem here is the exposure the game gets. When I was a youngster playing baseball, we didn’t know what the Little League World Series was. Heck, we didn’t know what ESPN was. There’s big pressure and big money to win, even at the Little League level. This should be a lesson. It’s not about race. It’s not about that at all. It’s about doing things the right way. Our team gave this community a great time back in 2013. I’d like to say ‘thank you’ for that, again. And maybe it’s time for some of us to learn from the athletes, who seem to be handling this a lot better than the adults. Joe Warner is editor and general manager of the Grosse Pointe News. He was never a good baseball player.

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GPEA members encouraged by commitment to search

To the Editor:
The Grosse Pointe Education Association Executive Board is heartened by board of education president Judy Gafa and the Board of Education’s commitment to honoring the superintendent search process as outlined by Larry Lobert and Dave Petersen from School Exec Connect. The process for selecting a superintendent for the Grosse Pointe Public School System appears to be fair, transparent, meticulous and certainly rigorous. If the search process is followed, as indicated by the School Exec Connect committee BOE meeting of Feb. 9, collectively we are confident that the very best candidate for our school district will be brought forward. The GPEA looks forward to working collaboratively with the BOE and our new Superintendent.
LAURA MIKESELL, MIKE RENNELL, CHRIS GEERER, GREG JOHNSON, KIM MADDALENA
Grosse Pointe Education Association

Appreciation for the chamber of commerce

To the Editor
We would like to publicly express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce for its recognition of the Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods as the 2015 Pointer of Distinction Excellence in Nonprofit Activity. This award (given in this category for the first time) solidifies our belief that the work we do is necessary to our great community. The Family Center strives to be a compass to help guide individuals and families to resources, professionals and information. Our community is rich in resources but they can be difficult to find. We continue to believe that by educating, connecting and supporting our families, we can build a stronger community with stronger families. Being honored by the chamber reinforces that we are not alone in that goal. We will continue to be steadfast in our commitment to Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods, by consistently offering relevant programs, connecting

resources and experts with families, bringing together professionals who work with youth, elderly and families to share knowledge and build relationships that make it easier to respond to needs, and hosting educational, entertaining events for children and their families. Our heartfelt appreciation goes to the other Pointers of Distinction honored by the Chamber on Jan. 29. The Grosse Pointe News, Ed Lazar, Michael Marchiori and Matthew Kennedy are extremely impressive winners in their own categories and we were privileged to have shared the podium with them.
CATHY LEVERENZ,
Board President
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Driving issue

To the Editor:
There is a driving problem that I seem to encounter only here in Grosse Pointe; and it has to do with right of way at stop signs. There are two situations that the average driver seems to know nothing about, in spite of driver training classes: One is that if two cars are approaching the same stop sign from opposite sides at the same time, and one is turning left (with signal on), then the one going straight has the right of way and should proceed first—they should NOT wait for the turning car to clear. (I’m tired of waving these people on; but I don’t trust them to not start up suddenly and cause an accident.) The other is about who goes first at a 4-way stop when two cars on differ-

ent streets arrive at roughly the same time. The rule is that the earlier car (if that can be determined) goes first; or in the case of simultaneous arrival, the one to the right goes first. Did we not learn these rules when we learned to drive? Do we not remember them? And are we paying attention, or are we on the phone or texting?
HELEN SANTIZ
City of Grosse Pointe

People still care

To the Editor:
After reading your comments I have to tell you about my experience. Last Tuesday the recycling guy threw the bin on top of a mound of snow that the plow had created. As the mound was surrounded by ice I was concerned about trying to retrieve it. So I was trying, using a garden tool, to pull it to me, when a car stopped and a young woman got out, got across the ice got the bin handed it to me warned me to be careful on the ice and then drove away. As a long time Grosse Pointer it felt wonderful to know people still care. There are no young boys willing to dig people out but we take care of our neighbors
MARY DENNEHY
Grosse Pointe Farms

Vote for Profeta

To the Editor:
I believe Christopher Profeta will make an excellent addition to any program school related. He has a passion for education and would be a great addition to any staff.
PAUL SPIRTERI
Grosse Pointe Woods

GUEST OPINION By James Hohman

Closing School Retirement System the Right Choice

House Republicans recently released a reform agenda that calls for closing the state-run school employee retirement system to new employees. Senate Majority Leader Arlan Meekhof, R-West Olive, reiterated the proposal. The necessity of closing the current defined-benefit pension system and instead offering new employees a defined-contribution plan is simple: the state underfunds pensions. According to the legislative auditor general, the system has been underfunded in all but one of the past 30 years. The system carries a \$25.8

billion unfunded liability. Michigan taxpayers are now on the hook for 13 times more in unfunded school pension liabilities than the total amount secured by the faith and credit of the state taxpayer. Not surprisingly, the underfunding caused the cost of the system to skyrocket. Retirement benefits now consume 34.54 percent of school payroll. Reports show that to eliminate the current unfunded liability the state would have to pay “catch up costs” starting at \$1.9 billion per year and rising for the next 23 years. Even these large costs assume that benefits

will not be further underfunded. The system obviously puts taxpayers at risk, but future school retirees have the most to lose. Under the current system their economic security depends on the state continuing to make multi-billion dollar contributions over the next generation – a duty it has failed to adequately perform over the past generation. Most of what is said by officials and politicians opposed to closing the current system are distractions that ignore the basic underfunding problem. For example, it is claimed that a defined-

contribution system would “cost more” than defined-benefit pensions. But if the state underfunds the current system, then the cost comparisons between the “normal cost” of defined-benefit plans (not counting catch up costs) and the employer costs for defined-contribution plans give misleading results. Other questions raised about the system’s influence on attracting quality employees, how to address “transition costs,” and market volatility are also important but miss the reason that pensions need to be reformed. Policymakers need to acknowledge the main problem of the pension system and be sure that they contain its ability to develop further unfunded liabilities. House Republicans and the Senate majority leader are right to make this a priority. This column first appeared on mackinac.org

NEWS

Man brings suspected pot to court

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES—Officer Justin Childrey stood next to a metal detector at the entrance to Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Court Wednesday, Feb. 11, 1:32 p.m., when Troy Jermaine Hamilton, 36, Detroit,

stepped through reeking of marijuana, said police.

"He was reporting to court on charges from two weeks ago," said Lt. Detective Scott Rohr.

Hamilton set off the detector.

Childrey patted him down for weapons and contraband.

Hamilton passed the

search and entered court, but Childrey called him back for further investigation.

As Hamilton returned, Childrey saw him pull something from a pocket and throw it in the trash.

Childrey retrieved it: .75 grams of marijuana wrapped in tissue.

"He was arranged for

possession of marijuana," Rohr said.

"Hamilton was issued a \$500 bond, which he could not post," Childrey reported.

Hamilton is a repeat customer. He was in court Feb. 4 and bound over for felony drunken driving and felony drug charges, officers said.

Updates online

The Grosse Pointe News will update its website with any breaking news regarding weather, the power issues from Tuesday in Grosse Pointe Woods or any other news events during the week and before the next issue.

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For more information, call Joe Warner at (313) 343-5590.



DIDN'T:

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patrolman, acting on a citizen's tip, found him "prowling" the border of the Shores and Grosse Pointe Woods.

"(He) continued to deny his involvement in the theft, claiming he normally carries three pairs of sunglasses at night," Rohr said. "He had no explanation why shoe prints matching his were found near the victim's vehicle."

Radulovitch, of Grosse Pointe Woods, was arraigned in Shores Municipal Court Monday, Feb. 16, on one count of receiving and concealing stolen property worth less than \$200. The charge is a misdemeanor.

GRANTS:

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of Housing and Urban Development and dispersed annually through counties to local jurisdictions.

Shores officials are asking Wayne County to endorse the city's application this year for grants totaling \$19,500.

Proposed allocation is:

- ◆ \$14,500 to hire two special needs employees in the public works and parks departments,
- ◆ \$3,500 for continued support of Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services and
- ◆ \$1,500 to administer the grant program.

Mayor Ted Kedzierski called the allocations "worthwhile."

Hiring special needs employees is an established practice in the Shores.

One is proving himself an asset to the public works department.

"The concession stand is staffed (during summer) by a special needs person from our community," Kedzierski said.

PAATS provides Shores senior citizens, disabled residents and students rides to local jobs, medical appointments and social events.

During the last half of 2014, Shores residents took 551 round trips on PAATS buses, according to Hughes.

Last year, Shores officials sought block grants totaling \$20,121, but received only \$16,389.

"We are not guaranteed to get what we asked," Hughes said. "But, we have followed Wayne County's instructions not to exceed our request from last year, but to build upon previous allocations."

He expects to submit the application by the middle of this month.

"We should learn in early May how much we are awarded," Hughes said.

Judge Matthew Rumora ordered \$5,000 cash bond and scheduled a follow-up hearing Wednesday, March 18.

The alleged crime didn't shock officers.

"He has a lengthy sheet," Rohr said.

Radulovitch's convictions date to 2008 for receiving and concealing stolen property and stealing a financial transaction device, a legal phrase often meaning a credit card, according to state department of corrections records.

His supervised parole runs to Oct. 23, according to the same records.

Radulovitch's arrest last week resulted from a report by a female newspaper carrier.

"(She) observed a white male in his late 20s, wearing all black with a black coat and furry scarf walking down Shoreham acting suspiciously," reported Officer Jason Cooke. "She first observed him on Saddle Lane (in the Woods), then observed him walking out the backyard of a res-

idence on Shoreham and proceeded to walk from one side of the street to the other."

Less than 10 minutes later, Cooke saw the suspect exit an area of cars parked behind a house at 590 Renaud, in the Woods.

"(I) detained and identified the individual, Steven Robert Radulovitch III," Cooke said.

Cooke arrested him on suspicion of prowling, Rohr said. Shores police soon released Radulovitch to Woods officers for investigation of larcenies in their jurisdiction, Rohr added.

There wasn't evidence yet that anyone broke into a car in the Shores, according to police.

That came less two hours later.

At 6:22 a.m., Shores Officer Dan Pullen was dispatched to 627 Lakeshore to speak with Cooke. "She first observed him on Saddle Lane (in the Woods), then observed him walking out the backyard of a res-

idence on Shoreham and proceeded to walk from one side of the street to the other."

pairs of sunglasses, a \$5 bill and about \$5 in change.

"(I) observed Dickie boot prints leading from Shoreham onto the property and up to the vehicle," Pullen reported. "Earlier that night, this department arrested (Radulovitch). On his person were numerous sunglasses and cash. (He) was wearing Dickie boots."

Patrolman John Jebrael photographed the boot prints and, at Woods headquarters, Radulovitch's boots.

"The boot prints in the snow traveling east on the drive of 627 Lakeshore were identical in size and pattern of the arrestee's boots," Jebrael said.

"The name 'Dickies' was actually visible in snow impressions left near the victim," Rohr said.

APPEAL:

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The normal dates are Tuesday, March 10, and Tuesday, March 24.

"Because of a (schedule) conflict with board of review members, we would not have a quorum March 24," Reeside said.

That meeting is moved up one day to March 23.

Appeals needn't be face-to-face.

"If somebody chooses not to present an appeal in person, they can do so in writing," Reeside said.

The deadline to submit written appeals at city hall is Friday, March 20, he added.

"That would give us time to review their appeal and give it to the board to consider at their meeting March 23," Reeside said.

To schedule a hearing, call a city administrator at (313) 640-1618.

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DIY backyard ice rinks provide family fun

By Ann L. Fouty
Community Editor

DIY backyard ice rink builders have their eyes to the thermometers and ears to phones as they consult one another whether it's time or should they wait.

Rink builders agree the end of November is the best time to set the stakes and frame. A month later it's usually cold enough to start running the water to make an ice rink for the skaters' enjoyment. Four families provide tips on how to set a rink.

Lee

Charlotte, Mary Lou and Matthew Lee ice skate before school, after school and after dinner.

They are skating for fun on the 18-by-46 foot ice rink created by their father, Chris Lee.

This was the first year he put in a rink at this house but said he had made one at his previous house.

"It has been a wonderful family thing," Chris Lee said, who frequently straps on his skates.

He admitted his daughters weren't ice skaters before this year, but have gone from novices to being able to twirl with precision on their figure skates. His 7-year-old son is the family's hockey player as a member of the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association.

Chris Lee said the rink is primarily for fun.

"The main rule is not for hockey practice but backyard fun. There is no practicing hockey until he wants to," Chris Lee said.

Construction of the ice rink begins prior to the ground freezing, he explained. Stakes are driven into the ground, the Visqueen is spread on the base and 2-by-12s are erected as a frame.

"It helps to have a level backyard," he said.

By mid-December it is usually cold enough to add the water which takes about eight hours to make the ice 10 to 12 inches thick.

"We pray for cold weather," Chris Lee said.

For visual effect, he runs



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Jackson Vyletel maintains his Grosse Pointe Woods backyard ice rink for the purpose of shooting hockey pucks.



Connor Albrecht and his neighbor Jack Kensora practice ice hockey in the Albrecht's backyard.

Christmas lights under the ice, "it makes cool looking fun," he said.

Lee has modifications in mind for the 2015-2016 skating season.

"Next year I'll put up a cyclone fence at each end so the hockey pucks don't disappear into the snow and there are no broken windows."

Albrecht

Mike Albrecht's backyard

ice rink is used for three-on-three hockey tournaments and family fun.

The 70-by-47 foot rink in Grosse Pointe Shores was first set up about 10 years ago, he said.

Albrecht flooded a smaller area in the backyard when sons, Austin and Connor, began playing hockey at 4 and 3 years old. When the family's playscape was removed, the ice rink expanded to its present size and attracted his son's friends and those of their sister, Amanda.

The day after Thanksgiving the rink's plywood frame secured with special ice rink brackets goes up and, Albrecht said, he listens to the weather forecast for assurance the nights are cold enough to let the water run. In eight to 10 hours, the rink is filled.

"If we get a cold day it sets up in a day or two," he said.

He has a mercury light in a nearby tree, two more on the shed and four on the house for nighttime skating. The shed is heated so ice skaters can lace up their skates in warmth. Albrecht has added turf between the shed, the rink and the fire pit so skates don't have

to be removed.

A hand Zamboni is used to resurface the ice after nearly every skate. The rink must be shoveled after every snowfall, as well.

"It takes vigilance getting the snow off. The rink gets shoveled before the drive," he said.

Once the ice is clear, it's ready for use either for skating, hockey practice or the three-on-three tournament. The Albrechts host five teams in a round-robin in a tournament and a trophy of aluminum foil is presented to the winning team.

"It's great fun," Albrecht said of the backyard rink. "It gets them (children) out of the house and away from video games."

Paolucci

A backyard ice rink is all about the outside for Daniel Paolucci, a former AAA and junior hockey player. He installs a 100-by-40 foot rink every year for his family and the neighbors, the Driscolls, in Grosse Pointe Woods.

"Hockey needs to be skated outside, that's how you fall in love (with the sport)," he said. "Being outside is a beautiful thing. This is for creative play."

The rink runs east to west and is a quarter the size of a

normal rink, he said,

Paolucci and other backyard ice rink builders talk about the temperatures and the long-range forecast. He, too, sets the stakes and frame prior to the ground freezing at the end of November. When conditions are just right, two hoses are run to fill the 6-inch deep rink. The initial sheet of ice is smoothed out with a layer of hot water. It has less oxygen so there are fewer air pockets, he explained.

"Sometime around Dec. 1 and Christmas when we can find a batch of nighttime temperatures in the low 20s and the days no higher than 32 degrees, that's what you're looking for," he said for laying the perfect sheet of ice for a rink used day and night.

Illumination of the two-yard rink is from repurposed lights. Paolucci purchased the City of Grosse Pointe's mercury vapor lights when the city switched to LED street lights.

"It's in daily use," he said of the rink. "We have a lot of people come over... kids, team or neighbors."

He created a handheld Zamboni topped with a valve so he can control the amount of water. Burlap drags on the ice to distribute the water.

"If you get too much water, the ice will crack. It's all trial and error," he said.

But it's all a labor of love, Paolucci said, as he watches his daughters and son play. Celesta is on the Little Caesars under 12 AAA team, Alex is on the 2003 Grosse Pointe Bulldogs, Bella is on the 05 Bulldogs and Zoe and Gabby are in the instructional league, Grosse Pointe ADM.

Vyletel

According to Maggie Vyletel of Grosse Pointe Woods, their 20-by-30 foot rink has been going in between Christmas and New Year's for the past 10 years.

Area floodlights illuminate the rink for her son, Jackson, to practice his hockey shots four to five days a week.

"We made it for him," she said in an e-mail. "He and his friends will use it."

Since it is Jackson's rink, he is in charge of maintenance using either a shovel or leaf blower to clear the ice.



Mary Lou Lee, left, her sister, Charlotte, and brother, Matthew, skate morning, afternoon and evening on their backyard ice rink watched by a line of stuffed animals.



Lucy Driscoll, left, and Zoe and Alex Paolucci lace up their skates to skate on the Paolucci's ice rink.

Assumptions: Fact or Fancy



Suzanne Antonelli, CFP®
Senior Portfolio Manager

Merriam Webster defines an assumption: "when planning, a fact or statement taken for granted." My major in college was economics, but if you had told me it would be my major as a college freshman I would have scoffed. In my first economics class, Macro-Economics 101, I was disturbed that every formula contained one or

more assumptions: assume inflation is set at 13%, or interest rates are 12%, or demand will increase by 10% annually, etc. If my assumptions were flawed, what was the point of all the complex calculations? Given my personality, I challenged my professor and suggested that the study of economics was a fruitless endeavor, there could never be a right answer with so many assumptions that were likely inaccurate.

What I learned over the course of time was how the different assumptions changed the outcome. What was important was not the final answer but how the answer changed by altering the assumptions and what was the most likely outcome.

The process of financial

planning is the same, the assumptions you use in crafting a plan make a vital difference to your future standard of living. Assumptions are merely likely outcomes, they are not facts and should not be taken for granted.

An example of an assumption gone terribly wrong will help illustrate. Robert and Mary were married, he retired at age 60 with a full pension and they made the decision that he would outlive his wife and did not opt for survivor benefits. Why did they opt not to leave Mary survivor benefits? He was five years younger, he swam five miles a day, golfed four days a week, ran three days a week, ate healthy, and was never sick a day in his life. Mary, however, led a fairly sedentary life, had

numerous health problems, and her family history suggested she would likely not outlive her husband. This assumption that Robert would outlive Mary seemed the most likely outcome. Three years later he died suddenly of a heart attack and the pension payments ceased.

When crafting your financial plan beware of your assumptions, they are merely a starting point to allow you to examine future potential outcomes. As you change assumptions, how does your plan change? Start with the most likely scenario and then test your financial resources if those assumptions are flawed. What happens if you die early? What changes if you live too long? What if inflation is higher? What if interest

rates are lower? What if you have unexpected medical expenses?

How can you avoid the pitfalls of flawed assumptions? Plan for the worst and hope for the best! If Robert and Mary had opted for survivor pension benefits it would have reduced their original benefits by 18%. They could have altered their retirement lifestyle minimally: dine out 4 nights a week instead of 5, Robert could have played golf 3 times a week instead of 4, and if Mary had her nails done every other week instead of once a week they would have had the protection. Another option would have been to purchase life insurance on Robert to replace the pension benefits should he die unexpectedly.

In sum, assess where you are financially and what are your goals for the future. Carefully decide on the assumptions you will use to build your plan and then shake it vigorously to determine what could potentially undermine your future. I am not suggesting that you plan for every possible outcome, but protect against the catastrophic.

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AREA ACTIVITIES

BNI

Business Network International meets at 7 a.m. Friday, Feb. 20, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Contact Ryan Marier at (313) 683-7526 for more information about this business-oriented group.

Toastmasters

The Northeastern Toastmasters meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, at Grosse Pointe Public Library, Ewald branch.

For more information, call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikielek at (313) 884-4201.

Senior men's club

The Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe lunch is at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 24, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The cost is \$10 and the guest speaker is Alan L. Parks, garrison manager, Warren's U.S. Army Garrison, Detroit-Arsenal, Warren.

Men, retired or past 55 years of age, from any community, can attend. Jackets are suggested to

be worn. For tickets or information, call the club's president, Charlie Rutherford, at (313) 885-1823.

War Memorial

A six-week log cabin quilting session is offered at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The course begins at 7 p.m. Tuesdays Feb. 24 through March 31. The fee is \$153 for the session, plus a \$20 material fee. Learn the basics of quilting from start to finish, and have a completed lap quilt at the end of the session.

The method of log cabin quilts dates back to the 1860s.

◆ Learn some of the skills to survive emergencies at "How to Survive a Zombie Apocalypse," at 9 a.m. or 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 28. The class costs \$40, plus a \$20 materials fee.

"It's a light-hearted way to talk about surviving a real disaster, like a major storm or flood," instructor Nick Di Cresce said. "We will be learning some archery techniques and also about securing clean water, building a fire and finding shelter. We will talk about what to

pack in your 'bug-out bag' so you can survive for three days."

Di Cresce is an archery instructor and director of Outdoor Education for Our Global Kids.

Call (313) 332-4074 or visit warmemorial.org for more information.

Optimist club

The Lakeshore Optimist Club meets from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

For more information about the club, visit face book.com/lakeshoreoptimists or Lakeshore Optimist.com.

Women's Connection

Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe hosts author Judy Burke at its Thursday, Feb. 26, meeting at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Social half hour begins at 6 p.m. followed by a 6:30 p.m. dinner.

For reservations or information, call Nancy Neat at (313) 882-1855 or Marcia Pikielek at (313) 884-4201.

Burke wrote the thriller "Blackrock," that takes place in Michigan and Ireland. She has a bachelor's degree from Villanova University and a master's degree in language and literature from the University of Michigan.

Bird walk



New officers

The Grosse Pointe Garden Center's annual meeting hosted speaker George Papadelis of Telly's Greenhouse. He discussed a variety of new plant introductions. Also, new officers were elected, from left, membership vice president Barb Perez, recording secretary Adrienne Gregory, president Robin Heller, program vice president Wendy Jennings, corresponding secretary Marion Vesely and treasurer Sarah Flynn.

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House hosts an 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, bird walk.

Attendees should dress for the weather and wear waterproof footwear. The

cost is \$7.

To register, visit ford house.org/events.

League of Women



Volunteer

During the Lakeshore Optimist Club's Jan. 28 meeting, the Rev. Daniel Hart, Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church associate minister, shared experiences he and 12 other volunteers had last winter, on a mission trip to Petit Goave, Haiti. Their work focused on helping to rebuild classrooms at a school damaged in the 2010 earthquake. He showed before and after photos of the work the team and the other volunteers accomplished. Additionally, the mission team's medical professionals volunteered in the local clinic. Pictured above are at left, the club president John Stoyka and Hart.

Voters

League of Women Voters Grosse Pointe celebrates Women's History Month at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The club recognizes league member and 3rd Circuit Court Judge Lynne Pierce, Detroit Free Press columnist and host of Michigan Matters Carol Cain and Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame executive director Emily Fijol.

For reservations, visit grossepointe.mi.lwvnet.org by Monday, March 2.

Library

Authors Erik Larson, Wade Rouse and Megan Abbott are the Saturday, May 2, speakers at the book/author luncheon, Books on the Lake, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

The Grosse Pointe Public Library, a grant from the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation and in partnership with Wayne County Community College District sponsor the program. Tickets cost \$35 and go on sale Saturday, March 21, at Central library and on the library's website gp.lib.mi.us. After March 21, tickets can be purchased

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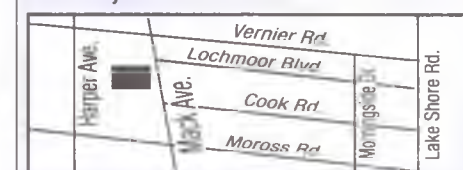
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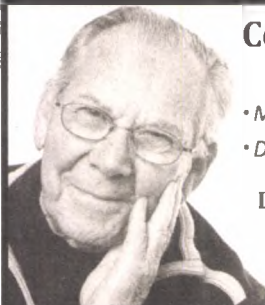


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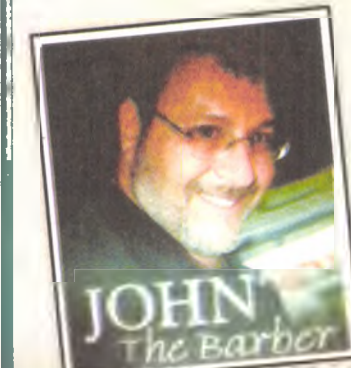
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ASK THE EXPERTS By Beth Walsh-Sahutske

The dangers of 'pharm' parties



Our family has two teenagers and we are very careful to monitor our liquor cabinet and be aware of drugs and alcohol. I've heard about "pharm parties." What are these and what do I need to watch for with my children?

I am always glad to hear parents are informed and aware of substance abuse trends as even very well behaved children may experiment. A popular trend has been pilfering prescriptions from the medicine cabinets of friends and family. Today we are a pill society. Everyday advertising stresses any ailment can be cured with a magic pill and it is safe. The logic among teens is that it is OK to share medication and "I don't do drugs" if I use prescription or over the counter medications. Worse is that the Internet has many websites promoting the use of legal and illegal drugs. These sites are mislead-

ing giving the impression this drug use is safe.

They neglect to tell the whole truth about the dangers of drug misuse and abuse. Parents should keep all medications, prescription and over the counter, under lock and key.

Prescription medications expire one year after the date of the script and should be considered expired when you are finished using the medication from an injury or illness. Over the counter medications have an expiration date stamped on the package. Take unused, not needed or expired prescription drugs to the Macomb County Health Department. Call (586) 466-7923 or visit macomb.gov.org/public-health for more information about how to safely dispose of unused medication.

Walsh-Sahutske chairs the counseling department at Grosse Pointe South High School. She can be reached at (313) 432-3522.

The Family Center serves as the community's hub for information, resources and referral for both families, individuals

SAVE THE DATE

Drugs and Alcohol: What Parents and Professionals Need to Know

Time: 6:15 to 8:30 p.m.

Date: Thursday, Feb. 26

Place: Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms

Admission: Free

6:15 p.m. Book signing with Debra Jay

6:45 p.m. Keynote address: "Confronting Realities, Preventing Tragedies" with Debra Jay

7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Breakout sessions

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and professionals. Its mission is to serve the community through programs and resources vital to today's families.

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To volunteer, contribute or ask questions, visit familycenterweb.org, call (313) 432-3832.

For more information, e-mail info@familycenterweb.org or write to: The Family Center, 20090 Morningside Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

Challenge set by WSU students

In memory of Rebecca Joy Butler, the Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority of Wayne State University hosts an organ donor registration challenge through Feb. 26.

The Grosse Pointe Woods resident and 2009 Grosse Pointe North High School graduate, was pursuing a marketing degree at WSU when diagnosed with a rare lung disease. While waiting for a transplant, she learned 100,000 people were also awaiting organs and made it her mission to start a donor registry at WSU. She died in May 2011, still waiting for a lung.

Since then, her Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority sisters and other WSU students have teamed up to spread the word about the need for organ donors.

"We continue to do this because we have the potential to save lives," said Beverly Butler, Rebecca's mother. "Some people may not sign up for another week, year or decade. But we want to



Rebecca Joy Butler

create awareness and empower people with facts."

An average of 21 people die each day waiting for organ transplants, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Colleges throughout the state are competing in the Gift of Life Campus Challenge. Since 2012, Wayne State has gone undefeated, winning the trophy for adding the most names to the donor registry. The WSU community has been inspired by the memory of Butler, daughter of associate business professor Timothy Butler.

The campus challenge concludes Thursday, Feb. 26. To register, visit giftoflifemichigan.org/go/waynestate.

Same-day clinic open

When illness or injury happens on the weekend or a holiday, the Same-Day Clinic at Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage

is open. The clinic is staffed by physicians and nurse practitioners who provide pediatric and adult care for common medical ailments like an ankle

sprain, minor fracture, earache, sore throat, flu symptoms, bladder infection, back pain or eye infection.

It is an option for patients seeking care for low-acuity illnesses or injuries that happen at inopportune times, said Marianne Langlois, Cottage's group practice

director.

An emergency department is available for more serious injuries or illness.

The clinic is located in the lower level of Cottage, 159 Kercheval. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and major holidays.

For more information, visit henryford.com/sameday.



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Taking care

The Family Center, in partnership with the Senior Expo, Assumption Cultural Center and ShorePointe Village, presented "Taking Care While Giving Care: Coping with the Challenges of the Sandwich Generation," a free program attended by more than 100 people. Pictured left to right are the evening's speakers, Marian Battersby, Jill Gafner, Sean Southers, Joanne Cruz and Debbie Liedel, Family Center executive director. Also presenting, but not pictured, were Tam Perry, and Sean Hogan Downey.

ACTIVITIES: Continued from page 2B

online only.

Historical society

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society sends out a save the date invitation for its 12th annual summer gala, "Some Enchanted Evening," Thursday, June 18, at a rarely-seen, Palm Beach-style 1929 mansion in Grosse Pointe Farms. Once lived in by a world-

class automotive designer, originally from California, the house is the only structure in Michigan designed by East Coast and Palm Beach architect, August Geiger.

Open to the public, food and drink, a Swing orchestra and classic cars on display are included in the evening's festivities that raise funds for the historical society.

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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.

Marjorie Susanne Kemp Bartlett

Marjorie Susanne Kemp Bartlett, 88, died Sunday, Dec. 21, 2014, of natural causes.

She was predeceased by her husband of 46 years, Herbert P. Bartlett; parents, Charles B. Kemp and Marjorie Candler Kemp; and sister, Elizabeth "Penny" Kemp Donald.

She is survived by her daughters, Ann "Candy" Dunn (Gregory R.) and Julia Boomer (Robert W); granddaughter, Allison R. Dunn and many nieces and nephews.

Born March 11, 1926, in Detroit, she graduated from Country Day School, in 1943, and Wellesley College, in Massachusetts, in 1947. She earned a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Michigan in 1982.

A lifelong resident of the Grosse Pointes, she had a long professional life starting at the J.L. Hudson Co. in Detroit, where she met her husband, Herb. She was the editor of the Northeast Detroit weekly newspaper, the editor of the Saratoga Hospital "Gauzette" in Detroit, where she started her medical social work career and was the director of social work at Saratoga and at Samaritan hospitals in Detroit.

Mrs. Bartlett was a member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, a deacon and a member of the Presbyterian Women, as well as an active volunteer with its knitting group. She also was a member of the National Society of Colonial Dames, Daughters of the American Revolution and Louisa St. Clair Chapter, Junior League of Detroit, Frontier Nursing Society, and a Girl Scouts leader.

After retiring, she became an avid genealogical researcher. She loved to travel, laugh, and entertain.

According to her family, Mrs. Bartlett was intelligent, organized, polite, and loved getting to know people. She taught her daughters how to be lifelong friends, as well as sisters, to make copious lists, become thorough proofreaders, cultivate organizational skills, be involved in the community and volunteering, the love of the written word, and most of all, how to cherish friends such as the "girls" she met at Wellesley, with whom she remained friends for almost 70 years.

Donations may be made to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or Wellesley College, Development Services, 106 Central St., Wellesley, MA 02481.

A memorial service will be held later this year.

Margaret Elizabeth Fisher

Margaret Elizabeth "Beth" Fisher, nee Keegin, 85, passed away Thursday, Feb. 12, 2015. She was the wife of Charles T. Fisher III, who predeceased her.

Mrs. Fisher is survived by her children, Margaret Elizabeth "Lisa" Fisher Jones (Macy); Curtis William Fisher, Lawrence P. "Larry" Fisher II (Maria Elena) and Mary Florence "Mimi" Fisher Hickey (John); grandchildren, Kristin Fisher Allen, Elizabeth Briggs Jones Coleman, Charles T. Fisher V, Curtis William Fisher Jr., Marta Cristina Fisher, John Keegin Fisher, Keegin Marie Fisher, Emily Ryan Hickey, Kathryn Keegin Hickey and Alison Briggs Hickey and four great-grandchildren. She also is survived by her brother, Stafford W. Keegin (Peggy).

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Fisher was predeceased by her son, Charles T. Fisher IV; brother, William Curtis Keegin and her parents, Curtis and Florence Keegin.

Mrs. Fisher attended the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Grosse Pointe and graduated from the Convent of the Sacred Heart in New York. She was actively involved in support of her many interests outside of raising her five children, including the Junior League Club of Detroit, Garden Club of Michigan, Detroit Institute of Art, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Sigma Gamma Association and Children's Hospital of Michigan. Mrs. Fisher's work in these areas earned her many awards and recognitions.

In addition, she was a member of the Country Club of Detroit, Grosse Pointe Club, Detroit Athletic Club, Little Harbor Club, Westonsong Club and St. Andrews Club.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at noon, Thursday, Feb. 19, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation begins at 11:30 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Less Cancer, 1247 Washington Road., Rye, NH 03870 or at lesscancer.org; the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Michigan Chapter, 25200 Telegraph, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48033 or at alz.org or St. Paul Educational Trust, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Phyllis Graham Wood

Former Grosse Pointe Shores resident Phyllis Graham Wood, 96, died Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2015, in St. Clair Shores.

She was born Sept. 26, 1918, in Monroe, to Matthew Powell Graham and Ferne Bell Graham. She and her parents soon moved to Grosse Pointe, where she lived most of her life. She graduated from Grosse Pointe High School and attended Michigan State University where she majored in classical piano.

Mrs. Wood was a devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She loved large family gatherings and proudly pointed out what a big family evolved from an only child.

Her next love was animals. Dogs, cats, squirrels, birds, she loved them all. She always had at least one dog and her backyard was a gathering spot for wildlife over the years.

Mrs. Wood is survived by her children, Wendy Beal (Paul), Susan Hopkins (Mark) and Logan (Renee); grandchildren, Kate Budziak (Jim), Dr. Matthew Beal, David Beal (Whitney), Scott Hopkins (Angel), Rebecca Davis (Craig) and Rachel Hopkins. She also was proud of her 14 great-grandchildren.

A private graveside service was held Feb. 12.

Donations may be made to the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society, 13569 Joseph Campau Street, Detroit, MI 48212 or the Michigan Humane Society, 7401 Chrysler Drive, Detroit, MI 48211.

David F. Thompson

David F. Thompson, 70, died Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2015, at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

He was born in Detroit to Thomas and Betty Thompson and graduated in 1973 from the University of Detroit. He retired from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan in 2007.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, Mr. Thompson's hobby was playing golf. He especially enjoyed being with and doing things with his family and loved playing with his grandchildren.

Mr. Thompson is survived by his wife, Donna; daughters, Kathryn Coyle (Shawn), Molly Piech (Joe) and Julie Goodwin (Sean); grandchildren, Shawn Jr., Carolyn, Christopher and Felicity; sister, Elizabeth Rowe (Charles); brothers, Daniel (Ann Marie), Frederick (Lou Vogel), John (Sue) and Michael (Jean); sister-in-law, Zoe; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Joan and William Person, and



Marjorie Kemp Bartlett



Margaret Elizabeth Fisher



Phyllis Graham Wood



David F. Thompson



Florence Michie Stahl



Ralph M. Burton

18 nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Thomas.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at St. Hubert Parish, 38775 Prentiss Street, Harrison Township.

Donations may be made in Mr. Thompson's memory for hospice care at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe. Checks should be made payable to Beaumont Chapel Fund and mailed to Beaumont Chapel Fund, Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe, 468 Cadieux, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

Florence Michie Stahl

Lifelong Grosse Pointe Farms resident Florence "Flo" Michie Stahl, died Friday, Feb. 13, 2015. She was 85.

An avid reader, gardener and history buff, she was drawn to the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, where she worked as a docent for many years. She enjoyed giving tours of the home until the time of her death. She was active with the St. Andrew's Society and served as its first female president. An active member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and past deacon, her faith was best captured in her thoughtfulness, concern and compassion for others.

Mrs. Stahl's greatest joy was her family and they said she never missed a family event. Her sparkling personality brought joy to the celebrations and holiday gatherings she attended. She was positive and upbeat: her glass was never "half full," but overflowing with optimism, wisdom and love. She spent her 65th, 75th and 85th birthdays in Bermuda with her son and his family, providing them all with lifelong memories. She had planned to spend March in Vero Beach, Fla., with a group of Grosse Pointe women she had known most of her life and with whom she had traveled annually for several years.

Mrs. Stahl is survived by her son, Greg Stahl; daughter-in-law, Melanie Flynn; grandchildren, Christopher, Timothy and Katherine, Timothy and numerous friends.

She was predeceased by her husband, Harry; parents, Alexander and Mary Michie and brothers, Don and Neil Michie.

She will be deeply missed by those who knew her.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore,

Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

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Ralph M. Burton

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Ralph M. Burton, 87, died Friday, Feb. 13, 2015.

"Moore" to his childhood friends, "Ralph" to his business associates, "The Commodore" to his family and yachting friends, Mr. Burton had an active family, professional and volunteer service life in the Detroit and Grosse Pointe communities.

He was born March 10, 1927, in Detroit, to Edith Moore and Ralph James Burton, and graduated from Detroit University School in 1945. He followed his father into the patent law profession after graduating from the University of Michigan in 1950 and Wayne State University Law School in 1955. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard in 1945 on the submarine chaser, Calypso, and married Virginia M. Webster in 1952.

Mr. Burton loved engineering and problem solving, which made patent law the perfect 57-year profession. He started with his father at Burton and Parker in Detroit, expanding the firm over the decades and merging with Brooks Kushman in Southfield. After a long day at the office, he would spend the remainder of the day tinkering, building cabinets or working on fittings for one of his many boats.

Mr. Burton grew up sailing with his family at the Detroit Yacht Club. During the Depression, they would sail their L Class sloop or Casey yawl to White Cloud Island in Georgian Bay, where they lived in a one-room log cabin they built from trees felled on the family property. His love of sailing at a young age grew into serious sailboat racing with his sons at Bayview Yacht Club.

Mr. Burton was a senior warden at St. John's Episcopal Church Detroit and a past commodore of Bayview Yacht Club. He also was a past president of the Prismatic Club, Michigan Patent Law Association, Friends of the Detroit Public Library and Richard Elementary School PTA. He also enjoyed teaching the weather course at the Grosse Pointe Power Squadron. He was a member of 18 clubs and organizations.

Mr. Burton is survived by his wife, Virginia; sons, Bruce and Glenn; daughters-in-law, Jane and Terri; grandchildren, Nathan, Sarah, Joan, Bruce Webster, Robert and James



James Leo Bidigare

and sister Ann.

A celebration of his life will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 2326 Woodward, Detroit.

Donations may be made to Bayview Yacht Club Foundation, 100 Clairepointe, Detroit, MI 48215, National Automotive History Collection, 121 Gratiot, Detroit, MI 48226, or St. John's Episcopal Church, 2326 Woodward, Detroit, MI 48201.

James Leo Bidigare

James Leo Bidigare, 95, beloved husband of Lucille (nee Hessler) for 59 years, passed away peacefully Friday, Feb. 13, 2015. Born in St. Clair Shores, he lived most of his life in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Besides his wife, Lucille, Mr. Bidigare is survived by his children, James Jr., Cecilia, Barbara and Carol; grandchildren, Danielle, Luke, Hannah, Claire, Joel, Kevin, Eric, Michael, Matthew and Nicholas; sister, Shirley Pallach; brother, Robert (Noreen) and many other relatives and friends.

He was predeceased by his parents, George and Lucy Bidigare, and siblings, George, Frank, Edwin, John, Leo, Betty Jacobs and Margaret Aurand.

Mr. Bidigare served in the U.S. Army during World War II as a first lieutenant and received the Purple Heart and citations for bravery. He and his brothers, Frank and John, formed Bidigare Brothers Inc., building homes, apartments and condominiums in Harrison Township, St. Clair Shores and Grosse Pointe Woods.

In his spare time, Mr. Bidigare enjoyed gardening and canning the vegetables he grew, fishing, Detroit sports teams and spending time with family.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Feb. 17 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, St. Clair Shores.

Donations may be made to St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 or the Capuchins Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott St., Detroit, MI 48207.

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PRIDE OF THE POINTES

The following area students were named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2014 semester at Central Michigan University: **Maureen Andreovich, Kathleen Butler, Jonathan Crandall, Marisa Curran, Kelly Fox, Kimberly Hobson-Hollowell, Dylan LaPratt, Colleen Livingston, Cristinia Laniaci, Kara Motschall, Catherine Murray, Harper Pizzimenti, Kaley Sheldon and Anthony West.**

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Katherine Steen, a 2014 Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Michigan, was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to the Slovak Republic for an English teaching assistantship. The 2010 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High

School is the daughter of Greg Steen and Sue Parent of the City of Grosse Pointe.

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Anna Kucharski was named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2014 semester at Hillsdale College. She is the daughter of Gary and Valerie Kucharski of Grosse Pointe Park and a 2012 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

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Lindsey Marie Thibodeau graduated May 2014 from University of Miami, Coral Gables, Fla., with a double major in marketing and management and a minor in fine arts. She is the daughter of Andrea and Robert Thibodeau Jr. of Grosse Pointe Farms and a 2010 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School.

PASTOR'S CORNER

By Rev. Jim Rizer

Fixing our eyes

It's a simple instruction. It makes perfect sense. Everyone who has ever run a race or swam competitively has heard it. Yet, the temptation is so strong it takes great discipline not to look.

Athletes rationalize telling themselves it will just be a peek, almost imperceptibly so it couldn't really impact the race. However, all who have watched such an event from the stands knows as soon as the head turns the focus changes, the form morphs and the pace inevitably slows.

No one ever starts the race intending to look. Yet somehow, in spite of the intent, in the midst of the race a distraction arises and we look away from the finish line compromising our progress and success.

I wonder if this is what the apostle Paul had in mind when he wrote: "let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith." (Hebrews 12:1-2)

The journey of faith is compromised by our distractions. The language used suggests a wide array of things, both the larger turning and running a different direction (sin) as well as the more minor distractions that steal our gaze and hinder our progress. This passage invites honest assessment of these categories and offers the corrective to fix our eyes on Jesus as we run the race of faith. This is what the season of Lent is all about.

For the athlete the distractions are varied from another competitor to a family member in the stands to a friend we want to impress or at least not embarrass ourselves in front of.

The same is true on the road of faith.

During the Sundays of Lent, Living Hope Church's message will be looking at several of the crossroads where we are prone to get distracted in our following Jesus.

Know that you are welcome to join us on this journey.

During this Lenten season, may each of us honestly address all that hinders and fix our eyes on Jesus.

Yours in Christ, Rev. Rizer. He is the minister at Living Hope Evangelical Church and can be contacted by visiting LivingHopeEC.org.

Deppe steps in as St. Michael's curate

Jimmie Sue Deppe joined St. Michael's Episcopal Church's staff as its curate associate last summer.

She said she is helping congregants find a comfortable place in the church through the liturgy and how to use the lessons from the Bible in every day situations.

"I believe we live in times of yearning for belonging and for the sacred," she said in an e-mail.

Deppe said she was called to the ministry "to create a space within the church where it is a safe place to be human, to be broken and imperfect. With God's help we can change ourselves and the world we live in. Every small change we make with God in the world is a miracle.

"The Bible still lives and breathes life into us, there is so much to be amazed by.

"To take our spirit-filled community out into the spaces that have forgotten unconditional love, to spaces that struggle so much it becomes too hard to hear



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Rev. Jimmie Sue Deppe is the curate associate at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

God's voice.

One community can help another community find grace and love.

"The combining of these two communities creates one whole and holy filled space."

Deppe earned a Bachelor

of Science degree in computer science from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, and a Master of Divinity degree from the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass.

— Ann L. Fouty

CHURCH EVENTS

Men's Ecumenical breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical breakfast begins with coffee at 7 a.m. Friday, Feb. 20, at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

A buffet breakfast is served at 7:15 a.m., followed by the speaker, the Rev. Dr. Stephen Murray of the Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit.

Men from any faith or any community can attend.

For more information, contact Eric Lindquist at grossepointeinterests@comcast.net or (313) 530-8656.

Star of the Sea

Our Lady Star of the Sea hosts six Friday fish fried during the Lenten season from 5 to 7 p.m. Feb. 27, March 6, 13, 20 and 27, in the parish center.

Those 13 years and older pay \$10 for the meal and for children 4 to 12 years, the

meal costs \$5. Children less than three years old are admitted free.

The dine-in menu offers a choice of fried fish, baked cod loin, fried shrimp or macaroni and cheese. All dinners come with a side dish, salad bar, roll and butter, dessert and a beverage.

The take-out menu features an entree, a side dish, roll, butter and dessert.

The church is located at 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods.

First English

Thursday morning Bible study is from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the lounge at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The Rev. Krister Ulmanis, leads a discussion on Lutheran worship: Why We Do What We Do.

First English is located at 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Call the church office at (313) 884-5040 for more information.

◆ The public can attend the Second Annual Chili Cook-off at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at First English.

The event is co-sponsored by First English and Christ the King Lutheran Church.

First English hires interim minister

The Rev. J. Krister Ulmanis is serving as interim senior minister at First English Evangelical Lutheran church until a permanent senior pastor is appointed.

He began his tenure Sunday, Nov. 16, joining associate minister Rev. Christina Veres.

In addition to church congregational affiliations, Ulmanis has been a member on local and synodical committees, involved in world mission, communication and ecumenical chaplaincy work, Third World development and social action. He also served as the elected conference dean and internship supervisor for seminary students.

Ulmanis is a minister in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, ordained Nov. 10, 1991. He served Mount Zion Lutheran Church in Waterloo, Ontario, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Belleville, Ontario, Zion in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Faith in St. Catharines, Ontario, St. Matthew's, Hanover, Ontario, and St. John's in Waterloo, Ontario. His most recent assignment was as interim senior minister at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Ulmanis, born in Sweden to Latvian parents and fluent in Swedish and Latvian, also served as the minister for the Latvian-speaking parishes in St. Catharines/Niagara Falls and Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, that are part of the Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, small congregations meeting once a month.

Ulmanis emigrated to Canada in 1974. In 1986, he began studies at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary in Ontario, and accepted his first call to St. Matthew's in Hanover.

Ulmanis has a son, Niklas.

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6B | ENTERTAINMENT

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Soft pretzels thaw frozen temperatures

Soft pretzels have always been my choice at places like the ballpark, but in recent years the large chewy version of one of America's favorite snacks has made its way to many a restaurant menu, served up with different mustards and cheese sauces (dips).

I ventured to make my own soft pretzels during the deep freeze and paired them with a simple concoction of sharp cheddar cheese, Velveeta and beer. Yummy.

Hand-Crafted Soft Pretzels with Warm Beer Cheese

24 frozen (Rhodes bake N serve) dinner rolls
1 tablespoon olive oil, divided
5 to 6 cups water
1/2 cup baking soda
coarse salt
1 lb. extra sharp Vermont cheddar cheese (or your choice), shredded
4 oz. Velveeta cheese, cubed (or more)
1/4 cup minced onion
1 garlic clove, minced
1 cup beer, your choice (or more)
salt and pepper to taste
Makes 12

Brush 12 cupcake tins with half of the olive oil. Place two frozen dinner rolls side by side in each tin. Brush remaining olive oil over frozen rolls and cover loosely with plastic wrap.

Find a warm place in the kitchen to thaw rolls and allow them to double in size. This process will take about 3 hours.



PHOTOS BY ANNIE ROULEAU-SCHERIFF

Make pretzels from frozen dough.

Working on a clean surface handling 2 rolls (1 tin) at a time roll dough into a long rod (about 20 inches) then shape it into a pretzel and place it on a bake sheet lined with parchment paper. Repeat with remaining dough, placing 6 pretzels on each bake sheet. Place in the refrigerator for 30 minutes.

Bring water to a low boil in a deep medium skillet and dissolve baking soda in it.

Working with 2 pretzels at a time carefully place into the simmering water for 2 minutes then flip over and cook for another 2 minutes.

Use a slotted spoon to remove pretzels from water and return to bake sheet.

Scatter coarse salt over pretzels as soon as you return them to the bake sheet.

Repeat with remaining pretzels.

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Bake pretzels for 15 minutes (give or take) until dark brown and cooked throughout. Check after 10 minutes and rotate bake sheet if needed. (I baked 1 bake

sheet at a time.)

Meanwhile prepare beer cheese by combining the cheddar, Velveeta, onion, garlic and beer in a double broiler. Cook and stir until mixture becomes smooth and creamy.

Taste and season with salt and pepper to taste. Add more cheese or beer or whatever you think is going to taste good in your beer cheese.

Serve the pretzels warm with the beer cheese (also warm) on the side for dunking.

Top your pretzels with cinnamon sugar for a walk on the sweet side. Sesame seeds, granulated garlic and poppy seeds mixed with salt make for an everything pretzel.

And there are really no rules when it comes to the cheese.

Mix and match Swiss, Gruyere or any cheese you have a taste for. I do always throw in a bit a Velveeta for a creamy texture. Throw a bag of frozen dinner rolls in the freezer and you'll be armed for a fun day in the kitchen.

P.S. These pretzels are really good.



Homemade pretzels warm from the oven with a dipping sauce.

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WRESTLING

South slips North

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

With their backs to the wall and facing a nearly insurmountable deficit, the Grosse Pointe South wrestling team stormed back to beat city rival Grosse Pointe North 36-34 to claim a Division 1 district championship.

It was the second straight year the Blue Devils took home the trophy.

North, under head coach Eric Julien, prepared for this moment for 365 days. The host Norsemen were ready and in position to win the title.

The Norsemen had a 16-7 major decision win by Dirk Drieborg at 125 pounds, a pin by John Hryciuk at 130 pounds and three straight wins by voids.

It was 28-0 North before South's Joe Kurta pinned Ardie Milwrick in the 152-pound match.

South's Truman McKay won a close decision over Brendan Haggerty at 160 pounds to make it 28-9, but North's Mike Bowden pinned Khalee Simpson to make it a 34-9 contest with six weight classes remaining.

The Blue Devils' comeback began with Jon

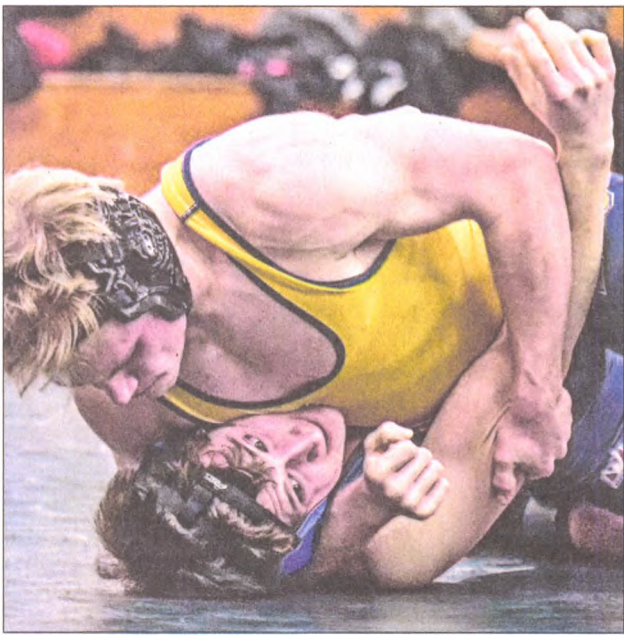


PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

South's Joe Kurta pinned his Lakeview foe in a team district semifinal match and won his next match against Grosse Pointe North.

Gough's pin of Mike Creagh at 171 pounds.

Matt Ground (decision) and Luke Davey (pin) posted victories at the 215- and 285-pound divisions to further build the momentum as the Blue Devils cut the deficit to 34-24.

Neither team had a 103-pounder, leaving it up to Earl Allard and Tyler Thompson.

They didn't disappoint as Allard pinned to make it 34-30 and Thompson's pin lifted South to the championship.

In the semifinals, Grosse Pointe South defeated St. Clair Shores Lakeview 42-34, while Grosse Pointe North crushed Eastpointe East Detroit 60-12.

Last weekend North and South grapplers competed in a Division 1 Individual District Tournament at Anchor

Bay High School. The top four in each weight class advanced to the regional tournament.

North's Bowden was a gold medalist, winning a 5-2 decision over Chippewa Valley's Vinny Dolland in the 160-pound division.

Taking third place medals were North's Kushtrim Berisha and South's Thompson.

Berisha won by injury default over Warren Mott's Gustavlo DeLima in the 140-pound division, and Thompson won by forfeit over Macomb Dakota's Tyler Sanders in the 119-pound division.

South's Kurta also made the regional tournament with his fourth-place finish at 152 pounds. He lost a 5-2 decision to Dakota's Nick Papas.

GYMNASTICS

Ladies hit routines

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe United gymnastics team remained perfect in its division meets last week, blasting Dearborn 136.825-100.375.

Head coach Courtney Hamidi and her squad won each of the four events with the biggest margin of victory coming on the bars, 36.1-12.35.

On bars, Isabelle Nguyen scored a 9.625, while Jen Gmeiner had a 9.20 and Maria Nguyen had a 9.125 to lead the way.

Michelle Ellis scored an 8.15 on the event, followed by Gyanei Johnson with a 7.025 and Rachel Rogers with a 6.425.

On vault for GP United, Maria Nguyen scored a 9.40 with Ellis and Chandler McClarty scoring 8.650 and 8.625, respectively.

Rogers and Brenna Bromwell chipped in with routines scoring an 8.45 and 8.20.

On balance beam, Isabelle Nguyen had a 9.725, followed by Bromwell with an 8.275, Olyvia Shimko with a 7.525, McClarty with a 7.425, Rogers with a 7.4 and Sydney Duggan with a 7.4.

In the final event, the floor exercise, Ellis led the way with an 8.375. She was followed by Bromwell with an 8.15, McClarty with an 8.10 and Rogers with an 8.025.

Shimko also competed and scored a 7.85 and Maggie Bowers scored a 7.8 to round out the night



PHOTO COURTESY OF COURTNEY HAMIDI

Members of the Grosse Pointe United gymnastics team stand on the podium during the medal ceremony of the Canton Invitational.

for the team.

Hamidi's team improved to 5-0 in its division and 7-1 overall.

In the Canton Invitational, Grosse Pointe United placed fourth out of 18 teams with its best-ever finish at the event.

Rockford won the meet, followed by Canton and Howell.

Isabelle Nguyen was second in the all-around in Division I with 38.875 points. She earned medals in each of the four events, scoring fourth on vault with a 9.3, second on bars at 9.5, second on beam at 9.5 and fifth on floor at 9.575.

Maria Nguyen also medaled in multiple events in the D1 meet, taking fifth in all-around

with 36.65 points, third on vault with a 9.4, sixth on floor with an 8.9 and sixth on floor with a 9.55.

Gmeiner contributed to the team total on two events, scoring a pair of 8.475s on the bars and beam, and Ellis participated in all four events, including an 8.6 on vault.

Also competing for United were Johnson, McClarty and Bromwell. "The highlight of the meet was that every one of our beam competitors stuck their routines in the first rotation," Hamidi said. "When you are able to do that, you get off to a great start and have a lot of momentum for the rest of the day."

Next for the team is the league championship Friday, Feb. 20.

HOCKEY

Winning

North and South girls' hockey teams keep on winning PAGE 2C

SWIMMING

South beats North; wins Red crown

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys' swimming and diving team completed another successful run through the Macomb Area Conference Red Division dual meet schedule last week, beating city rival Grosse Pointe North 131-55 to finish 4-0 and even its record at 5-5 overall.

The diving was the best competition of the meet with South's Erik Romer edging the North duo of Duncan MacAskill and William McNelis.

Romer won with 285.75 points, while MacAskill had 265.72 and McNelis had 255.83.

The Norsemen's win came in the 200-yard freestyle with Joseph Cobau posting a time of 1:59.84.

South's Connor Mallegg and Spencer Rizer took second and third, respectively, with times of 2:02.66 and 2:04.81.

In the 200-yard medley relay, South's foursome of Cam Francis, Cam Sanders, Matthew Koueiter and Patrick Ruprecht won with a time of 1:48.54, and their teammates, Nick Vallan, Khalib Rahmaan, Max Finazzo and Will Boyce, took second at 2:03.21.

North's team of Michael Lemanske, Trevor Mieczkowski, Alex Owens and Quinn Gallant finished third at 2:06.47.

The Blue Devils' Jacob Montague won the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 1:57.37. South's Ethan Briggs and North's John Cobau took second and third with times of 2:09.87 and 2:31.16.

South was able to sweep the 50-yard freestyle with Waterston, Robby Koueiter and Devlin Francis taking the top three spots with times of 23.16, 23.75 and 24.04, respectively, while North's Graham Eger placed fourth at 24.61.

The top three in the

100-yard butterfly were Montague and Cam Francis of South, and North's John Cobau. They posted times of 54.20, 57.25 and 58.12.

South's Waterston, Vallan and Mallegg placed first, second and fourth in the 100-yard freestyle, turning in times of 51.51, 54.10 and 56.61, while North's Eger and Ben Sliwinski took third and fifth with times of 55.04 and 57.22.

In the 500-yard freestyle, Briggs edged Joseph Cobau, 2:02.00-2:04.87, and the Blue Devils were able to take the top two places in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

The foursome of Montague, Mallegg, Devlin Francis and Waterston won with a time of 1:37.98 and Vallan, Rizer, Thomas Jogan and Briggs finished second at 1:42.19.

The Norsemen's foursome of Eger, Adam Schreck, Gallant and Joseph Cobau placed third with a time of 1:44.68.

In the 100-yard backstroke, South's trio of Cam Francis, Adam VanOsdol and Michael Ruprecht took first, fourth and fifth with times of 59.81, 1:11.15 and 1:11.65, while North's Lemanske and Owens took second and third with times of 1:07.29 and 1:11.13.

In the final individual event, the 100-yard breaststroke, Robby Koueiter won with a time of 1:05.37, with Sanders and Matthew Koueiter taking second and third with times of 1:06.34 and 1:08.66.

The Blue Devils ended the meet with a victory in the 400-yard freestyle relay as Montague, Briggs, Devlin Francis and Cam Francis posted a time of 3:36.54.

South's Mallegg, Rahmaan, Rizer and Robby Koueiter took second at 3:53.04, and North's Joseph Cobau, Sam Stafford, Owens and John Cobau placed third at 3:59.42.

North head coach Mike O'Connor said season-best performances were recorded in the 50-yard freestyle by Alex Blunden, Oleksandr Voronenko and Sean Panlilio; 100-yard freestyle by Silwinski, Thomas Schaden and Panlilio; 200-yard freestyle by Stafford and Jonathon Stander; 500-yard freestyle by Paul Rakowicz, Stander and Stafford; 100-yard backstroke by Ruprecht; 100-yard breaststroke by Voronenko, Trevor Mieczkowski and Colin Gudenau; 100-yard butterfly by John Cobau; and diving by MacAskill.

Grosse Pointe North finished the dual meet season with a 5-4 overall mark and 1-3 in the MAC Red.

Last weekend was the annual Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association meet at Eastern Michigan University.

In the 200-yard medley relay, South's Cam Francis, Montague, Devlin Francis and Robby Koueiter placed sixth with a time of 1:40.05, while North's Eger, Matt Stander, John Cobau and Daniel Leone placed 54th with a time of 1:50.51.

Montague won a gold medal after winning the 200-yard IM with a time of 1:53.40, and in diving, North's McNelis was ninth and South's Romer 11th with 417.30 and 399.80 points, respectively.

North's MacAskill also competed and was 26th with 332.65 points.

The Blue Devils' 200-yard freestyle relay team of Devlin Francis, Briggs, Robby Koueiter and Montague took ninth with a time of 1:29.97, and Cam Francis took 14th in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 56.31.

Montague posted his second gold-medal performance, winning the 100-yard breaststroke at 57.41, which is a new school record.

EAST SIDE HOCKEY FOUNDATION

Local hockey club offers chance to learn the game

East Side Hockey Foundation invites boys and girls ages 4 to 9 years old to East Side Hockey Foundation Ice Arena Saturday, Feb. 21, for a Try Hockey For Free clinic to experience ice hockey for the first time and learn the basics of the sport in a fun, safe environment.

Registration takes place at 11:30 a.m. with the clinic from 12 to 1 p.m.

The Try Hockey For Free Day, presented by Kraft, is part of USA Hockey's eighth annual Hockey Weekend Across America celebration, which runs nationwide Feb. 20 to 22.

This program, designed to provide youth hockey associations a national platform to introduce new players to the sport, is a joint effort between USA Hockey, the National Hockey League and National Hockey League member clubs.

Total Hockey and Liberty Mutual Positive Play are official sponsors. USA Hockey has more than 300 locations offering children between the ages of 4 and 9 years old this unique opportunity.

"We look forward to introducing new kids to the wonders of hockey," says Brian Francis, president of the board of directors for ESHF. "This

program offers new families an easy and inexpensive way to get started in youth hockey."

East Side Hockey Foundation has donated 200 sets of equipment to children ages 3 to 8 as part of its Learn to Play Hockey 8U program.

ESHF also reduced ice-time costs at the arena up to 72 percent during the 2014-15 season, which represented a savings of \$95,000 for local families.

To register, visit TryHockeyForFree.com.

East Side Hockey Foundation, formerly Grosse Pointe Community Rink, is located at 4831 Canyon, Detroit MI 48236.

Basketball

SOUTH, LIGGETT & NORTH GIRLS

Late hoop wins game

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South girls' basketball team took a giant leap toward winning a sixth consecutive division title last week, beating Warren Cousino 62-60.

It was a battle for sole possession of first place in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division with only a handful of games left to play in the regular season.

The host Blue Devils held a 60-58 lead in the final 30 seconds, but a turnover gave the Patriots the ball. They tied it on a basket in the paint, but in an instant, the home team pushed the ball up the court and a perfect pass to junior Benna Ames, who laid it in to provide the winning basket.

The Patriots had one last chance to tie or win the game, but a three-pointer missed and a short shot in the paint missed. The second missed shot was emphatically rebounded by senior Cierra Rice to seal the victory.

It was a battle of the two top players in the MAC Red Division with Rice leading South with 31 points and 10 rebounds, while Cousino sophomore Kierra Fletcher had 36 points, 12 rebounds and six assists.

The Blue Devils held leads after each of the three quarters. It was 19-14 after the first quarter, 34-31 at the half and 52-47 after three quarters.

On several occasions, the Blue Devils had chances to blow open the



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

South senior Cierra Rice, left, drives the baseline in the Blue Devils' huge division win over Warren Cousino.

game, but ill-advised shots or poor defense allowed the Patriots to stay close and eventually tie the game before Ames' heroics.

The team's second-leading scorer was senior Aliezza Brown, who had 16 points.

Liggett results

University Liggett girls' basketball team raced out to leads of 11-2 and 22-8 before cruising to a 56-31 win over Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest early last week.

Sophomore Nia Ahart led the way with 17 points, three assists, two steals and two blocks, while senior Jessica Rotzoll had 10 points and seven rebounds.

Last weekend, Liggett hosted Novi Franklin Road Christian and cruised to a 59-43 victory on Senior Night when friends, family and faculty honored seniors Lola Ristovski, Jessica Rotzoll and Haley Neuenfeldt.

The Knights scored 25 first-quarter points and led 43-14 at the half.

They were nine points from a running clock, up 45-14, before settling in

for an easy fourth quarter.

Ristovski led the way with 13 points, followed by Rotzoll with 10, junior Anna Majewski with nine, Neuenfeldt with eight, Ahart with eight and junior Kendall McConico with eight.

Liggett improved to 12-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 14-3 overall.

North results

The Grosse Pointe North girls' basketball team improved to 3-6 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division last week, beating Romeo 41-38.

Erin Armbruster dominated the game at both ends of the court, scoring 19 points and grabbing 10 rebounds, while Lauren Lesha added eight points.

Earlier in the week North dropped a 71-36 road game to division foe Warren Cousino.

Armbruster had 17 points, while Lesha added seven points and three steals, and Katelyn Carney had six points and five assists.

Hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH GIRLS

South whips CK

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South girls' hockey team moved a game closer to earning the No. 1 seed in the state playoffs after crushing Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood 8-2 on home ice.

"We had a lot of energy early and it carried us to a nice win," coach Joe Provenzano said. "We are a good team when we play with a lot of energy and when all of the girls get mentally into the game. We were that way today."

Freshman Erin Brannagan got the Blue Devils on the board, scoring a short-handed goal at the 13:20 mark of the first period and two minutes later freshman Ava Russano tallied, with juniors Gennie Martin and Emma Frame assisting.

It was 4-0 after freshman Lauren Kramer and Russano scored, but the Cranes showed some fight tightening the game by scoring at the 5:49 and 2:00 mark of the second



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

South's Ava Russano scored in each of the Blue Devils' last two victories, against Cranbrook-Kingswood and Regina.

period. Kramer scored a huge goal with only 21 seconds left in the second period, giving the Blue Devils a 5-2 lead heading into the final 15 minutes.

The home team turned on the jets in the third period, scoring three times with senior Abby Carrier, senior Libby Erickson and Kramer (hat trick) doing the honors.

Junior goalkeeper Bella Strickler played well in net, making some tough saves in the third

period to keep the Cranes at more than an arm's length.

For Cranbrook-Kingswood, it was a rare fourth consecutive loss, and for Grosse Pointe South it improved to 15-0 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 16-2 overall.

In other action, South defeated Warren Regina 6-1 as Martin and Kramer each had two goals and two assists.

Frame and Russano also scored for the Blue Devils.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH GIRLS

Norsemen just keep on winning

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North girls' hockey team ran its winning streak to nine games last week, beating Ann Arbor Pioneer and Warren Regina.

The win at Pioneer was an 8-0 blowout, which ended by the mercy rule after two periods.

The Norsemen led only 1-0 after the first period, but exploded for seven second-period goals to cruise.

The Gallagher twins, Elizabeth and Lindsay, each had a four-point night. Lindsay had two goals and two assists, while Elizabeth had one goal and three assists, to lead the Norsemen.

Devyn LaValley also had two goals and one assist and the players with one goal and one assist were Kelly LaBarge, Nicole Haggerty and Kylee Banaszewski.

Players with an assist were Cinnamon Aslanian and Karina Lucchese.

North was scheduled to host Regina on Valentine's Day. The game was originally supposed to be played Saturday, Nov. 22, but was rescheduled for Feb. 14.

The Saddlites didn't have enough players for the rescheduled game and the Norsemen earned a 1-0 forfeit victory.

Grosse Pointe North improved to 10-5-0-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 12-6-0-1.

LIGGETT, NORTH & SOUTH BOYS

Teams win 5-of-6

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

After losing three games in a row, head coach Sidney Johnson needed a victory.

His University Liggett boys' basketball team was back on the winning track last week after beating Auburn Hills Oakland Christian 64-57 and Novi Franklin Road Christian 62-44.

Against Oakland Christian, sophomore Jaren English had 25 points and freshman Anthony George added 15 as the Knights ended the three-game skid.

The host Knights made it two wins in a row by using big second and fourth quarters to beat Franklin Road Christian.

The Knights trailed 11-8 after the opening eight minutes, but used a 20-11 second quarter to lead 28-22.

It was 38-34 after three quarters before the Knights scored 24 points in the fourth quarter to post the victory.

Junior Spencer Ewing led three Knights in double figures, scoring 23 points. He was followed by junior Thomas Jackson with 14 and English with 10.

Liggett improved to 7-4 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 10-5 overall.

North results

The Grosse Pointe North boys' basketball team jumped out to a 24-4 lead over host Eastpointe East Detroit and never looked back en route to a rather easy 68-36 victory last week.

It was 35-17 at the half before the Norsemen used an 8-0 run to lead 43-17 early in the third quarter.

It was game, set, match after that.

Junior Mitchell Zacharias led the way with 18 points, while senior Tim Herd had 12 and senior Josh Cochran added 10.

Other leading scorers were sophomore Steven Levick with nine points, sophomore Dillon Webb with eight and senior E'Shawn Rivers with seven.

Next up for North was a rematch with Roseville on the Norsemen's home court.

The teams met a few weeks ago and the Norsemen led 20-7 before action was stopped when the fire alarm went off.

It was another tight game, but this time it was North prevailing, 54-49.

With the win, Grosse Pointe North improved to 6-3 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division and 10-6 overall.

South results

Grosse Pointe South boys' basketball team won one of its biggest games in several years last week, beating visiting Chippewa Valley 64-62 in overtime.

The Big Reds scored the first four points of overtime, leading 62-58.

The Blue Devils finished the game with a 6-0 run, including a tying layup by senior Sam Hunter and the game-winning free throws by sophomore Brennan Buszka with 8.4 seconds left.

Buszka led the way with a double-double, collecting 18 points and 15 rebounds.

Senior Sam Blanzky had 18 points and junior Greg Harris added 12 to put three Blue Devils in double figures. Senior Brian Blanzky added six points.

Last weekend, South lost 66-55 to Utica, falling to 6-3 in the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division and 12-4 overall.

NORTH, SOUTH & LIGGETT BOYS

Teams play well in MIHL Showcase

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South won a high-scoring 7-3 battle with city rival Grosse Pointe North on the first night of the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League Showcase in Trenton last week.

The Blue Devils scored four goals in the first period, including three straight on a 5-minute major penalty.

During the three-goal barrage, senior Ian Corbett, junior Jonathan Theros and sophomore Adam Pitters scored.

North got on the board when J.P. Lucchese scored short-handed while killing the same 5-minute penalty.

South's Will Poplawski scored at the 10:24 mark to make it 4-1, but Nick Cusmano tallied 40 seconds later to bring the Norsemen within two goals, 4-2.

Both teams scored a

goal in the second period with Brennan Ifkovits tallying for the Blue Devils and Stephen Kent tallying for the Norsemen.

The Blue Devils tacked on two more goals in the third period to win going away.

Pitters scored at the 10:52 mark and Corbett had an empty-net goal.

In their second games of the Showcase, it was the Borland show as North went to a shootout to blank Sault Ste. Marie 1-0, while Grosse Pointe South edged Saginaw Heritage 2-1.

Borland stopped all 18 shots in regulation and the three shots in the shootout.

Scoring the lone goal in the shootout was Brendan Nelson as Grosse Pointe North improved to 5-15-1 overall.

For the Blue Devils, Graham Ryan scored in the opening period and Mac Cimmarrusti tallied the game-winning goal late in the third period.

Andy Jakub stopped 15-of-16 shots in the low-scoring, defensive-minded game.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 13-4-1 overall.

Liggett results

The University Liggett boys' hockey team played two one-goal games.

The Knights beat Flint Powers 4-3 the first night and lost 4-3 in a shootout to Hancock the following afternoon.

In the victory, the Knights scored four unanswered goals with senior Stephen Campau netting the hat trick and Nick Gawel scoring the other goal.

Senior Luke Soyka earned the win in net, stopping 26-of-29 shots.

Less than 24 hours later, the Knights rallied as Campau, Smith on the power play, and Brett Abdelnour tallied.

Hancock scored late in the game. Liggett is 17-4 overall.

Busy students

St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School students have been busy with a flurry of activities since the holidays. At right, Principal Sr. Kathy Avery, Jalen James, Ciara Pongratz, Samira Asabigi, and the Rev. Andrew Kowalczyk. Below, Geography Bee winners Arym Ward (first place, left) and Brenna Kumar, second place. Below right, Spelling Bee winner Archie Lewis.



Playing basketball are students Arianna Hill, Jordan Bettie, Jalen James, Christopher Lujan, Jordan Jones, Michael Stritzinger, Grace Adams and Will Zurawski.



Students at the Geography Bee, from left, are Arym Ward, Elena Zakolski, Finn Boyle, Justin Coleman, Arianna Hill, Danny McNamara, Catherine Jones, Ella Jenkins, Breenna Kumar and Deleon Davis.

The Week Ahead Schools

Monday, Feb. 23 – Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education Meeting, 7 p.m. Brownell Middle School.

Wednesday, Feb. 25 – Parents Supporting Parents Family Fun Night for students with disabilities and their families. 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Defer Elementary School.

Thursday, Feb. 26 – Family Center hosts "Drugs and Alcohol: What Parents Need to Know," 6:15 p.m. Grosse Pointe War Memorial. For information, call (313) 432-2832.

Teacher, teacher ...

We invite you to share your upcoming events or photos from classroom projects with us at kryan@grossepointenews.com. Please identify those in the photos and give us a little background. Thank you!

Students celebrate Chinese New Year

Students who are studying Chinese at University Liggett School are celebrating Chinese New Year with activities that include holiday crafts, songs, calligraphy and more. Sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students who are taking Chinese classes have been learning about – and participating in – Chinese New Year, China's most important traditional holiday. One class of ninth-graders and a fifth-grade after-school class also are taking part in the festivities.

The students learned about the holiday's history, legends and traditions, and they practiced native songs and greetings. This week, the students made holiday crafts, learned how to sing a Chinese New Year song and created zodiac wreaths and paper lanterns. Next week they will learn and practice Chinese calligraphy and Chinese greeting cards. One highlight of the experience was the Chinese New Year feast, and some students made their own traditional Chinese dishes.

Liggett offers Chinese classes for sixth, seventh and eighth-graders in Middle School. Chinese instruction continues in Upper School with Mandarin Chinese I through IV, along with the opportunity to take a Chinese Culture & Civilization course. For the students taking part in Chinese New Year festivities, the experience was an example of Liggett's Curriculum for Understanding, a way in which students learn through experience, discover their passions and turn information into understanding. "After learning and participating in the celebration, the students were able to demonstrate their knowledge by greeting each other using correct Chinese and to celebrate the way Chinese do during New Year," said Middle School Chinese teacher Grace Liang. "They became experts about this part of the culture, and the experience helped the students practice their language skills in real life."

Garvey earns scholarship

University Liggett School 12th-grader Anthony Garvey of Clinton Township has been awarded the highly competitive Chick Evans Caddie Scholarship, a full-tuition and housing scholarship to attend the University of Michigan this fall.

The prestigious award will cover four years of tuition at the University of Michigan, where Garvey plans to study business finance.

"When I saw the acceptance letter, I couldn't believe it," said Garvey, whose first college choice was the University of Michigan. "This is such an incredible opportunity."

Garvey received the scholarship in part for the excellent academic record and his experience as a caddie at Lochmoor Country Club.

"Anthony has become indispensable to the academic and extra-curricular life of University Liggett School," said Liggett instructor Walter Butzu.

"In addition to his rigorous core academic schedule, Anthony has also elected a 3-semester battery of courses in independent research above and beyond the



Anthony Garvey

requirements for graduation. But perhaps more importantly, it is

Anthony's excellent attitude and classroom disposition that make him indispensable to the academic program."

At Liggett, Garvey has been named a Terrill Newnan Award Winner (a prize that acknowledges the top 10 percent GPA for any given academic year), won a year-end French Language award, and achieved a Level 2 Bronze Designation on the National French Contest examination.

He was sophomore

class president, served two years on Liggett's Student Commission, and has been heavily involved in the Liggett Service Corps.

He also has been involved in tennis, the instrumental music program, track and robotics.

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City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE TO BIDDERS – CARPET Sealed bids will be received by the City at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing carpet for the Community Center. Copies of specifications and bid sheets may be obtained from the City Clerk. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities in the bidding and to accept any proposals it deems to be in the best interest of the City.

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South parents go back to school

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

One of the most difficult homework assignments facing high school seniors – and their parents – is the college application process.

But a software program, available to all students at both Grosse Pointe North and South high schools, is proving to be an invaluable tool when it comes to selecting, coordinating and finalizing the entire college process.

Naviance, a college and career planner, simplifies applying for college by breaking down what oftentimes can prove to be an overwhelming task into the various stages, and, more importantly, stores a student's information in one place, allowing the student and parent the ability to easily track the entire process.

About 50 South parents recently attended an

introductory lesson in Naviance offered by counselor Beth Walsh Sahutske and South media specialist Courtney McGuire. While parents of juniors were encouraged to attend, several participants were parents of freshmen and sophomores. As Walsh Sahutske pointed out, Naviance is not just for the college application itself, but also offers career guidance as well.

While some students know exactly what they want to do and where they want to go to college, for most teens it can be a daunting process. Using Naviance, a student can enter a possible career choice and will be offered not only information on that career, including job opportunities and salaries, but Naviance will also provide a list of colleges that offer majors in the career choice. Along with that list, Naviance provides

in-depth information on the selected colleges, including size, location and a link to the school's website.

It also provides in-depth scholarship and financial aid information. Once colleges are selected, Naviance provides an invaluable checklist, including information on the application process – does the college use the Common Ap, application deadlines and fees, is an essay required – and more importantly, it allows the student and high school staff to coordinate recommendation letters and transcript requests.

While keeping information readily available for the student, Naviance also allows parental input and gives them the ability to track their child's progress.

This is the second year Grosse Pointe students have had access to the Naviance platform as

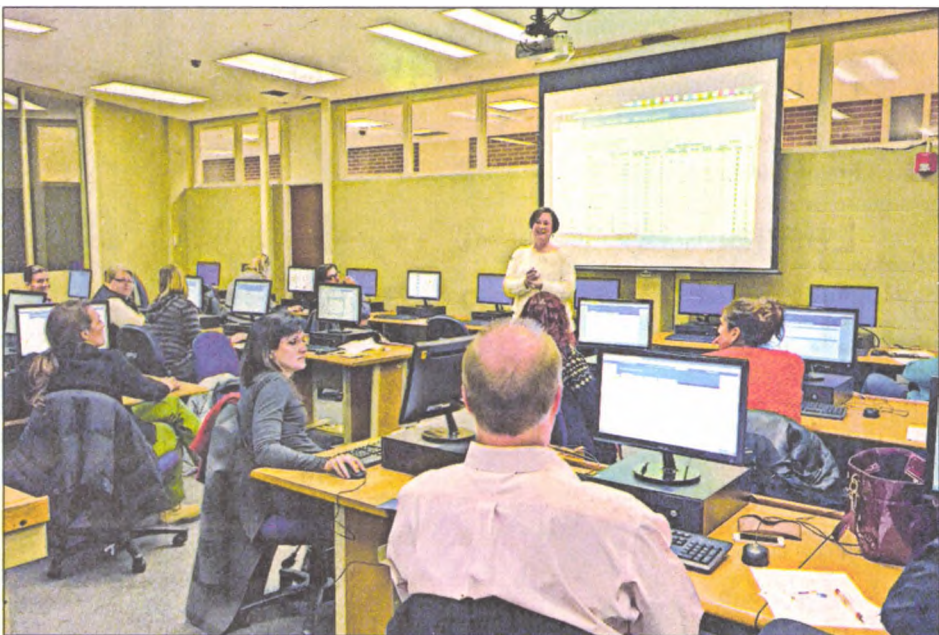


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Grosse Pointe South counselor Beth Walsh-Sahutske recently walked parents through the college application process, now simplified somewhat with the Naviance program offered at both South and North high schools.

part of a three-year contract with the software provider. Walsh-Sahutske recently presented the benefits of the program to the board of education with hopes of securing funding beyond the existing contract.

Board member Dan Roeske praised the program, describing how his family used it last year and how it simplified what can be a very complicated process.

High school parents can access the Naviance program from the high schools' home pages at gpschools.org.

Family fun night planned

Parents Supporting Parents, a support group for children with disabilities and their family members will host a family fun night on Wednesday, Feb. 25 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Defer Elementary School, 15425 Kercheval.

The evening will feature an array of critters from Lou's Pet Shop, including Frankie the 40 pound tortoise, Arnold the Lizard and an assortment of other exotic animals.

While the children are kept busy with the animals, parents will be able to explore some of the summer programs and activities available for special needs children. Representatives from Camp Fowler, Team GUTS, Camp FAR and others will be in attendance to provide information on their programs.

Parents Supporting Parents works to create a fun, positive atmosphere for kids and parents to share in the common bond of being the special needs community. For additional information, contact Tish or Karen at PsPgppss@gmail.com

Raise the roof for special needs



At top, "We are the World" was the sung by the special needs combined choir during the Full Circle Foundation's fundraiser. Above, Mason and Maire elementary schools choir director Glen Hipple led students in "Revolting Children" and "Pure Imagination" songs during the third Raise the Roof fundraiser at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Full Circle Foundation's third Raise the Roof fundraiser was filled with music.

Ferry, Maire and Mason Elementary school choirs were among the performers during the evening that raised funds for the special needs summer activities program.

Providing music were student soloists Elizabeth Cronin, Lauren Christian and Nick Kuhl. Community Campus, Catfish Mafia and the Gang also entertained.

Mary Jane Failla, a retired Grosse Pointe Public School music teacher, was the producer and Devin Scillian served as master of ceremonies. Mary Ann Van Elslander was the evening's honorary chairwoman.

Full Circle Foundation was founded five years ago with the mission to address the diverse learning experiences of special needs students and young adults.

The foundation partners with the Grosse Pointe Public School System to provide diverse training that has resulted in paid employment.

Paul Stavale was recognized for his work and hiring special needs individuals at Kroger.

The foundation is home to the Upscale Resale Shop, a merchandise processing room, two GPPSS classrooms for post high school students, a kitchen, computer lab, multipurpose room and laundry facility.

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

NOTICE OF REVIEW OF THE 2015 ASSESSMENT ROLL: Notice is hereby given the Board of Review of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Wayne County, Michigan, will be in session in the Municipal Court Room, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015

9:00 a.m. – noon; 1 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2015

1 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.; 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2015

9:00 a.m. – noon; 1 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

for reviewing the 2015 Assessment Roll. Appointments to appeal to the Board of Review may be made beginning March 1, 2014, by calling the Assessing Department at (313) 343-9956. Resident taxpayers must appear in person or send an agent to appeal their assessment.

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City Assessor

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CITY OF HARPER WOODS

BOARD OF REVIEW

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN 48225

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Review of the City of Harper Woods will be holding public meetings at 19617 Harper Avenue on Monday, March 9, 2015 from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 10, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Monday, March 23, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to consider appeals on property assessment and exemptions. Property owners may obtain a Petition to the Board of Review in the Assessor's office or on line at www.harperwoodscity.org.

Residents who are unable to attend this meeting may submit their appeal by letter to the Assessor's office at 19617 Harper Avenue, Harper Woods, MI 48225 on or before March 23, 2015 until 5:00 p.m. No postmarks are accepted. For information please call 313.343.2500.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS

LESLIE M. FRANK

CITY CLERK

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CITY OF HARPER WOODS

WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 2, 2015

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

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except Councilperson Hugh R. Marshall.

MOTIONS PASSED

1) To excuse Councilmember Marshall from tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment.

2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held January 21, 2015 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meetings held September 28, and November 20, 2014, the Local Officers Compensation Commission held January 21, 2015 and the Board of Trustees Employees Retirement System meeting held January 26, 2015.

3) To open the Public Hearing on the 2015 Community Development Block Grant Program.

4) To close the Public Hearing on the 2015 Community Development Block Grant Program.

5) To discontinue the Service Line Warranties Program for 2015 and further to direct the City Manager to notify Utility Service Partners, Inc. of this in writing.

6) To adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing a Collective Bargaining matter.

7) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 104885 through 104996 in the amount of \$606,653.44 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment to the City of Grosse Pointe Farms in the amount of \$14,592.20 for Harper Woods' proportionate share of the Intermunicipal Radio System for the period July through December 2014. (3) Approve payment to SafeBuilt, Inc. in the amount of \$18,243.40 for the contractual assessing services performed during the month of December 2014. (4) Approve payment to Statewide Security Transport in the amount of \$8,120.75 for prisoner lodging and maintenance for the month of December 2014. (5) Approve payment to Oakland County Information Technology in the amount of \$6,689.00 for fees relative to the CLEMIS computer system utilized by the Police Department for the period October through December 2014.

2) To approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Harper Woods and the Police Officers Association of Michigan Patrol Officers, Dispatchers and Detectives Unit covering the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016, and further to authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to sign the agreement.

3) To introduce and place for first reading an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 5 Buildings and Building Regulations Article I, Section 5-3 and Article II, Section 5-19 of the Code of Ordinances Adopting the Stille-Derossett-Hale Single State Construction Code Act, and further, to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

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Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

Get your tickets

Grosse Pointe North High School will be the first high school in the state to perform the Broadway musical, "Catch Me If You Can," with opening night set for Thursday, March 5.

Under the direction of Sean Kifer and musical director Ben Henri, the production will feature choreography by former Rockette Cori Callahan. Student cast members include Peter Gritsas, Panos Varlamos, Shannon McEnroe, Josh Lupo, Emily Hoshaw, Lolly Duus, Jeffery Redd, Demetri Gritsas, Will Fishwick, Matt Carlsen and Marissa Brown. A chorus of dancers, singers and a student pit orchestra directed by Dave Cleveland round out the production.

Performances will run from March 5 through March 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe North Performing Arts Center. Tickets may be purchased in advance at Wild Birds Unlimited, 20361 Mack, or at the Performing Arts Center each night of the show. Ticket information is available at (313) 343-0006.

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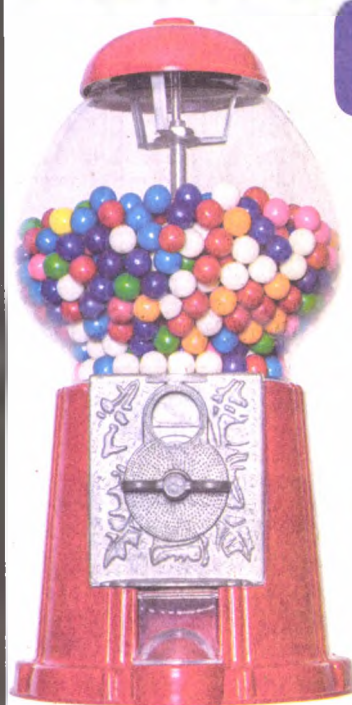
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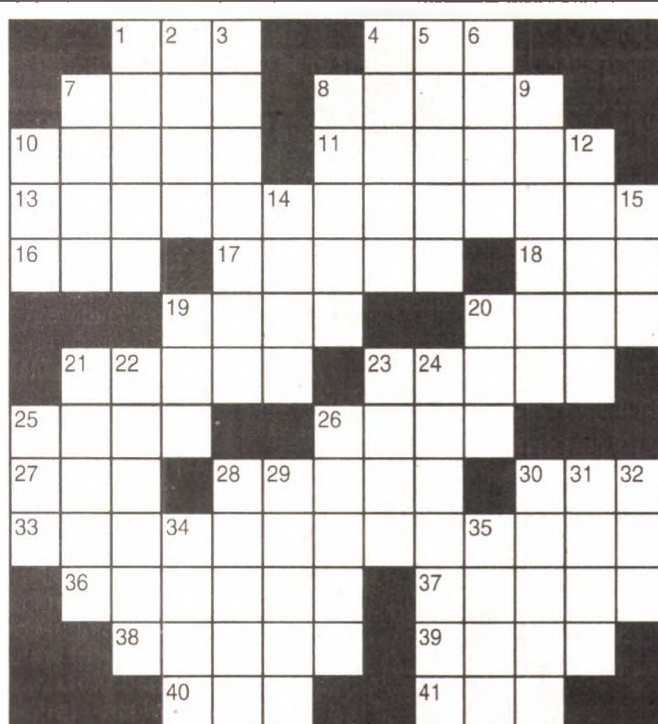
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 - Concoct
 - Canonical hour
 - Small plateaus
 - Rooster
 - Bashful



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 - Playing marble
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Solution Time: 25 minutes

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
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Penny Bailer
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