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Myron Williams, charged with first-degree murder in the death of Sabrina Gianino, listens to testimony during the second week of his trial in Detroit.

Witness: Suspect traded stolen goods for crack

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

DETROIT — Testimony continued this week in the trial of Myron Williams, who has been charged with first-degree murder in the death of Grosse Pointe Park resident Sabrina Gianino.

Williams, 43, is charged with killing Gianino the night of May 15

in her flat on Wayburn. In addition to first-degree murder charges, Williams also is charged with felony murder and unarmed robbery. Gianino, 36, was strangled.

Williams, who lived next door to the victim, was arrested by Grosse Pointe Park police after a drug dealer, Atonio "Montana" Mitchell, told police Williams came to his house on Alter Road the night of

the murder and traded a laptop computer belonging to Gianino for crack cocaine. Mitchell also told police Williams left a cellphone and an iPod, later identified as belonging to Gianino, at his house. Wayne County Prosecutor Molly Kettler centered her questioning of several witnesses around the

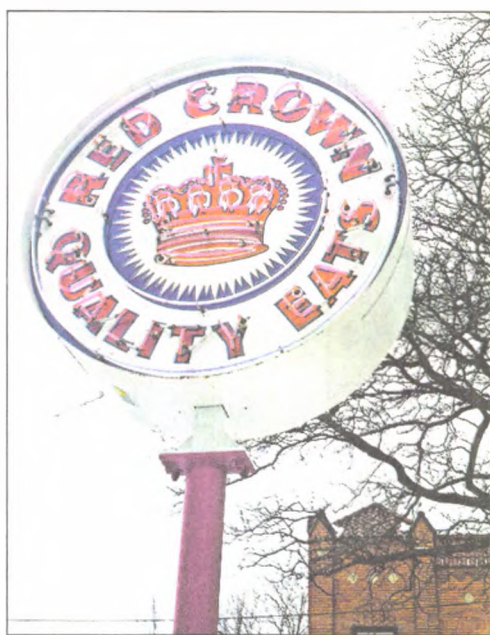
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Progress in the Park

Work continues on the Atwater Brewery in Grosse Pointe Park, at right, slated for a spring opening. Below, Red Crown Managing Partner Bobby Nahra discusses changes in the restaurant over the last few months. Next week's Grosse Pointe News will feature more information on these businesses and others "in progress" around Grosse Pointe Park.



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Harwood remains as super

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Thomas Harwood will remain as superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System for at least one more year.

The Board of Education, meeting in a workshop session on Monday night, took no action on Harwood's contract, which effectively allows him to remain in the position until June 2015. According to terms of his contract, if the Board was not going to keep him in place for another year, he had to be notified by March 30.

However, the extension did not come with a ringing endorsement of Harwood. In fact, much of the discussion centered on the process of selecting a new superintendent.

"I believe we should extend it one more year," said board president Joan Dindoffer. "Compensation would remain the same, and his merit pay, currently set at \$3,500, would be based on the ratings he receives during the annual review process."

Harwood is to be reviewed in July, and again by Dec. 31.

Board member Dan Roeske agreed. "I've been weighing this decision for some time," he said. "My concern is that with the retirement of Gary Buslepp from Pierce and Matt Outlaw from South (see story, page 3A), we need to have a continuity of institutional management for a period of time. Let's see if Dr. Harwood can't hit it out of the park."

Board member Lois Valente disagreed.

"If we are going to offer another year, it does a disservice to a community that is already divided," she said. "How does renewing for another year help us to heal?"

Valente urged the board to begin a search for a new superintendent immediately, and to fill Harwood's position with an interim superintendent.

Board member Cindy Pangborn did not think filling Harwood's position with an interim appointment was in the best interests of the district, liken-

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City mulls public safety tax

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Public safety is in the cross hairs.

"The biggest expense we have is public safety," said Peter Dame, manager of the City of Grosse Pointe. "It is appropriate to examine what can be done to bring expenses in line with revenues."

City officials are studying three ways to fund or operate public safety

at less cost than now.

◆ The first option is establishing a separate property tax assessment to fund public safety independently of other city operations.

"A public safety assessment could be applied, if needed, in any given year to supplement existing revenue, or even replace what is generated by the general tax levy," Dame said. "You could make it completely tax neutral."

"That's something I'd be comfortable with," said Mayor Dale Scrace.

◆ Option 2 is a variation on a prior theme: consolidating the department with another city, but under new terms that maintain the current number of officers on road patrol.

"The range of savings could be approximately \$300,000 per year," Dame said.

◆ The third idea is to keep public safety in-house, but modify internal procedures to reduce overtime expenses.

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Home & Garden Expo



Left, Mil Hurley of "A Southern Gardner" talks to Grosse Pointe Park's Mary Fraser about which flowers work well in a container garden. Below, Marj Gaglio, an employee at the gift store Circare in St. Clair Shores, receives a lunch from Bobbi Sexton, CEO of the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors.

The Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors held their 27th annual Home & Garden Expo at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Saturday, March 15. Above, Sears Garage Solutions owner Greg Evannou provides helpful information to Lynn Peabody of Grosse Pointe Woods as co-owner Kathy Schigur listens. At right, Crowther Carpet & Rugs owner Kevin Crowther talks to City of Grosse Pointe resident Ingrid Shirar.

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Merging nowhere fast

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The quest to save money by consolidating the public safety department with a neighboring jurisdiction is going nowhere fast.

"It seems like it's just kind of swirling," said Dale Scrace, mayor of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Consolidation also is becoming less financially attractive.

After initial efforts to consolidate with Grosse Pointe Park public safety failed, a revised proposal forecasts reduced savings of just 10 to 15 percent annually, roughly half than hoped.

Some city officials question if the effort is still worth it.

"Is this something we're interested in for

that amount of savings?" asked Councilwoman Jean Weipert. "At some point, we have to make a decision."

"I agree wholeheartedly," added Councilman Donald Parthum Jr. "It no longer makes sense to continue focusing effort on trying to consolidate with someone who's not willing to consolidate."

Yet, members of the council are giving it another try.

They instructed City Manager Peter Dame to readdress the matter with representatives of Grosse Pointe Park and Farms.

He's to report his findings at the 7 p.m. Monday, April 14, City council meeting.

That may put an end to it.

"Once we know that the Park and Farms aren't interested, there's no

sense to put forth the effort to get people to do something they don't want to do," Parthum said.

"We talked to the Farms," said Stephen Poloni, City public safety director. "That was kind of a dead end."

He doesn't think Park officials will have an answer by Dame's deadline.

City officials spent part of the last two years exploring the possibility of consolidating the public safety department with other cities, particu-

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South's Outlaw is Brandon's choice

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe South principal Dr. Matt Outlaw has been offered the position of superintendent of the Brandon School District, effective July 1.

According to both Outlaw and Greg Allar, president of the Brandon Board of Education, Outlaw was selected by district officials to replace retiring superintendent Lorraine McMahon, and is currently in contract negotiations with the board.

"I was chosen to enter into negotiations with the Brandon Board, but I am not officially hired until a contract is settled and approved by their board," Outlaw said.

He was offered the position at a special

meeting of the Board of Education on Tuesday, March 11. The vote for Outlaw was unanimous.

Outlaw, 40, was named South's principal in 2011. He has been with the Grosse Pointe schools since 2003, when he was appointed athletic director at South. He then moved to Grosse Pointe North, where he was assistant principal for five years before returning to South as principal on Aug. 1, 2011. Prior to coming to Grosse Pointe, he served in several positions with the Novi Public Schools, where he started as a civics teacher in 1996 and was dean of students at Novi High School when he joined Grosse Pointe schools.

Outlaw holds a doctorate in education from Wayne State

University.

The Brandon school district is located in Ortonville in northern Oakland County. It serves 3,400 students in seven schools.

Outlaw was hesitant to talk about the Brandon position, pending the outcome of the contract negotiations, but said that while he is looking forward to the challenges offered by a superintendent's job, he will miss Grosse Pointe.

"While I have mixed emotions as I leave this incredible community behind, I am excited for my new opportunity for professional growth in Brandon," he said. "Grosse Pointe has meant so much to me over the past 11 years and I will leave with so many fond memories."



Pi Day

Pierce Middle School students celebrated Pi Day, 3.14, and Albert Einstein's birthday, with servings of pie dished up by honors math teacher Gina Walker. At right, Max Bryson gets a slice of caramel apple pie.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT



Dabble double

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — This year's Dabble in the Farms, an outdoor food and spirits party, may have attendees seeing double.

The party, held for the first time last fall on the Hill in downtown Grosse Pointe Farms, is being reprised this year in May — and, mostly likely, again in September.

"We'd like to book-end the summer, have a spring and fall edition," said one of the organizers, Jason Dritsan, of Liquid Events.

Dabble doubles as a fund-raiser for local charities and nonprofits.

Last year benefited Rotary of Grosse Pointe and the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association.

A portion of proceeds also were donated to Camp Casey, a nonprofit horseback-riding program for children with cancer.

"We'd like to still have them on board for our fall event, as well as Grosse Pointe Rotary," Dritsan said.

He wants to engage charities and non-profits from the community for

the spring Dabble on Saturday, May 31.

Hours and ticket prices haven't been decided, although Dritsan said prices will reflect improvement over last year's Dabble.

"The big-picture goal would be having an event that has duality, where there's a family and kids' portion during the day and we roll into the adult event in the evening," he said. "Generally, ticket prices of events I produce that have turn-key factors with entertainment and food are in the \$40 to \$50 range."

A unanimous Farms council endorsed the May event subject to the city manager's approval of the local nonprofit and charity.

About 1,500 people attendance last year's Dabble.

"We delivered a solid event," Dritsan said.

He's raised his sights for May.

He said he wants "Something that's a little larger which we hope will not only show off the community, but will bring more people from outside the community, which the event did last time as well."

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

◆ First day of spring
◆ "2014: How Far Have We Come" is the topic of a panel discussion about race and diversity issues in the Grosse Pointes beginning at 7 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe..

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

◆ The Pierce Middle School 75th anniversary concert begins at 7 p.m. at Pierce.
◆ The All-Pointes Daddy-Daughter Dance is from 7 to 9 p.m. in Grosse Pointe South High School's gym. To register, call the Grosse Pointe Farms Parks and Recreation Department at (313) 343-2405.

MONDAY, MARCH 24

◆ The Grosse Pointe Public School Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. in Brownell Middle School multi-purpose room.

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◆ The film "Philomena" is shown at 7 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods branch. To register, call (313) 343-2072 or visit gp.lib.mi.us.

◆ Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Business Before Hours is from 8 to 9 p.m. at Pet People, 19391 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

◆ Full Circle Foundation sponsors Stone Soup Art Festival from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Tompkins Center, 15115 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. The \$20 entry fee includes a

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4A | NEWS

Woods privatizes ambulance, EMT service

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Woods city council voted unanimously Monday night to privatize the city's ambulance and emergency medical services, and is expected to sign a contract with Medstar Ambulance service effective May 1.

The move will cost five employees their jobs with the city, but is expected to save the city more than \$400,000 the first year.

Under the agreement, Medstar would not charge the city a fee and would lease the facilities that are currently used by city paramedics at the city hall complex on

Mack, allowing Medstar employees and ambulance to remain on site.

Medstar would bill insurance companies for its services. Any individual co-pays or deductibles would be paid by Grosse Pointe Woods.

"There will be no cost to residents for the service," said city administrator Skip Fincham. He also said residents should not notice any change in service, saying they would still call the city's 911 dispatch service when assistance is needed, and the Woods dispatcher would notify the Medstar ambulance staff.

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cellphone.

A Grosse Pointe Park public safety officer testified that on the night of the murder, once it was determined items were missing from Gianino's flat and one of those items was her cellphone, police began calling the number in an effort to locate the phone.

According to testimony from Mitchell, while the cellphone was in his possession, he answered a call, and was told by the caller that the phone was part of a serious police matter. Mitchell agreed to meet the police at a gas station at Mack and Alter to return the phone to them.

He testified that after he thought about it, he decided not to meet the police as he did not want to become involved in a police matter. He gave the phone to a friend, who returned it a short time later, saying it belonged to a woman who had been murdered.

He then gave the phone to a friend, Gerald Miller, who then gave the phone to his son. The son, Brandon Hines, testified earlier that he had scrolled through the contacts listed on the phone, saw one identified as "Mom," and called the number. The phone was answered by Gianino's mother, Verona Gianino, who agreed to meet Hines at a drug store at Mack and Alter to pick up the phone.

Instead, Mrs. Gianino notified Grosse Pointe Park police, who picked up Hines near the meeting spot. Hines was taken into custody, leaving his car at the scene. A short time later, Hines' father and Mitchell drove by, saw Hines' car being loaded on a flatbed truck

and stopped. They were taken into custody by a Grosse Pointe Park public safety officer at the scene.

Mitchell told police that a customer he knew only as TD had given him the items, and identified Williams from a picture supplied by police.

He said the man he knew as TD was a regular customer, and had come by his house "every other day" for several months. He said he told police, when they were looking for Williams, to stay near his house, as "eventually he will come back."

Defense attorney Charles Longstreet II cross examined the witness, with tempers often flaring on both sides.

"Why do you keep asking me the same questions?" Mitchell asked Longstreet, and often-times responded with "I don't recall" to several of Longstreet's questions.

On Tuesday, Williams wife, Quashaunda, took the stand. She said she, the defendant, and their four children lived in the attic of a flat rented by her husband's sister, Tracey Davis, on Wayburn next door to the flat where Gianino was murdered.

Under questioning from Kettler, she said on the night Gianino was murdered, her sister-in-law woke her to tell her that the police had been at her door. She got up and stayed up the rest of the night, gathering with neighbors out on the street while the police were at the scene. She said her husband remained in the attic and

did not come outside.

She also testified that night she put her children to bed and "dozed off" listening to music with headphones at approximately 9:45 p.m. She said she was awakened later that night when she heard her husband returning to the attic. She said she heard the front door close and heard her husband come up the stairs. When she asked him where he had been, he told her he had been to the bathroom, but she testified she didn't believe him because he normally used a jar in the attic to relieve himself. She also testified he appeared to be in a daze and was sweaty, which she said was the way he appeared after he had used crack cocaine.

She testified earlier her husband used crack cocaine since before they were married, noting they marked their 10-year anniversary last week.

"He was addicted to crack before my time," she said.

The prosecution's case is expected to continue the entire week, with the focus being on Williams' effort to retrieve his wallet from the Wayne County jail's property room.

In the preliminary examination, it was revealed that Williams had in his wallet an Abercrombie & Fitch gift card that had belonged to the victim. Williams asked several people to help him retrieve the wallet, some of whom informed police. Police then obtained a search warrant for the wallet

and discovered the gift card.

On Tuesday, Williams' wife read several letters she received from Williams that were written to her and their children. He told her that he was going to be released soon from jail and that he was going directly to rehab when he was released. He also said that he was attending Bible study in the jail and asked his wife to pray for him.

Under cross examination from Longstreet, Williams' wife acknowledged her husband had a Chase card through which he obtained his unemployment benefits, which was referenced in the letters as being in his wallet.

Longstreet also pointed out a Facebook page posting done by his client's wife where she posted a picture of a news truck in front of her house the night of the murder, and said she had not heard anything.

She also testified that she did not know where her husband was between 10 p.m. and midnight the night of the murder, but Longstreet challenged her, citing testimony she gave in May to the Wayne County prosecutor where she said he was in the attic with her at that time.

Williams' wife also read a letter in court where he expressed anger at the Grosse Pointe Park police for making his identity known to the media and that he wanted to file a lawsuit against the police and asked her to call attorney Geoffrey Fieger to take his case.

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Creative budgeting

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — It's been nearly a decade since city councils passed municipal budgets with boasts of no new taxes, often omitting mention that, during boom years, virtually constant rises in property values automatically translated into increased property tax revenue.

Now, in the City of Grosse Pointe, despite property values starting to recover from a 50 percent drop between 2007 and 2012, the annual budget process remains a mixture of grunt work and legerdemain.

Budgeteers these days mine operations for economies, bring sacred cows to judgment and weigh

the means of delivering necessities.

"In order to adjust to the approximately 20 percent drop in property tax revenues during the recession, the city reduced its programs, services and expenses accordingly to keep a balanced budget every year without reducing the 20 percent fund balance goal set by council," said Peter Dame, city manager.

He accomplished that in the short term by delaying, reducing or avoiding every major capital expenditure.

"To make it through the great recession, we made significant cuts over the last five years," Dame said.

Deferred maintenance, however, doesn't keep

roads from wearing out or equipment needing replacement.

"You can delay, but you can't deny the need to make capital improvements," Dame said. "We have to figure out the ways to move forward in a way that's sustainable over the long term."

The long-term trend shows expenses swamp revenues.

"Projections demonstrate a complete deletion of reserves in the capital projects fund after five years," Dame said.

The fund pays for such things as vehicles, boilers, equipment costing more than \$5,000 and road resurfacing that has cost \$200,000 to \$250,000 per year.

The fund's current \$1.7 million balance is projected to drop steadily in each of the next five fiscal years to zero.

"There is not a source of revenue to replenish the fund," Dame said.

Depletion of the capital projects fund occurs without paying for major building projects, replacing fire apparatus or stepping up major road repairs, he said.

The forecast is despite the short-term stabilization of city finances.

Revenue is no longer declining. The city pension system required a smaller contribution last fiscal year. This year is forecast to end with a savings.

A surplus of roughly

\$250,000 is predicted at the end of next fiscal year.

Expenses thereafter overtake revenues at a slower pace than in any of the city's annual financial outlooks this decade.

"Unlike the past five years, I think we've seen the end of the downturn," Dame said. "While better than at any time in the last five years, the financial projection still shows revenues less than operating expenses in the later years."

His goal for the general operating fund is to hold costs within the rate of inflation, which determines the rate of increase in property tax revenues.

"Even though housing values are increasing at a

rate greater than inflation, increases in property tax revenue are capped at the rate of inflation due to provisions of the Headlee-Proposal A amendment to the state constitution," Dame said.

City auditors addressed the situation last year.

"It will take more than a decade for the city's property taxes just to reach the levels they were prior to the great recession," Dame said, citing auditors. "Also indicated by the five-year forecast, legacy costs, particularly for retiree healthcare expenses, are the primary driver of the costs expected to exceed inflation over the longer term."

Roads may need tax or bond revenue

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — The combination of potholes and deferred road maintenance

prove that rocky road is more than a flavor of ice cream.

The City of Grosse Pointe lacks money to maintain its roads without cutting elsewhere or

seeking alternative funding.

"We're going to need to find new funding for roads," said Peter Dame, city manager.

Options include establishing a dedicated road maintenance tax.

"You can always ask voters if they wish to pay more millage for roads," Dame said.

"We can go to the voters and say, 'Do you like the potholes and patches? If so, don't approve it,'" said Councilman Christopher Boettcher.

City officials spent approximately \$200,000 to \$250,000 annually during the last 10 years on road maintenance, Dame said.

"The level of funding that has been provided for capital road projects is insufficient to maintain current conditions," he said.

Grant money no longer provides a safety valve.

"Even with the success in securing grant funding for all federal aid-eligible roads in the city over the last seven years, overall street conditions have declined since 2006," Dame said.

Something's got to give.

"The general fund cannot support increased funding for roads without reducing other service levels significantly," Dame said.

The general operating fund already subsidizes the road fund \$238,697, he said.

The city's portion of

state motor fuel and sales taxes distributed under Act 51 isn't enough to smooth things out.

The state allocated \$312,200 to the city's road fund last fiscal year, Dame said.

"However," he added, "this amount does not come close to what is needed just for basic maintenance of the streets, such as sweeping and pothole patching."

A bailout from the state's year-end surplus isn't promising.

"Any increase in state road funds would only marginally impact the deficit in terms of street maintenance," Dame said. "It would not be able to address capital deficiencies in the local road system."

Taxes or bonds are revenue sources being considered.

"The only viable option is to increase the city millage for road improvements, either to fund a bond to front-load a package of road improvements, or to create a dedicated millage allocated for road improvements," Dame said.

Such a tax increase requires voter approval, he said.

The city's current bond, approved by voters for the swimming pool at Neff Park, expires after 2020.

"A bond or millage request could be tailored to have different millage rates over a period of time reflecting the end of that millage," Dame said.




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A standing room only audience was in attendance at the meeting, many of whom were responding to a flier put out by concerned citizens that charged the city with threatening residents' well-being and challenging the professionalism of Medstar employees.

Prior to the vote, city administrator Skip Fincham addressed several of the allegations in the flier, including the charge that the city was eliminating emergency medical services.

"We are not eliminating

emergency medical care or the ambulance service," Fincham said. "We will continue to provide EMT service and an ambulance with Advanced Life Support service."

He also explained that the city is not losing firefighters as alleged in the flier.

"Yes, our EMTs drive apparatus to fires, and operate the pumps, but by law we cannot commit them to fight fires. They are not involved in fire suppression. All of our public safety officers are cross trained as both police and fire officers."

Fincham also said if the EMTs were at a fire, and an ambulance call came

in, they would have to leave the scene and take the ambulance call.

"We only had 14 fires last year," he noted.

Fincham said he regrets losing five employees, but said he was assured by Medstar that they will receive priority consideration if they choose to apply to Medstar for employment. Several residents expressed anger at the move by the city.

"The critical thing we are missing is that we have people who are vested in the community," an Oxford Road resident told the council. "I'm sensitive to the financial issues, but we need to look at the moral

issue. Are there places we should be cutting other than our first responders?"

An additional concern involved the impact the new senior development on Cook Road, The Rivers, would have on the demand placed on the city's ambulance service.

Fincham explained similar developments have about 100 ambulance calls a year, but backup service would be provided by Medstar should it become needed.

"Medstar typically has five or six ambulances in the area of St. John Hospital that could be called into service," he said. "With Medstar, we will not be put into a position of having to purchase a second ambulance and hire employees to staff it."

Fincham said he also spoke with several of the cities who currently use Medstar, including Grosse Pointe Farms and Harper Woods, and all cities gave the service high marks.

Councilman Art Bryant said he was very conscious of the impact the move would have on the

five employees, but the city has to make difficult financial decisions.

"The city has lost a lot of income," he said, "and we are reaching a point where we are using our rainy day funds to balance our budget, which we are required by law to do. Residents have turned down millages. I'm sorry about it, but this is what it has come down to."

Councilman Kevin Ketels agreed.

"I do not take this decision lightly," he said. "I know the guys, the quality of their work and their dedication. But we have already lost 22 employees. When city revenue is cut 30 percent, you have to react. We have already lost 22 employees. We are looking at a deficit of \$800,000. We have to replace a fire truck, and we have other expenses we can't meet because of our precarious budget situation. The money we save we can use to supplement other things the city needs."

"I wouldn't vote for Medstar if I didn't think it could do the job as well as our current employees."

Councilman Todd McConaghy said he objected to residents' complaints that they were not aware privatization of the ambulance service was being discussed.

"I was shocked to receive this flier saying no one was informed about this," he said. "It has been a topic on the agenda at least 15 times. This flier was less than honest, and that is unacceptable. Patient care is our primary focus. I am persuaded our citizens will receive the same or better service. I would never consider a service that could harm our residents."

The council voted 7-0 to approve the affiliation with Medstar.

Following the meeting, Woods resident Judy Sheehy said she was "outraged" that Mayor Robert Novitke had cut off public comments without hearing all the residents who wished to speak.

"This is not a good decision," she said, "and it's the job of the council to listen to the residents. They did not."

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ing such a move to having a substitute teacher. "They don't know the fight, they don't know the problems," she said. "They aren't involved in solutions. We have to tell the community that we have righted our wrongs."

At issue, some feel, are some missteps by Harwood during his tenure, including problems with a visit to the district by former U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum and issues with a coach at Grosse Pointe South. A major issue seen by many was the defeat last month by

the voters of a \$50 million technology bond endorsed by Harwood.

However, board member Brian Summerfield felt many good things have happened on Harwood's watch.

"I've been approached by many in the community, including teachers and staffs, and I have listened to their comments," he said. "We've had our first balanced budget in five years. Our MEAP scores are holding, we had the teacher of the year. All contracts have been renewed and professional development has risen to whole new level under Dr. Harwood."

I'd like to see a highly effective superintendent in the district, and a one year contract would give us a chance to measure Dr. Harwood."

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es, saving about \$100,000 per year.

"However, there would be other issues that would need to be addressed if that option was chosen," Dame said, such as hiring a part-time employee to staff the front desk while the reduced contingent of remaining officers are on patrol.

Assessment

The council on Monday, March 17, supported the idea of a special assessment.

"We think having a separate public safety assessment is a good way to go," added Councilman Donald Parthum Jr.

The assessment, essentially a separate tax based on property value, "works exactly as a general operating millage," said Stephen Poloni, public safety director.

"It could be adjusted upward or downward each year depending on the public safety needs in a given year," Dame said.

The council must hold a public hearing before establishing a special assessment, according to Charles Kennedy III, city attorney.

The hearing could be scheduled at the 7 p.m. Monday, May 12, budget meeting, according to Scrae.

If enacted, the assessment would begin in the next fiscal year.

The city's current general levy is 11.8391 mills, the maximum allowed by the Headlee Amendment.

One mill in the city currently generates \$325,000.

Public safety operations for fiscal year 2014-15 are estimated to cost \$2.83 million.

"The public safety assessment could be levied at 8.83 mills, and the general levy reduced by a commensurate amount," Dame said.

"You could move that number into a special assessment, and then reduce the general operating millage by that same amount, so there's no overall increase," Poloni said.

Although the arrangement is presented as a

zero sum game, the assessment could be raised to 20 mills or lowered based on projected needs, such as replacing a fire truck.

"In a year that you needed to increase the public safety budget, you could do that on the assessment side," Poloni said.

Big bucks

The city needs to save money.

Public safety, comprising 59 percent of the general fund budget, is a big target.

"The public safety

department has made some internal changes over the past several years that have reduced operating costs from \$2.94 million in fiscal year 2010-11 to \$2.71 million in the most recently audited fiscal year ending June 30, 2013," Dame said.

Savings, while substantial, aren't enough.

Dame's latest five-year financial forecast shows municipal expenses exceeding revenues by \$14,204 starting in fiscal year 2015-16.

The projected deficit grows to -\$285,272 in fiscal year 2018-19.

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larily the Park.

It didn't work.

Although projected savings for the City ranged from 20 to 28 percent (up to \$750,000) annually by eliminating 12 to 18 employees, it came at the cost of cutting road patrols by four to six officers.

"Feedback from members of the two city coun-

cils varied, with many expressing reluctance to reducing road patrols," Dame said.

Since then, the City and Park public safety directors devised an alternative plan yielding 10 to 15 percent savings (about \$300,000 for the City) and maintaining current road presence, Poloni said.

"Both cities could maintain current shift minimums while providing the necessary ancillary services," Dame said.

Park representatives

are willing to consider another offer. But, their sin qua non remains: consolidation must not raise costs nor reduce the number of road officers.

The same with the Farms' manager.

Park Mayor Palmer Heenan expressed a year ago an all-or-nothing approach.

He said he wouldn't take over City public safety duties, representing nearly 60 percent of its annual budget, without annexing the entire city.

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OUR VIEW

Harwood needs to lead next step

Superintendent Tom Harwood will serve the Grosse Pointe Public School System for at least another year.

The decision was handled in a board of education work session earlier this week.

With Grosse Pointe South principal Matt Outlaw on his way to the Brandon School District to serve as their superintendent, the majority of board members felt more change isn't needed at this point.

Harwood's toughest challenge will be to lead the district to a solution for its technology woes.

The heaviest blame has been placed on his shoulders for the \$50.2 million bond proposal that went before voters - and was overwhelmingly defeated Feb. 25.

We're told the board is working on a better solution and we know others in the community have ideas they've submitted to board members and administrators.

But the town is still divided. We still get nasty phone calls, e-mails and letters on both sides of the issue. But until we decide we're all on the same team, this won't move forward.

We plan to host a forum for some honest discussion. Not to fight, or to place blame - the damage is done. It's time to find solutions to the technology issues and figure out how to fund them.

There has to be a way where the administrators, teachers and students have a plan with majority support that will be embraced by the community.

As you'll read in this issue, there's talk of other tax questions, including help for roads and public safety.

Grosse Pointe Woods decided this week to privatize ambulance and EMT services to Medstar.

It's not just the schools, our municipalities are working hard to find answers, too.

The superintendent is working with us to set a date. We'll announce a time and a place soon.

The discussion that led up to the election needs to continue. It's not us vs. them. It's the future of a great school district.

New policy

Beginning with the March 27 issue of the Grosse Pointe News, letters will be limited to 250 words. It allows us to get more letters and more news in the paper.

We also ask the author to sign the letter. Last week the Grosse Pointe News received several letters that were exactly the same, but sent by different e-mails with different signatures. We are not printing those letters. Also, include a daytime phone number, not for publication, but in case we have questions.

We're happy to print opinions on both sides of the issue and any proposals that are presented to the board or by the board and administration will receive proper coverage in this newspaper.

Hopefully there won't be a time where it's two sides.

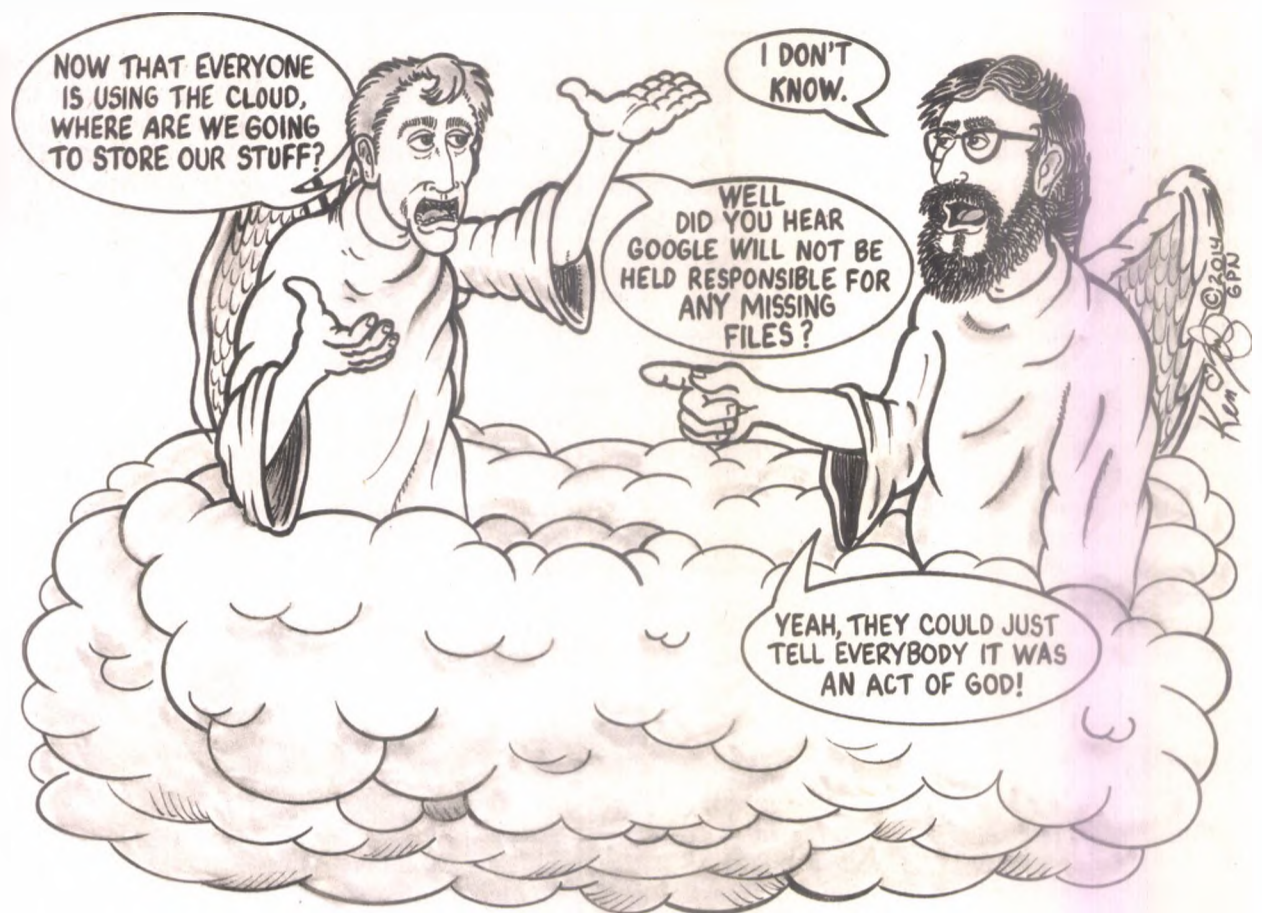
Exciting growth

The business growth in Grosse Pointe Park will be featured in next week's Grosse Pointe News. We'll have details on changes made in the area and what's on tap, literally, with the new brewery coming this spring. Most of all, we hope spring weather comes. Today, officially, it's spring.

Final thought

A sure sign of spring is the NCAA basketball tournament, now underway. Dan Gilbert of Quicken Loans partnered with Warren Buffett to offer \$1 billion for a perfect bracket. The chances of winning are a mere 9.2 quintillion to 1. Good luck!

KEN SCHOP



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Balanced tech coverage

To the Editor:

I'm somewhat stunned at the March 13 Grosse Pointe News article, "District receives alternative proposal."

One thing I noticed from attending different Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education and technology committee meetings is many people have alternative proposals.

It seemed a lot of cooks want to be in the kitchen, but were not around for the development.

Walsh left the board, early, by his own choice. Lovely of him to spend time on this now; but I trust our elected offi-

cial who worked hard, and continue to work hard on a plan.

I am incredibly disturbed by the one-sidedness of your coverage.

Please include both sides of the story when discussing plans to upgrade technology in Grosse Pointe schools.

KATHLEEN M.M. ABKE
Grosse Pointe

Technology issues

To the Editor:

Throughout the pre-vote process and since the technology bond was defeated, it has been painfully obvious the Grosse Pointe News has been opposed to not only the bond, but also any follow-

up ideas supporting any form of technology proposals not supported by those who opposed the bond in the first place.

The bias shown in your editorials, as well as the imbalance of the printed "Letters to the Editor" does not provide your readership with a view of these proposals that are anywhere near balanced.

This is a debate that needs to be held in a civil manner, with all views given an equal opportunity.

Please allow that to happen in the pages of the Grosse Pointe News. As the sole local source, that is the minimum you owe us subscribers and the community as a whole.

JIM GUDENAU
Grosse Pointe Woods

Counter proposal to district

To the Editor:

Brendan Walsh's proposal on behalf of Residents for Responsible Spending is a good start to effect a reasonable dialogue with the Grosse Pointe Public School System, if the district agrees to consider this

initial alternative.

The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education, however, still needs to challenge the way the school budget is being determined and why certain items are being defunded and others are not.

For example, the 86 percent of the general fund allocated for salaries and bonuses is outlandish. This area needs to be totally scrutinized by the board and reined in.

Also, the purchasing and contractual arrangements need to be reviewed to make sure the district is receiving the best pricing tier on contractals.

Again I say transparency needs to be the operative word that examines the real needs and necessities of the district.

The school board needs to realize there are limits as to what people can afford to support in the community, for we all are strapped with other expenses and some with fixed incomes that cannot be stretched.

L.E. MAJEWSKI
Grosse Pointe Woods

I SAY By Karen Fontanive

Snow day ushers in end of era



It happened on the snow day last week. That's when I realized this is the beginning of the end of my career as a "School Mom."

It's happened. It is the beginning of the end.

I thought it might hit me the first day of school this year, but it didn't. Then I thought it might happen at homecoming, but it didn't. I thought it might happen when the college acceptance letter came, but it didn't. Not the first day of tennis try-outs either. Not even shopping for a prom dress.

It happened on the snow day last week. That's when I realized this is the beginning of the end of my career as a "School Mom."

My husband woke my daughter at 6:15 a.m. as she requested, only to be greeted by, "We don't have school." Semi-conscious, I arose, put on my glasses and checked the school website. Sure enough. Cool. Back to bed for me too since I don't work Wednesdays. And I did fall asleep again, only to be awoken by The Call.

It came at 6:40 a.m. I tried to go back to sleep, but I just lay there. My

daughter joined me. She couldn't sleep, either. Maybe two people lying next to each other trying to doze will work. Nope. Three minutes later, she said, "I'm hungry."

My sentiments exactly. I got up, checked the weather, realized it was pretty good now, but going to get worse, so I suggested going to breakfast. "Check what time The Jagged Fork opens." "Seven." "Let's go."

We brushed our teeth, threw on something semi-presentable and headed to the restaurant. The lights were on, but the open sign was not and all of the chairs were still on top of the tables. I got out of the car to check the door. It was open! However, a gentleman at the door said they don't open until 8. (They are correcting the website.)

We must have looked extra forlorn because he let us in. We placed our order, thanking them profusely for catering to us early birds.

While we waited, we caught up on the past few days. Just small talk and the little daily things you share when you are around someone every day — the minutiae that is so important when you know someone so intimately, but becomes unimportant when you are apart, because why would anybody be interested in all those small details?

Just as we were finishing our meal, in walked a mother with her son. Obviously, two other people who could not get back to sleep and decided to get out and back inside before the really bad stuff came.

For some reason, I was struck by the sight of them — a mother and her son a few years younger than my daughter. A wistful feeling, but I dismissed it.

Ten minutes later, as my daughter and I were heading home, that wistfulness came full bore. I suddenly was overwhelmed with the thought we would never

be doing this again. When will we ever have another snow day? (Maybe I should wait until June to say that this year.) She will be in college in the fall and if she has a snow day, it won't be shared with me.

And then it hit me. She's leaving my nest. There will be so many other things besides snow days I won't be sharing with her any more.

This parent-child relationship is changing. It's sad, scary and exciting all at the same time. While I know in a few years I will long for one of those snow days (at least that's what my friends on Facebook say), I realize there are a whole new series of events, new firsts, to experience.

But for now, I'm going to treasure our snow day breakfast, relish these last several weeks of being School Mom and prepare for my new "Momhood" where only the memories of snow days exist.

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Beaumont Breast Care Center

Beaumont, Grosse Pointe has opened a new Breast Care Center and Multidisciplinary Clinic. The focus of the Breast Care Center is to meet the needs of the community with diagnosis, treatment and support. Attending ribbon cutting ceremonies with the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce are, from left, Chamber board chairwoman Kathleen Mullins, Beaumont administrative director Rob Kilpatrick, lead interpreting radiologist Michele Ramsdell M.D., City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Dale Scrace, Beaumont surgeon Dharti Sheth, physician-in-chief of Beaumont Dr. Donna Hoban, and Chamber executive director Jennifer Boettcher.

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Dumpster diving

An employee of a market on Fisher is accused of embezzling by hiding a case of bacon in a trash bin behind the business.

The employer fired the suspect, a 26-year-old man from Centerline, and informed police.

Officers lacked evidence to arrest the suspect for theft, but held him for pickup by Clinton Township police on outstanding warrants for disorderly conduct and assault.

Unlocked

An unknown thief stole a Grosse Pointe Farms woman's tan, \$300 Kate Spade purse from her white 2013 Buick Enclave parked from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 11, on the first level of the parking deck behind Kercheval Place in the Village.

"She believes she mistakenly left the car unlocked," said an investigator.

Heroin and crack

Police conducting a

Public Safety Reports

traffic stop said they found one small package each of a dark brown powder and a hard, yellow rock in the coat pocket of a 47-year-old Detroit woman.

"(She) stated they were heroin and crack cocaine," said the officer.

A patrolman pulled her over at 1:06 a.m. Tuesday, March 11, on eastbound Charlevoix near Washington for operating a white 2007 Chevrolet Uplander with a broken taillight.

A search of the Uplander revealed 13 syringes and a crack pipe, police said.

In addition to arresting her on drug charges, she was wanted in Detroit for disorderly conduct and a narcotics violation, police said.

Additional infractions resulting from the stop include giving a false name to police and disregarding a suspended driver's license.

Ring missing

A gold ring with diamonds and emeralds was reported stolen last week from a house in the 900 block of Fisher.

Shortly before noon Monday, March 10, police were told the ring was missing from a jewelry box on the victim's dresser.

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Two arrests

At 9:56 p.m. Friday, March 14, a patrolman pulled over a 34-year-old Detroit man for driving a tan 2003 Buick LeSabre with a fully tinted windshield straight through the "Right turn only" lane of westbound Mack at East Warren.

The patrolman arrested him on an outstanding Detroit warrant for assault and battery.

Officers were prepared to turn over the car to a 29-year-old female passenger from Detroit until learning she was wanted by Wayne County on warrants for assault with a dangerous weapon and possession of marijuana.

Wrong plate

Driving a 2003 Ford Explorer with a license plate for another brand of car resulted in a 26-year-old Detroit man being stopped by a patrolman at 9:34 p.m. Friday, March 14, on eastbound

Mack near Calvin.

Records indicated the plate was for a 1997 Pontiac, listed as junked in January, said the patrolman.

The man lobbied his innocence, explaining he'd recently bought the Explorer. Officers cited him for having two open containers of brandy in the car.

Unalarmed

Someone during the afternoon of Thursday, March 13, broke into a gold 2000 Lincoln Continental, triggering its alarm while parked behind a building in the 18500 block of Mack.

The car owner heard the alarm at about 2:30 p.m., but didn't investigate until after a half hour later.

"He disregarded the alarm, thinking it was cold weather causing the alarm to sound," said a patrolman. "(He) stated nothing of value was in the vehicle at the time of the incident and nothing appeared to be missing."

An officer noted one of the car's side windows off its tracks and possible pry marks on a rear side door, found ajar.

Marijuana

Police arrested a 29-year-old Detroit man shortly after 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, for possession of one gram of marijuana.

An officer spotted him sitting in the passenger seat of a white Lincoln Mark IV parked behind a business in the 18500 block of Mack.

"(I) could see (him) handling a large hookah-style pipe," said the officer. "He said he was smoking tobacco."

A small bag of marijuana fell out of his coat pocket during the investigation, police said.

Druggie, maybe

A 55-year-old woman

is being investigated for possessing of hypodermic needles, two separate prescription bottles of Xanax with 75 pills missing, and \$753 cash.

"(Detectives) will follow up on possible prescription fraud," said a patrolman, arresting the woman during a traffic stop on eastbound Mack at Allard shortly after 8 p.m. Sunday, March 9, for violating three driver's license suspensions.

The patrolman pulled her over for operating a white 1996 Dodge Stratus with a defective brake light and an invalid license plate.

"She (said) she purchased (the needles) for her diabetic neighbor," said the officer.

Two Xanax prescriptions for 90 pills each were dated Jan. 31 and Feb. 24, with 75 pills missing, the officer added.

During booking at headquarters, another officer noticed she received a text message inquiring about "30 squares," police said.

"Squares" is slang for, among other possible things, cigarettes.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Airing it out

A 32-year-old Mount Clemens man, being pulled over for speeding 2013 Chevrolet Equinox without headlights 54 mph on eastbound Lakeshore at 3:58 a.m. Sunday, March 9, parked near Edgewood Drive and rolled down all four windows, despite 12-degree weather.

An officer approaching the parked vehicle smelled the odor of marijuana.

"The driver's face was flushed and he had watery, bloodshot eyes,"

the officer reported.

The man had a .16 percent blood alcohol level and was arrested for drunken driving, according to police.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Park

Disorderly conduct

At 2 a.m. Thursday, March 13 officers responded to a report of a man down in the street in the 1000 block of Lakepointe. When officers arrived they found a 55-year-old Park resident covered in snow standing against a car parked in the street. The man was determined to be intoxicated and was taken into custody.

Parole violation

At 12:45 a.m. Sunday, March 16 a 52-year-old Detroit resident was observed walking north on Nottingham carrying a yellow and black tool box and a black power tool case, which he told police he had found in an alley. Police determined the man to be in violation of his parole and he was arrested.

—Kathy Ryan

Report information on these or other crimes to Grosse Pointe Park public safety at (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Drug arrest

At 11 a.m. Monday, March 10, police stopped a 36-year-old Woods resident for speeding on Vernier. He appeared to be under the influence of drugs, and admitted to police upon questioning that he was in possession of marijuana and other drug equipment. He was also found to be driving on a restricted license. He was arrested and his car was impounded.

Caught on camera

At 3:30 p.m. Friday, March 7, a driver reported to police that someone had removed the inboard navigation system from a rental car she had parked at Mack and Oxford. Police were able to review surveillance video from a nearby store that showed a black male exiting a car, entering the rental vehicle and a minute later showed him leaving the rental and getting back into the other car, which sped off down Mack. Also missing from the car was the driver's cellphone. The car was not locked, and police remind drivers to always lock their cars and never leave valuables in site.

Identity theft

On Tuesday, March 11, a resident told police that she had been unable to file her federal income tax return because someone had stolen her social security number and filed a tax return and received a refund. She had been advised by the Internal Revenue Service to file a police report, and the IRS will investigate. She was given special PIN number to use while the IRS investigated. Police advised her to monitor her credit report.

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CHURCH EVENTS

Ecumenical breakfast

Youth pastor, Rev. Carl Gladstone, speaks at the weekly meeting of the mens' ecumenical breakfast beginning at 7 a.m. Friday, March 21, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Presbyterian Church. The cost is \$6. Gladstone, of Detroit's Metropolitan Methodist Church, outlines plans for the 2014 "Motown

Mission Experience," a public service project which this summer will bring some 700 young volunteers to Detroit to help repair housing, do urban gardening and work in soup kitchens like the Capuchin Monastery's. For information, call (313) 882-5330.

Star of the Sea

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church hosts a Friday fish fry from 5 to 7 p.m. March 21. Adults pay \$10 for the meal that has four entree choices and a side dish, salad, dessert and a

beverage. The children's meal price is \$5. The church is located on the corner of Morningside and Fairford in Grosse Pointe Woods.

First English

"Question of the Resurrection" is the topic of the 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday, March 26, sermons at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. "The Great Commandment" is discussed at the 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Lenten services, Wednesday, March 26. A buffet lunch follows the mid-week service and a Lenten supper pre-

cedes the evening service.

Christ Church

The professional singers of the Christ Church choir and orchestra perform solo cantatas of J.S. Bach at the 4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 23, concert. A free will offering is accepted. The church is located at 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

St. James

St. James Lutheran Church of Grosse Pointe Farms holds a soup supper from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 26.



Nursery school

Prospective parents can see the Cooperative Nursery at Christ Church during an 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, open house. It offers a play-based preschool program for three- to five-year-old children. Three year olds meet Tuesday through Thursday mornings, with an optional Friday attendance. Four year olds and young fives attend Tuesday through Friday. The nursery's teachers are, from left, Kimberly Romolino, Joan Jansen, Beth Handwork and Torrey Stackpoole.

Because God so loved the world

As March Madness rolls around you may remember a few years back the sports fan who was wearing a rainbow colored wig. He was sitting in the stands at all kinds of sporting events where the camera would spot him holding up this sign with John 3:16. There are also all kinds of T-shirts and stickers with the famous 3:16 and a brand name on it. Regardless of how that famous saying is used, the real reference is, of course, to the words "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

God's hope, God's love, God's joy and God's grace in our lives. Know it because it is the very thing we have received in our lives through the Son of God, Jesus the Christ. The one who was sent to earth to be lifted up on the cross on Good Friday, and to be lifted up in the resurrection on Easter Sunday. Hope, love, joy and grace—all because God so loved the world, and so loves us.

Ulmanis is interim pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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This famous Bible verse is found in a dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus, a religious leader at the time. As Jesus is visiting with him he answers the questions Nicodemus has about faith and God's kingdom. It is out of this conversation with Nicodemus, out of the questions of faith directed at him, that Jesus said... "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life."

What makes this verse so important is not just that it is the answer to Nicodemus' faith questions. Rather, it is also the answer to faith questions we have raised in our lives and world today. Our questions of how we can live our own lives in faith.

Sadly, many people don't seem to grasp this love of God. Perhaps because we are not used to unconditional love in the dark world we live in. Even the most faithful believer sometimes have problems with this seemingly unreal concept of God's unconditional love. It seems to be too simple of a solution for many people, believers or not.

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Bethany Perry is a Holistic Health and Life Counselor who teaches women and families the pivotal importance and essential value of nourishing their brain so they can say "Yes!" to themselves again and finally start living their healthiest lives ever.

As an emerging thought leader on the combining power of neuroscience and holistic health and life counseling, Bethany transforms the lives of women who are challenged with personal or family difficulties around weight loss, depression, hormonal issues, ADD, and ADHD. Her deep understanding and compassion of these issues stem from her extensive knowledge and training in those specific areas along with her own family's experience with it. The life changing results she has seen in her own life and the lives of her clients, have fueled her passion to share this work with an ever increasing audience.

She is a Certified Holistic Health and Life Counselor, a Registered Yoga Instructor, and has recently been certified as a brain-health practitioner through the Amen Affiliated Education Center who authorizes a select group of doctors and clinicians to utilize the resources of the world renowned Amen Clinics founded by Dr. Daniel Amen.

As early as grade 5, Bethany remembers having a keen interest in health and wellness. She grew up in a true sustainable farm environment that not only helps her today to teach people how to develop a delicious and healthy palette, but also enhances her rooted knowledge on the vital connection between food and the brain.



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Standing for love, justice for 75 years

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

"Our faith as a whole encourages us to stand on the side of love."

The words of Rev. Shelley Page of the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church sum up the church's core belief as the church begins its 75th anniversary celebration festivities.

The observance was kicked off by a special worship service March 16 that included a hymn penned by former minister, Rev. John Corrado. The festivities continue Saturday, March 22, with a fellowship dinner including story telling, music and a wall-mounted time line on which parishioners can note when they joined the church. The time line also aligns the church's history with the history of Detroit, the nation and the world, Page said.

"We are pleased to be here and thrilled that 75 years later is a testament to proving our liberal faith. People are attracted to our message and find meaning. We have a beautiful legacy (left) by those who thought ahead. This is a gift of the past," she said.

Fifty-year member Joan Hines of Grosse Pointe Farms said she has found fulfillment and made friends through the church that she joined when it was meeting in the "Carter House" on Lakeshore in the City of Grosse Pointe.

"There was something missing in my life. Mom had joined the Unitarian church a number of years before, that drew me. My soul found a home," she said. "I feel committed. Unitarianism welcomes all people who are searching for the truth and are not comfortable in the traditional church."

Unitarian Universalists incorporate both Jewish and Christian traditions in a liberal religion being mindful that all people have wisdom, regardless of age, religious belief, marital status, sexual orientation, ethnicity, occupation or political affiliation, according to a pamphlet.

"Our faith embraces and puts us in a unique role within the community fostering interfaith relationship. On any given Sunday those who identify as Unitarian Universalists come from Jewish, Buddhism, Hindu or pagan (backgrounds). We covenant to life together in love. We are uniquely positioned to foster increased interfaith understanding in our challenging world," Page said.

"This is where children can be exposed to a broad range of religious thought," she continued. "We all carry wisdom regardless of age."

In that regard, children are part of the Sunday morning services for an inter-generational wor-



Unitarian members on their way from the Carter House to the ground breaking of the new church on Maumee.

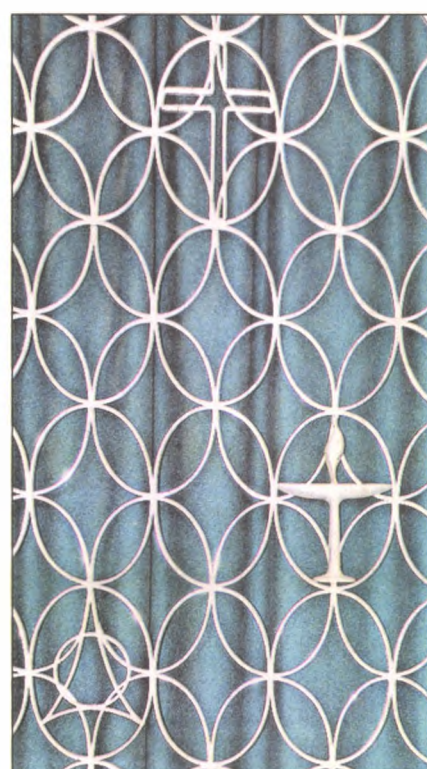


Lotta Backhus, who with her husband, Standish, donated land and funds for a Unitarian church to be established in Grosse Pointe.



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Rev. Shelley Page. The aluminum screen, right, depicts various religious and philosophical symbols, as well as the Flaming Chalice of Unitarianism, center.



ship before departing for their religious education classes.

"We are creating the next generation of worship leaders and minis-

ters," Page said. "The spiritual energy comes from all of us."

"Shelley is leading us in an entirely different direction. It's healthy for the church," said Janet Weber of Grosse Pointe Woods. "It's more inclusive of children. It started with (Rev.) Meta (Rahnema). Shelley has continued it. There is more interaction. It's a good thing as I see it."

Another issue shared ministry recognizes wisdom comes from her interim assignment

from 2009 through 2011 was the acceptance and inclusion of transgenders, bisexuals, lesbians and gays.

"She supported our path to transgender (acceptance), not because she was a lesbian but because it was the right thing to do. It's something every Unitarian church is to do," Weber said. "It was a year-long process. We continue to evolve and stretch ourselves."

Accepting nontraditional lifestyles follows the lengthy tradition of service to the community.

"We have a history looking at our neighbors both in Grosse Pointe and embrace the wider area of Detroit," Page said. "Who is our neighbor in the broad and inclusive sense?"

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Celebrating the church's 75th anniversary is a good time to reevaluate the question, she said. Thus a committee has been charged with reviewing what was set down at the church's establishment in 1939.

"It's a mission discovery process," Page said. "In the 21st century who are we now? What are we called to do as people of faith? It helps us design a fresh process for the 21st century. We are still working off what was developed in 1939. There are good strengths. It's a community discernment of what to do now. We want to be a

part of Detroit's rebirth. We are linked.

"We are stepping back asking in what way can we make an impact? We are being a part of addressing root causes of the challenges we have in Detroit and surrounding communities. How can we meaningfully address oppressions that are causing suffering? Where do we put our energy next and fruitfully?"

Church members have a long history of addressing social issues — literacy, the elderly, hunger, housing, justice and medical needs. They have been involved in

Habitat for Humanity, Ravendale Community Center, Services for Older Citizens, Dominican Literacy Council, Gleaners Community Food Bank, World Medical Relief, the Red Cross blood drives, CROP hunger walks, the Coalition on Temporary Shelter, Interfaith Center for Racial Justice, Family Life Education and Crossroads of Michigan.

For example, the First Sunday food sharing, since its 1981 inception, has collected tons of food for a local food pantry. In the 2012 year, a ton of food was collected and distributed.

Their faith, she said, fosters members who



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The children of the Unitarian Church. The photo was taken in the 1940s.

continue to serve where they see a need and that includes the church's resale shop.

Page gives credit to those who have, for more than 40 years, staffed the store on the church grounds. Volunteers collect, sort, shelve and sell thousands of household items and donated cloth-

ing every year.

"Unless it's truly broken, nothing gets put in the garbage," Page said. "If we can't sell it, we regift it to other social services."

In the beginning

The socially conscious church began with 33 Unitarian and Universalist families

who wanted a Grosse Pointe gathering place rather than make the 20-mile round trip each Sunday to attend services in downtown Detroit. The Church Extension Department of the American Unitarian Association's director, George G. Davis, said, as noted in the "Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church A History in the Making" book, "Grosse Pointe... is one of the most promising in the field."

March 27, 1938, 63 people met for the first official locally-held service. A budget of \$2,800 was adopted in March 1939 and 51 people signed a covenant. A constitution and by-laws were adopted Sunday, April 16, 1939. The Rev. Merrill Otis Bates was the first minister providing 11 a.m. services in the Alger Museum. From its inception, members were attending to the youth's education, visiting housing projects and reformatories, the history said.

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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

A recipe for all seasons

I was asked to bring an appetizer to a party last weekend. Something easy. I decided on Parmesan baguettes. Toasted little ovals topped with a smear of creamy Parmesan then a quick (and I mean quick) trip under the broiler. Even the picky critics enjoyed. Really.

Easy Pezy Parmesan Baguettes

(makes about 2 dozen)

1 French baguette, sliced
1 stick butter, softened
½ cup mayonnaise
½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
2 tablespoons finely chopped onion (minced)
¼ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
a pinch or two of salt
thin sliced plum tomato (optional)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place sliced ba-

guette on a bake sheet and bake for 5 minutes.

Carefully flip slices and return to oven for another 5 minutes. Set aside and cool completely. (This step can be done way in advance.)

In a medium bowl combine softened butter with mayonnaise, Parmesan cheese, onion, Worcestershire sauce and salt. Mix well. Store in refrigerator until ready to prepare. Spread (about 2 teaspoons for each baguette) mixture over slices of baguette.

Heat broiler to high with oven rack positioned in middle of oven. Place bake sheet in oven and broil for just a minute or two.

Don't wander from the oven. Pull bake sheet as soon as cheese mixture begins to bubble and brown. Serve warm from oven.

Just for fun I added a thin slice of tomato to



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Baguette slices topped with cheese and tomatoes.

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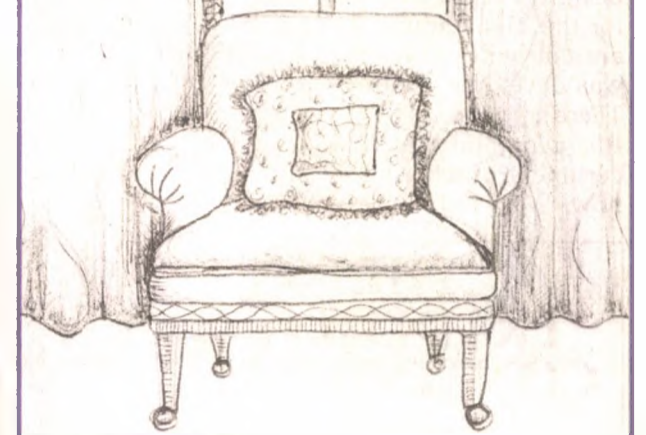
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HEALTH POINT By Jeff and Debra Jay

Relapse isn't part of recovery



The overdose death of actor Philip Seymour Hoffman brings to task a myth that is often repeated by well-meaning treatment professionals: "Relapse is part of recovery."

It's a foolish statement that has gained popularity because it allegedly helps take the shame out of relapse.

Patients see through this transparent pandering, of course. But why would anyone want to take the sting out of a return to drug use?

I thank God this rationalization wasn't taught, many years ago, when I

went through treatment. Relapse was discussed along with relapse prevention strategies, but no one suggested relapse was part of a larger, more positive activity. It was something that came with serious negative consequences and to be avoided.

A relapse, after all, is a return to the perils of addiction, the polar opposite of recovery.

If a therapist had told me relapse was part of my recovery — an almost given in early recovery, they say — it would have set up a dangerous standard in my mind.

Knowing my addicted thinking, as I do, I would have picked up a drink or a drug at the first temptation. A therapist's permission would have been a convenient cudgel to beat back any family disapproval.

"Gimme a break," I would've said, "a little relapse like this is just part of my recovery. The counselor said so."

Pity the poor families wrestling with this nightmare today.

Are they supposed to ally themselves against the treatment team? How can they beg their loved one to get help and then oppose some of the treatment messages? Fortunately, in the old days, relapse wasn't normalized. Some old ideas shouldn't go out of style.

I understand the shame of addiction and appreciated the ways my treatment counselor helped me understand my unfathomable behaviors as an alcoholic and addict. I was given no loopholes to sneak back into my old ways. I was told I was responsible for what I did from that time forward:

Work a program of recovery.

I'm 32-years sober now, and I've worked in the treatment field for decades.

I've seen many patients, and some friends, die during relapse. It's heartbreaking and often incomprehensible, but there is always a pattern to relapse. It always starts with the same admissions: "I stopped going to meetings" or "I wasn't being honest."

Recovery from addiction requires commitment every day, but it requires even more than that. It requires more than an addict has to offer. This point is often missed when people discuss addiction and recovery. Recovery requires more than addicts can bring to bear, recovery must be a "we" program and not an "I" program. We addicts

need help from our fellows in recovery, from a higher power or our understanding and from our families. The professionals just launch us; our recovery is found in rooms in church basements, hospitals, community centers, wherever alcoholics and addicts come together to stay sober one more day.

When I was a newly recovering alcoholic, it was impossible I could have known the right things to do. I surely didn't have what it takes to do it on my own, then or now. I need support. I need straight talk. I need clear directions. I don't need handholding, and I certainly don't need scolding. I need reliable guides that have walked this walk. Those who got sober before me, the ones I can trust and believe in. And I must reach out to help

those who are coming in to recovery behind me.

Relapse and hitting bottom are dangerous places for alcoholics and addicts. Hoffman is the latest heartbreaking example of this. But, with regularity, families across America live this nightmare.

When a person is unable to help him or herself, who has the responsibility to intervene?

Relapse wasn't part of Philip Seymour Hoffman's recovery, nor is it for the multitudes of other addicts, the unsung "thems." The final act in this tragedy of relapse is the quiet despair of the family.

The Jays are the authors "Love First." They head a national private practice of therapists based in Grosse Pointe Farms. Contact them at lovefirst.net.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Gail Elliott Patricolo

Finding peace, balance for mothers, daughters



I work full time and try to take care of a busy family. My daughter has a full load at school and sports. We both seem stressed out all the time and need some coping skills to share with the family. The stress does not seem to go away and may even be hurting our health and relationships. Are there stress management skills I can learn?

We've all been there. Whether it's following an argument with your spouse or teenager, a loom-

ing deadline for homework or a big school project or wondering how you're going to pay the bills next month, stress is, unfortunately, a part of life — for mothers and daughters.

Stress can't be avoided. What you need to focus on is how to deal with stress before it begins to affect your health in other ways. There are stress reducing techniques and different kinds of stressors.

Some are things we cannot control, like a negative work situation or a subject at school that is difficult for us, but then there are the stressors we bring on ourselves, like taking on too much or not being able to say "no."

However, there are

things we can learn to do to help ourselves.

Our minds and bodies are operating as one. Similar to how some people blush when embarrassed, our bodies react to stress as well.

In some, this can mean neck and shoulder pain, stomach problems, insomnia, high blood pressure or depression.

It's important to recognize and understand how your body and mind react to stress. I

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The next step is finding the right stress reduction technique that will work

for you.

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We can't get a massage every time we begin to feel stressed. It's equally important to find relaxation exercises you can practice yourself, such as yoga, meditation, journaling, guided imagery or even just taking a bubble bath.

It's a matter of finding what works for you.

I love yoga, but some people don't. If it feels like homework, find something else. There's something out there for everyone.

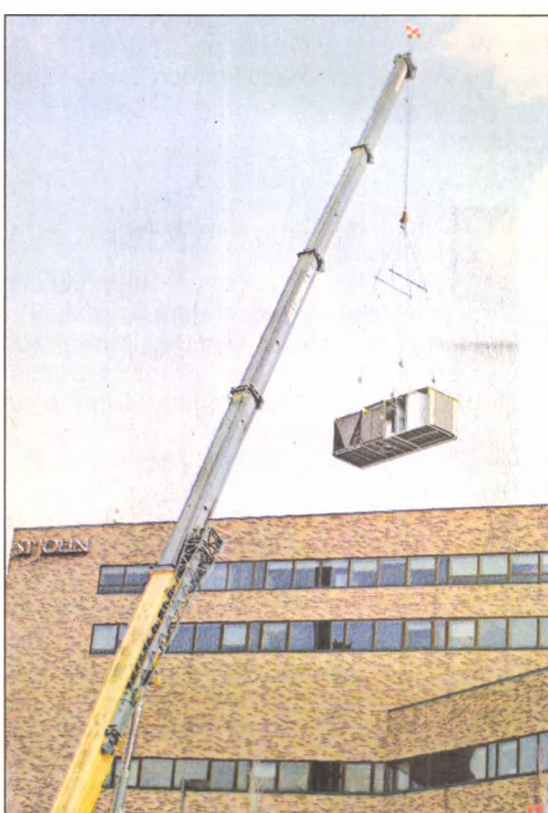
Patricolo is director for Integrative Medicine at Beaumont Health System. She can be reached (248) 551-7837.

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Milestone

The expansion and renovation of St. John Hospital and Medical Center's Mary Ann Van Elslander Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and Special Care Nursery will double its size. Proceeds from the 5:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, strolling wine and food tasting event benefits the NICU renovations, expected to be complete in February 2015. Tickets for the event at Da Edoardo's Foxtown Grille cost \$75 or \$125. To make a donation or a reservation, contact Holly at (586) 393-8802 or visit hconroy@michbusiness.org. For more campaign fundraising information, contact Sherry Augustine at (313) 343-7481. The photo shows the air handling unit being lifted to the roof.



Know Your Skin

By Lisa A. Manz-Dulac, MD

Psoriasis is a persistent, lifelong skin disease that often first occurs in adolescence or young adulthood, though it can start with patients of any age. Psoriasis results from skin that regenerates too quickly: every three-four days rather than the usual 30 day cycle. With psoriasis, the skin becomes inflamed, beginning with small red bumps that gradually grow larger and form scales. As scales flake off, the tender skin underneath can itch, crack and bleed. The resulting red areas can grow quite large. Psoriasis most often appears on the scalp, elbows, knees, and lower back.

There is no cure for psoriasis, so the objective is to get the condition under control. And because no single treatment will work for everyone, a physician will need to regularly review how well a patient is responding to different therapies and make adjustments

to keep the condition in control. Depending on the severity of the condition, treatment can include topical medications, oral medications, systemic medications and light therapies.

Dermatologists are continually studying and evaluating new medications and treatments for psoriasis. For example, advancements in drugs called "biologics" offer promise of improved control for patients with more extensive psoriasis.

To learn more about psoriasis and its treatment, contact your dermatologist, or call us at Eastside Dermatology, Dr. Lisa Manz-Dulac and Associates.

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OBITUARIES

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Mamie Amine

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Mamie Amine, nee LaHood, 79, died Sunday, March 9, 2014, at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

She was born Oct. 11, 1934, in Detroit, to James and Eva LaHood Sarkis.

She was the beloved wife of Assad Amine, who predeceased her.

Mrs. Amine is survived by her children, Eva (James Cunningham), Joseph (Patricia), James (Aundrea) and Anthony (the late Susan); grandchildren, Maris, Natalie, Samantha, Jacob, James, Lia, Nicole, Alexander, Marcus, Amanda, Andrew and Charles and sister, Rosemary Bedway.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by her son, Joseph Assad and brother, Louis LaHood.

A funeral Mass was celebrated March 12 at St. Maron Maronite Catholic Church in Detroit.

Donations may be made to St. Maron Maronite Catholic Church, 11466 Kercheval, Detroit, MI 48214.

Patricia Ann Liddell Costaglio

Patricia Ann Liddell Costaglio, of Santa Rosa, Calif., passed away peacefully Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at home surrounded by family.

She was born in Windsor, Ontario, Canada, and raised in Grosse Pointe Park. She graduated from St. Ambrose High School in 1951 and received a bachelor's degree from Marygrove College in 1956. She moved to San Francisco in 1958 where she met and married Frank, her husband of 51 years. They moved to Sonoma County in 1962 and have resided in Santa Rosa since 1973.

Mrs. Costaglio was a registered dietician in San Francisco and did consultant work throughout Sonoma County until she started at Healdsburg Hospital as the dietician and food service manager. She worked at Healdsburg General Hospital until her retirement in 1990.

A devoted wife, mother and grandmother, she was an avid reader with an inquisitive mind. She enjoyed playing bridge, gardening and spending time with family and friends. She and her husband also enjoyed traveling with friends and family both at home and abroad.

Her family said she embraced every day with a passion and lived life to the fullest. She fought a courageous battle with grace and dignity and a smile on her face.

Mrs. Costaglio is survived by her husband, Frank; son, Steve; daughter, Cathy; stepchildren, Frank, Geraldine and Dave, and her grandchildren. Her last 2 years were blessed with the addition of her grandson Lucas, who was the light of her life and best medicine, as well as his mom,

Maggie.

She also is survived by her sister, Mary Louise Clarke of Grosse Pointe Woods and brother, Richard David Liddell of Sterling Heights.

A funeral Mass was held March 12 in Santa Rosa.

Donations may be made to Catholic Charities of Santa Rosa, P.O. Box 4900, Santa Rosa, CA 95402 or Cutaneous Lymphoma Research Group, Attn: Youn Kim M.D., 900 Blake Wilbur Drive, Stanford, CA 94305.

Betty J. Cook

Betty J. Cook, 93, passed away peacefully Saturday, March 1, 2014, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, with loving family at her bedside.

She was born at home during a blizzard March 18, 1920, in Putman County, Ohio, to Amanda Sroufe and Clarence Samsal. The doctor arrived by horse and buggy.

She attended Bluffton College, Ohio, where she met and married Fred S. Cook. The couple were married 60 years.

Mrs. Cook's life took her from a one-room country school house to college in the 1930s to marriage and various cities for her husband's teaching career at colleges throughout the country from Ann Arbor to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to Palo Alto, Calif., and Detroit. She was a homemaker in the 1940s and '50s and a longtime member of Grosse Pointe Congregational Church and Wayne State University Faculty Wives.

She was especially proud to become a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution as a result of decades devoted to genealogical research, long before Internet searches; all of her research notes hand written.

Travel was a significant part of Mrs. Cook's life. For her genealogical research, she and her husband visited primary resources throughout the United States, England and Germany. For decades the couple traveled frequently to Europe, the Mediterranean and the Caribbean.

Most important, was her focus on family and friends, reinforced through her prolific card and letter writing. Her family said she faithfully sent birthday, Christmas, wedding, anniversary, and graduation cards to family, extended family and lifelong friends. She sent her last letter to one of her great-granddaughters in London, England. It contained genealogical information for a school assignment and reached her March 1, the day Mrs. Cook died.

Mrs. Cook is survived by her daughters, Linda J. Hickman of Esher, England, and Marcia Cook-Fine (Ron) of Traverse City; grandchildren, Jeffrey Hickman (Stephanie), Sasha Beoshanz (Marc) and Michelle Gray (Ed); great-grandchildren, Ethan and Chloe Hickman, Garret

and Josie Beoshanz and Anna and Juliet Gray.

She was predeceased by her husband.

Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Michigan at alz.org.

Ludwig J. Schomig

Ludwig J. Schomig, 93, died Thursday, March 13, 2014, of natural causes in Severna Park, Md. He was a former resident of Grosse Pointe Woods, where he lived more than 50 years.

Born Feb. 5, 1921, "Lud" immigrated from Germany with his parents when he was 7. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps and served from 1942 to 1946.

His family said he had a wonderful life with his loving wife, Pauline and children and was blessed with a loving bunch of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He considered himself lucky to have had a handful of loyal friends and a covey of fun-loving, beer drinking English springer spaniels. Mr. Schomig is survived by his children, Jonathan (Christine) and Kristen (Douglas); grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his wife and son, Dean. A memorial service was held March 16 in Severna Park.

Donations may be made to the S.P.C.A. of Anne Arundel County, 1815 Bay Ridge Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21403.

Robert L. Hynous Jr.

Robert L. Hynous Jr. died Monday, Feb. 10, 2014.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; sons, Justin (Tina) and Emmett (Amy) and grandchildren, Colin and Jane. He also is survived by his sister, Anne-Marie Voice (Thomas).

Born Nov. 8, 1943, in Grosse Pointe Farms, Mr. Hynous served in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1968 and received the Army Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service. He received his Master of Business Administration degree from Wayne State University and was employed by Ford Motor Co. for 30 years. Upon retirement, he enjoyed teaching for Baker College and University of Phoenix.

Mr. Hynous was an avid reader, passionate about music and an unwavering supporter of the arts. His family said he was a courageous and generous man who received great joy from his grandchildren. He will be greatly missed.

A memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 22, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Capuchin Missions, 1820 Mt. Elliott Street, Detroit, MI 48207-3485 or the Michigan Humane Society at michiganhumane.org.



Mamie Amine



Patricia Ann Costaglio



Betty J. Cook



Ludwig J. Schomig



Robert L. Hynous Jr.



Frank Dewey Tennent

Frank Dewey Tennent

Frank Dewey Tennent, 87, passed away peacefully Wednesday, March 5, 2014, at the Sanctuary at St. Joseph's Village in Ypsilanti.

"Dewey," as his friends and family called him, was born July 5, 1926, in South Bend, Ind., to Frank and Doris (nee Dewey) Tennent. He graduated early from high school in Sturgis, at 16, when he was accepted to the University of Michigan. In 1944, at 17, he was drafted into the U.S. Army. He was honorably discharged in 1945. He returned to his studies and graduated from U of M with a Bachelor of Arts degree and Duke University with a law degree.

He had a lifelong business career at Federal Screw Works of Chelsea and St. Clair Shores. At the time of his death he was both an officer and director of the corporation. He was a member and former officer of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, and an active supporter of the fraternity's national association.

His family said Mr. Tennent will be remembered for his ability to host a party and the fashionable way in which he dressed. On one occasion he and his friends donned formal clothing from the waist up, mixed cocktails and played bridge in the shallow waters of Klinger Lake near Sturgis.

He was a sports car buff who owned many Corvettes and enjoyed conversations with anybody who wanted to talk about cars. Although he never married, Mr. Tennent was a mentor and friend of numerous young people. He lent his financial assistance to many of them so they could attend U of M.

His family said he was a loyal confidant and surrogate father to many over the years whom now have families of their own and fondly recall his generosity. He was happiest when he could help those around him. In addition to his love for his family, which included numerous nieces and nephews, he was proud of his association with his extended family at Federal Screw Works. In particular, while living at The Villages, he felt fortunate to have the trusted assistance and friendship of Chris Campbell.

His family said his endless talent for telling amazing stories will be missed by those who



Janet Lakis

knew him.

Mr. Tennent is survived by his brothers, David Tennent (Jeanne) and Beverly Hills and Richard Tennent (Patricia) of Grosse Pointe and many loving nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents.

Cremation has taken place and no local service will be held. His ashes will be interred in the family plot at Oak Lawn Cemetery in Sturgis.

Donations may be made to St. John's Episcopal Church, 110 S. Clay St., Sturgis, MI 49091; Phi Kappa Psi, Michigan Alpha House Corporation, P.O. Box 131133, Ann Arbor, MI 48113 or the University of Michigan Frankel Cardiovascular Center at leadersandbest.umich.edu/find/#/med/umhs/priority.

Janet Lakis

Janet Lakis, nee Shammass, 85, died peacefully in her sleep Sunday, March 2, 2014, at her residence in Grand Blanc.

She was born Dec. 9, 1928, in Detroit to Philip and Adele (nee Haddad) Shammass and graduated from Denby High School. She married George Lakis Aug. 18, 1946.

Mrs. Lakis was actively involved in the communities in which she lived: in Grosse Pointe, where she was a principal shareholder in S & G Grocer Co., in Tampa, Fla., where she and her husband co-founded Central Florida Food Service and in Grand Blanc, where she resided following the death of her husband.

She stayed active by volunteering at Genesys Hospital and by becoming a member of P.E.O. sisterhood and the Garden Club. Most of all, she was a loving and caring woman to her children, grandchildren and her many friends.

Mrs. Lakis is survived by her son, Marshal Lakis (Martha); daughter, Susan Shaheen (William); grandchildren, Sarah Melroy (Michael), Andrea Gazis



Bera Wartian

(Drossos), Sara Keller (Andrew) and Katie Shaheen and great-grandchildren, Lily, Anna Claire and Charlotte Melroy.

She was predeceased by her parents; husband, George; brother, Philip; niece, Nicole Shammass, and best friend, Robert Crum.

A celebration of Mrs. Lakis' life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 26, at Faith Lutheran Church, 12354 Holly Road, Grand Blanc Township, and a memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday, April 27, 2014, at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, 5191 W. Lennox Road, Flint Township.

Donations may be made to Faith Lutheran Church, 12354 Holly Road, Grand Blanc Township, MI 48439 or St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church, 5191 West Lennox Road, Flint Township, MI 48507.

Bera Wartian

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Bera Wartian, 91, died Monday, March 10, 2014, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit.

She was born Jan. 22, 1923, in Dickson, Tenn., to Jessie Clyde Hamilton and Hollie Elizabeth Hamilton and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Wayne State University. She was a retired teacher.

Mrs. Wartian was an avid golfer, longtime member of Grosse Pointe Baptist Church and The Lochmoor Club.

Mrs. Wartian is survived by her daughters, Pamela Smith M.D. and Penny Simpson and grandchildren, Autumn LaMantia, Hollie Fleming, Caitlin Fleming, Winter Rogers, Tres Bien Gambino and Charles Simpson.

She was predeceased by her husband, Charles Wartian.

A funeral service was held March 12 at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Park.

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Doris Irene Kurtz Long

Doris Irene Kurtz Long, 91, passed away Monday, March 10, 2014, after a long battle with COPD and related complications. She was predeceased by her beloved husband of more than 50 years, Paul W. Long, who died in 1995. She is survived by daughters, Linda Long Walter of Loudon, Tenn., and Indian Rocks Beach, Fla., Carol Irene Long of Venice, Fla., and Louisa Rose Long Perkin of Fairview, N.C.; son, David Paul Long of

Venice; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren and two nieces.

Mrs. Long loved her family above all else and she loved her home and her roots. Born in Detroit, she moved to Grosse Pointe and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1941.

She made her home in that area until 1974 when she and her family moved to St. Clair. In 1986, they made the move to Venice, and became true Floridians. She loved the flora, fauna and beauty of Florida.

She loved all sorts of crafts from ceramics to crewel work. She was a member of the Jacaranda Golf and Country Club for more than 26 years, where

she made many great friends. She was a golfer, bridge player, bowler, gardener, traveler and great friend to those who knew her. Mrs. Long also loved her two cats. She became an advocate of stray and rescue cats and supported the St. Francis Cat House in Venice.

A celebration of life was held March 15 at the Venice Presbyterian Church.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Francis Animal Rescue, 1925 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice, FL 34293 or at stfrancisarfl.org; Moffitt Cancer Research at moffitt.org; TideWell Hopsie at tidewell.org; or Special Olympics at specialolympics.org.

Milton Blanchard Osgood Sr.

Milton Blanchard Osgood Sr., formerly of Detroit, Grosse Pointe and Harsens Island, passed away Tuesday, March 4, 2014, in Chicago, Ill., his home of the last five years. He was 98.

He was born Feb. 7, 1916, in Detroit to David J. and Lucy (nee Dickinson) Osgood. In his youth, he joined the Detroit Boat Club rowing team and remained an active member of the club for 61 years. He was an enthusiastic sailor at the Detroit Boat Club and sailed several Mackinac races.

He met Evelyn Denne at the Olympia Skating Club in the late 1930s. They married Feb. 13, 1941. Mr. Osgood and his wife were accomplished ice dancers and Mr. Osgood was a founding member of the Detroit Skating Club. He also enjoyed ballroom dancing, tennis, horseback riding and playing bridge.

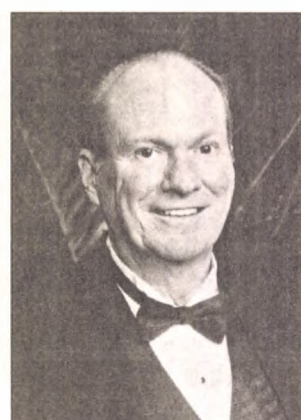
A World War II U.S. Navy veteran, Mr. Osgood was a Cub Scout master, past president of the Turners Athletic Club in Detroit and a director of the Harsens Island St. Clair Flats Association, where he was an honorary life member. He and his family spent their summers on Harsens Island, where six generations of Osgoods have summered since the mid-1800s. His favorite pastime was cutting grass at his home on the island and propagating blue spruce trees.

Mr. Osgood was predeceased by Evelyn, his wife of 67 years.

He is survived by his children, Denne (Peggy) of Harsens Island, Cynthia O'Hare (Nicholas) of Westlake Village, Calif., Milton Jr. (Sandra) of Traverse City, and Paul



Milton Osgood Sr.



David William Ayrault

(Bill) of Chicago; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 28, on Harsens Island.

Donations may be made to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 144, Harsens Island, MI 48028; the Harsens Island St. Clair Flats Historical Society, P.O. Box 44, Harsens Island, MI 48028; or Friends of Detroit Rowing, 27551 Rackham, Lathrup Village, MI 48076.

David William Ayrault

Grosse Pointe Park resident David William Ayrault, 73, died Thursday, March 13, 2014.

He was born Feb. 8, 1941, in Rochester, N.Y., to Robert A. Ayrault and Elizabeth Ayrault. After moving to Grosse Pointe, Mr. Ayrault attended Richard Elementary School and graduated from St. Paul High School in 1959. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Detroit and worked in radio sales and management at various Michigan-based radio stations for years.

Later, Mr. Ayrault became a park ranger for Grosse Pointe Park where he was instrumental in making sure absolutely no one got into the park with-

out a pass.

Mr. Ayrault played basketball in college. He enjoyed reading, coaching youth sports, photography, the works of Vincent Van Gogh, socializing and attending his grandchildren's many events. He was an eloquent storyteller and a walking search engine for jokes.

Mr. Ayrault is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Merrie Gay (nee Touchton); children, Kelly Breitenbecher (Michael), Kristen Diefenderfer (Robert), Terry Ayrault (Lisa), George Ayrault (Yumi), Andrew Ayrault (Kimberly) and Emilie Dube (Todd); grandchildren, Leo Ayrault, Hannah Ayrault, Matt Breitenbecher, Robert Diefenderfer, Jack Breitenbecher, Foster Dube, Joseph Ayrault, Julia Ayrault, Henry Ayrault, Maggie Dube, Erin Breitenbecher, Caitlin Breitenbecher, Adam Ayrault, Annabel Ayrault and Philip Dube.

A funeral Mass was celebrated March 18 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Metro Detroit Chapter, 24359 Northwestern Highway, No. 225, Southfield, MI 48075 or at michiganeast.jdrf.org.

UNITARIAN
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By 1941, the church school had 46 members and was located behind the Grosse Pointe Farms police and fire department building.

Standish and Lotta Backhus donated a lot next to their home at 725 Lakeshore for the new church and the architect's design was approved May 26, 1941.

Seventy-two families pledged to cover construction costs. However, the church was never built because of World War II, instead the congregation bought a house at 17440 Jefferson. Formerly owned by David S. Carter, it became known as the Carter House.

By 1956, the church numbers had grown enough to warrant expansion so additional residential property was purchased. The City of Grosse Pointe council approved a variance in

1959. The council reversed its decision in 1960. Following much discussion, the church exchanged its property for a nearly two acre T-shaped parcel fronting Maumee. Ground breaking took place April 12, 1964.

The cornerstone was placed in late fall of 1964 and the building was completed in 1965, with a chapel that holds 200 adults and topped with 16 wooden beams creating the spire.

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According to the church's history, the screen includes 19 symbols representing other religious and philosophical dogmas. The Flaming Chalice of Unitarianism is repeated in each of the three paneled screens.

Acceptance of religions and social issues are part of the Unitarian Universalists whose members have included suffragette Susan B. Anthony, Red Cross founder Clara Barton and writers Ralph Waldo Emerson and Louisa May Alcott.

Locally the Unitarians protested the Vietnam War and brought Martin Luther King Jr. to speak in Grosse Pointe.

This is part of the church's discernment process, Page said.

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"That's the hardest part, this year hasn't been predictable," Crader said. "There could be more mold issues, but everything depends on how quickly spring hits.

Allergy problems could come soon or be delayed a bit. It's important to be prepared."

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Those who don't know if they have seasonal allergies, should set an appointment with their primary care physician now.

"It usually takes a couple weeks for the medications to take hold,"

Crader said. "So now is the time to get ready. Once it hits, it's going to be a quick wallop."

Dr. Crader grew up in Grosse Pointe, coming back after graduate school and medical stints in Minnesota, Flint and Ann Arbor.

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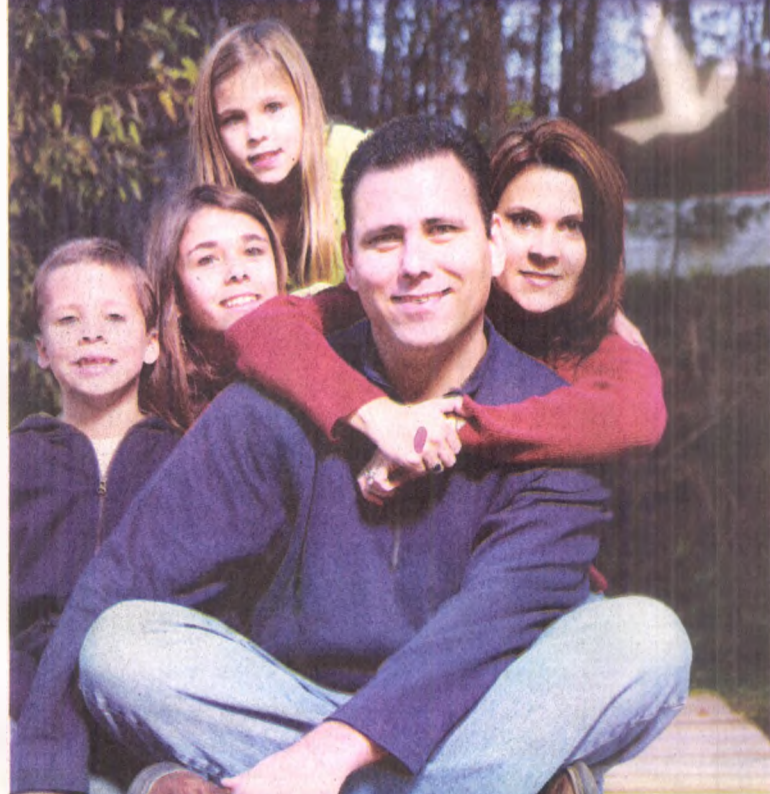
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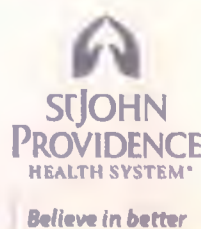
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rates," says Glen Clark, M.D., chief, Emergency Services, Beaumont, Grosse Pointe. "When EMS contacts us from the scene of an accident or someone's home with the patient's condition, we immediately activate the trauma team."

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Farms sees a double-digit drop in crime numbers

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Credit a double-digit drop in crime to word-of-mouth advertising.

"If we service our criminal customers the right way, it's going to be memorable for them and they'll tell their friends," said Detective Lt. Richard Rosati, head of the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety detective bureau.

By "the right way," Rosati means making arrests.

Chitchat among suspects in custody often filters down to jailers.

"We hear every so often from our prisoners that they shouldn't have come to Grosse Pointe," Rosati said. "When I hear that, it delights me."

Major crime reported last year in the Farms decreased 27 percent from 2012, according to the public safety annual report for 2013, released this month.

Of 122 major incidents

logged, most were property crimes accounting for 92.1 percent of all major crime last year in the city.

Declines included:

- ♦ burglary, down 23 percent, from 26 in 2012 to 20 in 2013;

- ♦ larceny, down 34.5 percent, from 84 in 2012 to 55 last year and

- ♦ motor vehicle theft, down 12.5 percent, from eight in 2012 to seven in 2013.

Major violent crime, amounting to 7.8 percent of all major crime last year, increased 75 percent to seven cases.

The percentage boost is amplified by the low number of occurrences:

- ♦ robbery increased 100 percent, from one case to two and

- ♦ aggravated assault increased 50 percent, from two in 2012 to three in 2013.

March and May were the most common months for burglaries. Both months had four cases each.

Rosati attributes

declines in burglary and larceny to two arrests of career criminals early in 2013.

Officers arrested a Farms man in January last year for breaking into nearly 10 cars during a single night.

"He's been in jail ever since," Rosati said.

Other crimes of note were:

- ♦ nine bicycle thefts, up one case from 2012, but less than half reported in 2011.

- ♦ a 30 percent increase in malicious destruction of property, from 20 in 2012 to 26 in 2013, the most since at least 2009.

Crime, especially street crime, often is born of easy pickings and a good chance to escape.

To limit those opportunities, Farms Chief Dan Jensen stresses road patrols.

"I have highly trained, friendly but aggressive officers, who care deeply about the community and the department they serve," Jensen said.

"Patrols more proactive

these days," Rosati said. "We don't take a backseat attitude on crime."

There's also strength in numbers.

"I have more officers on the road than any other department in the Grosse Pointes at any given time," Jensen said. "I'm proud of that, but I owe that to the city council and administration for allowing us to keep our numbers the same."

In addition to pursuing suspects, detectives educated community groups about preventing crimes of opportunity, such as home and car break-ins.

"If you don't want to attract criminals, lock your doors, set your alarms and don't leave valuables in your car," Rosati said.

That advice would have defeated a Grosse Pointe Woods man, arrested frequently a few years ago.

"He said he sometimes made \$1,400 per night just going through unlocked cars and taking valuables," Rosati said.

Funds allocated

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Municipal officials allocated the bulk of this year's community development block grant funds to a housing rehabilitation program conducted by Services for Older Citizens.

SOC always gets a hefty portion of the grant, issued annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and funneled through Wayne County.

Of the \$35,130 grant to Grosse Pointe Farms this year, a united city council this week directed

\$26,347, or 75 percent, to the housing rehab program, which involves assisting senior citizens make minor home repairs.

Some 15 percent, or \$5,269, was directed to public services.

The city keeps the remaining 10 percent, \$3,513, to cover its administration costs.

SOC operates minor home repair and housing rehabilitation programs for residents of the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

— Brad Lindberg

Trupiano promoted

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Patrolman Antonino Trupiano, a 12-year-veteran of the public safety department, came out on top of written and oral tests to earn promotion to sergeant.

Some 14 officers vied for advancement, according to Dan Jensen, public safety director in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Trupiano was a Detroit police officer before joining the Farms in 2002.

"He's an extremely capable, friendly officer,"

Jensen said during the promotion ceremony, Monday, March 10.

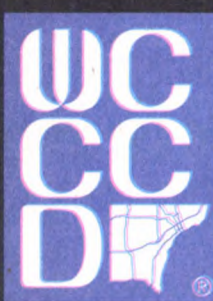
Trupiano distinguished himself last year among six Farms officers working with the Violent Crimes Task Force in Detroit near the Grosse Pointe border to capture a suspected drug trafficker wanted in Ohio.

The arrest earned the Farms officers a Director's Unit Award, presented shortly before Trupiano's promotion.

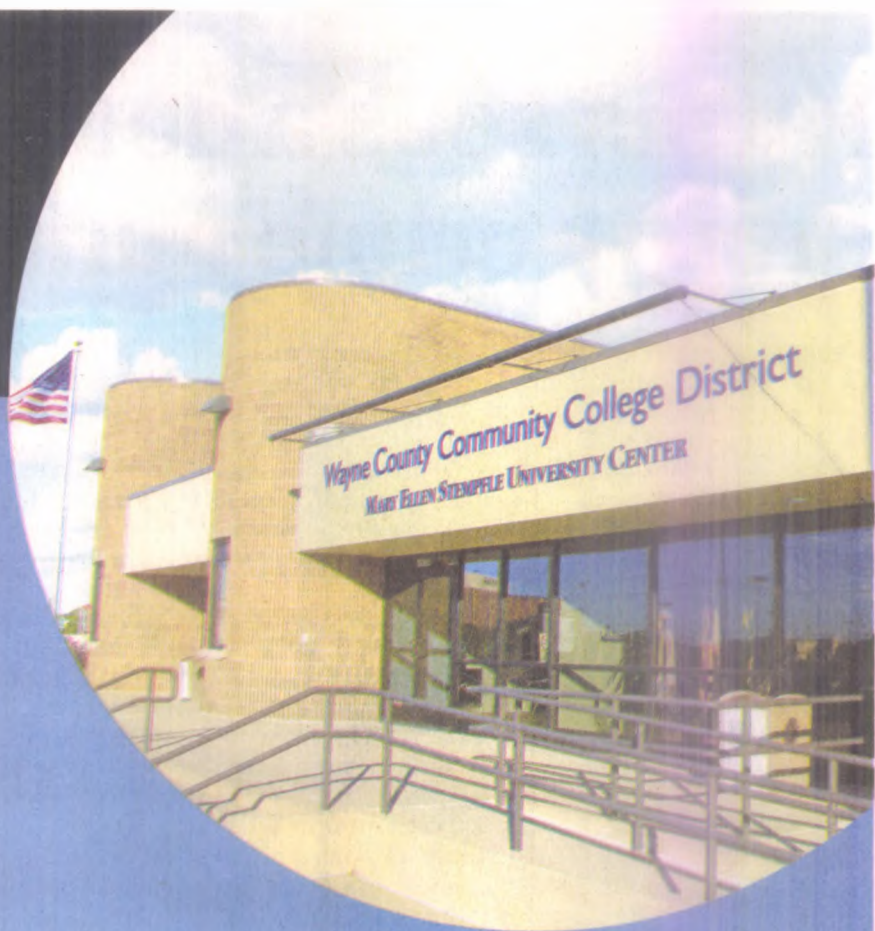
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DeLoof preps for career at U-M

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South senior Gabby DeLoof had several top-notch universities recruiting her to swim.

Big Ten schools Purdue, Wisconsin, Indiana, The Ohio State, Northwestern and the University of Michigan, joined ACC member Florida State.

After visiting the schools, coaches and swimmers, the 17-year-old DeLoof chose to stay close to home and swim on the same team as her older sister, Ali, the University of Michigan.

"It's a great opportunity to be on the same college team with my sister and enjoy my college experience at a great school with great coaches and competitors," Gabby DeLoof said.

According to the UM swimming website, DeLoof is listed as the No. 2 ranked recruit in Michigan. She focuses on freestyle and backstroke while competing for Grosse Pointe South and Pointe Aquatics. DeLoof clocked career bests of 51.63 in the 100-yard freestyle, 55.95 in the 100-yard backstroke and 1:59.04 in the 200-yard backstroke.

She helped Grosse



PHOTO BY STEWART PHOTOGRAPHY

Gabrielle DeLoof

Pointe to a third-place finish at the 2012 Michigan state championship while earning two All-State accolades.

She competed at the 2013 USA Swimming Junior National Championships and at the 2012 U.S. Olympic Trials.

Gabby's sister, Ali, has made waves at UM. The sophomore recently broke a four-year-old school record and became the first University of Michigan women's swimmer to clock a sub 53-second 100-yard backstroke when she touched at 52.95 on day two of the U.S. Winter National Championships held at the Allan Jones Aquatic Center in Knoxville, Tenn.

Since beginning to swim at age 3, Gabby DeLoof has lived by these



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

South senior Gabby DeLoof, seated center, signed her letter-of-intent to swim for the University of Michigan's women's team in November. Joining her in the celebration were parents, Richard DeLoof, seated left, and mother, Patty DeLoof, seated right; and younger sisters, Jackie DeLoof, standing left, and Catie DeLoof, standing right.

words, "The water is your friend. You don't have to fight with water, just share the same spirit as the water, and it will help you move." Aleksandr Popov.

Her parents, Richard and Patty DeLoof, taught all their children, Ali, Gabby, Catie and Jackie, how to swim before they advanced to the park for improved stroke technique and competitive swimming with coach, Fred Michalik, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

At the age of 7, Gabby started swimming under the direction of Michalik.

It is he whom she credits her style, stroke and technique.

He has been not only a great coach, but also a guide, support and friend, and has become family to her and the rest of the DeLoof household," said Patty DeLoof.

Gabby has been in the pool practicing for thousands of hours, including some tough ones with Pointe Aquatics coach, Mike O'Connor. It was O'Connor who helped Gabby attain qualifying times for the Olympic Time Trials.

The 2012 Time Trials

were in Omaha, Nebraska and this has been the highlight of Gabby's swimming career.

Besides achieving Olympic time trial cuts, Gabby was also named All-American during her freshman, sophomore and junior years of high school. During her senior year, she was named scholastic All-American by USA Swimming.

As a junior on the Blue Devils' swim team, she earned All-State in the 200-yard medley relay, 100-yard backstroke and 400-yard freestyle

relay. As a sophomore with the Blue Devils, Gabby earned All-State in the 200-medley relay, 200-individual medley, 100-backstroke and 400-freestyle.

Her freshman year as a Blue Devils, Gabby made All-State in the 200-medley relay, 200-IM, 100-backstroke and 400-freestyle relay.

Gabby is also a serious student, earning a 3.9 grade point average.

She is interested in pursuing a career in the sports marketing field or as an agent.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Liggett falls to St. Ignace in semis

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett girls' basketball team had its chances to make the state championship game, but it just wasn't meant to be.

The Knights lost 34-30 to St. Ignace LaSalle in a Class C state semifinal played last week at the Breslin Center.

Head coach Omar Ahart knew his Knights had to play their game to beat favored St. Ignace. Neither team played well, but it was the Saints' rebounding which was the difference.

The Saints finished with 59 rebounds, compared to only 36 for the Knights. Once the Knights shot the ball, they weren't getting second-shot chances and their potent pressure defense wasn't a factor as neither team shot the ball well and the Knights committed 18 turnovers to only 12 for the Saints.

The Knights fell behind 5-2 in a low scoring first quarter and trailed 18-12 at the half. It was 28-19 after three quarters, but the Knights made a comeback, tying it at 30 when freshman Nia Ahart sank a shot with 2:36 left.

St. Ignace made the winning basket with 1:37 left and after a missed Liggett shot and a turnover, the Saints added two more free throws with only 24 seconds left to seal the victory.

Junior Lola Ristovski led the Knights with nine points, followed by Ahart with eight, senior Angelia Evangelista with six,



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Junior Lola Ristovski, shown in the regional title game against Brown City, scored 25 points and nine points in the Knights' final two games of the season.

junior Jessica Rotzoll with five (and 12 rebounds), and sophomore Kendall McConico with two.

Liggett made a statement in its quarterfinal game, beating previously unbeaten Blissfield 50-47.

The Knights used its pressure defense, clutch shooting and great free-throw shooting to win the game at Whitmore Lake High School.

"How the girls played a great game and they believed they could win this game," Ahart said. "They showed no fear what-so-ever and took it right at Blissfield.

"This was a hostile environment with a lot of

fans rooting for Blissfield and they had a little lead in the second quarter. However, the girls made some big plays."

Ristovski put the Knights on her shoulders, scoring half of their 50 points with her 25-point outburst. She was also 8-of-8 from the free-throw line.

McConico added 10 points and made two big free throws in the final few seconds and freshman Nia Ahart added eight points.

Others who played well were Evengelista, Rotzoll and freshman Jasmine Dickens.

Liggett finished the season 20-4 overall.

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2C | SPORTS

Local happenings

TENNIS

Good results

Number one turned out to be accurate at the Midwest Open Mixed Double Tennis Championships held this past week at the Grose Pointe Hunt Club.

Jacqueline Cako, of Brier, Washington, teamed with former Detroit Joel Kielbowicz to take the title, 6-4, 6-1, over four-time finalist, and former WTA Touring pro, Diana Ospina of Bloomfield Hills, and her partner, Pjotrs (Peter) Necajevs, originally from Latvia. Ospina and Necajevs are coaches at U of D Mercy.

The five-day event, which saw standing-room attendance each session, was loaded with the local metro Detroit players, as well as those from the Canada and Europe. The team of Michael

DiGiacomo and Layne Van Buskirk, well known Windsor standouts, reached the quarterfinals on Saturday, and Iowa alum Jessica Young partnered with Jason Norville of Farmington Hills and rode a quick-paced style to the semis before falling to the eventual champions.

Western Michigan's Grady Crosby, with sister Whitney (Crosby) Wasielewski, also reached the final four. The balance of east and west side players, ranging in age from 9 to 50, made for exciting action, friendly rivalries and the commitment of the majority to return next year and continue the growth of the Midwest Open spearheaded by the outstanding efforts of the Hunt Club staff.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Burke looking to help others

Grosse Pointe North junior Tommy Burke is collecting new and gently used baseball and softball equipment and donating it to the Police Athletic League, who serve 11,000 children in the Detroit Area.

PAL's baseball program assists 100 teams city-wide from T-Ball to high school levels.

They distribute to children less fortunate who want to play summer baseball.

Burke is looking for all sizes of baseball or softball cleats new and used, and gloves for baseball or softball players. He also welcomes a donation of bats, bags, practice gear, balls, catcher's gear and other stuff.

and gloves for baseball or softball players. He also welcomes a donation of bats, bags, practice gear, balls, catcher's gear and other stuff.

"If you have any of these items you're no longer using, please place them on your front porch and I would gladly collect them," Burke said. "For your convenience, I will be collecting on two dates, Sunday, March 23, between 1 and 5 p.m., and Sunday, March 30, between 1 and 5 p.m."

If anyone wants to donate, call Burke at (810) 499-8665.

Girls lacrosse

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH



Lax champs

Ten local girls' lacrosse players representing the Gray team, above, won the All-American High School Brine Cup Lacrosse League Saturday, March 10, at Ultimate Soccer Arena in Auburn Hills. This team went undefeated in the league, winning all eight games and beat the Green team (mainly Cranbrook-Kingswood players) in the championship game. The Gray team trailed by four at the half, 7-3, but stormed back to win 13-10. Goalie Shannon Novak stopped the Green team cold in the second half, with Bridgette Champagne leading the team in goals for the win. Elizabeth Rauh and Brooke Ottaway also helped secure the win. Pictured above, standing in the back row from left are Shannon Novak, Mia Doyon (fifth girl in the back), Julia Fox, Margaret Brennan, Ryley Kerik, Tara McClanaghan, Elizabeth Rauh and Renee Soulliere; middle row is Brooke Ottaway; and Bridgette Champagne is pictured front center.

Volleyball

TRAVEL

The best

Several local players from Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett compete on a travel volleyball team, Club Fusion, which won the AAU 17's Mount Morris Tournament Sunday, March 9. They dominated the tournament and ended up winning the championship in the Gold Division. Team members pictured above are, from left, Julia Babcock, Courtney deRuiter, Paige Hall, Martine Maes, Maddy Bessert, coach Cathleen Beach, Olivia Ritchie, Kelsey Parafin and Vita Aluia. Not pictured is Olivia Wujek.



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Girls hockey

GROSSE POINTE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MVP

Grosse Pointe Woods' Clare Murphy recently earned the Most Valuable Player honor at the Walter Gretzky 33rd Annual Girls Hockey Tournament in Brantford, Canada. Murphy plays for the U14 Grosse Pointe Lady Bulldogs' hockey team. Three days later, she scored a hat trick against Belle Tire.



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Sharing a life

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Frances Baker wore a beige suit and pinned a white gardenia in her dark wavy hair for her morning wedding. The groom, Joseph Vaughn, was dressed in his U.S. Navy uniform with a single star on his sleeve.

Today, Frances Vaughn's hair is white, but her husband of 70 years still looks at her with the same affection as was captured in their black and white wedding photo taken March 25, 1944, following their wedding ceremony at Boston's Holy Cross Cathedral.

Mrs. Vaughn's youngest sister, Barbara, served as maid of honor and John Baker, Joseph Vaughn's father-in-law, was the best man because the chosen best man was unable to get a military leave.

Following the wedding, the newlyweds and 10 family members lunched at the Statler Hotel.

"We partied all afternoon," Mrs. Vaughn said.

Their 70-year marriage has taken them from the east coast where Mr. Vaughn attended Bowden College to study radar for the Navy before attending MIT. Following that, he was stationed on the west coast until being discharged in October 1945. Once back in Michigan, Mr. Vaughn joined Federal Industries and the couple raised six children. The Vaughns built a house on the Deeplands Court in the late 1950s and took vacations with all the children, traveling in either a four-door Oldsmobile 98 or

station wagon.

Said the couple, now residing in Grosse Pointe Woods, they provided their children with a religious education and gave them lots of attention. With their neighbors, nicknamed the Marching Chowder Society, get-togethers were held both in Grosse Pointe Shores and on Marco Island, Fla., where the society went for 20 years to play golf and enjoy warm temperatures.

"We had a marvelous time," Mrs. Vaughn said.

Mr. Vaughn said he still golfs twice a week with a handicap of 33.

"It used to be 11," he said.

The Vaughns also vacationed in Michigan, finding Lost Lake Woods Club in Lincoln near Alpena in the late 1940s. Later, the Vaughns bought a house in the community that held five lakes and more than 1,000 acres lined with nature trails.

The beginnings

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn attended high school together and graduated from St. Charles High School in Detroit in 1938.

"We grew up a block apart," she said of how close the two families lived.

For dates, the two attended school dances and walked across the Belle Isle bridge to go ice skating. Following high school graduation, Mr. Vaughn attended the University of Detroit, enrolling in a five-year engineering program. Mrs. Vaughn enrolled in Marygrove College with

intentions of becoming a kindergarten teacher. However, after two years Mrs. Vaughn had to quit to become her father's secretary in his insurance business. Meanwhile, Mr. Vaughn graduated from U of D in 1943 and was commissioned as an ensign. After his discharge, Mr. Vaughn was hired by Federal Industries, a company making transmissions and clutches.

The company began work, on the idea of automatic garage door openers and Mr. Vaughn became the liaison between design and manufacturing the radio device for the opener.

According to an April 18, 1991, Grosse Pointe News article, Mr. Vaughn ran into problems with the opener until he collaborated with a Benton Harbor company working on a home security system. To further his inventive efforts, he opened Vemco Products on Nevada and Mound roads in Detroit with accountant Charles Englehardt and mechanical engineer Harold Miller, thus the initials V E M.

Beyond the garage door opener, in 1953, Vemco installed the first automatic parking lot on Jefferson at Chene. These machines had a time clock dispensing tickets and the company took off.

In the 1960s, hand-held remote controls were made by Vemco. Stanley Works bought Vemco in 1973.

At the time of the article, Mr. Vaughn was involved in manufacturing sliding security gates for residen-



PHOTO BY ANN L. FOUTY

Frances and Joseph Vaughn of Grosse Pointe Woods observe their 70th wedding anniversary this month with Mass at St. Joan of Arc.

tial and industrial clients.

While he was busy creating, his wife, he said, was busy raising the children and devoting time to their church, Our Lady Star of the Sea.

"That was probably the key to our success," he said, "keeping busy."

Mr. Vaughn then added what he thought contributed to their long marriage. "Be thoughtful. Be generous with your time. Don't spend more than you earn. Religion was a big part in life."

"We were good Catholics," Mrs. Vaughn said.

They admitted there were bumps along the way, but exchanging

thoughtful looks, neither could come up with anything they would change in their married life.

"That's a great answer," said one of their three sons, Jeffery of Grosse Pointe Woods, a CPA.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn say, with obvious pride, all six children graduated from college, as have most of the grandchildren, of which there are 22, ranging in age from 11 years to 42. The Vaughns are great-grandparents to 26, ranging in age from three months to 12 years.

"Take care of your children," Mrs. Vaughn said. "They are important. Give them education, all they can take."

They sent twins, Kathleen and Jacqueline, and the youngest sister, Marybeth, to Our Lady Star of the Sea High School. Sons Jeffery, Thomas and James attended Austin Catholic Preparatory School. The children graduated from University of Dayton, Georgetown University and Marquette University. The twins now live in Pittsburgh, Marybeth Grosfield, Jeffrey and Thomas live in Grosse Pointe Woods and James resides in Dayton, Ohio.

On May 10 the extended family is to gather at Lochmoor Club to celebrate the Vaughns anniversary.

AREA ACTIVITIES

Garden club

The Men's and Women's Garden Club of Grosse Pointe hosts Rosann Kovalick at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 20, in the Brownell Middle School cafeteria. Kovalick discusses how to prepare yards for birds and identifying birds.

The public can attend.

BNI

The Business Network International meets at 7 p.m. Friday, March 21, at Assumption Cultural Center to pass referrals and give testimonials on services members have hired. For more information, call Olga Tecos at (313) 423-0087.

Senior Men's club

The Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe lunch is 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 25, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The cost is \$10.

Michele Hodges, president of the Belle Isle Conservancy, discusses "The New Belle Isle — The Gem in the River."

Men, retired or past the age of 55, from any community, can attend. Jackets should be worn.

For more information, call Charlie Rutherford at (313) 885-1823.

LocalMotion

"Our Toxic Stuff" workshop is from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

The topic covers discussion about chemicals found in everyday products, their health effects and how to reduce exposure to them. Bring in children's products, pet toys and household items to be tested for toxic chemicals.

To make a reservation, call (313) 881-2263.

Optimist club

The Grosse Pointe - Lakeshore Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 26, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. For more information, call Dave Hohlfeldt at (313) 268-8743.

AAUW

Grosse Pointe University Women presents the film "Miss Representation" from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods branch. The event is free. Reserve a seat by calling (313) 886-3785.

The film shows how America's attitude toward today's young women is fostered by media.

Women's Connection

"Ladies of the Light," presented by Patricia Majher, at the Thursday, March 27, meeting of the Women's Connection, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. She talks about Michigan's lighthouses and women in the U.S. lighthouse service.

The event begins with a social half hour at 6 p.m., followed by a 6:30 p.m. dinner.

For reservations or information, call Jan Baumann at (586)243-2241.

Majher was assistant director/curator of the Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame.

Chamber foundation

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Foundation holds a fundraiser from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 27, at Atwater Brewery, 1175 Lakepointe, Grosse Pointe Park.

Advance ticket price is \$50 and tickets at the door cost \$60. A patron supporter ticket costs \$75 and includes a beer stein.

For more information or to make a reservation call (313) 881-4722 or grossepointechamber.com.

Family Center

The Family Center's Ask the Experts presents four presentations Thursday, March 27, at Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Gail Elliott-Patricolo discusses "Finding Peace in a Stressful World" with mothers and middle school-aged daughters at 6:30 p.m.

Three other talks begin at 7 p.m. Lynn Kaiser talks about "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent"; Anglea Hill explains "Experience FamilyYoga" and Michelle Balconi's topic is "Empowering Kids with Economics."

To register, contact the Family Center at familycenterweb.org or call (313) 432-3832.

G.P. Theatre

Auditions and presentations for a Grosse Pointe Theatre scholarship begin at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 5, in Fries Auditorium at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. To qualify, applications are due March 28.

The scholarship is open Grosse Pointe area high school students who have an interest in furthering their education in a summer theater camp or music performance.

The awards are announced the day of the auditions, awarded Monday, May 5, and made payable to the camp or university.

The scholarship audition form is available at gpt.org or it can be picked up at 315 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information see the website or call (313) 881-4004.

Applications are available to those:

- ◆ Enrolled in a Grosse Pointe located high school, or be a resident of the Grosse Pointes,
 - ◆ be a child or grandchild of a member or season ticket holder of Grosse Pointe Theatre,
 - ◆ have performed in a Grosse Pointe Theatre show or worked backstage on a crew with acknowledgement in the show's program or
 - ◆ have performed in GPT's Youth On Stage program.
- Scholarships will be awarded

for:

- ◆ theatrical performance,
- ◆ technical theatre work or
- ◆ a combination of both.

Students applying for technical scholarships must submit a portfolio of their work at least one week prior to the audition date.

Award categories

- ◆ High school senior students planning to attend an accredited college or university are eligible.
- ◆ Under class students enrolled in a recognized undergraduate summer theatre or performance camp.

Garden Center

The Grosse Pointe Inc. sponsors a free lecture on floral design Wednesday, April 2, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Registration is at 7 p.m. and the program begins at 7:30 p.m.

Cindy Hicks of the Scarlet Poppy presents "Designing a Significant Table," inspired by the gardens of Mrs. Russell Alger Jr.

Reservations can be made by calling (313) 881-7511, ext. 206 or by visiting gpgardencenter@warmemorial.org by March 31.

Library

Poetry workshops with Kelly Fordon are from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. Tuesdays, April 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6 and 13 at the Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

Bring poems for review. All levels of writers can attend.

◆ Books on the Lake \$35 tickets go on sale Saturday, March 22, at Central Library. The event begins at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 10, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Holley Institute

The Detroit Red Wings, St. John Hospital and Medical Center and The Holley Institute present deaf hockey night at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 11, at Joe Louis Arena.

Tickets cost either \$45 or \$60 and \$10 of the ticket price ben-

efits the institute's programs.

To order tickets, visit detroitredwings.com/deafhockey. For more information, call Jamie Clark at (313) 471-7138 or e-mail Jamie.clark@hockeytown.com.

Soroptimist

Breaking the chains of human trafficking is the topic of a panel discussion beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 30, hosted by the Soroptimist International Grosse Pointe and Greater Macomb at Lake Shore High School, 22980 E. 13 Mile, St. Clair Shores.

State Sen. Judy Emmons, E. Christopher Johnson Jr. and FBI Agent Nicole McGee are on the panel. For reservations, visit grossepointesoroptimist@gmail.com.

War Memorial

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial hosts "Great Gatsby Gala" Saturday, April 26. A VIP reception begins at 6 p.m. and Friend ticket holders can enter at 7 p.m. Patron tickets cost \$250 and Friends pay \$125.

Gala proceeds are directed to the Alger House's preservation, specifically the restoration of the dining room plaster relief ceiling.

Tickets can be purchased by calling the War Memorial at (313) 881-7511.

Reunion

Grosse Pointe South High School Class of 1974 holds its 40th class reunion from 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Aug. 16, at the Lochmoor Club, 1018 Sunningdale, Grosse Pointe Woods. Send your e-mail address to reunion@GPS1974.com or on Facebook at GPS 74 or call Mary Browning Brookes at (313) 319-8320.

Correction

The Hill Restaurant is not selling 2014 Entertainment books on behalf of NAMI Eastside but has a coupon in the book.

4C | SCHOOLS

Liggett unveils plans for new athletic fields

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

After more than 50 years of service, the athletic fields at University Liggett School are showing their age. Now that school officials have decided to upgrade the 24-acre site on Cook Road, they're showing their age even more.

Plans for a two-phase, \$14 million project were unveiled Thursday night by architects and landscape engineers to members of the Woods planning commission. Phase one centers on the athletic fields, and is estimated at \$6 million, while the second phase involves construction of a new gymnasium next to the existing McCann Ice Arena, at a cost of \$8 million.

School officials hope to begin construction on the fields by May 1, with completion slated for the fall sports season. Designs for the new gymnasium are still being developed, but officials hope to begin construction in 2015, with an opening slated for the fall of 2016.

The new design calls for the football field to be relocated from its current east-west placement to a north-south design next to the new Rivers devel-

opment. The football field, with its artificial turf, will also double as the soccer and lacrosse field as well as the track and field area. Next to the football field along the back of the site and also running north and south will be the girls field hockey and lacrosse field, and next to that, the varsity baseball diamond. These fields will all be made of artificial turf.

Also running north and south along the back portion of the property will be natural grass fields for the middle school soccer teams, and a baseball field. A softball diamond and another lacrosse and soccer field will also be added at the west end of the property, closer to Cook Road.

Parking for approximately 200 cars is also included, as well as new fencing.

A major issue the plans addressed is drainage, which has been a continual problem for both Liggett athletics and neighboring homes that surround the property.

According to a landscape architect with the project, each of the fields, whether synthetic or natural, will have a custom-designed drainage system, which will allow the fields to be ready for play within 15 minutes of

a three-inch rain. He said the current problem with drainage is due to the fact that most of the soil is clay, but a new drainage system will correct the problem.

The landscape architect also indicated that the school hopes to save as many of the existing trees as possible, but those trees that cannot be saved will be cut and milled, with the wood being used in the construction of the new gymnasium.

ULS officials are planning a meeting with residents living near the athletic field for Thursday, April 3 at the school.

Woods building official Gene Tutag told the commission the school does not require a variance for the project, but the project will need to be approved by the city council.

The project is being managed by ThreeSixty Architecture, based in Kansas City, Mo. The firm specializes in sports, athletics and recreation facilities, and is currently overseeing construction of the new facility for the Atlanta Falcons football team.

One item, conspicuous by its absence from the project, is lighting for the athletic fields. There will be no lights, and no night time events are planned.

"At night, we want our students home studying," explained a Liggett official.

Nursery has new teachers

Cooperative Nursery at Christ Church welcomes a new team of teachers.

The nursery has operated more than 50 years at 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

CNCC offers a play-based preschool program for children who are 3 (by Dec. 1 of the enrollment year) to 5 years old.

CNCC offers a small class size with an emphasis on fun and learning through play. The students participate in a number of activities including art, music, kindergarten readiness, outdoor play, story-time,

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Banner nights

"The Grosse Pointe South High School Symphony Orchestra, Grosse Pointe South High School Concert Orchestra, and Grosse Pointe Pierce Middle School 7/8 Orchestra all participated in the Michigan School Band & Orchestra Association District XVI Band & Orchestra Festival held at Clawson High School on Saturday, March 8, 2014. Both South Orchestras and the Pierce Orchestra all earned First Division (Superior) ratings and all qualified for MSBOA State Band & Orchestra Festival. The orchestra program is under the direction of James Gross. The night before, on Friday, March 7, the Pierce Middle School 7/8 Concert Band participated in the MSBOA Band & Orchestra Festival at Chippewa Valley High School and also earned a First Division (Superior) rating and qualified for State Band & Orchestra Festival. The Pierce 7/8 Concert Band is under the direction of Christopher Takis and long-term substitutes Elizabeth Zachary, and Katy Steklac."

Diversity forum tonight

Race and diversity in the Grosse Pointes is the topic of a panel discussion at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 20, at the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe.

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City of **Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan**

BOARD OF REVIEW

Meetings for the purpose of reviewing the 2014 Assessment Roll for the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Wayne County, Michigan, will be held by the Board of Review on:

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014
From 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
and
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

and

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2014
From 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
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Tickets

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The raffle benefits the school's art supply fund. Items to be raffled are a painting, earrings, necklace, bracelet, a White and Warren scarf and coordinating iPad holder, a crystal Baccarat butterfly and restaurant gift certificates.

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NASA astronaut coming to Liggett

NASA Astronaut and U.S. Naval Commander Christopher J. Cassidy will visit University Liggett School on Monday, April 7, for a full day of activities ranging from working with students on space-related projects to sharing his personal experiences in space.

The visit concludes with a special community lecture at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of University Liggett School, 1045 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods.

During the day, Cassidy will meet with Liggett students at several assemblies and classroom visits that will apply Cassidy's space knowledge to what students are learning in class.

For instance, Cassidy will meet with third-graders, who will show him what they "packed" to go into space with him, and he'll talk with fifth-graders about life on the space station. Cassidy also will visit classes in the Middle and Upper schools and

apply his experiences to their studies – for example, charting the distance to the moon in math classes, and examining the effects of zero gravity on the body in science classes.

"His visit raises some interesting questions for students to explore," said Trey Cassidy, Head of the Upper School and Chris Cassidy's cousin. Trey Cassidy worked with NASA to arrange the visit, which includes a special partnership with the Michigan Science Center.

Chris Cassidy was selected by NASA in May 2004. During his NASA career, he completed six spacewalks, totaling 31 hours, 14 minutes and accumulated 182 days in space. He also spent 10 years as a U.S. Navy SEAL.

In addition to meeting with students in class, Chris Cassidy will discuss his spaceflight experiences during a lecture held in the evening. It will be open to the commu-

nity.

"Chris' visit is just one of the many ways that Liggett is very much a part of the local community and the region," Trey Cassidy said. "By working with NASA and the Michigan Science Center, we have been able to bring an esteemed astronaut into our community and allow him to share his knowledge not only with our students and their parents, but people throughout the region."

As part of the partnership with the Michigan Science Center, Chris Cassidy will spend Tuesday, April 8, at the science center to share his experiences there. In exchange, the science center will allow Liggett to borrow a number of space artifacts for students to use in their classes. The science center also will provide a mobile planetarium for students to use before the astronaut's visit.

Among the artifacts: tiles from the Space Shuttles. "We'll look at



Eighth-graders Katie Zinn, Nick Amato and Craig Buhler work on a moon crater project with science teacher Andrea Champagne.

the tiles and their design, and talk about how they work," Trey Cassidy says. "We'll also discuss the history of space exploration, good and bad, particularly as the tiles represent both parts of that."

The overall day will be one of part lecture, part discovery.

"There are so many facets to this visit," Trey Cassidy said. "There is Chris' inspirational jour-

ney as a person, and his learning that there are times when you don't get what you want, but you have to keep working at it. One of his goals was to become an astronaut, and he worked hard – getting two engineering degrees, doing Navy SEAL work and being overseas. It's both fascinating and challenging, but he reached his dream. It's also fascinating to hear about life in space,

and I know both our students and the greater community will look forward to hearing his stories as well."

The lecture is open and free to the public. RSVP by Wednesday, April 2, at uls.org/ChrisCassidyVisit or contact Gail Harley at 313.444.4444 Ext. 300 or gharley@uls.org.

NEW:

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playtime, special events, field trips, snacks, and special parties.

Teachers include: Beth Handwork, who has been working in the L'Anse Creuse Public School System for the past 14 years and has taught in a 1-2 Multi-Age, 1st, 3rd and 5th grade classroom and currently serves as a kindergarten teacher. Handwork also worked as a 1st grade and pre-k teacher within the Detroit Public Schools and Denver Public Schools.

Handwork's undergraduate degree is in child development and teaching from Michigan State University and her master's degree in reading education is from Wayne State University. Joan Jansen retired from Detroit Public Schools in 2011 after having spent her entire 32 year teaching career there.

Jansen has a Bachelor of Arts degree in education from Michigan State University and a master's degree in education from Wayne State University.

During her tenure in DPS, Jansen worked in an elementary school for 15 years teaching hearing impaired and deaf students using sign language.

She then moved to a different elementary school where she was a resource room and special education lead teacher for elementary aged special education students.

Jansen resides in Grosse Pointe Park with her husband and they have three grown sons.

Kimberly Romolino comes to CNCC having worked as a special education teacher at a charter school in the Chicago area before moving back to her hometown of Grosse Pointe. Upon her return, she worked at University Liggett School as a teaching assistant before taking time off for the birth of her third daughter.

She has a Bachelor of Arts in communication from Michigan State University and a Masters in Education from DePaul University with an elementary education certificate and a learning and behavior specialist certification.

Romolino resides in the City of Grosse Pointe with her three young daughters and her husband.

FORUM:

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Moderated by WDET host Craig Fahle the event is free and open to the public.

The event, titled "2014: How Far Have We Come?" reflects on the current state of diversity in the Grosse Pointes within the historic context of Martin Luther King Jr.'s March 1968 visit to Grosse Pointe South High School.

The event is being organized by a group of Grosse Pointers who met shortly after news stories surfaced about the treatment of a mentally challenged black man by the Grosse Pointe Park police,

asking the question "What can we do to support, nurture, and grow safe, diverse, and vibrant communities on both sides of Alter Road?"

Panelists will review the history and current status of race and diversity issues in the Pointes, with speakers from community, faith and school groups.

The forum centers around four questions: Do people of color find respect or obstacles in the Pointes? What can people living in the Pointes do to cultivate a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere to all? What is the history of social inclusiveness in the Pointes? What have other communities done to encourage diverse environments?

School news

There are more school-related stories and photos in the A section of this week's newspaper.

Teachers, principals and other school personnel are encouraged to share news and photos with the Grosse Pointe News. Send your information to jwarner@grossepointenews.com.

The Grosse Pointe News will soon announce information about a public forum with the school district to discuss the failed tech bond proposal for Grosse Pointe Public School System and what's next for the district. Administrators are working with us to set a date for the event.

Also note a letters policy change on page 8A. Letters on all issues will be limited to no more than 250 words.

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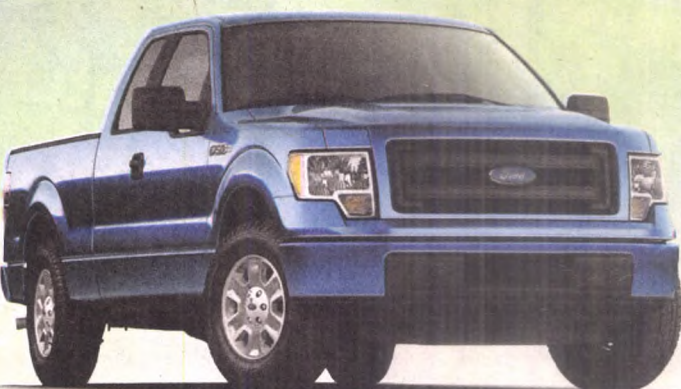
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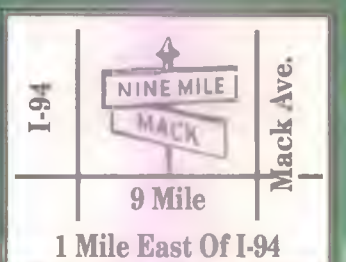
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AUTOS By Jenny King

Acura re-styles MDX for 2014



Climb into the 2014 Acura MDX and you know instantly you are in a luxury vehicle.

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The 2014 MDX is the third generation of Acura's larger utility vehicle. A third-row two-person split-back seat is standard. But if you don't need it, the backs fold forward and lie flat on the cushion for lots of cargo space.

Acura equipped the MDX with its standard 290-horsepower 3.5-liter V-6 attached to a six-speed automatic transmission. Torque is rated at 267 pound-feet at 4,500 rpm.

Front drive is standard; all-wheel drive is available. When upfitted for the task, the MDX is capable of tow-



The restyled 2014 Acura MDX, with front drive or all-wheel drive, is built on a new platform. Information includes fuel economy on current and recent trips. A simple grille, above, is offset by jewel-like headlamp lights on the Acura MDX.



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Porsche 911 Targa 4 and 4S

Porsche offers two new models to the 911 range: the 911 Targa 4 and 911 Targa 4S. These models are the first to combine the classic Targa concept with cutting edge, innovative roof technology. The combination of the wide body, Targa bar and the wraparound rear window results in an extremely sporty and low-slung profile. The 911 Targa 4 is powered by a horizontally opposed 3.4-liter 6-cylinder engine with 350 horsepower. Equipped with the optional Porsche Doppelkupplung and Sport Chrono package, the 911 Targa 4 accelerates from zero to 60 mph in 4.6 seconds and is capable of a top track speed of 174 mph. The 911 Targa 4S delivers 400 horsepower from its 3.8-liter horizontally opposed 6-cylinder engine, and accelerates from zero to 60 mph in 4.2 seconds when equipped with optional PDK and Sport Chrono package. The 911 Targa 4S is capable of reaching a top track speed of 183 mph. The 911 Targa 4 and 4S are available this summer with a manufacturer's suggested retail price of \$101,600 and \$116,200 plus \$995 for destination, respectively.



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2015 Lincoln Navigator

The 2015 Lincoln Navigator arrives for the 2015 model year with a freshly designed exterior, significantly updated interior and all of the spaciousness that made it a segment leader when it was introduced in the summer of 1997. Full-size luxury SUV drivers have long gravitated toward its upscale elegance, and the 2015 Navigator delivers more. A reimagined instrument panel highlights a changed interior; an available reserve package includes ultra-luxurious leather seats and hand-wrapped leather door trim, console and glove box door. Navigator is projected to have best-in-class cargo volume, thanks in large part to fold-flat second- and third-row seats. Vehicles are due in showrooms in early fall.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS BY THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Wayne County, Michigan, intends to issue limited tax general obligation bonds, in one or more series, in the principal amount of not to exceed \$250,000 for the purpose of defraying all or part of the cost of making capital improvements to the City's sewage disposal system (the "System").

The bonds of each series will be payable in annual principal installments not to exceed twenty (20) and will bear interest at rates to be determined at a competitive or negotiated sale but in no event to exceed such rates as may be permitted by law.

The bonds will be issued under and pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, and are expected to be paid from the revenues derived from the users of the System. In addition, the full faith and credit of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms will be pledged to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds as the same shall become due. The City of Grosse Pointe Farms will be obligated, as a first budget obligation, to advance moneys from its general funds or to levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable property within its corporate boundaries to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds as the same shall become due in the event and to the extent that the revenues derived from the users of the System are not sufficient to make such payments. Taxes levied by the City of Grosse Pointe Farms for the payment of such principal and interest will be subject to applicable constitutional, statutory and charter limitations.

RIGHT TO PETITION FOR REFERENDUM

This notice is given, by order of the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, to and for the benefit of the electors of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms in order to inform them of their right to petition for a referendum upon the question of the issuance of the aforesaid bonds. The bonds will be issued, without submitting such a question to a vote of the electors, unless within 45 days after the date of publication of this notice a petition requesting a referendum upon such question, signed by not less than 10% or 15,000 of the registered electors residing within the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, whichever is the lesser, shall have been filed with the undersigned City Clerk. In the event that such a petition is filed, the bonds will not be issued unless and until the issuance thereof shall have been approved by the vote of a majority of the electors of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms qualified to vote and voting thereon at a general or special election.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information relative to the issuance of said bonds and the subject matter of this notice may be secured at the office of the City Clerk of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms, 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236-3100.

This notice is given pursuant to the provisions of Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

Dated: March 10, 2014

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City of Grosse Pointe Farms

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<p>2014 JEEP CHEROKEE LATITUDE FWD</p> <p>LEASE 24 Mo. \$1,999 DOWN</p> <p>MSRP \$25,490</p> <p>\$139*</p> <p>\$20,296*</p>	<p>2014 CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY TOURING</p> <p>LEASE 24 Mo. \$1,999 DOWN</p> <p>MSRP \$31,860</p> <p>\$167**</p> <p>\$24,893*</p>

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The 2014 Cadillac XTS is offered in a well-equipped standard model and three optional collections: Luxury, Premium and Platinum. The XTS Platinum represents the highest level of technology and luxury, including a unique front appearance, wheels and interior colors, materials and trim. XTS is the only luxury sedan with standard Magnetic Ride Control while the advanced all-wheel-drive system uses Haldex technology with an electronic limited-slip differential to transfer power front-to-back, and side-to-side, along the rear axle. It is available on all three collections. Cadillac's XTS Twin Turbo V6 engine new features and technologies include available Automatic Parking Assist and IntelliBeam and electric power steering on all front-wheel-drive models. The XTS is the most spacious Cadillac sedan. The manufacturer's suggested retail price starts at \$45,525, including destination fees.



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AUTOS:

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ing up to 5,000 pounds, Acura said. An integrated dynamics system has sport, normal and comfort settings. The power steering is electric with a motion-adaptive feature. And the price of a new 2014 two-wheel-drive MDX — a first, according to Acura — has a manufacturer's suggested retail price of \$42,290. Fuel economy numbers for the Acura MDX are 20 city, 28 highway and 23 miles per gallon combined for the front-drive MDX. The utility vehicle with all-wheel drive is rated at 18 city, 27 highway

and 21 mpg combined city-highway. Riding on a new platform, the 2014 MDX adds new standard features such as keyless access, Jewel Eye LED headlights, exterior and interior LED lighting, extended slide second-row seating with one-touch third-row access, an 8-inch display touchscreen, expanded view driver's outside mirror and acoustic glass front windows and windshield. The MDX optional Advance Package includes a lane keeping assist system, adaptive cruise with low-speed follow, remote engine start with an extended range of some 300 feet, a new DVD rear entertainment system and front and rear parking sensors. Optional Acura Genuine Accessories for the 2014 MDX includes stand-alone

features such as a heated steering wheel, LED fog lights and a trailer hitch kit that provides for up to 5,000 pounds of towing. The test vehicle was a 2014 MDX All-Wheel Drive "Tech," with upgrades such as forward collision and lane departure warning. The utility vehicle was also equipped with a tech package with navigation with voice recognition, AcuraLink with real-time traffic/street/freeway conditions, tri-zone climate control, rain-sensing wipers and blind spot information. Acura has located its light-up icons indicating vehicles passing through the blind zones on either side of the vehicle on the A-pillars instead of on the outside mirrors. So the lights are just a little easi-

er for the driver to see. A few other features we liked were the standard tire-pressure read-out for each tire, presented on a small icon on an information screen; the immediate feedback on fuel economy; the expanded-view outside mirror on the driver's side; and the button at the base of the liftback that closes the cargo area. The Tech model also includes puddle lights mounted on the outside mirrors. Front and rear parking sensors — four front and four rear — are available as an option on the MDX. The bottom line for the 2014 MDX AWD Tech was \$48,565. Final assembly for the MDX is in Lincoln, Ala. King is an automotive writer who lives in the City of Grosse Pointe.

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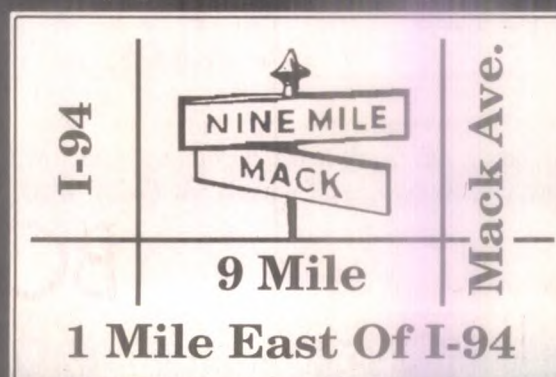
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6D | NEWS



Top facility

The 48,051 square foot Neighborhood Club received the Outstanding Facility Design Award for its center from the Michigan Recreation and Park Association. Design awards are based on degree of innovation, aesthetic quality, functionality and construction viability. The building opened in Jan. 2013 and has a fitness, studio and sports enhancement centers, gym, pool, meeting rooms, preschool and rowing and fitness room. It also includes Beaumont Health Center providing adult physical therapy and the Center for Human Development. Pictured are George Guo, Amy Roy, Betz Johnson, Sean Bruce, Kevin Zizio, Sarah Cole, Jim Troyer, Marie Molinik, Kathy Eisengruber, Katie Cotzias and Stu Alderman. Not pictured, Steve Hammel. Project architects were Hobbs-Black Associates and the construction team was Frank Rewold and Son.

Get your tickets

Grosse Pointe South High School ArtFest raffle tickets are available at Posterity: A Gallery, 17005 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, or at Rainy Day Art Supply & Framing Co., 20507 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. The cost is \$5 or \$20 for a book of five. The drawing is Saturday, April 5. You need not be present to win.

The raffle benefits the school's art supply fund. Items to be raffled are a painting, earrings, necklace, bracelet, a White and Warren scarf and coordinating iPad holder, a crystal Baccarat butterfly and restaurant gift certificates.

Parking angers motorists

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Gated parking lots in the Village are cruisin' for a lesson in etiquette.

"We have to make the parking system more user-friendly," said Chris Walsh, a councilman in the City of Grosse Pointe.

He doesn't like seeing motorists bypass gated lots for other options, except when off-street parking is free on Sundays.

"Something's off," he said.

"We've got to figure that out."

A new wave of automated gated lots were installed in the central commercial district to save the city money. They don't require attendants and motorists must pay to exit, rather than being able to drive away from unpaid meters.

Yet, the payment process at gated exits can be confusing, frustrating the user, slowing the exit process and angering motorists stacked up in line to leave.

"That needs to be addressed, something to help people transi-

tion to this new parking system," said Councilwoman Jean Weipert.

Whatever the solution, gated lots will stay.

"We cannot move away from the gated system," said Councilman Christopher Boettcher.

"We need to improve our communication system with parkers that apparently are having issues. We need to make sure there's a clean line of communication so they can report back to us the problems they are having on an ongoing basis."

Adams earns Officer of the Year

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Patrolman Joe Adams covered a lot of ground to earn his city's 2013 Officer of the Year award.

"Officer Adams represented the department with distinction during 2013, both during his on-duty time as well as his volunteer work during off-duty hours," said Stephen Poloni, public safety director in the City of Grosse Pointe.

Poloni presented Adams the award on Monday, Feb. 24.

Adams, 13-year veteran of the city, thanked Poloni, fellow officers and family members.

"Mostly, I thank my wife and two sons," Adams said. "An award

like this is all owed to my parents, who taught me a strong work ethic and strong life values."

Poloni credited Adams for "efforts he brings everyday while on duty."

Adams maintains the departments' bullet-resistant vest program, is a bicycle officer and manages the public safety motor pool, which includes coordinating maintenance, plus ordering new vehicles and equipment.

Adams also trains officers on technology issues relating to the fleet, including in-car video cameras.

"Our job is in the spotlight," Adams said.

He advises officers, "Make sure you stay focused while being professional. The best advice I can give a new officer is

to always remember your training. Listen to officers with experience to help you on decision making."

Adams is a three-term president of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 102. He's on the State Fraternal Order of Police executive board and currently serves as Sergeant-At-Arms.

He was a torch bearer for Special Olympics and organized basketball fundraisers at Grosse Pointe South High School that generated \$11,000.

The money was donated equally to Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods Special Olympics and Services for Older Citizens.

Adams also led fundraising efforts for police officers in New York City who lost practically everything they had dur-

ing Hurricane Sandy.

Since becoming certified in 2008 by Safe Kids USA as a car seat technician, Adams and another officer have checked more than 500 car safety seats.

"These efforts by Officer Adams directly reflect a positive light on our city and the department," Poloni said.

Author luncheon returns

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Books on The Lake, an author luncheon, returns May 10. This year's speakers are Dennis Lehane, Gloria Whelan and Rhoda Janzen.

Discontinued more than five years ago due to budget cuts, patrons asked this particular event be resurrected.

To bring back Books on The Lake, Grosse Pointe Library Foundation provided a grant and partnered with Wayne County Community College District's School of Continuing Education.

Fiction writer Lehane has authored "Mystic River," "Gone, Baby, Gone," "Shutter Island" and "Live by Night." He is a staff writer on HBO's "The Wire" and is writer-producer on "Boardwalk Empire," also on HBO.

Whelan, a local author, is the recipient of the National Book Award for her young adult novel, "Homeless Bird." She will discuss her latest book, "Living Together: Short Stories and a Novella."

Janzen is the author of "Menonite in a Little Black Dress" and a Hoper College professor.

A book signing and author reception with Lehane and Whelan is Friday, May 9, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Tickets cost \$100. The time is forthcoming.

Books on The Lake is Saturday, May 10, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and tickets cost \$35. They will be available March 22. The time is forthcoming.

A weekend trip for two to Chicago will be raffled off May 10, with tickets costing \$100 and 200 will be sold. The winner need not be present at the time of the drawing.

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City of **Grosse Pointe Farms**, Michigan

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES
MARCH 10, 2014

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present on Roll Call: Mayor Farquhar; Councilmembers; Wood, West, Joseph, Theros, Ricci & Waldmeir. Absent Were: None. Also Present: Messrs. William Burgess, City Attorney; Shane Reeside, City Manager/City Clerk; Derrick Kozicki, Assistant City Manager; John Lamerato, City Controller/Treasurer; Dan Jensen, Director of Public Safety; John Hutchins, Deputy Director, Public Safety; and Pamela J. Baker, Exe. Assistant/Deputy City Clerk.

Mayor Farquhar Presided at the Meeting.

The 2013 Public Safety Merit Awards were given to the following:

Jack Patterson	Matthew Hurner
Brian Bilinski	Keith Colombo
Andrew Rogers	Roger Wierszewski
Holly Krizmanich	Antonino Trupiano
John Bruno	Wesley Kipke
Rich Rosati	Vincent Finn
John Walko	Timothy Harris
Bryan Ford	Paul Reygaert
Steve Puckett	Richard Rosati, Jr.
Geoffrey McQueen	Tom Dionne.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 10, 2014, were approved as submitted.

Following a Public Hearing, the Council adopted Code No. 6-01 Vehicle Code Amendment, Ordinance No. 387, as presented.

The Council appointed Ms. Elizabeth M. Vogel to a full term as Representative to the Grosse Pointe Public Library Board, her term to commence July 1, 2014.

The Council approved the request from Liquid Event Detroit to host a second "Dabble Event in the Farms" on May 31, 2014 from 6 to 10 p.m. in the Richard School Parking lot.

The Council approved the Resolution of Intent to Issue Bonds for the SRF Sanitary Sewer Improvements.

The Council approved the following from the Consent Agenda:

- Proposed FY 2014 Community Development Block Grant Program Funding.
- Proposed "No Fishing" in the Harbor Enforcement Policy.
- Reappointment of the following members to the Beautification Commission: Anne Burke, 324 Touraine; Claudine Fets, 472 Manor and the Appointment of Sheila O'Hara, 463 Labelle; each to serve a three-year term.

The following report was received by the Council and ordered placed on file:

- Public Safety Report for February 2014.

The Council approved the request from the Grosse Pointe South Choir Boosters for a Charitable Gaming License.

Following adjournment of the Regular Meeting, a Closed Session was held to discuss pending litigation.

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 90 KERBY ROAD, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN 48236. THE MEETING IS PUBLIC. INTERESTED PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE CITY ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. YOU MAY ALSO VIEW THE AGENDA AND MINUTES ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE: www.grossepointefarms.org

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STK# T14459 • WAS \$45,180

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STK# T14479 • WAS \$27,390

	24 MONTH \$1,995 DOWN LEASE	PRICE
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STK# B14335 • WAS \$26,355

	39 MONTH \$1,995 DOWN LEASE	PRICE
EMPLOYEE	\$225	\$21,860*
EVERYONE	\$258	\$23,069*

2013 DEMO SK # B13302 \$22,266

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409 GARAGE / YARD / RUMMAGE SALE

\$1 bag sale (next week). Clearance corner; Unitarian Church Annex, 17150 Maumee/Neff. Wednesday, March 26, 10am-3pm, Thursday, March 27, 7pm-9pm. While here look for bargains in our resale/ consignment shop. Donations and consignments taken Wednesdays, 9:30am-2:00pm.

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12:00 pm Cars in Context
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6:00 pm Rotary in the Pointes
6:30 pm Shine a Light
7:00 pm Cars in Context
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