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## Residents angry after Harwood vote

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTE** — Residents angry over the performance of school superintendent Thomas Harwood spoke out at Monday night's Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting, asking the board to delay acceptance of a performance evaluation rating Harwood "overall effective" in his job.

Nearly two dozen residents asked the board to table a vote on accepting the interim evaluation that graded Harwood for the

period of July 1, 2013 to Dec. 31, 2013. The evaluation rated Harwood as "overall effective" and "effective" in five performance areas: results, leadership, systems alignment, processes and capacity building.

Residents, however, questioned those ratings, citing several issues that have come to the forefront in recent months. Specifically, they cited reports Harwood is trying to remove Grosse Pointe South principal Matt Outlaw and assistant principal Terry Flint and addressed how he handled concerns brought forth by parents of students with special needs.

"How can the seven of you evaluate Dr. Harwood without asking teachers, staff and students for their input," asked Cynthia Sohn. "No one has asked about his performance on leadership."

Harwood has declined to comment on the Outlaw issue, saying only that both Outlaw and Flint have contracts that run until June 2015 and he expects them to serve out their contracts.

However, several residents allege Harwood and Jon Dean, the district's director of human resources, are attempting to force

See VOTE, page 4A

## War Memorial has new leader

By Joe Warner  
Editor

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Charles Burke looks forward to a new challenge as he takes over as President and CEO of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Burke has served as the senior director of education for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the artistic director of the Civic Youth Ensembles for the past 15 years.

"It's a change for me and it's exciting," Burke said. "When I met with the search committee, it



Charles Burke

was very attractive. I haven't seen that kind of pure energy and looking at the facility, the history

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## The party's over

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Police weren't surprised last week when an after-work party between a female strip club worker and her part-time paramour drifted into cocaine use and threats of gunplay.

One officer likened the couple to a train wreck.

Prosecutors intend to put them on track.

The party, early Sunday, Feb. 2, began in downtown Detroit and ended about 7 a.m. at the 36-year-old man's apartment in the 900 block of Neff, near Mack, according to police.

"(The woman) advised me that both she and (the man) were using cocaine through the evening," reported Officer Joe Adams.

At about 11 a.m., the man reportedly objected to the woman, 22, of Clinton Township, wanting to leave.

He got out his blue steel Colt MKIV .45-caliber semi-automatic pistol and said, "Do you want me to shoot you?" according to Detective Christopher Lee, citing the woman.

"He continued to get more agitated and eventually placed the barrel of the gun in his open mouth and requested that (she) shoot him," she added, Lee said. "She stated that several times he reached for her hand and attempted to place her finger on the trigger of the gun while it was in his mouth."

The pair eventually left the apartment in her black 2013 Ford Taurus, the man driving. Another motorist on Neff had to pull aside

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PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

## Really chilly

The annual Grosse Pointe Park Chilly Fest found Emma O'Donnell, above, sitting on a plastic bucket in hopes of catching a fish. Other events included a bounce house, snowman building, making s'mores and face painting. Top left, Sue Parlangeli roasts a marshmallow for her son, Cole, so he can make a sweet treat. At left, Duncan Stewart created a snowman by laying in the snow. He added pine boughs for arms, a carrot nose and charcoal for eyes.

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# Making it clear

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES**—An ordinance about the consequences of committing civil infractions is being reworded to, in legal jargon, remove the swish.

“It is simply a clarification of an ordinance, in terms of assessable fines for municipal infractions, outside of parking and traffic,” said Brian Renaud, city attorney for Grosse Pointe Shores.

“This just adds certainty,” added Mayor Ted Kedzierski, one of four

attorneys on the Shores city council.

The council is considering amending the ordinance to specify fines for civil infractions, such as operating a lawn mower at 6 a.m. or a construction contractor working on Sunday.

As written, the ordinance lists fines to be “adopted from time to time by the council or, if no applicable schedule exists, a civil fine not to exceed \$500.”

Being considered is a specific schedule of:

- ◆ \$150 for a first offense,

- ◆ \$300 for the first repeat offense and
- ◆ \$500 for the second, or any subsequent, repeat offense.

“It provides certainty to an ordinance that was not clear,” Renaud said.

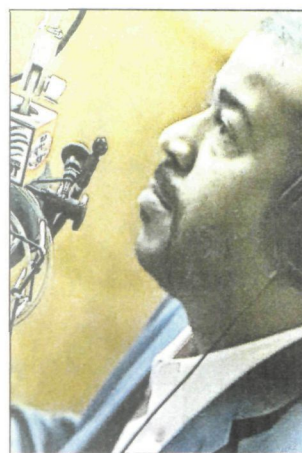
## Parking

In addition, council members plan to amend the parking ordinance.

“The parking ordinance amendment simply adds some prohibited parking activities for which the city may col-

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# Clubs plan meetings



Wayne Bradley hosts a radio show.

GOP State Director Wayne Bradley will be in Grosse Pointe Farms Tuesday, Feb. 18, speaking to the **Eastside Republican Club**.

The 7:30 p.m. event will be held at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

“Wayne Bradley is a bold conservative and one of the most followed black conservatives on Twitter and Facebook,” said ERC chairman Ken Chadwell. “We look forward to hearing his honest opinion on politics and culture.”

The free forum is open to the public.

Last year during a visit to Detroit, Republican National Committee chairman Reince Priebus

**Democratic Club** holds a general membership meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17, in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Reception Room, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The meeting features state, county and local school updates from elected officials. Many federal, state and local Democratic elected officials and candidates are expected to attend.

The public can attend but membership is required to vote on all club matters. Additional information about this meeting and the Grosse Pointe Democratic Club can be found at gpdems.com and on Facebook.

# Public Safety Reports

## City of Grosse Pointe

### Another one

#### Purse stolen

While a Detroit woman shopped for about 10 minutes at a store in the 17400 block of Mack shortly after 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, someone was outside breaking into her 2010 Toyota Camry.

The unknown perpetrator smashed a side window of the Camry and stole the woman’s purse off the rear seat.

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

Someone between 8:20 a.m. and noon Thursday, Feb. 6, stole the catalytic converter off a gray 2003 Honda Odyssey parked in the 18700 block of Mack.

As reported last week, the same thing happened between noon and 7:50 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, in the same block.

#### Smash & grab

A 20-minute shopping errand in the 18300 block of Mack cost a Harper Woods man his black carrying case containing an \$800 Dell laptop computer, he told police at 7:25 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5.

The items were stolen from his black 2008 Chevrolet Trailblazer. An unknown thief entered the vehicle by smashing a

rear side window.

#### Charge it

Police in Knoxville, Tenn., arrested a person Jan. 27 for stealing the identity of a Farms man and charging the purchase of a \$250 cellular telephone in his name at a Target store Jan. 24.

The victim reportedly had no monetary loss at the time of the arrest.

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

## Grosse Pointe Shores

#### Slow down, maybe?

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PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

Students from Mason Elementary School brought their iPads to the technology demonstration. The students use the devices in math class.

# Technology on display

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES**—Nooks and iPads and laptops, oh my!

There was something for everyone as the Grosse Pointe Public School System brought students and staff together at a Technology Showcase to demonstrate how computers and related devices are used in classrooms throughout the district.

From elementary school students using hand-held devices to assist with reading and math lessons to high school students using computer aided design software applications for architectural plans, the event highlighted how technology is becoming an intricate part of the education process.

Parcells Middle School

students Lauren Sexton and Allison Lackner demonstrated how they do projects for several classes on computers. They demonstrated one project, done for social studies teacher Roger Hunwick, on the Revolutionary War.

Both students agreed they enjoyed doing group projects using technology, saying it was “fun to work with friends.”

But they both noted they had to use their own devices for several classes.

“It’s hard to use the computers at school because it’s so old,” said Sexton. “It’s from the 90s.”

Grosse Pointe South seniors Elizabeth Trudel, Jason Chaney and Christian Baker brought building models and architectural plans they developed in their indus-

trial technology class at South.

Students from Mason showed off their expertise with math programs on their iPads while students from Richard Elementary demonstrated how iPads have helped with reading programs.

“We have been using iPads in our reading support program, and they have been a tremendous asset,” said Beth Rainbolt, Richard’s reading specialist.

Superintendent Tom Harwood was pleased with the turnout, with more than 100 students and parents attending the event at Brownell Middle School.

“We’re very pleased and excited to show the community how our students work with technology,” he said, “and I think this tremendous turnout on such a cold night shows the interest our residents have in seeing what our students are doing with technology in the classrooms.”

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# Farms flurry

Hundreds enjoyed Winterfest on the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms Saturday, Feb. 1. At right, things were awesome for 2-year-old Chloe Maks as she enjoyed a s'more. Below, Caden Handwork shows a steady putting hand at the ice sculpture putt-putt golf course. Below right, Michelle Szymanski was 2-of-3 for the football toss. The Denver Broncos prop appears to be the number eight, the number of points the Broncos put on the board during a Super Bowl loss the next night. The city's parks and recreation department, along with dozens of donors and businesses and the Hill Association, make Winterfest a success each year.



# Woods garners video grant

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — The work of the public safety department and the municipal court is about to get somewhat easier, thanks to a grant from the State of Michigan for video arraignment equipment. According to city administrator Al Fincham, the new equipment will allow "remote" court proceedings to be conducted, including arraignments and assignment of counsel, and will eliminate the need to have prisoners transported to and from the court.

The equipment will be installed in the Woods courtroom, while forfeiture money will be used to purchase related equipment for the jail area. According to Fincham, prisoners are routinely brought to the courtroom through the city offices or across the outside porch, causing a security concern. With the video equipment, the prisoners will remain in the jail lockup area for arraignments. This will eliminate the need to have several Public Safety officers on hand to move prisoners back and forth between the court and jail.

The grant will cover the estimated \$12,000 to \$15,000 cost of equipment, which will include a 70-inch flat screen television and updated video equipment as well as the installation of the equip-

The city council discussed the grant at a committee of the whole meeting Monday, Feb. 10, and will vote on acceptance of the grant at the regular city council meeting Monday, Feb. 24.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT  
Caroline Parthum stands next to Sparty with her sister, Katherine Parthum, a sophomore at Michigan State University, appropriately holding roses.

## The Week Ahead

**FRIDAY, FEB. 14**

- ◆ Valentine's Day
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores mayor holds office hours from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. For an appointment, call (313) 881-6565

**SUNDAY, FEB. 16**

- ◆ Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church holds an American Red Cross blood drive from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. to make an appointment visit redcrossblood.org and use the sponsor code of startofthesea. For more information, call Vito at (313) 886-8598.

**MONDAY, FEB. 17**

- ◆ President's Day
- ◆ Banks, federal, state, county and municipal offices are closed.
- ◆ There is no mail delivery.
- ◆ Public schools are closed all week for mid-winter break.

**TUESDAY, FEB. 18**

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers.

### CLEAR:

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lect increased fines and keep a bigger portion for itself," Renaud said.

Some of the proposals outlaw parking:

- ◆ on a sidewalk,

- ◆ in front of a public or private driveway,
- ◆ within an intersection,
- ◆ on a crosswalk,
- ◆ within 20 feet of a crosswalk or, if none, then within 15 feet of the intersection of property lines of an intersection of high-

ways,  
◆ alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic and  
◆ within 15 feet of a fire hydrant. Parking rules are separate from traffic regulations.  
"Traffic violations, except parking violations that we're talking about in this ordinance and fines assessable for traffic violations, are dealt with by state statute," Renaud said.

## Corrections

On page 1A of last week's Grosse Pointe News, the subject of a photo gave our photographer a fictitious name. We apologize for publishing the photo and name.

On page 4A, a story about the Moross Greenway Project should have identified Gail Warden as honorary chairman. We apologize for the error.

### LEADER:

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and the legacy, I think there are fantastic things in store for this important part of the community."

Under Burke's leadership, the DSO's partnerships and music training grew, becoming one of the preeminent programs in the United States.

He led an array of programs and concert presentations, training programs and institutional partnerships.

As the artistic and executive leadership for the DSO's Civic Youth Ensembles, it became a leading music learning program, hosting more than 1,100 students per week in more than 40 ensembles, teaching jazz, classical, chamber and wind ensemble with world-class artists.

Burke also served as the robotic conducting model for the famed

ASIMO robot, the first robot to conduct a symphony orchestra, receiving more than one million hits on YouTube. Prior to his work with the DSO, Burke studied orchestral conducting at the University of Michigan, where he served as the Helen Wu Conducting Fellow and was appointed music director of the Campus Symphony Orchestra.

Burke was selected to participate in Leadership Detroit Class of XXXV. He serves as a board member for the Michigan Youth Arts Festival and is a Lifetime Honorary Member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society. Burke holds degrees from West Virginia University, George Mason University and has continued his educational work at the Columbia Business School and Harvard Business School.

The board named Burke to the post after a

nationwide search.

"We are thrilled to have a person of Charles Burke's dynamic vision to lead the Grosse Pointe War Memorial," said Susan Davies, chairwoman of the GPWM, in a release to the media. "We are delighted by his wealth of experience as we build upon our rich legacy and reinvigorate our mission to serve and connect with the community."

Burke said he'll stay close to music with his new career.

"Music is an important part of my life," he said. "It's been a great journey to be an administrator in music, a teacher of music. Grosse Pointe is a wonderful area with wonderful people. It's about connecting people with the water, the arts, our learning experiences and our legacy."

As president and CEO

## Deadline note

The deadline for letters to the editor is 3 p.m. Monday. There was a holdover of two letters received before deadline that will be printed next week.

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

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

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## Whole system

### To the Editor:

The final push is on for the \$50 million millage for the Grosse Pointe Public School System. They have included everything from carpeting to new construction.

We have read the pros and cons of the millage.

The proponents want to allow the school system to have a blank check to spend for another 10 years on top of the already sinking fund, etc., which is forthcoming for renewal.

The other side wants to support a true need that can be done with a lot less money and doesn't unreasonably inflate the tax base for our community. The goodies being asked for do little to insure our kids do well on the academic level.

We are seeing the school system had deliberately created a reality that is illusionary for there are no guarantees academic excellence will be enhanced by these so-called improvements.

The budgetary process the school system used needs to be scrutinized, for there are definite shortcomings that we, the taxpayers, are asked to pay for a long time.

Even Cindy Pangborn, Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education trustee, has indicated the program improvements can be done with a lot less money.

The school system needs to scale down its request, from it feels good, to what really is needed. In the current form we vote "No" for the 26 percent increase being imposed on the community.

The school system has not created a realistic picture for the millage is not a technology bond but a bond to overall the whole system.

MR. AND MRS. L. E. MAJEWSKI  
Grosse Pointe Woods

### Understand

#### To the Editor:

Are you an informed voter? Are you confident

you understand what the \$50 million Grosse Pointe Public School System technology bond, you are being asked to approve, will be spent on?

This is a very complex request that requires both knowledge and objectivity.

I am an enterprise technology professional, employed by a global technology hardware and software manufacturer. My professional role is responsible for the design and delivery of virtual, physical and security technology solutions to Fortune 100 global businesses. I understand complex technology, I have also supported state and local government and understand their spending practices.

My wife and I are property tax payers in both Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Park. I encourage you to read and understand the Grosse Pointe Public School System Technology Pre-Bond Election Planning Report, then vote as an informed voter.

If you are not a technology professional, I encourage you to find a technology professional and have them assist you in understanding the defined budget items, line-by-line, what each is and how they work, and if they are required to competitively educate your children.

As you read, please understand, the document was crafted by paid consultants, educators and many knowledgeable individuals who have specific concern both personal and professional. After you read the proposal, ask yourself, are you purchasing forward-thinking technology solutions or solutions that will become legacy within 24 months.

Cautiously read all of these improvements,

understand these defined video, security and communications improvement requirements. Are these mandated and legislated, or opportunities for additional purchases under the umbrella of improving the technology to our children? Please review the individual performance bonds, soft cost contingencies and the notes in fine print at the end of each request category. I understand, craft and present these types of proposals to my customers — they would never purchase this proposal.

I am voting "No." Although a strong advocate of educational technology and public education, I reviewed the Grosse Pointe Public School System Technology Pre-Bond Election Planning Report, line by line, and was disappointed with the cost projections and have many questions about the specifications within several of the categories, technical, mechanical as well as financial.

There is an appearance that the sky was the limit when departments, administrators and consultants were asked for requirements. Many of the categories and costs have little to do with the improvement and delivery of technology education. Some could say these are building improvements that should have been completed years ago; there are add-ins and extensive costs that would be questioned in private and public-sector purchases.

The bond effort fails to disclose or define many additional operational and capital expenditure costs that will be infused into these purchases, as you read the proposal, you will identify many potential additional costs.

Read your property tax

statements, line by line, and understand how your tax millage and assessments are applied to both the Grosse Pointe Public Schools, RESA and the County of Wayne.

You are being asked for \$50 million, if this is a fiscally sound proposal with adequate oversight, will each category really cost this amount? And if the cost incurred is less, where will the monies go and what voter accountability will we receive? Will there be a sunset on this millage, will there be a renewal of the sinking fund?

We exist within an era where businesses require elimination of power and cooling foot prints, reductions in OPEX and CAPEX spending, AGILE, virtual, and cloud consumption technology, and a return on investment statement on every proposal — I see very little of this within this proposal.

I encourage you to vote as an informed voter — this is your money, are you getting your money's worth? The future may present additional millage requests for public safety, sewer, water, roadway and community infrastructure improvements, will you vote "No" then, because you voted "Yes" for \$50 million in undefined spending?

On Feb. 25, vote as an educated and informed voter. Please vote.

CRAIG BURNETTE  
Grosse Pointe Farms

### A reasonable plan

#### To the Editor:

We will be voting "No" on Feb. 25. While the rallying cry to increase our school tax bill by 23 percent is that we need to do this for the children, and that somehow paying the third highest school taxes of Michigan's 551 school districts will maintain our property values, we are

not persuaded.

In the past 10 years, Grosse Pointe taxpayers have passed a school capital bond so the district could go on a building spree, and not one but two sinking funds to maintain our schools because the taxes we already paid into the general fund was not enough.

Yet, with these additional taxes we are learning the administration and school boards did nothing to maintain technology in the schools. Why when they were already building new classrooms didn't they consider the infrastructure? We can't reward such behavior with another tax increase because that will ensure it will be business as usual with our tax dollars.

The school district needs to get back to the drawing board with a reasonable plan within the district's financial means.

JANET AND TOM  
DRABECKI

Grosse Pointe Farms

### Sky-high risk

#### To the Editor:

After reading a Feb. 6 Grosse Pointe News letter to the editor, "Superior setting," regarding the technology bond, I read the Moody's Investors downgrade of the Grosse Pointe Public School System's general obligation bonds from Aa1 to Aa2.

According to Moody's, the rationale for the downgrade is our district's weakened financial position following four — writer's emphasis — consecutive operating deficits.

To remove their negative outlook, Moody's stated our district will have to establish a trend of positive financial operations and increase our general fund reserves. Moody's cautioned a further drop at board meeting.

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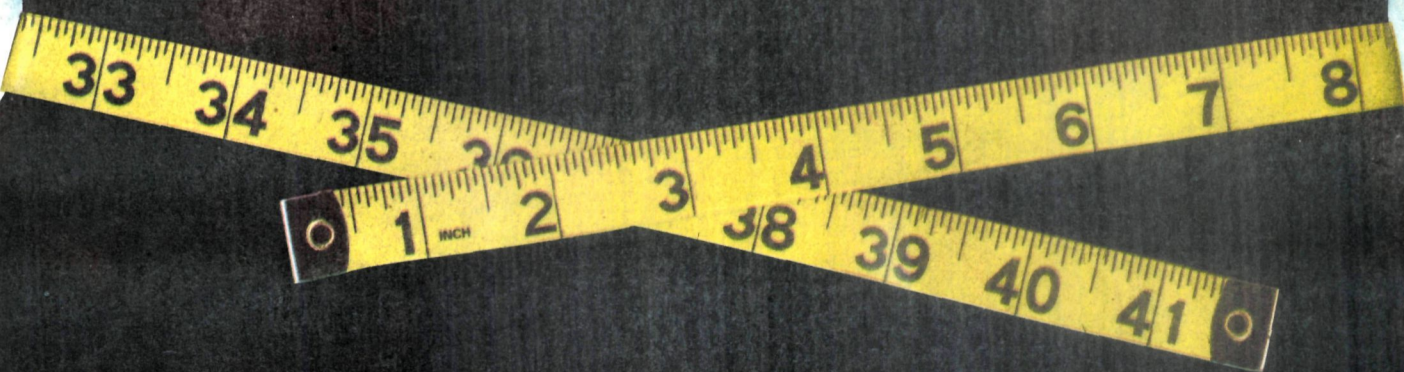


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attention with our kids and their educational pursuits. It's time to double down on that personal investment and, at the same time, reconvene on a bond that shows definitive impact through limited testing at the local level; has a more responsible spending target; and offers more complete details on all aspects of spending for the entire term of the bond, including contingencies.

Please vote No, on this current version of the bond and vote "Yes" on our personal recommendation to our kids to assist them in reaching their academic goals.

MURRAY SALES  
*Grosse Pointe Farms*

**The right thing**

**To the Editor:**

As the curtain rises we find our protagonist, the Grosse Pointe Public School System, laboring under a 90 percent decline in its reserve balance and a recent Moody's downgrade with negative outlook, caused by four straight operating deficits and a \$35 million bond proposal.

The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education enters from stage left, now proclaiming the \$35 million insufficient and raising the price tag to \$50 million, for reasons left murky to the audience.

The superintendent, rather than clarifying the murky details, meekly waves his flag "supporting the children" and the financial irresponsibility promoted by the school board that hired him.

Half the auditorium is empty since the board scheduled the performance while many

patrons have fled to warmer climates. Those in the audience trying to understand the farce, some of whom have waited years for their assessment appeals to be heard by the state, are met by a deluge of tomatoes hurled by cast members disdainful of those who would dare question their financial sanity. Such a tragicomedy may be worthy of Washington, D.C., but it has no place in Grosse Pointe. Our school system clearly does not have its financial house in order, a fact well known throughout the financial community.

There is no doubt that some funding is desirable and affordable for worthy and needed improvements, and a reasonable plan efficiently and intelligently addressing those needs would be welcomed.

This bond proposal, however, is a massive and fiscally irresponsible boondoggle that will create significant short-term pain for taxpayers and long-term pain for the district, its students and the community.

There is no reason Grosse Pointe should require a 12-plus mill levy to supply services other outstanding districts can provide for 10 mills.

The best thing we theater buffs can do is avoid buying a ticket to this farce by voting "No" in person or by absentee ballot on Feb. 25.

STEVE BROWNELL  
*Grosse Pointe Farms*

**Resources**

**To the Editor:**

Almost seven years ago, my husband and I chose to move our family to Grosse Pointe.

We knew living here would cost us more in taxes than other districts, but the services, amenities and — most importantly — schools, available here were worth the extra cost to us. We weren't looking for a bargain; we were looking for the best.

We bought a house in the Woods, and when it was time, each of our children started at Ferry Elementary School.

From our very first day, I fell in love with our school. I loved our teachers and staff and our Ferry family. I loved that starting in kindergarten, our kids were using a computer regularly. They were using FASTT Math and RazKids and taking Northwest Evaluation Association tests online.

I was proud they were so savvy, they could log themselves on and use technology independently. Technology is something we are fairly passionate about in our home. We want our children to grow up with technology, to have it be part of their everyday routine.

In September, I was hired by the district as a library media assistant in the libraries at Ferry and Poupard elementary schools. To say that I was "surprised" by the outdated technology is an understatement.

The desktop computers that both teachers and students use are older than our fifth graders. It can take up to five minutes for a computer to turn on and be ready to use. It can take another five minutes for a user to log onto the network. Once I was an employee, I realized the teachers in Grosse Pointe

were accomplishing outstanding results with the very old and unreliable resources available to them.

Last year, a new library software program was purchased and from the start, the district's computers had a difficult time running it. Why? Because Windows XP is so outdated. It wasn't unusual for the program to crash three or more times per day. That doesn't sound like a big deal, but imagine a class of 25 students standing at your desk, waiting for you to get their books checked out by writing down each book's 14-digit barcode. I would apologize and the students would say things like, "That's OK, Mrs. Evans. The computers here kind of suck."

I'm not the only person being disappointed. Last week I watched an entire fifth-grade class open Google Chrome, type in a

web address, and wait for over five minutes for the computers to not connect to the Internet.

At that point, the library media specialist was forced to change up the lesson plan and just give the students the information they needed for their assignment. Twenty students logging onto the Internet was too much for the network to bear and the students didn't even bat an eye. They didn't get upset or angry. They explained to me that they expected the computers to not work.

Just last Friday, the same library media specialist had to scrap the lesson she was planning to teach using the Smart Board and show a video instead, because our Internet connection was spotty at best. It is beyond frustrating to be unable to do the jobs we were hired to do because we can't

rely on the network.

I would like to thank the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education, Dr. Thomas Harwood and the administration for putting forth a technology bond proposal for a vote, though I am disappointed the vote was postponed until February. Clearly, we need to do something about our technology in this district and we need to do it now.

As a parent and now an employee in the Grosse Pointe school system, I want better for my children and I am willing to pay for that. I am willing to invest in my children and your children to make our technology resources a source of pride rather than disappointment.

I'm not looking for a bargain. I'm looking for a solution. That's why I'm voting "Yes" on Feb. 25.

JEN EVANS  
*Grosse Pointe Woods*

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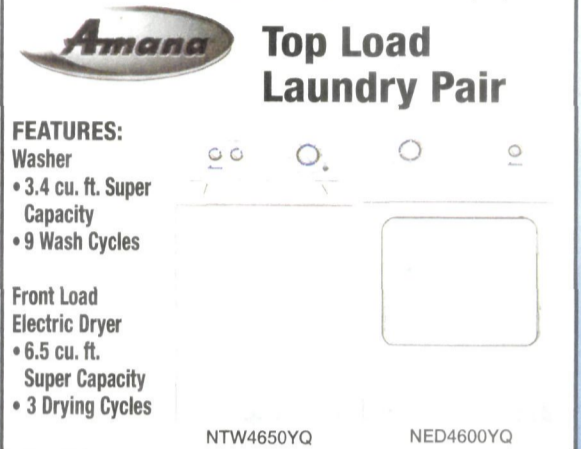
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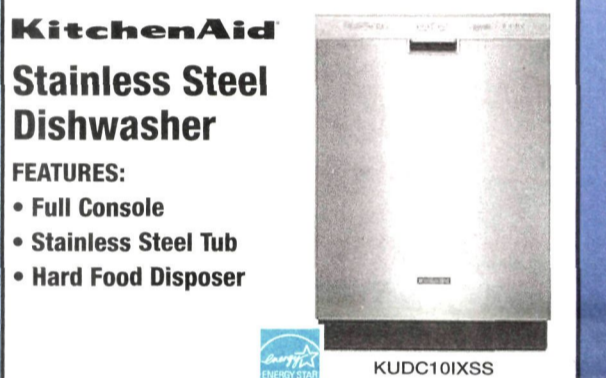
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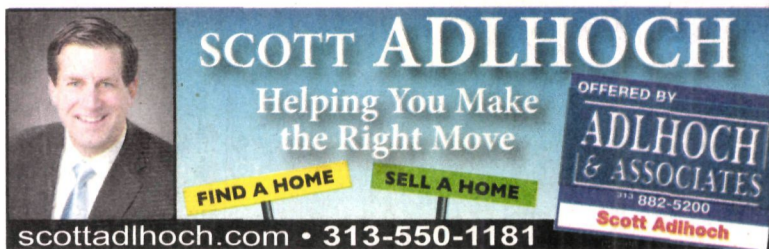
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## Planting the seeds of purpose

By Ann L. Fouty  
 Features Editor

Grosse Pointers are shoveling yet more snow, but they are really day-dreaming of the sun shining on their backs as they dig in the dirt.

Grosse Pointe Public School System's special needs students, too, are anxious for the season to change so they can begin putting down roots. In an eight-week summer program, the students will plant flower, herb and vegetable seeds in preparation for planting seedlings in the Full Circle Foundation urban garden.

Created two years ago, the garden serves as an outdoor classroom for these students and affords them multiple experiences, including learning new skills, enhancing their senses, learning the plants' life cycles and trying new vegetables.

"It's an extended classroom," said Lindsey Kurtz, Full Circle Foundation's executive director. "A classroom without walls. It's a great opportunity to be outdoors. They are learning from being outdoors, enjoying the beauty of nature. They are accessible to the smells and textures (of plants). They are enjoying the earth."

The first step in the program is to plant seeds donated by local nurseries in the early spring, maintaining the seedlings until it's time to transplant them to the 120-by-40-foot garden on Warren in Detroit in May.

As a bonus, when trying new foods, the students learn about eating nutritious foods.

"A lot haven't tried kale or kohlrabi. They learn a lot about having a sense of purpose from start to finish and taste the fruit," Kurtz said.

"I find it fascinating watching everything grow from seeds," said Charles



Sam Wilk harvesting cherry tomatoes.

PHOTOS COURTESY LINDSEY KURTZ

Mengden, who has been helping maintain a football field-sized garden on the grounds of the Riverview North Health & Rehab Center for two years.

In addition to planting and maintaining the garden, students decorate brown paper grocery bags and fill them with the produce they harvest.

Once a week from July through September, the Full Circle van is loaded with bags of produce and bouquets of flowers and herbs to be delivered to subscribers. Additionally, Full Circle partnered with an Eastern Market farmer who adds produce not grown in Full Circle's garden.

Last year for \$350 16 subscriber families ate, among other produce, collard greens, eggplant, zucchini, lettuce, tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers sea-

soned with lavender, parsley, chives, cilantro, oregano or dill.

"This is getting the community involved in the garden and supporting locally grown produce. We turned it into a small business. We can have it (the garden) become self-sustaining," Kurtz said.

### New this year

"There are so many different vegetables. They (subscribers) were asking (one another), 'What do you do with eggplant or collard greens?' They would exchange recipes," she said.

This spurred Kurtz to compile a recipe booklet to be printed early this spring. Anyone can submit a recipe to Full Circle's website by the end of February. At least one recipe ingredient



The 2013 garden produced vegetables, herbs and flowers in abundance.

### Donations

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must be something raised in the urban garden.

Another new idea is the first stone soup and art show fundraiser from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 27, at the Tompkins Center. Tickets cost \$20 and can be purchased at the door or at [stonesoupfestival.eventbrite.com](http://stonesoupfestival.eventbrite.com).

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2B | ENTERTAINMENT

# 'Bartleby the Scrivener' comes to Ford House

Purdon Studio Theatre, under the auspices of Grosse Pointe Theatre, presents "Bartleby the Scrivener, A Story of Wall Street" by R. L. Lane, adapted from the story by Herman Melville. The opening performance is at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20. Additional performances are at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21, Saturday, Feb. 22, Thursday, Feb. 27 through Saturday, March 1, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23 and Sunday, March 2.

The play is performed in the Visitor Center of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Tickets cost \$15 and seating is limited.

For tickets, call (313) 881-4004, visit [gpt.org](http://gpt.org) or Grosse Pointe Theatre ticket office, 315 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

"Bartleby" is a curious tale of an 1850s law firm. A successful lawyer, Mr. Standard, hires Bartleby, a scrivener, a kind of



PHOTO BY DALE PEGG

Rehearsing for "Bartleby the Scrivener," by R.L. Lane, based on a story by Herman Melville, are, from left, Peter Di Sante, Phil Potter, Harry Burkey, Bridget Healy and Robert Daniel. The show is produced by Grosse Pointe Theatre's Purdon Studio Theatre at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Visitor Center from Feb. 21 through March 2, 2014. Visit [gpt.org](http://gpt.org) or call (313) 881-4004 for show times and tickets.

human photocopy machine. Bartleby is a quiet, initially efficient, but anti-social young man. He proceeds to

work well as a copyist, but refuses to help out with any other office tasks. He simply states, "I prefer not to." His continued and

increasingly bizarre behavior brings chaos to the formerly well-ordered office.

The play is based on a short story by Herman Melville.

Bartleby the Scrivener is directed by St. Clair Shores resident Sal DeMercurio.

Playing the roles of Bartleby and Standard, respectively, are Robert Daniel and Harry Burkey, both of Grosse Pointe Woods. Other cast members include Peter Di Sante of St. Clair Shores; Phil Potter of Harper Woods; Bridget Healy of Grosse Pointe Park; and Paula Kim and Steven Leszczynski of Grosse Pointe Woods handles

Hupp of Grosse Pointe oversees costumes; Susan Healey of Roseville manages properties; and Beth Battjes of St. Clair Shores is assistant on properties.

The theater offers three more shows at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Fries Auditorium prior to the season's conclusion.

The first is a comedy "The Fox on the Fairway," March 9, 13 through 16 and 20 through 22.

The GPT Youth on Stage presents "Around the World with Mary Alice," at 2 p.m. April 5 and 6.

The season concludes with the musical, "Les Miserables," May 4, 8, 11, 15 through 18 and 22 through 25.

GPT membership is open to all persons more than 18 years old with an interest in theatre. It is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) and donations are tax deductible.

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

## A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

# Make this Valentine's meal special



PHOTO BY ANNIE ROULEAU-SCHERIFF

Tomorrow is Valentine's Day. Time to panic. Not really. Here's a recipe for a Dijon crust that can top seafood, poultry, pork or a steak and make this year's meal "special." I recreated it from a memory that goes back to a restaurant gone by.

**Dijon Crust**  
3 tablespoons butter, softened  
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard  
1 tablespoon mayonnaise  
1/4 cup panko (Japanese bread

crumbs)  
1 tablespoon finely chopped parsley  
Cream butter together with Dijon mustard and mayonnaise. Stir in panko and parsley.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Prepare your seafood for the oven (or grill). I go for a bit of olive oil and a touch of salt and pepper. Spread some of mixture over the top of fish. Add some liquid to bake dish such as white wine, broth or juice mixed with water.

Bake fish at 400 degrees until desired doneness, checking after 10 minutes or so, depending on the cut.

For poultry, pork or beef, spread mixture when meat is cooked then place under broiler (middle oven rack) to bake on the crust.

Feeling crazy? Stir some honey into my Dijon crust. Yummy! I shared my recipe with Diane at Blue Bay Fish where she'll be serving Dijon crusted salmon dinner to go (for one or two) today and tomorrow. Just in time for Valentine's.

## City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE OF REVIEW OF THE 2014 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 4, 2014**  
9:00 a.m. - noon; 1 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014**  
9:00 a.m. - noon; 1 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2014**  
9:00 a.m. - noon; 1 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2014**  
9:00 a.m. - noon; 1 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

for reviewing the 2014 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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X-TRA SPECIAL ADVICE By Theodore G. Coutilish and Mary Beth Langan

## Grosse Pointe area 'X-tra Special' restaurants



**W**e occasionally drive our son, Andrew, 13, to one of his favorite restaurants as a reward for excellent behavior and/or class work at Parcels Middle School.

For some children with special needs, dining out can be a major problem. Too long to wait for a ta-

ble, too long to wait for food or too long to wait for your check may lead to an embarrassing nuclear meltdown.

Keeping him entertained before, during and after the meal and keeping loud noises to a minimum as to not disturb other diners are often challenges we face.

On a rare occasion, one of us has had to finish our meal inside the car with Andrew as he calms down.

He always wants to eat out. When we dine out, we are careful to take time-tested precautions.

We bring his favorite snacks to keep him preoccupied before his meal arrives, extra wipes, his water bottle and an iPhone with headphones, a full charge and unlimited data for access to the best YouTube videos he's obsessed with at the moment.

Here are Andrew's favorite area eat-in restaurants and the ones we believe are most friendly and accommodating to children with special needs and those who are vegetarians (us).

We left off fast-food restaurants from this list as

we rarely eat in them but know they're a great, inexpensive, family-friendly option for many.

Green Zone Pizza, has Andrew's favorite — soy cheese. He prefers sitting at the tall tables and chairs to the left of the front door. Monday evenings are usually not busy and a great time to get in and out quickly without bothering many.

Andrew's favorite is National Coney Island because it is fast, friendly and somewhat loud. Loud is sometimes good so Andrew's excitement level gets drowned out. The

food is good and the service is always excellent. Plus they have a rewards program — frequent Coney diners, like ourselves, get some nice perks. Runners-up are St. Clair Shores restaurants Red Olive and Olga's; Louie's in Detroit near Eastern Market; Big Boy, especially sitting in the very back away from most patrons; Mack Avenue Grille; and Harvard Grill.

For the best Greek food, we patronize Pegasus in St. Clair Shores or in Detroit's Greektown.

The more upscale Italian restaurants are too

fancy and require too many manners. Plus they don't offer what his order is at nearly every restaurant: chicken strips and French fries.

Unlike us, he's a carnivore. If you have a suggestion of other local "X-tra Special" restaurants let us know. We'll consider them for future columns.

*Grosse Pointe residents Coutilish and Langan share experiences as parents of a child with Fragile X syndrome [fragile.org]. Send your questions or comments to mblangan@hotmail.com.*

ASK THE EXPERTS By Emily Robson

## Learning the language of touch



**Q.** What is infant massage and what are the benefits?

**A.** Touch is the most powerful of all interactions between parent and child. It is a mirror of our inner feelings toward another person. Babies can sense that feeling by the way they are touched.

Everyone has a personal "touch" history, which consists of all the touch experiences a person will have had during a lifetime. It doesn't matter the age, everyone has a touch history—including infants.

Parents are instrumental as providers of the main source of touch experience in their child's touch history. When parents engage in regularly massaging their children, they are making a significant contribution to their child's nurturing touch history.

Infant massage allows the parent(s) to provide the gift of touch, so invaluable now, when neural, physical and emotional growth are all tied closely with receiving

loving interactions from a baby's world. Massage is an important investment in a child's future, too, as loving parents demonstrate the power of touch and connections, and give the baby opportunities to actively practice relaxation in response to cues, and to relieve tension stored in the body. Research has demonstrated the influence of touch on premature babies, and this effect extends to full-term babies, too:

- ◆ Healthier growth patterns,
- ◆ More positive responses,
- ◆ Calmer disposition,
- ◆ Improved sleep quality,
- ◆ Better digestion and fewer digestive upsets and
- ◆ A greater sense of confidence in his or her world.

Parents have significant benefits, too:

- ◆ Better understanding of your baby,
- ◆ reading and respecting cues,
- ◆ promotion of bonding,
- ◆ promoting secure attachment,
- ◆ improved self-esteem and confidence,
- ◆ improved parenting skills,

## Save the Dates

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7 p.m.

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- ◆ positive activity
- ◆ early involvement for father,
- ◆ a chance to discover the baby's uniqueness,
- ◆ quality time,
- ◆ decrease of stress and increase in levels of relaxation,
- ◆ improved sleep,
- ◆ decrease in postnatal depression and
- ◆ social aspect, meeting other parents.

Touch is so essential, so undeniable in its effort to unite. Wherever the relationship, as a mother or father and infant begin to learn to experience infant massage, attending an infant massage series can provide supportive feedback that builds on the strengths of each individual and of the relationship itself.

*Robson is a certified infant massage educator*

and has been teaching infant massage and touch communication. For more information, contact her (313) 460-5536 or robson4@comcast.net.

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

The Family Center is a non-profit organization, all gifts are tax-deductible.

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# AREA ACTIVITIES

**Garden Club**

The Men's and Women's Garden Club of America meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, in Brownell Middle School cafeteria. Speaker Emily Goodall discusses her experiences in horticulture, studying wine making and managing her

Michigan vineyard. The public can attend.

**NAMI**

The National Alliance on Mentally Ill support group meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17, at Henry Ford Cottage

Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information, call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

**Woman's Club**

The Grosse Pointe Woman's Club meets at

12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial to honor the club's past presidents.

The speaker is Grosse Pointe Farms Detective Lt. Richard Rosati whose topic is "Safety for Women."

A light lunch is served. Guest reservations are requested and can be made by calling Susan Plath at (313) 884-5081. The cost is \$10.

For more information about the club, call Peggy Hickey at (313) 407-1842 or Pam Zimmer at (313) 926-6726.

**LWW**

The League of Women Voters, Grosse Pointe, the American Association of University Women and the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library co-sponsor a public forum, "Women in the Military: Sexual Harassment and Other Challenges," from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday,

Feb. 19, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Ewald branch.

Two female veterans, Laura Marko who served in the U.S. Navy, and Heather Nystrom, who served in the U.S. Army, discuss the challenges female soldiers encounter while serving in the military.

The meeting is open to the public and is free. For more information, call (313) 881-6343.

**Family Center**

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods fourth annual LEGO Artists Challenge entry deadline is Friday, Feb. 21.

The entry fee is \$10 and the categories are kindergarten through second grade, third through fifth grade, sixth through eighth grade and ninth through 12th grade. Pre-constructed LEGO creations will be judged and prizes awarded.

New this year is a

Robot Garage display at which children can play. Space is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Pre-registration is required and costs \$5.

Entry forms and rules for both the challenge and garage display can be found at familycenterweb.org.

The pre-registered entries must be dropped off between 5 and 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28, at Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The entries are on display from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 1, at Barnes. The public can attend.

For more information, call (313) 432-3832 or e-mail info@familycenterweb.org.

**War Memorial**

Programs taking place at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial include:

**Luncheon in celebration of Valentine's Day** — noon Friday, Feb. 14. Lunch and a classical concert program by the Doga Chamber Ensemble costs \$25. Registration required.

**Musical genres** — 10:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Feb. 19. Instructor Judy Adams explores a variety of music genres. The cost is \$25.

**Wedding ballroom dancing** — 7:15 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 26 to March 26. Led by ballroom dance instructor Tino Maggio, this program is for those getting married, part of the party, or want to have fun at weddings. The cost is \$70 per couple or \$75 on day class starts.

For more information or to register, call (313) 881-7511 or visit warremorial.org.

**CITY OF HARPER WOODS  
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE  
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
OFFICIAL ELECTION NOTICE**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF HARPER WOODS, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN. Notice is hereby given that a Special Election will be held in the City of Harper Woods in the County of Wayne, State of Michigan on February 25, 2014 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. at which time the following proposal will be voted on:

**GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM  
TECHNOLOGY BOND PROPOSAL**

Shall the Grosse Pointe Public School System, County of Wayne, Michigan, borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Fifty Million Two Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$50,280,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds for the purpose of defraying the cost of:

- remodeling, equipping furnishing, reequipping and refurbishing existing School District buildings, including security, media center, computer lab, classroom and technology infrastructure improvements;
- acquiring and installing instructional technology equipment; and
- associated site improvements in the School District?

YES  
NO

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	November, 2009	1 mill	2015
	November, 2009	8.0784 mills	2015 (homestead only)

The Election will be conducted at the following places:

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5 & 6	Poupard School	20655 Lennon

All polling locations are fully accessible and have alternative voting instructions.

Interested and qualified persons may make application to vote an absentee ballot at the City Clerk's Office, Monday through Thursday between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., or online at [www.harperwoodscity.org](http://www.harperwoodscity.org) or [www.michigan.gov/vote](http://www.michigan.gov/vote). Voters may obtain a Sample Ballot in the City Clerk's Office or online. For additional information please call (313) 343-2510.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS  
LESLIE M. FRANK, CITY CLERK

PUBLISHED: February 13, 2014  
POSTED: February 7, 2014




## February is National Children's Dental Health Month

While celebrated nationally to bring awareness to an important topic, Children's Dental Health Month is near and dear to two local dentists.

Dr. Curt Ralstrom of Preferred Dental Practice and Dr. Kerri Gustafson are two professionals who specialize in pediatric dentistry.

Dr. Gustafson has been practicing dentistry for 18 years, with 10 specializing in pediatrics. A pediatric dentist has at

least two additional years of training after general dental school and is dedicated to the oral health of children from birth through the teenage years and beyond.

Dr. Gustafson said a pediatric dentist is best qualified to monitor a child's dental growth and development much as a pediatrician monitors their general health. It starts early, before a child reaches 1 year old.

Dr. Gustafson said dental day is the No. 1

chronic infectious disease among children in the U.S. Children that establish a relationship with a dentist at an early age have a lower rate of decay and oral disease.

Dr. Gustafson follows the recommendation of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry to establish a dental home for a child by the age of 1.

"Parents should have their children start early

and get into a good routine," she said. "It's important to clean teeth after ever feeding or snack."

Dr. Gustafson offers several services specialized for the needs of each patient, including digital radiography, nitrous oxide, sedation dentistry, hospital dentistry, special care for special needs, regular check-ups for preventive dentistry and restorative dentistry.

Dr. Gustafson's office is located at 18245 Ten Mile Road, Suite 110, Roseville. For more information, call (586) 585-2402 or visit [drkerri.com](http://drkerri.com).

Dr. Ralstrom, who is at the Preferred Dental Practice office at 24901 Kelly Road in Eastpointe, works with orthodontists Dr. Ari Thanasas and Dr. A.J. Ker.

Dr. Ralstrom was born in Detroit and completed his undergrad work in chemistry at the University of Detroit. Following his graduation from the University of Detroit Dental School, he obtained a certificate of pediatric dentistry from Children's Hospital of Michigan. Returning to the University of Detroit, he received his M.S. degree in 1984.

Dr. Ralstrom joined the group practice in 1982 and became partner in 1986. He served as an assistant clinical professor in the pediatric dentistry department at the University of Detroit from 1981-85.

Dr. Ralstrom achieved diplomate status of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry in 1985. In the same year, he was named a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.

He serves as associate chief of pediatric dentistry at Children's Hospital of Michigan, where he has been a member of the attending staff since 1982.

Over the years he has published many articles on a variety of topics in pediatric dentistry.

He is a member of the American Dental Association, the American and Michigan Societies of Dentistry for Children and the American and Michigan Academies of Pediatric Dentistry. In addition, he belongs to the Michigan Cleft Palate Association and the Delta Sigma Dental Fraternity.

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# CHURCH EVENTS

## H.A.R.T.

A spaghetti dinner and silent auction to benefit Haiti and Africa Relief Team is from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, at St. Paul on the Lake school cafeteria.

Adults pay \$12 and children 10 and under pay \$5.

H.A.R.T. will purchase medical and building supplies for its June mission trip to Haiti.

in the church's social hall.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. A catered dinner is served at 7 p.m. Wine, beer, soft drinks and desserts are included in the \$50 advance ticket price. Tickets at the door cost \$60. The 18-piece Rhythm Society Orchestra plays from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Proceeds benefit the church's outreach programs and services.

## St. Clare

The P.I.C. Committee and the Knights of Columbus of St. Clare of Montefalco Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park, sponsor a Valentine dance Saturday, Feb. 15,

## Christ Church

The Schola choir performs at the 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16, Evensong service at Christ Church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

The public is invited. Schola also performs at the 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23, service titled "Light Out of Darkness." Music to be sung will be by composers Elgar, Harris, Lauridsen, Whitacre and Rutter. A free will offering is accepted.

## Assumption

Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores, offers "Team Exercise: Lose Weight & Become the Slimmest Olympics Winner" and "The Immortals Boot Camp."

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

Boot camp is from 6 to 7 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays,

beginning Feb. 24. The fee is \$180. Pickleball is offered 1 to 3 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and noon to 3 p.m. Fridays. Courts also are open to the public and may be reserved for private parties from 8:15 to 9:30 p.m. Thursdays. For more details or to register, call (586) 779-6111, ext. 4.

## St. Paul

St. Paul Lutheran Church, 22915 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores, offers four parent and child art classes from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. March 6, 13, 20 and 27. The classes are targeted to children 2 to 4 years old and the cost is \$10 for the entire session. Registration is due Feb. 15. For more information, call (586) 777-0215.



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A bouquet of fresh flowers is part of the subscriber package.

## GARDEN: Continued from page 1B

Local professional artists create works either in collaboration with a special needs student or one inspired by a special needs student. The work is donated for the silent auction held that night.

Local high-end restaurants provide soup to be served in student-decorated bowls.

## Sustainability

As seeds grow into mature plants, so goes the program.

Under the guidance of newly-hired garden coordinator Evan Rocheford, who holds degrees in permaculture and urban sustainability from Indiana University, the program is adding raised garden beds. The hope is to have between 10 to 15 raised garden beds built this season thus making gardening more accessible to Riverview's residents and those who are restricted in movement.

"Residents who are able to help do. They do as much as they can," said Christine Petrik, Riverview's director.

Otherwise, the residents enjoy watching the students work in the garden.

"It (the raised beds) will be handicap accessible and also great for our participants. It will be a beau-

tiful space to visit," she said.

A \$250 donation supplies the beds' building materials. Volunteers and Eagle Scout candidates are to assemble the beds in the spring. Each bed will have a plaque indicating the donor. To donate, visit the Full Circle's website — fullcircledn.org.

Between the raised beds and the urban garden, Rocheford sees an opportunity for sustainability.

"I think the garden has a tremendous amount of potential," he said in an e-mail. "It presents an opportunity to create a space that is not only uplifting and educational, but also extremely productive and ecological."

When Rocheford moves to Grosse Pointe in April, his plans are "to efficiently use the garden space that already exists, develop a master plan for the garden's expansion and begin its implementation, and last but not least, to further develop the community of participants involved in the garden."

Those interested in volunteering at the garden, donating resources or becoming a supporter, contact Rocheford at erocheford@fullcircledn.org or fullcircledn.org.

## PASTOR'S CORNER By Roger Skully

# Affirming ties with the Lord

In the book of Deuteronomy, God gives a commandment to the people.

He says: "And these words, that I command you today, shall be upon your heart. You shall teach them thoroughly to your children, and shall speak of them while you sit in your home, while you walk on the way, when you lie down and when you rise up. Bind them as a sign upon your arm and let them be frontlets (some say ornaments) between your eyes..." (Deuteronomy 11:18)

The oral law explains that "bind these words" refers to the wearing of tefillin, also known in English as phylacteries. They are

black square leather boxes that contain four parchments. Each of the parchments contains the four sections of Torah where the commandment of tefillin is written. One box is bound to the left arm with leather straps and the other box is placed between the eyes. They are put on by many Jews and worn during prayer every day except on the Sabbath and festivals.

They convey the concept that our actions, emotions and intellect symbolize we should direct our lives toward a meaningful existence, bound by the commandments of Torah and the love of God.

The oral law specifies they are black, square

leather boxes containing specific parchments. Archaeologists in Israel have uncovered tefillin dating back more than 1,800 years, and they too are black square boxes containing the same parchments that are included in today's boxes.

Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch, a 19th century rabbi, interpreted the square shape of the tefillin to be reminiscent of a home. We are obligated to make the entire world, starting with ourselves, into a "home" for the presence of God. There are, of course, other mystical meanings associated with them over the centuries.

The materials, leather and parchment, come spe-

cifically from living beings, thus symbolizing the involvement of the human being in the creation of holiness and the world. In the words of a contemporary rabbi, "If you wear tefillin and don't think about what is in them, you may as well be wearing potatoes on your head."

There is, of course, a prescribed way in which the straps are wound around the arm and conclude with the name of God wrapped onto the hand. The wrapping of the straps on the fingers signifies a wedding ring in which we declare ourselves betrothed to God. The word, tefillin, comes from the Hebrew

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## 6B | COMMUNITY

# 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.

## Betty Strachan Glover

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Betty Strachan Glover, 91, died Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2014, at Sunrise Senior Living.

She was born in Lossiemouth, Scotland, to Charles Strachan and Elizabeth Probit and graduated from Southeastern High School in Detroit. She was an administrative secretary at Chrysler Corp.

Mrs. Glover was a member of the P.E.O. of Michigan Chapter T and served as secretary. She was a longtime member of Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church in Detroit where she served as an elder and Sunday school teacher. She was active in women's ministry with the crafters and served at church dinners and teas. She also enjoyed traveling with her husband and volunteering with him at Children's Hospital of Detroit.

Mrs. Glover was predeceased by her husband, Donald Glover. She is survived by her sister-in-law, Jean Strachan and nephews and nieces, David Strachan (Laurie), Ross Glover (Janet), Deborah Strachan Leslie (Ian), Jennifer Glover Hill, Lynn Glover Bennett and Mary Glover.

She also was predeceased by her brother, George Strachan.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 East Jefferson, Detroit, MI 48214, with interment in the church's columbarium.

Donations may be made to Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 East Jefferson, Detroit, MI 48214.

## Nikoletta Kefallinos

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Nikoletta Kefallinos, 87, died Friday, Feb. 7, 2014.

She was born on the island of Zakynthos, Greece, in 1926, and grew up in the village of Skoulikado. At a young age, she married Ioulis Kefallinos, with whom she had four children.

Mrs. Kefallinos overcame many obstacles. She survived World War II and an earthquake that leveled her town and left her homeless. Shortly after, her husband died, leaving her to raise their children alone at the age of 30.

Her daughter moved to the United States. Shortly after, two of her sons moved to Detroit. Another son moved to Athens, while Mrs. Kefallinos remained on the island to care for her mother, until her death in 1969.

Mrs. Kefallinos moved to Athens and lived with her son for many years. In 1981, on one of her visits to the United States, her youngest son was

preparing to open his first restaurant, Niki's Pizza, lovingly named for her. From that time on, Mrs. Kefallinos remained in Detroit, helping her son in the restaurant, where she worked for many years.

After retiring, she enjoyed traveling back to Greece, taking trips with her church and spending time with her family and friends. A favorite hobby was playing slot machines at Greektown Casino, where she was a familiar fixture.

Mrs. Kefallinos will be remembered for her commitment and devotion to her family.

She is survived by her children, Helen, John, George and Dennis.

A funeral service was held Feb. 10 at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, St. Clair Shores.

Donations may be made to the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080.

## Stephen M. Stackpole

Stephen M. Stackpole, 88, a lifelong resident of Grosse Pointe, conservationist and philanthropist, died Friday, Jan. 31, 2014.

Mr. Stackpole found beauty in a leafless tree and enjoyed cloudy days as much as sunny ones. He dreamed of a world where energy came from the sun and everyone had enough of whatever it was they needed.

He donated generously to support many organizations with his favorite success story being the return of the osprey and bald eagle to Michigan. He loved dinosaurs and steam locomotives.

Mr. Stackpole was well versed in classic literature, grammar, ancient history and nature. He enjoyed discussing the history of aviation, Mickey Mouse, and Audrey Hepburn, sometimes all in a 10-minute conversation.

He was predeceased by his parents, Stephen T. and Annette (nee Sheldon) Stackpole and is survived by his cousins, extended family members and caregivers.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

A funeral service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 17, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; Pro-Musica of Detroit, 3711 Woodward, Detroit 48201; Detroit Historical Society, 5401 Woodward, Detroit, MI 48202; or the Audubon Starr Ranch Sanctuary, 100 Bell Canyon Road, Trabuco Canyon, CA 92679.

## Kerry W. Pytel

Kerry W. Pytel, 54, died Sunday, Feb. 9, 2014.

He was the beloved husband of Cynthia; dear father of Andrew and Nicole; brother of the late Candace Pytel and son of the late William and Beatrice Pytel.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Share a memory at [ahpeters.com](http://ahpeters.com).

## Julia Blossom Whitney

Longtime resident of Grosse Pointe and later of Naples, Fla., Julia "Julie" Blossom Whitney died Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014. She was 83.

She was born July 11, 1930, in Detroit, to Phillip ("Flip") Moss Blossom and Grace Gillespie Blossom. She graduated from the Liggett School and received her college degree from Finch College in New York. In her career as a graphic artist for J. Walter Thompson and Campbell-Ewald, she was considered a female pioneer in the advertising world. She continued her career in marketing for the Liggett School and its successor, University Liggett School.

Upon her marriage to Charles Robert Whitney in the fall of 1971, she was thrilled to inherit an immediate family in Marcia, Chuck, Jane and Tracy Whitney.

During her life in Grosse Pointe, Mrs. Whitney dedicated her time and talents as an artist and writer, volunteering for many years for Tau Beta Association. She photographed, wrote and helped publish the association's paper, the "Black and White." She was also a longtime member of the Junior League of Detroit and the Society of Mayflower Descendants.

Later, she and her husband moved to Florida where they resided for many years, but continued spending summers in Grosse Pointe to be close to family and friends. Mrs. Whitney also loved spending time at the family cottage in Mitchell's Bay, Ontario, Canada, where one of her favorite pastimes was bass fishing in the bay.

Her family and many friends said they appreciated her warmth, love of life, gift of laughter and her ability to face all aspects of life with dignity.

Mrs. Whitney is survived by her loving sister, Mary Ann Bourke Connolly (Robert); stepchildren, Marcia Lockwood Whitney, Charles Robert Whitney Jr. (Gina Baubie), Jane Whitney Gage (Jen Bradford) and Tracy Whitney Howe; nephew,



Betty Strachan Glover



Nikoletta Kefallinos



Stephen M. Stackpole



Julia Blossom Whitney



Nancy Kohlberg



Odette F. Sfire

Scott Atkins; niece, Julie Atkins Tzobanakis and stepniece, Bethine Standart Whitney.

She also is survived by nine step-grandchildren and four step-great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband.

The family thanks the caregivers who supplied care and comfort to Mrs. Whitney during her illness.

A memorial service will be held at noon, Saturday, Feb. 22, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to the Tau Beta Association, 84 Vendome, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI, 48236 or Great Lakes Caring Hospice, 23885 Denton Street, Suite A, Clinton Township, MI 48036.

Share a memory at [ahpeters.com](http://ahpeters.com).

## Nancy Kohlberg

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Nancy Kohlberg, 85, passed away Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014, at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

She was born June 21, 1928, in Rockford, Ill., to Florence and Horace Wheeler and graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in architecture and design. She lived in Chicago at the Three Arts Club while working for an advertising agency. It was in Chicago, she met John Kohlberg. They married Oct. 16, 1954, in Omena. The couple eventually settled in Grosse Pointe Farms, where Mrs. Kohlberg was employed as an art director with the J.L. Hudson Company.

Mrs. Kohlberg pursued her love of the arts by creating oil paintings of the Leelanau Peninsula area. Later, she painted scenes of the Grosse Pointe area she loved so much. Her family and friends looked forward to the annual Christmas cards she created each year and treated them as collectors items.

Mrs. Kohlberg is survived by her husband, John, and sister-in-law, Susan Lavan of Harpswell, Maine.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms.

## Odette F. Sfire

Odette F. Sfire, 89, passed away Friday, Feb. 7, 2014.

She was the beloved wife of Farris, who predeceased her.

She was the loving mother of Yvette, Claude, Denise, Zeina, Mona Simoncini (Matthew) and the late Roukoz and dear grandmother of Sydney and Alec.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park.

Share a memory at [verheyden.org](http://verheyden.org).

## Michael F. Shaw

Michael F. Shaw, 81, died Thursday, Feb. 6, 2014.

He was born April 27, 1932, in Detroit to Alison "Al" and Sarah Shaw. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Mr. Shaw was an investment broker. He volunteered at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe; with the Capuchins and served as a crossing guard for the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

His family said he was a loving father and grandfather who will be deeply missed.

Mr. Shaw is survived by his children, Maureen (Denny) St. Clair, Elisabeth Marentic (Mark), Charles (Andrea), Alyson Halvarson (Dave) and Brendan (Christie) and grandchildren, Brittany, Christian, Olivia, Connor, Mia, Haley, Garner and Aidan. He also is survived by his brother, Donald.

A memorial Mass was celebrated Feb. 11 at St.

## Paula Preuthun

Grosse Pointe Park resident Paula Preuthun, 96, passed away peacefully Friday, Feb. 7, 2014.

Born Jan. 22, 1918, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, Ms. Preuthun loved books and knowledge and was employed as a librarian in Grosse Pointe for many years.

She is survived by her sister, Joan Heaton (John) and seven nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, Fleura and Paul Preuthun, and sisters, Sonja Preuthun and Carla Page (Edward).

A funeral service was held Feb. 11 at Cana Lutheran Church in Berkley, followed by interment in the family plot at Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit.

Donations may be made to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 2265 Livernois, Troy, MI 48083 or Cana Lutheran Church, 2119 Catalpa, Berkley, MI 48072.

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## TIES:

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word for prayer.

This is, of course, a reminder of our relationship to our creator, lest we forget it is our obligation to help "perfect the world" and leave it a better place. So, we have another symbol that affirms our relationship to the Lord and his creations.

Amen and Amen.

*Skully is president of the Grosse Pointe Ministerial Association and the Downtown Synagogue cantor.*

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1 Labyrinth choice  
 5 Skillets  
 9 Half a dance?  
 12 Lotion additive  
 13 Fraternal baseball surname  
 14 Attila, e.g.  
 15 Unknown people  
 17 Pismire  
 18 Evening affair  
 19 Depend (on)  
 21 "And this should matter to me ... why?"  
 22 Object  
 24 "National Treasure" star  
 27 Chart format  
 28 Superman's alias  
 31 Melody  
 32 Corroded  
 33 "Go, team!"  
 34 Let the cat out of the bag  
 36 Badly  
 37 Pale  
 38 Aristocratic  
 40 Ego counterpart  
 41 Queenly  
 43 Small beard  
 47 Have bills

**DOWN**

1 Quarter-back's throw  
 2 Choir member  
 3 Actress Spelling  
 4 Last car?  
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 6 Hearty brew  
 7 Neither mate  
 8 Some Japanese fare  
 9 They make alterations  
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**3:00 pm** In a Heartbeat  
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**4:00 pm** Economic Club of Detroit  
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**AUTOS** By Jenny King

# 2014 Focus ST

In a 2014 Ford Focus ST you can run. If your Focus ST is triple-coated with a tangerine scream paint job, you can run—but you can't hide.

And you might not want to anyway, because you'll want to chat about your turbo-charged wheels, show off the Recaro racing seats and run through the smooth-shifting six-speed manual transmission before anyone who stops to admire the pocket rocket.

Ford has taken its immensely popular Focus and, for starters, put its 2.0-liter EcoBoost four-cylinder under the hood. This all-aluminum engine, with a 252 horsepower rating and 270 pound-feet of torque, is capable of 154 mph. The EcoBoost engine features direct fuel injection, low-inertia turbocharging and twin independent variable camshaft timing.

As for the six-speed manual, Ford said it has specially revised gearing that promises a pop at each level. And it delivers. If you are more interested in fuel economy than performance, however, you'll want to stick with the non-turbo 2.0-liter four in the 2014 Focus. You will suffer the consequence of losing that ST designation: the 2.0-liter turbo-charged EcoBoost is its signature, and only, engine.

The estimated fuel economy numbers for the hot engine are 23 miles per gallon city and 32 mpg highway. In our combined suburb/freeway driving, we were getting just over 27 mpg, according to the Focus ST's information screen. The standard 2.0-liter four when matched with a six-speed PowerShift automatic is



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capable of up to 40 mpg highway, according to Ford statistics.

The base price of the 2014 Focus ST with six-speed manual transmission is \$24,115. This includes fog lamps, a rear spoiler, 18-inch alloy wheels, full-size spare tire, blacked-out grille, leather-wrapped steering wheel and illuminated entry.

The ST2 package in-

cludes MyFord Touch and satellite, Sirius, radio and dual zone electric air temperature control. It's priced at \$2,505.

Individual options for the Focus ST include a navigation system, \$795; 18-inch rado gray alloy wheels, \$375; and the tangerine scream tri-coat paint, \$595.

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

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## GIRLS BASKETBALL

### LIGGETT

# ULS nets big wins

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

University Liggett girls' basketball team made a huge statement last weekend, destroying Birmingham Roper with sole possession of first place on the line.

Roper dealt the Knights their first Michigan Independent Athletic Conference loss in more than four years on Jan. 10.

That game was loaded with tension and the rematch at Liggett was highly anticipated. Roper came into the game with only one loss, but when the final horn sounded it was Liggett winning 48-25.

"We got after them tonight and won a big ball game on our floor," head coach Omar Ahart said. "We wanted to reclaim the top spot in the division and we did it. We still have some work to do, but this was a big win."

Not only did the Knights nearly double Roper's score, but they forced them into more turnovers (27) than points (25).

The game was close after the first quarter, 12-8 in favor of the



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Liggett's Kendall McConico, right, dribbles to start the offensive play during the Knights' big division win over Roper.

Knights, and at the half, 23-14.

However, the Knights blitzed Roper in the second half, outscoring their guests 25-11 to win going away.

Sophomore Kendall McConico had 21 points, while freshman Nia Ahart had 13 points. Senior Leah Evangelista and junior Jessica Rotzoll both had seven points.

In other action last week, Liggett blasted Allen Park Inter-City Baptist 56-32 and Southfield Christian 61-12.

Junior Lola Ristovski had 12 points and Rotzoll added 10 against ICB, while Rotzoll poured in 20 points and Ahart had 11 against SC.

Liggett improved to 9-1 in the MIAC and 12-3 overall.

Coming up for the Knights is an away game Friday, Feb. 14, against Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, and a home game Friday, Feb. 21, against Novi Franklin Road Christian.

This is the final regular season game for the Knights.

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

# Norsemen win 2-of-3

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls' basketball team had a busy few days last week, playing three games in five days.

The Norsemen began the trio of games with a 33-23 win over Sterling Heights Stevenson.

They led 17-10 at the half and 25-21 at the end of three quarters. The improved Titans stayed close, but couldn't overcome the Norsemen's group effort.

Junior Megan Lesha had nine points, eight rebounds and three steals, and sophomore Erin Armbruster chipped in with six points, 12 rebounds and two steals.

Senior Jayla Hubbard had six points, seven rebounds and three steals in the victory.

The following night, the visiting Norsemen

overcame poor free-throw shooting (21-for-44) to beat St. Clair Shores Lakeview 62-53 in overtime.

The Huskies had a chance to win the game in regulation, but split two free throws after making 80 percent (36-of-45) for the contest. The Huskies had twice as many points from the foul line and the game featured 61 fouls and 89 total free throws.

Lesha continued her fine play, scoring 16 points and grabbing 14 rebounds, and sophomore Lucy Dodge had 14 points and five rebounds. Sophomore Katelyn Carney had eight points, while Hubbard and Armbruster had seven points apiece.

North had a two-day break before playing at Macomb Dakota. The Norsemen lost 39-37, even though they trailed

by 10 points in the fourth quarter.

"Our girls were down by as many as 10 points in the fourth quarter but made a great comeback and tied the game with 40 seconds to go," head coach Gary Bennett said.

Dakota scored on an out-of-bounds play under its basket with nine seconds left.

The Norsemen had one final shot, a three-pointer, and grabbed the offensive rebound, but missed the shot at the buzzer.

Lucy Dodge had 12 points and senior Phoebe Dodge had eight points. Carney added six points and Armbruster added five.

The Norsemen trailed 18-16 at the half and both teams played an even third and fourth quarter.

Grosse Pointe North is 8-7 overall and 4-4 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

# Blue Devils cruise

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

For head coach Kevin Richards and his Grosse Pointe South girls' basketball team, winning a second straight Macomb Area Conference Red Division championship was a couple of wins away.

The visiting Blue Devils took one step closer to the prize, beating Sterling Heights Stevenson 73-31 last week.

The visitors used their

full-court press to force turnovers, get easy baskets off the Titans' miscues and race out to a 19-3 lead.

It was 40-12 at the half and the Blue Devils cruised in the final two periods as everyone played a fair chunk of minutes.

The only teams which can catch South in the division are Romeo and Utica Ford, which both won earlier in the week to stay mathematically in the race.

For the Blue Devils, junior Cierra Rice had 23 points, followed by sophomore Tamira McCoy-Motton with 10.

Other top scorers were sophomores Anna Carmody and Margaret Brennan with eight points apiece, and sophomore Elizabeth Rauh and senior Bre Andrews with seven points apiece.

Grosse Pointe South, ranked No. 2 in Class A, improved to 9-0 in the MAC Red Division and 16-1 overall.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

### LIGGETT

# Joy on the court

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

University Liggett boys' basketball team split its division games last week, losing on the road 85-57 to Class D top 10-ranked Allen Park Inter-City Baptist and winning at home 63-43 over Birmingham Roper.

The youthful Knights were no match for the tough Inter-City Baptist squad. Andrew Lohman had 15 points to place the team.

Head coach Sidney Johnson and the Knights regrouped and pulled away from Roper with a 24-11 fourth quarter.

"The guys forced the tempo to our style and were able to get into a groove on both ends of the floor," Johnson said. "It was a fun game for the fans since the guys really played well."

The game was tied 9-9 after the first quarter, but a 21-8 second quarter gave the Knights a 30-17 lead.



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Liggett's Thomas Jackson grabs a rebound in traffic during the Knights' win over Roper.

Inter-City Baptist played a better third period, cutting the deficit to 39-32 and had the momentum in its favor heading into the fourth.

The Knights' defense picked up the intensity and created either turnovers or one-shot possessions.

Spencer Ewing led four players in double figures with 13 points, followed

by Thomas Jackson with 12, Lohman with 11 and Ian Clark with 10.

Liggett is 3-5 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 4-7 overall.

Next for the Knights is a MIAC game Friday, Feb. 14, at Auburn Hills Oakland Christian and a non-league game at home Tuesday, Feb. 18, against Harper Woods.

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

# Win streak at 12

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys' basketball team is turning the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division into a two-team race.

Last week, the Blue Devils defeated host Anchor Bay 66-47, improving to 7-0 in the division and 12-1 overall. Warren Fitzgerald is also undefeated in the divi-

sion at 5-0 and has two games left with South in the final three weeks of the regular season.

Head coach Troy Glasser watched his players build a slim first-quarter lead at 18-13 and it stretched to nine points, 31-22, at the intermission.

An 18-12 third quarter put the Blue Devils up 15 points and they never looked back as seniors Josh Gray and Dan Dixon

scored 17 points apiece.

Senior Gordie Post scored only five points, but was a force in the paint by grabbing a career-high 17 rebounds.

Seniors Darius Harris and Jabari Burton had seven points apiece, and junior Zach Simmit had six points.

The winning streak is at 12, but that doesn't keep Glasser from making sure his players are focused for each game.

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

# Frustrating losses

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys' basketball team is a few points from being in the thick of things in the Macomb Area Conference White Division race.

"The guys are playing hard and are in position to close out these games," head coach Matt Lockhart said.

Last week, the Norsemen lost two close games, 68-65 at Warren Lincoln and 49-47 to Utica Ford on their home

court.

Despite the defeat to Lincoln, senior Justin Kennedy had a monster game at both ends of the court, netting 27 points and 12 rebounds, while senior Ricky Watson and sophomore Mitchell Zacharias each scored 12 points.

The following night the Norsemen were again in position to win, leading the Falcons by 10 points after three quarters, 38-28.

The Falcons came back to take a one-point lead, 46-45.

North senior Sal Ciaravino seemed to be the hero, making a shot at the buzzer to win the game 47-46.

However, the officials ruled there should be 1.7 seconds on the clock and it was the Falcons who made a desperation three-point shot at the buzzer to win it.

Kennedy had 12 points and 15 rebounds to post his second straight double-double.

Grosse Pointe North dropped to 1-5 in the MAC White Division and 3-9 overall.

Wrestling

RIVALS

# South stuns district foes

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South wrestlers took a page out of the movie "Vision Quest" last week during their improbable run to a Division 1 district championship.

The Blue Devils pulled off an upset over city rival Grosse Pointe North, winning 39-36 in the semifinals before stunning host St. Clair Shores Lakeview 42-40 in the finals.

"This was an incredible run for these young men," South head coach Tony Cimmarrusti said. "We came together as a team and put together two beautiful matches against a couple of solid teams in North and Lakeview."

In the finals, sophomore Earl Allard (112 pounds) won by pin and freshman Tyler Thompson (119 pounds) followed by a win via void to give the Blue Devils a quick 12-0 lead.

They gave up a void at 125 pounds, but freshman John Drew earned his six points by a void at 130 pounds to give the Blue Devils an 18-6 advantage.

Senior Alex Manchester made it 24-6 by taking a void at 135 pounds and the Blue Devils voided at 140 pounds to make it 24-12.

Junior Antonie Herrell was pinned, but sophomore John Gough rallied

to pin his foe at 152 pounds to give the visitors a 30-18 advantage.

Sophomore James Nunley lost by pin and senior Caleb Cimmarrusti dropped a tough 9-0 major decision to bring the Huskies within two points, 30-28.

The next two matches set the tone, with freshman Matt Ground pulling out a stunning pin at 189 pounds and senior Colin Brannagan pinned his foe at 215 pounds to clinch the district championship. The Blue Devils had a 42-28 lead and made it so the Huskies couldn't catch them with two matches left.

Sophomore Cam Ennis lost by pin at heavy-weight and the Blue Devils voided at 103 pounds to account for the final score.

In order to face Lakeview, South had to battle Grosse Pointe North under head coach Eric Julien.

It started at the 112-pound class and a Thompson pin over freshman Aaron Rozich. Allard earned a void at 119 pounds to give the Blue Devils a 12-0 lead.

North sophomore Joe Guido pinned Drew and senior Jaron Nelso won by void to even the match at 12.

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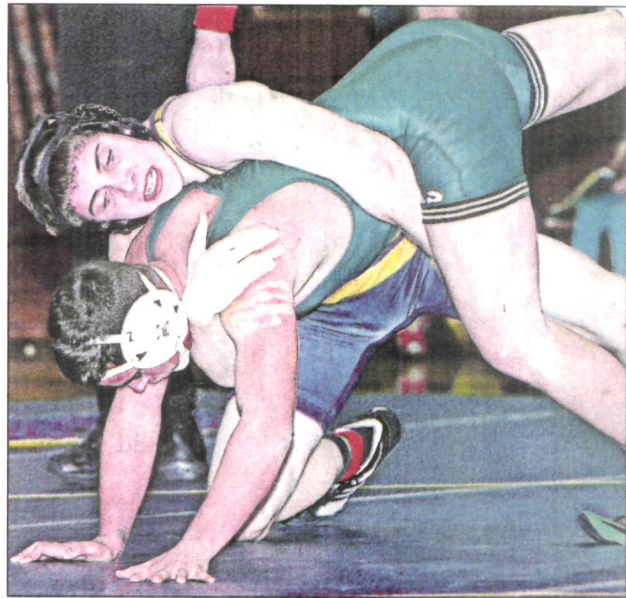


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South's John Gough, shown in a match from January, helped the Blue Devils win a district title by pinning his Grosse Pointe North and Lakeview foes.

pounds. Herrell won a hard-fought 12-10 decision over sophomore Ardi Milwrick and Gough pinned freshman Brenden Haggerty to give the Blue Devils a 27-18 advantage.

The Norsemen stormed back as junior Mike Bowden pinned Nunley at 160 pounds and senior Andrew Lock pinned sophomore Joe Kurta at 171 pounds to give them a 30-27 lead.

Cimmarrusti got the momentum back, pinning freshman Alex Sheehy, giving the Blue Devils a 33-30 lead and Brannagan secured the upset after pinning junior Mike Creagh. It was 39-30 Blue Devils with only one match remaining since both squads voided at 103 pounds.

In the final match, North sophomore Joe Lawnicki pinned sophomore Martinez Bennerman to make the

final score, 39-36, South. Grosse Pointe South advanced to the team regional against Fraser and North ended its season.

Last weekend, both South and North grapplers competed in an individual district tournament at Macomb Dakota. Some of the best wrestlers in Macomb County battled the Blue Devils and Norsemen.

At last weekend's Division 1 individual district at Macomb Dakota, North had two and South one wrestler who made it through to the regionals.

For the Norsemen, Lock was second in the 160-pound division, losing a tough 3-1 decision to Dakota's Jake Johnson, and Michael Bowden, 152-pound class, was fourth after losing a 6-2 decision to Chippewa Valley's Tristen Szajna.

For the Blue Devils, Thompson was fourth at 112 pounds, losing a 14-1 major decision to Sterling Heights Stevenson's Nolan Bayagich.

Swimming

NORTH & SOUTH

# Good times

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

More than a dozen members of Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South boys' swimming and diving teams competed in last weekend's annual Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association meet.

For South, the 200-yard medley relay team of Patrick Jackson, Jacob Montague, Devlin Francis and Nick Yoo took second with a time of 1:38.2, and in the 200-yard freestyle, Doug Graham, 13th at 1:49.35; Sam Wilkinson, 27th at 1:51.46; Cam Francis, 39th at 1:52.81; and Patrick Waterston, 50th at 1:54.35, competed.

Montague was fourth in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 1:57.67, and in the 50-yard freestyle, Yoo was 11th with a time of 22.10, while Jack Martin and Devlin Francis took 36th and 49th with times of 22.90 and 23.10, respectively.

The Blue Devils had four competitors in the 100-yard butterfly. Jackson was third with a time of 52.63, while Yoo was eighth at 53.74. Devlin Francis placed 26th with a time of 55.32 and Robby Koueiter was 37th with a time of 56.59.

In the 100-yard freestyle, Martin, Graham and Waterston placed 28th (49.73), 39th (50.24) and 74th (52.03), and in the 500-yard freestyle, Wilkinson and Cam Francis placed 35th and 36th with times of 5:07.77 and 5:07.98.

The Blue Devils placed

10th in the 200-yard freestyle with Waterston, Wilkinson, Cam Francis and Martin posting a time of 1:31.61, and in the 100-yard backstroke, Jackson was second with a time of 53.19, while Montague was eighth with a time of 55.14 and Connor Mallegg was 73rd with a time of 1:00.07.

Koueiter was 35th in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:04.02, and the 400-yard freestyle relay team of Yoo, Devlin Francis, Montague and Jackson placed fourth with a time of 3:16.43.

In diving, Erik Romer had 145.15 points and Eric Addy had 121.15 points. North's representative, Duncan MacAskill earned 124.95 points.

For the rest of North's MISCA results, its 200-yard medley relay team of Joseph Cabau, Matt Stander, John Cobau and Patrick Turnbull placed 46th with a time of 1:49.07.

Danny MacAskill was 52nd in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:16.39, and the Norsemen's 200-yard freestyle relay team of A.J. Owens, Daniel Leone, Danny MacAskill and Turnbull placed 43rd with a time of 1:35.42.

In the 400-yard freestyle relay, Owens, Danny MacAskill, Graham Eger and Turnbull placed 52nd with a time of 3:37.56.

Earlier in the week, Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South competed in dual meets.

The Grosse Pointe North defeated Livonia Franklin last week by a 122-48 margin.

North had three double winners. Danny MacAskill took the 200- and 500-yard freestyle, John Cobau won the 200-yard individual medley and the 100-yard butterfly, and Turnbull was victorious in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle.

Single winners were Joseph Cobau in the 100-yard backstroke and Stander in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Grosse Pointe North is now 7-5 in dual meet competition.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 6-2 overall and 3-0 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division with a 131-55 win over Chippewa Valley.

Right off the bat the Blue Devils were ready, as the foursome of Montague, Martin, Yoo and Samuel Wilkinson won the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 1:45.03.

In the 200-yard freestyle, Graham won with a time of 1:56.18.

Montague won the 200-yard IM with a time of 2:03.92 and the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 50.26.

Devlin Francis won the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 23.93.

Erik Romer and Eric Addy led the way in diving, finishing first and second with 223.80 and 210.90 points.

Jackson won the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:09.31.

The Blue Devils' 200-yard freestyle relay team of Montague, Devlin Francis, Graham and Jackson won with a time of 1:35.83 and Due was first in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:10.54.

In the final event, Yoo, Martin, Wilkinson and Jackson won the 400-yard freestyle relay with a time of 3:29.85.

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## Hockey

## NORTH, SOUTH &amp; LIGGETT BOYS

## Teams get mixed results at showcase

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

University Liggett, Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North each played a total of seven games in last weekend's prestigious MIHL Prep Showcase played in Trenton.

Grosse Pointe South had the most success, finishing 2-0, while Grosse Pointe North was 2-1 and University Liggett 0-2.

South edged Grand Rapids Christian 4-3 and Plymouth 5-4 (shootout).

In the win over GR Christian, the Blue Devils fell behind 3-1 after two periods. Senior Andrew Bigham scored in the second period on the power play, with junior William Walker drawing the lone assist.

GRC scored near the end of the second stanza to build the two-goal advantage.

The Blue Devils stormed back as senior Andrew Hyde scored at the 6:31 mark, with Bigham and junior Dominic Rinaldi drawing assists.

Rinaldi tied the game 3-3 with a goal at the 13:29 mark. Hyde and Bigham had the assists.

They went ahead to stay at the 15:31 mark when Bigham scored again, with Rinaldi assisting.

The Blue Devils' defense and senior goalie Andrew Wright, 11 saves on 14 shots, did the rest and they were able to beat a very solid Grand Rapids Christian team.

"These two games in the showcase will be tough and that is what we want heading toward the state playoffs," South head coach Bobby McKillop said. "The games will prepare us for the tough playoff road ahead of us."

In the Blue Devils' win over Plymouth, they were up 4-0 after the first period as Hyde (two), Rinaldi and senior Wyatt Flynn (power play) scored goals.

Drawing assists on those four goals were Rinaldi, Flynn, senior Joseph Toth, sophomore William Poplawski, junior Ian Corbett, sophomore Griffin Brooks and junior William Barrett.



North's Max Yoshida had an assist in the Norsemen's win over Wyandotte.

Plymouth forced a shootout by scoring two goals in each of the next two periods.

In the shootout, Wright stopped his three shots, while the Blue Devils won when Rinaldi scored.

The two wins in the showcase increased the Blue Devils' winning streak to 12 games.

Grosse Pointe North defeated Wyandotte 4-3 (shootout) and Muskegon Mona Shores 6-1, but lost 4-3 (shootout) to Utica Eisenhower.

In the Norsemen's opening game against Wyandotte, they trailed 2-0 before rallying when Vince Romanelli scored, assisted by Max Yoshida and Nick Cusmano.

Nick Murray scored, assisted by Mike Murray, and J.P. Navetta tallied on the power play, assisted by Cusmano, to give the Norsemen a 3-2 lead.

Wyandotte scored on the power play to tie the game, which went to a shootout. It didn't score in three shot attempts, and the Norsemen won when Cusmano lit the lamp on their final attempt.

Goalie Josh Champney earned the win, stopping 25-of-28 shots.

Next came a tough loss to Eisenhower as Nick Murray, Navetta and Cusmano tallied.

Champney had 18 saves.

On the final day of the showcase, North had the first game on the docket and didn't waste any time crushing Mona Shores.

Cusmano scored, assisted by Nate Robinson and Romanelli, at the 7:35 mark of the first period.

The Norsemen used a three-goal second period to build a cushion.

Navetta scored just 31 seconds into the period, assisted by Brendan Nelson, and Nelson scored at the 3:19 mark, with Mike Murray and Eddie Nepi getting assists.

Mona Shores scored to make it 3-2, but Yoshida's power-play goal at the 13:20 mark gave the Norsemen a 4-2 lead. Joe Wright had the lone assist.

In the final period, Navetta, from Mike Murray, and Nick Murray, from Nelson and Romanelli, scored to round out the scoring.

Champney earned another win, stopping 21-of-22 shots.

By winning 2-of-3, Grosse Pointe North improved to 4-17 overall.

Liggett had two tough games, losing 4-2 to Rochester and 6-3 to

Houghton, both ranked in the top three in Division 1 and 3, respec-

tively.

The Knights ran into two hot teams and dropped the contests.

Against Rochester, the Knights trailed 3-2 before William Yates and Alex Minanov scored to cut the deficit to 3-2 late in the third period. Josh Soyka assisted the first goal, while Brett Abdelnour and Yates assisted the second.

They gave up an empty-net goal late to end the comeback.

Against Houghton, it was a 2-2 game in the first period as Vince Scarfone (unassisted) and Soyka (from Jake Jerome) scored for the Knights.

Houghton scored twice in the second period to take a 4-2 lead and it was 6-2 before Soyka scored on the power play, assisted by Sheridan Reilly, to round out the offensive output.

Alex Grimm suffered the loss in net against Rochester and Luke Soyka lost to Houghton.

Earlier in the week, Liggett hosted top-10 ranked Hartland and won 4-1.

The Knights scored single goals in each of the first two periods, with Yates tallying in the first period and Jerome with only 2.6 left in the second.

Senior Lordanthony Grissom and junior Stephen Campau assisted on Yates' goal, while sophomores Harrison Wujek and Abdelnour assisted on Jerome's tally.

Hartland scored early in the third period to tighten things up, but less than two minutes later the Knights regained their two-goal advantage when Matthew Thomas scored, with Scarfone and No. 6 drawing assists.

With only 23 second left in the game, Grissom added an empty-net goal to complete the scoring.

Luke Soyka played well in net and the five defensemen in front of him limited the Eagles' attack to only one odd-man rush in the three periods.

Liggett is 15-4-1 overall.

South officially clinched the Michigan Metro Hockey League title with a 6-4 win over



PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE

South's Andrew Hyde had a hat trick in the Blue Devils' league championship clinching win over Dearborn Divine Child.

Dearborn Divine Child.

The host Blue Devils played well in the first and third periods, but gave up a two-goal lead in the second stanza when the Falcons tallied three times to take the lead.

In the opening period, Corbett scored, assisted by Bigham and junior Cameron Mogk, and sophomore Will Poplawski tallied on the power play, assisted by Corbett and Bigham.

The Falcons scored at the 13:51, 9:52 and 44.3 (power play) mark of the second period to erase the 2-0 deficit and lead 3-2.

Senior Andrew Hyde played the hero, collecting a natural hat trick to lead the Blue Devils in

the third period.

Hyde scored the tying goal at the 10:37 mark, with juniors William Barrett and Dominic Rinaldi netting assists.

Senior Wyatt Flynn scored at the 6:40 mark to give the Blue Devils a 4-3 lead, but the Falcons tied it at the 5:08 mark. Hyde and Rinaldi assisted on Flynn's goal.

Hyde put the finishing touches on the league championship by scoring two goals in five seconds. He scored with 44.6 seconds left and 39.3 ticks remaining to lift the Blue Devils. Corbett assisted the first goal and Bigham the second.

South is 11-0-1 in the Michigan Metro Hockey League and 17-3-1 overall.

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH GIRLS

## Blue Devils end streak

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The season got a little longer last week for Grosse Pointe South's girls' hockey team after losing 1-0 to Division 2 member Farmington Hills Mercy.

It was the Blue Devils' fourth straight game they scored just one or zero goals.

The offense is trying to get into a rhythm, but for some reason they are not generating the scoring opportunities.

Sophomore goalie Bella Strickler was the No. 1 star of the game. She made several outstanding saves to keep it a 1-0 game.

The Blue Devils' week continued with back-to-back games at Ann Arbor and at home against Port Huron.

South lost a tough 2-1 game to Ann Arbor Pioneer, but bounced back the following afternoon to upset Port Huron 3-2 in overtime.

Against Pioneer, the Blue Devils fell behind 2-0, but got right back in the game when Tenley Shield scored an unassisted goal midway through the third period.

They had chances to tie the game, but couldn't get the equalizer. The defense played well and Strickler was solid in net.

In the Port Huron con-

test, Gennie Martin scored in the first goal, from Shield and Emma Frame.

Port Huron tied it in the second on a lucky deflection from a shot just inside the blue line.

The Blue Devils went ahead when Anne Crowley scored on a nice 2-on-1 pass from Grace Moody, but PH tied it on

a breakaway with 6:31 left in the game.

Shield scored the game-winner five minutes into the OT and Strickler was once again rock solid, making 27 saves.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 7-8 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 8-10 overall.

## City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROPOSED STATEMENT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME PROJECTS PROGRAM YEAR 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, February 24, 2014 at 7:00 pm by the City Council in the Grosse Pointe City Council Chambers, 17145 Maumee Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230 (telephone 313-885-5800) for review of Community Development Block Grant Programming Request.

The following activities are proposed and their funding estimated under the Community Development Block Grant Program. Final funding amounts are subject to the approval of the Wayne County CDBG Program and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and may be adjusted.

2014 PROPOSED PROJECTS (estimated funding)	AMOUNT:
ADA Ramp Improvements	\$33,000
Administration	\$ 5,000
GRAND TOTAL:	\$38,000

The City invites all citizens as well as individuals or representatives of neighborhood groups to submit ideas and comments concerning this application.

G.P.N.: 02/13/2014

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March 13th is the first evaluation date for girls ages 9-13. Please log onto your city little league website for further information:

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www.grossepointebaseball.com

Grosse Pointe Park Little League:  
www.gppll.com

Harper Woods Little League:  
www.harperwoodsbaseball.com

Girls Softball: New in 2014 for girls 6-16 years old. Players will be assigned to teams organized across Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods. Teams will practice and play locally and against teams from other Districts 6 leagues.

• Instructional League: Ages 6-8 • Minor League: Ages 9-12  
• Major League: Ages 11-12 • Senior League: Ages 13-16



The old Samurai and ancient Sushi Scroll are back at the YMCA Camp Copneconic Summer Camp Preview "Ninja Warriors" on Sunday, February 23 from 2-5 pm. Come prepared to experience the Ninja Warrior summer camp theme, tour our facility, meet the directors and staff and have your questions answered. We will be offering some of our favorite camp activities for you to sample.

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Hockey

RIVALS

# North defeats tired Liggett

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls' hockey team earned its biggest win of the season last week, beating University Liggett 3-1 at Grosse Pointe City Rink.

"It's a case where all of our girls did their job and played a great hockey

game against a good team," North head coach Joe Lucchese said. "This was a great win for us and it shows the girls are maturing a lot."

"It was a good game, but our girls were gassed after playing on a third straight night," Liggett head coach Cassie Jaeckle said. "I have to give North credit because

they played a great game and were ready."

For Liggett, it was its third straight night with a game.

It was a scoreless tie for the first two periods. Defense was the name of the game as both goaltenders, Liggett sophomore Olivia Portillo and North junior Lauren Hartt were outstanding as both

offenses sent plenty of pucks their way, yet not one found the back of the net.

It was the Norsemen who struck first as sophomore Jen Kusch scored on the power play, with juniors Kallin Morris and Devyn LaValley netting assists.

That goal came at the 11:04 mark and at the 7:55 mark, Norsemen sophomore Lindsay Gallagher scored, with sophomores Caroline Bock and Elizabeth Gallagher collecting assists.

Liggett head coach Cassie Jaeckle called a time out and her girls responded, scoring a huge goal just nine seconds later when senior Ania Dow tallied, unassisted.

"I told our girls during the timeout the Knights were going to come out on fire, so they had to play their positions," Lucchese said. "Well, we made a mistake in the neutral zone and it cost us."

Dow's goal gave the Knights a lot of momentum, but that faded when LaValley perfectly placed a backhand over Portillo's shoulder to give the Norsemen a 3-1 lead. Her goal came at the 2:48 mark and Bock and Lindsay Gallagher had assists.

The loss ended the Knights' eight-game winning streak and helped



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

North's Kallin Morris has played very well in her supportive role for the Norsemen.

Cranbrook-Kingswood widen their division lead to four points.

North put its record at 7-7 in the Michigan Metro Girl High School Hockey League and 9-8 overall.

Liggett was very busy last week, playing four other games.

The Knights won all four, beating Farmington Hills Mercy 4-2, Port Huron 1-0, Walled Lake 3-2 and Bloomfield 5-0.

"It was a long week, but we expected it with the cancellations due to the weather," Jaeckle said. "The girls played well and won some big games."

We still have a chance to win a division title,

thanks to these wins."

In the home win over Port Huron, freshman Riley Marchin scored the lone goal at the 6:51 mark of the second period and Portillo recorded the shutout in net.

In the other home game against Bloomfield, senior Hannah Hodges had two goals, while sophomore Allison Stapleton, senior Caroline Eckrich and sophomore Molly Murphy scored. Freshman Haley Malewicz was in net and played well.

Liggett is now 11-2 in the MMGSHL and 13-3 overall.

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION**

To be held  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2014**  
IN THE CITIES OF

**GROSSE POINTE PARK, GROSSE POINTE, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, AND VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY-WAYNE COUNTY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Election will be held in the City of Grosse Pointe Park, City of Grosse Pointe, City of Grosse Pointe Farms, City of Grosse Woods, Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, A Michigan City, Wayne County on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 7 o'clock in the forenoon until 8 o'clock in the afternoon, at which time qualified registered voters may vote for the following:

**PROPOSAL SECTION  
LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM  
TECHNOLOGY BOND PROPOSAL**

Shall the Grosse Pointe Public School System, County of Wayne, Michigan, borrow the principal sum of not to exceed Fifty Million Two Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$50,280,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds for the purpose of defraying the cost of:

- remodeling, equipping, furnishing, reequipping and refurbishing existing School District buildings, including security, media center, computer lab, classroom and technology infrastructure improvements;
- acquiring and installing instructional technology equipment; and
- associated site improvements in the School District?

YES  
NO

The estimated millage to be levied in 2014 to service this issue of bonds is 2.2839 mills (2.2839 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds of this issue is 2.2942 mills (\$2,2942 per \$1,000 of taxable value). The bonds may be issued in multiple series, payable in the case of each series in not to exceed ten years from the date of issue of such series. The debt millage levy required to retire the proposed and outstanding bonds of the School District is expected to be at or below 4.0091 mills.

(Under state law, bond proceeds may not be used to pay teacher or administrator salaries, routine maintenance costs or other School District operating expenses.)

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964  
Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

Taxing Authorities	WAYNE COUNTY Wayne County, Michigan		
	Date of Election	Voted increases	Year Increases Effective
Grosse Pointe Schools	February 2005	18 mills	2015 (non-homestead only)
	November 2009	1 mill	2015
	November 2009	8.0784 mills	2015 (homestead only)

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Polling Locations for said Election are as follows; and that all polling place locations are handicap accessible. To obtain election instructions in an alternative format (audio or Braille) contact your City Clerk's Office prior to Election Day:

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS**

PRECINCT	LOCATION
001	Grosse Pointe South High School, 11 Grosse Pointe Boulevard
002	Richard Elementary, 176 McKinley
003	City Hall Fire Station, 90 Kerby Road
004	Kerby School, 285 Kerby Road
005	Brownell Middle School, 260 Chalfonte

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE**

PRECINCT	LOCATION
All Precincts	Maire School Gymnasium, 740 Cadieux

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK**

PRECINCT	LOCATION
001	Trombly School, Beaconsfield & Essex
002	Trombly School, Beaconsfield & Essex
003	Municipal Building, East Jefferson
004	Pierce School, Kercheval & Nottingham
005	Defer School, Kercheval & Nottingham
006	Defer School, Kercheval & Nottingham
007	Pierce School, Kercheval & Nottingham

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS**

PRECINCT	LOCATION
001	Ferry School, 748 Roslyn Road
002	Mason School, 1640 Vernier Road
003	Parcells School, 20600 Mack Avenue
004	City Hall Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza
005	Monteith School, 1275 Cook Road
006	Barnes School, 20090 Morningside

**VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY**

PRECINCT	LOCATION
All Precincts	Municipal Building, First Floor, Council Chambers, 795 Lake Shore

**SHANE L. REESIDE**  
City Manager/City Clerk  
City of Grosse Pointe Farms  
90 Kerby Road  
885-6600

**JANE BLAHUT**  
City Clerk  
City of Grosse Pointe Park  
15115 E. Jefferson  
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**JULIE ARTHURS**  
City Clerk  
City of Grosse Pointe  
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885-5800

**LISA KAY HATHAWAY**  
City Clerk  
City of Grosse Pointe Woods  
20025 Mack Plaza  
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### NOTICE OF ACCURACY TEST FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION

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**FEBRUARY 25, 2014**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Woods, and the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, A Michigan City, Wayne County and Macomb County, Michigan that a public Accuracy Test will be conducted at your city clerk's office on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2014 AT 2:00 P.M., for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the tabulating equipment and programs which will be used to tabulate voted ballots for the SPECIAL ELECTION to be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2014.

Interested parties are invited to attend.

For further information contact:

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# Bond proposal question and answers

The following questions and answers about the Feb. 25 bond election was provided by the Grosse Pointe Public School System. Letters to the editor are published in the A section of this week's paper. The deadline for letter for next week is 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17. Part 2 of 3:

## Why can't this be paid for with General Operating Budget Funds?

Since the 2007-08 year school year, we have reduced our operating budget by over \$5.3 million. We have minimized costs by delaying purchases or purchasing refurbished machines. The district has spent down fund equity from a high of \$22 million to under \$10 million last year triggering our unique salary formula that deducts from every employee in the district until we reach that agreed-upon \$10 million minimum needed for good credit. The latest audit was presented in November [2013] and the fund equity is now just over \$2 million. Because of the limitations on revenues for the general fund operating budget and the lack of alternate resources, the Board and administration together chose to keep funds focused on direct instruction as we maintained a balanced budget. While we were able to protect programs and class sizes, technology was an area that saw drastic reductions. We have reached a critical point where the technology we have is insufficient to meet the needs of today's learners.

## Why bond now?

Interest rates on school bonds remain at historically low levels. When interest rates are lower, the overall cost of financing the improvements is lower. A lower interest rate may allow for a lower millage rate or reduce the time period for retiring the bonds.

## How was this plan developed?

Several committees were formed during the 2012/13 school year, comprised of community members, board members, teachers, technology staff and administrators ... A request for quotations was issued in September 2013, and from the seven responses a consortium of Ehresman, Wright & Hunter, and Peter Basso Associates was chosen to work with the administration to develop a proposal to bring before the board. That proposal was presented at a public meeting Monday, Nov. 11. Using input from all of these sources, and acknowledging additional work will be needed from each group as the plan moves forward, the Board determined to finance the capital elements of the next phase of the plan and voted Nov. 25 to place the bond on the Feb. 25, 2014 ballot.

## What are the major features and costs of the technology bond program?

The administration's proposal is a 10-year technology program. Use of the bond proceeds will focus first on infrastructure to support increased data flow while establishing building-wide wireless access. As the infrastructure is updated,

pilots will be conducted in our own buildings, with our own staff and students to betatest device solutions and determine what works best at each level and in each building. Many of our buildings are nationally designated historic sites with unique challenges as we implement today's technological tools. To support that, we have also begun to roll out a tiered professional development plan that utilizes group training, one-on-one training with technology experts and videotaped sessions we are archiving online. The second phase will focus on rolling out the student computing devices chosen by level, with built-in refreshes throughout the life of the grant as students move from level to level and based on end of useful life data.

## What is the timeframe of the bond compared to the items purchased with these funds?

The administration's bond proposal extends for ten (10) years through a series of bonds. The bond purchases are structured to first focus on infrastructure. As the infrastructure is being installed, we will conduct a pilot program through PTO and Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education grant funds on which individual computing devices work best for our GPPSS students' learning needs, by level, in our buildings. In year two, the first round of technology devices will be purchased using market research, data from similar districts and local pilot project results. Device refreshes are scheduled throughout the life of the grant. Currently, 85 percent of the district workstations and laptops are 7 to 12 years old, which is older than the average age of our elementary students.

## What are the different options being looked at for the new security camera system and who is advising on the best system, and best implementation of this system?

One of the permitted expenses within a technology bond is security hardware and software. The district continues to meet regularly with representatives from each of the municipalities to review and update our safety plan and discuss high and low-tech tools that help with those procedures. In addition, the district used a grant through Wayne Regional Education Service Agency to work with a security specialist. That security company (Recon Management) met with all of our administrators regarding the people factors and processes we can adjust to increase security (always lock doors of rooms not in use, use buzzer systems, know the security plan, run through common options, discuss placement of cameras for security versus loss prevent). That same company then completed a walkthrough of every school building and its grounds in the spring of 2013 and provided written recommendations specific to each school campus. That company does not sell any equipment or service beyond the audit. However, recommendations are available through our network of school districts.

Per state law and local practice, any purchases above \$21,000 will go through a bidding process and to the board of education for approval.

Our security technology being proposed is to help monitor entrances, hallways, stairways, parking lots, playground and athletic fields. Many of our buildings are open to the public before and after school activities for students and adults. The additional networked cameras will assist our administrators, public safety officials and insurance claims when investigating vandalism and student issues, as well as provide an added deterrent for undesirable activities. The quality of the images will be much improved and the areas of coverage will be significantly expanded, leading to a more safe and secure learning environment.

## Is there money included in this to accommodate that OS change-over and technology upgrade to accommodate the new OS?

We recognize that with the new lifestyle of Microsoft Windows products, all existing versions of Windows will no longer be supported, even in an extended role, by 2023. Our current equipment cannot handle the software upgrades that exist today. The district will continue to analyze best options as we work through this, acknowledging that there must always be flexibility when planning for technology as new hardware and software are continuously developed. Future technology selected by the district may not be a Microsoft product, but we will be prepared for migration to future operating software versions.

Windows XP will lose extended support on April 8, 2014. What is the plan for changing OS this year, to avoid security lapse and make the best choice of the new OS, Windows 7, 8 or Mac OS.

Our current equipment cannot handle the software upgrades that exist today to move beyond XP. Although our annual support agreement with Microsoft ensures we have access to the most current version of operating software, we do not have the funds to replace all the equipment necessary to run the latest version in all of our classrooms and offices. Our district servers have been upgraded to the latest versions of Microsoft which will allow us to begin the migration of compatible computers to the Windows 7. The district is doing everything it can, within a balanced budget, to meet the needs of today's learners and educators, but to move beyond where we are now will require additional funds.

Microsoft support for Windows XP ends April 2014. We can continue to run Windows XP indefinitely without support. End of support does not mean the end of useful life. We keep hackers out of the district network using our CheckPoint firewall, which is current and was replaced in 2012. We also prevent unauthorized access through our secure login and by Microsoft group policies. This prevents users from installing unauthorized programs or changing network settings. The anti-virus software was

replaced by Microsoft ForeFront software this summer (2013) which prevents computer viruses and malware from being installed on the network. Critical data is stored on file servers that run Microsoft server software, not Windows XP. Windows XP is only the desktop and laptop software on devices connected to the network. Our server software is constantly updated with critical security patches from Microsoft. We also upgraded our servers to Microsoft server 2008 this summer (2013) to prepare from migration to Windows 7 and to keep pace with Microsoft development.

## What metrics will be used to evaluate potential software?

Anticipated lifecycle of the software.  
Initial deployment cost.  
Upgrade and licensing cost.  
Constraints based on existing devices.  
Software support cost.  
Data security.  
Data portability.  
Network requirements.  
Value added to our educational, security or business process.  
Optimization for use with mobile devices.  
Multilingual support.  
Multi location support.  
Inter-operability with other software.  
Typical resources required for data migration.  
Access to professional development.

## Are all students ready for an all digital learning environment?

No, and we won't ask that of them. The GPPSS works to meet the needs of every student, every day. This requires a well-rounded and multi-faceted approach to learning. The digital upgrades this bond will allow would enrich our learning environment, spark student interest and creativity, assist in establishing more opportunity for project-based learning, and better prepare students for continued learning in higher education and the workforce. We will continue to do what we do well, but this will be a powerful tool in our tool belt.

## Do our implementation objectives match our education objectives?

Yes. Each proposed purchase is directly tied to the district's strategic Plan for Continuous Improvement which is posted on our website, gpschools.org.

## What do we want, but don't have?

We want an infrastructure that can support the needs of today's learners. We want hardware and software that assists that learning process, unlike the antiquated machines and software we are now using in classrooms and for business purposes. We want to be competitive with the other school districts when parents are determining where to live and send their child to school. We want to better prepare students for the technological demands of higher education and the workforce. For the final installment of Q&A, provided by the district, see next week's edition of the Grosse Pointe News.

Other school stories are in Section A of this week's paper, beginning on page 1A.



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## A grand time

Our Lady Star of the Sea School annually celebrates Special Persons Day during Catholic Schools Week with an 8:30 a.m. Mass on Friday at which students are accompanied by the special persons in their lives. In addition, they take them to their classrooms and other venues to observe school life at Star. Something added this year was the 7th and 8th grade students and their special persons made the lunches for distribution by the Michigan Veterans Foundation to homeless people at the Detroit Veterans Center on Temple Street in Detroit.

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