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STATE CHAMPS!

University Liggett's boys' baseball team captured its second Division 4 state championship in three years, beating Beal City 3-2 in eight innings. Above, senior catcher Nate Gaggin and senior Connor Fannon rejoice after Gaggin caught the final out of the game. Right, senior Mark Auk makes a diving catch of a ball in the bottom of the eighth inning with sophomore Nick Azar falling after trying to avoid running into Auk. More on page 1C.



PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

Councils discuss merger

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — "This is like a marriage. It can either be forced or it can be a long, loving relationship."

That's how the consolidation of the City of Grosse Pointe and Grosse Pointe Park's public safety departments was presented to officials at a special joint city council meeting last week in Grosse Pointe Park.

The two groups met at a special 8 a.m. Friday, June 14, meeting to hear a presentation by Thomas J. Wiczorek, director of the International City/County Management Association Center for Public Safety. He was retained by the two cities to analyze the feasibility of combining public safety services.

"Consolidation is possible," Wiczorek told the councils. "It makes sense. You already work together, and when anything big happens, you function as one."

That doesn't mean consolidation will be without challenges and controversy, he noted.

"You face a unique situation here," he said. "You are essentially an island, surrounded by Detroit on one side, and the lake on the other."

See **MERGER**, page 9A

Advisor opposes St. John proposal

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — A business consultant wants Village stakeholders to double-down a commitment to retail, even as a block of three large retail spaces on Kercheval sit vacant.

"There is no shortage of retailers who look to communities like Grosse Pointe to open stores. I have 33 in mind," said Edward Nakfoor, retained recently by the Grosse Pointe Village Downtown Development Authority. Nakfoor, of Birmingham, is advising the DDA in retail marketing. He dislikes converting first-floor retail space to office use.

The principle extends to large property that has been vacant three years and is attracting no valued retail suitors — namely, the empty Borders Books (and before that, Jacobson's home store) building on Kercheval.

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Moving on

Grosse Pointe North's Alissa Scoggin receives her diploma from Brian Summerfield, trustee of the board of education. At left, graduates of Grosse Pointe South's class of 2013 at their ceremony Wednesday, June 12. The event was forced indoors due to the threat of rain.

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DIA installs 'community living room'

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS — Hometown favorites and fashionable fads are on the beverage menu of a laid back bistro at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

While not as extensive as the museum's 60,000 works of art, refreshment options include Vernors ginger ale and a Motor City-brewed pilsner billed as Detroit's finest.

Dining choices fall within the categories of snacks, salads, sandwiches and sweets.

Examples include, but are not limited to, zesty popcorn, toasted farro and wild rice, open-faced goat cheese sandwich and Boston rum cooler.

A menu tailored for Friday night merry-makers is expanded with cocktails and a mix-it-yourself "tasty triptych" of three entrees, such as DIA deviled eggs with

Wasabi Tobiko caviar, toasted farro salad and wild salmon skewer.

Prices range from \$2 for a Starbucks espresso to the \$15 triptychs.

The new eating space, intended as a cultural living room, opened last week in Kresge Court, the heart of the museum's original 1927 layout.

"I want it to be a cross between a Starbucks and an airport lounge," said Graham Beal, DIA director.

Kresge Court evokes a Medieval courtyard. Each of its four walls represents a different style of European architectural history: 15th century Italian, 16th century German, 17th century Flemish and 14th century gothic.

"It's an elegant, rich, but restrained space with the history of architecture all around you," Beal said.

Distinct seating areas establish the court's ren-

ovated floorplan. No walls or partitions were added.

This room-within-a-room approach presents intimate, rather than overlapping, spaces for groups of patrons to congregate at the same time others obtain solitude.

"Different areas have slightly different activity," Beal said.

An array of furniture includes wooden library tables with iPads.

There are dining tables, single and two-person seating areas, couch quadrants and coffee tables with DIA publications and guides to the collection.

Power outlets facilitate the use of personal electronic devices.

"We wanted to make Kresge Court the grandest living room in town," said Patrick Thompson, of Patrick Thompson Design, which collaborated with other partners to conceive and install the new design.



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

Kresge Court, originally built to represent an open-air garden in the center of the Detroit Institute of Arts, is redesigned as a lounge with food and beverage service.

ArtPlace America "They provided the money for us to do this fabulous makeover," Beal said.



The renovated courtyard.

Woods mulls market

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Families looking for fresh produce, fruits and herbs to complement their Sunday barbecues may have a shopping venue close by if plans for a farmers market come to fruition in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The market idea was discussed at a meeting last week by the Mayor's Mack Avenue Business Study Commission, and while no decision was reached, a report was released indicating a farmers market could be a possibility.

Woods city officials have been in contact with Terry Solomon of Grosse Pointe Park who put together the very successful West Park Farmers Market and is held Saturdays throughout the summer on Kercheval in the Park.

"They've invented the wheel," said Woods city administrator Skip Fincham. "Terry was very helpful and forthcoming with information. She let

us know what worked and what didn't."

One item decided on was the day the market would be held, with the commission noting holding the market on Sunday would not have it competing with the Park market on Saturday.

"Recruitment of vendors will be an issue," Fincham said. "Saturday is a very popular day, obviously, so we are looking at Sundays."

One objective of the market is to draw shoppers to Mack Avenue, which would benefit all businesses along Mack. Holding the market on Sunday would have a limited impact on businesses as many are closed on Sunday, but it was suggested business owners could be offered a vendor spot at a reduced rate.

Fincham said the city would hold the market on the front lawn of the city hall complex on Mack.

Woods resident Margaret Potter attended the meeting, and expressed concerns.

"I think we're putting

the cart before the horse," she said. "Let's see if there is a need before we make all these grandiose plans."

Potter, whose house is adjacent to the city hall complex, said neighbors are concerned about trash and noise.

Woods resident Sean Byrne, whose law office is on Mack and who is a member of the mayor's commission, urged city officials to involve local businesses.

"Something like this would work best with a core group of business vendors," he said.

"I think this would be a definite benefit to the community and our businesses."

Due to a lack of quorum, no vote was taken on the issue, but the option of holding a farmers market was sent to city council for discussion at a committee of the whole meeting.

The full report on the feasibility of holding a market, written by executive assistant Sue Como, is available on the city's website, gpwmi.us.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Cold lemonade, warm hearts

A national fundraiser came close to home thanks to several Grosse Pointe Woods residents. Alex's Lemonade Stand, which began as a fundraiser for a 4-year-old cancer patient named Alexandra Scott, has continued in her memory as a fund drive for pediatric cancer research. Several local children, with the help of their mothers, held the fundraiser on Sunday, June 9. From left, Shannon Moin, Ellie Knowles, Rebecca Moin, Owen Knowles, Azra Karamovis and Jacob Knowles, all of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Luau on the Lake June 27

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Proceeds from next week's City of Grosse Pointe Foundation summer cocktail party will be used for playscape improvements at Neff Park.

The party, "Luau on the Lake," is 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, June 27, at Neff Park, on Jefferson and Lakeland.

Adult tickets cost \$75. Children can attend free. To purchase tickets and learn more about the foundation, visit cityof-

grossepointefoundation.org.

The party is a family event featuring food, beverages, entertainment and a disc jockey.

For adults, there is a full-service bar and catered hors d'oeuvres.

Children's activities include a bounce house.

Dress is summer cocktail party casual.

The foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization to which donations are tax deductible.

Residents and businesses may sponsor the party with a financial donation.

For sponsorship information, contact Trustee John Hoben at (313) 510-8835.

There are three levels of sponsorship:

◆ Gold, \$1,500, includes four adult tickets;

◆ Business, \$750, includes two adult tickets and

◆ Individual, \$250, includes two adult tickets.

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With the wind

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Steady, 15-knot winds the evening of Thursday, June 13, put bones in the teeth of sailboats racing around the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club's 4.9-mile course on Lake St. Clair.

It took an uncorrected time of only 59 minutes for the leader of the first class to cross the finish line in the club's Thursday racing series.

"Races are limited to 2 1/2 hours," said Jim Verbeke, a club member helping manage race operations. "Generally, they last one to two hours at most."

Races are on Thursdays during June and August. The remaining schedule this year is:

- ◆ June 20 and 27 and
- ◆ Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.

The first class of boats starts at 7 p.m. About six subsequent classes start thereafter in 5-minute intervals.

The start-finish line is off the gazebo at Pier Park.

Skippers navigate the course to the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, east to the freighter channel and back.

"The best time to watch a race is at the start," Verbeke said. "Boats are grouped together at the start." "They're close to the



At left, "Surge," left, skippered by Shahe Momjian, leads a gaggle of sailboats approaching a buoy marking the starting line of the Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club's Thursday evening races off Pier Park. Below, "Mika," sail No. 40401, skippered by Jerry Lohmeyer, and Ralph Deeds' "Lorax" begin the first leg of the race.

PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

pier," added Kevin Pierce, a club member helping keep track of starting times.

The boat club is nearly 60 years old and more of a social organization than its name suggests.

"Most members aren't sailors," Pierce said.

Nancy Cottrell and her husband are among club members without a boat. "The people in the club are very down to earth and welcoming," Cottrell said.

Annual dues cost \$35 per individual or \$50 per family.

"There are a lot of activities," Cottrell said. The season raises anchor in January with wine tasting.

Feather bowling and the commodore's ball lead to a June golf outing.

Cookouts are scheduled at the park pavilion after the June and August racing series.

The June 29 regatta is a club event, as is the August ice cream social.

A lobster roast in September is followed by a road rally, Halloween costume party and more through year's end.

"It seems they find a way to have a party



monthly," Pierce said. For more information, visit gpfbc.com, call Nadine Pendolino at (313) 822-8595, or e-mail npendolino@sbcblolal.net.

"I like to cruise," O'Byrne said. "My daughter's racing it tonight." Or tried to.

"You can't sail if there's no wind," O'Byrne said.

Grosse Pointe Sail Club races are held on most Tuesday nights through the middle of October, with time out in July for the Port Huron to Mackinac race.

The 5.6-mile course starts and ends off the municipal harbor. A 4.4-mile course has the same end points.

Both courses head north into the lake, east to the freighter channel and back.

Races have 2 1/2-hour time limits.

This year's remaining schedule is:

- ◆ June 18 and 25;
- ◆ July 2 and 9;
- ◆ Aug. 6, 13, 20 and 27;
- ◆ Sept. 8 (ladies race), 10, 17 and 24 and
- ◆ Oct. 1 and 13.

For more information, visit gpsc.org.

Park series not so fortunate

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK

— Fifteen minutes before the first heat tried to cross the starting line in the June 11, Tuesday Night Sundown Series sailboat race off Windmill Pointe Park, the breeze shifted 90 degrees, from directly offshore to down the 20-mile length of Lake St. Clair.

Air changed from overtly clammy to deceptively nippy.

The new breeze, cooled over open water, replaced warm air coming off the metro Detroit heat island.

The starting cannon sounded at 7 p.m. and wind velocity dropped to nearly nothing.

Norm Samra, a member of the race-sponsoring Grosse Pointe Sail Club, based at Grosse Pointe Park's municipal park, described the sudden doldrums with a reference Samuel Pepys

often made when wrapping up entries in his diary.

"The wind went to bed," said Samra, standing on Windmill Park's outer breakwall with the race committee and a few dozen spectators.

About 40 sloops in seven classes wallowed near each other in and around the starting box awaiting their starts.

Jib and main sails hung limp. Telltales dangled. Shrouds slackened. Booms waged in a slight chop created mostly by the downstream current than wind. Flying insects, no wind to whisk them away, swarmed.

Jim Verbeke experienced the start firsthand as a crewmember of "Lynx."

"We started the race close to the starting line, then drifted back 50 yards until the wind finally picked up and we were able to start," said Verbeke, of Grosse

Pointe Farms. "It took us 12 minutes to cross the line."

The crew of "Five Guys Named Moe" (that would be Moe, Moe, Moe, Moe and Moe), slated to start in a later division, didn't bother to leave their slip in the city marina.

The race committee soon postponed subsequent starts.

At 7:34 p.m., with no promising forecast, they canceled the race.

"There will be no more racing," the starter announced by megaphone.

Crewmembers cheered and started motoring in.

"Wind like this is frustrating," Samra said. "It's the bad end of the stick."

"Normally, we have wonderful starts," said Edie O'Byrne, of the Park. "Sometimes, we have spinnaker starts that are amazing."

She has a sailboat, "Aisling," but doesn't race.

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- You're at just about every house a home invasion occurs.
- You have property stolen from houses in your name at pawn shops.
- You have one hell of a track record that says you steal.
- And you left your bucket with your name in it at one of the home invasions.
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Cities agree to move on grant

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — A state grant offers a \$209,000 carrot for Grosse Pointe Park and City officials to increase efficiencies by combining public safety departments.

The grant, issued by the Michigan treasury department under authority of a 2012 law, reimburses local units of government and school districts for some costs associated with consolidated operations.

All units of government seeking consolidation must apply for the grant for any to get it.

City officials passed a resolution Monday, June 17, supporting its application.

"The Park is taking this up at their meeting (7 p.m. Monday, June 24)," said Mayor Dale Scrace.

Resolutions follow the state already approving the consolidation grant.

"We are pleased to inform you ..." began an April 18 letter from the

treasury department to City Manager Peter Dame.

"(The) grant was received tentatively, should the cities choose to implement consolidation of police departments," Dame said.

Both cities intend to use the money to cover a portion of one-time start-up costs of melding their respective police and fire departments.

Those costs include planning, purchasing and modifying equipment associated with consolidated operations.

The grant was part of public safety consolidation discussions during a joint council session Friday, June 14, in the Park.

"It was agreed that if there was interest in moving ahead with consolidating the departments, we should each approve resolutions," Dame said. If the cities decide against consolidation, they don't get the grant.

See more information on page 1A.

Girl fights off teen attacker

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Police didn't know it at the time, but a male teenager seen in the area of Mack and Moross during the afternoon of Saturday, June 15, would be reported a few hours later pestering a 13-year-old girl on a residential sidewalk.

The girl fought off the teen and, with her mother, alerted police.

The incident happened at 4:16 p.m., while the girl, of the Farms, walked on Kercheval and Ridge, she told officers.

She told police she was walking when the male rode up on a yellow BMX-style bicycle.

He said, "Let me play with you for a minute," the girl told Officer Timothy Harris.

She kept walking. He reportedly persisted, saying, "OK, you're

shy." He grabbed her arm. "(She) stated she turned and punched him in the stomach," Harris said. "The suspect then said, 'Oh, you're frisky now.'"

The man grabbed the girl again, she told Harris.

"She kned him and ran away," Harris said. "(I) observed a red mark on (her) arm."

There were no witnesses.

"Nobody on a beautiful day saw this girl or heard her scream," said Detective Lt. Richard Rosati.

The girl described the teen as a 17-year-old black male, with dark skin, short hair, wearing a red shirt and dark pants.

Police couldn't find him.

"The suspect was seen prior to the report by (a patrolman) traveling east on Mack near Moross," Harris said.

Washed up

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — A transient window washer is in trouble again for taking some of his customers to the cleaners.

"He's back in town and has been arrested," said Grosse Pointe Farms Detective Lt. Richard Rosati. "We're trying to link him to seven home invasions last year and this year."

Cases occurred in Farms neighborhoods between Mack, Chalfonte, Moross and the border of Grosse Pointe Woods.

"All were on Chalfonte,

Barclay, Bournemouth and Shelbourne," Rosati said.

The latest batch featured two break-ins on Barclay and one on Bournemouth.

Circumstantial evidence made known offender, Darrell Lamar Foster, 45, of Detroit, the main suspect.

Rosati said, "We asked victims, 'You don't by any chance have a window washer named Darrell? He carries a bucket and squirt bottle.' They said, 'yes.'"

Investigators checked pawn shops for suspicious transactions.

"There was pawn activity from Darrell

Foster," Rosati said. "A bike stolen on Barclay was under his name."

The May 13 theft of jewelry and two handguns on Bournemouth gave police hard evidence to arraign Foster Tuesday, June 18, in Farms Municipal Court on multiple charges:

- home invasion first degree,
- two counts felony possession of firearms and
- being a habitual offender.

"We got a home run," Rosati said. "We lifted finger prints off the jewelry box. They were positive for Darrell Foster. That put him in the house, not just outside."

The guns haven't been recovered.

Foster is on parole for several larcenies and

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Motorcycle, car crash injures 1

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — At 5:09 p.m. Friday, June 14, a 55-year-old male motorcyclist, his head covered by a black bandana with flame design instead of a helmet, lay on his right side in a semi-fetal position next to a damaged 2012 Jaguar sedan in the intersection of Moross and Chalfonte.

Blood stained his torn left pant leg.

The 46-year-old female driver of the sedan that hit him stood watching a few feet away.

Two men in their late

teens or early 20s, one wearing a No. 35 Detroit Tigers Justin Verlander jersey, tended the cyclist. The distant sound of sirens from seven police cars and an ambulance gained in volume with their approach over the coming minutes.

The man's blue Suzuki 1500 Intruder LC lay on the other side of the Jaguar.

Parts of the bike and shards of the car's grill littered the pavement.

Officers and medics stabilized the man.

They put him in a neck brace, bandaged his leg and loaded him in the ambulance for a 1/2-mile ride to St. John Hospital



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Police and medics tend a motorcyclist, on pavement at right, hit by a Jaguar at the intersection of Moross and Chalfonte.

and Medical Center.

Officers reconstructing the wreck determined the woman, of the Farms, turned left from southbound Moross to eastbound Chalfonte into the path of the cyclist, of Grosse Pointe Park, heading north on Moross.

"The woman failed to yield the right of way to the motorcycle," said Farms Detective John Walko. "(She) said she did not see the motorcycle."

"She was making a left-hand turn on a green light, but oncoming, straight-ahead traffic

has the right of way," said Detective Lt. Richard Rosati.

The impact knocked the man out of his left cowboy boot, found later under the bike.

He tumbled over the car's hood, cracked the upper windshield and landed on the pavement

near the northbound Moross crosswalk.

Injuries weren't life-threatening, according to police.

"He wasn't wearing a helmet," Rosati said. "He's lucky he's alive. I know of bicyclists getting in accidents, hitting their head and dying."

City of Grosse Pointe

No activity

Everyone complied with laws prohibiting crime in the City of Grosse Pointe, according to an absence of incidents recorded last week in the public safety blotter.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Public Safety Reports

—Kathy Ryan

Report information on these or other crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods police, (313) 343-2400.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Bad check

A Mack Avenue deli owner complained to police last week about a 34-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man who isn't making good on a \$1,020 personal check. It bounced Thursday, June 6, according to the business owner.

"(The) complainant

states he has given the suspect several opportunities to (cover the check), but as of 3:46 p.m. June 13, he has not," said a public safety officer.

Dine and dash

An unknown man dined for free shortly before 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 12, at a restaurant in the 19200 block of Mack near Moross.

Upon finishing a \$11.87 meal, he left to "get his wallet" but never returned, according to the victim.

"(He) fled across Mack and was last seen entering Barnes & Noble in the Pointe Plaza shopping center," the victim told a Farms officer.

The man is described as 30 years old and 6 feet tall. He is of medium build with dark, messy hair. He wore gray shorts and a blue T-shirt.

Theft from van

A \$180 Starmate Model 4 satellite radio was stolen out of a Ford van parked from 4 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, June 11, on Sunset Lane.

The owner, a Farmington Hills man, was working on the block.

"(He) also states his wallet was found on the street, but nothing was taken," said an officer.

Accused robber

A 22-year-old Detroit man, being investigated for panhandling at Mack and Moross, was arrested at 2:49 p.m. Tuesday, June 11, on an outstanding Detroit warrant for armed robbery.

Cleaned out

A power washer valued at \$1,200 was stolen during the night of Saturday, June 8, from the backyard of a house in the first block of Kenwood.

The washer had been rented from Home Depot, the Kenwood resident told police.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

'Too much'

During a traffic investigation on Lakeshore near Willison at 4:20 a.m. Saturday, June 8, a 32-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man admitted he'd been drinking, according to police.

"Too much, probably," he reportedly told investigators.

The man registered a .180 percent blood alcohol level, twice the state's legal limit to operate a

motor vehicle, according to police.

An officer investigated him for making an illegal U-turn in a 2011 Dodge Durango.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Money taken

Several teachers at Parcels Middle School reported to police Friday, June 14, money was missing from desk drawers, wallets and other areas in their classrooms when they returned from a school assembly on Thursday, June 13. A student who was seen in the hallway during the time the rest of the school was at the assembly has been identified as a possible suspect. Police are following up.

Can you hear me now?

A Brys resident discovered his landline telephone had been disconnected Friday, June 14. When he contacted his service provider, he was told the number had been converted to a cell phone number by a customer of another service. Both phone providers are investigating, and he was told to report the incident to the police.

GROSSE POINTE PARK

What's for dinner?

Three cases of frozen chicken breasts were taken from a truck making a delivery to a restaurant on Mack at 8:45 a.m. Friday, June 14. Police are looking for two male suspects in a 2005 Chevy Malibu.

Shrub swiped

A boxwood shrub was removed overnight Tuesday, June 11, from the front yard of a house in the 1200 block of Balfour.

Attempted bike theft

A 15-year-old bike thief was no match for a passerby who witnessed the theft. According to police, at 8:15 p.m. Friday, June 14, the youth took the bike from in front of a business on Kercheval and a citizen chased him down, caught him and detained the suspect until police arrived.

Lock your cars

A Global Positioning Satellite device was taken overnight Sunday, June 9, from an unlocked 2003 Cadillac Escalade parked in the 1200 block of Audubon.

—Kathy Ryan

Report information on these or other crimes to Grosse Pointe Park police, (313) 822-7400.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

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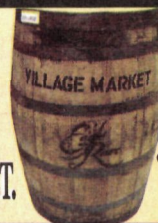
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Major fire damage at Lakeshore house

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Intense heat and flames confronted of-

ficers from four departments fighting a Lakeshore house fire during a thunderstorm the night of Thursday, June 13.

"Firefighters found the first-floor library fully involved with smoke and fire," said John Schulte, Grosse Pointe Shores public safety director.

"When I pulled up, the front door was a fireball," said Lt. Jack Patterson, among four Grosse Pointe Farms officers answering the second of three alarms. "The left side (of the house) seemed to have more fire than the right."

The fire was reported at 11:08 p.m. in the 900 block of Lakeshore.

First-responders found the residents outside.

"Battery-powered smoke alarms alerted the homeowners and quite possibly saved their

lives," Schulte said.

A third alarm summoned Grosse Pointe Woods officers.

Firefighters worked in rotation.

"Team I goes in, then comes out and Team 2 goes in," Patterson said.

Major apparatus consisted of both Shores fire trucks, the Woods' tower truck and a Farms pumper.

City of Grosse Pointe officers answered a request for extra manpower.

"We had heavy, heavy fire in front of the house," Patterson said.

Flames turned water to steam.

"If you have a compartmentalized fire, you can

open a line on a medium fog for a few seconds, then shut down the line," Patterson said. "The water turns to steam. It expands to 7,000 times its original size and darkens a fire really quick. Flames go out like turning out the lights."

"The fire was under control at 1:30 a.m. (Friday, June 14)," Schulte said. "There were no injuries."

The first and second floors have heavy damage, he said.

"All things considered, officers made a great stop on the fire," Schulte said.

About a dozen members of the Farms volunteer auxiliary supported the fight. They filled offi-

cers' air tanks, handled hoses and gear.

"It was the night of our training," Patterson said. "This was real."

"Throughout the fire, there was thunder, lightning and heavy rain, which hampered our operations," Schulte said.

Shores fire investigator, Lt. Bill Nicholson, working with an insurance investigator, determined the origin to be on the south wall of the library.

"There was evidence that a radio/cassette player that was plugged into the wall indicated an event that started the fire," Schulte said. "The fire was determined to be accidental."

Car wipes out park fence again

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Another motorist is accused of drunkenly driving a car off the end of Vernier, knocking down a section of wrought iron fence at Osius municipal park and hitting a tree about 10 feet inside the property line.

Such incidents are among reasons Grosse Pointe Shores officials passed an ordinance a few years ago making people convicted of damaging public property pay for repairs.

Officials also cited careless drivers when allocating money in next fiscal year's budget to install surveillance cameras at the intersection of Lakeshore and Vernier.

The latest alleged offender is a 25-year-old woman from Orion Township.

At 3:06 a.m. Sunday, June 9, a patrolman found her lying against the park fence 25 feet

from a 2000 Saturn L300 inside park grounds.

Officers determined she was operating the car and missed the turn from eastbound Vernier to Lakeshore.

"(A) witness stated he observed the suspect vehicle eastbound (on) Vernier traveling at a high rate of speed," said a public safety officer. "(It) proceeded through the intersection and crashed through the park fence."

Patches of repaired curb at the foot of Vernier and old scars on the tree attest to prior impacts.

The woman had a .15 percent blood alcohol level, nearly twice the legal limit to operate a motor vehicle in Michigan, officers said.

The woman reportedly told police she wasn't the driver. Another woman had been behind the wheel, she said.

Officers found nothing to support her claim.

Medics took her to a hospital for observation.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Bellissima Boutique on Mack

Bellissima Boutique opened on Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Woods after renovating the building at 20419 Mack. Store hours remain the same on Monday through Saturday. Bellissima offers tailoring for men and women, a bridal and formal wear salon, makeovers, accessories, apparel and gifts. Above from left, for ribbon cutting ceremonies with the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, were Chamber Executive Director Jennifer Boettcher, Raquel Mazanakis, Clementina Ritchie, Lola Malouf, Susan Dunson, Mayor Robert Novitke, Owner Ronald Muccioli, Owner Jennifer Buccellato-Muccioli, Yasar Hormamani, Lorraine Hamcher and Woods City Administrator Al Fincham.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

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Second Reading: An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 50 Zoning, Section 50-1 to Define Drive-Thru Facilities and by Adding Language Excluding Drive-Thru Facilities in the C-Commercial District Section 50-370(2) and C-2 High Intensity District Section 50-419(1)(f).

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PROPOSAL:

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Nakfoor opposes St. John Providence Health System's \$5.4 million proposal to convert the former 19,053-square-foot bookstore into medical offices.

"There's a better use than having it office space," Nakfoor told members of the City of Grosse Pointe council Monday, June 17.

He indicated it's better to let the building stay vacant for a while rather than cross the line into offices.

"All decisions you make have to be focused on keeping as much retail as you can in the Village, because you will never have those spaces back, short of building new," Nakfoor told the council.

Zoning updates

Nakfoor spoke while the council considered rewording of the C-2 central business district zoning ordinance.

Proposed changes reserve the front 60 percent of first-floor space for retail operations. The rear 40 percent can be offices.

The ordinance specifically applies the ratio to buildings containing medical offices.

Councilman Andrew Turnbull disagreed with the retail mandate.

Turnbull doubts large, modern retailers will invest in nearly 20,000 square feet of space given the City's small size and market area.

"We're hamstringing ourselves with these requirements," Turnbull said. "We're not admitting the true environment we're living in."

The retail mandate is "onerous" to filling large storefronts, he said.

"We have a couple large, empty spaces that continue to be that way," Turnbull said.

Councilwoman Jean Weipert supports the 60 percent rule, despite the former Borders site neighboring two more empty buildings totaling 29,000 square feet.

"There's been three years at most those buildings have not been occupied by a viable retail tenant," Weipert said. "You can look at the immediate situation and say the world's changing and we have to throw everything out and

rethink, or we can have a plan."

That's Nakfoor's role.

A plan

"The Village needs a plan of action to actively recruit retail," he said. "The challenge is there's not a lot of attractive spaces for retailers to consider."

He wants to help landlords and property brokers in a coordinated effort to recruit "quality" retail tenants.

"You're not going to have a department store in the form of Jacobson's," Nakfoor said. "However, Macy's was talking about opening smaller versions of Macy's stores as showrooms."

"There's a lot of concerns about what's happening in the Village," said Peter Dame, city manager. "Everyone wants to find someone to blame about why things aren't exactly the way they want them to be."

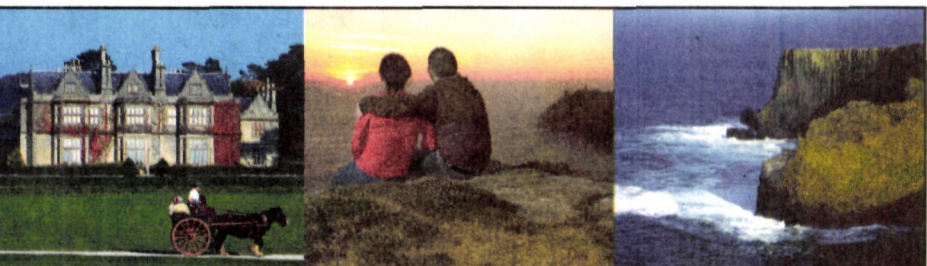
The district was targeted for major development until the recession.

Plans folded for a boutique hotel, condominiums and senior citizen assisted living.

"In 2008, I thought we had \$100 million in construction starting in three months," said Mayor Dale Scrace.

"None of that is ever coming back," Dame said. "So, we have to find a way forward. (Nakfoor) is helping us. I want him to be Moses and lead us out of the desert."

The council holds a public hearing on the ordinance changes at its 7 p.m. Monday, July 15, meeting.



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Auxiliary officers are uniformed, unarmed, non-sworn public safety officers who assist the department during emergencies and special

events in the city, like the summer fireworks display and the annual Memorial Day Circle of Honor ceremony.

They are required to attend training sessions and a two-hour meeting once per month. They are used for the city's bike patrol and other commu-

nity policing assignments.

"Our auxiliary officers perform a multitude of tasks that free up our sworn officers to perform their regularly assigned duties," said Public Safety director Andrew Pazuchowski. "They serve in patrol cars and

provide assistance with civil infractions. They are a valuable component of our department."

Auxiliary officers receive a \$500 per year

stipend and a uniform allowance. Applicants must be 18 years of age, and Grosse Pointe Woods residency is not required.

For more information,

contact the auxiliary unit coordinator, Sgt. Raymond Yonkowski, at (313) 343-2412.

- Kathy Ryan

Winter storage is coming

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Based on a recommendation from the Citizens Recreation Commission, the Grosse Pointe Woods City Council approved the winter storage of residents' boats in a parking lot at Lakefront Park.

While all the details remain to be worked out, the council agreed to allow boats on trailers to be stored at the park from Nov. 1 to April 30. While a fee was not set by council, the commission recommended a fee

of \$250.

Council member Vicki Granger asked fees from other marinas for similar storage be compared before a final price is set.

Mayor Robert Novitke requested city attorney

Chip Berschback put together a contract for residents establishing certain rules for storage. Among those would be no that no cleaning or maintenance involving hazardous materials, including chemical solvents or emptying of gas tanks, be performed at the park.

The council rep to the CRC, Todd McConaghy,

said the fees earned through the storage program would go directly to the Boat Dock Enterprise fund, which is designated for marina maintenance and improvement.

"The parking area is a dead space during the winter, and we're not making any money off of it as it is used now," McConaghy said. "This would raise funds while also providing a service for our residents."

Berschback will bring a proposed contract for boat owners to the July 15 council meeting for final council approval.

Operation completely legal

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Police were interested to learn last week that a licensed medical marijuana grower lives on Moross.

"He doesn't need permission from the city, which kind of bothers us," said Lt. Richard Rosati, head of the Grosse Pointe Farms detective bureau.

The grower moved in two or three months ago, police said.

The operation's legal under state law, Rosati said.

"He's a medical marijuana provider," he added.

Officers in five patrol cars converged on the house, between Kercheval and Country Club Lane, mid-morning Thursday, June 13.

A neighbor reported the house doors open,

two bouviers inside barking and the resident nowhere to be found.

"It was a call about a welfare check," Rosati said.

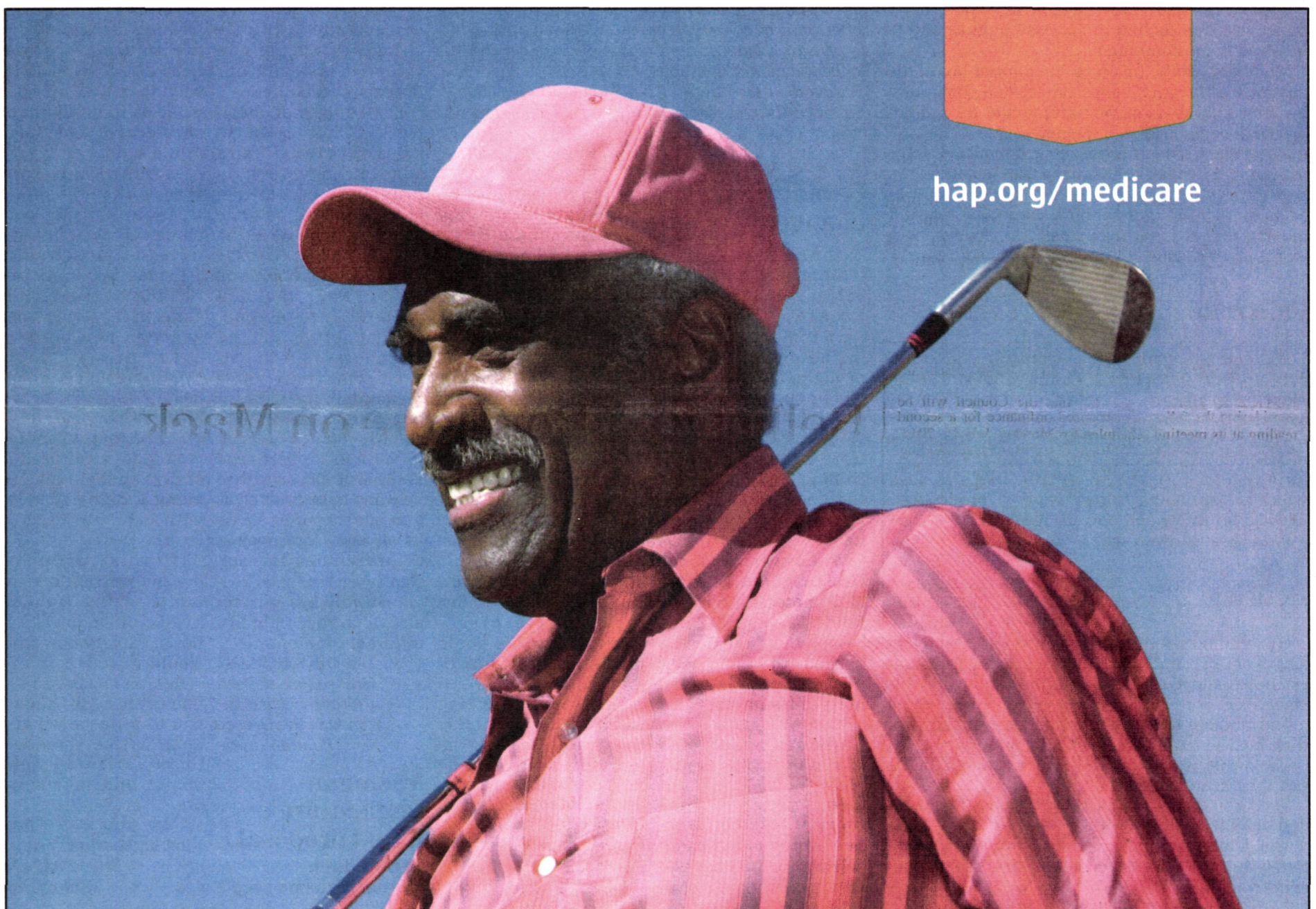
Arriving officers met two friendly dogs and an "overwhelming smell of weed coming from the house," Rosati said. "He has a big grow operation. All legal. It was done up really professionally. I thought it was too good to be an illegal operation."

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OUR VIEW

We're looking for some assistance

The Grosse Pointe News is forming an editorial board to seek input and direction from a dedicated group of volunteers who will meet with staff, management and community leaders.

Meetings will take place twice a month and we're asking for a commitment of six months. Meetings will last one to two hours.

Those interested should be familiar with the newspaper, issues affecting the Grosse Pointes and be involved in the community.

Members will be involved in editorial board discussions with various government and community leaders, as well as setting an agenda for opinion pieces to be published in the newspaper.

Interested residents are asked to e-mail their information and resume to jwarner@grossepointenews.com.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to moving forward, with your help. As always, comments are welcome at the same e-mail address.

Celebrate

We're proud again to help sponsor the Fourth of July fireworks in Grosse Pointe Woods. The big night is Sunday, June 30, with a rain date of Monday, July 1.

The fireworks are at Parcels Field, at the corner of Mack and Vernier. Festivities begin at 7 p.m. featuring Motor City Mix. Fireworks begin at dusk, which is right about 10 p.m. No dogs or alcohol is allowed for safety and obvious reasons.

It's a great show to see.

Retiring

One tradition of fireworks will be followed by the loss of another tradition. Hundreds of loyal customers have enjoyed Wan Kow Chop Suey carry out since 1958.

The fabulous food will no longer be available from their business at 20922 Mack after June 30.

The owner wants to retire, which is tough for her and their customers.

The business was opened by Choung (Rose) Yee and her late husband, Mee Young Yee.

The community has grown to know and love the family, but the time has come for Mrs. Yee to enjoy some free time.

We wish the family well. And we say thanks for so many years.

More about the restaurant will be featured in next week's Grosse Pointe News.

Trusting

Page 1A has a story about the advisor hired by the Grosse Pointe Village Downtown Development Authority and his opinion on the old Borders Books building, vacant now for three years.

Edward Nakfoor opposes a proposal by St. John Providence to invest \$5.4 million into the building, saying a plan should be in place to seek retail clients for that space, and others left vacant in recent months.

This will present an interesting debate between Nakfoor, city council members and other business owners in the area. And St. John has worked with the city for months. We will hear from them, too.

Development ideas have come and gone, but years of empty buildings aren't helping those who are committed there. They have to trust the expert they just hired. Stay tuned. Much more to come.

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LETTERS

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The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday. Letters to the Editor can be e-mailed to jwarner@grossepointenews.com.

Parade name change

To the Editor:

Members of the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Christmas Parade have been told by those now in charge of the parade the name will be changed to: "The Grosse Pointe Hometown Parade." We were told the new controlling board has made the decision to go forward with the new name.

When we asked the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce, "Why the name change?" They responded, "The parade needed to be rebranded."

Is the parade's primary mission the start of the traditional Christmas season, or is it simply a marketing tool?

For years it has brought together families and community to celebrate Christmas and the joys of small chil-

dren in the anticipation of Santa Claus. What does The Grosse Pointe Hometown Parade mean to a 5-year-old staring into your eyes when you are helping them write and send a letter to Santa?

Or when they put Christmas presents into a Toys For Tots Train, knowing their Christmas gift may be the only one a poor child will receive?

And what about Christmas and the baby Jesus? This is a Christian community.

We were told the new name was published in a press release over a month ago. We could not find any evidence of that.

This is very disturbing to all of us who value the traditions of the Grosse Pointes, none more memorable, appreciated or looked forward to than our own Santa Claus Christmas Parade.

I say "our own,"

because the parade belongs to all of us who live here and all of those from surrounding communities who also come to enjoy it.

We should not stand by and allow politically correct and arbitrary changes to traditions we value. It is really our duty to protect them.

That does not mean we are not open to improvement and adjustment, however, in

America structural change should be done in the open where the people of the Grosse Pointes can be made aware and have an opportunity to respond.

This letter is the beginning of a non-partisan community effort to maintain the name of our parade as it now stands.

Those in support need to speak up. If you wish to help and to be counted as a parade supporter, please let me know via e-mail at dickruzzindesign@aol.com.

I will always respect and value your right to a different opinion.

DICK RUZZIN
Grosse Pointe Park
Creative Director
Friends of the Grosse
Pointe Parade

Michigan Legislature's latest proposal

To the Editor:

From the same people

who brought us helmetless motorcyclists, which has increased injuries 34 percent; and the relaxation of restrictions on the purchase of fireworks, which has resulted in hospitals treating more hand and eye injuries, we now have a discussion under way to allow off-road vehicles to drive on the shoulders of some roads in the state.

As with these two previous bills, the brain trusts in Lansing conclude this new bill will increase tourist traffic. Evidently our pristine beaches, numerous state parks, renowned wineries and ports of call along Lake Michigan, are not a drawing card. So we need to somehow attract off-road four-wheel aficionados with the lure of driving their vehicles along a highway laden with cars traveling 70 mph.

If this proposal doesn't warrant placing our Lansing dunderheads on a part-time basis, I don't know what would.

But be prepared for one of these intelligentsia to propose we also open up the shoulders to motorized wheel-

chairs and lawnmowers. Can you say "part time legislature!"

BILL KALMAR
Lake Orion

GUEST OPINION By Bill Kalmar

Do you really want my junk?



What amazes me is the number of people who spend an entire weekend traveling to the various garage sales. Many are armed with newspapers whose classified ads detail the locations of these various sales.

For the life of me I can't figure out why someone wants to buy someone's junk. Maybe the appeal is every now and then someone pays \$3 for a Picasso that was hidden behind a portrait of Gumby. Or a valuable Chinese vase is discovered among a table full of Bugs Bunny glass tumblers.

Several years ago when we participated in our subdivision's sale, I had a person seeking World War I helmets which naturally we did not have. And of course it doesn't matter the price listed on each item, people want to negotiate, which I surmise is the goal of each shopper.

Incidentally, it doesn't seem to matter about listing hours on the ad or sign at the end of the block. We had advertised an 8 a.m. start but we had people knocking on our front door at 7 a.m. — before we even opened up the garage with the sale items. Maybe we should have served breakfast and charged them.

One of my neighbors grilled hot dogs during a yard sale. The inducement was a free hot dog if you bought something. And while this was going on, the children of the home had set up a lemonade stand and made a haul because it was a very hot day.

So, all in all, I am not a

fan of garage sales. Most of our junk gets donated to the various charities in our town.

And invariably even when we have not participated in the subdivision yard sale, someone always parks their vehicle in such a way to block our driveway. Nothing worse than asking a yard sale aficionado to move his car. They consider it an imposition because someone else might just find that valuable Babe Ruth rookie card in a 1924 edition of Life magazine while they are repositioning their car. Heavens.

So for all you yard sale seekers: we don't have any World War I helmets, any Picassos, no Chinese vases and, of course, we don't have the Babe Ruth rookie card. But if you are looking for a game of Twister, give me a call.

Kalmar is the former director of the Michigan Quality Council and a former resident of Grosse Pointe.

MERGER:

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You can sugarcoat it any way you like, but it is a challenge.

"You also have two great departments, two beautiful, well-maintained communities. You have dedicated officers. But you know where the city limits are."

Cost reduction and staffing levels were of key interest to the councils, and based on a statistical analysis of calls for service received by both cities, Wierczorek and his team recommended a reduction in public safety officers and detectives, which could be offset by a "power shift" approach to staffing.

The ICMA report recommends a squad of six officers assigned on the

basis of call demand based on days of the week and the season. This squad would also fill-in for officers taking vacation or sick time. It further recommended using part-time officers to man this "floating squad," reducing personnel costs.

With the use of this "power shift," Wierczorek's team recommends the new combined department staff shifts with one lieutenant, one sergeant, one in-house officer and four patrol officers, representing a 20 percent reduction in staff that is currently on the road between the two departments. This reduction would save more than \$1 million per year.

Another recommendation Wierczorek's team would like to see implemented, whether the departments fully consolidate or not, is to combine detective bureaus.

The team believes four detectives are more than is necessary; two could adequately serve both cities.

While the study focused on the policing side of public safety, Wierczorek's report also addressed fire and emergency medical personnel staffing.

One recommendation involved keeping just one fire vehicle in the City, a new, rapid-response, lightweight compressed air foam vehicle. In addition, the report recommended standardizing all equipment across departments and conducting joint training exercises.

But the first step in any consolidation process will entail approval of a merger by both city councils and then the councils' approval to amend the city charters to allow for the formation of an authority to run a new public safety department. Major issues that would need to be addressed include existing union contracts, health care and pensions as well as overall management of the new department.

Wierczorek's team recommends a "rebranding" of any new department, including a new name, new uniforms and a new logo.

The directors of both public safety departments in play, Stephen Poloni from the City and David Hiller from the Park, questioned portions of the presentation, especially what appears to be reduced staffing.

"I don't agree that we would be able to provide the same service we provide now with those numbers," he said. "Our residents expect more." Poloni agreed with Hiller that the plan put forth relies on statistics and not real day-to-day operations.

However, both were emphatic in their support of consolidation and the need to explore it.

Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Palmer Heenan endorsed the plan, and agreed with Wierczorek's assessment that the current departments are "overstaffed," while acknowledging that "we need to defend our border and protect our citizens."

"I'm interested in saving taxes," Heenan said. "Grosse Pointe Park and the City are the most advanced in serving their residents. We are the

most forward looking of all the Pointes. The others are kind of staid."

Heenan said the savings found in consolidating public safety could be put toward road repair and maintenance.

Several council members from both cities expressed concerns the proposal for reduced staffing would not sit well with residents.

"Any reduction in road patrols would reduce police presence," the Park's Jim Robson said.

The consolidation of dispatch services is underway between the Park and the City, and is expected to be complete by September.

All dispatch services will be conducted through the Park public safety department.

Falling back on his wedding analogy,

Wierczorek told the councils they have just had their first date.

"It's up to you to decide where to go from here," he said.

Both councils agreed to review the final report and make recommendations after resident input. Few residents attended the meeting on Friday morning, and those who were in attendance complained there was little notice about the meeting.

"I think this is one of the most important issues we have faced in a long time," said City resident John Hartz.

"I don't understand why there was such little notice."

The ICMA report is available online at both the Park and the City's websites.

See page 3A for more information.

WEEK AHEAD:

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able at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Woods.

◆ For more information call (313) 881-7511, ext. 206.

◆ West Park Market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the corner of Kercheval and Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park.

MONDAY, JUNE 24

◆ The Grosse Pointe Library Board meets at 7 p.m. at the Woods branch, 10680 Mack. Agendas are available at gp.lib.mi.us.

◆ The Oscar-winning film, "Searching for Sugar Man," can be seen

at 1:30 p.m. on the third floor of Services for Older Citizens. Donations are accepted.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

◆ Services for Older Citizens hosts an international taste fest from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For a reservation, call (313) 882-9600.

◆ The Sun Messengers perform a free concert featuring Motown classics, big band and classical rock and jazz music from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe Stage on the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe. Bring a lawn chair.

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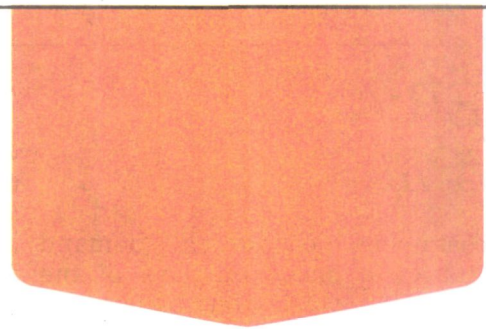


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An end of year celebration



By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

On the eve of their last day in middle school, eighth graders at Parcels Middle School spent the afternoon celebrating with games and prizes, singing and dancing during the Parent Teacher Organization's annual eighth grade promotion party. "We view it as a giveback to the kids," said Lynn Galbenski, party co-chair along with Sheri Kam. "There's an eighth-grade promotion party every year. The theme is different, but it's always run by the PTO."

This year's theme was Detroit Tigers baseball. It featured ballpark food, a photo booth, karaoke, DJ, indoor games, a visit from PAWS, Tigers mascot, and raffles with prizes such as two Tigers packages, Grosse Pointe North High School T-shirts, four pairs



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Left, social studies teacher Scott Cooper gets dunked in the tank. Above left, Audrey Kam and PAWS, mascot for the Detroit Tigers, choose a song from the karaoke list. Above, Parcels principal Cathryn Armstrong shares a dance with PAWS.

of Tigers tickets, Tigers T-shirts, Tigers hats and bracelets and gift cards to Target, Chocolate Bar Café, Starbucks, Subway and TCBY. Parents donated a majority of the Tigers prizes. The PTO purchased the rest. The event also included an outdoor dunk tank, in which students, staff and volunteers each paid a dollar for three attempts at dunking teachers Scott Cooper, Dan Bens or Brian McDonald. Money raised from the dunk tank benefited Brian Aulph's kids' college fund. Aulph, a Spanish teacher at Parcels, passed away in February following complications from heart surgery. Galbenski said they raised \$120 from the dunk tank.

Two hired in special education

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Public School System has hired Sue Lucchese and Lillie Loder as supervisors of special education. Both were approved at Monday's regular meeting of the board of education and will serve alongside Stefanie Hayes, director of student services, in the student services department. "Both candidates have an enormous amount of experience working with students with disabilities, families, staff and districts that have been very, very much infused in all of the successes and progress over the past 20-some years that both of them have been working in the public schools," Hayes said.

Lucchese, already an employee of the district, has worked as program specialist and in other capacities for the past 27 years. As program specialist, Lucchese was PBS coordinator, liaison to the Partnership for Different Learners, she monitored and collected data, and handled the Continuous Improvement and Monitoring System, the Michigan system used in

special education to ensure compliance with state laws and positive outcomes. Loder, an educator of 20-plus years, joins the district from Mount Clemens Community School District, where she most recently served in administration as the ninth grade small learning community coordinator. "I am thrilled to have this opportunity to work with Stefani and Lillie and continue to move this special education department forward into our new centuries of learning," Lucchese said. Loder shared a similar excitement. "I'm also looking forward to working with a new team. We've had a long time to go through everything. I've met a lot of wonderful people throughout the district, and I have nothing but praises to say. So, I'm excited, I'm really excited to be part of the team." According to Jon Dean, deputy superintendent of educational services, the hiring process lasted about two-and-a-half months and included an initial 92 applicants, followed by paper screenings, See HIREs, page 2A II

Changing lives



PHOTO BY A.J. HAKIM

During one of three breakout sessions, students experiment with UVB sensors.

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

Megan VanCleve wasn't sure who said it, only that, on her way outside to the bus to say bye to the fourth grade class visiting from Sampson Academy, she heard one of them thank her and her classmates for changing his life. "You can tell that they're going to remember this," said VanCleve, a student in Sue Speirs' Applied Medical Research class at Grosse Pointe North High School who, along with seven others in the class, had just spent the afternoon of May 16 delivering a lesson on skin cancer to 30 fourth graders in Ellen Hoyer's class at Sampson Academy, of Detroit Public Schols.

"They want to go to school here, they don't want to leave," said Hoyer, a friend of Speirs who agreed to have her class participate in the lesson. Hoyer saw the lesson as a chance to hone her students' love of science and to do so with a different perspective, in an environment with resources not necessarily available to her in DPS. "These are the things that, I have a, a majority of my children are interested in getting in the medical field, so this was a wonderful stepping stone to showing them different avenues of medicine," Hoyer said. The lesson consisted of a skit, lecture and three breakout sessions — a tag experiment, bead string experiment and

UVB sensor experiment. All related to skin and skin cancer prevention. It was part of the American Physiological Society's PhUn (physiology understanding) Week, a nationwide outreach program building connections between scientists and their communities, that Speirs heard about during a recent research fellowship with APS. Given the partnerships her class has had with local hospitals and physicians, Speirs wanted her students to give back as well. "We're going into rotations everywhere around the community and all these doctors are giving to us, so we really felt that we needed a unit that was going to be a unit that was a service project-oriented unit," said Speirs. She gave her students a template for the project at the beginning of the year and let them take control from there. And they did. The students — VanCleve, Evelynne Smith, Paige Rue, Michael Zheng, Grace Tatum, Tom Raffail, Stephanie Saravolatz and Jessica Richter — conducted several other service projects throughout the year, such as a blood drive, CPR training, disability awareness workshop and others, all with PhUn Week as an end goal. "We just put so much work into this and it's kind of nice to see it all come together to see how

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Grosse Pointe Woods

4th of JULY FIREWORKS

WHEN: Sunday, June 30
Rain Date Monday, July 1

WHERE: Parcels Field
Located at Corner of Vernier & Mack in GPW

TIME: Festivities Begin at 7 p.m.
Featuring: "Motor City Mix"

Fireworks will begin at Dark or Approx. 10 p.m.

Please be advised...No dogs or alcohol are permitted on the field.

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Officers of Grosse Pointe North High School's S.A.V.E. club presents a check to the Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation.

S.A.V.E. gives check to Children's Hospital

Officers of Grosse Pointe North High School's S.A.V.E. club presented a check to the Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation from funds raised via entry fees into the S.A.V.E. A Life 5K run/walk event in April. With the run/walk, North science teacher Chris Skowronski said, S.A.V.E. (Students Against Violations of the Environment) had intended to increase public awareness linking environmental pollution and human health

issues. In total, the club raised \$9,000 to assist children with cancer, two-thirds of which it donated to the Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation. The Foundation will use the donation to fund leukemia research and its Celebration of a Life event, one of the largest pediatric cancer survivor parties in the nation. S.A.V.E. donated the remaining \$3,000 to the Jacob Michael Davis Foundation, which aids families who have children with cancer.

Following the check presentation, club officers Rachel Like, Katie Little, Jovana Maros, Evan Pilot, Savannah Ransome and Maddy Vyletel were given a hospital tour that focused on history, patient care and specialized services provided regarding the comfort and rehabilitation of a patient. "All students were well-composed and served as great ambassadors for Grosse Pointe North and the district as a whole," Skowronski said.

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they're learning and how much they're having (fun)," said Richter.

Added Raffail: "Seeing 'em right now, they're like Mrs. Speirs said, they're like mini scientists. It's great to see that." Getting the schools together was a joint effort involving administrators from both districts, an effort all involved won't soon forget.

"It really shows the closure of, that these young people are coming to the end of their schooling, getting ready for college," Hoyer said. "And I need that kind of inspiration for my children, to see that this is the next path. It's all positive. It really is. This was a gift."

HIRES: Report also included retirements

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screening interviews, full interviews, reference checks and several other meetings. "Ended up having almost 30 members of our community involved, from staff members, parents, et cetera, engaged,"

Dean said. The human resources report from Monday's meeting also included four retirements, effective June 30. They were Ranae Beyerlein, biology and chemistry teacher at Grosse Pointe South

High School; Paulette Manning, fifth grade teacher at Ferry Elementary School; Todd Manns, English teacher at Parcels Middle School; and Anne Mabley, counselor at South.

Liggett briefs

Several groups of students from University Liggett School earned national recognition for their performances on the following national tests: National Mythology Examination and the Medusa Mythology Exam; National Spanish Examinations; National French Examinations; and the National Latin Examinations.

In the Level 4 Prose category of the Latin exams, Elisha Sword of Grosse Pointe, earned a gold medal and Tommy Fair of Grosse Pointe Park and Joe Renzi of Clinton Township earned silver medals.

Level 3 medalists included: August Bonacci of Grosse Pointe Woods, silver medal; William Loner of Harper Woods, silver medal; Yuku Yamasaki of Grosse Pointe Woods, Magna Cum Laude; Isabelle Sakelaris of Grosse Pointe Farms, Magna Cum Laude; Jeffrey Shell of Grosse Pointe Farms, Magna Cum Laude; Charlotte Richardson of Grosse Pointe, Magna Cum Laude; and Nicole Rosenberg of Clinton Township, Magna Cum Laude. Carina Ghafari of Grosse Pointe Shores earned a Cum Laude award.

In Level 2, Francesca Giacona of Grosse Pointe Woods earned a silver medal and Ryan Magnotte of Roseville earned a Magna Cum Laude award.

This year marked the 36th for the Latin exam. More than 140,000 college, high school, middle school and elementary students from around the world participated. At Liggett, 36 high school-aged students participated and more than one-third of them received awards.

French Exam
For scoring in the 95th percentile on the Level 1 exam of the National French Exam, given by the American Association of Teachers of French, Cristina Milenius and Brynne Reilly, both of Grosse Pointe Farms, earned silver medals; for scoring

in the 85-94th percentile, Lauren Eehalt of Clinton Township, Isabelle Sakelaris of Grosse Pointe Farms, Nina White of Grosse Pointe Farms, Labrayla Key of Detroit, Megan Desmadril of Algonac and Lily Petitpren of Grosse Pointe Farms earned bronze medals.

On the Level 2 exam, Jo Hummel and Alexander Minanov, both of Grosse Pointe, earned silver medals for scoring in the 95th percentile, and Grace Drettmann of Grosse Pointe Farms, Anthony Garvey of Clinton Township, Meghan Kuhr of Grosse Pointe Farms, Elise Babcock of Grosse Pointe Park and Bobby Kaiser of Grosse Pointe earned bronze medals for scores in the 85-94th percentile.

Antonio Malkoun of Shelby Township, Ariane Starico of Grosse Pointe Shores and Rose Canzano of Detroit earned bronze medals on the Level 3 exam for scoring in the 90-95th percentile.

On the Level 4 exam, Julia Kaiser of Grosse Pointe Park, Annie Grech of Grosse Pointe Woods and Alec Josaitis of Eastpointe earned Certificat d'Honneur for scoring in the 85th percentile.

Robert Babcock of Grosse Pointe Park earned a Certificat d'Honneur in the Level 5 exam for scoring in the 80th percentile.

Spanish Exam
Liggett's gold medalists, awarded to those scoring in the 95-100th percentile nationally in the National Spanish Exam, were Anna Rose Canzano of Detroit, Kevin Allen of St. Clair Shores, Natalie Caramagno of Grosse Pointe Woods and Pasha Vreeken of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Silver medalists, for scores in the 85-94th percentile, were Andrew Almsy of Grosse Pointe, Aaron Robertson of Detroit, Rayna Patel of Grosse Pointe Woods, Jewel Evans of Dertoit, Autumn Buysse of Rochester, Mackenzie

Lukas of Grosse Pointe Shores, Samantha Allen of St. Claire Shores, Kendall McConico of Detroit and Kayla Strong of Detroit.

For scores in the 75-84th percentile, bronze medalists were Armaity Minwalla of Macomb Township, Ania Dow of Grosse Pointe Park, Amanda Lee of Detroit, Julia Kaiser of Grosse Pointe and Cole Zingas of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Mythology
Loner of Harper Woods and Kaitlyn Lee earned gold medals on the National Mythology Examination for scoring 100 percent on the exam. Patrick Bernas of Grosse Pointe Woods and Andrew Loner of Harper Woods earned silver medals for scoring between 95 and 99 percent, and Trevor Jones of Grosse Pointe Park, Giacona of Grosse Pointe Woods and Kira Borum of Detroit earned bronze medals for scoring between 90 and 94 percent.

Loner also earned a gold medal in the Medusa Mythology Exam, a comprehensive test covering specific themes in Greek and Roman Mythology. This year's topic was "Life and Death on Trojan Soil."

Yamasaki of Grosse Pointe Woods earned a silver, and Fair of Grosse Pointe Park earned a bronze. Fourth-place award-winners were Isabelle Sakelaris of Grosse Pointe Farms, Bonacci of Grosse Pointe Woods, Shadath Chowdury of Hamtramck, Shell of Grosse Pointe Farms and Will Gilbert of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The following students earned fifth-place awards: Charlotte Richardson of Grosse Pointe, Jane Ninivaggi of Grosse Pointe Farms, Jessica Rotzoll of Shelby Township, Bennet Sakelaris of Grosse Pointe Farms, Haleigh Ristovski of Sterling Heights, Briana Bellamy of Detroit and Joseph Renzi of Clinton Township.

Mars team presents results

Grosse Pointe North High School's Mars Team was selected as a national co-winner of this year's Mars Exploration Student Data Teams Project. Five members of the initial 20-student team will present results of their research at the annual Planetary Geologic Mappers Meeting, held June 19 to 21, at the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum in Washington D.C.

The five students who completed most of the research and gave the winning presentation are Tanner Colborg, Zachary

Kaiser, Chris Konen, Jamie Lackner and Joey Bejin. They created a PowerPoint for an online presentation and drafted a 94-page research paper, titled "Northwest Nili Fossae: A Possible Ancient Hot Springs Area," detailing the team's search for possible hot springs on Mars, areas that once could've hosted ancient life.

"Research involved using multiple specialized software tools to analyze data," team advisor Ardis Herrold said in a press release. "Throughout the process,

students were able to interact with scientists to get help and feedback on their research via participation in an online learning community, the MESDT Forum."

More than 40 high school and community college teams were involved in the MESDT project. The top five teams made presentations to scientists and participating schools in April via an online meeting format.

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Students turn their tassels from right to left, a gesture symbolizing their transition from candidate to graduate.

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Abigail Sohn receives her diploma from board of education trustee Tom Jakubiec.

Heads of the class



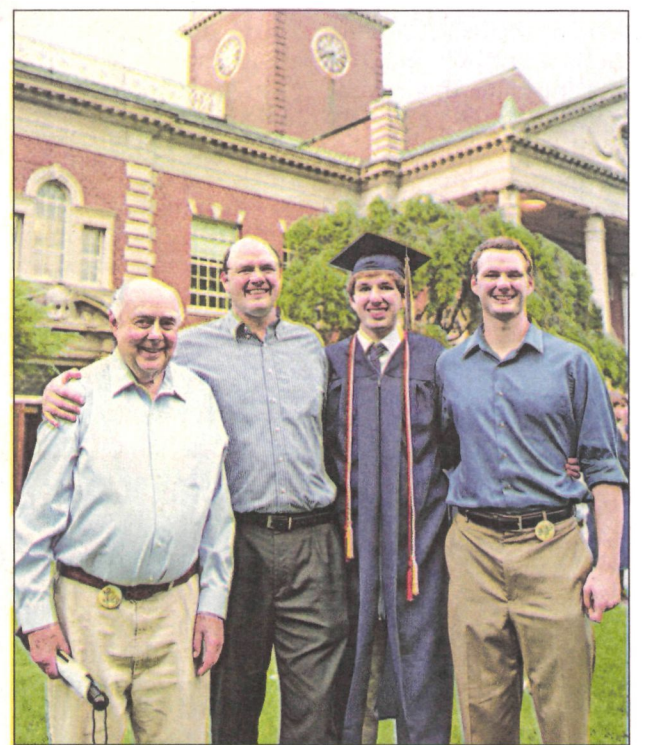
South principal Matt Outlaw leads the procession. Members of the board of education Lois Valente, left, Joan Dindoffer, right, and others follow.



Senior class president Kelly Cullen delivers her speech, entitled "Extraordinary."



The Class of 2013 ends its commencement ceremony with the traditional tossing of the caps.



The Sanford family celebrates three generations of South graduates, from left, James Sanford, Class of 1947; Mark Sanford, Class of 1982; Brad Sanford, Class of 2013; and Blake Sanford, Class of 2010.



Student speaker Max Roeske gives a speech about potential.



Students (in blue) and faculty (in black) gather before the procession. From left, Jenna Kuess, Chelsea Adams, Kristie Philliben, Joshua Alexander, Bettina Amato, Annalisa Bissu, Alon Vassel, Maggie Bickerstaff, James Adams, Neala Berkowski and Kelly Cullen.

4A II | SCHOOLS

Rising high

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

For every series of stunts — the no-footers, the handlebar spins, the ETs, the other BMX tricks — Cory Yarbrough followed up with a brief but important and positive message for the students at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School.

Yarbrough is team manager of Rise Above BMX, part of Rise Above Entertainment, a company that coordinates extreme sports entertainment events with schools, fairs and special venues. He and three other riders — Tyler Fernengel, Mikey Tyra and Eric Trombley — performed their high-energy, choreographed BMX show June 5 for students at St. Clare.

“Us four riders out here decided to stay away from negative things like drugs and alcohol, put our time into something positive like bike riding. Now, I don’t

encourage you guys to try this because it’s way too dangerous, but if there’s one thing I want to take away from this show is if you guys set goals for yourself, and work hard at them, there’s no telling what you guys can accomplish,” Yarbrough said, one of three main messages he delivered throughout the 45-plus-minute show. Other messages touched on bike and helmet safety and the importance of education.

“If it wasn’t for my education, I wouldn’t have learned how to build these ramps and put together a performance like this,” Yarbrough said.

The performance, which kept students excited and engaged throughout, consisted of BMX tricks and stunts like bike-jumping a line of students or ramping up and over St. Clare principal Sr. Kathy Avery. Riders also passed out posters and other collect-



PHOTO BY SUE REIK

Principal Sr. Kathy Avery takes part in a Rise Above BMX stunt.

ibles to the loudest fan or for answering a question correctly.

Rise Above’s visit was courtesy of Doug Platonas, of Great American Opportunities, a national organization that helps schools and companies fundraise for the benefit of the children.

“I always try to go for things that kids will remember,” said Platonas. “Like, they’ll go home and talk about this with mom and dad. This is different than the 10-minute toys that kids get that break in 10 minutes. This is something they’ll remember for a while.”

Maire raises money for cancer center

The student council at Maire Elementary School recently raised \$688 and collected a large bag of hats for the Meade Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Center at St. John Hospital. Both were the results of Maire’s Hats On Day, in which students and staff made donations to wear a hat during school.

Representatives from

the student council presented their donations to the Meade Center a few weeks ago.

While there, Dr. Hadi Sawaf thanked the students and told them of the importance for a child undergoing cancer treatment to wear a hat in the summer as protection from sunburn.

“Your precious gifts will be put to good use,” Sawaf said.



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Sonja Franchett, Maire principal; Bennett Smihal; Adonis Lorenzana, M.D.; Elizabeth Clark; Amy Smith; Hadi Sawaf, M.D.; and Kim Manikas, student council advisor and assistant teacher.

Miller, McShane retire from St. Paul

Graduation day at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School not only marked the end of another school year but of a career as well. Two, in fact, as principal Mary Miller and assistant principal Evelyn McShane have both retired from their respective positions.

Miller, an educator of 33 years, spent the last eight as principal at St. Paul.

“When I started at St. Paul, our graduating eighth graders were tiny primary school students in Sister Raymond and Mrs. Blair’s first grades,” Miller said in a newsletter to parents. “Now they’re moving on to high school, and I’m excited to be ‘graduating’ with them, and moving on to a new phase in my life.”

That new phase, Miller

said, is a focus on being a wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, niece and friend. She plans on splitting time between a new home in Lakeland, Fla., near her younger daughter and in Michigan near her older daughter.

“Thank you for all you have done for me over the years,” said Miller, who started in education as a junior high school teacher at Holy Innocents, then at St. Isaac Jogues, first as a teacher, then as technology coordinator.

She switched to administration 16 years ago. In that time she received the National Catholic Education Association Distinguished Principal award in Boston in 2004 and, as a school, St. Paul earned the National Blue Ribbon in 2006.

Like Miller, McShane’s career as an educator extends 30-plus years. She taught at St. Barnabas School in

Eastpointe for 17 years, before taking a job as a teacher at St. Paul in 1978. Most of her memories of the past 34 years, McShane said in the parent newsletter, are of a spiritual nature.

“I can see the thirst for learning expressed in those wide-eyed children,” McShane said. “I can feel the love freely given by hugs and handshakes. I can hear the laughter and music warming my heart. I can taste a glimpse of Heaven in the innocence of youth. I can touch the future knowing that the children I’ve taught are tomorrow’s fearless leaders.”

Replacing Miller and McShane as St. Paul’s new leaders are Kathleen White and Tina Forsythe, respectively.

White previously held the same position at St. Thecla in Clinton Township, while Forsythe taught fifth grade at St. Paul.

South graduate to make debut on silver screen

Residents of the Grosse Pointes watching the upcoming television premiere of CBS’s adaptation of Stephen King’s “Under the Dome” may recognize a familiar face among the show’s main cast.

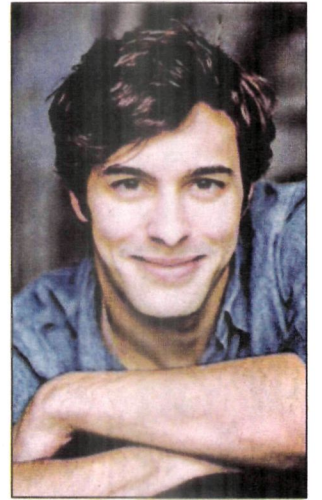
Playing the role of Junior Rennie, son of villainous and ruthless local politician and car dealer James “Big Jim” Rennie, is Alex Koch, a graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School’s Class of 2006.

Koch’s Rennie suffers from a brain tumor disguising itself as migraines, which partially accounts for his propensity for violence and worsening delusional state.

In the show, a strange occurrence locks Rennie and others in the small town of Chester’s Mill, Maine, inside an invisible dome.

According to his resume on IMDB, Koch previously appeared in one episode of “Underemployed” and in two shorts, “The Ghosts” (2011) and “Winter” (2011).

In 2005, while still a student at South, he started training under



Alex Koch

voice and acting coach Wayman Ezell.

“He was my very first voice student,” Ezell said. “He sang six bars of music and I knew he had the x-factor.”

After South, Koch attended DePaul University’s Theater School for Acting, where he graduated last June, before moving to Los Angeles in the fall.

“Under the Dome,” which premieres at 10 p.m. Monday, June 24, on CBS, was Koch’s first television pilot audition.

“He moved there in September and by January he had this job,” Ezell said. “That just never, ever happens.”

Books donated



PHOTO COURTESY OF PATTI THEROS

Daughters of the American Revolution, Louisa St. Clair Chapter donated patriotic children’s books to the Grosse Pointe Public Libraries and Grosse Pointe public schools.

Star improves its program

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School has designated a separate classroom and teacher for its Young Fives program in an effort to improve the overall experience for students when classes resume in September.

Young Fives bridges the educational landscape between preschool and kindergarten.

It’s for students with summer and fall birthdays who don’t meet the state’s cutoff age of turning five on or before Nov. 1, 2013, to enroll in kin-

dergarten. Additionally, it benefits students in need of extra time to grow spiritually, academically, emotionally and socially.

The program covers religion, language arts, math, science, social studies, motor skills and emotional and social development. Star will hire a teacher this summer.

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Pierce looks to community for 75th anniversary

Have you a class yearbook, a potpourri of photos or a collection of clippings from newspapers or school publications from the past 75 years at Pierce Middle School, especially during the years prior to 1973?

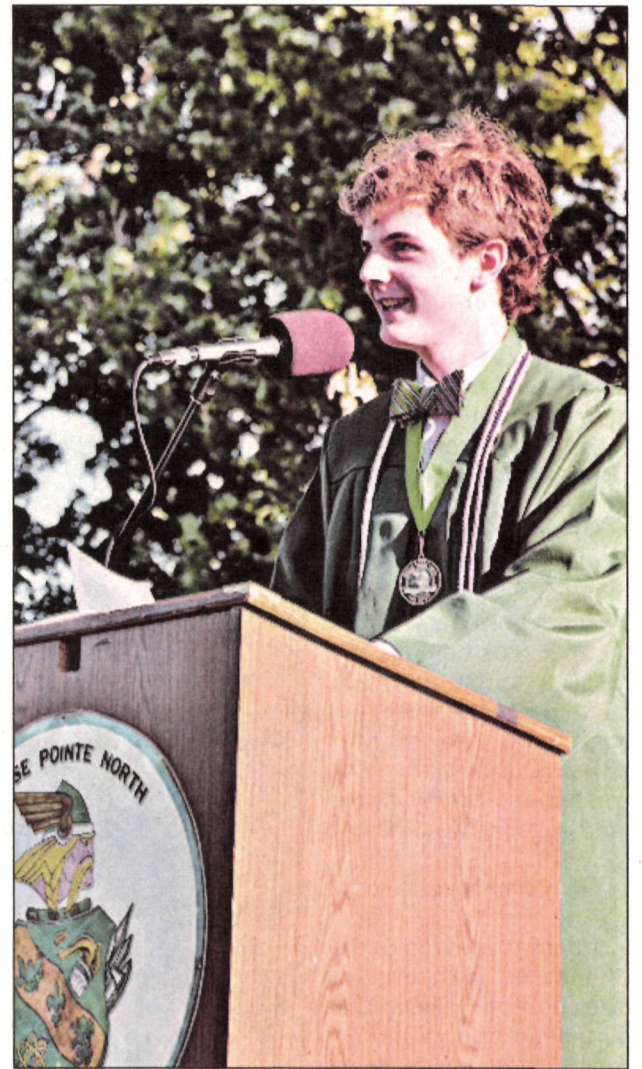
If so, library media specialist and Pierce webmaster Amanda Pata asks that you contact her at amanda.pata@gpschools.org.

The upcoming school year marks Pierce’s 75th anniversary, its 75th opened its doors officially on Sept. 18, 1939, to about 750 students in grades 7 to 9. To help commemorate the occasion, Pata is looking for past staff or alumni to share any of the aforementioned resources with the school.

Hats off to the grads



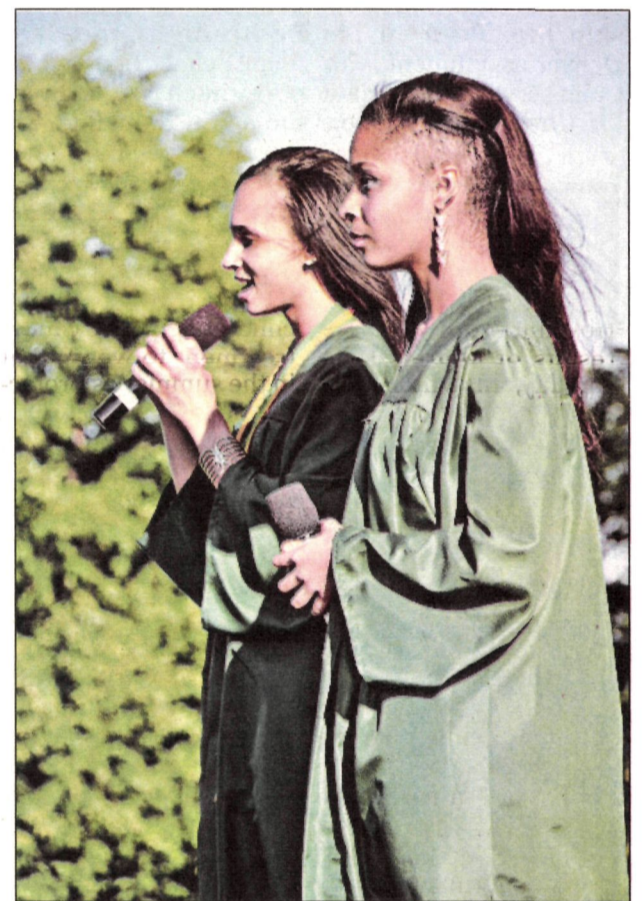
Above, Grosse Pointe North High School's Class of 2013 tosses caps in the air. Below left, Student Association president Sophia Avouris provides the introductions. Below right, class president Francesca Ciaramitaro gives the welcome address.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT
Logan Hart gives the commencement address.



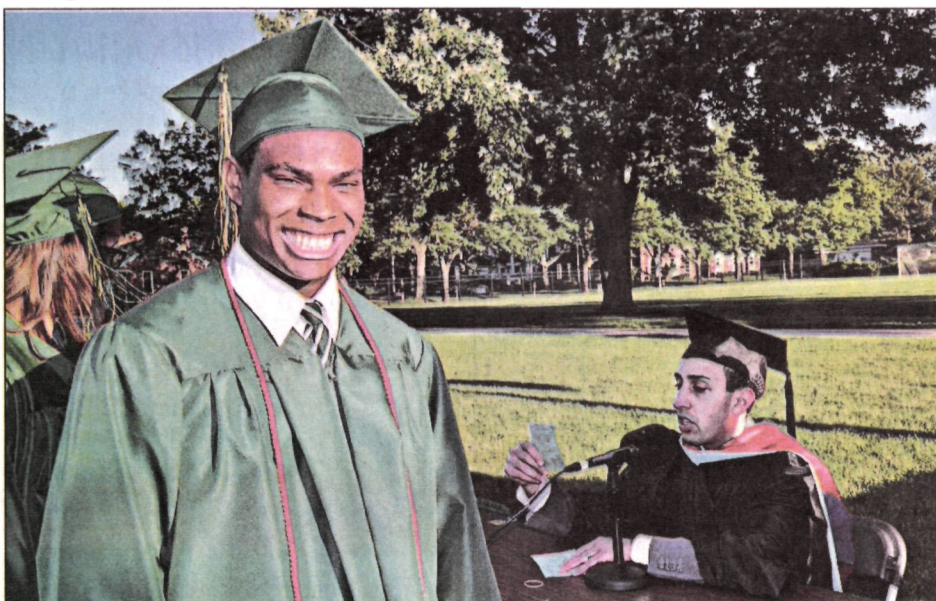
North principal Kate Murray leads the procession.



Alexandria Thomas and Taylor White sing Beyonce's "I was here."



Noah Cherry shakes hands with superintendent Tom Harwood after receiving his diploma.



Lamont Josey II awaits his turn on stage after giving his name to teacher Gary Abud, on duty as a roll caller.



Kerry Leannais is all smiles showing off her diploma.

6A II | CHURCHES

Christ Church welcomes new rector

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

There were a number of things that attracted Rev. Thomas Andrew "Drew" Van Culin to Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

"Christ Church has a rich history with the Episcopal church," he began. "Its music program is second to none. Its legacy is a significant legacy for music and worship and it has a strong ministry program. The history and ministry were a draw for me."

He and his wife, Jessica, were also drawn to the community.

"The people Jessica and I met in visits here helped us see it as home and a community for us. I can see us being a part of (the community) and as a place to raise our children."

Van Culin is the 10th rector of Christ Church and gave his first sermon May 19.

He comes to Grosse Pointe from St. John's Cathedral, Denver, one of the largest cathedrals in the country. He served as sub-dean and canon for more than three years and was in charge of operations, programming, adult formation, pastoral care and worship life. Prior to his Denver assignment, Van Culin served as associate for Christian Education



PHOTO BY ANN L. FOUTY

Rev. Thomas Andrew Van Culin, rector of Christ Church Grosse Pointe

at The Church of Hills, Woodland Park, Bethesda-by-the-Sea, Colo. Born and raised in Hawaii, he is the son and nephew of Episcopal

priests. Van Culin earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in classical humanities at Davidson College in North Carolina in 1995,

and a Master of Divinity degree from the Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, Mass., in 1999. His ordination as a deacon took place in the Episcopal Diocese in Hawaii in 1999 and ordination as a priest in 2000.

Van Culin and his wife have two children, Sam and Catherine. The 40-year-old minister said his first goals are to become acquainted with the church community, what is celebrated as a community, followed by forming concrete goals.

"I'm learning the customs. There is much in place," he said.

With more than 700 families in the congregation, Van Culin plans to maintain and carry on the traditional Anglican worship into the next generation.

"I know it (worship) is changing but we can influence that change."

"I'm excited to be here," he said. "It's a beautiful community, a worshipping community. Children are invited to be at home here and grow with the church — what a gift. Christ Church is

committed to beautiful music and liturgy and sustainable faith — faith that is grappled with but out to challenge life in the 21st century; (faith) that will grow with us, can withstand questions and challenges life brings."

Not long after Van Culin moved into the rectory at the back of the property on Grosse Pointe Boulevard,

the church's annual antique show took over three floors of the church for three spring days and staffed by volunteers. It was an opportunity for Van Culin to witness how members worked together and how the community supports the event that benefits the church choir.

"The antique show was beautiful to look at," he said. "The real beauty is community support. The real gift are the people behind it all. The greater part of Thursday through Sunday, I was milling about, connecting with the parishioners."

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OBITUARIES

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Robert Edward Blaser

Robert E. Blaser, 92, of Sun City Center, Fla., passed away Friday, June 14, 2013, at Henry Ford Hospital following a short illness. He was surrounded by his family.

He and his wife of 55 years, Sylvia, who predeceased him, were longtime residents of Grosse Pointe Woods. They were members of the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and married there June 20, 1942. In 1982, they moved to Florida after his retirement from General Motors.

Born Aug. 24, 1920, in Royal Oak, to Edward and Ella Blaser, he attended Lawrence Technological University and began his working career with the Allison Division of General Motors designing aircraft engines. When World War II broke out, he received a military deferment resulting from his work in a critical industry, but believed it was more important to serve his country in the military and enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps.

He completed his training at San Angelo Army Air Field in San Angelo, Texas. He served in the 860th Bomber Squadron and later with the 21st Weather Squadron as a support unit to Gen. George S. Patton's 3rd Army. He was in attendance along with several thousand U.S. troops when Patton delivered his "Somewhere in England" speech prior to the Allied D-Day Invasion. He saw action throughout the European Theatre in Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes and Germany.

Upon returning from the war, Mr. Blaser resumed his career at

GM joining the Cadillac Motor Car Division, where he worked as a senior project engineer for 37 years. His family said he loved his work and was amazed he actually got paid for doing something he loved so much.

A golfer for 75 years, Mr. Blaser was a founding member of Rattle Run Golf Club in St. Clair, where he maintained a 3 handicap for many years. He was also a member at Kings Point Golf Club in Florida. He recorded 17 holes-in-one with the last one carded at age 88. A humble man, he preferred to not discuss his accomplishments or war experiences. He took far more interest in his family and friends.

Mr. Blaser is survived by his son, Roger W.; daughters, Shirley E. Wilkins and Patricia Lynn Blaser and grandsons, Bradley, Brian and Chase. He will be missed dearly.

Donations may be made to the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or Seasons Hospice Foundation, 6400 Shafer Court, Suite 700, Rosemont, IL 60018.

Dennis R. Holman

Former longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Dennis R. Holman, 62, passed away Sunday, June 16, 2013.

He was born June 20, 1950, in Livingston, Tenn., to Gladys and Halton Holman.

He worked for Den-Man Contractors and at Texas Bar & Grill. He enjoyed poker and country music and was a member of the Masons.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Regina;

children, Melody Ford (Bryan), David (Gail) and Wesley (Amandajo); grandchildren, Nathan, Ella, Dylan, Ava, Dalton, Brea and Landon; brother, Lonnie; sisters, Gail Peek and Janice Clark.

He was predeceased by his parents, Gladys and Halton; brother, Douglas and sister, Katherine.

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George F. "Buzz" Cronin

George F. "Buzz" Cronin, 86, of Elk Rapids, passed away peacefully Wednesday, June 12, 2013, at his home.

Born Sept. 21, 1926, in Grosse Pointe to Daniel and Lucille (nee Loveridge) Cronin, he married Dixie Stevens Feb. 5, 1949, at First Presbyterian Church in Saginaw. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the Philippine Islands.

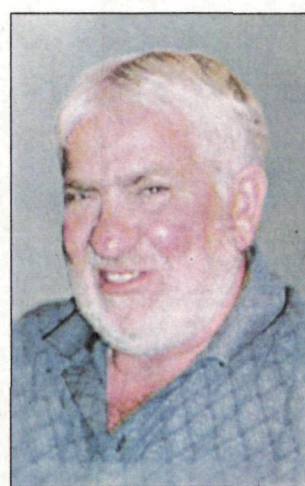
Mr. Cronin earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Central Michigan University in 1951, where he played both varsity baseball and basketball for four years, captaining both teams during his senior year and was a member of Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity.

He initially worked as a sales representative with Shell Oil in Saginaw, before establishing a career with the General Motors Chevrolet Motor Division Saginaw Metal Castings plant serving as education and training coordinator and later as Equal Employment Opportunity coordinator from which he retired Oct. 1, 1988.

Mr. Cronin was proud



Robert Edward Blaser



Dennis R. Holman



George F. Cronin

of his Irish heritage and volunteered in the community. He was a member of St. Stephen Catholic Church in Saginaw before moving to Elk Rapids in 1991, where he has been a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Dixie; their children, Clay Cronin (Debbie), Kirk Cronin (Kathleen) and Carey Cronin; grandchildren, Tara Collins (Corey), Daniel Cronin, Colleen Cronin and Kevin Cronin; great-grandson Eli Collins and sister Joan Fox (Larry).

A funeral Mass was celebrated June 19 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Elk Rapids.

Barbara J. Bruno

Former Grosse Pointe resident Barbara J. Bruno, 85, died Thursday, June 13, 2013.

She was the beloved wife of Joseph C. Bruno, who predeceased her; loving mother of Mary Ehret (Jeffrey), Barbara Bruno (Steven Harris) and Donna Kase (the late David) and proud grandmother of Kimberly and Kevin Ehret, Nicole Bookstaver (Brandon), Courtney Kase and Jacob and Molly Harris.

A memorial service will be held at later date.

Donations may be made to Three Crowns Park Foundation Employee Scholarship Fund, 2323 McDaniel Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201 or to Midwest Palliative and Hospice



Barbara J. Bruno



Albert George Nault Jr.

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Albert George Nault Jr. M.D.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Albert George Nault Jr. M.D., 77, passed away Monday, June 10, 2013.

He was born Feb. 21, 1936, in Worcester, Mass., to Lillian Brodeur and Albert George Nault. He attended high school at Assumption Preparatory School and went on to earn his college degree at Assumption College in 1958, where he established a scholarship fund later in his life.

His Doctorate of Medicine degree was earned at The University of Montreal in 1962 and he performed his residency at St. John Hospital in Detroit. He then served in the U.S. Army from 1965 to 1967. He was an OB/GYN for more than 40 years in Detroit and the surrounding area.

Dr. Nault is survived by his wife of 47 years, Carol Nault; children, Michelle Nault, Christopher John Nault,

Kathryn Nault Harrison and Elizabeth Rose Nault and grandchildren, Sage Elizabeth Nault Phillips and Morgan Emery Harrison.

Dr. Nault was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and loyal friend. Since childhood, he enjoyed spending summer months on Cape Cod, which nurtured his love of sailing and the sea. He had a passion for collecting and restoring antique cars. He was the president of the Ford V8 Club of America Dearborn chapter and was active in the Model T Club for many years.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 13, 2013, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Interment at the columbarium will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. John Hospital and Medical Center's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit renovation and expansion project in care of the St. John Health Foundation, 22101 Moross Road, Mack Building, Suite 102, Detroit, MI 48236.



Above: The Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe's Florida luncheon for snowbirds was held at the University Park Country Club in March 2013.

Members present were Robert Roney, Dorothy Calpin, Al McKay, Toni Babcock, Betty McKay, Marilyn Nixon, Carolyn Barth, Sue Kramer, Carol Sauter, Mickey Wilberding, Ed Diedo, Art Molitor, Ginny Molitor, Tom Chuba, Stan Kramer, Hal Nixon, Al Sauter, Ed Wilberding, Rickey Diedo and Debbie Barber.

Above right: Judith Meininger-Cudini of Grosse Pointe Farms enjoyed reading the Grosse Pointe News in front of the Apple Store in Paris.

Bottom right: Lisa and Chris Fildes of Grosse Pointe Farms visiting the Demilitarized Zone during their trip to Seoul, Korea.

At right: Bruce and Nancy Vick, of Grosse Pointe Park, and Thomas and Cheryl Teetaert, of Grosse Pointe Woods, took the Grosse Pointe News with them to Eilean Donan Castle, near the Isle of Skye, in the Scottish highlands.

When you travel, take along a copy of the Grosse Pointe News and have a photo taken of yourself in front of a local landmark. Send the picture, along with a few words to: The Grosse Pointe News Reader, 21316 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236; or e-mail to editor@grossepointenews.com. Your photo will appear in an upcoming issue.



TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

2013 Acura RDX



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2013 Acura RDX AWD Tech

This week, we're driving Acura's all-new 2013 RDX, finished in all-wheel drive with the technology package — price as tested: \$40,315 — Acura's new crossover starts at \$34,320.

Completely different from the 2012 RDX, a new exterior/interior/engine combination finds the 2013 most impressive.

The biggest change appears under the hood, as

the former four-cylinder turbo is replaced by a more powerful and smooth 273 horsepower, 3.5 liter V6. The engine couples to a fine shifting and properly geared six-speed automatic transmission, resulting in excellent torque, great passing abilities, and EPA numbers of 19 city and 27 highway. The front drive delivers 20 and 28, respectively.

Our tester came with the technology package as standard, featuring navi-

gation, multi-view rear camera, Acura-Link communications, 10-speaker Dolby Pro Logic Surround Sound hard-disk stereo system, GPS, dual zone climate control, power tailgate, Xenon headlights and fog lamps.

On the highway, Acura's ride, nimble handling, comfort, quiet interior and all the amenities the brand is noted for are built in to each RDX. Safety features include all the air bags, great four-wheel ABS disc brake system and all the "electronic assistance" utilized by car manufacturers nowadays in stopping and keeping vehicles in a straight line.

Personally, the interior deserves extra praise as leather sport seats, XM satellite, MP3, USB, push button start, 10-way power seat, Homelink, all the powers and much more great driver and passenger. Additionally, thanks to the rear multi-link and front strut setup suspension, the ride is comfortable yet sporty at the same time, thanks to special damping on the suspension to the deliver just the right amount of firmness when needed.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 105.7 inches, 3,852-pound curb weight, 16-gallon fuel tank with premium recommended, 26.1 to 76.9 cubic feet of cargo space and room for five passengers.

Acura's 2013 RDX earns a solid "Test Drive" best buy recommendation. The RDX delivered one of most enjoyable and functional drives to date.

Likes: New drivetrain, interior, exterior, price, Acura quality.

Dislikes: Rear blind spots, not much else.
Zyla is a syndicated automotive columnist.



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FALLING INTO a CLASSIC STORY

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor



Oh dear! Oh dear! Don't be late.

A new adventure, "Fairy Tales at Ford House: A Wonderful Experience," comes to life

at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, in the third and final summer series celebrating fairy tales. This year, it's all about Alice from "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" as she, the Mad Hatter, the Queen of Hearts and the White Rabbit kick off the high-energy, imaginative event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 29.

The Ford house's wooded grounds, activities center, Josephine Ford's playhouse and the pool house set the stage for story time and an art exhibit, inspired by the novel written by Charles Lutwidge Dodgson under the pseudonym Lewis Carroll in 1865. Both human and animal characters from the story will be incorporated in activities including multi-cultural storytelling, story circles, games and a storybook reading event.

The art and educational portions of the exhibit, *Almost Alice: Illustrations of Wonderland and Alice, Art & Artifact*, open the same day and run through Sept. 8.

Opening day

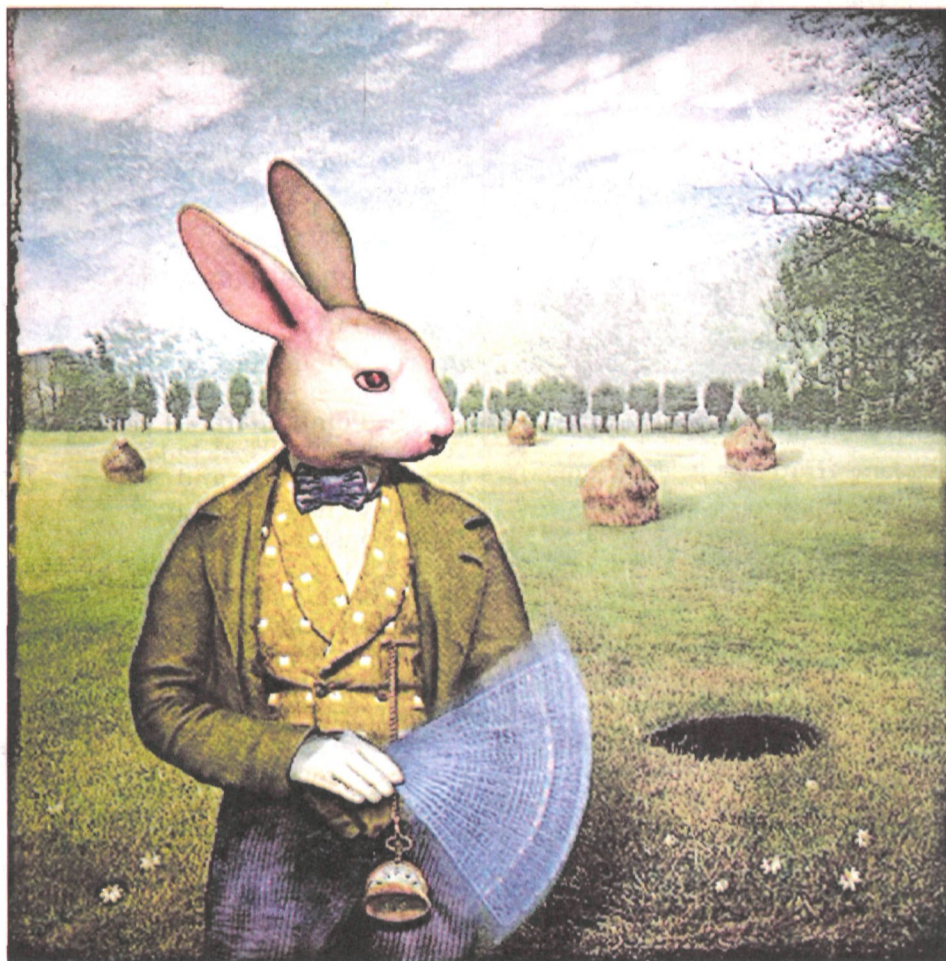
Experience Alice's wonderland in the South Cottage where the atmosphere is set to make children feel both small and large, mimicking Alice's size changes.

In the main entrance, children will have a chance to take books from the cottage to read in a designated outdoor reading area, said Sara Ericson, the Ford House's museum technician.

Back inside the cottage, an oversize book with large print can be handled to experience that shrinking feeling.

In another cottage room, children sit at a child-size table as tea party guests. They also will have the opportunity to try on hats, including the Mad Hatter's tall hat.

The hall of doors will be set up in a third room of the cottage. Children can gaze through peep holes to see pieces of art illustrating Alice's story. The last door opens and children can squat



Maggie Taylor is the featured artist during *Almost Alice: Illustrations of Wonderland* at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House this summer.



The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House wooded areas could be the hiding place for a toadstool-sitting caterpillar.

formed into the White Rabbit's house with the lizard flying out the chimney and its bottom half in the fireplace, Ericson said.

Also, children will be able to dress up either as the White Rabbit or Alice.

The grounds are the site of a maze, a petting farm, three-legged races, story telling, puppet shows, short plays performed by Grosse Pointe Theatre members and croquet with the Queen of Hearts. Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum will be around and children can blow bubbles with the caterpillar.

Advance tickets cost \$12 or \$15 at the door.

"This has become such a community staple, a family event," said Ann Fitzpatrick, vice president of communications for the Ford House. "It's creative and fun."

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A small lace-trimmed apron is layered with vintage handkerchiefs.

PHOTOS BY ANN L. FOUTY

Children's programs

MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTIES

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
July 9, 11, 16, 18 and 23
\$25

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

9 p.m.
July 24
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MAD HATTER HAT MAKING

10 a.m. to noon
Aug. 13
For ages 5 to 10
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10 a.m. to noon
Aug. 20
For ages 5 to 10
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10 a.m. to noon
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Adult programs

A DAY WITH NANCY FINE COLLINS, AUTHOR OF THE COMPLETE ENGRAVER

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down to peer into a garden setting.

A fourth room contains a toadstool table and chairs and children's activities.

"They'll feel tiny in this room," Ericson said. "There will be a projection of the Cheshire Cat. It will fade in and out. The cat's body will fade, then the face, then the smile."

Josephine's playhouse will be trans-



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Fiber artist and student at College for Creative Studies Nabeela Najjar created Alice's night dress. It will be on display at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House through Sept. 8.



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Tribute

Eighteen Senior Men's Club members, who joined in 1993, were recognized for the length of time they have been members during the June 11 luncheon meeting. The seven members attending received a 20-year pin. In the front row from left, Robert Greening, Kenneth Maleitzke and Alfred Thomas; back row from left, Elton Bamford, Eugene Arjeski, Nathan Judson and Charles Pentis. Those not attending but receiving a pin are, Joseph Arpin, James Farquhar, Joseph Fromm, James Marshall, Eugene Mezger, David Nadeau, Nicholas Piccione, Lorne Sherry, Donald Stehr, Kenneth Steketee and Edward Wilberding.

Outstanding

Appointed

Margo Farber of Grosse Pointe Park was appointed to the Michigan Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee.

Housed within the Michigan Department of Community Health, the 11-member board advises the department on issues affecting prescription drug coverage for its various health care programs.

Farber is director of the University of

Michigan Health System's drug information service. She also serves as adjunct faculty at Wayne State University's College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and as a clinical assistant professor at Wayne State University's School of Medicine and the University of Michigan's College of Pharmacy. She is a member of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, Michigan

Society of Health-System Pharmacists, Southeastern Michigan Society of Hospital Pharmacists and American Diabetes Association.

Farber serves a two-year term.

Ed Russell of Grosse Pointe Farms is an elected trustee of the Beaumont Health System.

He is managing partner of Russell Development Company and attended Western Michigan University, majoring in finance. Russell is a board member of the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Parade Organization, Northern Trust-Michigan Advisory Board and Eagle Children's Charities Board-Detroit (formerly Eagle Sports Club). He was also a founding board member of the Holley Ear Institute at St. John Providence.

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des Jardinieres

The La Societe des Jardinieres annual business meeting and election of officers begins at noon Thursday, June 20, on the Wendy Kay yacht. Members discuss the programs for the next year and a sponsorship of Project Bloom to enhance the Village shopping district.

Lunch and a Detroit River cruise follow the meeting. The hostess and captain of the Wendy Kay are Cheryl and John Nelson.

Garden center

The 22nd annual Grosse Pointe Garden Tour, sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Garden Center, is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, June 21 and 22, rain or shine. Tickets are \$12 pre-tour and \$15 on tour days. Tickets are available at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

There are eight private gardens throughout the Grosse Pointes, as well as the Trial Gardens and Veterans Garden at the War Memorial open to the public. Master gardeners and artists will be at the private gardens.

Proceeds benefit the education, beautification, horticulture and conservation of the community.

Senior Men's Club

Rich Van Dellen is the 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, June 25, Senior Men's Club speaker. Lunch is served at 11:15 a.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Van Dellen was one of the first emergency medical technicians in the country, under a program set up by President Richard Nixon in 1970. Van Dellen initiated EMS programs in several Wyoming and Colorado communities and was chief paramedic at a Colorado coal mine. He has also worked in Saudi Arabia.

Men 55 years and older can attend the club. The cost is \$10.

For more information, call Eric Lindquist at (313) 469-8288.

Camera club

The Grosse Pointe Camera Club meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 25, in Room C-11 at Brownell Middle School.

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

Parkinson's Support

The Eastside Parkinson's Support Group meets at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, June 27, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods.

For more information, call Jane Farrelly at (313) 886-4356 or Barbara Chase at (313) 885-2546.

War Memorial

The Grosse Pointe War



PHOTO BY ANN L. FOUTY

Rows of lettuce leading to raised beds of more vegetables and herbs in a Grosse Pointe Farms yard can be seen during the 22nd annual Grosse Pointe Garden tour.



PHOTO BY JOHN MINNIS

Guest speaker

Retired Lt. Col. Harry T. Stewart Jr., right, one of America's most decorated World War II Tuskegee airmen spoke at the May 20 Rotary of Grosse Pointe meeting. He flew 43 long-range bomber escort missions in the P-51 Mustang fighter plane. At left is the club's president Diane Strickler.

Memorial offers summer activities and classes, as well as children's camps. Register by calling (313) 881-7511. Events and programs in the days ahead include:

Pianist David Syme performs at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 25, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Concert tickets cost \$25. Tickets to the concert and after glow cost \$50. Proceeds benefit the War Memorial.

For reservations, call (313) 881-7511.



David Syme

Fundamentals of Pruning & More — 7 to 8 p.m. Monday, June 24. Get a handle on the tools of the trade and learn what, where, when and why to prune. The cost is \$15.

Basics and Beyond of DSLR Photography — 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, June 26. Photographer Derek Cookson teaches how to get the most out of digital single lens reflex cameras and accessories. The fee is \$33.

Wizard of Oz: Young Performer's Edition —

10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 2. Starring the War Memorial's Summer Musical Theatre Camp students, the production tells the story of Dorothy, the Wicked Witch and their confrontations in a land somewhere over the rainbow. Adult admission is \$9 and admission for students and senior citizens is \$6.

Summer camps — Video Game Design for ages 8 to 11, July 8 through 12; Kids Empowered Camps for ages 7 to 9, Be Assertive... What to Say & How to say it! July 15 through 19 and American Girl Camp "Being Me," July 8 through 12 and July 29 through Aug. 2; We Do Robotics for ages 7 to 9, July 22 through 26; Renewable Energy Engineering for ages 9 to 12, July 22 through 26; 3D Video Game Worlds for ages 9 to 12, July 29 through Aug. 2; and Kids' Cooking Boot Camp for ages 8 to 12, Aug. 5 through 8.

Returning programs are **Babysitter's Training Course**, June 29; **CardioMax**, 8-week sessions begin June 20 and June 24; **iPad & iPhone "Beyond Basics"** June 20; **MAT5 Boot Camp** June 27 through Aug. 22; **Zumba Fitness**, 8-week sessions begin June 25, 26 and 28.

Club notes

Chapter AO of the National Philanthropic Education Organization, supporting women's education through scholarships, celebrated its 1938 founding with a 1930's style tea at Cook School. Beth Pressler and Suzanne Nicholson were hostesses.

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10:00 am Shine a Light
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11:00 am Out of the Ordinary
11:30 am Senior Men's Club

12:00 pm Economic Club of Detroit
1:00 pm Two in the Kitchen
1:30 pm Great Lakes Log
2:00 pm The John Prost Show
2:30 pm Legal Insider
3:00 pm Things to Do at the War Memorial
3:30 pm Cars in Context
4:00 pm Vitality Plus (Tone)
4:30 pm Musical Storytime
5:00 pm In a Heartbeat
5:30 pm Two in the Kitchen
6:00 pm Legal Insider
6:30 pm Shine a Light
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8:30 pm Senior Men's Club
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10:00 pm The John Prost Show
10:30 pm Great Lakes Log
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So much fun

Kate Connelly, Nick Doyle and Sarah Piepszowski were busted by Robby Mullinger hiding in a secret cellar built during Prohibition. The four were attending the Grosse Pointe Historical Society gala hosted by Lora and Sergio Mazza. The hidden passageway is behind a mirror in a basement room and was used by the house's original family to take them out to the road where chauffeurs waited, spirited them away from the police.



Above, Lora Mazza, left, and Sergio Mazza, right, hosted the gala June 6 at their Grosse Pointe Farms house. With the couple is Cynthia Dean Navarro, whose family built the house in 1924. Right, Jonathan Valente plays piano to entertain gala guests, including University Liggett School juniors Summer Starling and Casey Mazza.



A Rolls Royce is parked in front of host Sergio Mazza's house.

PHOTOS BY
RENEE LANDUYT



ALICE: Storybook art

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Art

"Almost Alice: Illustrations of Wonderland" presents artist Maggie Taylor's digitally manipulated pieces into layered montages. Faces in the pieces were taken from vintage photographs and incorporated into photos. Of particular interest are the faces of the King and Queen of Hearts and Alice. Her illustrations are in the South Cottage.

The second exhibit, "Alice, Art & Artifact," is a multi-media art creation from eight College for Creative Studies students in an art and artifact class. Their work was inspired by either the story or Ford House artifacts.

One of the items, Alice's night dress, was created by Nabeela Najjar of Detroit. She fashioned the unusual nightgown from leafy

paper and gauzy material. It can be seen in the playhouse's bedroom.

According to Josephine Shea, Ford House curator, fiber artist Karen Quinn of Livonia created three sizes of aprons. From a more than 6-foot apron of pink to a medium size of green gingham to the smallest green and pink, they are multi-layered. Guests can lift the layers of material to reveal a different apron.

Ceramicists Michelle Perry of Saginaw and Alexandria Rabishaw of Milwaukee both created tea sets. Other items created include costumes from the past 65 years, entertainment by Grosse Pointe Theatre members and

Theater hosts Sunday tea

Grosse Pointe Theatre hosts its sixth "A Theatrical Affair Afternoon Tea" from 2 to 5 p.m., Sunday, June 30, Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Crystal Ballroom. This year's tea celebrates the theater's 65th anniversary.

The event includes a champagne and tea luncheon, fashion show featuring costumes from the past 65 years, entertainment by Grosse Pointe Theatre members and

table settings. Each of the 20 tables is designed to one of the theater's past productions. Guests can vote on their favorite table design. Prizes will be awarded for the best tea ensemble and hat. The cost is \$60. Space is limited. For reservations call (313) 881-4004 by noon Saturday, June 29.

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Smoked Whitefish Pate

(adapted from Chuck Muer)

1 lb. smoked whitefish (skin and bones removed)
1 - 8 oz. block cream cheese, softened to room temperature

1/2 stick butter, softened to room temperature

1/4 cup heavy cream

1 tablespoon horseradish

1/8 teaspoon Tabasco sauce

chopped parsley for garnish

Place smoked whitefish in a food processor and pulse 2 or 3 times. Add cream cheese, butter, cream, horseradish and Tabasco sauce. Pulse until smooth, scrapping down sides of bowl with a rubber spatula.

Transfer pate to a bowl, cover first with plastic wrap and then a lid.

Chill until ready to serve.

To serve, present pate in a pretty serving vessel and top with chopped fresh parsley.

Crackers or toast points will pair nicely with the smoked whitefish pate. So will a crisp chilled Chardonnay. Trust me.

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A Level III trauma center typically has transfer agreements in place with Level I and Level II trauma centers to ensure back-up resources for the care of patients with severe injuries.

In addition to providing exceptional, high-quality care to trauma patients, trauma III sta-

tus requires the hospital staff be educated on injury prevention topics and the trauma team provides injury prevention education and resources to families within the hospital and in the community such as the bike and helmet safety program, child passenger safety, Coumadin injury awareness, fire and home safety and poison prevention.

For more information contact Clark, chief, emergency services, Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe at (313) 473-6940. For information on any of the pro-

grams listed above, visit beaumont.edu.

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Veterans celebration and welcome home reception

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College, 44575 Garfield, Clinton Township.

Veterans of all eras are invited to attend, along with their families.

"Welcome Home events are great in terms of allowing us to meet with veterans and inform them about the services available to them both here at the medical center and throughout the state," said Dr. Pamela Reeves, medical center director.

"So often, veterans come home after serving and they are unaware of their bene-

fits, the steps they must go through to apply, health care here at the medical center and more.

"This gives us a chance to answer so many of their questions and realize their needs in one place, at one time."

Reeves also said a welcome home event is a chance for veterans to meet one-on-one with other veterans who can help them navigate the process.

"We are thrilled to be

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What is involved in a facelift?

by Dr. Daniela Rodriguez

Board Certified with the American Society of Plastic Surgery

There are complex variations of the facelift procedure. Depending on the patients concerns, a particular facelift procedure should be customized to each individual as each face is unique. Laxity of skin, sagging of the midface, deep creases around the nose and mouth, jowls, heaviness or banding of the neck are some

Patients usually find that the benefits of the facelift are longlasting (about 10 years) however, benefits can be noted for much longer.

of the signs of facial aging that a well performed facelift can correct. In general, the goals are to provide a youthful, more rested appearance.

A facelift involves a two layer procedure to address the skin and underlying soft tissue. Incisions are placed inconspicuously within the temple hairline, continue along or just inside the ear, curve into the posterior ear crease and at times taper into the posterior scalp. For heavy necks, an additional incision under the chin may be necessary. Liposuction can also be used in conjunction to recontour the neck area and remove unwanted fat. The underlying soft tissue

(or SMAS) is rejuvenated by repositioning or resuspension using strategically placed sutures.

A facelift may be performed by a plastic surgeon in an accredited office-based surgical facility, hospital or ambulatory surgical center. The type of anesthesia depends on the general health of the patient and the complexity of the procedure. Healing will include some swelling and bruising. Normally, most patients are able to return to work in 2 weeks.

Patients usually find that the benefits of the facelift are long-lasting (about 10 years) however, benefits can be noted for much longer. Always, make sure your plastic surgeon is boardcertified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery and has privileges at an accredited hospital.

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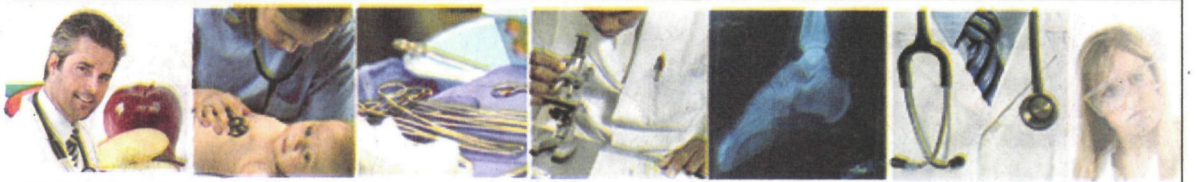
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The Fontbonne Auxiliary of St. John Hospital and Medical Center presented the hospital with a \$335,000 check, reflecting the fund raising efforts throughout the year. Holding the check from left are hospital president David Brooks, Fontbonne president Patty Stumb and Ali Rabbani, the hospital's chief of pediatrics. The money will be used for the neonatal intensive care unit.

Grab on to 'Hook, Line and Sinker'

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources invites those who would like to learn how to fish to attend a free "Hook, Line and Sinker" program offered this summer at more than 30 state parks and hatcheries across the state.

Experienced, instructors teach participants fishing basics, such as knot-tying, casting, selecting and using bait, and removing the fish from the hook.

"Our instructors make it fun to learn, and a program like this takes the guesswork out of getting started," said Kevin Frailey, who oversees the program.

"It doesn't cost much — the program is free, the instruction is free, and all equipment is provided for those who don't have their own. The only thing you need to pay for is a Recreation Passport if you don't have one yet."

To find a Hook, Line and Sinker program, visit michigan.gov/hooklineandsinker for a list of participating parks. Programs are being added regularly, so book-mark the page.

As always, children under the age of 17 are not required to have a fishing license.

Hook, Line and Sinker programs are free; however, a recreation passport is required for each vehicle entering the park.

The passport allows

residents to support outdoor recreation opportunities in Michigan. Visit a Secretary of State branch office or visit expressos.com to obtain the document. The cost is \$11. Motorcyclists pay \$5.

For more information, about the DNR, visit michigan.gov/dnr.

Fontbonne Auxiliary installs new board members for 2013-15

The Fontbonne Auxiliary of St. John Hospital and Medical Center installed its 2013-15 officers and board members May 8.

The officers are: president — Amy Danna of Grosse Pointe Shores; president elect — Debra Van Elslander of Grosse Pointe Shores; vice president — Liz Bsharah of Grosse Pointe Park; recording secretary — Linda Schaden of Grosse Pointe Shores; corresponding secretary — Phyllis DeMars of Grosse Pointe Shores; treasurer — Camille Cracchiolo of Grosse Pointe Shores; and spiritual advisor — Betty Granger, CSJ of Warren.

The board of directors includes: Tara Black of Grosse Pointe, Gloria Clark of Grosse Pointe Shores, Pat Connelly of Harrison Township, Mary Ellen Dakmak of Grosse Pointe Shores, Marie DeLuca of Grosse Pointe Farms, Kathy Driscoll of Grosse Pointe, Christine Drummy of Grosse Pointe Woods, Cristina Garberding of Grosse Pointe, Mary Ghanem



Amy Danna of Grosse Pointe Shores is the new president of the Fontbonne Auxiliary and Patty Stumb, at right, of Grosse Pointe is the outgoing Fontbonne president.

of Grosse Pointe Shores, Julie Gheen of Birmingham, Pamela Kocsis of St. Clair Shores, Wendy Koster Relich of Grosse Pointe Farms, Alicia Krall of Grosse Pointe Farms, Alysia Laethem of Grosse Pointe Farms, Lauren Marchal of Grosse Pointe Farms, Pam Meyer of Grosse Pointe Farms, Sheri Reith of Grosse Pointe Park, Andrea Soave Provenzano of Grosse Pointe Farms, Mary Ann Van Elslander of Grosse Pointe Shores and Nawal Zayat of Grosse Pointe Shores. For more information about the auxiliary call (313) 343-3675 or visit stjohnfontbonne.org.

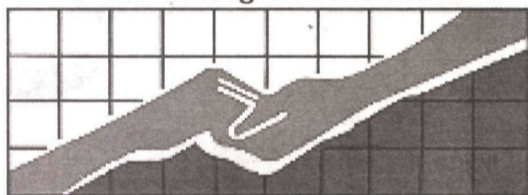
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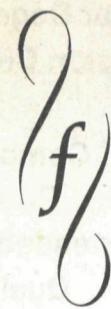
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Grosse Pointe Golf Classic to benefit breast care center

The Beaumont Foundation hosts its 30th annual Grosse Pointe Golf Classic at 11:30 a.m. for lunch with a 1 p.m. shotgun start on Monday, June 24, at the Country Club of Detroit, 220 Country Club Drive, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Event proceeds help fund the development of a Comprehensive Breast Care Center at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

Highlights include a barbecue lunch, refreshments, cocktail party and strolling dinner with awards, entertainment and raffle.

"This new comprehensive center will provide patients with groundbreaking therapy options

and a variety of support, education and community outreach programs," said Donna Hoban, M.D., senior vice president and physician-in-chief, Beaumont, Grosse Pointe. "Beaumont is committed to providing compassionate care and restoration of hope, confidence and self-esteem, all of which are so important to the women battling breast cancer."

The new comprehensive center will offer centralized services to patients in a comfortable home-like setting and focus on quick turnaround of test results and a wide array of treatment options. The breast care center will have spe-

cialists in risk assessment, with state-of-the-art diagnostic imaging.

Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe is a 250-bed hospital located in the heart of Grosse Pointe. Opened in 1945 by the Sisters of Bon Secours, it was acquired by Beaumont Health System in October 2007, making Beaumont a three-hospital regional health care provider. Beaumont, Grosse Pointe offers medical, surgical, emergency, obstetric, pediatric and critical care services.

For more information and to purchase tickets, call Kim Ritter at (313) 473-1077.



Some members of the Beaumont, Grosse Pointe Golf Classic Committee gathered at the Country Club of Detroit. From left are: David Cornillie, Grosse Pointe Farms; John Danaher, St. Clair Shores; Marilyn Schneider, Grosse Pointe Shores; Mary Beth Ryan, City of Grosse Pointe; J. C. Cornillie, Grosse Pointe Farms; Kim Ritter, Clinton Township; Mary Ghanem, Grosse Pointe Shores; Dainforth French, Grosse Pointe Farms; and Jackie Moon, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Members not pictured are Dr. William Brownscombe, City of Grosse Pointe; Dr. Basil Dudar, Troy; Rob Ermanni, Grosse Pointe Park; Michael Francis, Clinton Township; H. Richard Fruehauf Jr., Grosse Pointe Farms; Peter Kellett, City of Grosse Pointe; Mark McPherson, Rochester Hills; Mary Deborah Naz, Grosse Pointe Woods; G. John Stevens, City of Grosse Pointe; and Chris Walsh, City of Grosse Pointe.

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Also on-hand is staff from Macomb Community College and Oakland University to speak to veterans about the Post 9/11 GI Bill and other programs available to them.

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BASEBALL

Knights win another state title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Liggett head coach Dan Cimini received the best Father's Day gift last weekend.

His boys' baseball team beat Beal City 3-2 in eight innings to win the Division 4 state championship at C.O. Brown Stadium in Battle Creek.

It's the second state title in the past three seasons for the Knights and the third straight finals appearance. Liggett beat Merrill 5-1 to win the 2011 title and lost 4-1 to Decatur in last year's championship game.

"It was an unbelievable baseball game," Cimini said. "Good teams battle back. We weren't going to lose. What these kids have done is incredible."

The Knights scored a run in the top of the eighth inning when junior Cole Zingas singled and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by junior Adam Fiema.

Zingas moved to third on a single by senior Mark Auk, but an errant throw on a pickoff attempt of Auk at first allowed Zingas to score what turned out to be the

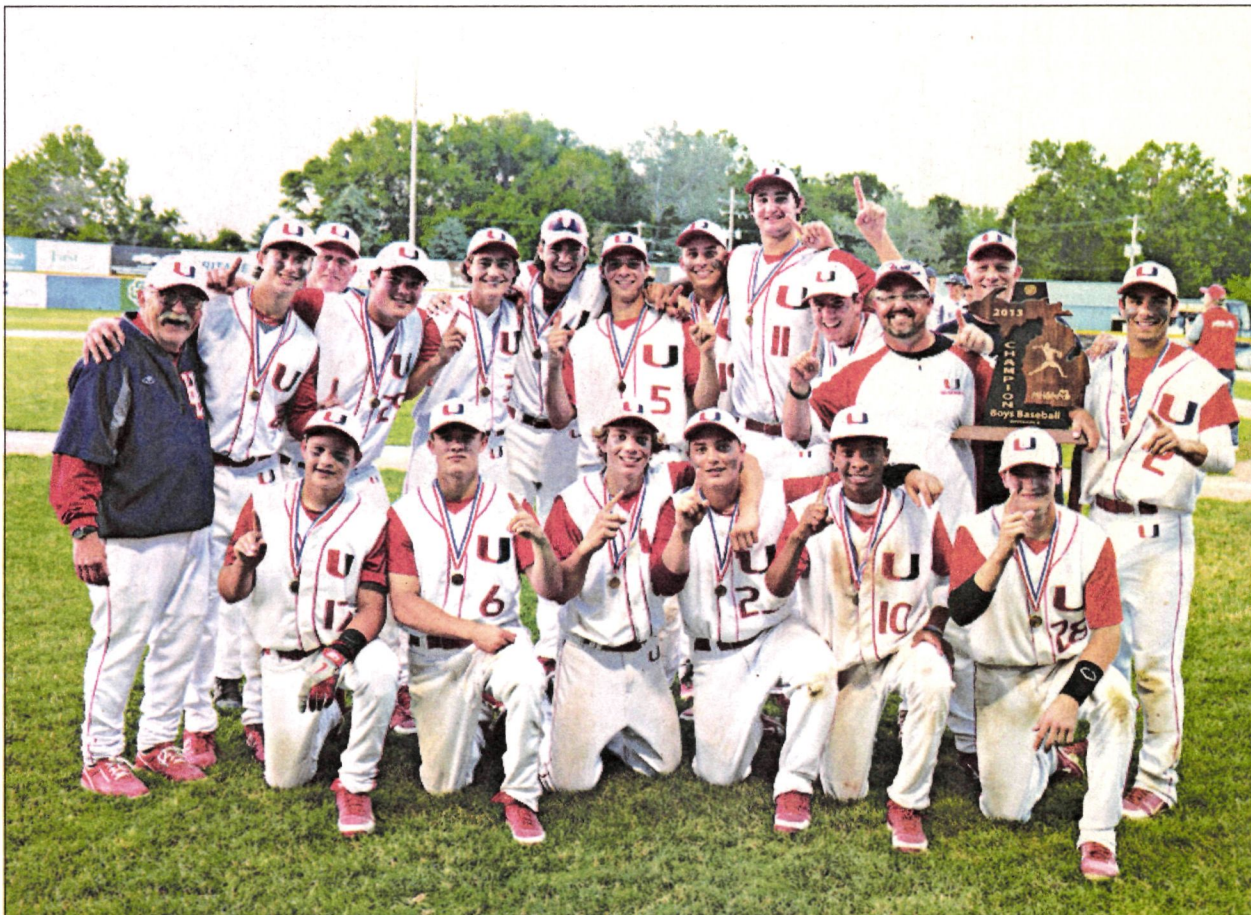


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Liggett players and coaches give the No. 1 sign after winning a Division 4 state championship with a 3-2 eight-inning win over Beal City.

winning run. Sophomore Nick Azar struck out and senior Connor Fannon flew out to end the inning, but the Knights had a 3-2 lead.

Fiema, who came in to

pitch, got Beal City out one-two-three in the bottom of the eighth. He received plenty of defensive support in the inning. Auk made a sliding catch of a ball in short center

field for one out.

The players rushed the mound to celebrate state title No. 2. Nate Gaggin caught the final out on a foul pop out near the Beal City dugout. After sprawl-

ing on the ground after making the catch, his arms went in the air and Fannon threw his arms in the air to celebrate.

The Knights trailed 1-0, but tied it with a run in

the sixth and took a 2-1 lead with a run in the seventh.

However, Beal City sent it to extra innings, but left the bases loaded as the Knights dodged a major scare.

Auk started and pitched the first four innings. Fannon pitched the next three innings to earn the win and Fiema earned the save with the scoreless eighth inning.

The trio combined to give up eight hits and seven walks and only four strikeouts. However, they got the big outs when needed.

Offensively, Fiema, Auk and Fannon joined junior Anthony Simon, junior Patrick Broder and Zingas with one hit apiece.

Junior Ian Clark didn't have an official at-bat, but scored one of the Knights' three runs.

It was the second time this season Liggett beat Beal City by a run. They met in the Beal City tournament earlier in the season and won 1-0.

In the title game, Beal City head coach Brad Antcliff tried several

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SOFTBALL

Knights' season ends in Final Four

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett girls' softball team ended its dream season last weekend, falling 8-6 to Ubyly in a Division 4 semifinal at Bailey Park in Battle Creek.

"This was our second worst game we played this season," head coach Ted Alpert said. "We played hard, but we were snake bit. We couldn't catch a break and defensively we weren't sharp."

The Knights took a 1-0 lead with a run in the second inning, but Ubyly put four runs on the board in the third to take the lead for good.

"We had our chances and the girls never quit, but we just couldn't get it done when we needed it," Alpert said. "It's a disappointing loss, but I'm proud of our seniors for putting in a lot of time and hard work during their four years to get this

program to this point. "It's up to our returning girls to take the lead. It's their team, now."

Senior Amber Baldwin was 2-for-3 with two runs, one RBI, one walk and one home run, while senior Julia DeRoo was 3-for-4 with a couple of run-scoring singles.

Junior Lea Evangelista was 2-for-3 with two RBIs, one walk and two stolen bases, and junior Emma Nicholas was 0-for-2 with one run, two walks and a stolen base.

Freshman Anna Majewski was 2-for-4 with a run and RBI, and sophomore Kacie Wuthrich was 0-for-1 with a run, three walks and a stolen base.

The Knights' offense did everything it could to stay in the game. They had nine hits, walked seven times and stole bases at will.

However, five fielding errors allowed Ubyly to prolong innings and add

to its 12-hit attack.

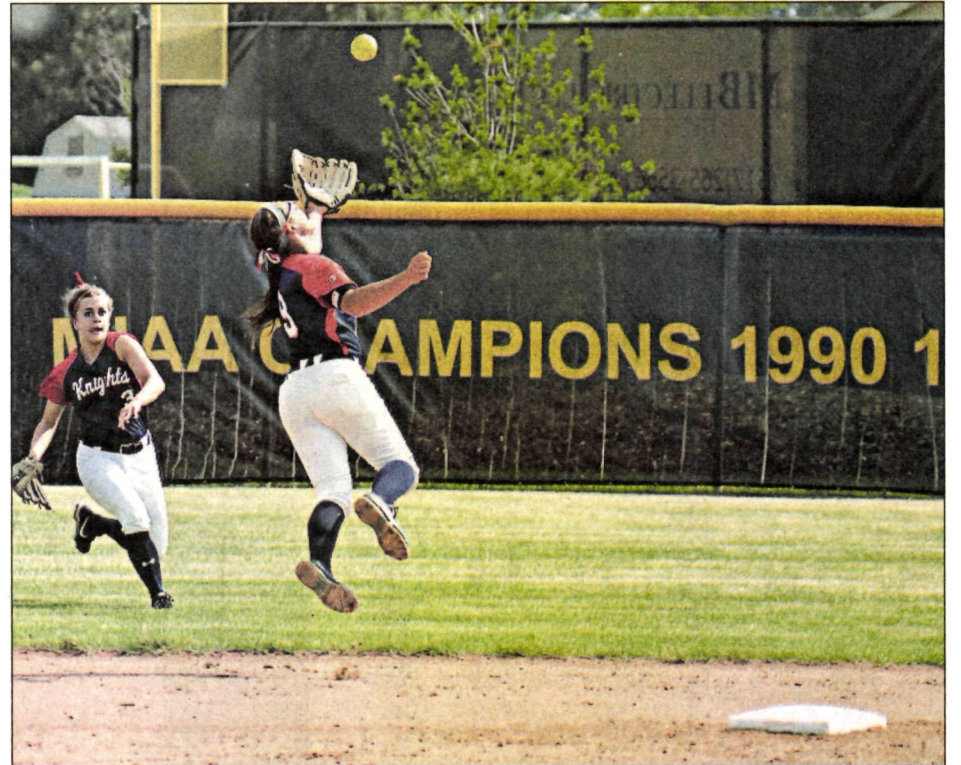
Senior Ashley Tengler suffered the loss, giving up 12 hits, with three strikeouts, in seven innings on the mound. The errors didn't help as most of Ubyly's runs were unearned.

In the quarterfinals, Liggett crushed Concord 11-1 as Tengler pitched seven innings, giving up three hits, one earned run, one walk and two strikeouts.

Offensively, sophomore Taylor Slayton was 3-for-3 with two runs and two walks, while senior Courtney Slabaugh (one run and two RBIs) and freshman Emily Kanakry (one run and one RBI) were each 2-for-4.

Baldwin, DeRoo, Nicholas and Evangelista each had one hit, while Nicholas drove in four runs with a grand slam in the game played at Adrian College.

Liggett ended one of its best seasons in program



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Liggett junior Emma Nicholas ranges to her left to snag a ball with junior Lea Evangelista racing in from center field during the Knights' quarterfinal win over Concord.

history 27-5.

Alpert loses Slabaugh, Tengler, Libby Stallings, DeRoo, Baldwin and

Emma Bandos to graduation. Returning are

Majewski, Slayton, Zarine Minwalla, Wuthrich, Kayla Strong, Lucy Mott and Kanakry.



Liggett sophomore Taylor Slayton eyes this single in the quarterfinal victory.



Liggett senior Julia DeRoo, No. 16, had a solid quarterfinal and semifinal game as she ended her high school career in style.

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Golf

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils finish strong in finals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys' golf team tied for ninth in last weekend's Division I state tournament at Michigan State University's Forest Akers West.

Battle Creek Lakeview won a tiebreaker over Plymouth to win the state title. Both teams had a two-day total of 601.

Muskegon Mona Shores and Novi Detroit Catholic Central tied for third with a 610, followed by Traverse City West and Saline with a 617, Hartland with a 620, White Lake Lakeland with a 622, and Rochester Adams and Grosse Pointe South with a 629.

The rest of the field included Utica

Eisenhower, 631; Rockford, 636; U-D Jesuit, 645; Canton, 652; and Rochester Hills Stoney Creek, 658.

Leading the way for the Blue Devils and head coach Rob McIntyre was Joe Becker, who was ninth with a 150. He shot a 77 the first day and bettered that with a 73 on day two.

"I was happy with our improvement from day one to day two," McIntyre said. "We did what I expected and moving up a spot on the second day was a nice accomplishment."

Kyle Rodes of Plymouth won a three-hole playoff with a birdie on the third playoff hole over Lakeland's Alex Kleckner. Both shot a 143.

Other scorers for the

Blue Devils were Jeffrey Craig with a 155 (79-76), David Szymanski with a 163 (84-79), Jonathan Theros with a 166 (79-87) and Reis Becker with a 170 (88-82).

Last year, South was seventh in the state finals, shooting a 620 at The Meadows at Grand Valley State University as Joe Becker tied for fourth with a 148, and in 2010 it was 14th with a 619 at Forest Akers East.

"We have to be cognizant of making sure we work hard to succeed and not just expect it to happen," McIntyre said. "I'm proud of the guys for working hard on the course and in the classroom, and I highly stress the kids who want to play compete in other courses than their 'home' course."



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Grosse Pointe South's golf team's state finalists were, from left, Jeffrey Craig, Joseph Becker, Jonathan Theros, David Szymanski and Reis Becker.

LIGGETT

Knights happy with finals performance

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's boys' golf team finished 15th in last weekend's Division 4 state tournament at Michigan State University Forest Akers East golf course.

The Knights had a two-day total of 686 (348-338).

"We were by far the youngest team at the tournament with five sophomores starting on Friday and then Joey (Maniaci) subbing in on Saturday," head coach Dan Sullivan said. "On Friday we lowered our regional score by three strokes and then Saturday lowered it by another 10 shots."

"We had nothing to lose and lots of experience to be gained. Hopefully this will be a building process for the



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

University Liggett's golf team, composed of, from left, Luke Soyka, Thomas Peracchio, Joey Maniaci, Paul Sidhu, Stephen Campau, Josh Soyka, assistant coach Don Hankins and head coach Dan Sullivan, prepare to leave for the Division 4 state finals.

next two years."

Kalamazoo Hackett ran away with the state

championship, winning

by 21 strokes over

Saginaw Nouvel. Hackett

shot a 600 and Nouvel

had a 621.

Suttons Bay was third

with a 630, followed by

New Lothrop with a 642,

Fowler with a 657,

Pentwater with a 659, North Muskegon with a 663, Auburn Hills Oakland Christian with a 663, Hillsdale Academy with a 668, Lincoln Alcona with a 669, St. Thomas More with a 679, Harbor Springs with a 681, Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest with a 683 and Concord with a 685.

The Knights were led by Stephen Campau, who shot a pair of 78s to finish with a 156.

Paul Sidhu shot a 173 (89-84), followed by Luke Soyka with a 176 (89-87), Thomas Peracchio with a 181 (92-89) and Maniaci with a 189 (93-96).

Hackett's Ted Rider and Manistee Catholic Central's Zack Bialik tied for medalist honors with a 142, but Rider won with a par on the second playoff hole.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Freismuth shoots a 160

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's Garrett Freismuth fired a 160 in last weekend's Division I state tournament at Michigan State University's Forest Akers West.

He shot a 79 on day one and 81 the second day. He finished tied for sixth among the golfers who made the finals from non-qualifying teams in the

regional tournament.

Freismuth ended a solid season for the Norsemen and all the hard work paid off as he put in two good rounds in the biggest tournament he played.

Traverse City Central's Winton Munch was first among the individual players, firing a 150. He was followed by Swartz Creek's Jack Weller with a 151, and Grandville's Josh Gibson with a 153.



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Grosse Pointe North's Garrett Freismuth competed in the state finals last weekend.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Register for baseball camp

The Dan Griesbaum Baseball School is in session June 25 and 26 from 9 a.m. to noon at Defer Elementary School athletic fields.

Players are grouped according to age and children ages 8 to 17 are invited to participate.

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Campers review hitting, pitching and catching, plus there is a general skills school which covers hitting, pitching, infield and outfield.

Cost for one day is \$60 and if parents register for both days, the cost is only \$100.

Camp directors are Dan Griesbaum and Matt Reno.

Griesbaum is the 30-year varsity baseball head coach at Grosse Pointe South. His teams have won 12 conference and 19 district champion-

ships, and he is a member of the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. The Blue Devils have been to five Final Fours and won the 2001 state championship.

Griesbaum is the former director/instructor of Detroit Tigers Kids' Camps, Milt Wilcox Baseball Camps and Home Plate Sports Center Camps.

Reno is a nine-year assistant coach.

All instructors are top high school and youth coaches, as well as college players.

No registrations accepted on camp day and no cancellations after camp begins.

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GROSSE POINTE WAR MEMORIAL

CHAMPS: Knights win 2-of-3

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tricks, but the Knights never fell for one.

"Our kids played a great game. I can't believe Beal City left 14 runners on base (the Aggies left the bases loaded in four of the eight innings), but our guys made the big plays when they had to," Cimini said.

With the win, Liggett finished its championship season 31-4 overall.

In the semifinals, Liggett edged New Lothrop 1-0 as Fannon was the master of the mound. He earned the win, pitching seven innings, giving up only two hits, no walks and eight strikeouts.

Auk scored the winning run in the sixth inning.



Liggett junior Adam Fiema pitched a perfect eighth inning to get the save in the Knights' championship game win over Beal City.

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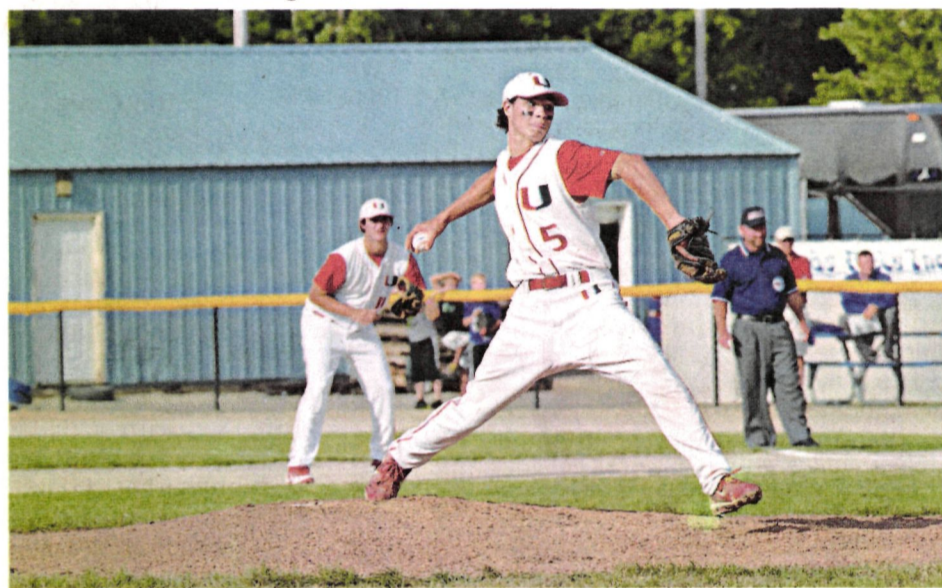


Head coach Dan Cimini talks to senior Nate Gaggin before an at-bat against Beal City.

were 1-for-3 with an RBI as the Knights won by mercy.

Cimini finished his 10th year at the helm. He has a 276-55 career record, which is an average record of 27-5 each season, and during the last three years the Knights are 22-1 in the state playoffs.

"We lose four great seniors, who really stepped up in the title Lordanthony Grissom.



Liggett senior Mark Auk started the title game and pitched the first four innings.



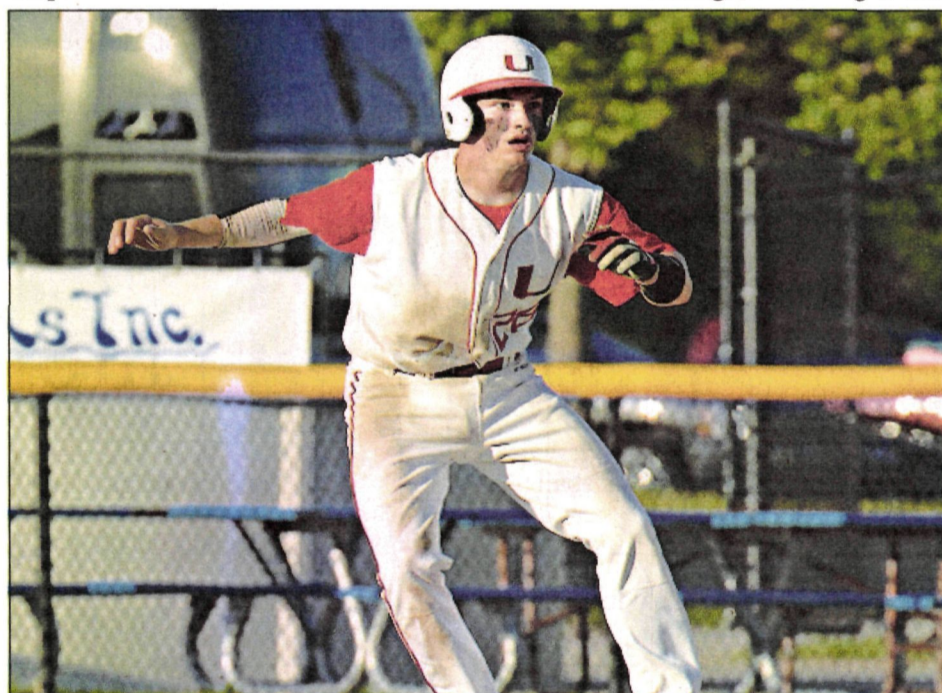
Liggett sophomore Nick Azar makes a play at shortstop.

He led off with a bunt single to third base after the third baseman was playing behind the bag. Auk laid down a perfect bunt and beat it out.

He advanced to third on two wild pitches and scored on Azar's sacrifice fly.

Gaggin had two of the Knights' five hits, with Zingas, Auk and senior Kevin Allen each collecting one hit.

Liggett won its quarterfinal game at Adrian College, beating Concord 10-0 as Fannon earned the victory. He pitched six innings, throwing a one



Liggett junior Patrick Broder takes a lead off first base in the Knights' game against Beal City.



Liggett junior Ian Clark celebrates after scoring a run against Beal City.

hitter with 12 strikeouts. Concord didn't have a chance to get on the board, but the Knights didn't have any problems as Zingas was 2-for-3 with two RBIs and Fiema was 2-for-3 with two RBIs.

Fannon and Gaggin



Liggett junior Anthony Simon makes a difficult play at third base during the Knights' game with Beal City.

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