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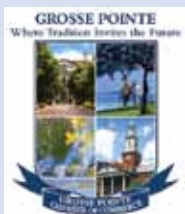
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To dads everywhere — Happy Father's Day!

On the cover

This photo of the refurbished *Bernida*, the boat that won the first Port Huron to Mackinac Race in 1925, was taken by photographer Christine M.J. Hathaway in the Detroit River off Bayview Yacht Club, originators of the Port Huron to Mackinac Race. The shooting platform was provided by Vice Commodore Kent Colpaert aboard his Zodiac during a shakedown sail of the *Bernida*. Aboard the *Bernida*, captain/owner Al Declercq and son, Matthew, begin rigging for the spinnaker.



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John Minnis
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Going on field at Spring Training. Boating on a sunny, workday spring afternoon. Being a publisher has to be the best job in the world!

”

Training games at Joker Marchant Stadium in Lakeland, Fla. How cool is that? Another tough day in the office!

We try to get down to Spring Training every year, but as fans, not working journalists. I went as a photographer, including sitting on the warning track at third and first during a game. I figured if a ball came at me, all I could do is curl up in the fetal position and hope for the best. I certainly wasn't fit enough to scramble away!

Niece Lindsay, who is going to Oakland University to become a sports broadcast journalist, went along as the reporter. Our assignment was to interview and photograph Prince Fielder, who grew up in Grosse Pointe and played on Little League here. Even back then, coaches walked him if they were smart.

Lindsay had to go into the clubhouse to find Prince. We were able to secure an interview and the rest is, well, in this issue of Pointe Magazine! Lindsay did a great job and we are very proud of her!


Another tough assignment for this

issue was going out on Bayview Vice Commodore Kent Colpaert's Zodiac to photograph the *Bernida*, the boat that won the first and third Port Huron to Mackinac Races.

The day was warm, sunny and just breezy enough for the *Bernida* to sail at a decent clip. Many thanks to Colpaert, photographer Christine M.J. Hathaway, past Commodore Ted Everingham and *Bernida* owners Al and Sara Declercq for making the photo shoot possible. Also, many thanks to Todd Jones of Thomas Hardware for getting the masts seated under deadline pressure!

Another tough day in the office!

We hope you enjoy this issue of Pointe Magazine. As always, be sure to patronize our advertisers and businesses. Without them, this magazine, and our quality of life in Grosse Pointe, would not be possible.

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Meet Jessica

Name	Jessica Aboukasm
Age	17
City	Grosse Pointe Park
School	University of Michigan
Parents	Cindy and Amer Aboukasm

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Jessica's Favorites

Music Artist

The Shins. I'm going to see them in concert in June.

TV Show

Community. It's such a funny show!

Store

Modcloth.com. They have vintage-type styles you can't necessarily find at a lot of stores.

School Subject

AP United States Government and Politics

Food

Grilled cheese

Athlete

Justin Verlander

Teacher

Mrs. McCue

What song on your iPod would people be surprised by?

Suite: Judy Blue Eyes by Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young. I've been listening to classic rock since I was a little kid.

What chore do you absolutely hate doing?

Cleaning my room. I'm pretty busy so I don't have much time to keep it tidy, and my parents get really annoyed sometimes.

If you could have three wishes granted what would they be?

1. I wish I knew what my cats were thinking.
2. I would want to be an awesome cook. My mom is great at it but I don't know if I'll ever have the patience to become as good as her.
3. To have a steady job in the future and to be happy in whichever career I pursue.

Where do you see yourself in five years?

Hopefully I'll be graduated from U of M and I'll be going to graduate school to either study business or law.

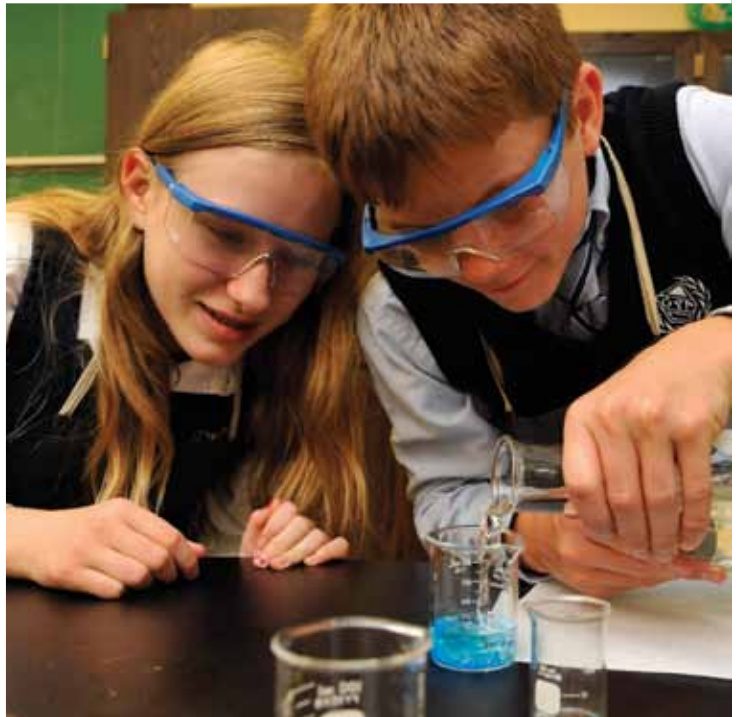
About Jessica:

Jessica's hobbies include singing, dancing, cross country running, Girl Scouts and playing guitar.

She has two sisters, Stephanie, 21 and Emma, 15.

Fun on a Saturday night for Jessica includes hanging out with friends and watching a movie, although she admits they talk the whole time.

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Remick's taste in music was inclusive. As a major supporter of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Remick served several times as its president. His contributions were critical to the construction of Orchestra Hall and the hiring of Ossip Gabrilowitsch as the DSO's conductor.

Montgomery, as current owner, has completely restored the English country home. His honorary co-chairs are Bud and Suzy Fruehauf. Co-chairs for the event are Kay Agney and Elizabeth Vogel.

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Remick pioneered the sheet music store. Across the United States, "Remick Song Shops" allowed patrons to try out the hot Tin Pan Alley Hits. The Remick list of composers and lyricists included George Gershwin, Harry Warren, Al Dubin, Gus Kahn and Richard Whiting.



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Prince Fielder: what baseball – and Detroit – mean to him

Tigers’ new all star sits down with Pointe Magazine to discuss the Tigers, kindness and, of course, Grosse Pointe.

By Lindsay Beaver

Prince Fielder’s childhood memories of growing up in Grosse Pointe were not out of the ordinary. He hung out with the neighborhood kids and rode his bike along streets all of us know. “The house we lived in was pretty cool. My mom, she renovated it, so I liked that house a lot. Riding my bike around the neighborhood, things like that,” Fielder says, reminiscing about his time in Grosse Pointe. Fielder was just your ordinary kid – except for the fact that he could hit baseballs out of Tiger Stadium.

His power at a young age has always been well known.

When he was just 9 years old and playing baseball in Little League, the opposing coach called for an intentional walk. Fielder remembers the moment, saying, “It was weird, I was like looking around like, ‘What? I don’t get what’s going on. Can you do that?’ Nobody really knew what happened.”

As he got older, the reality of his dreams of playing in the big leagues grew closer. At one point, he even saw himself playing for the Detroit Tigers. “I did, in high school, but the team you get drafted by, your goal is to stay with them as long as possible. And then once they got Miguel (Cabrera)



here, there's no chance. I mean what were they going to do, move him?" Fielder says, which is exactly what happened. After being drafted by the Milwaukee Brewers and playing for them for seven seasons, Fielder became a free agent. His next destination was uncertain, until the Tigers swooped in and shocked the baseball world.

With a contract for nine years and \$216 million, Prince Fielder officially became a Detroit Tiger. Big deals are often met with harsh skepticism. Fielder didn't experience any of that. "Unfortunately, a lot of times people sign major deals and it's not a great deal and people don't tend to welcome you as much. 'Well he better live up to it.' There was none of that. It's just an awesome feeling when people are happy and just want to love you."

Being the new guy isn't always easy, but as much as Fielder was welcomed with open arms from the fans, he was equally as welcomed into the clubhouse. "It's not every day you get to open the door and see the batting champion. And Cy Young (winner)! So anytime people like that greet you to make you feel comfortable, it's a pretty good feeling," Fielder says.

Fielder has advice for those who have a dream of one day playing in the big leagues. "Have fun, don't really worry what people might think about how you play or whatever. Just do what you want to do." He believes that being comfortable with yourself and respect for others can get you far. "Just do what makes you feel comfortable. Be respectful, but if it doesn't work for you then it doesn't work," he says.

It has been 28 years since the Tigers have won a World Series, and Fielder is ready to help change that. As for the legacy he wants to leave behind in Detroit, Fielder says, "A winning one. I just want people to respect the way I play. I don't want people to look at me as if I'm 'that guy.' I don't want them to be like, 'oh this guy, he's a jerk.'" Fielder wants people to remember that he's just like everyone else. "I just want to be a human. I don't need to act like I'm special. I want to try to be as nice and normal to everybody as I can."

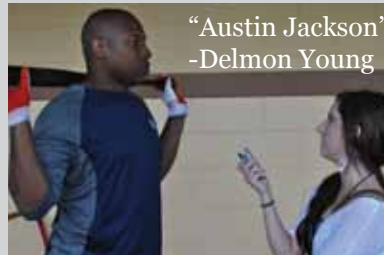
With the Old English D on his chest, Prince Fielder is officially a part of the storied tradition of one of the most historic franchises in all of sports. From the Grosse Pointe kid hitting baseballs out of Tiger Stadium to the Detroit Prince hitting bombs to straight away center at Comerica Park, he has come full circle.

Welcome home, Prince. ☎

Lindsay asks: "Who's the funniest guy on the team?"



"I'd have to say it's probably a tie between Gerald Laird and Jose Valverde."
-Alex Avila



"Austin Jackson"
-Delmon Young



"Austin Jackson"
- Andy Dirks



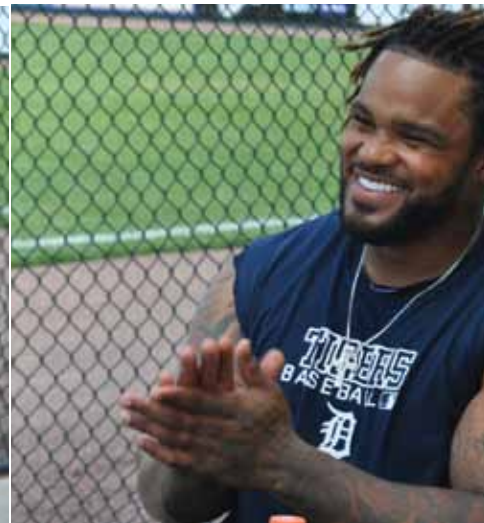
"Probably Jose Valverde. He's always happy, always smiling, always having fun."
- Jeff Jones



"Jose Valverde"
-Jim Leyland

"I'm going to say Austin...Austin Jackson."
- Prince Fielder

Looks like a tie between Austin Jackson and Jose Valverde!



YOU WON'T KNOW UNTIL YOU 'TRI' IT!

By John Minnis



Attention kayakers, bikers and runners/walkers. The second annual Shores-Pointes Adventure Triathlon is designed for you — and athletes of all levels, from beginner to hardcore.

Last year's series of events — triathlon, duathlon and run/walk — attracted nearly 200 participants from the local area and as far away as Colorado, Texas and South Carolina. This year's event, to be held Saturday, July 21, from 7-11 a.m. at Blossom Heath Park in St. Clair Shores, promises to be bigger and better than ever.

The individual and team relay triathlon will begin on a 2.1-mile kayak course on Lake St. Clair, followed by a 11.1-mile roundtrip bike ride down Jefferson/Lake Shore to Provencal/Tonnancour and ending with a 5K run at Blossom Heath. The duathlon begins and ends with a 5K run with the 11.1 bike course in between. Entrants may also choose just the 5K run/




Photos courtesy of Lynda Charow

walk. Participants who register in advance will receive a T-shirt. All participants, including 5K run/walk are required to have a USAT license. A single day license can be purchased on race day for \$12.

"It's quite an exercise and quite an achievement to complete an event of this level," says event organizer Lynda Charow, who completed nine triathlons as well as the Detroit Free Press Marathon. "The smiles are the gifts they give themselves."

Individual, male/female and team overall and many age group bracket awards will be given. To register or for more information, go to shorespointestri.com.

Proceeds, in partnership with the nonprofit Grosse Pointe Rotary Foundation, will go toward Pay to Play costs for students at the five high public high schools in Grosse Pointe and St. Clair Shores. 



Cathy Dean

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Kelly Woodhouse and Thomas McNeill at finish line.

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GROSSE POINTE NORTH

By Lauren Beaver



TRISTAN MORA

A six-year-old Tristan Mora asked her mother a very important question

- What's the best college in the world? "She responded Oxford or Cambridge," says Tristan. "We lived on Oxford Street so I decided on Oxford when I was six years old." And that's exactly where she will be spending her undergraduate years studying English. "It's been my dream school my whole life," she says.

Tristan's acceptance to Exeter College - Oxford University, Hillsdale and University of Michigan is the result of an incredible high school career. A GPA of 4.1, ACT score of 33 and plethora of awards set the AP Scholar with Distinction and National Merit Scholar Finalist apart from the rest. Winner of the Mark Twain Award in English, Operations Bentley Award

in Social Studies and DAR's Scholarship for Social Studies to name a few, Tristan has a history of excelling in several subjects. In fact, she plans on staying in school for an indefinite period of time to complete degrees in her favorite subjects: Spanish, Biology, History and of course, English.

Tristan's extracurricular activities are varied, including martial arts (she has a second degree black belt and teaches children), horseback riding and



Photos by Peyton Mitchell

playing guitar. She's also a member of her school's symphony orchestra, where she plays the violin, is a member of the National Honor Society, quiz bowl team and MSBOA District Solo

Ensemble.

While her dream is to be an author, Tristan is also considering a future in medicine.

She advises current high school students, "Take your education seriously. It's a great opportunity and stick with it." And of a Grosse Pointe education, "We are so lucky to have well qualified, intelligent teachers. Many of them have Ph-D's, could teach anywhere, and have decided to teach here."



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DANIEL SCHRAGE

Daniel Schrage knows a little bit about leadership. Not only does the North

student serve as Class President and National Honor Society President, Daniel was also invited to the international DECA competition in Salt Lake City this year.



The competition includes a test based on marketing skills and role play in front of judges. North sends students to district and state level competitions. Daniel won in his category and was one of 13,000 students and faculty from all around the world invited to attend the international competition.

His passion for business and leadership doesn't end there. Daniel spent last July in San Francisco through a University of Pennsylvania program called Leadership

in the Business World. Sixty students from around the world spent a month taking classes from professors and visiting sites like Google Headquarters.

Daniel's impressive 3.89 GPA and ACT score of 30 led to his acceptance at University of Michigan, Michigan State University and the option to transfer to Cornell University. Unsurprisingly, he will pursue a degree in business at the University of Michigan.

Daniel says it was "the amount of passion and how much the teachers care about helping their students" at North that aided him on his path to U-M.

Daniel's time at North was a testament to this exemplary education. He played basketball and soccer for four years, wrote for the school newspaper, helped plan a Detroit themed homecoming, tutored and volunteered through Summer in the City and Gleaners Community Food Bank.

Daniel's words of advice for such a successful high school career? "Most importantly, get as involved as possible. Take the time to devote yourself to what your passion is. That's what's given me so many wonderful opportunities."

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH



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MATTHEW BARNES

With a GPA of 4.12 and an ACT score of 35, it's no surprise that Matthew Barnes was accepted to University of

Virginia, Boston University, University of Michigan, Duke University and Vanderbilt University.

He has decided to attend his dream school, University of Virginia, where he will study biological sciences on his path to medical school.

During his time at Grosse Pointe South, Matthew excelled in a number of athletics. He played football since freshman year, spending both junior and senior years on the varsity team, wrestled as a sophomore and served as captain of South's rugby team junior and senior years.

Outside of athletics,

Matthew worked on the school newspaper since his sophomore year. He became page editor his junior year and copy editor his senior year. A volunteer at St. John Hospital and the Van Elslander Cancer Center for two years, Matthew is also a member of the National Honor Society.

His awards include the First Team All State Academic Excellence award, Michigan Interscholastic Press Association recognition for newspaper articles and Varsity letters junior and senior years.



Matthew with South classmate and prom date Marissa Monforton

When asked where he sees himself in five years, Matthew responds, "At Vanderbilt or Duke Medical School. I'm trying to go into surgery, but not sure what branch." He added that his dream career would be as a Chief of Surgery or a recognized surgeon.

Matthew has specific advice for current and future high school students. "Don't get distracted. Live high school to your fullest while trying to get as many honors and accolades as you can. Think about the future and live up the present."



CAITLIN RYDER

An exceptional student with a passion for helping the less fortunate, Caitlin "CJ" Ryder, is on the right track

to achieving her greatest dream - owning a nonprofit company that helps the less fortunate.

CJ will pursue a business degree at the University of South Carolina, where she received two scholarships. She was also accepted at the Penn State University business school, James Madison College at Michigan State University and the Indiana University business school.

Vice President of her class for the past four years, soccer player, National Honor Society member and Spanish Honor Society member, CJ somehow found time to work as a nanny and tutor. "That's what I'm most proud of - balancing academics, extracurricular activities and a social life." And balance she did, including the roles of

South's dance team captain and South choir treasurer.

CJ received awards in choir, as well as the Gold Medal for a story she wrote the summer before her freshman year. The Gold Medal is a national writing and art award for the most outstanding work in the nation. Winners are honored at Carnegie Hall and have included Andy Warhol, Sylvia Plath, Truman Capote, Richard Avedon, Robert Redford and Joyce Carol Oates.

CJ discusses the benefits of receiving a Grosse Pointe education.



Photos by The Portrait Place

"The teachers have so much passion for teaching and I'm able to participate in anything from volunteering at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen to playing in the staff/senior softball game."

When asked where she sees herself in five years, Caitlin responds, "Graduated and either looking at graduate schools, doing humanitarian work or Teach Across America." Her ultimate goal is to own a nonprofit company outside the country that aids the less fortunate with tasks, such as building homes.

"I live such a charmed life here in Grosse Pointe," says CJ, "and I want to give some of what I've had to others."

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT



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BILLY MARX

If there's one student who knows how to lead a team to victory, that's Billy Marx. An honors student who can boast the titles of All State Honorable Mention, All Regional First Team, All District First Team and MVP of the entire conference and team, Billy's athletic accomplishments are outstanding. He played on University Liggett's Varsity Soccer team all four years of high school and served as its captain his senior year.

With 34 goals, Billy broke the school soccer record for number of goals in a season, which has been held since 1984.

He was accepted at Michigan State University, Kalamazoo, Miami Ohio, Hope College, Loyola and John Carroll and has decided to attend Kalamazoo, where he will play soccer. Billy plans to

major in biology on his path toward becoming a doctor and perhaps a surgeon.

Billy remarks on the role that a Grosse Pointe education had on his current success. Having attended St. Paul Catholic School until sixth grade, Billy says it was a "great foundation." He says of his transfer to University Liggett, "At Liggett you know so many people in the community and the education is the best."

When he wasn't busy finishing each year with honors, leading his team to an undefeated season and winning the league championship, Billy participated in a summer swim team, golf league, kicked for the football team, served all four years on the student commission and participated in travel soccer.



"Take every opportunity available," Billy advises high school students. "Even if it doesn't sound fun, it will probably be awesome." He recounts the traditional Scavenger Hunt held at University Liggett each year. He says of his friends forcing him to participate in it sophomore year, "It was unbelievably fun. It's honestly the greatest thing we've done." So take Billy's advice and get as involved as possible!



MADISON RISTOVSKI

Madison Ristovski did not apply to a single college. Before the star basketball player had a chance to start an application, she had received scholarships from University of Michigan, University of Detroit, Michigan State University, Western Michigan University, Central Michigan University and Northern Michigan University and letters of recruitment interest from Indiana University, University of Notre Dame and University of Wisconsin.

She has decided to attend University of Michigan, where she has been offered a full five-year scholarship to play basketball.

Madison has earned the titles of First Team All State for all four years of high school, Conference MVP for the last three years, class senior player of the year, Dream Team member for last two years, captain of the Dream Team this year, ESPN Gatorade Player of the Year, and Michigan's Miss

Basketball, which deems her the best girls basketball player in the state.

Madison also ran cross country, worked on the athletic council and served as a yearbook editor for four years.

She says her dad is her biggest inspiration in all that she has accomplished. "He's taught me everything I know about basketball, how it's directly related to real life and how it can open doors for me that other things can't. He always pushes me to work hard and be passionate about my goals."

And Madison certainly knows a thing or two about hard work. Since the age of twelve, she worked at Ashby's Sterling Ice Cream on Mack, which her mother owns. For the last five years she coached at Joe Dumar's Field House.

"I've worked with kids a lot, which is one of the reasons I want to get into education." She plans on majoring in English and getting a teaching certificate from the school of education before either playing basketball in Europe and eventually coaching at the college level or pursuing a school administration position.

Ristovski details the highlight of her high school career. "Playing in a state championship game with my sisters was the most exciting thing I've ever done. It was the last game of my high school career and all three of us started the game." The talent must run in the family.

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GROSSE POINTE NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI ALL!

By John Minnis

Judi Preston had a great idea: Why not honor some of the many outstanding Grosse Pointe North High School graduates from years past? A committee was formed and the first group of six distinguished alumni was feted on the evening of May 14.

“Everything starts with an idea in someone’s mind,” emcee Ben Walker told the crowd. “This idea started in Judi Preston’s mind.”

This year’s inaugural honorees were Maj. Gen. Robert B. Brown ('77), Dr. Hans J. Stricker ('80) William J. Babcock ('81), John J. Ahee ('82), Sandra Joseph ('86) and Carly N. Piper ('01).

Most, if not all, the honorees needed no introduction. Gen. Brown was a standout basketball star at North who became a decorated soldier and leader. Dr. Stricker was treasurer of his class and a varsity wrestler. He is vice chairman and chief of surgery of the Vattikuti Urology



Institute at Henry Ford Hospital. A high school standout, Babcock was drafted by the Chicago White Sox before an injury ended his pro career. As director of Parks and Recreation for Grosse Pointe Woods, he remains very involved in youth sports. Ahee was president of his class and carries on the legacy of his father, Edmund T. Ahee’s successful jewelry business on Mack. Joseph’s acting and singing talent while at North gave rise to becoming a Broadway star in “Phantom of the Opera.” In real life, she married the Phantom. When Piper won her first swimming trophy at the age of 8, she said she was going to the Olympics, and she did, taking a Gold Medal in 2004.

“Grosse Pointe North continues to build on the legacy and success of its students and of the likes of these fine graduates,” said Principal Tim Bearden. “After today’s event, I think they believe they can do it.”

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RIGHT at Home

Hung up on wall art?

By Virginia Ficarra

Let us make it a pleasurable task with some simple tips. For a successful outcome, protect your documents and treasured pictures with solid frames, select the proper glass and seek out the best weight-bearing hooks needed for your type of wall. To ease the problem of spacing pictures begin with a plan. Affix sheets of paper sized for the art with blue painter's tape and position on the wall prior to lifting a level, drill, or hammer.



1. Scale and Subject Matter

Let your room style or theme be your inspiration for the subject matter and type of frame. In general, for scale, a mirror, shelf or picture should never be wider than the furniture below it. Scale selections to suit the volume of the room. Create visual depth by seeking out pictures that have depth or perspective.

2. Eye Level Positions

Here are some height rules of thumb for hanging pictures.

Mantle: set picture 3" to 7" above shelf

Sofa or end table: 4" to 8" above furniture

Stairways and hallways: 5' 6" from floor, "on center"

"On center" means the middle of the picture (the hook will be set higher). Eye level pictures in offices, dining areas and sitting rooms need to be treated as a unit rather than floating high above a desk or table.

3. Grouping Pictures

Work within an invisible predetermined shape for groupings. Again, think of the group as one unit. Imagine a square or rectangle on the wall. Align the frame tops of the top row and the frame bottoms on the bottom row. Alternatively, with various shapes of items and pictures follow a mosaic look.

4. Stacking or Single Pictures

To create balance, stacked pictures

look best with the larger picture at the bottom. Otherwise, just stack the same size pictures as you wish. A staircase is the only place to stagger the levels of pictures. They are to duplicate the rising angle of the steps.



5. Create Drama

Finally, but most importantly, soft lighting is crucial. Highlight your art or wall; it creates a mood of comfort. For hallways and stairwells, track lighting on dimmers is perfect.

Pictures hung in a horizontal line tend to elongate or widen a space and a row of stacked pictures takes your eye up. They can visually balance a tall vertical piece of furniture in the room. To avoid monotony, create interest, alternate a large picture on one wall with a grouping on the adjacent wall. Just for fun, we placed a picture over the pantry door. It gives this open kitchen the final touch.

Call Virginia Ficarra at (313) 330-9800 to have any design questions answered or decorating dilemmas solved, inside or out!

Ask Mr. Hardware

All hands on deck!



By Blair Gilbert



Preparing a deck for refinishing can be done in a morning without killing yourself.

Before getting out the cleaner, spray the surrounding plants with lots of water to prevent them from absorbing the chemicals. Watered plants will soak up fewer chemicals than thirsty ones.

Start the cleaning with oxygen bleach (as seen on TV). The black spots that oxygen bleach does not get up can be removed with wood bleach (oxalic acid).

Mix the deck cleaner according to the directions and apply it to the deck with a scrub brush on a broom handle. This will keep you on your feet and allow you to cover a larger area quicker, not to mention saving your back and knees.

Oxygen bleach cleans the deck like using hydrogen peroxide on a cut. Let the product work for 10 to 15 minutes and then apply a light second coat and scrub lightly.

For dark stains that "oxygen bleach" cleaners do not get out, switch to oxalic acid (wood bleach). Mix a saturated solution, very strong, in warm water and apply twice within five minutes. If it does not lighten the stain, use a wire brush and moderately scrub with the grain of the wood. This will open the pores in the wood and allow the wood bleach to work. Keep the area coated with the wood bleach while you are scrubbing. The stain should disappear before your eyes.

If you feel you have to use a power washer on a deck (ugh, grunt...more power!...ugh), be careful not to ruin the wood by blowing off all the soft pulpwood. When using a power washer, be sure to use it on low power, use a wide spray tip, and keep the nozzle 24" from the wood.

If the deck looks good when it is wet, it should look good with a stain on it. The important thing to remember is to be sure the deck is dry before sealing. Do not apply a deck stain to damp wood! Sealing in moisture is guaranteed to ruin most deck finishes.

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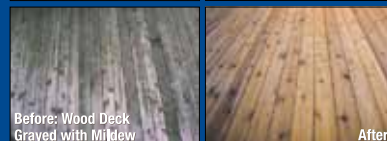
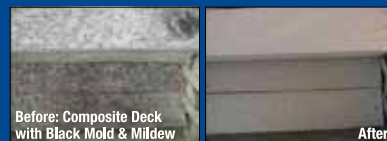


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The Hill
- Animal**
Dog
- Childhood TV Show**
Little House on the Prairie
- Thing to do on a Sunday afternoon**
Spend time with my family. We especially love to do things outside, like visiting the zoo, the parks or just playing in our backyard.

Best thing about living in Grosse Pointe?

I love that so many great places are within walking distance. The library, schools, great restaurants and shopping are just a hop and a skip away from my house!

Item you cannot leave home without?

I definitely need to have my cell phone with me. And keys are a good idea, too. I have been known to lock myself out of the house.

List two of your best personality traits.

I am loyal and compassionate.

List two of your worst personality traits.

I tend to procrastinate, but

sometimes that is when I produce my best work. My husband tells me I am stubborn. Huh!

One thing not many people know about you?

I lived on a farm with cows and horses growing up. I would like to own a horse again someday.

Best vacation ever?

Our family just went to Disney World and we had the best time. We loved meeting all the Disney characters and the rides at the Magic Kingdom.

You win the million dollar lottery, what do you do?

First, I would make sure my children's college educations are secured. Then I'm going to Disney World!

About Kathleen

Kathleen and husband Edward Hill are the proud parents of two young children, Nathan and Sophie.

She enjoys books, music, gardening and animals. The family has a beagle named Hunter that they love taking for walks.

Her favorite things about working at the library are all the people she has met and friends she has made in the community. "Grosse Pointe is a remarkable place to live," she says.

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The Read, White & Blue Dinner Cruise will take place on Friday, June 29, the night of the St. Clair Shores Fourth of July Fireworks display. Following a cruise along the Pointes, the *Ovation* will anchor off the Veterans Memorial Park at the foot of Masonic, where passengers will enjoy an unobstructed view of the fireworks.

The cruise features a strolling dinner, premium bar available all evening and dancing under the stars. Tickets are \$150 per person.

This year organizers are thrilled to have Honorary Chair Heather Catallo on board. As an avid reader and enthusiastic supporter of the library system, Catallo echoes the sentiments of so many Grosse Pointers: “My

daughter and I would be lost without the library. We are both bookworms, and we love the children’s events. It’s a special spot!”

“The event is a celebration of the library and what it means to our community. It gives us the opportunity to raise funds to support library programs while enjoying a spectacular evening on Lake St. Clair,” according to the Kubeks. “It is a special occasion to commemorate the significance of the Grosse Pointe Library to the pulse of our neighborhood. The evening will be distinctive with a beautiful view of

our coastline from a luxury yacht amidst fireworks, music, cocktails and cuisine.”

According to Library Foundation President Dr. Henry Sprague, the purpose of this event is to raise funds to continue support of the high-quality services and programs available through the Grosse Pointe Public Libraries. For example, the Foundation recently provided funds to expand the e-reader program at all three branches.

Boarding begins at 7 p.m. The cruise will embark promptly at 8 p.m. and return to the dock at 11 p.m. Capacity is limited to 300. Last year’s event sold out quickly, so those interested are asked to purchase their tickets as soon as possible at rwb.gplf.org.

The Read, White & Blue committee would love to have your support! Corporate and family sponsorship opportunities are still available. If you are interested in helping to underwrite this event, contact Jen Bingaman at the Grosse Pointe Library Foundation at (313) 640-4683 or foundation@gplf.org.

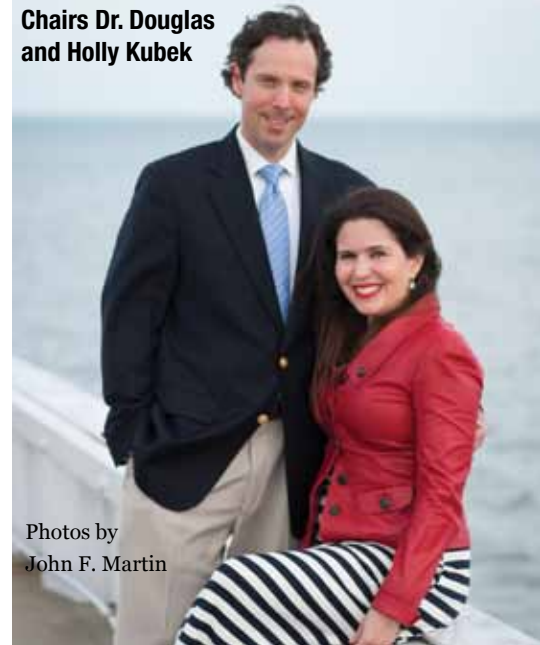
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THE GREAT RACE



Ted and Mary Stahl



Thomas and Benjamin Karr



By John Minnis

Ted and Mary Stahl will mimic Tony Curtis and Natalie Wood in the slapstick 1965 film *The Great Race* this summer as they embark on their own adventure. While their Great Race will not be from New York to Paris, as in the movie, the Stahls will have their share of adventures circumnavigating the Great Lakes in a 1941 Packard convertible.

Their adventure begins June 23 in Traverse City and ends July 1 in Dearborn at The Henry Ford. Along

the way, they will spend a night in Sault Ste. Marie before crossing into Canada. After night stops in Ontario, New York and Ohio, Stahl's car #97 will arrive right on time at historic Greenfield Village.

Traveling with the Stahls will be Thomas Karr, of GroupeSTAHL Europe, a subsidiary of Stahl's global company headquartered in St. Clair Shores, and Karr's son, Benjamin.

"I've know him for 30-plus years," says Stahl of his friend, Thomas Karr.

The Great Race is a cross-country rally that pits driver/navigator teams against the clock and against each other. Their arrival time at each checkpoint is recorded, with each second off the perfect time (either early or late) counted as penalty points. The winning team is the one with the lowest overall score (the most accurately driven route) at the end of the event.

Stahl said he and Karr have been talking about doing the Great Race for years. After he attended the start of a previous race, Stahl was hooked.



Already, Ted and Mary have driven the route on motorcycles in years past as well as boated the north shore of Lake Superior. With their kids grown, now is the time to do it, Stahl says.

Why the 1941 Packard? "Because it has a heater and electric windshield wipers," says Stahl. Besides stiffening the suspension, Team Stahl will also be installing an electric fuel pump. All cars in the Great Race must have been built in 1969 or earlier.

"It brings out the competitive juices in all of us," Stahl says of the race.

The official charity for the Great Race is the Vintage Car Rally Association's Fundraising for Autism — "Fighting Autism One Mile At a Time." To donate under Team #97 Stahl — or to follow his team or get more information — go to www.greatrace.com or follow Ted's blog at tedstahl.com. 



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Above: Ann Curis, Mike Stapleton and Dan Curis. The Curises are co-sponsoring with Pointe Magazine.

Top: Sponsors and their fish with co-chair Devin Scillian at center

Hooked on Grosse Pointe: a fishy fundraiser!



By Amy Andreou Miller

Something fishy is going on in Grosse Pointe. Local artists are putting the finishing touches on nearly 50 fiberglass Pointe Perch fish statues that will be on display July through September throughout the Pointes.

It's all part of a "fintastic" fundraiser — GpFish: Hooked on Grosse Pointe — "spearheaded by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce and Services for Older Citizens (SOC) to promote arts, culture and camaraderie in the community," says G.P. Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Boettcher.

The fish will first be displayed on the grounds of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford

House for a July 11 official unveiling party open to the public. Admission is \$5 per person; free admission for 12 and under. There will be raffles, food vendors and more.


The 47-inch unpainted Pointe Perch statues were cast by Grosse Pointe Woods resident Mike Stapleton, co-owner of Detroit-based Prop Art Studios. Like the frog statues that hopped into the Pointes in 2006 and raised almost \$400,000 for local charity, the fish statues are also sponsored by businesses and families, with levels of sponsorship ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000. The five "Kingfish" statues adorned with crowns were netted by Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers; the Marlene and John Boll Family; the Cotton Family; the Fruehauf Family and the Nicholson Family.

"When this fish fundraiser was first thought of, it would have been easy to allow the terrible economy to halt the project," says Devin Scillian, of Grosse Pointe Park, who co-chairs

the Get Hooked Committee with his wife, Corey. "But more than half of the sponsorships were sold within one month. It just goes to show that Grosse Pointers have tremendous community pride and step up to the plate to help worthy causes."

GpFish was a good "catch" for statue sponsors Dan and Ann Curis, Grosse Pointe Woods residents and owners of Champs Rotisserie & Spirits restaurant on Mack. "We're so pleased to partner with Pointe Magazine, who like us works hard to provide Grosse Pointers the best there is to offer," says Dan.

Sponsors may keep their fish or place them in the Oct. 12 Gala Auction at the Grosse Pointe Yacht, but you can bet the Curises plan to permanently hook their fish. "This fish tale is not going to end with it being the 'One that Got Away!'" jokes Dan.

For more information on GpFish, the Ford House unveiling or the Gala Auction, go to gpfish.net or call the Chamber at (313) 881-4722. 

Mackinac Race leads busy season

By Ted Everingham

The Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race is a huge part of our Grosse Pointe summer. Our *Great Lakes Log* television program will have an exclusive preview of the race with Race Chairman Greg Thomas on July 9-15.

Greg is past commodore at Bayview (2005), a long-time Mackinac sailor and now the Mackinac Race chairman twice (2002 and 2012). His insights into this year's race and his understanding of its long and celebrated history are like no others.



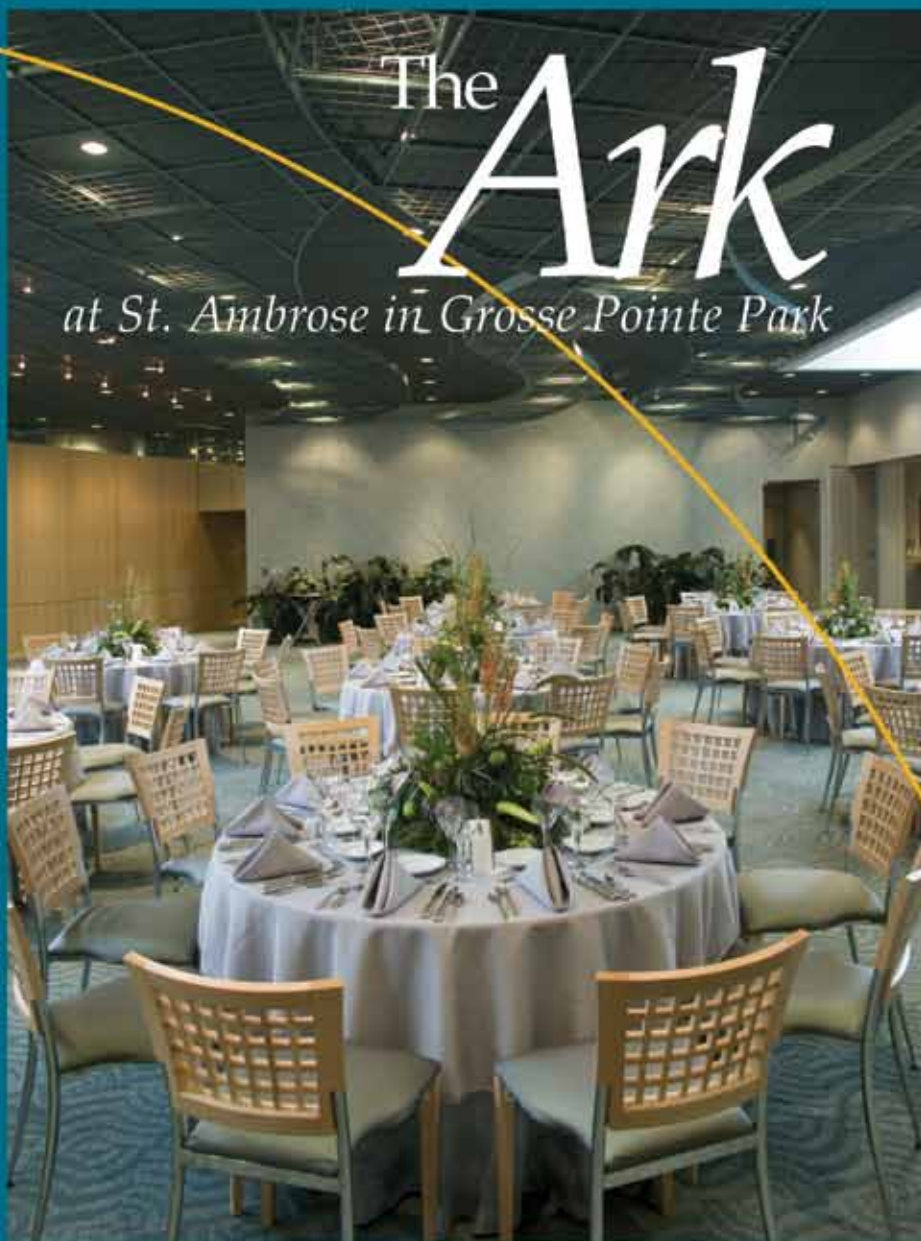
This summer, we will take our *Great Lakes Log* television crew, cameras and microphones downriver to Humbug Marsh, a fascinating, ecologically important part of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, and we will head upstream to visit the recently reopened Fort Gratiot Light Station, a historically significant site at Port Huron.

In June, Robert McGreevy, well-known maritime artist and one-time Grosse Pointe resident, will visit our War Memorial studio to tell us about his new book, *Lost Legends of the Lakes*.

We are working to arrange to tape shows on the *J.W. Wescott*, the famous mail boat that services freighters on the Detroit River, and aboard a 1,000-foot Great Lakes freighter.

It will be a busy summer, and we welcome your ideas and comments.

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The *Bernida*, early 1920s

Courtesy of the Hart Nautical Collections/
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Something old, something new ... the *Bernida*

By Ted Everingham

Past Commodore, Bayview Yacht Club
Mackinac Race Chair (1994 & 1999)

The boat to watch during the 2012 Bell's Beer Bayview Mackinac Race may not be the newest, the longest or the fastest, or the one with the latest high-tech "go-fast" gear, or a majestic yacht skippered by a wealthy celebrity or business mogul. No, when the freshwater classic race begins for the 88th time on July 14, the eyes of the sailing world will be on *Bernida*, a 91-year-old "R" Class sloop designed and built in 1921. Her wooden hull is just a couple of inches more than 32 feet long (she is only 23½ feet on the waterline) and a mere 8 feet wide.

Bernida won the first Bayview Yacht Club race to Mackinac Island. Only 12 boats started that inaugural race under leaden skies on a rainy, murky Saturday afternoon in July 1925. The weekend turned from unpleasant to downright ugly as the tiny fleet of leaky boats slogged its way north. In the end, *Bernida* was one of just four boats able to finish the bone-jarring, stomach-churning, gear-busting adventure before the race committee left station. *Bernida* also won the third Mackinac Race in 1927, but then faded from the sailing scene, her whereabouts generally unknown for decades. One day in 2004, a Mackinac Island resident discovered the tired hull in a warehouse near Frankfort, Mich., bought her and trucked her to the Straits.

Bernida was lovingly restored on Mackinac Island over a span of several ensuing years. In October 2011, sail maker and lifelong Bayview sailor Al Declercq bought *Bernida* and brought her home to Bayview. In July, he will race the historic sloop to Mackinac Island. She will be sailing up Lake Huron to the Island under the Bayview burgee for the first time since she won in 1925. The six-man, all-Bayview crew will be Declercq, Fred Detwiler and Ken Flaska, all Grosse Pointe Park residents, and their sons, Matthew, Ward and Connor, respectively.

Coincidentally, Bayview Yacht Club moved its Mackinac Race finish line this year from Mission Point to the southwest corner of the Island, near where its first race finished in 1925. That year, the fleet sailed around the west end of nearby Round Island to finish from the west, using the finish line that Chicago Yacht Club used for its already-established race to Mackinac Island. Thus, when *Bernida* reaches the island next month, she will sail over a finish line just 100 yards or so from the one that she crossed to win in 1925.

So it will be quite a year for Bayview and its centerpiece sailing event: An old boat sailing again, nearly 90 years after winning the first Bayview Mackinac Race. A "new" finish line that is not really new. What's more, Race Headquarters will move to the Grand Hotel, "America's Summer Place," overlooking the historic Straits of Mackinac and celebrating its 125th anniversary this year with Bayview's 88th Mackinac Race in residence.



After winning the first and third Bayview Mackinac Races, the *Bernida* disappeared. The historic boat was discovered 75 years later by Toby Murray, a Mackinac Island resident, stored in an old Frankfort, Mich. warehouse.



Photos courtesy of Al Declercq



Photo by Christine M.J. Hathaway

Captain/owner Al Declercq waves during a shakedown sail of the *Bernida* with crew, from left, Fred Detwiler, Ken Flaska, Ward Detwiler and Matthew Declercq. (Crewman Connor Flaska was not present.)

Families and friends of the stalwart Mackinac racers and casual observers alike will watch for *Bernida* and the rest of the fleet from the Grand Hotel's front porch, the world's longest, where sailing stories will be told and re-told, and plans will be made for next year, just as they have been since that dismal, long-ago Saturday when 12 boats started it all. ☐



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“I grew up in the system,” says Bill Scott. “I do what I do because of what I learned on the *Tower*.”

The hard-cover, coffee-table-quality book begins with students arriving at school and ends with the North-South football game, which Martin photographed from a crane.

The \$30 cost benefits public school curriculum through the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education. Copies are available at local stores and online at www.gpfpe.org.

— John Minnis



Photo by John F. Martin



War Memorial in bloom

By Patti Theros

The 21st Annual “Garden Tour” hosted by Grosse Pointe Garden Center Inc. will take place Saturday, June 23 and Sunday, June 24. President Jean Azar promises this year’s tour will be a crowd pleaser with six new residential gardens, in addition to the Trial Gardens and the new Veterans’ Memorial at the War Memorial.

Master Gardeners Alaine Busch and Debbie Graffius graciously volunteered their time and expertise to transform this area. Working with GP Garden Center members and chairperson Marieke Allen, Busch and Graffius began in August 2009 to plan and design the area that now includes new plants, seating and paths. Guests will have a first-hand glimpse of this special garden that is in honor of those who have served our country.

Situated near the new Veterans’ Garden are nine Trial Gardens planted by garden clubs invited to compete in the annual Trial Gardens Competition. The theme for this year is “Flowers, Butterflies and Bees, Adrift in Color.” Winners of the trial gardens are announced at a tea in September. These public gardens are managed and funded through the Grosse Pointe Garden Center’s Vincent DePetris fund.

Tour guests will also have the opportunity to view private gardens in the Grosse Pointes. Each private garden will have a master gardener and artist present during the tour.

Also new this year is a raffle of an original watercolor by Michigan artist Robert Fionda. The title is “God’s Earth and Man’s Hand.” Fionda has been a volunteer artist on the tour and donated this painting. The drawing will be Sunday, June 24 at 4:30 p.m. All proceeds from the raffle and tour will be used to benefit the education, beautification, horticulture and conservation of our community.

For more information, call (313) 881-7511 ext. 206. Tour hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 on tour days. ☎

Master Gardeners Alaine Busch and Debbie Graffius in front of the new Veterans’ Memorial Garden.

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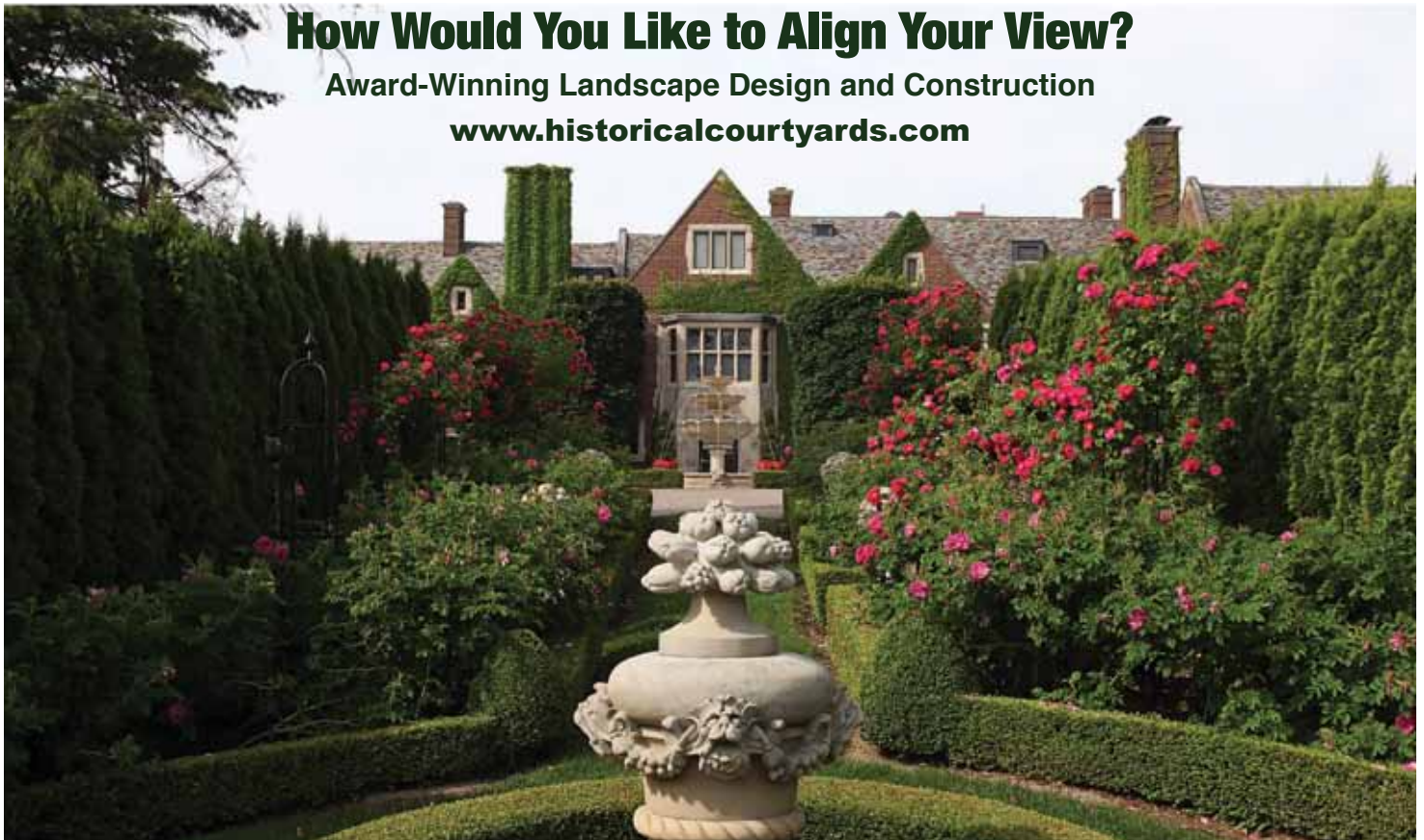


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Cash bars will be available throughout the park and, as always, the Brushfire Grille and Big Cat Court will be serving a diverse selection of food and drinks.



The magnificent fireworks display will begin at 10:30 p.m. with the raffle following immediately after. This year’s raffle will feature some of the most extraordinary prizes yet, including fine jewelry and time pieces from Rolex, Roberto Coin, Mikimoto, David Yurman, Cartier, Tag Heuer, Marco Bicego and Ivanka Trump, with a total value of over \$30,000.

The Capuchin Soup Kitchen was founded during the Great Depression



by Father Solanus Casey to provide food for the hungry. Today the kitchen serves meals to thousands of people daily. Each month, the Capuchins deliver 300,000 pounds of food, 30,000 articles of clothing and 500 pieces of furniture to the less fortunate. The Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration was established by Edmund Ahee, his wife Bette Jean and their seven children in 1981.

The “Treasure Island” event is free to attend. You must be 21 years of age or older and dressy springtime attire is suggested. There is complimentary self parking and valet is also available. Raffle tickets can be purchased prior to the event at Ahee Jewelers, The Capuchin Soup Kitchen, online at ahee.com/capuchin or during the event at Comerica Park. As always, raffle tickets are \$1 each and you need not be present to win. 100 percent of the proceeds go directly to benefit the Soup Kitchen.

For more information regarding the event call (313) 886-4600 or visit AHEE.com or CSKDETROIT.org.

MIP: Not a good idea

By Randall D. Cain

Graduation!!! Party!!! Well, within reason. Graduation parties are around every corner this time of year, and the urge of many under 21 is to have a beverage or two.

Take heed my young friends, the police will be watching for you and may also be unexpected guests at your get-together.



“Minor in Possession,” or MIP, is a term which is familiar to many. It either means a youth is in possession of alcohol or has ingested alcohol. All a youth has to have in his (or her) system is .02% blood alcohol content to be charged with the offense. There is no jail time for a first MIP conviction, but with additional convictions there may well be jail time, driving restrictions and more.

An MIP conviction is not a badge of honor and can have serious negative consequences. It may lead to a school suspension, affect your ability to get financial aid and admission to a university and be a problem with present or future employment.

Now let’s talk to the parents. If you’re having a party for your graduate, remember that you may well be liable if underage guests consume alcohol. You may not knowingly allow a minor to consume or possess alcohol. The “allow” includes giving permission and also a failure to take corrective measures.

Finally, it is in the public interest for police to control underage drinking, but they don’t have “carte blanche.”

Congratulations to all graduates, but be safe out there.

Randall D. Cain is a partner at Wilson & Cain, P.A., Attorneys and Counsellors, in Grosse Pointe Farms.



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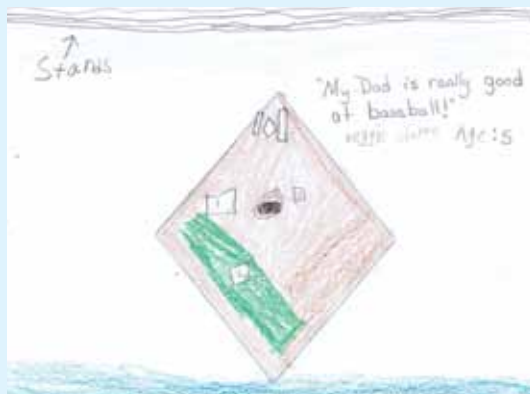


"My dad likes to wrestle with me and my little brother. He likes to play with LEGOs with me."
- Shaun Gupte



"We are walking under a rainbow. We are in the flower garden."
- Madeline Unkel

"My dad makes me pancakes. He comes to watch me at my riding lesson. My dad gives me a bath and puts me to bed at night. He reads stories to me before I go to sleep."
- Maya Rahaim



"My dad is really good at baseball!"
- Reggie Sharpe



"My daddy takes me to Bayview for dinner."
- Annabel Klaasen



"I think about my dad all the time. I do projects with him. We do soapy projects."
- Alexandra Larrea



"My dad likes to watch TV when he's not working. I like to watch golf with him. We play catch together."
- Jack Kendall



"We are walking to the pet store. Then we are going to get a Slurpee. I like cherry pop flavor."
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"My dad is funny. My dad likes to wrestle. My dad likes to pick me up from school. My dad likes food."
- Vincent Maffesoli



"My dad has his own motorcycle and he likes to ride it almost every day. He has his own Jeep that he drives to work every single day. When my dad turns on his motorcycle we have to plug our ears because it is so loud. My dad reads to me at bedtime."
- Helen Wujek



"I go to the park in Florida with my daddy. Then we go home and go swimming. We have a lot of bathing suits. We love to eat pizza."
- Caroline Krall



"My dad is fun and he is my favorite dad. We watch movies and shows together."
- Lucy Wujek



"My dad and I like going to the bottle and can return center."
- Harrison Davis



"I like to play baseball with my dad. I like to bat the ball. I batted a lucky shot."
- Kingsley Donaldson



"My daddy takes me to the zoo."
- Mia Larpenteur



"Me and Dad play tennis."
- Hannah Didio



Father's Day is EyesOn Design day!

By Rob Musial

From its start in Grosse Pointe in 1988, the annual EyesOn Design automotive design show has developed into one of the marquee car events in southeastern Michigan.

For this year's 25th annual event, EyesOn Design will once again showcase more than 200 of the best-looking vehicles ever made, arrayed on the manicured meadow of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House.

What makes this Father's Day show unique is that glamorous 1930s classics will be displayed with modern muscle cars and exotic foreign brands. There will also be a handful of concept cars



that hint at our automotive future.

The June 17 event also highlights its silver anniversary with two displays of gleaming silver cars — a dozen design icons from 1932 to 2002 and a separate circle honoring America's sports car, the Corvette.



Other categories include an 80th anniversary display of 1932 Fords (nicknamed "the Deuce"), the Big Three's best from the 1950s and '60s, 50 years of high-performance cars by Carroll Shelby and more.

This year's show also features a special display of vintage hydroplanes and racing boats made in Michigan, apropos for a venue that overlooks Lake St. Clair.

The show is also unique in doing away with roped-off displays, allowing visitors to admire their favorites up close — and snap just the photo they want.

As part of EyesOn Design, Chris Bangle, the American-born former chief of design for BMW, will receive this year's Lifetime Design Achievement award at the Vision Honored benefit, June 15 at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. He was selected by top car designers who have previously won the honor. Tickets are \$150; call (313) 824-4710.

Created as a fundraiser for the non-profit Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology in Grosse Pointe Park, the show honors its mission by having visually-impaired judges don soft cotton gloves to examine a special group of collectors' cars to determine their own best-of-show.

The show is a major source of revenue for the DIO's research, education and support programs for the visually impaired.

The EyesOn Design car show is 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sun., June 17 at the Ford House in Grosse Pointe Shores. Tickets are \$20. Visit www.eyeson.org and www.eyesondesigncarshow.org for more information and a complete schedule. ☎

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Why do you workout?

By Ken Welch

Most will talk about maintaining good health, developing and maintaining an overall stronger body and, of course, looking good. But in the last couple of years, studies are suggesting another reason: Exercise is good for the brain.



A review article that came out last year highlighted the results of more than 100 recent human and animal studies on this topic. Michelle W. Voss, of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and her colleagues show that both aerobic exercise and strength training play a vital role in maintaining brain and cognitive health throughout life. Exercise programs appear to improve memory, attention and decision-making.

Diseases such as hypertension, diabetes and stroke have been linked to cognitive decline. Exercise attacks these afflictions. Narrowed blood vessels diminish blood flow to the brain just like they do to the body and heart. The tightening of those blood vessels leads to brain deficits associated with aging and in some cases Alzheimer's.

Proof of these findings hits home when I talk to gym members 94-year-old Flo and 92-year-old Bud. They've told me firsthand, how important their workout routine is to them in order to stay mentally fit. With the both of them I always feel like I'm talking to someone much younger.

They both agree, "exercise is the fountain of youth." They are living examples of the current research. I would say, "case closed."

Ken Welch is owner and trainer at Pointe Fitness on Harper south of Allard. Online: www.pointefitness.com.



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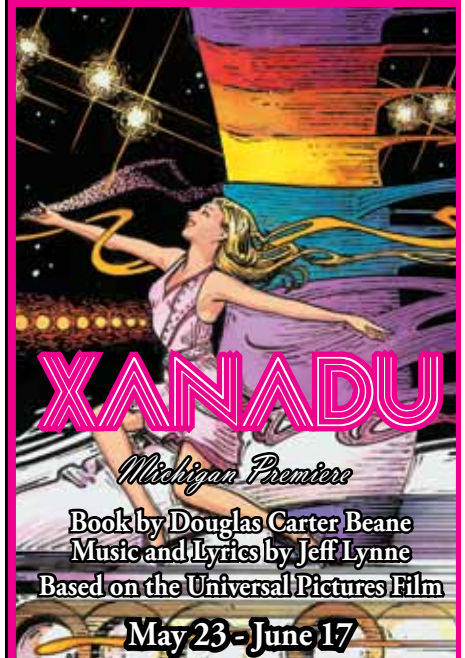
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No TV when I was young. *The Lone Ranger* on radio was my favorite

Movie

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What is your guiding principle or words to live by?

If you are smart you should realize that your wife is usually right. Don't argue.

One thing you miss about being a kid?

Playing Tom Sawyer in the swamp area that existed in Grosse Pointe Farms in the 1930s.

What was your first job?

Digging a victory garden for my aunt. I worked all day for 50 cents.

Are you a collector of anything?

Yes, buying souvenirs on various world travels that we have done

for the last 17 years.

Your biggest accomplishment?

Finally realizing that our plastic company was a success and supplying jobs for 250 people.

What is your biggest regret?

That I didn't tell my mom and dad what wonderful parents they were.

What is the most historical day in your lifetime?

When my dad realized that at 16 years old I was the best person to trim sails for him on his ice boat. We won the Stuart Cup, which was the championship for rear steering ice boats in 1943.

About George:

George was born and raised in Grosse Pointe Farms. He and his brother Jack were exposed to ice boating and sailing at an early age since his dad took part in both. He has sailed in 61 Port Huron to Mackinac Races, winning four in class and two overall. He has also sailed in 26 Chicago to Mackinac Races, winning one overall and two in class.

George and his wonderful wife Mary Louise raised three sons, Paul, Edward and Peter.

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How is your memory?

By Nancy Viviano-Piatek

The fact is, when it comes to our memories, we are our toughest critics. We seem to forget the countless facts we recall every day and focus on the few we've forgotten. We need to stop browbeating ourselves and start complimenting ourselves for what we remember.



Many factors determine how well something is remembered. Familiarity, sights, smells and sounds play a key role in what we remember. It is the connection by association to what we already know that assists us in our faculty of remembering. This connection is called "elaborative encoding."

The brain stores memory in a variety of areas. However, it is the frontal lobe that retrieves them and puts them to work. Many variables affect the memory. Stress, distractions, medications and illness are a few. Have you noticed when under pressure you can't seem to concentrate or remember? It is because anxiety is a villain to memory. When you are sick or tired, you can't concentrate, and concentration is the key to a good memory.

The 10 most common reversible causes of memory loss are depression, malnutrition, low blood sugar, anemia, fluid imbalance, head injuries, small strokes, poor blood circulation, hypothyroidism and drug overdose.

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Seniors and children pottin' and plantin'

By John Minnis



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“It’s very educational for the kids,” says Celeste Vacante, activities coordinator at ShorePointe Village.

The program was started five years ago by Shirley Martin, a Master Gardener. “I think this is a great opportunity to reach this segment of the population, the kids,” she says. “Their schedules are so packed, it’s good to have a chance to tell them about the outdoors.”

Eileen Miskiewicz, another Master Gardener involved this year, brought her friend, Jerry Dunbar, of Dunbar Honey Farm in Roseville, to teach the students about the importance of bees. Rosann Kovalcik, of Wild Birds Unlimited, told the kids about birds in their own backyards and wowed them with photos of birds’ favorite foods — caterpillars — and her repertoire of 150 birds songs. Students also made birdhouses and fairy gardens in pails.

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- 1/4 cup** green onions, sliced

Directions

Empty pasta mix into 3-quart saucepan 2/3 full of boiling water. Gently boil uncovered 12 minutes, stirring occasionally. Drain pasta; rinse with cold water. Shake to drain well. In medium bowl, mix seasoning mix, dressing and dill weed. Stir in pasta and remaining ingredients. Store any remaining salad covered in

refrigerator.

Stir 1 1/2 cups cut-up cooked chicken or ham into finished salad for a main-dish salad.

Notes:

- Make the salad a few hours before serving or a day ahead. Stir in a few drops of milk to moisten the salad.

HUDSON'S CULINARY LEGACY LIVES ON AT COTSWOLD CAFÉ



Frank Cherro is Head Chef at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club

Formerly known as the Tearoom, the Cotswold Café at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House pays homage to early cuisine. Situated in the Activities Center built in 1990, the café takes on the simplicity of the greenhouse that was once there. The restaurant seats about 50 people inside and 20 outside on its patio. It is decorated in lively wallpaper and white tablecloths. Although not very big, the greenhouse-like front window provides a sense of openness like a solarium.

The menu is light and refreshing, several salad offerings as well as some heavier dishes for those returning from one of the nature walks or tours.

I couldn't help but notice how well tradition has played a role in the menu design.

The lunch was started with a basket of popovers that resembled mini Yorkshire puddings. The hint of cinnamon was pleasing. Chef Erik Ziegenbein of Continental Services, the company that handles the food service at the Ford House, offers several entrée-sized salads (\$8.50 to \$11), including the Maurice, a staple at Hudson's department stores. (J.L. Hudson was Eleanor Ford's uncle.) Chef's version has shredded iceberg lettuce, ham, turkey and Swiss topped with olive and relish. The dressing is served on the side which is much appreciated. It's a weight-watching thing.

I always try the quiche du jour, and Chef Ziegenbein served his with an abundance of fresh vegetables baked inside and a Petite Sonoma salad that included toasted pecans, grapes, feta cheese and raspberry vinaigrette. I had to pass on the Maryland crab cakes served with Michigan sweet corn and mustard aioli because I had enjoyed a sampling of both the award-winning chilled pea soup and the soup du jour — loaded baked potato.

The sandwich offerings (\$9 to \$10.50) included a traditional sampling of tea sandwiches that I am sure were served to the Fords in a garden on the property at one time, a Monte Cristo and my new

Cotswold Cafe

Grosse Pointe Shores




Chef Frank's rating

favorite, the Cotswold Grilled Cheese. This sandwich has three cheeses (Pinconning, Swiss and Cotswold) heirloom tomato and fig jam. The sandwich was served with kettle chips, and it was delicious. I also tried the Artichoke Penne Pasta with wheat pasta and asparagus. It was light and fresh with no heavy sauce, the perfect ending for our meal.

Lunch is served Tuesday through Sunday, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and dinner Friday and Saturday, 5-8 p.m. The Cotswold Café also offers catering for private functions and events.

Diners are encouraged to visit the Gaukler Pointe gift shop, which offers books, model cars and children's activities. Tours are also available at the Ford House and memberships start at \$25.

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Michigan Outstanding Teacher of American History Contest March 27

The Daughters of the American Revolution honored Mr. Bruce Pelto of Grosse Pointe South High School with the 2012 Michigan Outstanding Teacher of American History Award. The contest was open to notable full-time Michigan teachers of American history and related fields in public, private and parochial schools, grades 6-12. Mr. Pelto was nominated by the Louisa St. Clair Chapter. Mr. Pelco's dossier will be sent to the Historian General, who will then decide the National winner in June.

Pictured right: Grace Bliss Smith, Bruce Pelto, Gloria Hunt, Peggy Scully, Jackie Omlor, Dot Martin and Lynne Witt



Grosse Pointe Magazine Bridal Showcase April 19 @ Assumption Cultural Center

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Name	Ted Everingham
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Everingham & Associates has its offices on The Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms, but it serves clients wherever and whenever they are needed.

What was your first job? Delivering the *Jackson Citizen Patriot*, the daily newspaper in Jackson, Mich. where I grew up, but then I went to work as an announcer at WKHM (Jackson) when I was a 16-year-old high school student.

Your most often used phrase? “Yes, I can.” Followed by “Why not?”

Best advice you have received? Do the very best you can every day at everything you do, and always try to leave things better than you found them.

If you weren't a lawyer what would you be? A television news anchor on a network if I were so lucky.

What is your next goal? I have a lot of goals: I want to try to find time to write a book about addiction and recovery. I'd like to do more radio and television work and to develop a public lecture service, speaking to groups about business ethics, addiction and recovery and other subjects.

Favorite thing to do outside of work? Spending time with my family and ‘messin’ around with (sail)boats.

Words to live by? Address every problem with thoroughness and precision.

About Ted:

Ted and wife Marcia celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last year in Hawaii. They have been blessed with three children, Scott, Linda and Brad, three terrific “children-in-law” and five grandchildren.

When time permits Ted enjoys sailing, radio and television reporting and writing.



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Alli



Alli Vallan, a 2 1/2-year-old Teddy Bear Goldendoodle of Grosse Pointe Farms, enjoying the warm weather

Dayton



Dayton is a 9-year-old Lhasa Apso and shares her Grosse Pointe Farms home with Jay, Evie, JT and Kate Ricci.

Zelda



Zelda, 5, was rescued from Detroit Animal Control and now lives in Grosse Pointe Park. Zelda loves road trips and the beach.

Ozzie



Two-year-old Ozzie lives in Grosse Pointe Woods with The Abdullah Family. He is ready for the summer because he loves the water!

Zoey & Pepper



Zoey, a 13-year-old cockapoo never left Rhonda Reygaert's side during her battle with cancer. Pepper, a loving 1-year-old cockapoo, is a new addition to Tom and Rhonda's Grosse Pointe Farms home.

Jasmine



GPAAS — Jasmine is a 6-year-old female shorthaired Tortoiseshell cat.

Sparkles



GPAAS — Sparkles is a 10-year-old female Shih-tzu who is special needs, visually impaired.

Victory



GPAAS — Victory “Tory” is a 1-year-old female Golden Retriever, 45 pounds.

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ROTARIAN PLANS SECOND TRIP TO EAST TIMOR

By John Minnis

Grosse Pointe Rotarian Mike Carmody stepped back a thousand years in time. In the spring of 2011, Carmody led a Rotary International Vocational Training Team — three midwives, two pharmacists and a professional videographer — to East Timor, north of Australia. The trip was a co-venture of Rotary District 6400 and District 9550 encompassing northern Australia and Timor. The team’s mission was to aid pregnant and postpartum women and to train midwives and nurses in modern procedures, prevention and drug handling.

“This has been a long journey,” Carmody says. “We began here a long time ago, approximately a year ago. The team and I traveled 12,000 miles. We’ve come full circle and, believe me, it has been quite a journey.”

The team faced two immediate challenges: climate (heat and humidity) and communication (four languages and more than a dozen dialects.)


Despite horrific infant death, the average Timor family has eight children, Carmody says. Death is so common and the concept of disease so lacking that child loss is an accepted fact of life. “The thing that struck all of us is the absolute lack of emotion for the loss of children,” Carmody says.

Primitive myths and male dominance over women, control over their lives, health and children, were also factors to overcome.

“There is one individual I would like to give a great note of appreciation to,” says Carmody, “our (2010-11) District Gov. Kim Towar.”

Towar, who also hails from the Grosse Pointe club, adds, “The team was one of just 10 in the world last year. I think I speak for the entire club when I tell you how proud we all are.”

The team members felt they had some impact — but not enough, never enough. “In order to make a significant impact,” Carmody says, we would need to spend months there.”

With that in mind, he plans to take another team to East Timor in 2013. For that he needs financial and material support. Carmody can be reached at mikehgslc@comcast.net. More information may be found at rotary6400vtt.com. 



Mike Carmody



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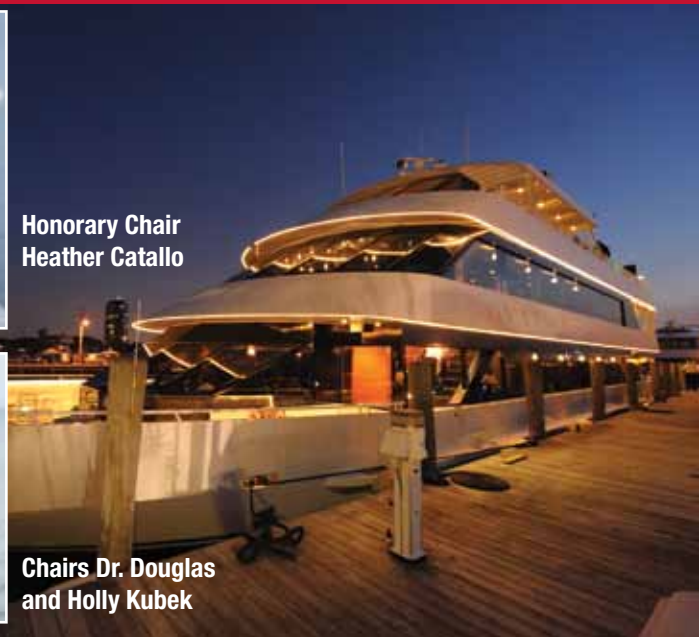
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- Parcels Choir Fundraiser at TCBY, 6-9 p.m.

06 WEDNESDAY

- Parcels Spring Pops Concert and Ice Cream Social at Parcels Middle School, 6:30-9 p.m.
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House presents Wild Wednesday Walks, 6 p.m.
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Croquet League begins, spectators welcome to come early and enjoy a casual dinner grilled by the pool house, 6-7:30 p.m.

07 THURSDAY

- Grosse Pointe South Pointe Players One Acts, through June 10 at Grosse Pointe South High School, 7 p.m.
- Music on the Plaza featuring Grosse Pointe North and South High Schools Jazz Bands, 7 p.m.
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Jens Jensen and Native Landscape guided by UM professor of Landscape Architecture, Robert E. Grese, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Henry Ford Estate Walk in Dearborn, \$10 per person, \$7 per member, meet and greet at 5:30 p.m., walk with readings from 6-7 p.m.

08 FRIDAY

- Grosse Pointe South Pointe Players One Acts, through June 10 at Grosse Pointe South High School, 7 p.m.

09 SATURDAY

- Wheel 'n' Deal at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, outdoor flea market in the parking lot, 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe South Pointe Players One Acts, through June 10 at Grosse Pointe South High School, 7 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society present Paws in the Park at Patterson Park to benefit GPAAS, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Park's 59th Annual Fishing Rodeo at Windmill Pointe Park, 9-11:30 a.m.

10 SUNDAY

- Grosse Pointe South Pointe Players One Acts, through June 10 at Grosse Pointe South High School, 7 p.m.

12 TUESDAY

- GPPL Michigan Notable Author: D.E. Johnson presentation in the Ewald Program Room, 6-9 p.m.

14 THURSDAY - Flag Day

- Music on the Plaza featuring the Scott Gwinnell Dectet, 7 p.m.
- CPR for Family and Friends at the Beaumont Bon Brae Center, \$30, 7 p.m.

15 FRIDAY

- DSO Concert at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 8 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Historical Society Fundraiser at the Albert Kahn House, 7-10 p.m. For information and tickets, call 313-884-7010.
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Member Shopping Days through June 16!

16 SATURDAY

- Grosse Pointe Woods Jack Boni Family Perk Derby at Lake Front Park, 9 -2 p.m.
- 13th Annual G.P. Park Windsurfing Regatta at Patterson Park, registration at 9 a.m., skippers meeting at 10 a.m., trophies and raffle prizes at 3 p.m.
- G.P. Park Chipping & Putting Competition at Patterson Park, \$5 per entry, register at Recreation Office by June 13

17 SUNDAY - Father's Day

- Grosse Pointe War Memorial Barnyard Fun, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Eyes on Design Automotive Show, \$20 per person, 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

18 MONDAY

- Summer Musical Theatre Camp at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, Grease: School Edition, ages 8-14, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
- Vacation Bible School at Crosspointe Christian Church, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

19 TUESDAY

- Memory Screenings at Nursing Unlimited, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

- Grosse Pointe Historical Society Ribbon Farm Days: Session 1 begins (Session 1 takes place June 19, 21, 26, 28) Michigan Garden Theme activities and crafts, register by June 12, \$160 per session for members, \$180 per session for nonmembers, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

20 WEDNESDAY

- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House presents Wild Wednesday Walks, 6 p.m.

21 THURSDAY

- Music on the Plaza featuring Alvin Waddles Jazz Quartet, 7 p.m.

23 WEDNESDAY

- WRCJ presents: Kick Start Your Summer at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, free event for families, students and art organizations, continuous entertainment, more than 40 exhibitors, a "petting zoo" and children's activities, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

24 SUNDAY

- Grosse Pointe Woods Fireworks Display at Parcels Field, 9 p.m.

26 TUESDAY

- Junior League of Detroit Annual Awards Celebration at the Sunday Dinner Company, \$28.90 per person, RSVP online required, 6:30 p.m.

28 THURSDAY

- Music on the Plaza featuring The Millionaires, 7 p.m.

29 FRIDAY

- Grosse Pointe Public Library Read, White & Blue dinner and fireworks cruise on Lake St. Clair, 7:30-11 p.m.
- St. Clair Shores 4th of July Fireworks Display

30 SATURDAY

- Grosse Pointe Farms Annual Regatta and Fireworks

04 WEDNESDAY - Independence Day

05 THURSDAY

- Music on the Plaza starring Johnnie Bassett, 7 p.m.

06 FRIDAY

- USA Junior Olympic Sailing Festival at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

07 SATURDAY

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American Cancer Society Bark for Life: A Canine Event to Fight Cancer

at Grosse Pointe Congregational Church. To sponsor the event, join/start a canine team or see event information visit relayforlife.org/barkgrossepointemi. For more information contact Chairman Mark Cohn at mcohn54@att.net or ACS Staff Partner Angela Gallegos at (248) 663-3508 or angela.gallegos@cancer.org.



08 SUNDAY

- USA Junior Olympic Sailing Festival at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

10 TUESDAY

- Grosse Pointe Historical Society Ribbon Farm Days: Session 2 (July 10, 12, 17, 19) Windmill Pointe Themed activities and crafts, register by July 3, \$160 per session for members, \$180 per session for nonmembers, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

12 THURSDAY

- Music on the Plaza featuring The Sun Messengers, 7 p.m.
- Grosse Pointe Historical Society Ribbon Farm Days: Session 2 (July 10, 12, 17,

- 19) Windmill Pointe Themed activities and crafts, register by July 3, \$160 per session for members, \$180 per session for nonmembers, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

13 FRIDAY

- DSO at Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, "Brazilian Nights," \$20 for adult advance purchase, \$12 for child advance purchase \$25 for adult at the gate, \$15 for child at the gate, parking is \$5 per car, grounds open at 6 p.m., concert at 7:30 p.m., fireworks at 9:30 p.m.

14 SATURDAY

- DSO at Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, "A Night on Bald Mountain," \$20 for adult advance purchase, \$12 for child advance purchase \$25 for adult at the gate, \$15 for child at the gate, parking is \$5 per car, grounds open at 6 p.m., concert at 7:30 p.m., fireworks at 9:30 p.m.

16 MONDAY

- Memory Screening at Nursing Unlimited, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

17 TUESDAY

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18 WEDNESDAY

- Grosse Pointe Shores Outdoor Movie and Annual Swim Team Campout

19 THURSDAY

- GPBA of Mack Sidewalk Sale
- Grosse Pointe Woods Bike Decorating Contest at City Hall, 6 p.m.
- Music on the Plaza featuring Ron Kischuk's Masters of Jazz with guest vocalist Shahida Nuralla, 7 p.m.
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20 FRIDAY

- GPBA of Mack Sidewalk Sale
- Grosse Pointe Woods Campout, Movie and Pancake Breakfast at Lake Front Park, \$20 per campsite, adult must accompany children under 18 for entire night, one adult per six children, set up begins at 5 p.m. and breakfast is the next morning at 7:30 a.m.
- Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Members Shopping Day through July 21!

21 SATURDAY

- Shores-Pointes Adventure Triathlon at Blossom Heath Harbor, 7-11 a.m.
- GPBA of Mack Sidewalk Sale

24 TUESDAY

- Grosse Pointe Historical Society Ribbon Farm Days: Session 3 (July 24, 26, 31, Aug. 2), make fabric and yarn crafts, register by July 17, \$160 per session for members, \$180 per session for nonmembers, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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27 FRIDAY

- Annual Village Sidewalk Sale and Street Festival, 12-9 p.m.

28 SATURDAY

- Annual Village Sidewalk Sale and Street Festival, 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

31 TUESDAY

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Music on the Plaza 2012



Alvin Waddles Jazz Quartet



Detroit Jazz All Stars featuring Johnny Trudell & Jim Wyse



Grosse Pointe North Jazz Band



Sun Messengers



Grosse Pointe South Jazz Band



Johnny Bassett

It was truly fitting that the Grosse Pointe North & South High School Jazz Bands were slated to kick off the 25th anniversary St. John Hospital & Medical Center Music on The Plaza jazz concert series June 7.

For the past 25 years, the area's premier high school jazz musicians have showcased their musical skills at MOTP, and have given the community the opportunity to hear young homegrown talent at an established concert venue.

The Grosse Pointe Village Association hosts the weekly Thursday concerts June 7 through Aug. 2. Concerts are free and take place at 7 p.m. on the Village Festival Plaza located at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair in The Village, Downtown Grosse Pointe.

The 25th season will present a wide variety of jazz performers from Alvin Waddles' Great American Songbook to the exciting jump-blues style of the Millionaires.

Following the Grosse Pointe High bands is Scott Gwinnell's 10-piece "Little Big Band" June 14. Also part of the lineup will be legendary Delta Blues guitarist Johnny Bassett; Ron Kischuk's Masters of Music with vocalist Shahida Nurrulah; The Detroit Jazz All Stars featuring Johnny Trudell and Jim Wyse, and the annual MOTP performances by The Sun Messengers and the Grosse Pointe North and South High School Jazz Bands.

Music on The Plaza is presented by St. John Hospital and Medical Center and is produced by the Grosse Pointe Village Association.

For more information, call (313) 886.7474 or visit www.thevillagegp.com.

MOTP SCHEDULE

JUNE 7 GROSSE POINTE NORTH & SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BANDS

JUNE 14 SCOTT GWINNELL DECTET

JUNE 21 ALVIN WADDLES JAZZ QUARTET

JUNE 28 THE MILLIONAIRES

JULY 5 JOHNNY BASSETT

JULY 12 SUN MESSENGERS

JULY 19 RON KISCHUK'S MASTERS OF JAZZ

AUG. 2 DETROIT JAZZ ALL STARS FEATURING JOHNNY TRUDELL & JIM WYSE

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WAXING NOSTALGIC OVER FOUL PLAY AT OLD TIGERS STADIUM

Having read more drippy nostalgia than I really care to absorb about the 100th anniversary of dear, departed, rickety Tiger Stadium, I'd like to offer my two cents worth of at least semi-humorous memories of the ancient and venerable old hulk.

No, I wasn't at the opening of old Navin Field at the corner of Michigan and Trumbull in 1912. And I was in grade school when auto baron Walter O. Briggs Sr. changed the name in 1938.

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There sat the flabby, balding, overweight (Tigers manager Jack) Tighe, stark naked, with his feet propped on his battered wooden desk, smoking a post-game cigar.

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But I did cover the stadium's two most prominent sports teams, the Tigers and Lions, through good times and bad from 1954 to the early '70s. The main cast of characters then included Mickey Lolich and Denny McLain, Alex Karras and Joe Schmidt among others. But some of the minor actors were, shall we say, almost as colorful?

Get a mental picture of this: It's my first trip as a rookie sports reporter to a post-game interview with mid-'50s Tigers manager Jack Tighe in his office in the bowels of the stadium. There sat the flabby, balding, overweight Tighe, stark naked, with his feet propped on his battered wooden desk, smoking a post-game cigar.

Welcome to Major League Baseball!

Actually, as life went on, I usually found the stadium's locker facilities more interesting than the press box. On arriving in the inner sanctum following one Tigers game in the early '60s, I was greeted by home run slugger Rocky Colavito storming toward me, waving a baseball bat. Luckily, he veered off at the last second and rushed into Tiger manager Bob Scheffing's office, shouting at the game's official scorer, Joe Falls. Falls had charged him with an error because Colavito had let a fly ball sail over his head and drop behind him untouched, allowing a run to score.

Fortunately, Colavito struck out

with Falls.

The Lions utilized the same home team facility. One day I wrote a column about how running back Joe Don Looney had been doggin' it, calling in sick and missing a lot of practices. The editors ran a picture with my column, showing then-coach Harry Gilmer with a sour look on his face. The Gilmer quote in the cutline: "Somethin's painin' that boy."

Chuckling Lions' players clipped out several copies and pasted them up, infuriating Gilmer. "You ran that picture out of context!" Gilmer shouted at me.

I didn't bother arguing the semantics at the time. I was just thankful that Colavito hadn't left a spare bat in that office.

Then, of course, there was the night the Tigers clinched the 1968 AL Championship and Jim Northrup and Bill Freehan tossed me into the training room whirlpool. Portly Mickey Lolich gave me a dry pair of his white uniform pants to wear home. The Mick never has let me forget that they fit me. ☺

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