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Kids being kids

Muhammad Akkary feeds a goat some corn crumbles at the Grosse Pointe Park Egg Scramble Wednesday, March 23. A complete community egg hunt wrap up will be featured in next week's Grosse Pointe News.

BP liquor license denied

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The BP gasoline station at Mack and Moross remains dry for now.

A liquor license application for the business was denied this month by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

An appeal hearing is scheduled Thursday, April 7, at the commission's Southfield office.

Commissioners didn't explain their ruling when notifying Grosse Pointe Farms officials.

"I just got a notice this morning that it was denied," said Dan Jensen, director of public safety, Tuesday, March 29.

An order of licensing denial from the Liquor Control Commission listed several factors contributing

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Ganging up on the breakwall

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS AND SHORES — Instead of pointing fingers at each other to fix the deteriorating Lake St. Clair breakwall, representatives of two Grosse Pointes, county and federal governments are joining hands for a solution.

"We recognize it has to be resolved," said Farms manager Shane Reeside.

"(United States) Sen. (Gary) Peters

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Goals linked to savings

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — A push is on to brace the municipal rainy day fund before refinancing the Village parking structure bond next year.

Refinancing usually entails an evalua-

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Reflection

The Grosse Pointe Ministerial Association sponsored Stations in the Street on Good Friday. Approximately 300 people attended. Far left, Pastor Peter Henry of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church carries the cross to the second station. At left, Roger Skully, Cantor of the Isaac Agree Downtown Synagogue and president of the GPMA.



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At right, Grosse Pointe Woods resident and Star of the Sea Catholic Church parishioner Cordy Wettstein at the event.



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Good information

Advantage Living Center, 19840 Harper, Harper Woods, held its first Heart Healthy Expo with more than a dozen vendors from several companies and community organizations. The goal of the expo was prevention of heart disease and to provide education including food choices, exercise programs, blood pressure screenings, cooking tips, symptoms and heart disease risk factors. Above, April Fetherolf, left, rehabilitation manager and occupational therapist, stands with Suzanne Collins-Duprey, director of admission and marketing at the entrance of the expo.

Parking ban helps Shores

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — One reason so few cars are stolen here is they're hard to find.

On-street parking restrictions in Grosse Pointe Shores cuts into prime time for overnight car thieves.

The last theft happened in 2012.

It matched the single theft in 2012 for an average through 2015 of

.6 cars stolen per year.

The parking ban also clears sight lines for officers patrolling subdivisions.

"It assists us knowing which cars belong and which cars don't," said John Schulte, public safety director.

"Anytime you can remove unknown vehicles and places people can hide or be up to no good, it doesn't hurt," said Detective Lt. Scott Rohr. "We've found people parked in driveways

while committing crimes and caught them in the process."

Warnings of increased parking enforcement came true in recent months with officers issuing 15 to 20 violations, according to Schulte.

"I've had very few complaints about it," he said. "We're making it routine. We went through a several week period of notifications that it's coming."

To underscore the ban, additional 'No parking' signs will be posted at major entrances to the community.

Guild dinner to honor four

The 56th annual St. John Guild Dinner will honor four Wednesday, May 18, at the MGM Grand Detroit.

The fundraiser's proceeds will go to renovating the birthing center at St. John Hospital & Medical Center.

Local attorney and TV and radio personality Charlie Langton will be the master of ceremonies and comedian Paul Reiser will be the featured guest.

Raffle prizes include a two-year Jeep lease donated by Ray Laethem Motor Village, a Rolex watch donated by Edmundt.AHEE Jewelers and a suite for Comerica Park, donated by Kem-Tec.

Tickets and sponsorships are available by calling Kathy Taranto at the Guild offices, (313) 343-3674 or at stjohnguild.org.

Honored at this year's event will be Thomas LaLonde M.D., as physician of the year. Gene LoVasco will be honored for philanthropic services, John M. Adamo will receive an award for lifetime achievement and Beth Carter will receive the Sr. Verence McQuade Distinguished Service Award.

LaLonde was born and raised on the east side of Detroit. He met his wife, Mary Jane, in 1977 and they were married in 1983. They have three

children, Daniel, Andrew and Kathryn. All three graduated with honors from the University of Michigan. Daniel is an attending emergency room physician at St. John Providence. Andrew resides in Chicago and Kathryn lives in Boston.

LaLonde graduated with honors from Bishop Gallagher, University of Michigan and Wayne State University School of Medicine. He started at St. John in 1983 as an internal medicine resident. He followed as chief resident in 1986, cardiology fellowship from 1986 to 1988 and interventional fellow in 1989.

In 2008, LaLonde was named chief of cardiology.

LaLonde has been named instructor of the year on three different occasions.

As president and founder of LoVasco Consulting Group, LoVasco leads and inspires his team to provide innovative and sustainable insurance, employee benefits, and retirement planning products and consulting services to clients.

With a background of 30 years in the insurance industry, LoVasco earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Accounting from Michigan State University, his Juris Doctor from the University of Detroit Law School and the CLU designation from the American College. Prior to joining the insurance industry, LoVasco practiced public accounting at Arthur Andersen.

He currently sits on the boards of the St. John Hospital Foundation, American College Foundation and Detroit Athletic Club Foundation. Aside from spending time with his family and philanthropic endeavors, LoVasco enjoys traveling, golfing, biking and other outdoor activities. He has been married to Jeanne for 31 years and has three children, Michael, Laura and John.

LoVasco and his nine siblings were all born at St. John Hospital.

During his time on the foundation, the organization has raised more than \$50 million for the hospital.

Adamo was born at Providence Hospital in Detroit in 1952.

He was raised in Detroit before his family moved to Grosse Pointe Woods.

Adamo is the second oldest of seven children born to Vincent and Rosemary Adamo. His mother was a registered nurse at Providence Hospital and a graduate of the Providence School of Nursing.

His father was the head basketball coach for 18 years at Providence School of Nursing.

Adamo attended Western Michigan University, where he received a BBA in 1974.

It was during his time at WMU he met his wife, Connie. They have been married 41 years and have two sons, Chris and Andy.

He is a Guild Life member, was a dinner chairman, past Guild president and continues his dedication as a committee member for the annual dinner, golf outing and run/walk. Adamo served as a director of the St. John Health Foundation Board from 2013 to 2015.

He is co-owner of the family business, Conner Park Florist, Inc.

Carter was raised in St. Clair Shores with her two older sisters.

She graduated from our Lady Star of the Sea High School and left for Ferris State University to pursue a degree in social work.

Upon graduation, Carter accepted a position at the Children's Home of Detroit on Cook Road in Grosse Pointe Woods, now the site of The Rivers.

Carter, along with two other administrators, shared with the director the responsibility for 72 children and 22 child-care workers. She was the youngest administrator ever to hold this position in the 100-year history of the home.

It was at the Children's Home that Carter first became interested in hospital patient care, a passion that not only drove her to return to school to further her education, but became the basis for the rest of her professional career.

In 1987, she accepted a position at St. John Masonic Medical Center where she worked evenings and weekends coordinating its urgent care program. For a period of time, Carter also worked with the Family Practice Group. After 12 years at Masonic she came to St. John Hospital & Medical Center as the coordinator of the Executive Health Program. While managing that program, the concept of the Connor and McQuade Society began to take shape and soon became a reality. She has been with the St. John Hospital Foundation and the McQuade Society ever since.

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On display

Grosse Pointe Art Center held an opening for its new curated show with works by artist Robert Schefman, on display until April 15. The exhibition is Schefman's work along with some of his students who have graduated and gone on to be professional artists. For more information go to robertschefman.com or grossepointeartcenter.org. Below, Schefman stands next to a charcoal piece he drew which features his son Nic who volunteered to model for it. Below right, Nic Schefman looks at a collage on a mirror. At right, Oriane Michel, a student of Robert Schefman at the College for Creative Studies.

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to the decision. Those issues were discussed at Farms council meetings.

Farms council members cited risks to public safety when opposing the station's new owners' effort to transfer a

liquor license to the 24-hour business on the Detroit border.

The location already is the No. 1 location for police calls, according to Jensen.

"It's right across from a playfield and there's five bus stops there," he said. "I don't think throwing booze into that, especially now that

they want to sell pints, is going to help."

The council and Jensen put their opposition in the form of a resolution and letter, respectively.

"I understand there were letters from residents and business owners in opposition sent to the LCC," said Shane Reeside, city manager.

"I assume that was part of the basis for the denial."

The action by the LCC, taken March 18, was based on the Farms letter of objection, letters from local residents and a letter of objection from Jensen.

Reeside and Jensen intend to be at the appeal hearing.

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is offering through his staff to meet with us and see if they can come up with a solution because it is in bad shape, potentially a hazard," said Shores Mayor Ted Kedzierski.

"The first step is trying to get funding from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to find out what needs to be done and how much it costs," Reeside said.

"We're starting to have

meetings exploring options to see what we can do," said Tim Killeen, the Pointes' Wayne County Commissioner.

"We're planning another meeting with someone from Sen. Peters' staff in April to see the potential for federal funding for repairs or replacement of the seawall — at least funding for cost estimates and design to replace the seawall," Reeside said.

Pointe officials think it's primarily a county issue because Lakeshore

is a county road.

"However, we realize the county has limited resources," Reeside said. "It benefits us to make it a joint effort among the cities, county and federal government."

Kedzierski, Farms Mayor Jim Farquhar, Killeen and Wayne County Executive Warren Evans jointly signed letters in January to Peters, U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow and Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence, requesting financial help patching or replacing the break-wall along 3.5 miles of

Farms and Shores shoreline.

"We are hopeful (for) the opportunity to enhance the shoreline from an environmental or 'green' standpoint," they wrote.

Environmental improvements range from installing a riprap façade to dissipate rebounding waves and landscaping along the shoreline to filter runoff from Lakeshore.

"Maybe there's a way for a bike path to loop from Warner to Grosse Pointe Shores," Reeside said.

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tion of the city's financial standing which, if stellar, can translate into a higher bond rating, lower interest rates on the refi and greater savings.

"We want to have our books in order," said Peter Dame, manager of the City of Grosse Pointe.

A major step is increasing municipal reserves beyond 20 percent of the annual general fund auditors recommend.

"We've had a general policy since 2007 to have at least a 20 percent fund balance in our general fund," Dame said. "We may want to increase that. Adopting it formally has more weight in terms of credit agents."

Increased reserves are among priorities the city council endorsed during a strategy session Monday, March 21.

Other goals have a two-year outlook, such as:

◆ Councilman John Stempfle's goal to stem rising retiree healthcare costs,

◆ everyone's support of the 15-year road resurfacing campaign despite higher construction costs,

◆ Councilman Chris Walsh's and others' drive for increased collaboration on public safety with Grosse Pointe Park,

◆ Councilman Christopher Boettcher's idea for extending shared services to the parks and recreation department;

◆ everyone's backing of continued investment in the Village shopping district, plus implementing a master plan for the Mack commercial district complete with unified zoning and

◆ a capital improvement plan for long-term public safety and public works facility needs.

City officials review long-term plans every two years.

"For the most part, the goals council identified were essentially the same we had two years ago," Dame said,

"One other goal is to get the state to increase revenue sharing, or at least restore it," said Councilman Andrew Turnbull.

"Since 2002 the City of Grosse Pointe should have received \$1.7 million more than it did under revenue sharing," Dame said. "The state

has collected money it hasn't distributed back to the cities along the formula of the original bargain made when revenue sharing was created."

Pump room to get alarm

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — It was a costly lesson when the sump pumps failed in the pool filter room at Lake Front Park in 2014 — and one from which the city has learned.

With city council approval, the city will install an alarm system that will send out alerts in the event of equipment failures.

What the city is trying to avert is a repeat of a system failure that occurred during epic rainstorms in August 2014. The rains caused flooding in the pool filter room, resulting in \$23,000 in damage.

In a memo to council, Joseph Ahee, director of public services, asked for approval to authorize K&S Ventures Inc. of Auburn Hills to install an alarm system at a cost of \$6,550.

"In the event of equipment failure or problems

with the sump pumps, this system provides remote monitoring by sending alarms to designated cell phones and will have a hard-wired horn/strobe light combination on the exterior of the building to alert park employees, and will monitor the main pool and diving well surge tanks for overflow," Ahee wrote.

Heavy rains the afternoon of Aug. 4, 2014, flooded the filter room. Nearly 2 feet of water damaged the electrical system controlling the pumps, as well as putting the actual pumps under water. The system was shut down while workers dismantled, removed and replaced control panels, boilers and pool heaters.

Before any work could begin, workers in HAZMAT suits had to check air quality and for any chemical spills.

The pools were closed for more than a week.

The council approved the alarm system on a unanimous vote.

Signs of the times

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — A good sign is a terrible thing to waste.

Revisions to the municipal sign ordinance allow previously outlawed portable A-frame signs of the type one shopkeeper is setting the standard for in quality, while also downgrading infractions from criminal to civil offenses.

"This is a business-friendly code cleanup," said Peter Dame, City of Grosse Pointe manager.

One cleanup addresses sign violations as non-criminal breaches.

The second eliminates a conflict allowing sidewalk displays of high-quality portable signs, but not A-frame signs, no matter the quality, such

as with Giuseppe's International Oils & Vinegars in the 16800 block of Kercheval Place in the Village.

"Giuseppe's probably has the finest portable sign in our city and its an A-frame," Dame said.

The sign's wood frame, chiseled lettering and chalkboard lower section meet terms of the portable sign ordinance, but conflicts with the prohibition on A-frame signs.

Members of the city council approved the changes Monday, March 21.

They also lowered the annual \$40 portable sign permit fee to \$25.

"We want to encourage people to put more money into making their sign better, so I suggest lowering the fee," Dame said.

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In the lead

By Jody McVeigh
Community Editor

Leading an organization on the forefront of restoring one of Detroit's historic gems is no job to Michele Hodges. It's an honor and a privilege — less like work and more of a passion, the Grosse Pointe Park resident said.

Hodges, president of the Belle Isle Conservancy, grew up in Eastpointe and has lived in Grosse Pointe 22 years. She's been with the Belle Isle Conservancy for three years. Not only is she dedicated to restoring Belle Isle, but she works tirelessly to preserve its history and represent the voice of park users.

"I don't think of it as a

job," she said. "It is equal parts profession and service. There is a deep satisfaction that comes with giving back to the community. That's what makes this unique and special. That's why it's an honor and a privilege.

"Right now is a wonderful time in Detroit," she continued. "We are standing on the precipice of something great. We have the chance to work hard together and play and celebrate together."

The community link is as important to Hodges as it is to Belle Isle.

"I want to thank Grosse Pointers. They've been such an important part of the successes on Belle Isle. I'm so grateful for all they've given," she said. "I hope this relationship continues. The

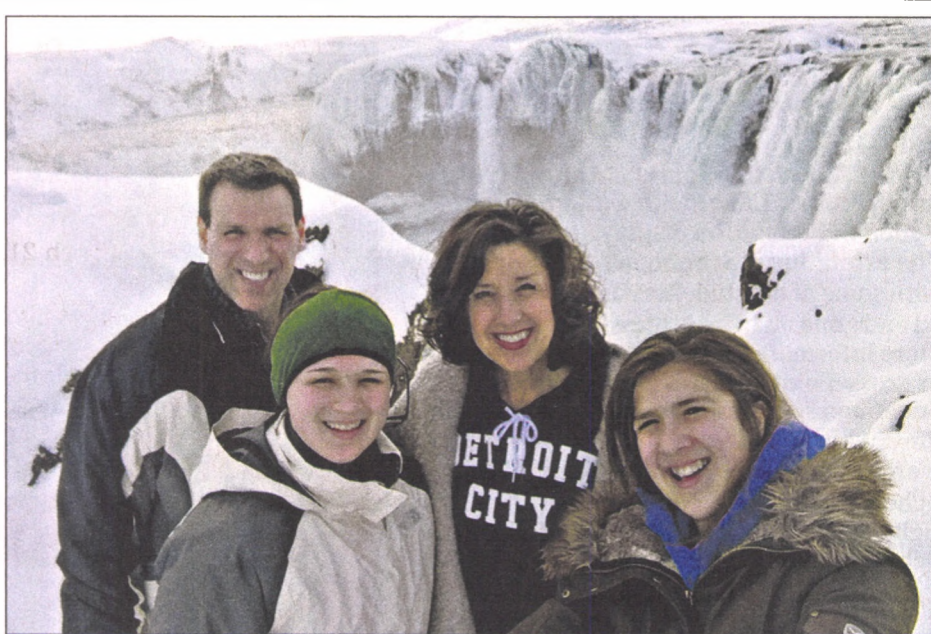
challenges are great and so we need them. I salute every Grosse Pointer. They are our heart and soul."

On a personal level, Hodges' heart and soul belong to her family. She and Matt Hodges have been married 25 years and are Michigan State University grads.

They have two daughters — Sylvia, 14, and Josephine, 12, who they call Effie.

Apart from volunteering at school, Hodges spends time on another great love: traveling with her children.

"We're doing that right now," she said during a phone interview from New York, en route to Iceland. "We're opening up their eyes to the world in hopes they'll become



COURTESY PHOTO

Michele Hodges, her husband, Matt, and their daughters, Sylvia and Josephine, during a recent trip to Iceland.

responsible, global citizens. There is a richness to cultural experiences and we pursue them heavily."

Hodges carries that logic into her day job as

she works to restore the richness to Belle Isle.

The Belle Isle Conservancy, formed in 2011, is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to restore, preserve,

protect and enhance the natural environment, historic structures and unique character of Belle Isle as a public park. For more information, visit belleisleconservancy.org.

Police actions avert potential disaster

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — When public safety officers responded Monday, March 21, to a call of a suspicious odor emanating from a house on Roslyn, they weren't content with the findings of DTE from earlier in the day that showed no discernible leaks.

In fact, responding officers, concerned the suspicious odor was strongest along the side of the house where the furnace vent appeared to be, requested a fire engine be sent with a portable gas detector. That apparatus showed extremely high levels of carbon monoxide

ide coming from the house.

Officers were not able to determine if anyone was in the house, and complicating the issue was the house recently had been sold and there was no listing in city records as to the new owner or any contact information.

Concerned someone may be in the house, two officers donned breathing apparatus and gained entry into the house through a side window. A search of the house showed no one in the house and officers made their way to the basement to shut off the gas and power sources for the furnace.

Just as officers were clearing the scene, the new homeowner arrived. Officers were able to give him an assessment of the situation.

"If someone had been in that house, this would not have ended well," said Public Safety Director Bruce Smith. "Our officers are to be commended for their diligence."

Carbon monoxide is an odorless and colorless gas which makes it almost impossible to detect. Malfunctioning furnaces and chimneys are most often to blame. Smith urges residents to install carbon monoxide detectors in their homes and call public safety if they detect any unusual odors.

St. Paul flooding addressed

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Resurfacing St. Paul this summer won't mean much if a section of pavement remains undrivable due to flooding during heavy rains.

Flooding on St. Paul between Neff and Neff Lane will be corrected by relining a 230-foot section of 10-inch sewer pipe.

"This storm sewer has multiple cracks and off-

set joints, but appears to be lineable with the possible exception of one area beneath a large tree," said Gary Huvaere, City of Grosse Pointe public services director.

City officials awarded a \$13,880 contract extending this month for Utility Service Authority for the work.

The company recently lined sanitary pipes in the city and offered to extend prices to newly-discovered sewer needs on St. Paul.

"This method is significantly less expensive than replacing this sewer line by the open-cut method," Huvaere said.

Resurfacing the length of St. Paul from Cadieux to Fisher is the largest part of this summer's nearly \$1.3 million road maintenance campaign funded by voter-approved millage.

Other work is scheduled for one-block sections of University Place and Roosevelt Place from Jefferson to Maumee.

Life-savers of crashed motorcyclist beat rap

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — No good deed goes unpunished for two paramedics saving the life of a fleeing motorcyclist who wrecked and nearly bled to death last summer on Lakeshore.

"(The cyclist's) family retained an attorney claiming our officers 'ran him off the road,' a claim clearly unfounded based on scout car video," said John Schulte, Grosse Pointe Shores public

safety director.

"He was found guilty (of reckless driving) and we have not heard back from the law firm," Schulte said.

Fortunately for the cyclist, an 18-year-old Dearborn man, paramedic treatment is as blind as justice.

Officers Jason Rengert and Michael O'Brien — triple trained in law enforcement, fire fighting and emergency medical care — controlled the cyclist's bleeding and monitored his airway

before medics took him to a hospital for emergency surgery.

Rengert and O'Brien received department life saving awards at city hall Tuesday, March 15.

Their patient was among a pack of approximately 10 cyclists speeding more than 100 mph on eastbound Jefferson from Detroit through the Park and City onto Lakeshore in the Farms.

Six peeled off on northbound Moross while four sped into the Shores, the one crashing near Blairmoor.

Injuries included multiple chest fractures and arterial bleeding from an open femur wound.

"O'Brien retrieved a tourniquet from his duty bag and Rengert applied it to the patient to control the bleeding while O'Brien monitored the victim's airway," Schulte said.

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NEGC Launches Senior Reach Program



The Northeast Guidance Center (NEGC) committed to the health of children adults and families recently launched the Senior Reach program with many minister and community leaders and partners in attendance. The Senior Reach program supports the well-being, independence and dignity of older adults through community education, mental health services, and the connection to community resources.



Sherry McRill, President and CEO of NEGC addresses Senior Reach breakfast attendees.

The senior population is the fastest growing population segment in America. Seven million baby boomers began coming of age in 2011, with 10,000 retiring every day. This population will double by 2040. Communities will be faced with new challenges due to this increased cohort of individuals as well as the unique multiple sets of challenges they will face such as retirement, relocation, health challenges,

loss of friends and loved ones as they move through the aging process; challenges which will require attention. "Many seniors have the support of friends and families, others do not" said Sherry McRill president & ceo of the Northeast Guidance Center. "For Senior Reach to be an effective program we need the commitment and involvement of our community to provide the support that can truly make a difference in the lives of this country's greatest asset-senior citizens".

By connecting with the Senior Reach program at the Northeast Guidance Center community partners such as churches can become equipped and trained to identify older adults who may need to connect with services in the areas of counseling due to emotional support, care management, referrals to resources, depression screening and treatment or identification and early intervention of prescription drug misuse or abuse.

For more information regarding the Senior Reach program, to volunteer or learn about issues that impact an older adult's health contact Melissa Freel 313-505-4811 or Cynthia Jackson 313-308-1400 x434.

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Drunk

A man operating a black 2014 Mercedes-Benz E350 with an expired license tab was arrested shortly before 11 p.m. Saturday, March 26, for driving while intoxicated on eastbound Jefferson.

A patrolman stopped the man, 41, of Grosse Pointe Farms, on lower Lakeshore in the Farms.

"While talking with (him), I detected a strong odor of intoxicating liquor coming from (his) facial area," reported the arresting officer. "(His) eyes showed an inability to track."

He failed a series of field sobriety tests before registering a .20 percent blood alcohol level, according to police.

—Brad Lindberg

Report information about this and other crimes to City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety, (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Tax fraud

An IRS agent last week confirmed a Grosse Pointe Farms man is a victim of identity theft. Someone used the man's name to file state and federal tax returns.

"(The victim) notified three credit reporting bureaus for a fraud alert and subscribed to Lifelock," reported a patrolman.

Package missing

A FedEx package delivered to a house in the 300 block of Hillcrest at 3:43 p.m. Friday, March 25, was stolen from the front porch sometime before 6:05

Public Safety Reports

p.m., the homeowner told police.

The package contained a blue Pinnacle Sports bamboo baseball bat worth \$50.

"Interviews with neighbors revealed no pertinent information," said an investigating officer.

Campus crime

Black Ray-Ban Aviator sunglasses, valued at \$200, were stolen from a weight room locker at Grosse Pointe South High School between 3:30 and 4:40 p.m. Thursday, March 24, according to the owner, a 16-year-old City of Grosse Pointe male.

Also on campus that day, a 17-year-old female from Grosse Pointe Park suspected her pink iPhone 6 "may have been stolen," she reportedly told police.

She last saw it at 3:15 p.m. on the Fisher side of campus.

I.D. & \$15K stolen

A teller machine at Chase bank on Moross near Mack is one of at least three locations an identity thief fraudulently withdrew funds from a Roseville woman's bank account.

The Farms transaction totaled \$3,000 and occurred at 9:08 a.m. Thursday, March 10.

Other withdrawals were in Lathrup Village and Detroit for a combined total of \$15,000.

Got away

Fresh from fishing at Pier Park shortly after 9

p.m. Monday, March 21, a man living on Fair Acres Drive parked his unlocked 2012 Jeep in the driveway not suspecting fishing gear within would be stolen by 11:45 a.m. the next day.

Among the missing are a black Penn Spinfisher reel worth \$175 and between \$20 and \$40 cash.

Expired

A patrolman cruising westbound Mack shortly after 6 p.m. Monday, March 21, noticed a 1998 Mitsubishi Gallant with an expired license plate stopped for a red light at East Warren.

"The tab is from another vehicle and expired March 6," said the officer.

The driver, a 43-year-old man from St. Clair Shores, reportedly had a .15 percent blood alcohol level and an open can of Icehouse beer, resulting in his arrest for drunken driving and possession of open intoxicants in a motor vehicle.

He also violated three suspensions of his operator's license, according to the arresting officer.

Wrecked

A man identifying himself to police with a false name similar to the protagonist in "The Fugitive" entertainment series was arrested at about 5:30 p.m. Monday, March 21, on four outstanding warrants for failing to appear in various courts on separate charges.

Farms officers released him to Eastpointe author-

ities on a traffic offense.

He's also wanted in Detroit for being in a park after hours, in Dearborn for riding outside of a vehicle and in Center Line for possessing marijuana.

A Farms patrolman investigated him for being a passenger in a vehicle involved in a wreck at the intersection of Mack and Moross.

\$8,000 gone

Some \$3,000 cash and 15 checks totaling \$5,000 were stolen between 10 a.m. Saturday, March 19, and 9 a.m. Monday, March 21, from a business in the 18400 block of Mack, the victim told police.

The items were last seen in an envelope atop boxes against an office wall.

—Brad Lindberg

Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety, (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Speeding drunk

Driving a gray 2001 Lexus RX 350 at 50 mph on northbound Lakeshore at 11:45 p.m. Friday, March 25, was a prescription for a traffic

stop near the intersection of Fontana Lane.

"The vehicle was occupied by two females who stated they were lost," reported an officer.

The 28-year-old driver from Ferndale had slurred speech, according to police.

"(She) admitted consuming alcohol prior to driving," said an officer.

She also registered a .17 percent blood alcohol level, resulting in her arrest for drunken driving.

—Brad Lindberg

Report information about this and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety, (313) 881-5500.

A resident in the 1300 block of Maryland reported to police on Sunday, March 20, a Blue Apron dinner package was taken from her front porch. The prepackaged meal was valued at \$60.

OWI

A 25-year-old Detroit resident was arrested at 1:30 a.m. Friday, March 18, after police were called to a traffic accident in the 1300 block of Wayburn.

Police determined the woman to be intoxicated. Three vehicles were damaged in the incident.

—Kathy Ryan

Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety at (313)822-7400.

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Dull year for crime

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — In terms of criminal activity last year in this law-abiding suburb, it's simpler to report what didn't happen.

There were no burglaries, robberies, rapes, murders, auto thefts or arson.

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City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

PUBLIC NOTICE - ORDINANCE NOS. 424 & 425

Please take notice that the City of Grosse Pointe has adopted the following ordinances:

Ordinance No. 424 adds Article III, Section 50-40 Special Events of the Grosse Pointe City Code. This ordinance defines and creates a formal policy and procedure for dealing with events using public spaces sponsored by organizers who are not the City of Grosse Pointe.

Ordinance No. 425 amends and restates in its entirety Section 1-17 of the Grosse Pointe Code of Ordinances regarding violations constituting municipal civil infractions.

These ordinances shall take effect ten days after publication of this notice. If you have any questions regarding these ordinances, please contact City Hall, 17147 Maumee Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI 48230, 313-885-5800, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 am to 5 pm.

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GROSSE POINTE NEWS MISSION STATEMENT

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OUR VIEW

Farms takes stand on liquor license

A first-round decision from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission went in favor of Grosse Pointe Farms last week.
 A page 1A story gives details of the order of licensing denial handed down by the commission last week.
 The BP gas station at the corner of Mack and Moross has been sold. The new owners sought transfer of the liquor license and let the council know their intention of selling package liquor at the store.
 The Farms council made it clear they were not in favor of any changes to the gas station that could bring more problems. While they don't control the liquor license, they promised to enforce hour restrictions, if needed.
 Discussions at subsequent council meetings became a little more terse about the proposal. Council members expressed their opposition, as did director of public safety Dan Jensen and residents.
 A letter to the council from the new owner, Christopher Barbat of The Barbat Organization said their intentions "are to make the site better for the customers, employees and the image that we portray as a business in the city of Grosse Pointe Farms."
 The city, however, has stood by its original opposition to the project expanding with alcohol sales at a troubled corner.

Mack and Moross has the highest number of police calls for Grosse Pointe Farms. Jensen, in his letter to the LCC dated Jan. 27, stated police have responded to 176 calls to that location between 2013 and 2015. He said police responses have included "dozens of arrests for loitering and trespassing, suspicious persons, intoxicated subjects, drug arrests, panhandlers, felony and misdemeanor arrests and larcenies that included shoplifting," according to the LCC report.
 The Farms council also submitted a letter of objection, dated March 9, accompanied by a resolution of objection passed by the council March 7. The LCC also received a letter of objection by "local residents."
 The LCC said they "must consider the opinions of the local residents, local legislative body and local law enforcement agency with regard to the proposed business and the effects that the issuance of a license would have on the health, welfare and safety of the general public"
 They did. And next will be an appeal.
 Kudos to the council and Director Jensen for putting their community first.
 It doesn't matter who owns the property. It's done well as a gas station and repair shop.
 Adding alcohol to that corner could mean more trouble. And there's enough already.
 The Farms management listened, didn't like what they saw and did something about it.
 We support the denial, while hoping for a safe community business at our busiest corner.

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Pure Grosse Pointe

More than 300 people turned out for the Stations in the Street on Good Friday. Ten churches participated in the event, sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Ministerial Association.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



Left, two women pray at station #13 when the reader announced Jesus died on the cross. Above, Matthew, John and TJ Hessburg of Grosse Pointe Park, parishioners at St. Clare of Montefalco, read along at station #4.

LETTERS

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your letters to the editor. All letters should be typed, double-spaced, signed and limited to 250 words. Longer letters may be edited for length and all letters may be edited for content. We reserve the right to refuse any letter. Include a daytime phone number for verification or questions. The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday. Letters to the Editor can be e-mailed to jwarner@grossepointenews.com.

Set example

I was disappointed to see the League of Women Voters of G.P.

announcement in the G.P. News that the workshop to train those interested in running for political office is

open only to "female high school students." I believe the educational workshop should be open to all high school students, male or female, of G.P. who want to enter politics. If such a class was open only to males the LWV-GP could correctly declare discrimination.
 From the May 3, 1946, bylaws, Articles of Incorporation of the LWV of the U.S.: "Article 2, Section 1, The purpose of the LWV is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government, etc..."

Nowhere, in any part of their bylaws, does it state "females only." Making the class open to all students interested would be a long term benefit to our community. We need our youth to be given the opportunity to attend, regardless of gender, color, etc. If the LWV really wants to encourage diversity it should not make people feel excluded. If the LWV truly wants to stop discrimination they should first set an example by not discriminating, in this case, against males.
 B.J. KHALIFAH
 Grosse Pointe Park

GUEST OPINION By Debra Dawson

As the population ages, more caretakers will need support

When my mother was a younger career woman, she prepared me on how to spot specific signs of dementia and Alzheimer's disease. She herself was a caregiver and wanted to ensure that I wouldn't be oblivious and blind-sided if I were to see her mind begin to slip.
 Still it was my mom who first noticed something was wrong with herself before I was willing to admit it. She called me one day and said, "Something is happening, something isn't right." She was starting to hallucinate and forget things and was soon diagnosed with dementia. As time progressed and her condition worsened, she had the gumption to admit it was time to surrender her caretaker's license and taught me to accept I soon would be her caretaker.
 Despite our awareness of dementia and Alzheimer's disease, no one can ever be fully prepared to watch a parent or loved one fade away, or to experience it themselves. No one can understand the fear, fatigue, alienation and physical impossibility one experiences being the only caretaker until they endure it. Personally, hav-

ing literally no other family members to depend upon, and with all respectable nursing homes out of financial reach, I sank deeper into despair while providing my mom with the best.
 Nationwide there are millions of people taking care of the nearly 5.3 million individuals currently living with Alzheimer's disease or dementia. By the year 2030, that number will soar as 71 million individuals will reach age 65 and older. Despite those staggering statistics, Alzheimer's is a disease that makes families and caretakers feel completely alone in their struggles.
 In Michigan, more than 180,000 are living with Alzheimer's disease. Every day, families around the state taking care of their loved ones are dealing with insurmountable stress.
 It's been eight years since I began taking care of my mom and my saving grace has been the Alzheimer's Association of Michigan. It was their resources that led me to the support group where I developed relationships with others who understood my struggles. It also is where I received the en-



couragement and advocacy to keep strong for my mom.
 Being able to call the association for information about respite care, emotional support and advocacy has been crucial for me and I know it will be for many more as loved ones age.
 This year, for the third consecutive year, the association is listed on the Michigan Voluntary Contribution Schedule. This annual tax form provides taxpayers with the option to contribute all or part of their tax return directly to the organization to help Michigan families who have no place else to turn. I encourage you all to consider donating this tax season.

Furthermore, if you know a caretaker, or someone living with dementia or Alzheimer's, please reach out to them and offer your listening ear. Offer to sit with a caretaker's loved one so they can have those crucial few minutes alone to run an errand or even take a shower.
 Bring them a meal. Also, if they aren't using the services of the Alzheimer's Association of Michigan already, providing them with the organization's phone number or alz.org/gmc may be the single best thing you can do for them. It was the best for me as I take care of my mom.
 Dawson is a resident of Harper Woods.

North students learn life skills Eighth-graders named Liggett Merit Scholars

By Mary Anne Brush
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe North High School life skills students participated in the Family, Career, Community, Leaders of America state competition in Midland March 16 to 18. Two students received gold medals and qualified for the national competition. This was the first time North participated in the FCCLA conference.

Laurel Kreuter received gold in recycle and redesign and Nicoletta Valenzano received gold in fashion construction. Receiving silver medals were Lindsay Gallagher, Madelyn Macconnachie, Samantha Maconnachie, Sienna Rogers and James Shelton. Hailey Hicks, Taylor Hicks, Madison Delas and Stephanie Roy earned bronze medals for community service projects.

"FCCLA is a wonderful opportunity for students to further explore areas of family and consumer sciences," said Stacy Krzyminski, North life skills teacher and Fashion Club advisor. "We had students who wanted to do projects that went hand-in-hand with the competition for FCCLA — fashion construction, recycle and redesign, communication and planning and community service. Students were excited to complete their projects and compete at the competition."

Eleven students attended the conference along with Krzyminski and North teacher and advisor Julie Cutler.



COURTESY PHOTO

North life skills students participated in the Family, Career, Community, Leaders of America state competition March 16 to 18.

Students arrived Wednesday for the opening ceremony complete with a motivational speaker. Thursday morning students presented their projects at the competition. Projects ranged from garments they had made to posters and electronic presentations. In the afternoon, students attended breakout sessions focusing on personal growth and leadership. Thursday evening there was a banquet and dance and Friday morning was an awards ceremony.

Workshops students attended included "Discovering your inner strength" and "From surviving to thriving."

"As a teacher, it was very interesting to watch students showcase what they chose as a project and explain it," Krzyminski said. "The students were very passionate about many different projects

and showed their passions and abilities in various activities."

Krzyminski's favorite presentations included teaching sign language to preschool students with non-verbal Down syndrome and "Around the World in 80 Days," in which students turned their high school into a reading experience where elementary students traveled the world.

"I think students gained a greater knowledge and understanding of how they can impact the world in a positive manner," Krzyminski said. "It also helped students connect with other students who are passionate about the same areas. Many students formed new friends during the three days they were at the conference ... I believe students gained confidence from presenting their projects and receiving constructive criticism for improvement."

Gold medal winners Kreuter and Valenzano go on to compete at the national competition July 3 to 7 in San Diego, Calif. Others also may participate if top scorers from their categories choose not to attend.

FCCLA is the career and technical student organization for family and consumer science education, early childhood education and teacher cadet programs in Michigan.

Six of metro Detroit's best and brightest eighth-graders were named Liggett Merit Scholars, earning full- and half-tuition scholarships to University Liggett School for four years.

The highly competitive scholarships, based on academic achievement, teacher recommendations, interviews, writing samples, test scores and overall potential impact on the Liggett community, draw applicants from throughout the region.

This year's Liggett Merit Scholarship recipients are Isabella Tomlinson of Harrison Township, a Grosse Pointe Academy eighth-grader; Darshana Subramaniam of Grosse Pointe Woods, an eighth-grade student at Parcels Middle School; Ashton Pongratz of Harper Woods, who will join Liggett's class of 2020 from St. Clare of Montefalco in Grosse Pointe Park; Victoria Ortiz of Grosse Pointe Farms, an eighth-grader at Pierce Middle School; Ross Kogel of Grosse Pointe Farms, a Liggett eighth-grade student; and Tristan Reilly of Grosse Pointe Farms, also an eighth-grader at Liggett.

Wear blue to support autism awareness

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"We have had 40 reported thefts in 13 years, an average of three per year," said John Schulte, director of public safety in Grosse Pointe Shores, citing the department's annual report for 2015. "2015 marks the third year we have not had an auto theft."

Although matching crime statistics with comparable cities is difficult because Shores' population is one-third the 10,000 minimum cutoff for FBI national crime comparisons, Schulte said his random inquiry found the Shores with the lowest overall crime rate.

"The excellent statistics are due in part to maintaining a highly visible and proactive police presence, as well as our alert residents informing us of suspicious activity before they become reported crime," Schulte said.

Road patrol

Seventy-nine motorists confirmed last year the Shores is a risky place to drive while intoxicated.

Shores officers led the Grosse Pointes in drunken driving arrests.

The city's 18 patrolmen caught 79 people operating a motor vehicle while impaired or under the influence of liquor, particularly at night on Lakeshore.

The total is up from 74 arrests in 2014 and

nearly double 41 drunken driving arrests in 2011.

Traffic enforcement represented two-thirds of the department's arrests last year for Part II crimes, defined by the FBI as less serious offenses.

"We experienced a decline (in Part II crimes) in 2015 of 16 (cases) for a total of 133," Schulte said. "While this number appears high, 90 of the 133 can be attributed to officer-initiated drunken driving and narcotics arrests."

Identity thieves accounted for another 12 Part II crimes.

"Seventy-six percent (of Part II crimes) are not criminal activity in the community," Schulte said.

Larceny was the only criminal category increasing by a statistically meaningful degree.

Victims reported 12 cases during 2015 compared with two in 2014.

"We had some (larcenies) related to maid services where property's missing from the house," Schulte said.

There were no structure fires reported during 2015.

Medical

Shores officers are triple-trained in law enforcement, firefighting and emergency medical service.

Some 13 officers are paramedics certified in advanced cardiac life support.

"Our department paramedic unit is one of the most resident-appreciated services," Schulte said.

Medics transported 144 patients to area hospitals during 2015, up from 109 in 2014.

"This 23 percent increase is due to Grosse Pointe Woods again utilizing our medic unit as their back-up," Schulte said.

The Shores' ambulance arrives on scene within 4 minutes, on average, half the 8-minute national benchmark, Schulte said.

Court & costs

Shores Municipal Court collected \$397,500 in violations, fines and related costs during the year.

The city's cost recovery ordinance, by which responsible parties compensate the city for damaging municipal property, obtained \$3,227 last year compared with \$67,800 the year before.

In both years, the city recovered 100 percent of money due.

House watch

The month of March led the way last year, again, in residents participating in the house watch program.

Officers during March 2015 made about 1,300 individual checks of homes while residents were out of town, many on vacation, an increase from about 1,000 the prior March.

Individual checks throughout 2015 totaled 6,059.

"While our residents are on vacation, the security of their property is one in which we take great pride," Schulte said.

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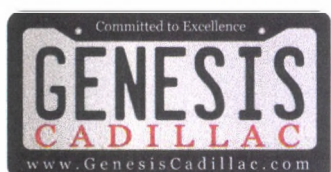


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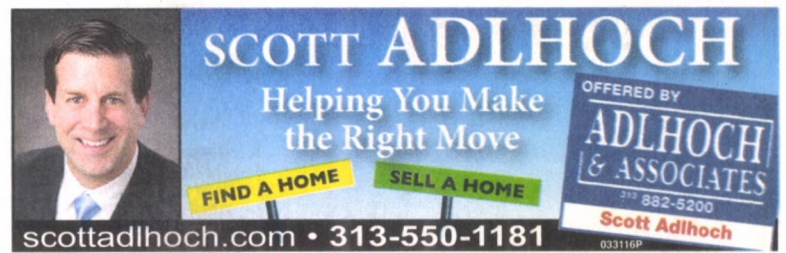
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Friends indeed Bookstore volunteers happy to serve

By Jody McVeigh
 Community Editor

Joanne Dennis hopes the “No April Fools” half-price sale helps make more room at the Friends Down Under Bookstore.

Not only are the store’s shelves loaded with books of all genres, but carts are heavy with overflow and line the hallway outside the shop. There’s no shortage of material and something for everyone at the store, located in the basement of the Grosse Pointe Public Library Woods branch.

Shelves in Friends Down Under are lined with books for children and teens, paperback and hardback fiction, large-print and coffee-table books, and are sorted by genre, from biography and local interest to humor and gardening.

There’s a section of recent fiction and nonfiction best-sellers, as well



Joanne Dennis runs the Friends Down Under Bookstore, which is in need of volunteers.

as collector books which include rare finds and autographed items as well.

Apart from reading material, the bookstore offers a selection of videos on DVD and VHS, books on tape and CD, music CDs and computer

games. Friends Down Under, run by the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library, opened February 2007. Dennis, who was a Friends member at the time, has been a part of it since the start.

“I used to have a bookstore in Royal Oak where I sold used paperbacks,” she said, adding when the buzz began about opening a used-book shop at the library, she volunteered to take charge.

Dennis’ husband, Bill, a retired attorney, also helps out at the store. Volunteers are coordinated by Terri Russ and Kathy Gaughan lists books for sale on eBay.

Most items in the store are \$2 or less and nothing costs more than \$5, Dennis said, adding that profit is not the point.

“We do make money, but not much. We’re doing it more as a service to the community.”

Apart from the bookstore, the Friends host three book sales per year, the next one scheduled for May 12 to 14. More than 10,000 books, DVDs and other items will be

available for purchase.

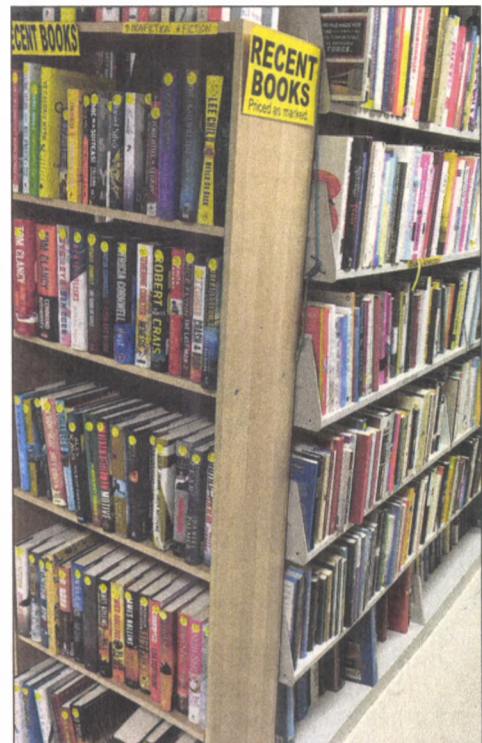
Friends Down Under is the only bookstore in the GPPL system; however, ongoing lobby sales at each GPPL branch also help with revenue.

“At each library we have lobby sales,” Dennis said, adding the Woods branch usually rakes in \$500 a month through lobby sales. “They’re offered all the time, many items for \$1.”

Volunteers make sure every event and the bookstore run smooth.

There are several dozen volunteers, but only around 20 who regularly help out at the bookstore.

The store is always looking for more help. While volunteers don’t



A selection of current best-sellers is available at the store.

have to be Friends members, membership is encouraged. Volunteers 18 and older go through a 45-minute training session and then work a shift or two with a seasoned volunteer.

The store uses two people at a time in 2-hour shifts. Volunteers get a 20 percent discount the day they work.

“Sometimes people sign up with a friend, so they come in together to volunteer,” Dennis said.

Apart from working at the store, volunteers are regularly needed for sorting and shelving books, helping at sales and lecture events.

“Sorting is the fun part, seeing what you’re going to get,” she said.

The community helps keep the shop running, too, through donations.

While Friends Down Under currently has more books than it has space, Dennis said they will accept children’s

books, coffee-table books and recent best-sellers. Everything else, she said, will have to wait until

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Be a Friend

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library is always looking for new members.

The annual membership fee is \$25 per person or \$30 for a family.

Apart from operating the Friends Down Under Bookstore, Friends presents its Classic Book Lecture Series with guest speakers, used book sales, National Library Week celebrations, teen and children programs and more.

Friends members are given free video/DVD rental the first Thursday of each month, Friends-only shopping at used book sales prior to general admission, free attendance at most events, early admittance to Friends’ events and more.

For more information or to sign up, call (313) 343-2074, Ext. 204.

How to donate

Friends Down Under Bookstore will not accept textbooks, Reader’s Digest, encyclopedias, Time/Life or Newsweek book sets, magazines, record albums, Book Club novels from the 1930s to 1990s, items in poor condition, books left over from stores or sales or discarded library books.

Donated books must be in boxes or bags and brought in by the donors; library staff cannot help, but can provide rolling carts to transport donations.

Those wanting to donate more than four boxes must call the Friends line at (313) 343-2074, Ext. 204, and wait for a return call.

All donations — which must be in very good, clean condition — must be brought to the Woods branch, 20680 Mack, where the bookstore is located. Currently, accepted donations include recent best-sellers, children’s books and coffee-table books. After the May book sale, other accepted donations include cookbooks, fiction and non-fiction books, DVDs and VHS tapes, CDs, books on tape and CD, computer games and software.

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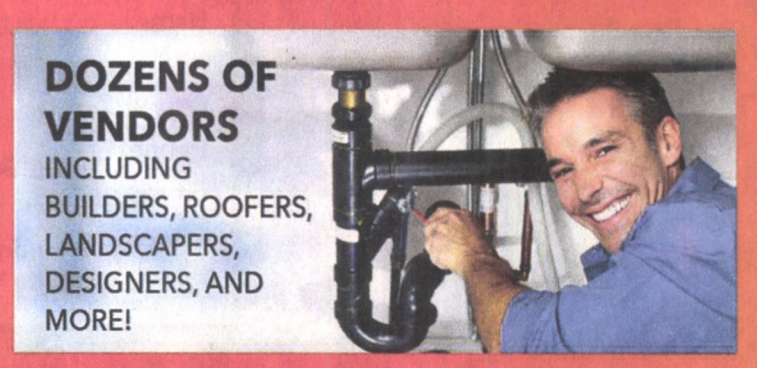
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Grannie Nannies

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Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets 7 a.m. Friday, April 1, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call Eric Lindquist at (313) 530-8656.

BNI

Business Network International meets 7 a.m. Friday, April 1, at Christ the King Lutheran

Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross hosts a blood drive 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 1, at Our Lady of Hope Church in St. Clair Shores. Register online at redcrossblood.org.

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mentally Ill Eastside meets 7 p.m. Monday, April 4, at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

Tuesday Musicales

Tuesday Musicales of Detroit presents "Opera

Night," a free event featuring music from Italy, Germany and the United States, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, City of Grosse Pointe. Visit tuesdaymusicaleofdetroit.org.

SOC

Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, presents a program about massage and polarity therapy at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 5. Karyn Weir, a member of the American Massage Therapy Association, leads the program.

An AARP Driver Safety Program takes place 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, April 5 and 7. Cost is \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for non-members. Call (313) 882-9600 to reserve a seat.

LWV

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe offers its Coney Island Caper 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 28, at the Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park,

14920 Windmill Pointe, Grosse Pointe Park. Members, family and friends are invited to the event, the league's only fundraiser for 2016. Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$15 for children ages 10 and younger. For more information, call Joan at (313) 585-4437 or George at (313) 549-6363.

Widowed Friends

Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosts lunch at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 10, at Steve's Back Room, 24317 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. For more information, call Therese at (586) 415-9714.

The group hosts its Dinner and Theater program at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 20, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Dinner is followed by a performance of "Hello Dolly" at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$22. RSVP to Nancy at (586) 822-6285 by Saturday, April 30.

Senior Men

The Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe meets for lunch at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 12, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Cost is \$10. Professor Gregory Sumner from the University of Detroit Mercy speaks about his book, "Detroit in World

War II." Men, retired or older than age 55, from any community are welcome. Jackets are suggested. For more information, call (313) 886-4927.

Fontbonne

A bingo party sponsored by the Fontbonne Auxiliary of St. John Hospital & Medical Center takes place 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. Cost is \$40 and includes dinner and bingo cards for 11 games. Proceeds support the Fontbonne Nursing Scholarship at St. John. For more information, call Raegan Movinski at (313) 343-3675.

Veterans

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial Veterans Club meets 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at the War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. U.S. Air Force Capt. John Fitzgerald presents "The Rest of the Story, Part 2: That Others May Live," about flying with an air-rescue unit. Admission is free and guests are welcome. Call John Bates at (313) 881-4125 or Larry Sullivan at (313) 881-8631.

Libraries

The Grosse Pointe Public Library presents

its Doll Tea Party, "The Mad Hatter," 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 16, at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores. Children ages 5 and older are invited to bring their favorite doll or stuffed toy with an adult chaperone for a light lunch, doll presentation and craft. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. For more information, call (313) 343-2071.

War Memorial

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, presents "An Evening of Magic" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21. The Evasons, a mentalist duo, demonstrate psychic powers and mind reading preceded by dinner. For more information, call (313) 881-7511.

Neighborhood Club

The Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe, offers "Mind. Body. Belly," a prenatal yoga program, 7 to 7:50 p.m. Fridays through April 22. Members and non-members are welcome. Cost is \$70 for six classes or \$20 per class. Tea and snacks are provided after each class. For more information, visit neighborhoodclub.org or call (313) 885-4600.



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Programs promote health, self-esteem

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit has kicked off another season of Girls on the Run along with its new program, STRIDE.

Girls on the Run incorporates training for a 5K run with lessons that inspire third- through eighth-graders to develop essential life skills. The topics covered during the 10-week course help young women develop and improve competence, be confident in who they are and respond to others and themselves with care and compassion.

Participants also are encouraged to make meaningful contributions to community and society.

Similar to Girls on the Run, STRIDE is a fitness and running program for third- through fifth-grade boys. Participants are

given the chance to share their thoughts and opinions on various relevant topics in a safe, encouraging environment.

The end goal is to help boys develop an ability and passion for running — a physical activity they can enjoy throughout their lives — while building self-esteem and tools for managing stress and peer pressure.

"We use running as the means to educate young people about positive self-image and to build life skills. We teach them to be the best they can be," said Jackie Kippen, executive director of the YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit's Girls on the Run and STRIDE. "We want

these children to be emotionally and physically healthy."

For more information or to find a team near you, visit gotrdetroit.org or ymcadetroit.org/STRIDE.

The mission of the Beaumont Community Health Coalition is to enable the community to reach its potential by preventing disease and promoting wellness through prevention education and developing solutions for positive health based on the Beaumont Community Needs Assessment. For more information, call Anne Nearhood at (586) 498-4855.

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after the big sale in May. "We have zero storage," she said, adding the amount of donations that come in can get "mind-boggling."

With the surplus of books and limited storage space, sometimes Friends Down Under donates books to organizations and individuals.

Dennis said the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club often gets leftover book sale books, while cast-offs at Friends Down Under are taken to Focus: HOPE, where they're given away for free. Unpurchased books also are given to veterans, American House, Services for Older Citizens or donated to jails.

Thankfully, turnover at the store is decent.

"Every week we've got to fill the shelves," Dennis said.

Proceeds from all the books sold in the store go to Friends of the Library. The money is used to

bring in speakers and support programs and sometimes is donated as cash to the library. Proceeds from the lobby book sales go directly to the library.

Library staff has been supportive from the start.

"The staff is really good about it," Dennis said. "(Librarian) Lynne Severini has been a blessing. She helped me get it started."

The bookstore is open twice a week — 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday — though Dennis is there more often. "It keeps me busy," she said.

Volunteers don't hold books or search for requested books. The store takes cash and Detroit-area checks only.

"We do get people from out of town," she said. "There are some really nice regular customers, too."

The half-price sale takes place noon to 4 p.m. Friday, April 1, and Saturday, April 2. For more information, visit gplibraryfriends.org.

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GP Rose Society seeks new members

By Jody McVeigh
Community Editor

The first meeting of the Grosse Pointe Rose Society occurred Jan. 9, 1963, and welcomed "the novice and experienced grower by providing excellent speakers on all phases of rose culture," according to an article published in the Dec. 27, 1962, issue of the Grosse Pointe News. Membership was limited to residents of the five Grosse Pointes at the time and included men and women.

Like many clubs, membership started small. The group first was led by Elmore Frank and included five other members. In time, membership grew, programming reached many in the community and much work was accomplished by the group.

However, times have changed and membership is dwindling, said current president Duane DeDene. In fact, in his 30

years with the club, membership is at its lowest with 15, despite opening the group to other communities.

"We are in crisis mode in trying to come up with ways to get people interested, to join and stay active," DeDene said. "It's not just us. It's other local societies too."

"As people get older, they can become less interested," he continued. "The work becomes harder. The belief is that roses take a lot of time and effort and people don't have the time to do it."

That belief isn't necessarily true, he said.

"It's when people say it's too hard to care for roses, I ask how often do you cut your lawn? Once a week. How often do you fertilize? Once a quarter. How often do you water it? When it needs it. It's the same with roses."

"There are a lot of roses on the market that are 'plant it and forget

it," he continued, suggesting some of them include the Knock Out, Carefree, Easy Elegance and EarthKind series.

"It's not just all garden, garden, garden. There are a lot of social activities, too."

DUANE DEDENE,
Grosse Pointe Rose Society President

"They are all tested for disease resistance. You don't need to pamper them as much Hybridizers are doing more of that kind of investment in their product."

DeDene, who joined the society after a passerby suggested it to him as he was caring for roses at his mother's house, said he loves working with roses because, "it gets you away from everything else. You become engrossed. Everything else is forgotten."

Membership to the club costs \$20 and includes a monthly newsletter.

"By joining, you gain a

lot of insider information," said DeDene, a St. Clair Shores resident. "It's not just all garden, garden, garden. There are a lot of social activities, too. We've got people who've been growing for 30, 40 years. You get a lot of background knowledge on what roses grow great in the state and local area. You get a lot more pinpointed information than what's out there on the web. You tap into those years of experience."

He said the social aspect of the club "takes

the drudgery out of the garden, too."

The group goes on outings, like touring the Belle Isle greenhouses or the gardens at the Ford House. It also hosts programs and activities, sometimes with other rose societies.

The group meets the second Wednesday of each month in March, April and May, then has a show in June, breaks July and August, and resumes September and October. Meetings are at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Its next meeting, however, takes place at Eckert's Greenhouse and Perennials, 34051 Ryan, Sterling Heights. Participants will learn about new varieties of roses, annuals and perennials.

Its June rose show takes place Saturday, June 18, at Wiegand's Nursery, 47747 Romeo Plank, Macomb

Township.

"You'll get to see all kinds of roses — Old Garden, Floribunda, Hybrid Teas. It gives you a much broader idea of the forms that are out there."

DeDene, an American Rose Society consulting rosarian and director of the ARS Great Lakes District, hopes to develop a handbook for beginners that would be available free with the purchase of a rose. In the meantime, he hopes to bolster participation in the Grosse Pointe group, especially now that the spring rose season is nearly underway.

"And if anyone's interested in hosting a program, we have people who can talk anything roses — starting from seed, hybridizing, growing them in a pot, what to look for when buying roses," he said.

DeDene can be reached at (586) 778-4332 for more information or to join the club.

'Donate Life' art installed at St. John Hospital & Medical Center

April is National Donate Life Month. In its honor, the St. John Transplant Specialty Center at St. John Hospital & Medical Center is hosting a temporary art installation throughout the month titled "Donate Life," by Grand Rapids artist and kidney recipient Levi Faber.

Faber's piece originally was featured at the 2015 Grand Rapids ArtPrize competition last fall. Inspired by his personal experience receiving a kidney at age 2 from his father, Faber, now 18, said he wishes to bring awareness to the critical need for organ donation.

The installation will be an interactive, large-scale display — 7 feet high by 12 feet wide — of approximately 300 figures representing the 124,000 men, women and children awaiting life-saving organ transplants.

The St. John Transplant Specialty Center is teaming up with Faber and the Gift of Life to educate the community about organ

donation. The community is encouraged to learn more about becoming a registered organ donor and given the opportunity to register onsite through the Gift of Life. When people register, they are able to place a "kidney" into the open

location of the wooden cutout figure on the wall and become a "life-saver."

The "Donate Life" art installation will be located on the St. John campus in the Boll Professional Building One lobby. It kicks off

between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday, April 4. The installation will remain on display the entire month of April.

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ASK THE EXPERTS

Drugs & alcohol: What parents and professionals need to know

Q: I have two children, one just entering middle school next fall and one going into high school. I am very concerned about what they may encounter as far as drugs and alcohol are concerned. I have no idea what to expect or how to talk to them about what they might see. I'm sure it's different than what I would've been exposed to, but how do I talk to them or know what to expect?

A: You are right to be concerned. Today's youth are exposed to so much more than their parents' generation was. It is your responsibility to stay educated and aware of the emerging trends of substance abuse. It also is your responsibility to educate your children on the dangers of abuse, of any type of substance. A well-educated child can make a well-informed decision if they understand the potential for seriously negative outcomes.

To educate yourself first, talk to school counselors, other parents, community leaders, even public safety officers. Find out what's out there and what to look for.

Then talk to your teen. Start by validating their feelings, reinforce your love for them and your presence in helping them make difficult choices. Ask them if it's an appropriate time to talk with you about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Asking permission promotes open communication and makes them feel empowered. If they say no, ask why and have them suggest a later time. Your response will have a great impact on how comfortable they will feel being honest with you.

If your family has a genetic predisposition for addiction, prevention



education and good role-modeling is paramount. Treat it as you would a predisposition to skin cancer, for example. You would practice protective factors on your entire family to prevent the cancer from occurring. The same method is recommended for addiction.

As parents, we have a tendency to look to our experiences and assume the same for our children as they grow. Where drugs and alcohol are concerned, that is not the case. Potency, availability and options all have increased tremendously. Our youth are vulnerable to many different factors and parents must understand the need to stay current to help them

avoid these dangers.

Read complete articles online from Association of Professionals members Lisa Kaplan, Scott Masi, Paddy Laske, Sonya Thompson and Shannon Rozell at familycenterweb.org.

The Family Center serves as the community's hub for information, resources and referral for families, individuals and professionals through its mission to serve the community through programs and resources vital to today's families. The Family Center is a nonprofit organization supported 100 percent by community contributions. To volunteer or donate, visit familycenterweb.org, call (313) 432-3832. The Family Center, 20090 Morningside Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

SAVE the DATE

"Drugs & Alcohol: Prevention - What Parents & Professionals Need to Know" — presented by the Family Center in partnership with Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Henry Ford Maple Grove Center, St. John Providence Brighton Center for Recovery, CARE of Southeastern Michigan and Acadia Healthcare — takes place Thursday, April 14, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore Dr., Grosse Pointe Farms.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The event features resource tables, including Northeast Guidance Center, REAL Michigan and Families Against Narcotics.

◆ "How to Raise Drug-Free Kids," presented by Lisa Kaplan, Henry Ford Maple Grove Center

◆ "A Surveillance Report: Emerging Trends of Abused Substances in Our Community," presented by Scott Masi, St. John Providence Brighton Center for Recovery

◆ "How to Start the Conversation with a Youth or Loved One," presented by Paddy Laske and Sonya Thompson, CARE of Southeastern Michigan

◆ "Prevention Techniques: How to Build a Family Toolbox," presented by Shannon Rozell, Acadia Healthcare

◆ "Ask the Pharmacists" resource table available all evening

Pick two talks to attend. Each 45-minute program is presented at 7 and 8 p.m.

Register online at familycenterweb.org or call (313) 432-3832.

GP couple host conference on suicide

Gail and John Urso, lifetime residents of Grosse Pointe and founders of the nonprofit organization Kevin's Song, present "The Suicide Epidemic: A Conference on Suicide," Thursday, April 7, through Saturday, April 9, at the Inn at St. John in Plymouth.

Kevin's Song was founded to honor the Ursos' son, Kevin, who died by suicide March

2013. The organization's board of directors consists of many Grosse Pointe residents.

Event sponsors include Henry Ford Health System, Heinz C. Prechter BiPolar Research Fund at the University of Michigan, Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority and many others.

Thomas Joiner Ph.D., noted author and profes-

sor of psychology at Florida State University, is the keynote speaker.

The first night of the conference, the documentary "Death is NOT the Answer," by award-winning filmmaker Keith Famie, will premier. Kevin's Song is an executive producer on the film.

For more information about "The Suicide Epidemic," visit kevinsong.org/conference.

Artist's global journey began in Grosse Pointe

How did a Grosse Pointe girl from Pierce Middle School and Grosse Pointe South High School become a celebrated artist in India?

Martha Meagher comes up with this explanation: "I was redoing a farmhouse in California and I was standing in line to buy a part at a hardware store when a little voice said to me, 'You're only using 2 percent of your brain.'"

Soon after, she moved to India to pursue meditation and art.

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association, in collaboration with the Grosse Pointe War Memorial and the Model Gallery, invite the public to meet Meagher and experience her art while she is home to visit her family. Her work will be on display Friday, April 8, to Saturday, April 16, at the Model Gallery, located on St. Clair in the Village.

A preview party to benefit the GPAA education fund takes place 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 7, and includes hors d'oeuvres at Marais. Reserve a place online at grossepointeartcenter.org.

Meagher also will share her story in a lecture 7 p.m. Thursday, April 14, at the War



COURTESY PHOTO

Martha Meagher's artwork will be displayed at Model Gallery in the Village.

Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Meagher has lived and worked in England, Taiwan, Ghana and India. She speaks Mandarin Chinese, Spanish, Bulsa and Hindi. It has been more than 20 years since she returned from a stint with the Peace Corps in Ghana, her eyesight seriously compromised by sunburn and meibomitis resulting in deep corneal scarring. As she went from one medical expert to another, she vowed to pursue painting full time if her eyesight returned. It did and she has kept her promise.

For the last 14 years, she has lived and painted

in India where her colleagues call her Kumari.

"It is really hard for them to pronounce 'Martha,'" she said.

True to her Peace Corps spirit, she goes to the Himalayas from her home in Pune, India, for three months a year to teach art and meditation. For her work there, she received a Pax Cultura Award.

How do critics describe Meagher's work? It embodies the spirit of the American abstract expressionists and has a lyrical color play reminiscent of the renowned Helen Frankenthaler.

Find samples of her work at macfineart.com.

Books of interest to be discussed

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library present "Between the Covers," a talk about new books of interest to book clubs and library patrons, with GPPL Assistant Director Peggy Kitchel.

The event takes place 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, at the Woods branch, 20680 Mack.

The list of books Kitchel will discuss is posted on the Friends'

website, gplibraryfriends.org. Three of the five authors also are speaking at the Saturday, April 30, Books on the Lake event at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, sponsored by the library and co-sponsored by the Friends.

This event is free to the public. Attendees are asked to reserve a seat online at gplibraryfriends.org or by calling (313) 343-2074, Ext. 204.

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Beautiful Beginnings



WEDDINGS

Thompson-Krease

Megan Rayne Thompson and Michael Patrick Krease were married Oct. 17, 2015, at the Cathedral of the Assumption, Louisville, Ky.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Lacy and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Thompson of Louisville, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Krease of Grosse Pointe Farms.

The Rev. Martin Linebach officiated.

A reception occurred at Hurstbourne Country Club in Louisville.

The bride wore a Mikaella all-lace fit-and-flare silhouette gown with a bateau neckline and V-shaped back, with a bouquet of ivory roses and hydrangea.

Bridesmaids were friends of the bride, all from Louisville, Sara Evans, Erin Makela, Ashton Sorrels and Emily

Wetterek. They wore Bill Levkoff sangria chiffon floor-length gowns.

Jonathan Krease, brother of the groom of Grosse Pointe Farms, served as best man. Groomsmen were the bride's brother, Matthew Thompson of Louisville and the groom's friends, Frank Wiegand and Anthony Cooper, both of Romeo.

The bride and groom are both resident physicians at Oklahoma State University Medical Center in Tulsa — the bride a pediatric resident physician and the groom an internal medicine resident physician.

The couple reside in Tulsa.

Still-Bray

Judy Still and Ed Bray were married in the presence of their children, grandchildren and the bride's mother, Carolyn House, Sunday, Feb. 14, 2016. The Valentine's Day ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Scott Davis at Zion United Church of Christ in Mount Clemens.

Standing with the bride were her daughter, Lauren Still, and son, Brandon Still. Standing with the groom were his



Mrs. and Mr. Michael Krease



Mrs. and Mr. Ed Bray

son, Adam Bray, and daughter, Tami Bray-Harris.

The bride is an elementary school teacher at the Duke Ellington Performing Arts School

in Detroit. The groom is a Doctor of Ministry, serving as pastor at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in St. Marys, Ohio.

The couple plan to reside in Grosse Pointe Farms.

ENGAGEMENTS

Kuczera-Leverenz

Joe and Rosie Kuczera of Grosse Pointe Woods announce the engagement of their daughter, Vanessa Kuczera, to Matt Leverenz, son of Dr. John and Cathy Leverenz of Grosse Pointe Park.

Miss Kuczera graduated in 2010 from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education. She is a teacher at Starr

Detroit Academy in Harper Woods.

Mr. Leverenz graduated in 2010 from MSU with a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance. He is a controller at Majestic Capital Management in Grosse Pointe Farms.

A July 2016 wedding is planned.

Bonham-Wojciechowski

Ronnie and Donna

Bonham of Shepherdsville, Ky., announce the engagement of their daughter, Ameer Bonham, to Adam Wojciechowski, son of Chester and the late Susan Wojciechowski of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Miss Bonham earned a Bachelor of Mortuary Science degree from Mid-America College of Mortuary Science. She is a funeral director.

Mr. Wojciechowski earned a Bachelor of Mortuary Science degree from Wayne State University. He also is a funeral director.

A July 2016 wedding is planned.



Matt Leverenz and Vanessa Kuczera



Ameer Bonham and Adam Wojciechowski



Joseph Jensen and Chloe Kirchner

Kirchner-Jensen

Susan and Ken Kirchner of Grosse Pointe Farms announce the engagement of their daughter, Chloe Kirchner, to Joseph Jensen, son of Laurie

and Dan Jensen of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Miss Kirchner earned a bachelor's degree in international business from Pepperdine University and is the product manager for The Honest Company.

Mr. Jensen earned a bachelor's degree in economics and philosophy

with a concentration in applied ethics from Western Michigan University. He is the regional director-Los Angeles at General Assembly.

An August 2016 wedding is planned.

See ENGAGE, page 8B

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For 40 years, Lakeland Manor in St. Clair Shores has been dedicated to providing top-notch service to make every event flawless. It all began in 1976 when James and the late Sandra Nahra established the facility. The Nahra family has been serving guests, corporate and private, throughout the tri-county area.

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wedding coordinator, off-premises catering, a large marble dance floor, granite waterfall with light features, an elaborate dessert table and a projector with drop-down video screen. Linen napkins and table and chair covers are included and the facility is handicap

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NEW ARRIVAL

Drs. Amanda and Jared Zelinski of Belton, Texas, announce the birth of their son, William Steven, born Feb. 25, 2016. Maternal grandparents are Lisa and Chris Filides of Grosse Pointe Farms. Paternal grandparents are Betsy and Mark Zelinski of Appleton, Wis. Great-grandmother is Marilyn Wilke of St. Clair Shores.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

By Kent Commer

Continue

Coming out of the recent Easter holiday, Christians should feel uplifted and inspired by the risen Christ just celebrated. How important to follow Jesus' words, "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed" (John 8:31). One definition of "continue" is "persist in an activity or process." This implies Jesus expected his followers to persist in their living of the Christian faith — that it wasn't just a one-time or an annual event but a consistent striving to live the life God intends for us.

Another of Jesus' observations in the Bible is "I am come that they may have life and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). What better promise of God's unconditional love for each one of his children than that we each have abundant

life and not have to suffer from limitations, fears, disease, labels and the whole et cetera of mortality. Turning to God in prayer for answers, guidance, inspiration and direction can open our thoughts to God's abundant provision for each of us — right here, right now.

Jesus' promise to us if we continue in his word? That we would "know the truth and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). We can live a Christian life in full expectancy of practicing God's freedom and come into the life that is in Christ. Then we will feel the significance of the risen Christ and make Easter a more daily experience.

Commer is a member of the Christian Science congregation in Grosse Pointe Farms.

CHURCH EVENTS

Memorial

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts "From Doubt to Faith" at 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday, April 3. This one-act liturgical music drama about Thomas the Twin includes the chorus and chamber orchestra, featuring libretto by Marilyn Biery, music by James Biery, tenor Michael Fowler and soprano Carol Ambrogio Wood.

Living Hope

Living Hope Evangelical Church hosts a grief group 6 p.m. Mondays, April 4 and 18, at the Neighborhood

Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe. All those who walk the challenging road of grief are welcome to find comfort and community.

St. Paul on the Lake

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers "Unbound," an eight-week DVD series to reclaim one's true identity in Christ, 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. beginning Thursday, April 7. Cost is \$15 and registration is required. Call (313) 885-8855.

The church offers a eucharistic study program 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. Tuesday, April 12. Register by calling Anne

Graves at (313) 885-8855 or e-mailing agraves@stpaulonthelake.org.

The church offers spring HoYo classes 9 to 10 a.m. Saturdays, April 16 to May 14, in the school faculty lounge. Master instructor Myreya Meyers leads participants in this Bible-based yoga class. Cost is \$10 per session. E-mail myreyam@holyyoga.net, visit holyyogadetroit.com or call (313) 903-0957.

St. Ambrose

St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, offers a study of bees 9:45 to 11 a.m. Sunday, May 1, in The Ark. Bees are a symbol closely associated with Bishop Ambrose of Milan. St. Ambrose nourishes this connection with several beehives located behind

its church building. Call (313) 822-2814.

Jewish Council

The Grosse Pointe Jewish Council celebrates Passover at a family seder for members and guests Saturday, April 23. During the meal, the story of Moses and the Exodus from Egypt is shared. Call (313) 882-6700.

St. Paul Lutheran

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, presents its Osborn Neighborhood Spring Clean-Up program Saturdays in April. Volunteers are needed to board up homes to make them safer for the neighborhood, as well as for yard cleanup, painting and other duties. Call (313) 881-6670.

Author visit set

Jack Kresnak, formerly of the Detroit Free Press and a Neal Shine protégé, speaks 9:45 to 11 a.m. Sunday, April 17, at St. Ambrose Parish, 15004 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park.

Kresnak is the author of a book about the Rev. William Cunningham, founder of Focus: HOPE. The book, "Hope for the City — a Catholic Priest, a Suburban Housewife and The Desperate Effort to Save Detroit," tells the story of Cunningham, Eleanor Josaitis and others who were drawn to the mission of Focus: HOPE. It is a retelling of

an English teacher who wore a Roman collar, rode a Harley-Davidson and marched with Dr. King across the Edmund Pettis bridge; a suburban mother of five who organized marriage enrichment events before she persuaded her husband to move into Detroit; the 1967 riot that exposed systemic racial inequality and the civil rights organization that evolved.

Books will be available for purchase and signing. They also are available on amazon.com and the Cass Community Publishing House. Call (313) 822-2814.

'Fifty Years of Parties' celebrates decades of Detroit memories

For the past 50 years, Tom and Diane Schoenith, the couple synonymous with party hosting and hospitality in and around Detroit, have hosted countless events attended by numerous celebrities. With that comes decades worth of memories, experience and knowledge of the art of entertaining.

The Schoeniths, City of Grosse Pointe residents, will showcase and celebrate the most memorable and grandest parties of their careers at "Fifty Years of Parties," a special invitation-only cocktail and strolling supper event Tuesday, April 12, at the Marriott Hotel at the Renaissance Center in Detroit. The event will include exhibits by the decades, featuring mementos and party elements collected over the years such as invitations, photos, press clippings, thank-you notes, movies, telegrams and 25 of the designer dresses Diane Schoenith wore at

the parties. "The Fifty Years of Parties" exhibit will be extended to the following day, Wednesday, April 13, when the public is invited to take a trip through time and relive all the party memories. There is no cost for admission.

"The party team started when Diane and I met in 1966 and the parties have continued ever since," said Tom Schoenith. "We've been delighted and honored to host so many wonderful events for leaders of industry and global celebrities to everyday people, to launching new products to the world and especially raising money for charity. This exhibit is a celebration of the city of Detroit and its citizens who always love a good party."

The Schoeniths' legendary parties have been attended by such notable names as the Jackson 5, the Supremes, Elton John, Bobby Darin, Tony Bennett, the Rolling

Stones and the Four Seasons, to name a few. Parties have been held at the Schoeniths' iconic Roostertail in Detroit, their private home, as well as many other venues across metro Detroit.

Equally legendary are their creative and crazy party themes. Some highlights include the Billionaire Party attended by 20 metro Detroit magnates with billion-dollar bank accounts; a \$1 million get-together weekend in 1987 for Tom Monaghan and 70 of his friends and colleagues; and the Swine Flu Party in 1976 at the height of the epidemic, hosted at their home complete with food, drinks and vaccines.

In lieu of ticketed admission or thank-you gifts, the Schoeniths are requesting and encouraging donations be made to the Detroit Historical Society. For more information, visit fiftyyearsofparties.com.

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OBITUARIES

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Bill O. Brink

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Bill O. Brink, 96, passed away peacefully Tuesday, March 22, 2016, with his family surrounding him.

Mr. Brink was born April 11, 1919, in Okmulgee, Okla., to Earl and Blanche Brink, and moved with his family to Phoenix, Ariz. in 1928, then Grosse Pointe in 1933. He attended the University of Michigan from 1936 to 1937 and graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 1940. While at UT, he was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity and became a nationally ranked platform diver. In 1937, he was the Southwest Conference champion in the 3-meter springboard, placed third in the National Outdoor Platform Diving Championship and first in the 10-meter platform diving event during the Canadian National Exhibition in 1938.

While at UT Austin he met the love of his life, Marjorie Osborne. Bill and Marjorie married Feb. 8, 1941, and made their home in Grosse Pointe. In 1942, Mr. Brink passed the Aviation Cadet Examining Board and served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1942 to 1945 and again during the Korean War.

Following his service, Mr. Brink joined his father at the Mutual Benefit Health and Accident Association. He continued in the insurance business the remainder of his career, last serving as president of the Earl B. Brink Insurance Agency. He was a member and president of the Detroit Association of Health Underwriters, a member of the International Association of Health Underwriters, the Detroit Life Underwriters, the General Agents and Managers Association

and the Detroit Rotary Club and a director and officer of the Mutual of Omaha General Agents Association.

Mr. Brink was actively involved with the community. From 1962 to 1967, he served as president of Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit and in 1965 he was elected Grosse Pointe Rotary's Citizen of the Year. Additionally, he hosted foreign exchange students, was a longtime member and usher at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church and was involved with Youth Anonymous. He also was a lifelong member of the Detroit Athletic Club, where he served on the board, as president in 1966-67 and where he achieved the rank of the "Oldest Swimming Beaver." Mr. Brink was also a member of the Country Club of Detroit.

The family said Mr. Brink loved to live and lived to love. He will be deeply missed by his friends and family.

Mr. Brink was predeceased by his wife of 63 years, Marjorie.

He is survived by his son, Barrett O. Brink (Maureen); daughter, Dianne Brink Flanigan (Donald); grandchildren, Nicole Paterson (Guthrie), Kirby Brink Traynham (Erik), Shaw Talley, Bo Brink, Hadley Brink Kuczynski (Matt) and Emery Brink Buccellato (Justin) and great-grandchildren, Lila Paterson, Phoebe Paterson, Jorie Traynham, Eloise Traynham, EJ Traynham and Mitzi Buccellato.

He also is survived by his sister, D'Arlene Brink Llewellyn and 13 nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank Barbara Flood, Pamela Flood and Anna Groff for the care they provided Mr. Brink the last several months.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 12, at

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or Beaumont Hospice, c/o The Beaumont Foundation, 3711 W. 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak, MI 48073.

Johannes Meingast

Grosse Pointe Park resident Johannes Meingast Ph.D., 90, died Monday, March 14, 2016.

Dr. Meingast, known as Hanno, was born June 26, 1925, in Munich, Germany.

After finishing high school in Cologne, Germany, he trained as a pilot in the German Air Force. After the war, he earned a Ph.D. in physics from Cologne University, settling in Aachen, Germany.

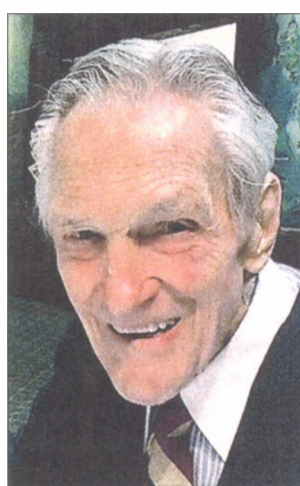
Dr. Meingast and his family moved to Grosse Pointe Park in summer 1968 to take a job in the research and development department of Uniroyal Tire Co.

He was a lifelong photographer, traveler and reader in many subjects, especially history, economics and science.

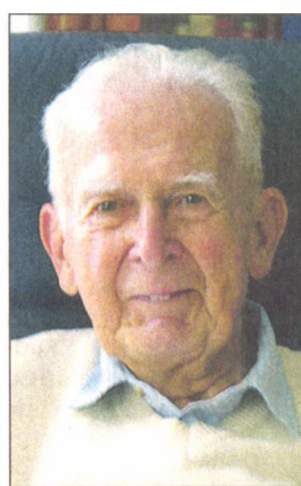
Dr. Meingast is survived by his wife of 62 years, Maria Gertrud Meingast; sons, Hanno (Bonnie), Wolfram (Carolyn), Christoph (Marita), Klaus (Heather) and Herbert (Sara) and grandchildren Karl, Christa, Peter, Alex, Claire, Theo, Sofia, Noelle, Nicklaus and Kristofer.

A funeral Mass was celebrated March 18 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Park, with interment at Forest Hill Cemetery in Ann Arbor.

Donations may be made to Hospice of Michigan at hom.org.



Bill O. Brink



Johannes Meingast



Elizabeth Seymour Shook

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Elizabeth "Lisa" Seymour Shook, 57, passed away peacefully in her sleep Tuesday, March 8, 2016, after a decade-long battle with breast cancer.

Lisa was born April 24, 1958, in Detroit to John and Joan Seymour and graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 1976. Lisa earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in early childhood development from Hillsdale College and was a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority. Since 2006, she worked in the Grosse Pointe Public School System as a teacher's assistant for special needs children.

Lisa was an avid watcher of HGTV and Syfy. She had a passion for interior design and would rearrange her house on a bi-weekly basis. One of Lisa's favorite pastimes was watching videos of puppies on the internet and showing them to anyone around her, even if they had seen it 10 times before. She single-handedly decorated the house for Christmas every year, redoing the ornaments others had placed before her because she knew best. She also took great pride in caring for her yard, planting flowers and bushes, moving patio furniture and attempting to repair the damage wreaked by her dogs.

Her family said Lisa was a strong, protective, loving mother who put her daughters' happiness before her own at every opportunity. She was a doting sibling and daughter, willing to help her family whenever needed. Lisa had strong faith and a lot of sass, which helped her greatly outlive her initial prognosis.

Lisa is survived by her husband of 26 years, Mark; daughters, Elizabeth and Sara; mother, Joan Seymour and sister, Susan Solner (Michael). Lisa also was the proud mother of several pets throughout her lifetime, most recently her precious dogs Divot and Marley.

She was predeceased by her father, John Richard Seymour.

Visitation will be 4 to 9 p.m. Friday, April 1, at A. H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. A prayer service will be at 7 p.m.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 2, at St. Peter and Paul Jesuit Church, 438 St. Antoine, Detroit.

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David Arthur Sloss Jr.

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David Arthur Sloss Jr.

David Arthur Sloss Jr. passed away comfortably Sunday, March 27, 2016.

David was born Dec. 30, 1934, in Detroit, to David Sr. and Marion Sloss. He grew up in Dearborn and lived in Southeast Michigan his whole life, moving to Grosse Pointe Farms in 1974, where he resided until his death.

David was a proud alumnus of the University of Michigan, graduating with a bachelor's degree in engineering. It was at U of M where he met Mary Lou, who predeceased him in 2014 after 56 years of marriage and whom he missed daily.

David was an avid furniture and basket maker and would hone his skills by taking trips to Nantucket with Mary Lou to attend basket-making classes.

David was a member of Bayview Yacht Club and sailed in several Mackinac races. He most enjoyed the 1978 race when he sailed with his father and two sons on the yacht "Goldigger."

David worked as a civilian for the U.S. Army, most notably in tracked vehicle mobility. In this occupation, he would often take his family in a Volkswagen Microbus to various test sites such as Alaska, Nevada and the Upper Peninsula.

David is survived by his sons, Jeffrey (Deborah) and Andrew (Linda) and grandchildren, David, Rebecca, Philip, Hannah and Cameron.

A visitation is planned at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 9, at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, followed by a funeral service at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48214.

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Michael G. Conlan

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Michael G. Conlan

Grosse Pointe Park resident Michael G. Conlan, 62, died Monday, March 14, 2016.

He was born Oct. 7, 1953, to Arthur J. Conlan Sr. and Lucille F. Conlan (nee Humelsheim) and graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School.

Mike enjoyed golf, darts, spending time with family and playing Santa at family Christmas gatherings. He lived on Wayburn his entire life. After retirement, he worked at Buscemi's on Kercheval. He was a fixture in the neighborhood and his family said he was referred to as the "Mayor of Wayburn" and the "Mayor of Kercheval." He loved his neighbors and enjoyed helping them whenever he could. He will be deeply missed by those who knew and loved him.

Mike is survived by his sister, Mary F. Leamon (James); brother, Arthur J. Conlan Jr. (JoAnna); nieces and nephews, James Leamon Jr., Mary Beth Bennett, Thomas J. Leamon, Jeffrey S. Conlan, Rebecca Conlan-Warner, Brandon Conlan and Amanda Conlan.

He was predeceased by his parents.

A funeral Mass was celebrated March 18 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Park.

Monitoring dog park access

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Tight controls on non-resident access to the lakeside municipal park are overflowing to an inland park reserved for residents and their wet-nosed companions.

While rangers at Osius Park are instructed this year to confirm city-issued passes of all comers to the residents-only facility, access to the fenced-in dog park beside city hall will be limited to holders of city-issued electronic key fobs.

"A lot of that came from residents suggestions," said Mark Wollenweber, manager of Grosse Pointe Shores. "We'll be requiring a \$50 deposit for a key fob to enter the dog park."

The one-time fee is refundable upon the fob's return.

"The dog park will be a two-point entry system," said John Schulte, public safety director. "You have to swipe in and out. When it's swiped, it will identify the dog owner."

"We'll have the ability to audit somebody who might not be authorized," said Mayor Ted Kedzierski.

"Only those who have access will be able to get in," Wollenweber said.

The same system is being installed on restricted access doors at city hall.

The city council Tuesday, March 15, approved a \$12,335 contract with Interstate Security Inc., of Shelby Township, to supply and install needed equipment and software.

It would cost an additional \$1,700 to outfit Osius Park with a fob system, according to a bid submitted Dec. 11 by the company's vice president of sales.

"The next logical step is to put some kind of mechanism at the park," said Kedzierski.

Rule revisions are intended to prohibit non-residents from overrunning recreational facilities and parking lots "so any Shores resident can enjoy amenities of the park, so

we don't have as much congestion on weekends," Kedzierski said.

Congestion includes the main parking lot.

To increase capacity, members of the parks and harbor committee met Feb. 16, to consider solutions.

One is allowing curbside parking in the right lane of northbound Lakeshore outside Osius Park during large picnics and busy weekends.

Another option is to improve an overflow parking area on grass across Lakeshore next to city hall.

Public works Director Brett Smith "is to get a price quote to cover the overflow lot with gravel until funds are available to pave the area," according to minutes of the parks and harbor meeting.

Users of the dog park also will see improvements.

"We're going to be putting in a better fountain for big and little dogs, so there won't be just a bowl," Wollenweber said.

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O'Brien-Jessen

John and Dianne O'Brien of the City of Grosse Pointe announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren O'Brien, to Jeff Jessen, son of Jon and Patty Jessen of Kansas City.

Miss O'Brien graduated in 2001 from Grosse Pointe South

High School and in 2005 from the University of Colorado-Boulder with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication. She is the director of Midwest advertising sales for Bustle.com in Chicago.

Mr. Jessen graduated from Rockhurst University in 2002 with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration. He is a sales account executive for Gorilla Group in

Chicago. A September 2016 wedding is planned.

Drettmann-Kutter

Heidi and Mike Walsh and Erich Drettmann of the City of Grosse Pointe announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Drettmann, to Lee Kutter, son of Laurie Kutter of DePere, Wis., and Tom Kutter of

Siesta Key, Fla. Miss Drettmann graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and from the MSU College of Law with a Juris Doctor degree.

Mr. Kutter earned a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting and finance from Edgewood College, a Master of Science degree in accounting from Edgewood College,



Jeff Jessen and Lauren O'Brien



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a Juris Doctor degree from Georgetown University Law Center. A December 2016 wedding is planned.

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LIGGETT

Frosh sets mark

Liggett ninth-grader Bea Bernard never set out to be a champion rower.

She certainly never planned to hold three world records in rowing. In fact, not that long ago, she really didn't have an interest in rowing at all.

But a little more than a year ago, Bernard's parents enrolled her in a rowing class and she fell in love with the sport.

"Right from the beginning, I loved it," Bernard said. "I just loved everything about it. I loved being on the water, I loved the teamwork and I loved the challenge, because if one thing is off on the boat then the whole team is off."

She found her passion, and after five short months of training she set a world record in the Youth Girls four-minute race at the 2015 World Indoor Rowing Championships in Boston. Bernard rowed 1,073 meters in four minutes, beating the previous world record by 60 meters. She set a new world record in the 100 meters with a time of 18.6 seconds. She also broke a third world record, taking 42:34.4 minutes to row 10,000 meters, breaking the previous mark by more than four minutes.

She was set to defend her records at this year's World Indoor Rowing Championships, also



PHOTO COURTESY OF MICHELLE FRANZEN MARTIN

Liggett student-athlete Bea Bernard is off to a great start to her rowing career.

known as the CRASH Bs in rowing, held Feb. 27 and 28 at Boston University.

Bernard is so passionate about rowing she doesn't mind the 4 a.m. alarm so she can start practice on the Detroit River by 5 a.m. She doesn't mind the twice-a-day practices, and she loves the 22 hours a week she spends in training. Bernard practices and competes at the Detroit Boat Club.

In the winter, when the Detroit River is typically frozen over, she rows on rowing machines.

Nabil Shurafa, an assistant coach with the DBC and Bernard's first coach, said Bea is a one-of-a-kind athlete, a natural for rowing.

"Her attitude and dedication to being excellent are excellent. She shows up everyday ready to improve and work hard. She is extremely mature for her age and that helps to make her a serious athlete," Shurafa said. "Secondly, she is genetically blessed. She has all of the physical attributes required to be a top rower."

"She is tall, strong, intelligent, and also has a tremendous lung capac-

ity." Shurafa said Bernard has the potential to be a world-class athlete in rowing for years to come.

"If Bea decides to stick with rowing and keeps working hard at improving, the sky is the limit for her," Shurafa said. "I think she could definitely make the Junior National Team this year, which would be unheard of for a 14-year-old."

When she graduates, she will most likely be the top recruit in the country for women's rowing. That's the kind of potential she has."

For now, Bernard said she is focused on besting her record from last year and continuing to improve.

"As much as it's a team sport, it's also an individual sport, because if you don't push yourself you're not going to be put in any boats. It's a team, but you have to push yourself as an individual," she said.

Bernard plans to continue rowing through high school and in college and says it would be a dream to attend Harvard University on a rowing scholarship.

—Michelle Franzen Martin



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Miss Hockey

The Michigan Metro High School Hockey League recently named University Liggett senior Allison Stapleton, above right, Miss Hockey. Stapleton has been one of the league's top forwards each of her four years. It is the league's highest honor. In the Knights' 14 league games, Stapleton had 17 goals and 10 assists. The league's Coach of the Year went to University Liggett's Cassie Jaeckle. For the boys' hockey team, making the Metro League First Team were seniors Alex Grimm, goaltender; Nicholas Gawel, defenseman; Alexander Minanov, forward; and Brett Abdelnour, forward. Jaron Pangborn and Spencer Stefani earned Second Team, while Caden Lewandowski made Honorable Mention. Abdelnour, Minanov and Gawel also made the All-Metro Team, while Gawel made the Top Metro League East honoree.

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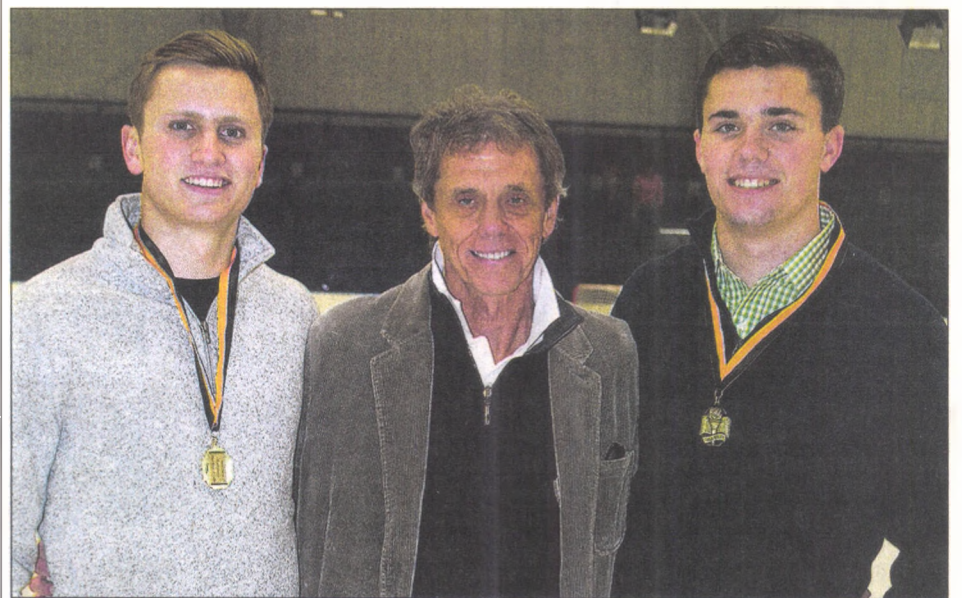


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McSorley awards

The 2015-16 Jack McSorley College Scholarship winners were recently announced and they were Grosse Pointe South senior Will Poplawski, right, and Grosse Pointe North senior C.J. Ramsdell. Presenting the scholarships was John McSorley, center. Poplawski has a 4.0072 grade point average and is a member of the National Honor Society Cum Laude Chapter and Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica and has earned the GPS Scholar Athlete Award, as well as the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association Division 1 Academic All-State. He played for Grosse Pointe Hockey Association's Bulldogs before playing four years for the Grosse Pointe South boys' varsity hockey team. He also plays varsity baseball and earned All-Conference football honors in 2014 and 2015. Ramsdell has a 4.2604 grade point average and is a member of the Grosse Pointe North Student Council and Student Association, Vice President of the National Honor Society and Grosse Pointe North's Harbinger Literary Journal and DECA business club. He also played for the Bulldogs' hockey team before playing for Grosse Pointe North boys' varsity hockey team. He also is on the boys' varsity lacrosse team and sails competitively, plus is a member of the North symphony band and full orchestra.

Editor's note

Spring sports begin for nearly all of the athletic teams at Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett.

In the first week of April, city rivals Grosse Pointe North and

University Liggett girls' softball teams square off Wednesday, April 6, while North and South boys' golf teams battle at Lochmoor Thursday, April 7. Liggett starts its season the week after.

The outdoor season for

the local track and field teams begins the following week.

The Grosse Pointe News will have full coverage of all spring sports until the season end in June.

—Bob St. John

TRACK & FIELD



PHOTO COURTESY OF JILL LEONE

Ready for spring

Grosse Pointe North's Daniel Leone put together a strong indoor track and field season. He finished sixth in the pole vault at the state meet at Aquinas College, clearing 14-feet, 3-inches, to earn All-State. Leone qualified for the New Balance Indoor Track National Championships in New York City March 11 and also jumped 14-feet, 7-inches at the Michigan Indoor Track Series meet Jan. 29. At the Huron Relays, Leone jumped 13-feet, 6-inches. At the recent Saginaw Valley meet, Leone won the pole vault with a mark of 14-feet, while Phil Robie was fourth in the high jump, clearing 6-feet. Senior captain Dan Brady won the 600- and 800-meter runs, while Michael Ciaravino had solid times in the 1,600-meter run. Josh Fischer ran a good opening leg of the 2,400-meter relay. The team captains for the boys' track and field team under head coach Frank Tymrak are Jensen Fischer, Brady, Tommy Heinemann, Ryan Reveley, Markael Butler and James Shelton.

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Lax teams ready

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The three Grosse Pointe girls' high school lacrosse teams are ready to roll as the 2016 spring season kicks into gear.

Grosse Pointe North was the first to play an official game, beating visiting Oxford 17-9 on a cold, blustery afternoon last week. Last year these two battled to a 10-10 tie.

"Our offense was much better and they really flowed out there, even though the weather conditions weren't the greatest," head coach Lauren Nixon said. "This was a great way for us to start the season and we enter the year with high hopes of bettering what we accomplished last season."

"I can see the seniors, who played varsity as juniors, really understand what we're doing and they get the concepts. We're excited here at North."

The Norsemen led 7-5 at the half, but a blistering 10-goal second half and a stingy defense paved the way for the victory.

Junior Katie Snow, who played lacrosse as a freshman, but not last year as a sophomore, is back in the program and her presence made an immediate impact as she scored nine goals.

"Katie is a very athletic player who makes us a better team," Nixon said.

Senior Caroline Bock had five goals and two assists, while seniors Amanda Albrecht and Mara McMann each had a goal and an assist.

Girls lacrosse



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

North senior Lauren Frezza helped the Norsemen offense score 17 goals, despite playing on a cold, windy afternoon.

Senior Allison Schaden also had a goal.

Drawing assists were seniors Lauren Frezza, Lindsay Gallagher and Elizabeth Gallagher.

Nixon has a senior-oriented squad, which includes Melissa Guest, Katherine Furtaw, Sydney Eger, Kelly Baranek, Dalaney Bradley and Olivia Benoit.

Snow joins a junior class of Emme Kensora, Aiyana Badih and Sophia O'Hara.

Grosse Pointe North is 1-0 overall.

Grosse Pointe South was scheduled to play a road game against Bloomfield Hills the day after, but inclement weather forced the schools to postpone the game.

The Blue Devils, under head coach Alycsa Valentine, finished 5-9 last spring with a roster loaded with underclassmen, including juniors Elyse Knapp, Emma Peters, Ryler Kerik, Julia Fox, Elizabeth Rauh, Madeline Roeske, Megan Gall, Mary Reiber, Margaret Brennan and Juliana Berkowski.

Those returning have a

year of tough competition under their belts and Valentine will look to them to lead.

Liggett looks forward to kicking off the spring season with its home opener at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, against league-rival Detroit Country Day School.

The Knights return eight players from last year's roster, including seniors Grace Scarfone, Allison Stapleton, Madeleine Moroun, Olivia Portillo and Lily Petitpren and juniors Katie Fruehauf, Ivy Meraw and Sophia Kopicki.

The first week of practice, before Liggett closed for a two-week spring break, was dedicated to a lot of touches on the ball and small-sided competitions.

"With 10 new players this season, nine of them freshmen, Liggett has a young but athletic squad," head coach Jenn Calver said. "Of the newcomers, many of them play on other varsity teams at Liggett and though lacrosse is new to most of them, they are eager to learn and elevate their level of play."

Soccer teams young

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South girls' soccer team was scheduled to officially open its season last week, hosting Macomb Dakota, but extremely cold weather postponed the game until mid-April.

As for the Blue Devils, longtime head coach Gene Harkins lost nearly a dozen seniors from last year's 7-13-2 squad, leaving several holes to fill in his lineup.

Leading the way are returning senior captains Madison Vallan, Aubrey Leggat, Emma Frame, Lana Temrowski and Callie Zingas.

The leading underclassmen are captains Katherine Bird and Cameron Zak.

"The team will be very young as I have brought up four freshmen and will have to fight hard to compete in a very strong MAC Red Division," Harkins said. "Our strength will be our group is a tight fit and hopefully will be very organized."

The Blue Devils look to improve on a 1-5-2 mark in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division, which includes Utica Eisenhower, Anchor Bay, Utica Ford and Sterling Heights Stevenson.

Only playing eight division games leaves Harkins a lot of flexibility filling out his schedule. He was able to secure non-league games against Dakota, Plymouth, Grosse Pointe North (twice), Fraser, Rochester Stoney Creek, L'Anse Creuse North, Rochester Adams and

Soccer



PHOTO BY PETE BALAYA

North's Meghan Gallagher, right, is one of several freshmen who will make an impact on the Norsemen's varsity soccer team this season.

Troy.

South opens its season Tuesday, April 5, at Plymouth.

Grosse Pointe North and University Liggett also begin their season after Spring break.

As for North, Olivia Stander enters her second season at the helm and the team looks to improve on its 5-13-2 overall mark from a year ago.

Stander has a very young team with only four seniors on the squad, Christina Martin, Keri Hrycuik, Elaina Emig and Caelin Micks. Stander is carrying four juniors, five sophomores and seven freshmen on the varsity squad.

The Norsemen compete in the MAC White Division with defending champ L'Anse Creuse North, Dakota, Utica, Fraser and Chippewa Valley.

Last spring, the team finished 2-7-1 in the division.

In non-league action, the Norsemen face St. Clair Shores Lakeview, Royal Oak, Dearborn, Sterling Heights Stevenson, Traverse City

Central, as well as city rivals Grosse Pointe South (twice) and University Liggett.

North starts the season hosting Lakeview Monday, April 11.

Liggett opens its campaign hosting Royal Oak Shrine Tuesday, April 5.

Head coach David Dwaihy and the Knights finished 14-6-1 last season and made it to the state semifinals before losing 2-1 to Lansing Catholic.

"We have a strong group returning from last year's team and have added four freshmen who should make an immediate impact, Izzy Brusilow, Mary Weiermiller, Kate Birgbauer and Nicole Rivera," Dwaihy said. "Our seniors this year include Madison Jerome, Ellie Withers and Kira Borum. We are counting on all three to play big minutes and lead the other girls on and off the field."

Top juniors are goalkeeper Kara Francis, Rebecca Lohman, Ellie Birgbauer and last year's most valuable player, Maddie Wu.

Schools

North musicians impress judges

Forty-four Grosse Pointe North High School student musicians representing 14 events received first-division medals for an excellent performance at the Michigan School Band & Orchestra Association State Solo and Ensemble Festival Saturday, March 19.

Students performed solos and ensembles at Chippewa Valley High School for professional adjudicators and were given a rating of 1 to 5 based on the quality of

their performance. In addition to performing a prepared selection, soloists performed a series of scales and sight readings as part of a proficiency test.

Eight students representing five events received second-division medals for a good performance.

North's band and orchestra program is under the direction of David Cleveland, John Donnellon and Noah Zogas.



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Clarinet trio members, from left, Chloe Bigwood, John Cobau and Emily Truss, earned a first-division medal at the MSBOA festival Saturday, March 19.



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WXYZ-Scripps Spelling Bee winner Maria Fields, pictured with GPA language arts teacher Harriett Whitaker, shows off her trophy.

Fifth-graders study colonial times

Weavers, blacksmiths, bakers, silversmiths and fishermen were among the colonial artisans filling the hallway and classrooms of University Liggett School Friday, March 11. As part of their study of the colonial period in America, fifth-grade students talked about their trades and presented their research to family and friends.

Pictured, from left, are Georgia Palmgren and Chelsea Harmon.

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Academy eighth-grader advances to national bee

After eight grueling rounds of increasingly difficult words to spell, Grosse Pointe Academy's Maria Fields came home as the overall winner of the WXYZ-Scripps Spelling Bee Saturday, March 12.

The eighth-grader's winning word was "stratocracy" and the word propelling her into the final round was "endotracheal." Fields advances to the 89th annual Scripps

National Spelling Bee May 24 to 26 in Oxon Hill, Md.

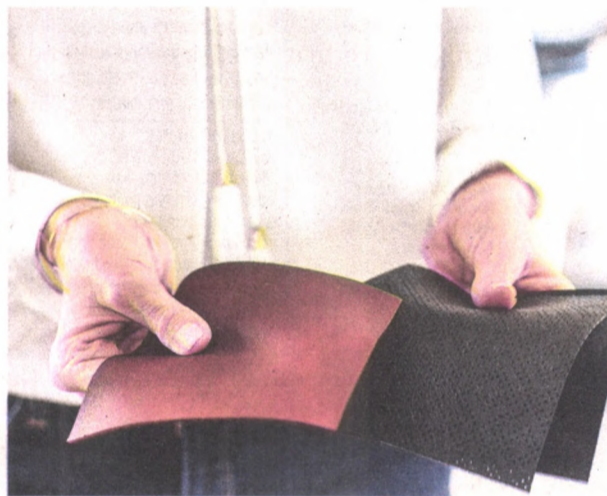
As the nation's largest and longest-running educational program, the Scripps National Spelling Bee has proven itself as more than a competition for children; it has become a classic element of Americana. Last year's primetime competition on ESPN led to the bee being the most tweeted show of the week.



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FEATURED GUESTS AND TOPICS—Apr. 4-10

Vitality Plus—6 a.m., 12 noon., 6 p.m., 12 midnight.
Exercise

Detroit Economic Club 6:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 12:30 a.m.
The 2016 Detroit Red Wings

Mondays at the Max—7:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 1:30 a.m.
WSU Department of Music Concert

Family Center —8:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m., 2:30 a.m.
"Positive Parenting" presentation

Pointes of Horticulture—9:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m., 3:30 a.m.
Spring Pruning

Aging Well in America—10 a.m., 4 p.m., 10 p.m., 4 a.m.
Faye La Porte
Certified Dementia Practitioner

John Prost Show—10:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m., 4:30 a.m.
Dave Bing
Former Mayor of Detroit

MetroArts Detroit—11 a.m., 5 p.m., 11 p.m., 5 p.m.
Up-and-coming artists from the Metro Detroit area

Out of the Ordinary, Into the Extraordinary—11:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m., 11:30 p.m., 5:30 a.m.
Alisa TenHoopen
Executive Director, Scholarship Educational Services

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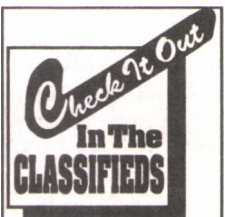

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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