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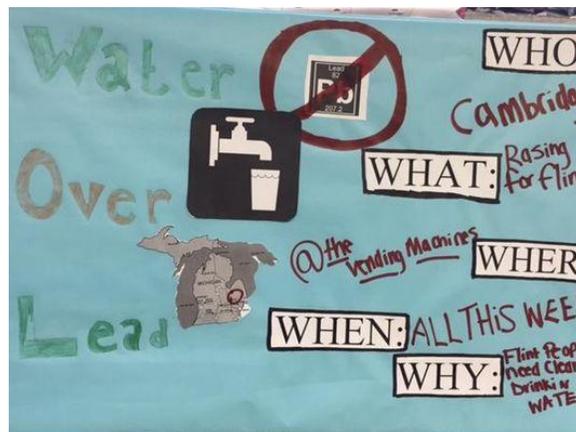


## February 26, 2016



### Cambridge

Cambridge students launch campaign to help Flint



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### Farmington



During the last week of January, Farmington 5% took part in the water drive for Friends of Flint. Ms Van Sickle issued a challenge to the students to bring in 440 bottles. This would equal one bottle per child. The response was overwhelming!

Mrs. Kennedy, 6th grade, made a few calls and new challenges were issued. Tony Widmer, manager and coach of Garden City Gladiators, challenged his team and their families to donate 100 cases. They responded - loudly! Last Wednesday, room 17 took

on a new configuration to make room for the arrival of water. In addition to the 138 cases that the Garden City Gladiators donated another 50 cases were brought into Mrs. Kennedy's classroom. That is more than 6,028 bottles of water donated from a group of 34!



As for the rest of the building? Buildings and Grounds came 4-5 times to pick up water - they were working so fast and hard that a total number for the building was not counted, we guesstimate 275 cases of water were donated from Farmington.

In our building we teach about Being Kind to Others everyday. We are proud of our students and their demonstration of doing exactly that!

## Middle School

### Garden City Middle School teacher is PTA's top educator



Teachers have faced numerous challenges the last four years, from dwindling funding to increased testing to changes in curriculum.

"The last four years have been challenging for educators," said Grech-Blaker, a Dearborn Heights native. "I've been surrounded by really smart — I mean 'freak of nature' smart — people. I share this honor with them."

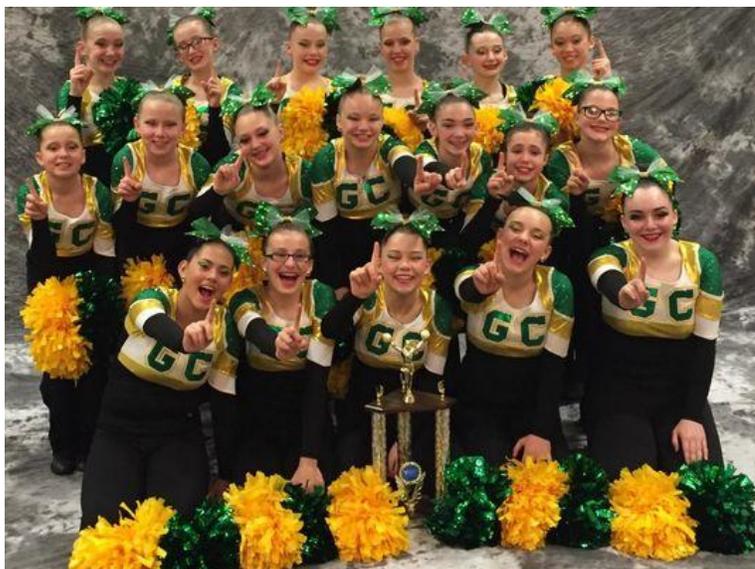
In nominating Grech-Blaker, Kim Linenger, Bonna Gadde, Celine Tetrault, Gina Lane and Carrie Watkins said she "demonstrates that she genuinely cares about her students both in and outside of her classroom."

They noted Grech-Blaker has spent her own money and written grants to create an age-appropriate and engaging library. She also has a personal knowledge of not only the contents of her library, which she reads in her spare time and over the summer, but also of her students.

"They often come to her excited about the last book they read, and she has another suggestion ready for them," the nomination read. "She not only instills a love of reading in her students, but also works tirelessly to help them grow as writers."

Grech-Blaker also gives of her time and money in fundraising events, Key Club Thanksgiving Bags, and canned food drives. She's also a member of the GCEA scholarship selection committee, and supports activities such as the PTA-sponsored book fairs and volunteers at the Middle School Welcome dance sponsored by the PTA.

"She embodies the spirit of the PTA by fostering relationships with the parents of her students," the nomination said.



The countless hours of hard work put in by members of the Garden City Middle School pom team paid off huge dividends at the Mid-American Pom state championships held earlier this month in East Lansing.

Competing against nine other teams from across the state, Garden City out-pointed its competition with a routine that dazzled the judges.

The team was competing in the top division.

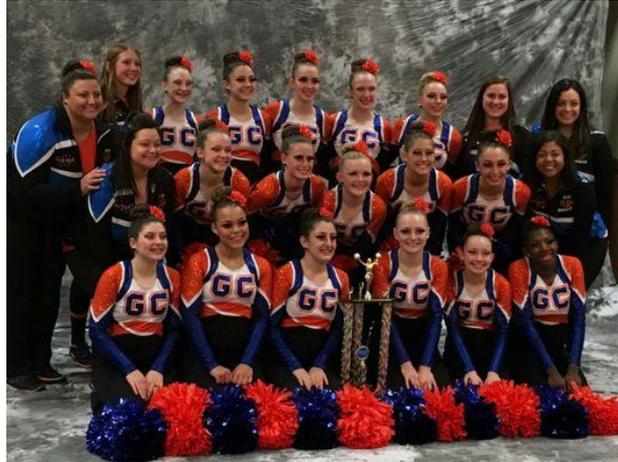
The Garden City High School pom team also won the Division 1 state championship.

## High School

### GC High Students Take on Robotics Challenge

<http://www.hometownlife.com/story/news/local/2016/02/03/time-learn-gc-high-students-take-robotics-challenge/79746996/>





<http://www.hometownlife.com/story/sports/2016/02/20/garden-city-pom-wins-state-title/80653374/>

## Burger

Burger-Baylor vs. University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee Basketball Game:



<http://www.hometownlife.com/story/news/local/garden-city/2016/02/13/college-cagers-bring-sportsmanship-burger/80310610/>

## Memorial

Not your typical staff meeting! Memorial 1-2 Campus Staff was engaged in a week long contest to gain the favor of the most powerful and influential person on the planet and her secret of mind control.

Sample of an email that each team member received:  
Greetings United States Agents,

### Daily News Brief

Good work with the kind acts! However, it appears many of the other teams are trying their own similar strategies to impress Turnbaker and win the SECRET PRIZE for themselves, so now is the time to STEP OUR GAME UP! We must now show





everyone how creative our team can be if we want to win this contest.

Daily News Brief

Intelligence has picked up word that Turnbaker's loyal assistant, Billie LaRue, has also resurfaced. Known aliases for LaRue include Biff Wellington, Brock Lee, and Carly Boschma. Keep an eye out because LaRue is sure to be involved in this contest in some capacity too.

The staff received emails all week for more tasks that they needed to do.

The snow day did not stop them. I (Turnbaker) received emails all day yesterday with more kind acts and suggestions to make Memorial a better place.

The final play of this challenge was this morning at our 8:00 a.m. staff meeting. Team numbers competed in the following events.

First day of the contest staff members had to guess the name of the contest. The B.C.M.S.S.T...Y.Y. Many guesses were made, but none of them correct. The answer is...Be Cool Make Someone Smile Today Yes, You.

- Riddle Me This
- Distraction Trivia
- Name That Tune
- Our School Has Talent

Boy, did we discover some of the very talented staff members we have. You may want to ask Michele Woodard or Paula Cesarz what their talents were.

In the end the points were tabulated and Team China took First Place.

Fun was had by all, and if it made someone smile, the plan worked. Thanks to Mr. Derek Fisher for coming over to man the office so all the staff could participate.



## **Shinning Stars - January**

Lathers	Camerynn Mastaw
Memorial	Frank Mikolajczyk
Douglas	Kennedy Mycek
Farmington	Delilah Howard
Middle School	Haley Dobbyn
High School	William Hill
Cambridge	Larry Bonarek
Burger	Jacob Heater

## **Above and Beyond - January**

Lathers	Julie Crane
Memorial	Building Healthy Community
Douglas	Diana Ronewicz
Farmington	Mona Williams
Middle School	Dr. Denise Rudzki
High School	Chad Davis
Cambridge	Administrative Assistants
Burger	Derek Nowka

## **Condolences**

Our condolences to families who have recently lost loved ones.

Joanne Grech-Blaker and family on the passing of her mother, Lela Grech. Joanne is a Teacher at the Middle School.



- 1<sup>st</sup> Mark Cramton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Elizabeth Theis
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Martha Daniels
- 4<sup>th</sup> Kellie Kosikowski, Anne Waldron
- 5<sup>th</sup> Bernie Rice
- 6<sup>th</sup> Yvonne Coogan, Emily Hornbeck, Alex McNeece, Steve Rodgers
- 8<sup>th</sup> Hanaa Alomari, Amanda Jagod, Wendy Kosa
- 9<sup>th</sup> Rosemary Gross, Jamie Williamson
- 10<sup>th</sup> Samantha Baumgart
- 11<sup>th</sup> Sue Bellows, Michael Kuehnel
- 12<sup>th</sup> Melanie Nunez, Nichole Perczak, Michelle White
- 13<sup>th</sup> Corri Siwik
- 14<sup>th</sup> Ryan Brake, Carol Garrett, Ron Pummill, Susan Woodruff
- 15<sup>th</sup> Carly Bila, Kathy Kolesar, Lauri Palmer
- 16<sup>th</sup> Susan Baker
- 18<sup>th</sup> John Hett
- 20<sup>th</sup> John Parkinson
- 21<sup>st</sup> Samira Davidova, Becky Viola
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Sarah Daniels
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Steve Crandall, Tamara Williams
- 25<sup>th</sup> Shirley Newsted
- 26<sup>th</sup> Roya Panahi, Lisa Shirkey, Justin Staples, Catherine Zabinski
- 28<sup>th</sup> Diane Melvin, Rachel Robert
- 29<sup>th</sup> Kelly Depriest, Cindy Johnson



## **New Hires...**

Rad Lewandowski	Al Para	Burger Baylor
Jennifer Kieltyka	Al Para	Memorial

## **Save These Dates!**

**Wednesday Evening, March 9<sup>th</sup> 2016 ~**

*O'Leary Auditorium, Garden City High School*

**Thursday Evening, March 10<sup>th</sup> 2016 ~**

*Burger Transition Center*

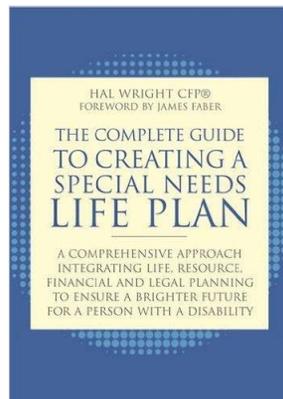
*Burger Transition Center and Garden City Public Schools are proud to host public speaker, author, certified financial planner and father, Hal Wright, CFP, presenting:*

*March 9<sup>th</sup> - Imagine the Possibilities: Supported Independence for an Adult with an Intellectual Disability*

*(Open to general audience across Wayne County)*

*March 10<sup>th</sup> – Special Needs Financial Planning*

*(Open to Burger parents, guardians and family members)*



*More detailed information available after the holidays. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend!*

*\* Please note that this is a parent oriented presentation ~ there will be NO childcare options available ~ students who are not disruptive to the presentation are welcome to attend at parent discretion and with parent supervision*