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THURSDAY, APRIL 9

Passover begins

◆ A Red Cross blood drive is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the conference rooms at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Walk-ins are welcome. Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh 110 pounds and be in good health. A photo ID is needed.

◆ "The End of Nature" author educator Bill McKibben addresses global warming at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ The City of Grosse Pointe's Spring Egg Hunt is at 5 p.m. in Neff Park. The cost is \$2 and participants must have a park pass. For more information, call (313) 343-5257.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

Good Friday

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

◆ Auras will be photographed during 20 minute appointments, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Van Elslander Cancer Center. The cost is \$25. For more information, call (313) 647-3320.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

Easter

MONDAY, APRIL 13

◆ The Grosse Pointe Public Library, Ewald branch hosts local authors at 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. To register, call (313) 343-2071.
◆ Grosse Pointe Park council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 15115 E. Jefferson.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

◆ The movie, "The Tale of Despereaux," is shown at 7 p.m. at the Ewald branch of the Grosse Pointe Public Library. To register, call (313) 343-2072.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

◆ An adult poetry slam featuring Tommy Budday is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods branch. To register, call (313) 343-2072.

◆ Beginner Tai Chi is from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for six weeks at the Valade Healing Arts Center within St. John Hospital and Medical Center. To register, call (313) 647-3320.

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Above, the weather cooperated Saturday, April 4, so Eva and Jack Jones, and dozens of other children, could spot plenty of colorful Easter eggs during the annual Grosse Pointe Woods Easter egg hunt. At right, it was a mad scramble for Grosse Pointe Woods children as they raced to fill their Easter baskets with plastic eggs. The Easter egg hunt, on the grounds of the Woods municipal complex, was sponsored by the city and the Grosse Pointe Business & Professional Association of Mack Avenue.



Bottom, Mary Jordan and Will Jordan meet the Easter Bunny during Grosse Pointe Farms annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 4.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Sunny skies energize young egg hunters

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Twins Ben and Tom Sheffield were ready. With baskets in hand, the 4-year-olds kept a close eye on the hundreds of colored eggs that dotted the lawn of the Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall complex Saturday morning. All that stood between them and the eggs full of candy was the signal from the head egg hunter

for the day, Terry Smith, more laid-back, tossing the Community Center supervisor. Their brother, Drew, a veteran of four other hunts, was far

See EGG HUNT, page 6A

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

Kick off in May

The Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation board of directors hosts a kick-off party Sunday, May 17, to introduce its objectives to the community, solicit community input for project ideas and detail how funds will be sought and accepted.

"The creation of the Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation provides the city with an avenue to fund improvements that will improve the quality of life for

its residents but are not covered by the municipal budget," said Mark Fossee, foundation president.

"The foundation's two primary objectives are to determine areas in which the community could be enhanced, and then to solicit private funds for those projects. The possibilities are limitless.

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POINTER OF INTEREST

'My involvement with Solid Ground resulted from a casual tour of the building.'

Frank Tenkel



Home: Grosse Pointe Shores
Claim to fame: Volunteer coordinator for renovation of Solid Ground, a transitional housing building in Roseville

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GROSSE POINTE FARMS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Councilmember blasts middle school proposal

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

A \$3.5 million addition to Brownell Middle School could be open in time for the 2010 school year, but not before district officials make their case this spring at a special meeting of the Grosse Pointe Farms city council.

Councilmembers want Grosse Pointe Public School System representatives to present plans for the 17,400-square-foot expansion at a public hearing to be scheduled when the building's design is more defined.

Farms leaders are concerned

that the addition, described by school administrators as a multipurpose room, is really an 800-seat auditorium in waiting.

Renderings show the 36-foot-tall structure added to the school's right side as seen from Chalfonte.

Proposed features include a low stage, according to Chris Fenton, the district's assistant superintendent for business affairs. One-third of the building's floor space would be outfitted with 470 permanent, sloped-floor seats with an option to install more than 300 bleacher seats that unfold from the back wall.

"The goal is to make space

available during the day that is functional," Fenton told the council during a work session Monday night.

He said the building wouldn't contain a booth for lighting, sound or a projector, but would have a roll-down, 14-foot movie screen.

"It will not have all the horns and whistles of an auditorium," Fenton said.

"You're building an auditorium," countered Councilman Louis Theros. "To call it a multipurpose room is disingenuous. I'm concerned this will lead to big (student theatrical)

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Yesterday's headlines

1959

50 years ago this week

◆ **BIG TURNOUT AT POLLS:** About 45 percent of registered voters in the five Grosse Pointe communities went to the polls to pick local, county and state officials and to vote on three state amendments.

◆ **POLICE FIND WANTED MAN:** Two alert City of Grosse Pointe policemen were credited with the apprehension of a young man wanted by St. Clair Shores police.

Sgt. Douglas Allor and Officer Richard Elworthy were cruising along Jefferson about 2:15 a.m. and spotted a youth loitering in the vicinity of St. Clair and Jefferson.

Upon questioning, the 18-year-old man admitted breaking into a bowling alley in St. Clair Shores earlier in the evening. He was turned over to that's city's police for prosecution.

◆ **CHECKS, CASH VANISH:** Grosse Pointe Woods police are still looking for a 15-year-old cleanup boy for the Grosse Pointe Book Store who is suspected of stealing cash and signed checks from his employer.

The boy arrived to clean the store after it had been closed for the evening. He called his father to say he was going to be late and to pick him up later than usual. When the father arrived, he found the store closed. He drove to the owner's home and the two returned to the store and discovered the theft and the boy's chores not completed.

1984

25 years ago this week

◆ **WOODS POLICE ARREST TWO IN PIGEON DROP:** Grosse Pointe Woods police arrested a man and

woman in connection with an attempted pigeon drop in front of the city's offices.

A 75-year-old resident and intended victim told police she had left Christ the King Lutheran Church and was walking along the east side of Mack when she was approached by a woman who said she had found a bag marked with a "Texas Commerce" logo.

The woman pulled what looked like a stack of dollar bills out of the bag and asked the intended victim to take her to her house so she could call her boss. The intended victim refused.

They were then joined by a man who asked what happened and both asked the woman again to let them use her phone. The woman refused again.

A Michigan Bell Telephone employee approached the group. When the man and woman drove away, the Bell worker and woman walked to the police station to report what happened.

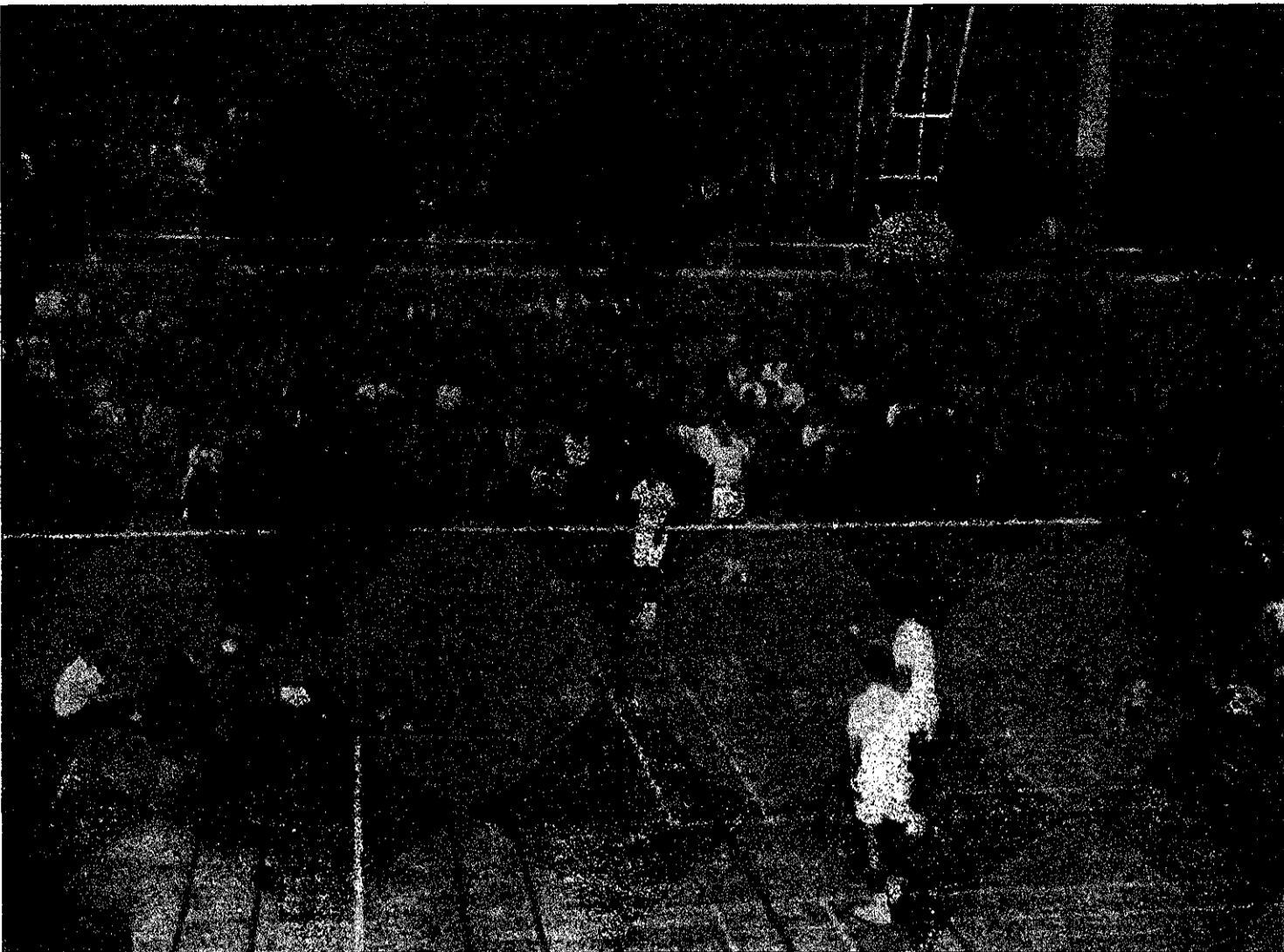
Police found the car and the man and woman in a parking lot in Pointe Plaza. Officers also found two stacks of white paper cut to the size of dollar bills.

◆ **SUBDIVISIONS YIELD TAX BONUS:** A funny thing happened when the Seyburn, Shelden and Henry Ford II estates were subdivided; they became more valuable as a lot of little pieces than they were as a single lot.

A comparison of the assessments of the estates and the subdivisions they spawned shows the vacant subdivision property is worth as much, if not more than, the undivided estates.

◆ **FARMS WRESTS WITH HILL ORDINANCE:** Members of the Grosse Pointe Farms city council, Hill property owners and Hill retail merchants got into a head-butting contest over a proposed zoning ordinance amendment that would limit future first floor businesses on the Hill to retail only.

Local Realtors opposed the



FROM THE APRIL 9, 1959 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1959: Badminton fever

The International Open Badminton Tournament held in Grosse Pointe High School's auditorium-gymnasium attracted audiences eager to see the world's best players. Seen here are the finals for the men's doubles match.

ordinance claiming it would take opportunities away from present and future property owners on the Hill.

1999

Ten years ago this week

◆ **PARCELLS MATH-LETES STATE CHAMPS:** A team of students from Parcels Middle School finished one, two, three and four in Wayne County on their way to placing first in a statewide math competition.

◆ **COUNTERFEIT BILLS AT SOUTH:** The U.S. Secret Service has been notified about counterfeit \$20 bills found floating around Grosse Pointe South High School. Police investigating the case presume a juvenile who is handy with home computers is to blame.

◆ **WOODS APPROVES FISHING PIER:** The Grosse Pointe Woods City Council approved spending \$171,000 for the construction of a new fishing pier at Lake Front Park. The structure will be constructed off the boardwalk along the shoreline.

2004

Five years ago this week

◆ **STORE OWNER FACES DOWN GUNMAN:** The owner of Alger Deli and Liquor in the City of Grosse Pointe means business. Before a robber could level his shotgun, the store owner pulled out his .357 Magnum and faced down the man while another employee hit the holdup alarm. While police officers from the City, Farms and Park responded, the robber left the store on

foot. He was later apprehended by two Farms officers.

◆ **TEAM EFFORT:** A Grosse Pointe Shores dispatcher maintained telephone contact with an injured 81-year-old resident while public safety officers rushed to her aid. The woman had fallen and needed assistance getting up. She was taken to the hospital for observation.

◆ **FATEFUL MEETING:** Two cars backing out of drive-ways met in the middle of Fairford east of Ballantyne in Grosse Pointe Shores. There were no injuries.

— Karen Fontanive

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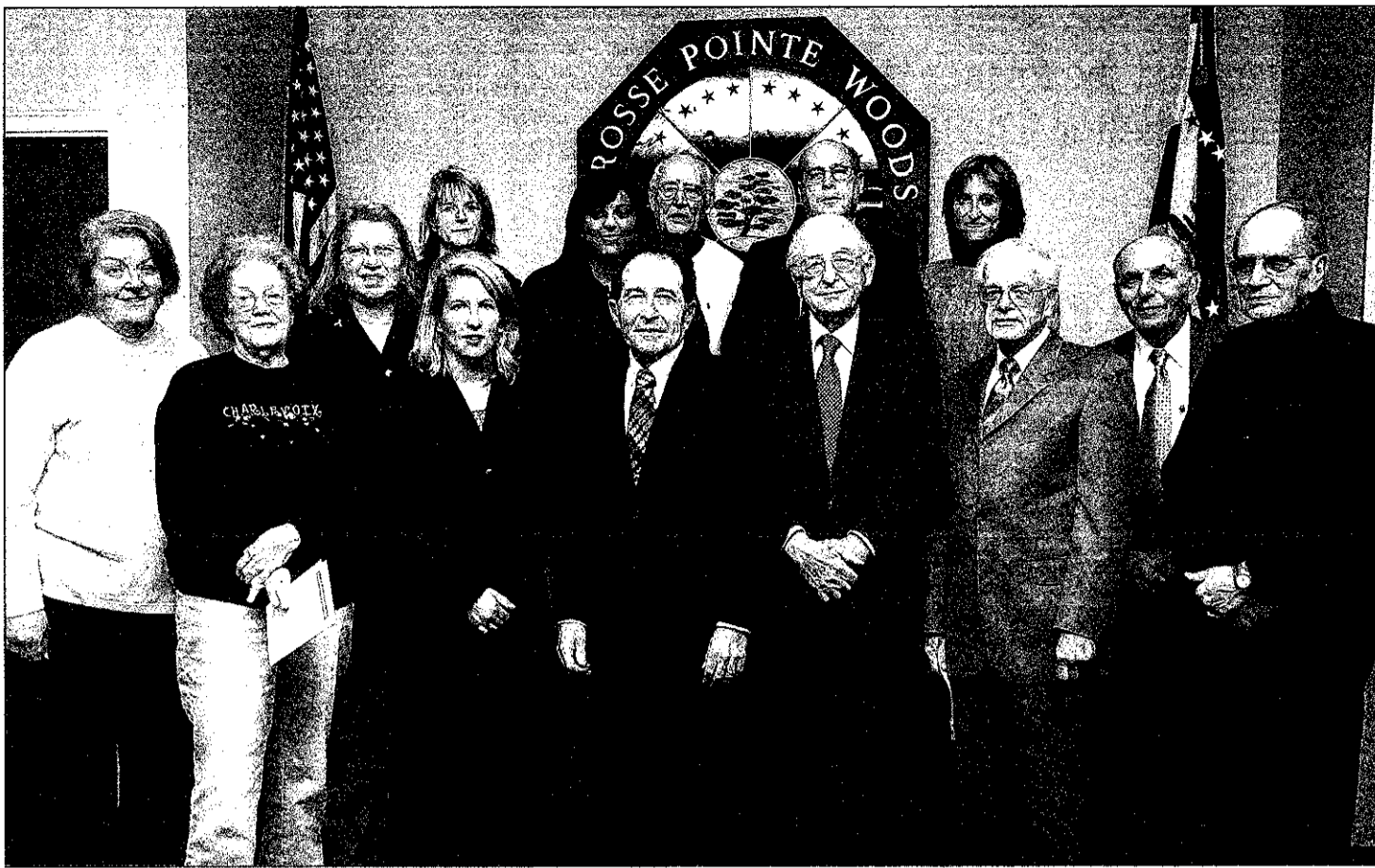
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Tree dedication

Grosse Pointe Woods city councilmembers recognized those who participated in the Memorial Tree program at a recent ceremony. Since its inception, more than 400 trees have been planted in honor or memory of loved ones. This year, remembrance trees were planted for Sue Addy, Lillian Batory, Bill Knapp, Sally K. Polgar, Rick Prudden, Ron Rehahn, and James and Joanne Spencer. Family representatives gave speeches, including Stephen Batory, who dedicated a little leaf linden planted near the fire station in his wife's memory. Her memorial tree is next to their daughter's tree.

From left, in the back, Suzanne Topper, Rachelle Matouk and Andrea Abdullah, Councilmembers Pete Waldmeir, Art Bryant and Lisa Pinkos Howle. In the front row from the left, Councilwoman Vicki Granger, Bette Prudden, Jennifer Kellay, Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Robert Novitke, Stephen Batory, Al Peterson, Community Tree Commission Vice-Chair Mike Skaff and Joseph Polgar.

THE VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY

Pro tem seat under contention

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Shores' new city charter was tested during the April 1 organizational meeting of the recently-elected city council.

Discussion concerned whether the office of mayor pro tem should be:

- ◆ chosen by the council,
- ◆ awarded to the candidate who earned the most votes in the most recent election or
- ◆ chosen by seniority among council members.

Mayor pro tem acts in the absence or disability of the mayor, according to the charter. Mayor pro tem also fills a vacancy in the office of mayor until the next regular election.

Freshman Councilman Dan Schulte wanted mayor pro tem awarded to the council

member who won the most votes in the Feb. 24 election, namely first-timer Councilman Ted Kedzierski.

"Ted would be most eligible for mayor pro tem based on the highest number of votes," Schulte said.

Supporters cited Section 3.8 of the new city charter:

"The council shall fill any vacancy in the office of mayor pro tem from among its members. Until such vacancy is filled, the senior member of the council from the standpoint of continuous service shall act as mayor pro tem. Between persons of equal seniority, the person who received the highest number of votes at the time of his or her last election shall act as mayor pro tem."

Mark McInerney, city attorney, said selection of mayor

pro tem isn't governed by Sec. 3.8, but by Sec. 3.7:

"The council shall hold its organizational meeting at the first regular meeting following the election of its members."

"At the organizational meeting, the council shall select a mayor pro tem from among its members."

Therefore, under Sec. 3.8, the council voted 5-2 for Councilman Dr. Brian Hunt to be mayor pro tem. Hunt also was president pro tem when the community was organized as a village.

Voting yes were Mayor Dr. James Cooper and councilmembers Hunt, Fred Minturn, Victoria Boyce and Robert Graziani.

Kedzierski and Schulte voted no.

"When the charter commis-

sion discussed this matter," McInerney said, "we decided not to say that the highest vote-getter in the most recent election would be the mayor pro tem. We'd just leave it up to the council, which is the way it's always been."

"Nobody as of right now has any more seniority than anybody else," Kedzierski said.

McInerney agreed.

As things stand, if Cooper is unable to attend a council meeting, Hunt will preside. If Cooper and Hunt are absent, Kedzierski would run things because he received the highest number of votes in the last election.

"Ted Kedzierski would step in to run the meeting until the council voted someone else as mayor pro tem," McInerney said.

MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House passes G.P. rep's lobbying bill

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Michigan lawmakers are halfway to closing the revolving door between legislators-turned-lobbyists now that the House has passed a bill introduced by Grosse Pointe Democrat Rep. Timothy Bledsoe.

His legislation, nicknamed the revolving door bill, prevents former lawmakers from becoming lobbyists for at least two years after leaving public office.

The measure was among three pieces of ethics legislation the House recently passed.

"There's a real appetite up here (in Lansing) for doing major political reforms," Bledsoe said. "I hope this is just the start and there's more to come."

The other two bills, which Bledsoe cosponsored, would:

- ◆ Require full-time elected officials earning more than \$65,000 per year to reveal all their sources of income and
- ◆ Dock lawmakers' pay for unexcused absences from legislative sessions.

Senators must approve the bills before they can be sent to the governor for consideration. Bledsoe is critical of

Michigan's lack of a cooling off period between lawmakers holding office and lobbying of ficeholders.

He wants Michigan to join 31 other states that impose a lull between legislators working on behalf of the public and using former elective status to influence legislation for private means.

"I have trouble with lobbyists who have more influence than they should have by virtue of the large campaign contributions they're able to make through political action committees," Bledsoe said. "To the extent that some lobbyists have a louder voice than others — and anyone with a substantial political action committee has a louder voice than people who don't — I have a problem with that. It warps political outcomes in our democracy."

Another measure in Bledsoe's pipeline is intended to increase citizen involvement in the political process by taking less bite out of campaign contributions.

The bill offers a 100 percent state income tax credit to people making contributions of up to \$50 per person or \$100 per couple.

"I'll introduce that bill in the next week or two," Bledsoe said.

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Boat wells available

The Pier Park marina is nearly fully rented, but enough slips are open for mid-sized mariners to float their boats.

"We have 30-by-12-foot wells available, good for boats about 20 to 27 feet long," said Dick Huhn, Grosse Pointe Farms recreation director. "They rent for \$1,245 for the season."

A handful of 37-by-15-foot wells are available.

"They don't turn over too much," Huhn said. "There's also not too much of a waiting list for 37-by-12-foot wells."

No part of a boat is allowed to extend beyond a slip's outer piling.

"A sailboat's pulpit on the bow and outboard engine

hanging off the stern has to be included in the overall length," Huhn said.

Most of the marina's 333 wells have waiting lists, including 12 spots for jet skies.

"We have six or seven people on the jet ski waiting list," Huhn said.

The longest waiting lists are for 25-foot wells and those more than 40 feet.

"People with bigger boats have a tendency not to turn over their wells," Huhn said.

The harbor has only four 55-foot wells.

"If there's five people on that waiting list, they're not going to turn over very much," Huhn said.

—Brad Lindberg

Celebrate library week April 13-18

Pick up a book or movie next week at one of the Grosse Pointe Public Libraries and pick up a prize or a doughnut as the libraries observe National Library Week 2009, April 13-18.

The week of celebration is a tradition in Grosse Pointe and includes a restaurant raffle, giveaways and a poetry slam.

Three local authors will highlight the week as they share their writing and publishing experiences at 7 p.m. Monday, April 13, in the Ewald branch.

Margaret Carroll, Robert Conroy and Kathleen McCleary will talk about their writing and publishing experiences. Registration is required by calling (313) 343-2071.

Carroll of the Farms, is the author of romances, "The Write Match" and "The True Match," plus thrillers, "A Dark Love" and "Riptide." She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at The George Washington University.

Conroy, of Warren, is the author of alternative history novels, "1901," "1862," "1945" and "1942."

"House & Home" is McCleary's novel. McCleary was raised in Grosse Pointe Farms and now lives in northern Virginia.

Also on Monday, raffle entries will be accepted at all three branches and giveaways for adults and children will be at the reference desk, while supplies last that day.



Kathleen McCleary



Margaret Carroll

Tuesday, April 14, coffee and doughnuts are available at all branches.

All fines will be waived on any overdue item returned Wednesday, April 15.

Family movie night is at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, at the Ewald branch. Registration is recommended before attending the showing of "The Tale of Despereaux."

From 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 16, is the adult poetry slam, featuring Tom Budday, a native Grosse Pointer, at the Woods branch.

There will be a brief open mike session. Poems must be

written by the performer within a three-minute time limit. No props or music can be used. The audience will judge the presentations. Prizes will be awarded to the top three slammers. To register call (313) 343-2072.

Also on Thursday, patrons

will be given free microwave popcorn with a movie rental. One package will be given per customer, while supplies last.

On Friday, April 17, each branch will award raffle prizes, including a gift certificate to Cafe Nini.

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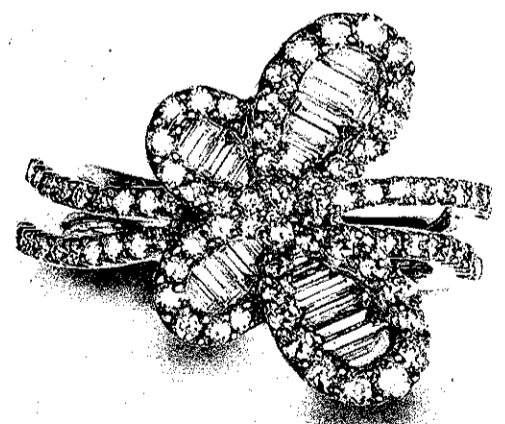
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POINTER OF INTEREST

Frank Tenkel worked long hours helping convert the former Red Cross administration building into a homeless shelter. The facility can sleep 45 and provides job training services.

Homeless shelter becomes a reality

By Patti Therios
Special Writer

After four years of hard work as volunteer construction coordinator for the renovation of a 10,000 square-foot building in Roseville, retiree Frank Tenkel is finally seeing his labor pay off.

And this wasn't just any old project; it's the home of Solid Ground, a nonprofit organization that provides transitional housing for the homeless in Macomb County.

Tenkel, of Grosse Pointe Shores, just a few weeks ago learned Roseville city officials gave the OK for the building to open.

"I'll never forget that day. It was March 18, and we now have families moving in," he said. "It has been a long endeavor."

The new building can sleep 45 with separate men's, women's, family and private bathrooms. Other amenities include: a laundry room, fully-equipped commercial-grade kitchen, library/computer lab/educational center, security system, children's center and play yard.

Solid Ground's mission is to empower the homeless and at-risk to achieve and maintain independence.

"My involvement with Solid Ground resulted from a casual tour of the building in the spring of 2005 to determine when the Christian Service Commission from our parish, St. Lucy's, could begin serving meals," said Tenkel.

"At the time, the building interior had been cleared out and was ready to be renovated to the new architectural plan. But the organization did not have the funding to hire contractors to start the work. I volunteered to help the construction committee and organized friends and other volunteers to start erecting walls and the process began."

"Later that year I joined the board of directors and was elected vice president."

The red and yellow brick structure at the corner of Gratiot and I-696 in Roseville was the former Red Cross administration building.

"I personally feel one of the most important things that we can do today is provide support and help for those in desperate need," Tenkel said. "And being involved in this organization exposes you to people who have fallen on hard times."

Tenkel has overseen all aspects of the project including working with the architects, obtaining bids, overseeing the construction budget, hiring contractors, coordinating volunteers and interfacing with city and county officials.

Tenkel often found his volunteer position was full time.

"When we spent long hours on the job, I would stay to oversee the work. That sometimes meant a 12-hour day."

"I have a very understanding wife. She appreciates what we are accomplishing."

Funding for the project came from local Christian churches, individuals and grants from New Detroit, United Way, McGregor Foundation and Macomb County municipalities in the form of Community Development Block Grants and the Macomb Home Consortium.



PHOTOS BY PATTI THERIOS

Frank Tenkel, right, worked for years to renovate the former Red Cross building on Gratiot in Roseville for homeless families.

Above, in addition to overseeing the project, Tenkel helped volunteers with the renovation of Solid Ground, including installing wall insulation

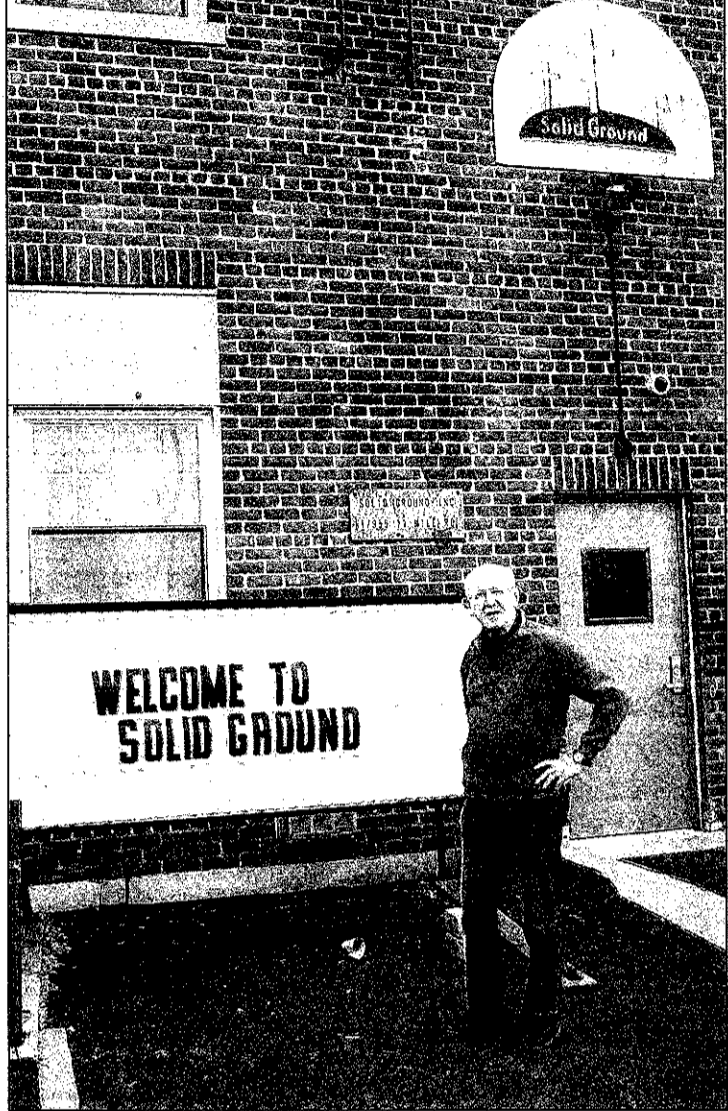
churches, individuals and grants from New Detroit, United Way, McGregor Foundation and Macomb County municipalities in the form of Community Development Block Grants and the Macomb Home Consortium.

"A majority of the construction funding was with federal money that was administered by the county. This money was used to purchase building materials and services from contractors. Parts of the project, like the elevator to meet

Disabilities Act, required licensed workers and are associated with liability so they had to be contracted out," explained Tenkel.

"Many of the union volunteers came from the IBEW (electricians) Local 58. They installed all new wiring and electrical and helped with general construction. Plumbers Local 99 volunteered initial rough plumbing work. UAW Chrysler provided jobs bank help in the office and general construction," Tenkel said.

"For most of the other work — such as painting, carpentry, installing ceilings, or floor tiling — I was able to get volunteers. The first group to come in and help with wall construction was from Habitat for Humanity. Volunteers from Kensington Church put up drywall and helped with doors. We also had volunteers from Warren Woods Church of the



Nazarene, Bethel Baptist, Warren Woods Baptist, Rockpoint Community Church, Bethel Lutheran, and St. Lucy's Catholic Church to mention a few.

"Overall the project is at least a \$2 million renovation," Tenkel said. "We did it with volunteers for less than \$1 million. We worked diligently to get the best value for our money. The money was spent like it was our own."

With the renovation complete, Tenkel said he will remain on the Solid Ground board.

"The biggest thing that we have in front of us is to contin-

ue to secure funds for operating the facility," he said. "Getting it built is a small step compared to what it will take to keep it going."

Tenkel noted the financial committee estimates operating the shelter will cost about \$750,000 a year.

"A great deal of the money will have to come from donations. There is not a lot of government funding when it comes to operational costs. We are seeking help from private individuals and churches," Tenkel said.

For more information about Solid Ground, visit solidgroundinc.org.

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

The following students were named to Central Michigan University's 2008 fall semester honor's list: William Patrick Palazzolo of the City of Grosse Pointe; Matthew David Smutek of Grosse Pointe Shores; Emily G. Bassett, Marc James Smale, Jodi H. Austin and Kristen E. Cole all of Grosse Pointe Farms; Cyril B. Agley,

Matthew Dietrich Crandall, Samantha J. Mannino, Linda M. Popkie, Danika Marie Stone, and Thomas Francis Withers Jr. all of Grosse Pointe Park; and Kyle Raymond Josefiak, Ashley L. Rogers, Alexa Sanfemio, Leia Spagnuolo, and Andrew Fraser Weathers all of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Sean Patrick Sterr of Grosse Pointe Woods was named a member of the national leadership and honors organization Sigma Alpha Lambda at Western Michigan University.

Elizabeth A. Martin, daughter of Catherine Nordby and Gerard Martin of Grosse Pointe Park has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2008 semester at John Carroll University.

Grosse Pointe Park resident Ryan Michael Leslie, son of Kimberly Long and Michael Leslie, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2008 semester at Ohio Wesleyan University.

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What is the Arthritis Walk? The Arthritis Walk is a non-competitive team walking event that raises funds to fight arthritis. The Arthritis Walk offers a one or three mile route and will take place in seven Michigan communities: Ann Arbor, Birmingham, Grosse Pointe, Fenton, Kalamazoo, Rockford and Traverse City.

What is a team? A team is a group of ten or more walkers. You may sign up as many people as possible! Team members may include co-workers, vendors, clients, friends, family, neighbors, coaches, or anyone who wants to walk.

Why should my company participate? Arthritis is serious. In Michigan, arthritis affects one in three adults in the

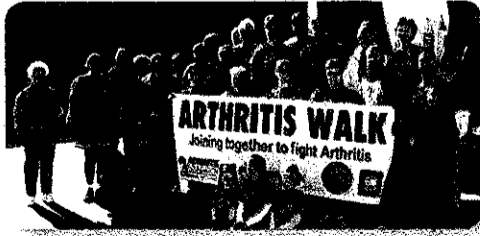
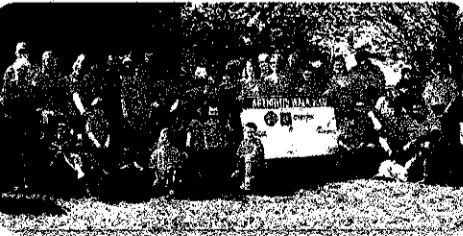
work force. By participating in the Arthritis Walk, you are encouraging your employees to walk for overall good health and empowerment gained through everyday movement. It's about overcoming the obstacles of arthritis — and even preventing the disease — by taking the first step toward a lifetime of physical activity.

Is there a registration fee? No, there is not a registration fee, but we challenge each walker to raise at least \$100 to receive an official Arthritis Walk T-shirt. If walkers come up short of the \$100, they are still welcome to walk, as every dollar helps. We also have great fundraising incentives to help motivate the walkers.

How can my management get involved with the Arthritis Walk? Your CEO or senior management staff can help by issuing an Arthritis Walk challenge among employees. Ask them to endorse a memo to all staff requesting their participation and offer a free company T-shirt to generate excitement and gain publicity.

How do I register? You can register online by visiting our website www.arthritis.org (keyword: Michigan) or complete the enclosed registration form and send it back to the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter, or Fax it to 248-649-2895.

For questions, call 800-946-3030, ext. 230.



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THE VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY

New mayor's proposed bridge budget is tight

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Two of the newest members of the new Grosse Pointe Shores City Council felt boxed in to vote against the current budget.

Freshman Councilman Ted Kedzierski summed it up for himself and fellow first-time office-holder Dan Schulte: "I'm new to the council. I'm used to seeing more detail before I can make a decision."

Kedzierski, a certified public accountant, was appointed to the city finance committee minutes before the budget was decided.

He and Schulte didn't oppose the budget per se at the first city council meeting April 1 since the former 98-year-old village reorganized as a city. They'd hoped to abstain from voting. The charter lacks provisions for abstaining, so they

felt there was no choice but to cast negative votes.

In a 5-2 decision, the budget was supported by former village president-turned Mayor Dr. James Cooper; former village trustees-turned councilmembers Dr. Brian Hunt, Fred Minturn and Victoria Boyce, and former village clerk-turned Councilman Robert Graziani.

The roughly \$1.1 million budget fills a 90-day gap, from May through June, between the end of the former village's fiscal year and the start of the city's fiscal year July 1.

"For this three month period, we are on a very tight budget, operating on our fund balance," said Brian Vick, city manager. "There is no fluff in this budget. The end fund balance is estimated at just under \$400."

"We can see the trend in spending, with a reduction in

total expenditures from the same period for the village last year down about 12 percent," said Minturn, a member of the finance committee. "Some of this is delayed spending, but most of it is actual savings."

Tax receipts won't be received during the three-month bridge period.

"Tax collection begins in July," Vick said. "In addition, we're able to use funds that have been transferred to the city from the township."

He said he's met with department heads about maintaining the existing level of municipal services during a time of dwindling revenue sharing and investments.

"If we have an unforeseen situation — let's say we have three worker's compensation injuries at the same time — that is going to negatively affect this proposed budget," Vick said.

If necessary, the general fund could be bolstered with cash from other funds.

"It's not a cause for panic," Vick said. "Things are just tight."

He said cost saving includes cutting overtime and scaling back to essential services.

"This is a trend we will need to continue if we are going to offset the impact on our revenues of falling property values and increasing costs of employee benefits," Minturn said.

"There are no significant (road repair) projects slated for this three-month budget," Vick explained. "However, when we get to the 12-month budget, we'll talk about what roads need to be done if there is money available."

Lochmoor and Crestwood Drive "are at the top of the list" for improvements, Vick said.

Vick said the adopted budget will be posted on the municipal's website.

"In the future, we can trend toward putting all the informa-

tion the council and community sees fit on the website," he said.



Owen Reiter, Daniel Jaworski and Benjamin Reiter sit on the curb at the Woods municipal complex to show off and examine the contents of the eggs they found during the Woods Easter egg hunt.

EGG HUNT: Searching for the goods

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But when the signal came, the Sheffield boys and hundreds of their young neighbors were off, quickly filling baskets and pails with the 3,500 eggs that had been prepared by community center volunteers.

"I think they set a record this year for collecting all those eggs," said Smith, noting that it took all of about a minute for all 3,500 eggs to be picked up and deposited safely in baskets or bags. "But this is such a great community event and it seems that the crowd just gets bigger every year."

Clare Adams, 6 and her sister, Mara, 3, were both pretty in pink and ready for the hunt.

"I like the candy," Clare, a Mason student, noted.

"The girls really enjoy the excitement of it," said their mother, Sandy.

Emma Nearhood, 5, a Kerby kindergartner, and her brother, Jack, 2, came away with about a dozen eggs each. This was Jack's first actual hunt, though he had watched Emma last year from the confines of his stroller, according to their parents, Nick and Anne Nearhood. Emma could have won the prize for the fanciest basket, one decked out in pink chiffon and flowers, while Jack settled for a very non-traditional bag that resembled a soccer ball.

Once the hunt was over, children and parents lined up for a picture with the Easter Bunny, who, under all that fur and without the big pink ears, bore a striking resemblance to Tom Jenny, an employee with the Department of Public Works.

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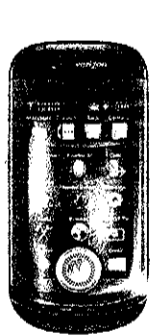
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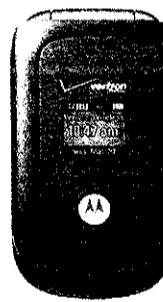
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GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10
12 noon - Liturgy
3:00 pm - Children's Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm - Chorale concert

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8:00 am - Holy Saturday liturgy
7:00 pm* - Easter vigil with baptisms

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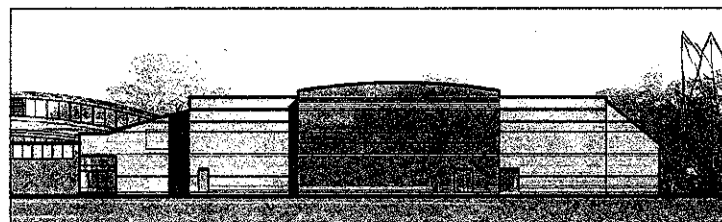
BROWNELL: Auditorium questioned

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shows in the middle of our residences."

Theros lives across the street from Brownell. He complained that overflow parking for school functions, such as back-to-school night, clogs his neighborhood.

He didn't believe that an accompanying \$350,000 reconstruction of the school's 160-space parking lot would reduce



FROM EHRESMAN ASSOCIATES INC.

A 17,400-square-foot addition to Brownell Middle School is criticized by Grosse Pointe Farms officials as an unnecessary auditorium.

off-site parking.

"I have no problem with a multipurpose room," Theros said. "I don't think any neighbor has a problem with a multipurpose room. I have a problem with an 800-seat auditorium."

"It's a facility we plan to use every day," said Mike Dib, Brownell principal.

Dib predicted the facility would be used for drama classes, music rehearsals, grade-specific assemblies and more.

Theros said construction

would be too costly given the recession, declining district enrollment and existing auditoriums at Pierce and Parcels Middle Schools and at North and South high schools.

"I don't know why we need this when we have auditoriums all over the place," he said. "As a taxpayer, it is a waste of my money."

Construction would be paid from a bond voters approved in 2001.

"This will be the last major project on the site and one of the last projects from the

bond," Fenton said.

A multipurpose room is being constructed at South.

Dale Ehresman, project architect, doesn't think the Brownell addition would create a parking problem. He said there haven't been parking complaints stemming from auditorium functions at Pierce Middle School in the Park, where on-site parking totals 76 spaces plus 50 spots across the street at Defer Elementary School.

Ehresman, a Park resident, designed the swimming pool

addition at South and the science additions at Brownell, South and North.

Although the addition has been discussed many times by the school board, design plans won't be firm until competing contractors submit bids by the April 14 deadline. If bids are too high, construction could be delayed or scrapped. Fenton anticipates bids to be within budget, especially now that contractors are hungry for work during the poor economy.

Construction would take nine to 12 months, Ehresman said.

The public hearing is expected to draw an audience too big for the Farms council chambers. Fenton offered to hold it in a school auditorium.

GROSSE POINTE WOODS

City council nixes ULS skating

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Woods put Sunday night skating at the McCann Arena on ice, citing declining participation and budget constraints.

Based on a recommendation from the Citizens' Recreation Commission, the City Council agreed to not renew a contract with University Liggett School for the use of its McCann Ice Arena by residents on Sunday evenings. The move will save the city \$14,300 annually.

"It's unfortunate that we had to eliminate this program," said Councilwoman Vicki Granger. "But when you start looking at what it costs to run the program and the declining

participation, it just wasn't something we could justify any longer."

According to recreation Supervisor Melissa Sharp, the city had explored several options in hopes of keeping Sunday skating, including entering into a joint agreement with Grosse Pointe Shores and reducing the number of weeks the program would be offered. However, according to information Sharp provided the council, Grosse Pointe Shores, citing its own budget constraints, was not interested in sharing the costs, and reducing the number of weeks would not save that much money.

Since the program began 10 years ago, participation has declined from a high of 124

skaters in 2002 to 89 skaters this past winter. At the same time, the cost to the city per skater has risen from \$4 to \$6. The open skating time was offered to residents from September through March at no charge.

"The city offers four outdoor skating rinks during the winter, and there are other nearby indoor rinks, so our residents have other options," Granger said. "When you consider that we have 17,000 residents, and less than 90 participated, we had to make a decision that was in the best interests of all residents. This was a difficult decision to make, and I hope that we will be able to offer it again when our economy improves."

FOUNDATION: Bettering the community

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"The success of the Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation depends entirely on the generosity of Woods residents and businesses," he said. "We're excited to finally offer a way for citizens and businesses to contribute to the betterment of Grosse Pointe Woods with their private funds — whether through one-time, annual, or legacy donations. Contributing to the Woods foundation is the best way to ensure that Grosse Pointe Woods remains the family-focused community that we all love, well into the future."

Mayor Robert Novitke and the Woods city council established the all-volunteer nonprofit foundation in November.

Board members are: Peter Ahee, Matt Cullen, Mark

Fossee, Kevin Hendrick, George Koueiter, Rob Nederhood, Mike Neme, Liz Rader, Edward Vermet, and Mark Zmyslowski.

Donations are being solicited from private donors and local businesses.

As a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, donations to the foundation are tax deductible to the extent permissible by law. The foundation plans to offer donation opportunities including membership dues, planned giving and bequests.

It will also undertake fundraising activities to benefit specific projects.

For more information about donating, call Vermet at (313) 882-8448.

Grosse Pointe Woods joins the Park, City and Farms as the latest Pointe to establish a foundation for privately-funded community ventures. Examples of completed projects by other foundations include the Village clock, a putting green in Windmill Park, and a splash pad at Pier Park.

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GUEST EDITORIAL By David L. Littmann

GM bankruptcy: End of the road or new super highway?

General Motors recently filed a report with the federal government indicating the company may go bankrupt. Some will argue GM needs more federal assistance — strings attached and all, as per the forced resignation of Rick Wagoner — but the sad, hard truth is this: General Motors would be in healthier shape today had it filed for bankruptcy protection under Chapter 11 statutes in late 2008.

Rather than run through its final cash reserves and consume taxpayers' money for an increasingly indefinite period, a serious restructuring under hard-nosed Chapter 11 proceedings might well have resulted in the company's closing the first quarter of 2009 with renewed hope. Even now, moving rapidly into bankruptcy protection has much to recommend it.

Now we know, for example, GM's refusal to enter Chapter 11 has cost the company and the nation a fortune: tens of billions of dollars, more layoffs, plant closings, corporate embarrassment, unwanted inventories, desperate discounting programs, and worst of all, the foregone opportunity to focus on meeting the new challenges of a post-recession global auto economy.

Nothing on the horizon suggests this downward spiral will change, and taxpayers have less to give as each month passes.

Many firms have entered bankruptcy only to re-emerge strong and profitable. Airlines, steel makers and scores of firms in other industries have used the legal benefits of bankruptcy to help all parties — lenders, suppliers, workers and vendors — get ready to tackle new competitive realities.

Perhaps the greatest single irony is that despite GM's dwindling U.S. market share over the past three decades, the company's most recent years have witnessed an astounding resurgence of car and truck quality, plant and worker productivity, and worldwide marketing savvy and success.

GM, once our nation's largest Blue Chip manufacturing firm, began the first of many three-year restructuring plans in the late 1980s, nearly a decade after foreign automakers proved their mettle in American markets. Prior to the 1980s, Detroit automakers reacted poorly to the changing preferences of their customers, and GM was often missing in action on Washington's counterproductive and debilitating mandates, taxes and regulations — not to mention the government sanctioned pattern bargaining by organized labor that resulted in incessant strikes and work stoppages during GM's most vulnerable years.

Better late than never. GM's embrace of Chapter 11 bankruptcy now would still offer the firm enhanced leverage over costs, structure and most importantly, independence of action. To continue the current course — relying on an overextended government to dole out billions more in fiat money — is no legacy to build on. Redistributing hard-earned income away from distressed workers and retirees elsewhere in the economy destroys their morale and creates a moral hazard by allowing GM to ignore harsh market realities.

This is poor public policy. Congress risks a dangerous economic outlook for years to come with its use of Treasury debt and inflationary Federal Reserve dollars that represent no corresponding output of goods and services. Rather than force-feed round after round of subsidies to a single firm and artificially sustain jobs that are already doomed, Congress could help taxpayers and GM by encouraging the company to control its own destiny and restore its independence.

In GM's circumstances, it behooves the company to focus its remaining critical mass of talent on restructuring the organization so that it can build cars it can sell without subsidies or congressional mandates. Government funding, in contrast, permits no escape from political direction.

The current wave of political correctness will wed GM to building "green" cars, and particularly "electric" cars, regardless of what consumers want, need or can afford. This is not an American future; nor will it ever be compatible with prosperity.

GM's is a painful case, but the company has a new opportunity to lead by example. GM's survival via Chapter 11 protection can be an eloquent lesson for us all, teaching us the long-term consequences of complacency and the virtues of self-reliance, even in bankruptcy.

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Immunity law repealed

To the Editor:

I read with interest "Drug firm immunity opposed," March 2 Grosse Pointe News, which recorded the fact that our Rep. Tim Bledsoe voted to repeal existing law in Michigan which granted drug companies immunity from civil lawsuits.

Several years ago, a physician and resident of our community sought to retain me to file a claim against the drug manufacturer Merck for a stroke he had suffered relating to the drug Vioxx.

Vioxx was launched in the United States in 1999. Since its introduction, the drug has been marketed in more than 80 countries. Sales in 2003 reached \$2.5 billion.

On Sept. 30, 2004, Merck announced a voluntary, worldwide recall of Vioxx after clinical

trials confirmed previous studies linking Vioxx to serious cardiovascular problems, including heart attack and stroke. Actually, Merck halted its clinical trial after it discovered participants taking Vioxx had twice the risk of heart attack than other participants taking placebos.

My meeting with the physician who suffered a stroke was a short one. I informed the physician the Michigan Legislature had passed a bill as part of "tort reform" which granted immunity to drug companies even if the products they sold were unreasonably unsafe.

As it stands now, citizens of the state of Michigan are the only people in the world who cannot sue a drug company for legitimate damages caused by defective products.

The drug companies sold our Legislature on the need for blanket protection. "We can't

continue to do business unless you give us immunity" was the cry.

The fallacy in this argument became evident when, within a few years after the immunity bill was passed, Pfizer, Ann Arbor's largest taxpayer and one of its largest employers, left to re-establish itself in a location that did not have an immunity law to protect the drug industry.

Mr. Bledsoe cast his vote for the people of the state of Michigan. His predecessor, Ed Gaffney, was also supportive of the repeal of the immunity law.

ROBERT F. GARVEY
Attorney at Law

Foster care system for children

To the Editor:

A recent article from Capital News Service, "Foster care suffers with economy," leads the reader to believe that increasing the ability of foster care to provide homes for underprivileged children benefits them when in actuality the ability of the system to keep these children in their own homes is in their best interest.

According to the report, Cycle of Failure, by the National Coalition for Child Protection Reform, poverty is often confused with abuse and neglect.

Michigan State law has five

definitions of neglect, the most prevalent being "physical neglect, or the failure of a parent to provide basic needs for their children."

"When you look at families that are turning to programs such as cash assistance, they don't have the resources to meet their basic needs in terms of food and shelter," stated Jane Zehnder-Merrell, director of Kids Count in Michigan.

So the question becomes, isn't there a difference between choosing not to provide when the resources are available and not providing because layoffs and unemployment has rendered the family destitute?

Merrell says the increased need seen in requests for food assistance and cash assistance is pushing more children into the foster care system.

Is poverty a legitimate reason to take children out of their home and put them with strangers?

Does it warrant having children placed away from their school and friends — sometimes in another county?

Does it make sense to pay strangers \$18.27 a day instead of providing adequate assistance to families in order for them to stay together?

KATHY RAGER
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GUEST OPINION By Rich Lowry

The CEO president

When first elected, George W. Bush aspired to be the "CEO president."

The label referred only to his — overhyped — business sensibility.

President Barack Obama has become the CEO president in fact, responsible for a swath of American industry and finance.

Obama flexed his corporate muscles recently and fired General Motors CEO Rick Wagoner for failing to produce a credible reform plan for his company. Obama said the next day "GM is announcing that Rick Wagoner is stepping aside" — as if Wagoner hadn't reported to the Treasury Department to receive his order to self-defenestrate.

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It used to be presidents only could fire chiefs of staff and Cabinet members; now, Obama can fire any of the corporate officials who effectively work for him.

It used to be the country had clearly delineated public and private sectors; now, they are mashed together in an arrangement vastly increasing governmental power.

Two, if politicians and bureaucrats knew how to run car companies, they'd probably be

working for Toyota or Ford.

Obama's automotive task force has almost no experience in automobiles and includes no fewer than three experts on climate change — presumably on the off chance that GM and Chrysler revive enough to begin despoiling the planet again.

Three, once a corporation is dependent on government, it makes business decisions not on the merits, but to please its political masters. GM has been heavily involved in developing the politically correct Chevy Volt, an electric car.

As Obama's automotive task force concludes, "While the Volt holds promise, it is currently projected to be much more expensive than its gasoline-fueled peers and will likely need substantial reductions in manufacturing cost in order to become commercially viable." You don't say?

The American system has a proven method of restructuring salvageable but insolvent companies that avoid all of these pitfalls. It's called Chapter 11 bankruptcy, where a judge can rip up a company's obligations and launch it anew without the taint of politics. It's where GM and Chrysler should have gone last fall and perhaps with some minimal government support, before the Bush administration first bailed them out in a fit of political panic.

Obama is raising the prospect of allowing the companies go into Chapter 11 if they can't soon find that elusive path to viability. He insists that he has no interest in running the auto companies, an assurance he can prove is sincere — by not running the auto companies.

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GUEST OPINION By Wayne Onkst

Libraries thrive in all dimensions

Some would say our libraries are obsolete, a quaint vestige of our past.

This is not a view held by anyone who has visited a library lately. Use of U.S. libraries continues to increase

dramatically every year, serving more people in more ways than ever before.

By using a variety of approaches to meet customers' expressed needs and offering programs and services that of-

fer something for everyone, libraries today have transformed not only themselves but the communities they serve.

Public, school, college and university libraries are flour-

ishing not only within the physical confines of bricks and mortar, steel and glass, but also in the continuously expanding Internet universe. Rather than

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I SAY By Bob St. John

Cheers turn to tears after Spartans loss

Within a matter of 30 minutes, Michigan State University's dreams of winning a third men's basketball national championship went down the tubes.

Thanks to a confident and better prepared North Carolina team, the Spartans, 31-7, turned pre-game optimism into mashed potatoes after falling behind 34-11 with seven minutes left in the opening half.

By halftime, the Tarheels, 34-4, had an NCAA title-game record 21-point halftime lead, 55-34.

This is the Tarheels' fifth national title, which came in front of a pro-MSU crowd at Ford Field.

Head coach Tom Izzo and his Spartans had no answers to Roy Williams' powerhouse squad, which opened the season ranked No. 1.

The game matched several future NBA players against Izzo's good, but not great, team, led by Kalin Lucas.

It was also the fifth time these two schools have met in the NCAA tournament and the fifth time UNC has beaten MSU. They met in the national semifinal in 1957, in a regional semifinal in 1998, a national semifinal in 2005 and a second-round contest in 2007 prior to Monday night's title



game.

Despite the loss, MSU helped bring some joy around the state, which is in a state of depression due to the economic nightmare of the auto industry.

Thousands of fans headed downtown to enjoy free concerts and other basketball-driven activities for adults, as well as children.

The Spartans' upset win over Connecticut in a national semifinal Saturday night send even the average sports fan into a state of green-and-white joy.

For an entire week, Detroit soaked up the best basketball fans had to offer. The city showed the nation it is the host with the most.

Detroit was center stage a couple of years ago when Ford Field hosted the National Football League's Super Bowl and the year before that when Major League Baseball had its mid-season classic, the All-Star game, at Comerica Park, next door to Ford Field.

To make matters worse, sports fans who were checking the score of the Detroit

Tigers' season opener at Toronto, were greeted with a 12-5 loss.

Two disappointments in one evening isn't fair for the sports fan.

Maybe, just maybe, the laughing stock of the NFL, our Detroit Lions, will play a meaningful game at Ford Field.

Exhibition games don't count. Remember August of last year when the Lions won each of their four preseason games, only to become the first team in NFL history to finish a regular season 0-16.

The stage was set for the Spartans to turn the underdog role into a sweet upset. Fans had the player to boo, UNC senior forward Tyler Hansbrough, who, by the way, will go down in history as one of the best-ever college players and one of the NBA's all-time bench warmers.

Most of the Ford Field crowd was rooting for the Spartans. Even MSU-alumn Ervin "Magic" Johnson was in the house, cheering on his Spartans to beat the favorites, just like he did when MSU defeated favored Indiana State and its All-American, Larry Bird, in the 1979 NCAA Championship game.

When the scoreboard read, UNC 34, MSU 11, the pom-poms weren't waving with enthusiasm anymore and the



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



Tigers' loss meant the Mighty Casey had indeed struck out.

Better luck next year, MSU, and may our Tigers win more

than they lose in the 2009 season.

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

What do you hope to find in your Easter basket?

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HENRY WHITAKER
Grosse Pointe Farms



'A fluffy white bunny costume, video games, DS games and some white chocolate Hershey cookie candy bars.'

IMANI WHITE
Detroit

FROM THE ARCHIVES Compiled by Suzy Berschback

1911 Flying Exhibition at Grosse Pointe

The following article is from the archives of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, circa 1930. For more information, visit gphistorical.org.

By John A. Bluth

William E. "Bill" Metzger a prescient investor in bicycles and automobiles

was also early to recognize the future potential of aviation. With Aero Clubs being formed across the country, the well-connected Metzger sold the idea to establish one nearby to further Detroit's aviation activities. The kick-off meeting took place Dec. 16, 1909 at the Pontchartrain Hotel. Top auto industry and business leaders were invited. To stimulate in-



terest in the event, Russell A. Alger, a community pillar and a Packard Motor and Wright Airplane Co. investor, invited the Wright brothers to the meeting.

The Wrights were under considerable pressure to come to Detroit. Alger was an investor in their company and they were behind in delivering the first plane to be built in their Dayton Factory. All told, 75 Detroiters showed up to the meeting reported in all three papers and the Detroit News

ran editorial cartoons depicting the possible impact of aviation on Detroit.

The stature of the Detroit Aero Club was demonstrated the following year when it took over the Grosse Pointe Golf Club in June, 1911, for three days of flying during the height of the golf season. Alger, named president of the Aero Club, arranged for a Wright Flyer airplane and a pilot to give demonstration rides to Aero Club members and their families.

The event made the newspapers' front pages for days. (The story as told is this is where the song, "Come Josephine in my Flying Machine" originated when young Josephine Alger flew that day).

The plane couldn't go far, carry much, or be flown in bad

weather or during the winter. And, it was a very expensive. The Wright plane cost \$7,500 in a time when manufacturing jobs paid 39 cents an hour and senior clerks earned about \$1,136 annually.

However the 1911 airplane did offer sportsmen the thrill of a new experience with the added cachet of a bit of danger thrown in. At a time when most Americans had never seen an airplane, dozens of Grosse Pointers had flown through the air and thousands more on the ground witnessed the miracle of flight.

That same year, another Aero Club founding member, Fred Wadsworth, built a hydro-aeroplane named the Flying Fish. The device was designed to skim over the surface of water at 65 mph, with the "skip-



Members of the Aero Club offered rides to Grosse Pointe families.

per-pilot" seated at the rear of a canoe-like hull in a wicker chair. The craft was successful-

ly tested on Lake St. Clair ice, but there was no further development.

LIBRARIES: Technology expands reach

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threatening our libraries, the age of technology has complemented libraries' services and expanded their reach.

Today's libraries bridge the computer and technology divide. Many public libraries provide free Internet access and public access computers. For many who don't have computers or high-speed Internet access at home, public libraries

make the difference between decent wages and economic disenfranchisement.

The facts speak for themselves: Library use is up nationwide. More than 2 billion items were checked out last year, and librarians serve nearly 1.8 billion visitors annually. Libraries are about more than information and data sharing. Libraries are about community.

At the library, people from diverse backgrounds can come together for meetings and lectures, do research with personalized assistance, apply for jobs or get homework help. Free computer classes for youth through seniors are of-

fered, as well as summer reading programs for children, teens and adults, and workshops on topics from ice sculpture to photography to effective parenting.

Trained information professionals — librarians — foster inquiry, assist with interpretation of information both onsite and online, and support the education and literacy efforts of the educational community. Given all of this, it's easy to see why libraries have become vital community centers.

Alongside the commemoration of National Library Week, April 12-18, libraries are leading the way in forging creative public-private charitable part-

nerships with a new generation of supporters. The Bill & Melinda Gates Library Foundation is celebrating 12 years of major financial support for computer equipment, software and training at our nation's libraries.

These efforts aren't simply charitable. Education and literacy are essential to staying competitive in a global society. Recent studies indicate we've got some serious distance to travel.

More than 8 million American children, grades 4-12, struggle to read, write and comprehend on the most basic levels, according to federal studies. And only three out of

10 eighth-graders are reading at or above grade level, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

Society as a whole pays, according to the National Governors Association. Its "Reading to Achieve" report indicates that deficits in basic literacy skills drain as much as \$16 million annually from businesses, universities and under-educated workers themselves in lost productivity and other costs.

Libraries are part of the solution. Research in 14 states has found that students with well-developed school libraries consistently score 10 to 18 percent higher on reading and other

tests. Librarians help students conduct research, either in person or online through "ask-a-librarian" services. They answer almost 73 million reference questions each year — about twice the attendance at college football games.

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Wayne Onkst is a Kentucky librarian and commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives.

NEWS



Dancers

Daddies and daughters took to the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center dance floor March 28. They twirled and whirled, wiggled and giggled throughout the afternoon. At left, dads taught their daughters the arm formations for spelling YMCA. Below, fathers take the opportunity to watch and snap photographs of their daughters dancing.

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Hannah Bainbridge, Sara Schaden, Gracie Popp and Helen Michaelson found their own style of dancing while their fathers sat one out.



Anna Lisa Lynch and her father, Kevin, hold up the frame they made to enclose a picture taken of them when they entered the community center.

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

Failed car theft

Someone tried to steal a 2007 Dodge Ram parked between 12:20 and 9:30 a.m. Sunday, March 29, in the 800 block of Neff.

The owner discovered the vehicle's steering column broken and ignition punched out. A neighbor remembered seeing an unknown person wearing dark clothing in the vehicle at about 12:30 a.m.

"She thought it was (the) owner," said a public safety officer.

A digital camera was missing from the vehicle.

— Brad Lindberg

If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the City of Grosse Pointe public safety department at (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Drugs found

At 1:40 a.m. Saturday, April 4, a 35-year-old Warren man was charged with possession of 1.3 grams of marijuana when searched following a traffic arrest.

"At the station, (officers) found a small baggie of marijuana in (his) coat pocket," said a public safety officer.

The man had been caught on Mack near Calvin driving a 1999 Dodge Neon with a defective taillight.

"(He) stated he did not have a license because he was suspended," said a patrolman.

The man's driving record included 11 suspended driving convictions and 26 current suspensions, police said.

The Neon was owned by a 23-year-old female passenger from Detroit. Her license also was suspended.

Car B&Es at South

Valuables were reported stolen from three cars parked last week at Grosse Pointe South High School.

◆ Between 3 and 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, a black purse belonging to an 18-year-old St. Clair Shores woman was stolen from her 2000 Mercedes Benz parked in the school lot on Fisher.

The purse contained \$200 cash, a Kodak digital camera and the victim's driver's license and house keys.

"(I) informed (her) to change the locks at her residence due to the key and identification with address being taken with (the) purse," said a public safety officer.

◆ During regular school hours on Thursday, April 2, a \$100 XM Radio was taken out

of a silver 2001 Mercury Sable parked in the K Lot.

◆ A black \$1,000 Dell Inspiron laptop computer and \$500 iPod touch were reported taken out of a 2003 Volkswagen Passat parked in the K Lot between 7:50 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Friday, April 3.

"This is the third larceny from an automobile from the K Lot within the last three days," said a public safety officer.

Locker room theft

A 12-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods girl reported her blue jeans and pink belt stolen from her gym bag stored in the Brownell Middle School girl's locker room between 3:30 and 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 1.

The incident occurred during swim practice.

"(The girl) stated that both the swim team and track team leave their property in the locker room during practice," said a public safety officer.

Vandalism

Three 15-year-olds are suspected of vandalizing with graffiti a 6-foot-tall privacy fence along the path between Elm Court and Pine Court across Grosse Pointe Boulevard from Grosse Pointe South High School.

Grffiti includes names, initials and the phrase, "cannabis corner."

"Writings are in black marker and cannot be washed off the wood," said an officer.

A student at the school told police that during the Friday, March 27 lunch break, the three suspects were standing near where the graffiti was found.

"She stated that the suspects were 'backing a bowl' and smoking marijuana," said police. "She is familiar with each suspect from school and knows them by name."

Officers said the suspects are a Farms girl, City boy and a male student for whom there was no residence on record.

Stolen eagle

A stolen blue 1992 Eagle Talon was discovered during the evening of Monday, March 30, parked in the garage of a vacant residence on Ridge. The car had been stripped of its engine, transmission, hood and instrument panel.

The vehicle belongs to a Farms resident and was listed as stolen in Detroit.

The car was found by a Grosse Pointe Woods man hired to clean the Ridge property, whose owners are deceased. A relative of the deceased couple said a family member bought the car from a repair shop on East Warren.

The shop owner told police the car was sold when its own-

er refused to pay for repairs.

— Brad Lindberg

If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety department at (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Park

Car theft

Overnight Tuesday, March 30 a 2001 Dodge Grand Caravan was taken from a driveway on Windmill Pointe Drive.

— Kathy Ryan

If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the Grosse Pointe Park public safety department, (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Crash

Two drivers tried to occupy

the same spot on Lakeshore at South Deeplands last week, resulting in a car crash that caused no injuries to the drivers.

"Both vehicles left the roadway, coming to rest in the grass shoulder near (the) lake," said a patrolman.

The drivers were a 17-year-old Grosse Pointe Shores girl operating a 2000 Acura and an 18-year-old Grosse Pointe Park girl operating a 1994 Chrysler Town & Country.

Chairs slashed

Vandals during the night of Tuesday, April 2, slashed eight patio chairs and an umbrella on North Edgewood Drive. Estimated damage totaled \$1,600.

— Brad Lindberg

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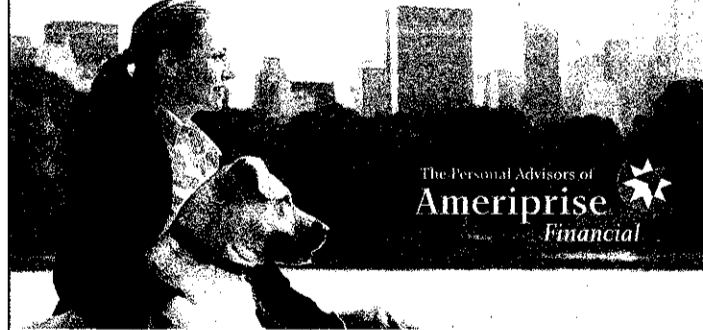
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Grosse Pointe Woods

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A laptop computer was taken from an unlocked car parked on Norton Court overnight Tuesday, March 31.

Home invasion

Apparently crime has no age limit. Grosse Pointe Woods police continue to investigate a home invasion that took place 1:45 p.m. Sunday, April 5 at a home on Aline.

According to police, the elderly residents allowed an "older" gentleman into their home after he knocked on the door, used their names, and told them he was a former neighbor. The man asked for a glass of water, and when the homeowner returned with the water, the suspect left abruptly. It was then the homeowner noticed that a wallet had been taken from a purse and a drawer was ajar. A total of \$110 was reported missing.

The suspect left the scene in a car driven by another "older" man, but a neighbor was able

to get the license number of the car, which he turned over to police.

The car was registered to an 82-year-old Warren resident. When Warren police questioned the man, he said he had driven an acquaintance to the Aline home, but had no idea that a crime had possibly been committed.

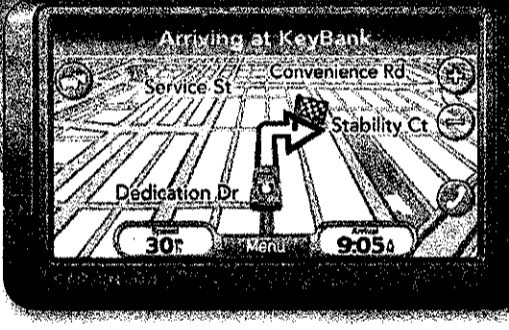
He said he didn't know his passenger that well, that they had become acquainted at a nearby fast food restaurant where both stopped for coffee in the morning. Warren police confirmed the driver's testimony by questioning employees at the restaurant and also at nearby stores where the suspect is a regular customer.

"They should be able to find this guy pretty quickly," said Michael Makowski, Woods director of public safety. "Usually it's the old folks who are victims, but then you see a case like this and you realize anything is possible."

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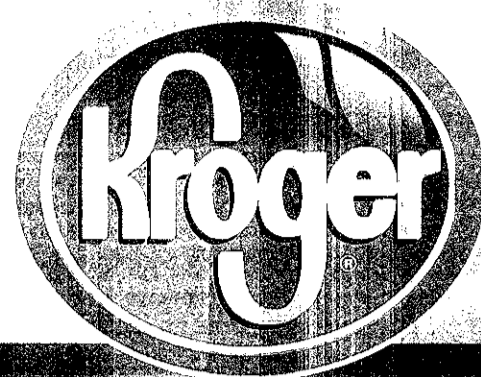
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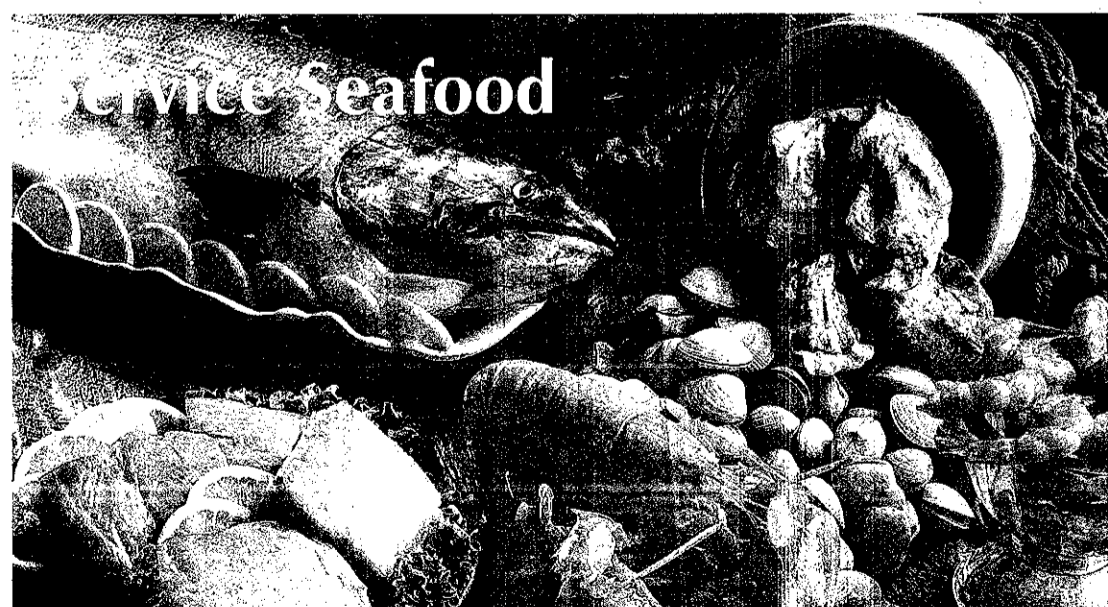
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Helping the hungry

Students to package 10,000 meals for children local, abroad

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

They don't know what it's like to fall asleep with a grumbling tummy or to wake up wondering when they will taste their next meal.

Still, middle and high school students in the Grosse Pointe Public School System will at least try to lessen the prevalence of hunger in countries around the world, shelters throughout the state and homes in nearby communities, where thousands of children are malnourished, starved and often fighting to stay alive.

Along with school staff and volunteers, they will take part in a district-wide lesson in gratefulness and goodwill Wednesday, April 29, as they put together and package 10,000 bags of a casserole mix for Kids Against Hunger.

The international nonprofit aims to considerably reduce the number of hungry children in the U.S. and to feed those starving abroad. Volunteers get involved at food packaging stations throughout the country and — through partnerships with humanitarian organizations worldwide — deliver the spe-

cially formulated mix to children and their families in more than 40 countries.

The bags contain a dry mixture — developed by food scientists at Cargill, Pillsbury, General Mills and ADM — of rice, ground soy, fortified chicken broth and dried vegetables prepared by boiling the ingredients for 20 minutes. Each can feed six adults or 12 children.

Superintendent Suzanne Klein learned of the nonprofit from a fellow superintendent in Northville, a district that has had the project in place for the past few years. School officials work with others in the community to hold packaging sessions.

"All spoke highly of the experience as an opportunity to feed hungry children by bringing students and community members together for a common purpose: to make a difference in the lives of hungry children in the tri-county area, our state and throughout the world," she said.

Klein spoke recently to students at Grosse Pointe North and South high schools, as well as those at the district's three middle schools, to introduce them to the project.

"The thought of kids going to bed hungry troubles me," she said. "And kids who don't have the food they need won't receive the nutrition for their brains to grow."

Klein is working with district moms Alicia Carlisle and

Lisa Vreede, and South teacher and fellow mom Helen Srebernak, to launch the first session. It's their hope that students, through after school clubs, sports groups or student councils, will make the project their own next fall and continue it for years to come.

Each two-hour session is set up like an assembly line to create the mix and box it. It takes about \$3,000 to host an event, which includes shipment.

For the first session, to be held at Brownell Middle School, the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club is providing the necessary dollars. In addition, Mr. C's is donating drinks for the volunteers, and Fresh Farms Market, the pizza.

Students — 40 from each high school and 15 from each middle school — will designate one-third of the bags to a local food pantry, another one-third to a state organization and the final one-third to a third-world country.

Pierce Middle School Principal Gary Buslepp visited a session last month between two Northville schools and a charter school from Detroit.

"It was a very impressive display of teamwork. I observed some pretty impressive young people who worked together to try to provide services for the hungry,"

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Bird's eye view

Rosann Kovalcik, owner of Wild Birds Unlimited in Grosse Pointe Woods, visited preschoolers at Grosse Pointe Nursery School to share information about bird calls, backyard feeding and different types of feathered friends, including bluebirds, cardinals, gold finches and house sparrows.



Above: Emily Ban, Mitchell Beauregard and Joey Randazzo get an up close look at a bird's nest that fell to the ground after its one-time family flew away.

Left: Kovalcik talks about the traits and habits of the blue jay with a plush version that makes calls similar to the real bird.

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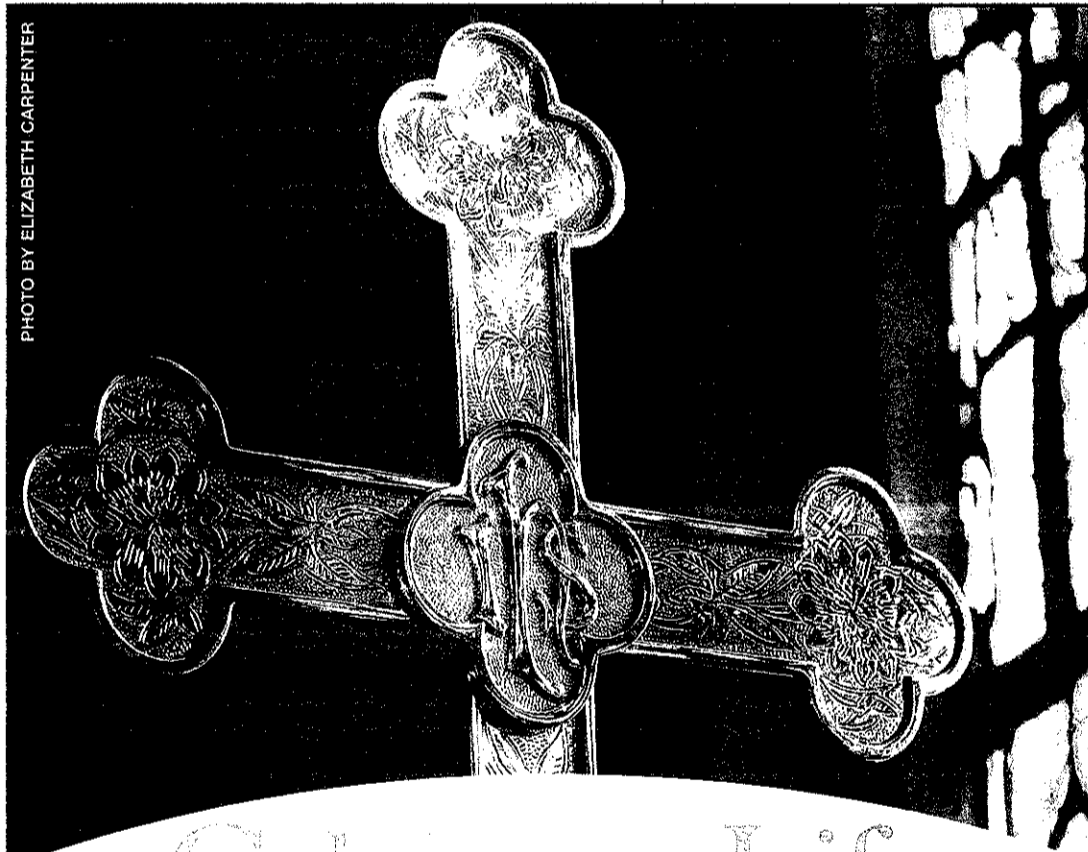
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Defer sends warmth, thoughts to other children

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

Their hearts may be small in size, but they're big in generosity.

Trapped indoors during winter's coldest months, Defer Elementary School students took the focus of fun off themselves and warmly embraced several service projects that have touched lives both here and abroad.

Though offered to take up chess, crafts and even drama as part of the school's Lunchtime Enrichment program — it replaces recess for six weeks when it's too chilly to play outside — some first-through fifth-graders signed up to serve.

From mid-January to early March, students cut and tied together fleece blankets,

learned to stitch together and fringe fleece hats and turned homemade pillowcases into colorful dresses for orphan girls in Africa.

Each project is organized and led by volunteer parents.

"Every year, I'm always impressed with the level of commitment of the parents, to give of their time and present these different activities to the kids," said Principal Ron Wardie. "The kids really enjoy it and really respond to it."

For the younger students, moms Sue Glover and Torrey Stackpoole offered an opportunity to make blankets for Turning Point, a shelter in Mount Clemens for women and children.

Global Mapping Strategies donated the fleece for students to create the no-sew project.

Glover dropped the colorful covers off to the shelter, which sees 30-35 children at one time. Volunteers fill a duffel bag with toiletries and one of the blankets for each child.

"Sure it's for warmth, but it's also for comfort," she said. "Knowing they (the students) were staying inside because it was so cold outside, we did talk about how this was going to provide warmth for other kids. It's important that they fully partake in this project, and this particular shelter really pulled at our heart-strings."

"They had a great time making them," said Stackpoole, who noted that about 10 students participated, including her son, who opted out of chess, his original enrichment election, to knot blankets.

"Sue and I decided our hope



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Cara Semanison stitches a seam onto the striped fleece hat she made for students at another school through Defer Elementary School's Lunchtime Enrichment program.



Students Lauren Michel and Maria Beacham hold up dresses they and several other classmates made for orphan girls in Africa. All are crafted from handmade pillowcases.

for this year would be to raise awareness to the issue of others in the hope that next year, more would join us and we could make more of an impact."

Presented with a more challenging, but equally enriching opportunity, several fourth- and fifth-graders signed up not only to sew fun-looking fleece hats, but also dresses from colorful pillowcases.

The hats were donated to a school, and the dresses will soon be on their way to remote villages of Malawi through the nonprofit, Little Dresses for Africa.

The organization distributes the dresses and holds informal teaching sessions that promote good nutrition, health and family skills to girls

who, because of the AIDS pandemic, are often the primary caregivers of younger siblings.

Parent volunteer Sarah Walsh said she read an article about the organization and thought the students would embrace it.

"They were very excited about making things to give to other kids that needed them. I think they realized that there was more to sewing than just putting material into a machine — there's cutting, measuring, pinning and using a seam ripper when you make a mistake," she said.

"They knew from the beginning this was not for themselves, but to give to others."

The students worked from a pattern created by parent Kym

Kinsley. Marcia Tong, the grandmother of Defer students Oliver and Vincent Ward, donated her handmade pillowcases, from which the students cut the tops, created armholes and pinned together the seams. They then selected ribbons to go through the dresses and took turns at the sewing machines.

"They were really patient and sweet, and really supportive and positive to one another," said Kinsley, noting students were very specific about the look and color of each of the 12 detailed dresses.

"They were so hungry to learn, and very giving. There was no problem that it wasn't for them. They just wanted to give, and I'm really proud of that."

Random sample likely to check residency

By Amy Salvagno
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe Public School System officials developed a possible plan for the reregistering of district students that involves a random sample of K-11 households this summer.

Spurred by residents' concerns that several students are wrongfully enrolled in the district, board of education trustee Judy Gafa proposed a resolution requiring students to provide proof of eligibility at regularly scheduled intervals throughout the school year.

The administration was charged with creating the approach at the Feb. 23 meeting.

The district held a reregistration drive in 2005 — all 9,000-plus students were required to prove their eligibility in response to a 2,300-signature petition filed by par-

ents and residents who insisted on a stricter approach in checking students coming into the school community.

Throughout the summer, parents and guardians were asked to provide various documents — property tax statements, voter registration cards and electric bills, for example — to staff and volunteers, who added the information to a new enrollment database.

Parents and students living with someone else in the district had to provide a voter registration card, driver's license with a Grosse Pointe address or an affidavit from the person with whom they were living. Students living with a relative in Grosse Pointe, which the state allows in order for them to have a "suitable" home, need an affidavit establishing their relationship.

It cost the district \$90,000 to

reregister each student four years ago and, according to Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent for business and support service, the process "weeded out a couple that didn't have the right documentation."

The proposed plan this time around would cost \$14,000, which includes mailing, supplies, part time help and legal fees. The process would be held at the administration office and mainly carried out by the central office staff.

A computer random number generator would pull a sample of students from 940 households, representing 20 percent of the current K-11 population of 4,697. In addition, all new students would be registered, representing another 400 households, said Fenton.

He proposed the reregistration period be held from May 1-Aug. 15, but several board members suggested a shorter

time frame. Those students from the randomly selected households would not be allowed to pick up schedules or participate in athletic practices without completing the process.

Fenton said the plan "probably won't catch anyone, but it might stop a couple from registering" in the district.

"It's one option that's cost effective and creative," he said.

And while investigations are much more fruitful, the reregistration "will at least be effective in showing that residents are meeting the district's requirements," he added.

The district hired Arnette Jordan, dean of students and compliance officer, to specifically handle residency investigations. Officials have averaged 133 investigations since 2005. Of those, 41 students

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The purpose of the proposed project is to make structural repairs to deteriorated sanitary sewer mains and manholes located within the road right-of-ways and easements, and to remove capacity restrictions due to mineral deposit buildup in the mains. Project construction will involve rehabilitating sections of deteriorated sanitary sewer mains by means of installing a cured-in-place pipe within the existing pipe or replacing sections of existing pipes with new pipes, and repairing sections of deteriorated manholes.

Impacts of the proposed project include extending the useful life of the sanitary sewer system, restoring the integrity of the sewer system and decreasing the potential for the structural deficiencies to result in collapse. Negative impacts are short-term increase in noise and air pollution due to construction operations. The estimated cost to users for the proposed project will be approximately \$4.1 Million and will be financed using a Clean Water Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan from the State of Michigan.

Copies of the plan detailing the proposed project will be available for inspection on Monday, April 6, 2009 at the City of Grosse Pointe Clerk's Office, 17147 Maumee Avenue, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230, 313-885-5800.

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City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE

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SEC. 50-148(13) POWERS. Amends subsection to reference new standards found in Sec 50-149.

SEC. 50-149 VARIANCE STANDARDS (NEW).
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City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

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Icy escapades

The St. Clair Shores Figure Skating Club brought classic books to life for its annual Reflections on Ice show Friday April 3, through Sunday, April 5.

Fictional characters were revived on ice by costumed skaters from the very young to the quite experienced, set to musical selections that put modern twists on old favorites.

Pictured, Grosse Pointe Park 4-year-old Ryleigh O'Donoghue prepares for her routine as Dr. Seuss' Cat in the Hat.

Megan McCleod, of Grosse Pointe Woods, skates in circles atop the ice dressed as one of the brave Three Musketeers.

Kimberly Morawski glides on the ice dressed as the suspicious witch from "Hansel and Gretel."

The show featured skaters from the club, its Learn to Skate program and its Grosse Pointe Basic Skills program.



South students prepare for revived 'Dolly'

More than 100 Grosse Pointe South High School students are preparing for the upcoming musical, "Hello Dolly," Thursday, April 30 through Sunday, May 3 at the Grosse Pointe Performing Arts Center, 707 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The classic musical returns to the district after a 20-year absence when musical director Ellen Bowen, choreographer Andy Haines and technical director Dan Vicary first teamed up.

The musical, directed by Melissa Johnson-Smith, is based on the book, "The Matchmaker," and features dancing, singing and large chorus numbers, including the famous waiter's gallop.

Tickets are available at Posterity: A Gallery, 17005 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, or online at gpsouthchoir.org.

Missing archive photos sought

Grosse Pointe South High School is searching for missing graduating class composites from the '30s, '40s and 1982, 1983 and 1988, to complete a permanent display at the school.

The school is also interested in finding other pictures that pertain to South and old yearbooks, specifically from the '30s, '40s and 1964.

Archivists will pick up the items and either have them professionally scanned and returned or, if allowed, keep them for the archives collection.

Those with photos can contact Cheryl DeLaura at (313) 881-0264 or jstmecvcd@gmail.com.

RESIDENCY: Officials propose plan

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have been removed, said Fenton.

So far this year, officials have looked into 111 possible residency violations and as of Jan. 31, 27 students have been removed. Fenton said in most cases, students are removed from the school with 10 days. Extenuating circumstances may cause removal to take up to a month.

Board President Alice Kosinski initially voted against having the administration come up with a new way to reregister students.

"We're taking from what limited resources we have. We already have someone, let's support him and let him do his job. I don't see the point of spending \$14,000 for

a random sampling," she said. Gafa said she would only shorten the time frame.

"I just wanted to make sure there was a process in place that was cost effective. I certainly don't want to pull money out of the classroom to do this, but I think it needs to be done."

Parents, teachers and residents can use the district's tip line to call in with concerns.

Vice President Brendan Walsh says there is a diversity of opinion if the problem is significant.

"I know we're looking for students who should not be here, but the assumption of those who have been advocating this is that there's this rampant problem. I'm not here to say whether they're right or wrong, but I haven't heard why they feel this way," he said.

"What is it they're seeing and reacting to that leads them to the conclusion that we have illegal students? I'm not casting judgment, but I

don't have the ability to look at students and see how they act and assume one way or another.

"I have a sense that's what people are assuming they're tackling the residency problem onto behavior problems. There are people who do this every day who don't think a wholesale reregistration will solve the problem.

"There is this strong opinion that it's rampant, and I guess I don't know why they're reaching this conclusion."

"I know the community doesn't believe we're doing this right ... this is a perception problem at a minimum," said trustee Fred Minturn.

Fenton agreed the perception is the district is not responding to concerns.

"But I say to staff members: We check every single name. I can't go back and talk about those kids, but I can tell you emphatically, we investigate every single name that comes across our desk,"

he said.

"This is not going to end. We could spend \$90,000 every year and those who are the most adamant are never go-

ing to be fully satisfied," Walsh added. "We need to enter into this dialogue with that in mind. We will be fighting this battle no matter what."

HUNGER: Students help kids in need

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he said.

Buslepp noted this experience will be different for his school than others, namely stretching out hands to those affected by major disasters.

"That's a little different. It's collecting money, holding raf-

fles and then writing a check to someone they don't really see. This is putting our hands on something, rolling up our sleeves. I think this is going to give the kids a real sense of accomplishment.

"I hope it will heighten their awareness and develop a sensitivity for those who have less. It demonstrates that those who have can help those who don't."

Brownell Middle School Principal Michael Dib also attended last month's session.

"What's really neat about it

is the fact that you can actually see the end product. You're part of this assembly line, and then all of a sudden, you've made 10,000 meals," he said. "Here, you see the fruits of your labor — boxes stacked up and taken out. There's a sense of accomplishment and everyone is doing a little something."

Though Dib admitted that it may take a little nudging next year to remind the students about the project, "Those kids will pick up the ball."



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City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF GROSSE POINTE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2009 - 7:00pm 17147 MAUMEE, GROSSE POINTE, MI 48230

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Public Act No. 110 of 2006 the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, as amended, and the Grosse Pointe City Code, that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, April 20, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Grosse Pointe Council Chambers at 17147 Maumee Avenue, Grosse Pointe, MI. The Zoning Board of Appeals will consider the request for the location of a Learning Center within the RO-1 District, with the following determination to be made:

1. The Zoning Board of Appeals will make a determination as to whether a Learning Center is compatible with the uses allowed in the RO-1 District.

The proposed plans for this project are available for inspection by the public at the Building Department at City Hall during regular business hours Mon-Fri 8:30 am - 5 pm, Telephone 313-885-5800.

Public comment is welcome. If you are unable to attend the hearing, written comments will be accepted until 12:00 noon on April 17, 2009.

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Ready to read

The Pierce Middle School National Junior Honor Society helped district elementary school students participate in March is Reading Month with a Dr. Seuss "Read Across America" extravaganza. Students read a book to each class and followed up with a comprehension activity: In kindergarten, for example, NJHS members read "The Sneetches" and played catch with both "star-bellied" sneetches and "plain-bellied" sneetches; in first-grade, members read "Horton Hears a Who" and led a relay race to rescue cotton balls from the clover patch, pictured; and in third-grade, students created a character quilt after hearing "Hooray for Diffendoofer Day."



St. Clare inducts NJHS students

A candle lighting service marked the induction of 19 new members into the St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. The organization recognizes students who reflect outstanding accomplishments in the five areas of scholarship, character, leadership, service and citizenship. New and current members continue to be involved in both school and community service projects. New members pictured in the front row are Reyna Martinez, Arjanah Slaughter, Madeleine Lowell, Carolyn Ridella, Addison Mauck, Christina Ridella, Phoebe O'Meara, Rachel Quinn and Patrick Roache. New members in the middle row are Susan Zadorski, Matthew Thomas, Mary Grahame Hunter, Erin Butler, Meghan Kuhr, Jewel Evans, Melinda Billingsley, Alexandra D'Abreu-Hines, Whitney Jenkins and Alana Hubbell. Current members are pictured in the back row: Tristan Hanser, Joseph Colina, Sydney Eaton, Julianne Williams, Leslie Haggood, Stephen Freitas, Michael O'Brien, Leah Piepszowski and Ariel Walker.

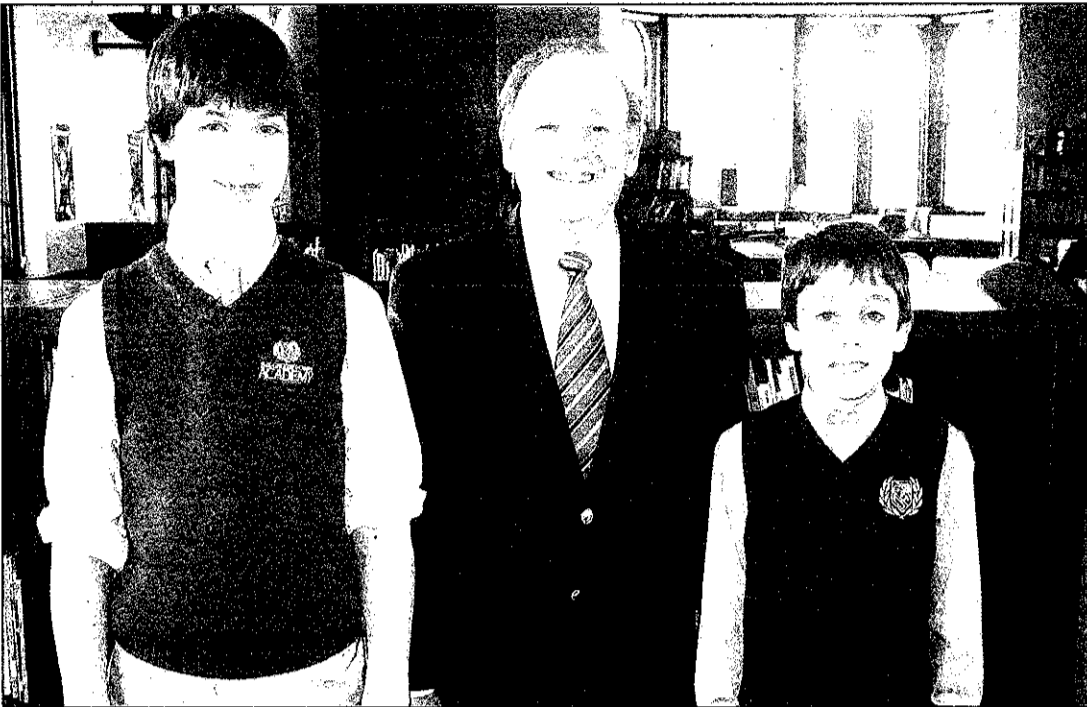


St. Paul forensics brings home awards

The fifth- and sixth-grade forensics team from St. Paul School won third place overall at the recent Eastside Catholic Forensics League Meet. The team received 12 first place awards, 32 second place awards and 22 third place awards. Students who led the team are: sixth-grader Maddie Moylan, who finished in first place in all three rounds to win the overall first place plaque in the prose category; fifth-grader Elizabeth Sullivan, who landed two first place wins and one second place win to receive the overall second place plaque in the storytelling category; and sixth-grader G.R. Dulac, whose first place and two second place wins landed the overall third place award in the drama category. Other first place winners include: Catherine Gardy, drama; Erin Gornley, prose; Lily Blake, poetry; Monica VanBerkum, storytelling; and Natalia Engel, storytelling. Additional second and third place winners include: Rebecca Adams, prose; Jennifer Lessnau, drama; Riley Ruffing, declamation; Natalie Sullivan and Jack Kuchta, duo interpretation; Eric Wagner and Lilly Cusumano, duo interpretation; Alexa Lysik and Natalie Oros, duo interpretation; Alexis Verderbar and Max Gamero, duo interpretation; Olivia Frederickson, prose; Margaret Brennan, poetry; Megan Gall, drama; Elizabeth Rau, storytelling; Alexis Kmak, declamation; and the team of Emily Kanan, Paul Boyer, Sophia Amato, Julia Fox and Jonathan Therios, multiple interpretation. The St. Paul Forensics Team is coached by Paula Vokal and Anne Marie Jauch.

Celebrate reading

Our Lady Star of the Sea School ushered in March with lots of books and other activities to celebrate March is Reading Month. Professional storyteller Jennifer Strauss captured the minds and imaginations of students with her tales and storytellers lamp. University of Michigan education professor Dara Hill read second-graders an African folk tale about a spider, while Henry Ford Cottage Hospital's Lynn Carpenter brought along her therapy dogs to read with fourth-graders. Wild Birds Unlimited owner Rosann Kovalcik read to kindergartners and shared information about birds they see in their backyard. Above: Brandon Johnston shares a book with one of the golden retriever therapy dogs.



Eighth-grader wins bee

Grosse Pointe Academy eighth-grader Dylan Demkowicz won the school's spelling bee after battling several rounds against students in fifth- through eighth-grade. Fifth-grader Jack Sheeren is the school's youngest runner-up. Other finalists who qualified through written tests were fourth-graders Katie Fruehauf and David Scupholm, fifth-grader Isabella Gierlinger, sixth-graders Charles Becker and Jack Weaver, seventh-graders Josh Gray and Will Scarfone and eighth-grader Chandler Warren. Demkowicz, left, is pictured with moderator Bob Lapadot and Sheeren.

Forensics team takes in awards

The fifth- and sixth-grade Grosse Pointe Academy forensics team earned several awards at the recent Eastside Catholic Forensics League meet. Rachel Lannen received a first place in prose; J.D. Gray earned first place in storytelling; Madeline Arkinson and Angela Perry-Hudson received first place in drama; Lily Patterson earned first place in poetry; and the team of Sophie Engstrom, James Raudabaugh, Ryan McWood, Leonie Leslie and Hannah Homsy received first place. The team also received two second place awards and a third place overall plaque. In addition, Evelyn Woodman received a second and third place in prose; Mac Cimmarrusti earned two second place awards in declamation; and the team of McMalla Mecke and Nikolas Minanov earned two second place awards and one third place award, while Jonathan Valente and R.J. McCarren received a second place. Christian Smith and J.D. Gray received third place in storytelling and the teams of Anna Crane and Grace Scarfone and Charles Becker and Jack Weaver each received two third place awards. The team is led by moderators Marsha Thomas, Harriett Whitaker and Mary Jo Johnson.



South student video gains recognition

Grosse Pointe South High School senior Emily Owens won a Best in Show award in the mini-documentary category at the annual Orchard Lake Student Film Festival last month. The TV production student's video project presented a behind-the-scenes peek at Detroit's Thanksgiving Day parade. The documentary featured a historical look back at the parade and interviews with the WDIV Channel 4 director and producers who work on the broadcast each year. The project, Owens' final semester project in her advanced video production class, was on display at the festival.

South swimmer advances to championships

Grosse Pointe South High School sophomore Robert Boggs heads to the 2009 National YMCA Short Course Swimming and Diving Championships in Fort Lauderdale. Boggs landed a spot for a first place ranking in Florida after beating out his competitors in the 200-yard breast stroke at a recent meet in Bloomfield Hills. Boggs received his letter in swimming as a freshman at South and placed 15th overall in the 2008 Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association rankings.

North students are economics-savvy

Four seniors from Grosse Pointe North High School qualified for the state finals in the Michigan Economics Challenge. They are Raheeb Hasan, Maxwell Hunt, Benjamin Schneedecker and Matteus Simoes. The students, enrolled in teacher Dan Quinn's advanced placement economics class, participated in the preliminary round of the National Economics Challenge earlier this month. The team will take a series of tests and have a shot at the regional competition in Chicago. The National Economics Challenge serves as an opportunity for students to demonstrate their knowledge of economics by competing with other students across the state.

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Hill outdoor seating renewed

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Outdoor dining will again be offered at The Hill Seafood & Chop House on the Hill.

"We'd like to improve upon what we did last year and add 10 more seats," said Daniel Connell of Connell Building Co., on behalf of the restaurant's owners. "Last year, it was a little tight."

This year, the restaurant has been permitted to put six tables, each with four chairs and a black or gold umbrella, on an inside section of the Kercheval sidewalk.

The area will be fenced in by a 36-inch tall wrought iron fence. Five feet of unobstructed sidewalk space is to be preserved for pedestrians.

Grosse Pointe Farms officials this week approved the seating plan.

"I'm all in favor of outdoor

dining," said Councilman Louis Theros.

The council imposed the following restrictions:

- ◆ operations are limited from May through September,
- ◆ no outdoor music and
- ◆ service must end by midnight.

Connell hopes to have things ready as soon as possible.

"It will take a few weeks to get the iron (fence) built," he said.

A sidewalk planter will be removed to make room for tables, with the underlying sidewalk repaired with pavers at the restaurant's expense. Connell said he'll dress up the fence with hanging plants.

"Our goal is to improve the front of the building," he said.

"I hope it generates revenue for the restaurant, an institution on the Hill," said Councilman Doug Roby.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Honored

Vera Mazak, center, won an award for giving the best facial in which she was featured for in the February 2009 issue of Allure magazine. Mazak works at Lamia & Lamia on Mack in Grosse Pointe Woods. Also pictured with her are salon owners John Lamia, left and his wife, Pearl Lamia.

GROSSE POINTE FARMS

Kroger Mack lease extended

Grosse Pointe Farms officials this week extended Kroger grocery store's lease on the municipally-owned property. The lease is \$10,600 per month on a month-to-month basis with a 30-day termination notice.

The store is expected to remain operational while store planners replace their outlet on Kercheval in the downtown Village district of the City of Grosse Pointe with a two-story store and attached parking garage.

—Brad Lindberg

GROSSE POINTE PARK

Bank-owned bid site launches

Kent Colpaert must know what he's doing.

During his 17-year real estate career, he's gone from working by himself to owning Bearing Group Real Estate with nearly 40 employees.

"I found a niche in bank-owned properties about six years ago," he said. "I ran with it."

This week, Colpaert launched BankOwnedBids.com. He said the site is the first Michigan-based online auction of foreclosed homes. The site features more than 50 metro Detroit properties, ranging from \$1,000 houses in Detroit to six-figure suburban mansions.

"BankOwnedBids.com is changing the way real estate is sold," said Colpaert. "We're making available a lot of opportunities for people. Our clients are banks. We help them dispose of their assets. Banks that own these properties will occasionally have auctions. We do the majority of the work for the auction company."

The public can visit the site

to browse the inventory for free during a two-week pre-auction period. Bidding runs from April 22 to 5 p.m. April 29.

Colpaert said the site improves the auction process in a variety of ways:

- ◆ Holding frequent auctions with fresh inventory.
- ◆ Free browsing.
- ◆ No registration fee to bid.
- ◆ Only high bidders must submit proof of funds or bank pre-approval and earnest money deposit.

◆ Corporate sellers are on alert to respond quickly, meaning that bidder's earnest money deposits are not held up for weeks. High bidders usually find out if offers are accepted within 72 hours.

◆ Participating Realtors receive full commissions.

◆ Agents soon can post their own listings.

Colpaert is a Park resident. His business has been based on Kercheval in the Park since 2003. Before that, he worked out of a local real estate office.

"When I got my third or fourth assistant, I outgrew that and started working out of my basement," he said. "My wife did not like that idea."

Daily IRS tax tips available for 2009

The Internal Revenue Service offers daily tax tips for the 2009 federal filing season.

The tips offer concise, useful information on topics affecting millions of taxpayers. More than 70 tips on federal taxes will be available with a new one for each business day until the April 15 tax filing deadline.

Topics include:

- ◆ Choosing a tax preparer.
- ◆ Where you can get free tax help.
- ◆ How e-file can make filing easier and get a refund faster.
- ◆ How to file for an extension or amend a return.
- ◆ What tax records to keep.
- ◆ First-time homebuyer credit.

Taxpayers can receive new text-based tax tips via e-mail when they are published by subscribing through the e-news subscriptions page on IRS.gov. When subscribing, the taxpayer will receive a confirmation message by e-mail that he or she must respond to confirm the subscription.

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OBITUARIES

Obituary notices are purchased and often prewritten by family or friends. While we try to run obituaries as submitted, we nevertheless reserve the right to edit for accuracy, style and length.

Minton M. Clute

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Minton M. Clute, died Sunday, April 5, 2009, after a brief illness. He was 96.

Mr. Clute was born Dec. 7, 1912, in Bay City to Charles and Helene Clute. He moved to Highland Park as a teenager where he met Dorothy Doll, whom he married in 1937.

He graduated from Central High School. After attending Walsh Business School and getting married, he and his bride moved to Chicago where he began his career as a stockbroker.

Mr. Clute was a decorated veteran of World War II. He served as a captain in the U.S. Army where he commanded a fleet of amphibious landing craft in the South Pacific. After the war, he and his wife settled in Grosse Pointe and raised their family.

Mr. Clute served on the board of governors of the Detroit Stock Exchange and retired as senior vice president of Smith Hague brokerage firm.

He continued to faithfully follow the market until his passing.

Mr. Clute had a lifelong passion for boating, hunting and fishing. He enjoyed golf, tennis and bridge and was always up for a good debate.

He was a member of Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, a former member of Gowanie Golf Club and the Detroit Yacht Club and was a member of the Ex-Dividend Club.

Mr. Clute's family said he was well-respected, much loved and will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Dorothy; son Charles (Lynda); grandchildren, Kimberly (Ed) Kelly, Christopher (Arian) and Brian (Heather) and great-grandchildren, Katherine, Carter, Cassidy and Shylah.

He was predeceased by his sister, June Sorg and his son, Richard.

Per his request, a private family memorial will be held at a later date. Interment will be at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Mr. Clute was a longtime supporter of The Salvation Army. Memorial donations may be made to The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division, 16130 Northland Drive, Southfield, MI 48075.

Patricia "Patsy" McKean vanDusen

Patricia McKean vanDusen, died Saturday, March 28, 2009, at her home in Chapel Hill, N.C.

She was born March 17, 1928 in Detroit to Robert Edwin McKean and Esther Edmunds McKean. Known as Patsy to family and friends, she graduated from Grosse Pointe Country Day School in 1946 and Smith College in 1950.

Mrs. vanDusen began her teaching career in the Birmingham elementary schools and subsequently taught at The Alliance Française in Paris, France, where she and her husband lived early in their marriage. Her family said Mrs. vanDusen cherished her time in Paris and visited often after moving back to the United States.

Upon returning to the U.S., Mrs. vanDusen began a lifetime of volunteer service with organizations including the New Canaan Presbyterian Church and the Gardeners of New Canaan, both in Connecticut. Additionally, she served as chairman of the building committee for the Princeton, N.J. YWCA, the School Reading Partners Program at Scroggs Elementary and the Ackland Museum, both in Chapel Hill. She was active with The Detroit Institute of Arts, Tau Beta Association and the Junior League of Detroit.

Mrs. vanDusen enjoyed reading, traveling, playing tennis and supporting the arts. She was devoted to her family and her many cherished friends.

She is survived by her sons, Robert Bruce vanDusen of New York City and Theron McKean (Jayne) vanDusen of Chapel Hill; grandchildren, Zane E., Dara C., and Wynn vanDusen of New York and Hunter McKean and Alexander Grant vanDusen of Chapel Hill; sisters, Margaret McKean (H. Kennedy) Nickell and Mary McKean (Douglas) Roby and 36 nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband of 54 years, Phillips Buick vanDusen; brother, George Edwin McKean and sister-in-law, Judith Ollison McKean.

A memorial service was held at University Presbyterian Church in Chapel Hill. Arrangements were handled by Walker's Funeral Home also

in Chapel Hill.

Memorial donations may be sent to University Liggett School, 1045 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 or the Smith Fund, 33 Elm Street, Northampton, MA 01063.

Jo Anne Nicolay

Grosse Pointe Shores resident Jo Anne Nicolay, 75, died Friday, April 3, 2009.

She was a philanthropist who supported the Grosse Pointes and numerous other organizations.

Ms. Nicolay, whose ancestor John George Nicolay was personal secretary to Abraham Lincoln, created the Jo Anne Nicolay Foundation in 1996. The foundation has provided financial support to various organizations and causes including the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society and the Michigan Humane Society, numerous libraries throughout metropolitan Detroit and myriad education endeavors and student scholarships. She was an active supporter of children's sports including the recent reconstruction of the Little League field at Pierce Middle School and a new baseball field at Adrian College.

She was an avid golfer and enjoyed bowling at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. She was a lifelong Detroit Tigers fan.

Ms. Nicolay is survived by her children, Keith Richard (Mary R.) Shreve of Phoenix and Kristie Phillips of Sacramento, Calif.; grandchildren Hanna M. and Rachael A. Shreve and Cole and Connor Phillips and her brother, Ernest "Bud" Nicolay.

She was predeceased by her parents, Ernest and Elsie Nicolay and sister, Doris Duchene.

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

Memorial donations may be made to the Jo Anne Nicolay Foundation, c/o S. Gary Spicer Trustee, 16845 Kercheval, Suite 5, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

George H. Holman

George H. Holman, 97, died peacefully with his son at his side Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009, in Spokane, Wash.

Mr. Holman was born Feb. 8, 1911, in Humboldt, the fifth of six children born to William and Carolyn Holman. He graduated from high school in 1929 in Ishpeming and in 1934 married classmate Evelyn Burgeson. She predeceased him in 2004.

Mr. Holman received a



Patsy vanDusen

Bachelor of Science degree from Northern Michigan University and a master's degree in education from the University of Michigan. His first teaching position was at a two-room high school in Limestone. Later he taught science at high schools in Grosse Ile and Ferndale. He finished his 38-year teaching career at Grosse Pointe High School as a chemistry teacher and department head. He retired in 1966 after more than 20 years at the school. He was highly regarded by colleagues and students.

After retiring, Mr. Holman and his wife moved to Hamilton, Mont. to be nearer to grandchildren — and hunting and fishing opportunities. Their home was along the Bitterroot River and Mr. Holman helped form an environmental organization called "Friends of the Bitterroot" that advised the forest service planning efforts. He also chaired the historical society's road naming committee that named each road in Ravalli County. In 1994, Mr. Holman and his wife moved to Riverview Center in Spokane.

Mr. Holman was an active reader, fisherman, hunter, RV traveler, talker, "crib" player and an active participant in Riverview's Men's Club. He enjoyed long walks and was known for picking up trash he found along the way. His family said he was a passionate Democrat and was pleased to have lived long enough to watch a fellow Democrat take the oath of office as president once again.

He also enjoyed basketball, a passion that began when he was a member of his high school's basketball team that won a Michigan state tournament.

Mr. Holman is survived by his son, William, of Fairbanks, Alaska; grandchildren, Kim and Greg Moors of Athol, Idaho, William and Heidi Holman Jr. of Pullman, Wash., Karen Holman of West Hollywood, Calif. and Susan Scott of Bellingham, Wash.; seven great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his wife, Evelyn.

Memorial donations may be made to the Captain William and Carolyn Staples Holman Scholarship Fund, Northern Michigan University, 1401 Presque Isle Ave., Marquette, MI 49855.



Jo Anne Nicolay



Rita Blanche Campbell

Rita Blanche Campbell

Longtime Grosse Pointe Shores resident Rita Blanche Campbell, 88, died Saturday, March 28, 2009.

She was born May 2, 1920, in Detroit, the first child of Charles and Blanche Campbell and grew up during the Roaring '20s on the east side of Detroit. She attended Guyton grade school, St. Ambrose High School and graduated in 1937 from St. Paul's Catholic High School. In 1941, she graduated from Marygrove College with a degree in art.

She had five boys from 1943 to 1951. When her boys were older, Ms. Campbell went back to school earning her state certification in art and elementary education from Wayne State University. She taught art to more than 1,000 students in three St. Clair Shores elementary schools. She took her "push cart art" from classroom to classroom. She then became a sixth grade teacher.

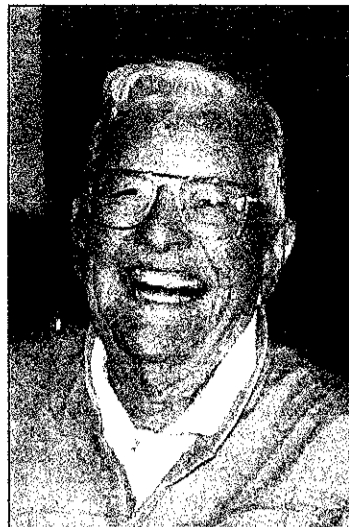
After retiring from teaching, she remained active working 10 to 20 hours per week in her son's business. Up until she was 84, she helped with accounting, computer data entry and balancing the checkbooks. She learned how to use a computer at age 79.

Ms. Campbell's grandchildren meant the world to her. For many years, she would have them over to dinner every Tuesday after their catechism classes. They spent weekends at her home often returning with bags of drawings, paintings and arts and crafts. In the summer, she would take several of her grandchildren at one time to week-long resort retreats. She also painted a portrait of each of her grandchildren.

It seemed to her family that Ms. Campbell, once a professional model, could answer almost any question on any subject: history, philosophy, religion. She enjoyed completing the New York Times crossword puzzles.

An artist and accomplished pianist, Ms. Campbell enjoyed playing classical music as well as livening up a cocktail party with verses of "What Shall We Do With The Drunken Sailor." On Christmas Eve, she would often play Christmas carols for friends and family.

Her family described her as an artist, musician, educator,



George H. Holman



Florence Homan

an elegant woman, and a loving, caring mother and grandmother who will be deeply missed by her family.

She is survived by her sister, Jean (Julius) Ballew; sons, Burke (Carol) Fossee, Brian Fossee and Mark (Sandy) Fossee; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her sons, Bruce Fossee and Kevin Fossee; two grandchildren, Jackie Fossee and Ryan Fossee and her brother, Charles Campbell.

Services have been held. Arrangements were handled by A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Florence Homan

Grosse Pointe Park resident Florence Homan, 96, died peacefully at home Friday, April 3, 2009.

She was born Sept. 15, 1912, in Dayton, Ohio and married Robert Homan in 1939. The couple moved to Middletown, Ohio where they raised their four children. Her husband died in 1966. In 2000, at age 88, Mrs. Homan moved to Grosse Pointe Park to be near her family.

Her family said Mrs. Homan made many new friends and became involved in the community despite being wheelchair bound most of those years.

Last April, she asked her daughters to create a carnival for children in her backyard. This effort raised several hundred dollars for Services for Older Citizens. She befriended student volunteers from SOC who came to read to her. Her house was always filled with visitors.

Mrs. Homan was a gifted soprano who sang with devotion at her parish church in Middletown. She volunteered at her local hospital for many years. She was the president of her local AARP chapter. An early proponent of organic gardening, her family remembers the beauty and abundance of her vegetable garden.

Books and the love of words comforted her through her last days. Her family is grateful for her wholesome influence and will always remember the dress-up parties, cherry pies and Scrabble games.

Mrs. Homan is survived by her children, Kathryn Smith, George (Suzy Reiling) Homan, Marcia (Jim) Bonahoom and Roberta Gardner (Mike Elliston); 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband and one grandchild.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m., Friday, April 17, at the Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe chapel, 468 Cadieux, Grosse Pointe. Friends may gather at 11 a.m. to greet the family.

Memorial donations may be made to Services for Older Citizens, 17150 Waterloo, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230.

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David F. Beaupre

Harper Woods resident David F. Beaupre, 63, died Thursday, April 2, 2009.

He was born Dec. 10, 1945, in Grosse Pointe to Mary and Russell Beaupre and graduated from Austin Catholic Prep High School and the University of Notre Dame.

Mr. Beaupre served in the U.S. Marines as a lance corporal. He was a retired sales executive and owner of Plum Brook Golf Club.

He was an avid golfer and a member of Lost Lake Woods Club. He also was an active participant in the sponsorship program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Mr. Beaupre is survived by his son, Miguel; brother and sister-in-law, Paul F. and Mary Beaupre; brother-in-law Richard Allor and sister-in-law, Colette Beaupre.

He was predeceased by his parents; brother, Russell J. Beaupre Jr. and sister, Barbara A. Allor.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms, with interment at the St. Paul Columbarium.

Memorial donations may be made to Hazelden Foundation, Attention Treasury Services, RWT, P.O. Box 11, Center City, MN 55012-0011.

Anna Kolasa

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Anna Kolasa, nee Furgal, 88, passed away Saturday, April 4, 2009, at her home.

Mrs. Kolasa was born July 24, 1920, in Buffalo, N.Y. Her parents, Stanley and Mary (nee Majewski) Furgal were both Polish immigrants.

She grew up on Detroit's west side and graduated from Chadsey High School. After high school, she worked in the downtown offices of S.S. Kresge. Later she handled bookkeeping for the family real estate business.

For 52 years, Mrs. Kolasa was the dear wife of Zenon John Kolasa, who predeceased her. She was the dear mother of Diane (Michael) Zucker of South Lake Tahoe, Calif., Robert (Eileen) Kolasa of Lake Forest, Ill. and Laura (William) Ridella of Detroit. She was the beloved grandmother of Kelsey, Thomas, Carter, Carolyn, Christina and George.

She also is survived by her sister, Helen (Al) Mlynarczyk; sisters-in-law, Halina (the late Julius) Lewandowski and Laura (the late Mitchell) Malicki and many loving nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her sister, Jean (John) Zrembski and brother, Matty Furgal.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 9, at St. Hyacinth Church, 3151 Farnsworth, Detroit, with entombment at Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Township.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Hyacinth Catholic Church, 3151 Farnsworth, Detroit, MI 48211 or St. Matthew Catholic Church, 6021 Whittier, Detroit, MI 48224.

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Rosemary Czechowicz

Grosse Pointe Park resident Rosemary Czechowicz, 82, passed away peacefully at her home Monday, April 6, 2009, after a courageous 22-year battle with breast cancer. Her family was by her side.

Mrs. Czechowicz was born Sept. 17, 1926, in Detroit to Stella and Kasmir Warakowski and graduated from St. Rose High School.

Her family said Mrs. Czechowicz was a true "people person." There was nothing she loved more than a friendly conversation with family, friends, and brand-new ac-

quaintances.

Mrs. Czechowicz is survived by her daughter, Karen of Grosse Pointe; son Bob; daughter-in-law, Debbie and grandchildren, Evan, Monica and Mitchell of Saline; brother, Joe and six nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Mitchell Czechowicz.

A memorial service celebrating her life will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 17, at St. Ambrose Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park; visitation with the family begins at 10 a.m.

Mrs. Czechowicz volunteered at the St. Aloysius Warming Center. Memorial donations may be made to the center at 1234 Washington, Detroit, MI 48226 or St. Ambrose Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

Gerald G. Ricard

Longtime Grosse Pointe Park resident Gerald G. Ricard, 81, died Friday, March 27, 2009, at Sunrise Senior Living in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Mr. Ricard was born Nov. 30, 1927, in Detroit to Florence and Herman Ricard. He was a longtime area resident and attended local schools including Grosse Pointe High School and St. Ambrose. He was a veteran of the United States Army.

Mr. Ricard attended Michigan State and Wayne State universities and taught in the Grosse Pointe Public School System at Mair Elementary, Brownell Middle School and Kerby Elementary from which he retired.

He was a member of the Windmill Pointe Questers and the first male president of a state chapter. He was also a member of the French-Canadian Heritage Society of Michigan and was the Detroit chapter's first president. He served in this position for more than 10 years.

Mr. Ricard was a collector of a wide variety of things. His family said, "You name it, he had it."

He had a passion for genealogy and was exceptionally knowledgeable. He was generous with his time and expertise to others, whether novices or more experienced.

He was predeceased by his wife, Agnes and brothers, Roland and Donald.

He is survived by nephews, David Ricard, Michael Ricard, Gregory Ricard and James Ricard; an aunt; three cousins and an extended, loving family.

A funeral service was held at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Park.

Memorial donations may be made to The Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliott Street, Detroit, MI 48207.

Robert L. Hozdish

Robert L. Hozdish, 80, of Naples, Fla., formerly of Grosse Pointe passed away Tuesday, March 31, 2009. He had been a resident of Naples for the past seven years, having moved from Grosse Pointe.

He was born Jan. 16, 1929, in Binghamton, Pa. to John and Mary Hozdish and was honorably discharged from the U. S. Army.

A licensed pharmacist, Mr. Hozdish graduated from Wayne State University and was a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association. He had served as president of the Grosse Pointe chapter of Kiwanis and was an avid tennis player at both the Grosse Pointe Men's Tennis Club and Kenningsington Country Club in Naples.

Mr. Hozdish is survived by his loving wife, Eleanor "Ellie"; his sons, Robert L. (Cindy) Hozdish Jr. and Michael E. (Cheryl) Hozdish; stepchildren, Denise (Joel) Drake, Debra (Jim) Berline, and Douglas (Jennifer) Parsons; grandchildren, Garrett, David, Joe, Jeff, and Jason and his brother, Edward (Joan) Hozdish.

He was predeceased by his mother and father.

A memorial Mass was celebrated at St. William Catholic Church in Naples. Inurnment will be private.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 9365 U.S. Highway 19 North, Suite B, Pinellas Park, FL 33782.

Sydney Lee Terry

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Sydney Lee Terry, 88, died Thursday, March 26, 2009, at his winter home in Naples, Fla.

He was born April 5, 1920, in Huntsville, Ala. to Sydney A. and Elizabeth S. Terry. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering from Stanford University in 1941 and in 1943 a Master of Science degree in automotive engineering from the Chrysler Institute.

Mr. Terry worked at Chrysler Corporation for 38 years where he rose to vice president of engineering and later became vice president of public responsibility and consumer affairs.

For several years preceding his retirement in 1980, he served as Chrysler's chief spokesman regarding public regulation of automotive safety and environmental emissions. In this capacity, he testified frequently before various Congressional committees.

From 1981 to 2006, Mr. Terry served as a consultant to business and industry. He held several U.S. patents, including threaded fasteners and an inflatable seat belt. He served on the board of directors of sever-



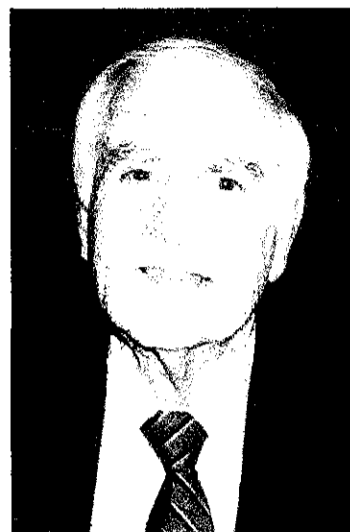
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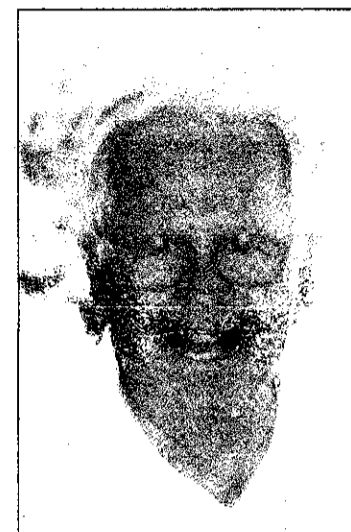
Anna Kolasa



Rosemary Czechowicz



Gerald G. Ricard



Robert L. Hozdish



Sydney Lee Terry

al institutions, including Lawrence Technological University.

He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Delta Tau Delta, the Engineering Society of Detroit, the Society of Automotive Engineers, and the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club. He sang with the St. Paul Men's Choir and the Grunyons.

An avid golfer and tennis player, he was a longtime

member of the Country Club of Detroit.

Mr. Terry is survived by his wife of 62 years, Barbara Reynolds Terry; sons, Christopher L. (Mary) Terry, Mark R. (Kathi) Terry and S. Lee (Kathy) Terry Jr.; daughters, Sheila T. Tomkinson; Kathleen S. Terry and Martha T. (Joe) Dempsey; grandchildren Christopher Terry Jr., Patrick Terry, Sheila Terry, Matthew Terry, Luke Terry,

Peter Terry, J.R. (Jeannie) Tomkinson, Amy (Hayden) Graham, Lindsay (Will) Bloom, Katie Tomkinson, Sydney L. Terry III, Elizabeth Terry and Sarah Anne Terry; and great-grandchildren, Jessica, Georgia, Olivia, Annabelle, Adeline, Noah and Tommy.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Friday, April 24, at St. Paul on the Lake, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Ron Bedway, son of Mary and Tom Bedway of Grosse Pointe Woods, was named to the Dean's List for the 2008 fall semester at Hillsdale College. He is a 2007 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

Air Force Airman 1st Class Rashad D. Boyce has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. He is the son of Georgette Boyce of Detroit and the brother of Rashauna Boyce of Grosse Pointe Woods and a 2008 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School.

Simone Melania LaHood, daughter of Marquita Bedway and Al LaHood of Grosse Pointe, has been named to the Dean's List for the 2008 fall semester at Elon University. She is a 2008 graduate of University Liggett School.

The following students were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2008 semester at Northern Michigan University: **Katharine A. Rygwelski** of Grosse Pointe, **Spencer J. Sheldon** of Grosse Pointe, **Mary E. Klacza** of Grosse Pointe Park and **Meryl K. Masserang** of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Elizabeth Ralstrom graduated from the University of Detroit Mercy Dental School in May 2008. During the graduation ceremony, she was cloaked by her father who is a 1980 graduate of the university. She is in a two-year residency program at The Ohio State University/Metropolitan Children's Hospital to obtain her master's degree specializing in pediatric dentistry.

She is the daughter of Dr. Curt and Fran Ralstrom of

Grosse Pointe Park.

The following students, all graduates of Grosse Pointe North High School, were named to the Albion College Dean's List for the fall 2008 semester: **Christopher Blunden**, son of Paul and Elizabeth Blunden of Grosse Pointe Shores; **Steven Maisel**, son of Gary Maisel of Grosse Pointe Shores and Louise Maisel of Grosse Pointe Park; **Erica Meier**, daughter of Timothy and Amy Meier of Grosse Pointe Woods; **Jayne Mitchell**, daughter of David and Rhonda Mitchell of Grosse Pointe Farms; **Scott Moore**, son of Donald and Sandra Moore of Grosse Pointe; **Nicole Mourelatos**, daughter of Zissimos and Jan Mourelatos of Grosse Pointe Shores; and **Robert Sessions**, son of David and Sara Sessions of Grosse Pointe Woods.

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AUTOS By Jenny King

The 2009 Ford F-150 pickup is best selling truck in U.S. and voted the North American Truck of the Year at the North American International Auto Show.

Ford F-150 top seller for many reasons



Ford's F-150 pickup was the most popular vehicle in the U.S. last year. And the 2009 Ford F-150 pickup was named North American Truck of the Year by journalists at the recent auto show at Cobo Center. There are reasons.

With an extended cab and long pickup bed, the F-150 4X4 XLT is likely much more vehicle than most urbanites need. But given its versatility and multiple amenities, this \$37,900 test F-150 delivered a lot of bang for the buck.

We often hear today about how trucks — more specifically the sport utility vehicles — have adopted car-like qualities in their engineering and in comfort and safety features.

Once a tough, work-only vehicle, the F-150 has become gentrified in many ways and is pleasing to drive. The \$5,500 in options added to the \$31,360 price tag on the F-150 XLT Supercab 4X4 included features such as a power sliding rear window, six-CD AM/FM stereo, satellite radio, premium cloth captain's chairs up front, steering-wheel-mounted controls, a reverse sensing system and rear view camera, and two-tone paint.

A convenience package comprised power adjustable pedals, heated outside mirrors with turn signals lights on them and

a power driver's seat.

The standard XLT Supercab 4X4 already has everything from useful front tow hooks to a locking removable tailgate with lift assist; an outside temperature display with compass, interior power points for laptops, front side seat air bags, four-wheel disc brakes with an anti-lock system, air conditioning and trailer sway control.

What more could you want? Maybe some driving lessons.

This truck is decidedly larger than a bread box and you must plan your side street trips with that in mind. Dealing with oncoming traffic along narrow residential roads with street parking requires thoughtful planning. We found it best to shed any aggressive behavior and invite those headed toward us to proceed. We were happy to wait, figuring that was preferable to losing an outside mirror or two or disfiguring the sides of the handsome F-150.

Parking was a constant challenge. We never attempted to parallel park unless there were at least two spaces end-to-end. The F-150 was well equipped with a backup camera and small, full color image on the rearview mirror, plus those distracting beeps announcing immovable objects to the side or rear or wherever. Still the thought of backing into a single space as traffic whizzed around us was daunting, despite perfect power steering.

Even pull-in or angle parking was a challenge, as the F-150 needed extra room for turning. We often were smack on a parking place line or encroaching on the neighboring spot. Our F-150 time was, fortunately,

without incident: no loss of paint or dignity over several days of city and highway driving. A couple of minor exceptions: clipped curbs in corner turns that were too tight, a few broken twigs on driveway hedges and tire tracks on the squishy March grass here and there.

To get a better sense of the challenges of commandeering a full size pickup, here are some comparative vehicle specifications. The F-150 XLT Supercab Styleside had a wheelbase of 145 inches, was 232 inches in overall length and just under 79 inches wide on the outside.

The new 2010 Taurus sedan will have a 112.9-inch wheelbase, a 202.9-inch overall length and a 76.2-inch width.

The ever-popular Ford Explorer rides on a 113.7-inch wheelbase; it's 193.4 inches long and 73.7 inches wide. Who would have thought this SUV is actually smaller than the new Taurus sedan?

Had we done the math and realized the wheelbase of the F-150 was more than 30 inches longer than that of a Taurus, we would have taken some of those corners a little more carefully. Maybe. And we'd never have expected to make a neat U-turn on Kercheval in front of the Grosse Pointe Central Library without threatening an innocent parking meter before backing up and trying the maneuver again.

A pickup extended cab does provide considerably more interior space than a standard cab, but one wonders about its practicality. The shallow, wide second row of extended cab is



The wide seat in the extended cab of the Ford F-150 provided safe passage for three dozen sandwiches for after-school scholars at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church.

best for packages and children. A forward-facing adult will find little leg room, plenty of hip and shoulder room and lots of head room.

The second seat in the F-150 comes with three safety belts, so it will accept people — but will they accept such cramped quarters? For a while. And it's better than walking home from work. The crew cab with four large doors and additional passenger space makes more sense, at least for people.

Outside mirrors with defroster function, which are included in a convenience package, are necessary to see on cold mornings, as the rear window of the supercab did not have a defogger and is difficult to reach with the scraper.

By the way, one can purchase a brush/scraper with a handle that extends, making it possible to remove frost and snow without running your truck long enough for the defroster to accomplish the task. Save on fuel; help keep the air clean, and get a little exercise.

An extendable brush/scraper made it possible to quickly remove early morning frost, while heated outside mirrors were clear within minutes.



The F-150 is available with standard cab, supercab or crewcab. Engines include a 248 horsepower 4.6-liter V-8; a 292 horsepower V-8 with electronic fuel injection and a 5.4-liter V-8 with 320 horsepower. All are combined with a six-speed automatic transmission.

There are regular and long-bed configurations and choices between rear drive and four-wheel drive. Consumers interested in all the work-related standard features and options will delight in choices and are very likely to find models that fit their carrying needs.

The best we could do was deliver a trayful of sandwiches to after-school scholars in the Tutoring Tree program at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church. No one asked us to help haul a used sofa or a new water heater.

So we made it through an entire week — seven days, a couple of hundred miles — without adding a scratch to this imposing light truck. Or, as far as we know, to any other vehicles or objects out there on or near the road. And the three dozen sandwiches arrived unscathed.

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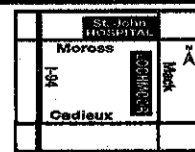
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KidStuf is observing its second successful year at Grace Community Church. It's an high energy way to instruct virute and teach faith.

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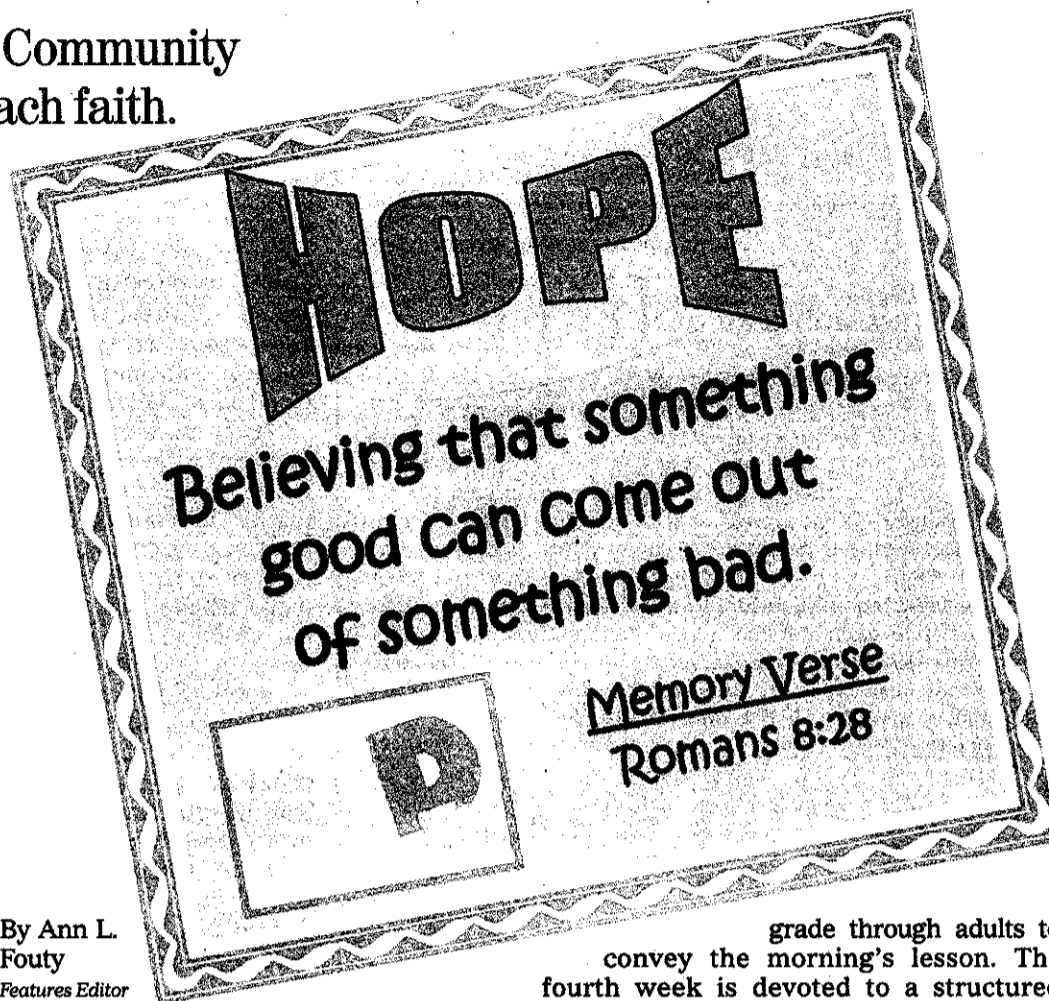


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Students and adults bring the production to a melodic conclusion and get the audience involved.

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

It's a high energy way to learn life lessons and it's more than kids' stuff because its basis is Bible stories.

In its second year, KidStuf at Grace Community Church on Moross in Detroit is a family-oriented, interactive way to communicate Bible stories in a relevant way and impress core values through song, dance, video clips, sketches, sounds and lights.

"This is high energy, high impact," said Grace's children's minister Bill Love. "This is a shared family experience."

Described as a Disney/Nickelodeon style presentation, KidStuf is a creative way to instruct virtue and teach faith, said Shelly Sherako, the program's director.

She produces three shows a month, drawing on the talents of children from fourth

grade through adults to convey the morning's lesson. The fourth week is devoted to a structured Sunday school setting.

"Each week there is a different production story," she said. "It's a creative way to learn."

"There is a community involvement," Love said of KidStuf productions. "This is quality community theater. It's labor intensive. The cool aspect is that it gives a shared experience to the family. The response has been good. There has been a 30 percent growth in church. The love for the program is phenomenal. We have people who come from as far away as Livonia."

Weekly attendance at Grace is between 250 and 300 people, who sit in stadium-style seating to witness what the problem is that week and how the young actors will solve it using the month's virtue.

See KIDSTUF, page 2B



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KIDSTUF: Supporting families

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In January 2007, George Bournias of Biz Team Consulting & Theatricals began the 40-minute production using singers, dancers and actors from the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods, Eastpointe, St. Clair Shores, Harrison Township, Warren and Detroit.

"I got a host and a comic host to open the show," he said.

The topic could be, for example, wisdom, in which the lesson is, "I need to make the wise choice" or hope "believing that something good can come out of something bad."

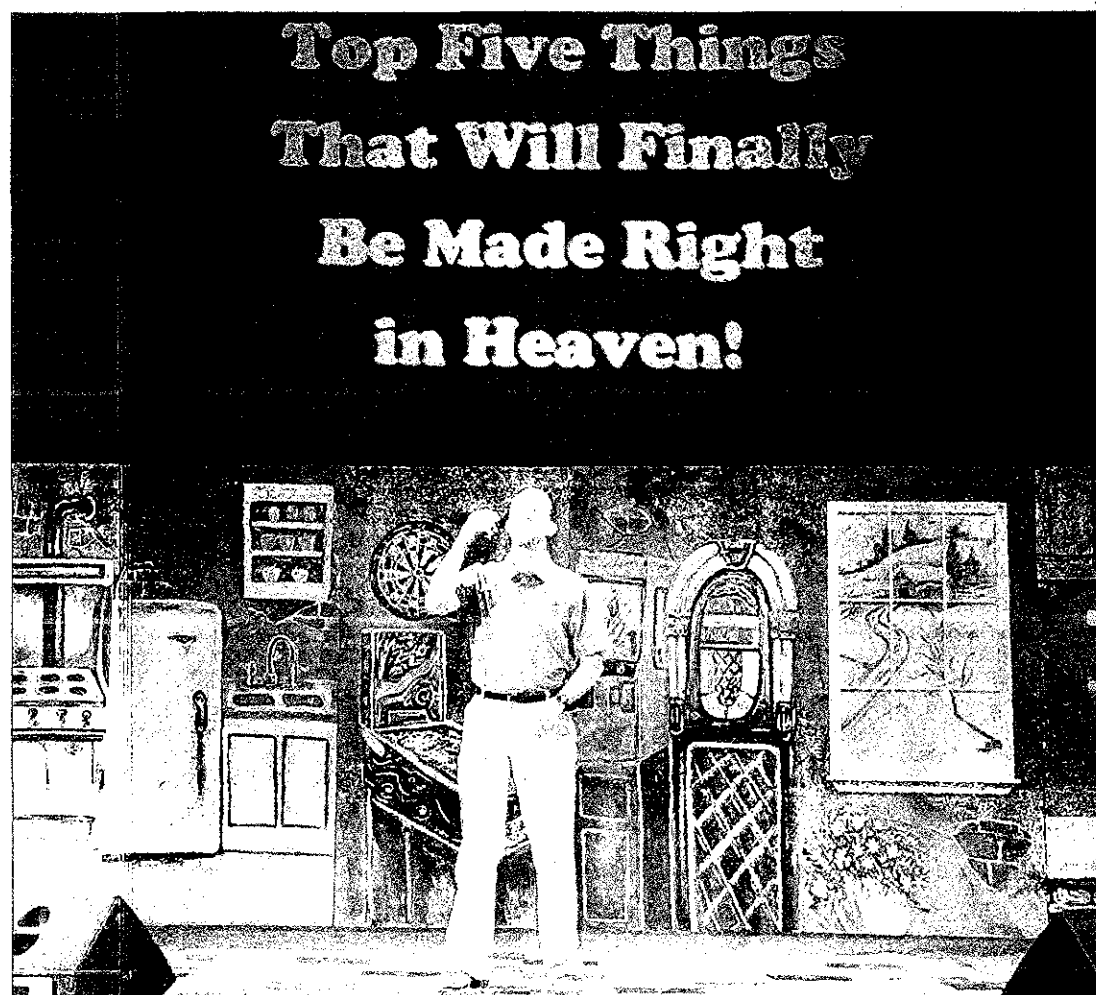
The production begins with host Scott Cooper, a Grosse Pointe Public School System teacher, introducing the memory verse which children have received in the form of a laminated magnet. The front has the virtue and the back the verse.

Sketches follow in which children in a "clubhouse" setting are confronted with a problem. The small group, with the guidance of a grandfather and daughter figures, come to a conclusion, again using the month's virtue. Before the finale, segments with audience participation and a video clip, again reinforcing the month's virtue, are used, Sherako explained. Singing and dancing numbers keep the drama moving at a rapid pace.

The main characters wrap up the production that targets children kindergarten through fifth-grade, but appeals to all ages, she said.

The reason

Both Love and Sherako admit the 27 to 28 productions presented September through May are labor intensive and

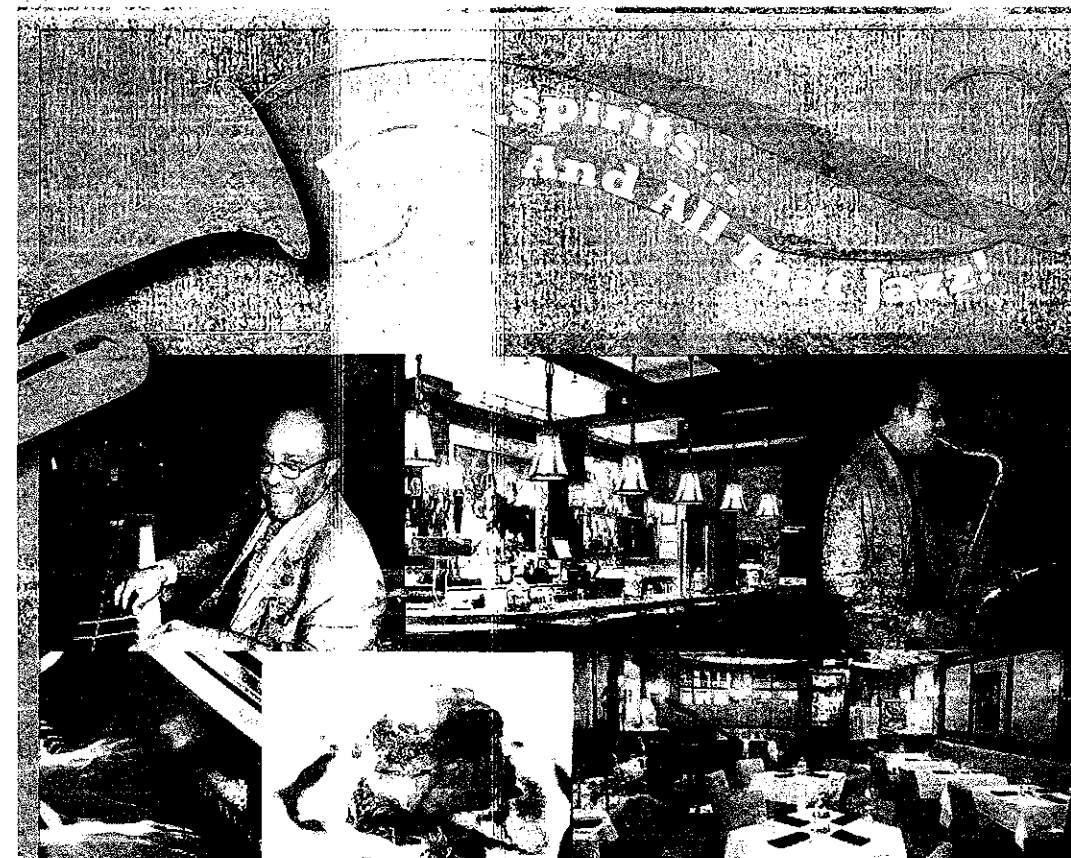


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Scott Cooper plays the comic host of the value-driven message. One virtue is presented each month, September through May.



KidStuf characters talk about a problem which can be resolved by using the virtue stressed that month.



- Upcoming Performances -

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Gearing up for Racing for Kids to the Hill 2009

Economic concerns may have put the brakes on the Detroit Grand Prix this year, but Racing For Kids to the Hill 2009 is moving forward. Plans are under way for the third annual event on Wednesday, Sept. 2.

"This was such a popular event the past two years, we didn't want to disappoint the community," said Tom Buhl, event co-chairman.

"This is also Racing For Kids 20th anniversary, so in spite of difficult financial times, we have a lot to be grateful for and the kids still need our help."

Hill merchants and businesses will again sponsor a day-long celebration to raise funds for Racing For Kids. The Grosse Pointe Farms-based national charity, uses the popularity of motor sports to generate awareness and

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AREA ACTIVITIES

Blood drive

A Red Cross blood drive is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 9, in the conference room at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Walk-ins are welcome.

Pointer Bridge Club

The Pointer Bridge Club meets at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 16, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Alger House, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

To make reservations, or to cancel, call (313) 886-7595 or (313) 881-8655 by Saturday, April 11.

Children's Museum

The Detroit Children's Museum, 6134 Second, features springtime craft activities at noon and 2 p.m. April 13 through 17 with visual artist Halima Cassells.

At 1 and 3 p.m., Mr. Z presents Amazing Stargazing at the planetarium with shows for children 4 years and older, with adult chaperones.

In the IBM Play Town USA Gallery, computer games, a dress-up station, puppets, a stage for impromptu shows, puzzles and toys are available.

The main gallery's exhibit is "The Raggedy Ann Stories," featuring vintage Raggedy Ann memorabilia from the museum's collection, paper dolls and Mickey Mouse and friends marionettes.

For more information, call (313) 873-8100.

Friends of Vision

Friends of Vision, a support group for the visually impaired

World Voice Day

Dr. Adam Rubin, Dr. Cristina Jackson-Menaldi and the Lakeshore Professional Voice Center perform at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16, at St. John Macomb Hospital, 1180 E. 12 Mile, Warren.

After a brief lecture on vocal health, doctors and patients perform a medley of opera, musical theater and rock 'n' roll music.

World Voice Day began 10 years ago in Brazil to raise awareness of laryngeal cancer and has become a global effort to expand vocal health awareness.

Rubin is an otolaryngologist and former professional actor and singer.

For more information, call (586) 573-5000.

Palmer Woods music

Detroit's Palmer Woods Music in Home series features the jazz sounds of the Bill Meyer Group, a quintet, Friday, April 17. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with dinner at the Albert Kahn-designed Detroit Golf Club. A supervised party for teens and children with activities and food is also available.

Tickets may be purchased online at palmerwoods.org or by calling (313) 891-2514.

Chamber music

Grosse Pointe Chamber

Music hosts a concert at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 19 in the Crystal Ballroom of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Violinist Gerda Bielitz and pianist Ellis Rifkin open the recital with Robert Schumann's "Sonata in D Minor, Op. 121." The Pointers Quartet performs the "String Quartet Op. 10, No. 2" by Luigi Boccherini. The Amabile Chamber Ensemble performs the last number "Quintette" by French composer Jean Cras.

Tickets are available at the door.

For more information, call (313) 885-4633.

Jazz trumpeter

Jazz trumpeter Bill Hart talks about his experiences in the Big Band era from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, April 20, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

He performed with the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, the McGuire Sisters and Eddie Fisher.

The event, "Big Band Memories," costs \$21. For more information, call (313) 881-7511 or visit warmemorial.org.

Tax help

Free tax counseling and preparation for taxpayers of middle and low income, with special attention to those 60 years and older, is available from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday, April 9 at Services for Older Citizens, 171500 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe. For an appointment, call (313) 882-9600.

The service is also available from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14 at the Harper Woods Library, 19601



Lions club

The Grosse Pointe Lions Club hosted Robert Boyle, director of development and communications for Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and Mary Beth Kullen, community outreach coordinator of the Detroit organization. They discussed children and adult vision issues.

From left, Lions president Bill Hollister, Kullen and Boyle.

Harper; The St. Clair Shores Library from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, April 13, and from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Wednesday, April 15 at the St. Clair Shores Senior Center, 20000 Stephens. No appointment is necessary at these sites.

Neighborhood Club programs

The following classes and programs are being offered at the Neighborhood Club this month:

◆ Community CPR and AED certification teaches adult, child and infant CPR with and without an automated external defibrillator. American Red Cross Adult, Child and Infant Certification will be awarded. The class is from 6 to 9 p.m. Mondays, April 20 and 27. The fee is \$55.

◆ Youth Gymnastics classes are offered to children between the ages of 3 and 14. Children are placed by ability, not age, with the classes broken down into five groups: Preschool, Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced/Intermediate. Tuesday classes run April 21 — May 26. Thursday classes are from April 23 — May 28. The six-week session is \$99.

◆ Biz Team's Team-Building Games Workshop, an improv class for small businesses and office or department groups,

includes improv games and exercises. Space is limited. The workshop is from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 21. Register by April 18 and the fee is \$14 per person or \$9 per person with a group of 10 or more. After April 18, the cost is \$19 per person and \$13 per person with a group of 10 or more.

◆ Low-impact aerobics classes are from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays April 20 — May 29 in the gym. The class includes stretching for flexibility, floor work to target and tone core and trouble spots, and cardio to strengthen the heart, joints and muscles. A mat and supportive shoes are recommended. The fee is \$79.

Registration for all programs can be done online at neighborhoodclub.org or from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday — Friday at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe. For more information, call (313) 885-4600 or visit the website.

Goodfellows

National Volunteer Week is April 19 — 25 and the Old Newsboys' Goodfellows Fund of Detroit offers several volunteer opportunities throughout the year.

The 95-year-old charity offers the following areas in which to volunteer:

◆ Goodfellows Doll Program — The organization provides 13-inch undressed dolls to volunteers who furnish clothing and accessories. Dolls are distributed in May and dressed dolls are returned in November for packaging. The dolls are given to girls ages 4 through 10 during the holiday season.

◆ Packaging holiday gift boxes — It takes six to eight weeks to put together the Detroit Goodfellows holiday gift packages. Packaging begins Sept. 8 and takes place 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. weekdays at the Detroit Goodfellows warehouse.

◆ Holiday Gift Package Distribution — Each holiday season, the Detroit Goodfellows distribute packages containing warm clothing, toys, books, games and candy to needy children in Detroit, Highland Park, Hamtramck and River Rouge. This year, the Goodfellows will distribute 36,000 packages at eight locations.

These sites are staffed by Detroit police officers who oversee the entire process. Distribution is expected to run Dec. 7 through 19.

For volunteer information, call Sari Klok-Schneider at (586) 775-6139 or e-mail sarigoodfellows@gmail.com.

For information about the organization, visit detroitgoodfellows.org.



PHOTO BY BILL SCOTT

Racing For Kids presents a \$5,000 check to Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, a portion of the proceeds from the Hill Association-sponsored 2008 Racing For Kids to the Hill fundraiser. Pictured are Hill Association members, from left, Ed Russell of Russell Development; Dan LaLonde of LaLonde Jewelers and Gemologists; Julie Corbett of Surtsey Productions Inc.; Denise Allar, COO of Henry Ford Cottage Hospital; Kristen Townsend Buisch of Leonard & Company; Pat Wright, executive director of Racing For Kids; Tom Buhl of UBS; and Mary Wells of Robert Loomis Associates.

RACING: Raising money for children

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funding for children's health care institutions.

As in past years, there will be a free afternoon street fair along Kercheval that includes a sidewalk sale, games, music, refreshments and activities. Exotic "dream" cars and IndyCar show cars are also displayed.

In the evening, there will be a fundraiser, including a reception and luxury auction at the Northern Trust building from 6 to 9 p.m. The gathering features cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.

Tickets for the reception are \$75 and invitations will be mailed in June.

For more information or to receive an invitation, call Racing For Kids at (313) 882-3403.

Racing for Kids 2009

Day: Wednesday
Date: Sept. 2
Time: All day
Place: On the Hill
Cost: Free
What to bring: A camera

Proceeds from the reception and auction will again be distributed to Detroit Medical Center Children's Hospital of Michigan, Henry Ford Cottage Hospital and the Beaumont Grosse Pointe pediatric unit.

The 2008 Racing For Kids to the Hill raised \$25,000 for children's health care institutions in the community. Children's Hospital received \$15,000 for its pediatric cardiology program; Beaumont Grosse Pointe received \$5,000 for the new pediatric unit; and Henry Ford Cottage Hospital was given \$5,000 for a pediatric playroom.



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ASK THE EXPERTS By Mary Ellen Brayton

Centering life around the family



The Family Center asked me to write about being "family centered" or how "Family is the center of our lives."

I thought a lot about the importance of the underlying message. Is my family the center of my life? How do I spend the majority of my time?

Am I really "there" for my children or am I thinking about the office or the next activity? Am I texting or reading e-mails when they ask me a question? Am I rushing through my daily activities but never stopping to enjoy my day?

While studying for my master's degree, I took a class in

family therapy. Virginia Satir, a key figure in the development of family therapy believes a healthy family life involves an open and reciprocal sharing of affection, feelings and love.

One of my favorite quotes from her sums this up: "Feelings of worth can flourish only in an atmosphere where individual differences are appreciated, mistakes are tolerated, communication is open and rules are flexible — the kind of atmosphere that is found in a nurturing family."

What a motto to live by.

If every family did, think what life would be like? But the stress and strain of everyday life sometimes wears us down. We can become short fused, opinionated, inflexible and unforgiving. Our children not only learn from what we say (even though they don't appear to be listening) but more importantly from what

we do. Children make us better people. If we want them to look up to us, we have to act in ways that are worthy of such admiration — not by word, but by action.

If we have to narrow parenting, the single most important lesson a child can learn from their parent is love and love is spelled T-I-M-E. Family needs to become the center of our life — the heart, the hub, the core.

A funny quote I saw somewhere comes to mind: "No man on his deathbed has ever looked up into the eyes of his family and friends and said, 'I wish I spent more time at the office.'"

One of our goals this year should be to consciously spend more time together and treat our family as we would our friends. Schedule some family time once per week. Dinner together, game night and movies are good, but here are some

other ideas:

◆ Create a family cookbook by asking family members their favorite recipes — they can be made into presents, too.

◆ Hold your own American Idol show — use karaoke and kind judging.

◆ Play charades — make up your own topics and divide into teams.

◆ Make dinner together and take turns picking out movies.

◆ Volunteer together as a family — help others and build a sense of pride together.

◆ Make a family banner where everyone expresses themselves and display it.

◆ Start a family newsletter online to keep extended family members up on all your activities. Take turns editing and writing and add some pictures.

◆ Make a date with each child — plan a special breakfast or dinner one-on-one to reconnect. This is great with

older children too.

Ten years ago a friend sent me this poem by Diane Loomans. It's still hanging, tattered and torn, in my kitchen. You've probably seen it but it's worth repeating.

If I had my child to raise all over again,

I'd fingerprint more and point the finger less.

I'd do less correcting and more connecting.

I'd take my eyes off my watch and watch with my eyes.

I would care to know less and know to care more.

I'd take more hikes and fly more kites.

I'd stop playing serious and seriously play.

I'd run through more fields and gaze at more stars.

I'd do more hugging and less tugging.

I would be firm less often and affirm much more.

I'd build self esteem first and the house later.

I'd teach less about the love of power,

And more about the power of love.

Take time to prioritize what's important. Children grow up all too quickly and before too long they are off to college and beginning lives of their own.

Mary Ellen Brayton is the former program director of The Family Center and is now a therapist in private practice working with adults and adolescents. Visit her website at maryellenbrayton.com or e-mail her at mebraytonllpc@comcast.net.

The Family Center, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48226, is a 501 (c) (3) non profit community organization that depends on donations. To volunteer or contribute, call (313) 432-3832.

HEALTH COLUMN By Jeff and Debra Jay

Parent should solve medication problem

Dear Jeff and Debra: I'm 15 years old and writing to you about my mom.

She was in a car accident about three years ago and hurt her neck and takes pills for pain.

She has prescriptions for



Vicodin, Oxycontin, Ambien, Xanax and Wellbutrin. Plus

she drinks wine. She has her medication delivered to the house. She sleeps most of the day. She is never up when my younger sister and I are getting ready for school. We never know what to expect when we come home. Sometimes she's awake, but mostly she isn't. If we wake her up, she goes crazy.

We never bring friends home. It's too embarrassing. Our house is really messy. My sister and I clean some, but there's so much junk everywhere. My mom doesn't get to the grocery store much, so we take money from her purse and buy food. Mom doesn't work, so she never has to leave the house. Money comes from our dad.

Our parents have been divorced for more than a year, and our dad just got married again. He says we can live with him, if we want, but we're afraid our mom might die if we leave her alone.

Sometimes I get up in the middle of the night to see if she's still breathing. It seems to me the doctors are giving her too much medicine, but when I say this to her, she gets mad. She says she doesn't remem-

ber me going to medical school. I don't know what to do, but I know we have to help my mom.

— TWO DAUGHTERS
WORRIED ABOUT MOM

Dear Two Daughters:

Before we say anything about your mom, we want to focus on you and your sister.

It sounds to us your dad is leaving some big decisions up to the two of you; decisions that need to be made by adults. Talk to your father and tell him to take the lead role in solving this two-fold problem. Address the welfare of you and your sister and get your mother appropriate care.

Your father may not think it is his place to get involved in your mom's problems now that he is divorced and remarried. But his responsibility is contingent on the fact his former wife is the mother of his children. It's his responsibility to his daughters to help their mother get well. He may be divorced from her, but you and your sister have been left to care for her. You are both minors. You need the adults in your lives to take charge.

Your mother needs a professional assessment for addiction and for non-narcotic pain management. She will resist, most likely, so your father needs to work with other adult family members and an addiction specialist.

For a referral to a professional who consults with families on intervention and pain management, call Brighton Hospital or Maple Grove.

Opiates, such as Vicodin and Oxycontin, are best used for acute pain, not chronic pain. Our bodies build a tolerance to these medications over time, requiring more and more to get the same effect. The sensation of pain occurs in the brain, not the body. So, if a person is dependent upon opiates, the body sends more frequent and more intense pain signals to the brain.

Even when the injury is healed, the body keeps sending the signals because the opiates block the all-clear signal from the body. Additionally, opiate dependency leads to hypersensitivity to all pain sensation.

Many times, when patients are off the drugs, the body is able to give the all-clear signal

to the brain and the brain ceases sending pain signals. Free of the opiates, the body works as it should.

If her pain persists, your mother can find relief using non-narcotic pain management and, by doing so, regain her life. If your mother is not just dependent, but addicted to opiates — she is not following doctor's orders, is using more of the drugs than prescribed, is seeing multiple doctors to get drugs, is ordering drugs over the Internet, is dishonest about her use, mixes drugs with alcohol when warned against it, steals medications from other people's medicine cabinets — she needs an alcohol and drug treatment center that can also address chronic pain issues.

They will also address her use of Xanax and Ambien, and decide, once she's drug-free, if she needs Wellbutrin.

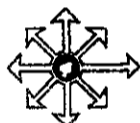
Jeff and Debra Jay of Grosse Pointe are professional interventionists and co-authors of "Love First," and Debra Jay is the author of "No More Letting Go: The Spirituality of Taking Action Against Alcoholism and Drug Addiction." Contact them at (313) 882-6921 or lovefirst.net.

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Love our Earth week at SOC

A special week-long presentation, "Love Our Earth Week" is Monday, April 13 through Friday, April 17 at Services for Older Citizens.

The week begins with the showing of the documentary, "An Inconvenient Truth," by former Vice President Al Gore. This documentary talks about the potential environmental disaster that greenhouse gasses could bring to our plan-

et.

At 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Melissa Sargent of Local Motion, a grassroots, solutions-driven, community-based organization dedicated to better health, offers easy, healthier living tips for reducing exposure to toxins will discuss a variety of topics including which grocery items are best to buy organic, which containers are best for microwaving, how to avoid two harmful (yet common) personal care ingredients and how to kill germs without anti-bacterial soaps.

Lisa Hamby of Eco-Logic/Eco-Living discusses the dangers of using pesticides and the benefits of using organic yard products and planting sustainable and native plants at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 15. Products that can cause disease, aller-



Harry Burkey

gies and impact that immune system will be also be discussed. Hamby will point out what can and cannot be flushed down a toilet.

What really happens to recycled rubbish after it's picked up at the curb is Friday's topic.

Mary Jo Van Natter of Great Lakes Recycling is the fea-

tured speaker at 11:30 a.m. Watch a video about the company's state of the art "Single Stream Recycling Process" and learn what to put in recycling bin.

A question and answer period follows.

Texas Hold 'Em poker

Veteran poker player Harry Burkey of Grosse Pointe Woods teaches basic knowledge and veteran tricks of Texas Hold 'Em poker at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22

He will demonstrate the basics and teach strategy applied to the game.

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Six ways to stretch your dollars

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1. Seek the services of an objective financial planner.

2. Get a second opinion on investments and financial purchases.

3. Contact the local Area Agency on Aging if having trouble paying for food and

gas.

4. Get back to gardening. The economy is generating a resurgence in gardening. The more than 55 crowd traditionally has been among the most avid gardeners. With food costs up as much as 25 percent, gardening provides a 1 to 10 savings ratio.

5. Avoid convenience foods,

which are more expensive. Watch for sales on fresh or canned fruits, vegetables and meats, which are less expensive than convenience foods and healthier.

6. Look for deals on generic medications. Contact your pharmacist about ways to save money on medications.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

St. Albertus

St. Albertus Historical Church, St. Aubin and Canfield, Detroit is open for visitation from 7 to 10 p.m. Thursday, April 9.

Holy Week

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, holds a 7 p.m., Maundy Thursday, April 9, service with communion. The study is "The Last Supper."

On Good Friday, April 10, "The Death of Jesus" is presented at 1 p.m. and a Tenebrae service at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 12, "The Resurrection of Our Lord" will be presented at the 7 a.m. sunrise service, the 9 a.m. contemporary service and the 11 a.m. festival worship. Communion will be served at each service.

For more information, call (313) 884-5040.

Seder

The Grosse Pointe Jewish Council members and guests observe the 21st annual Passover Seder Thursday,

April 9.

For the time and place, call the Jewish Council at (313) 882-6700.

Seder commemorates the freedom of the Jewish people from Egypt more than 3,000 years ago. A service at which the story of Moses and the Exodus is retold reminds all present that religious freedom and freedom from persecution is the right of all people.

Stations of the Cross

St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, hosts the ecumenical Good Friday Stations of the Cross at 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 10.

Stations will be situated on the east side and are the point of departure for devotions and prayers on Christ's passion. A soup lunch will be served to participants upon returning to St. Ambrose.

A freewill offering will be accepted.

Lenten dinner

The ARK at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020

Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park, hosts a Lenten buffet dinner from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, April 10.

For more information, call (313) 822-2814.

Christ the King

Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, services Maundy Thursday, April 9, are at 11:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. with Holy Communion. The Good Friday Passion service, April 10, with Holy Communion is at 11:15 a.m.; Tenebrae is at 7:30 p.m.

The adult choir performs "The Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah" at the 8 and 10:45 a.m. Sunday, April 12, services. Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 8 a.m. service. Breakfast is served from 9 to 10 a.m.

A freewill offering is accepted.

For more information, call (313) 884-5090.

Fish fry

The Men's Club of St. Isaac Jogues, 21100 Madison, St.

Clair Shores, hosts a fish fry from 3 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 10.

Pizza or macaroni and cheese is available for children.

Takeouts are available and a senior discount is offered.

St. Sabbas

The Russian Tea House serves lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 14 at St. Sabbas Orthodox Monastery, 18745 Old Homestead, Harper Woods. The suggested donation is \$20.

The Royal Eagle dining facility offers a full menu of food from around the world from 5 to 10 p.m. Thursdays, April 9 and April 16. All proceeds go toward the completion of the monastery.

For reservations, call (313) 521-1894.

Bible study

Lynne Thomas presents an introductory Bible study of the Book of Acts at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at St. Peter the Apostle Church, 19851 Anita, Harper Woods.

Admission is free. There is a fee for the guide book.

For more information, call (9313) 884-5855.

Point of Relevance

Point of Relevance presents the Fundamental Right of American Parents to Direct the Education and Upbringing of their Children at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The presenter, William Wagner, is the founder of the Salt and Light Global Project. He holds a tenured law school professorship in constitutional law, having previously served as a federal judge.

He has also served as legal counsel in the U.S. senate and senior assistant United States attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice.

The seminar is free and open to the public. No registration is required.

For more information, call Point of Relevance at (313) 670-8405 or write alison@pointofrelevance.com.

Fort Street Choral

Fort Street Choral & Chamber Orchestra performs Handel's "Judas Maccabeus" at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 17, at Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 W. Fort, Detroit.

Tickets are \$18 for general admission.

For more information, call (313) 961-4533 or visit fortstreet.org.

Earth Day

In honor of Earth Day, The Capuchin Soup Kitchen's Earthworks Urban Farm hosts a community potluck from 6 to 8 p.m. April 22, at 1264 Meldrum, Detroit.

The event features a sustainable foods' potluck, a low-carbon cooking demonstration by Chef Buddha of the Capuchin's monastery and owner of Millennium Catering, and a presentation by local urban farmers. Greenhouse tours and a short seed-starting activity are also being offered.

Guests are encouraged to bring an "earth-friendly" dish composed of mostly vegetables, fruits and whole grains to pass.

"Earth Day is an opportunity to remind ourselves of our connection to the earth and to each other," said Patrick Crouch, program manager of Earthworks Urban Farm.

"This connection to the land is what daily nourishes our minds, our bodies and our spirits. It's not just a Franciscan ideal. Our connection to the earth is important on many levels."

The Capuchin Soup Kitchen's Earthworks Urban Farm yields more than 6,000 pounds of produce each season from its three city garden sites and two greenhouses. Representatives educate the community about the sustainable relationships between human beings and the earth.

For more information on the Earth Day event, contact Lisa Richter at (313) 579-2100, ext. 204.

PASTOR'S CORNER By Rev. Gerald A. Spice

A tolerance, understanding plea

The calendar tells us spring has arrived, but the weatherman seems to have another story these days, especially in Michigan.

Each year around the time of the spring equinox, the three religious traditions that trace their beginnings back to Abraham celebrate festivals. Islam marks the birthday of the prophet Muhammad around the end of March. The Jewish tradition observes the great spring festival of Passover and Christians celebrate Holy Week and Easter, marking the death and resurrection of Jesus. (For western Christians, Easter is always the first Sunday, following the first full moon, following the spring equinox.)

No matter what tradition predominates in any community, it is good and wise for all of us to learn about and appreciate religious traditions other than our own.

Growing up in a community that was racially (Caucasian) and religiously (Christian) isolated, it took me a good long time to develop an appreciation of the richness of my own tradition and that of others. It was only in meeting and getting to know people

from other religious traditions that I discovered the need to be clear about my own faith and background.

As I got to know and develop friendships with both Jews and Muslims, I came to realize our common ancestry and the divergent paths our traditions have taken over the centuries. I learned that every religious tradition has chapters it would like to eradicate.

And I learned at those times when each tradition has been at its best and most faithful to its origins, humanity was enriched, peace was advanced and reconciliation accomplished.

Unfortunately, for far too much of history, humanity has not behaved in ways congruent with its religious traditions.

The Crusades, the Holocaust, The Thirty Years War — violence and death in the name of religion bear indelible witness to our failure to live up to the faith each tradition professes.

The world we live in continues to be afflicted by fighting and conflict in the name of God.

The most egregious example is that of Israel and Palestine, but it certainly isn't the only example. Again and

again, attempts are made to silence — or at least to gain the upper hand — those different from us.

Even within our religious families, there is division, if not outright strife. Christians live with the scandal of division into hundreds of denominations and sects.

Judaism is divided into orthodox, conservative, reformed and other groupings. Shias and Sunnis divide Islam. Each group claims the truth. Each group condemns the other as illegitimate.

If we cannot even get along within our own religious families, how do we expect to find any sense of unity and common purpose with those from other religious traditions? Our divisions continue as a scandal.

During these holy days might we not only pray for an end to our divisions, which breed violence and bloodshed, but also actively work to bring about peace, understanding and reconciliation.

We could begin at home, within our own families. We could let go of our anger, stop nursing our grudges and extend the hand of peace. In our schools we could put an end to harmful name calling and stereotyping and celebrate

the diversity and gifts of one another.

In our community, we could listen before we speak, we could stop making assumptions about motives and we could acknowledge differences can enrich the common good.

In our nation and world, we could exhibit a willingness to engage in dialog with enemies, searching for some kind of common ground. It is time for us to give up labeling those with whom we might not agree as "wrong" or "bad."

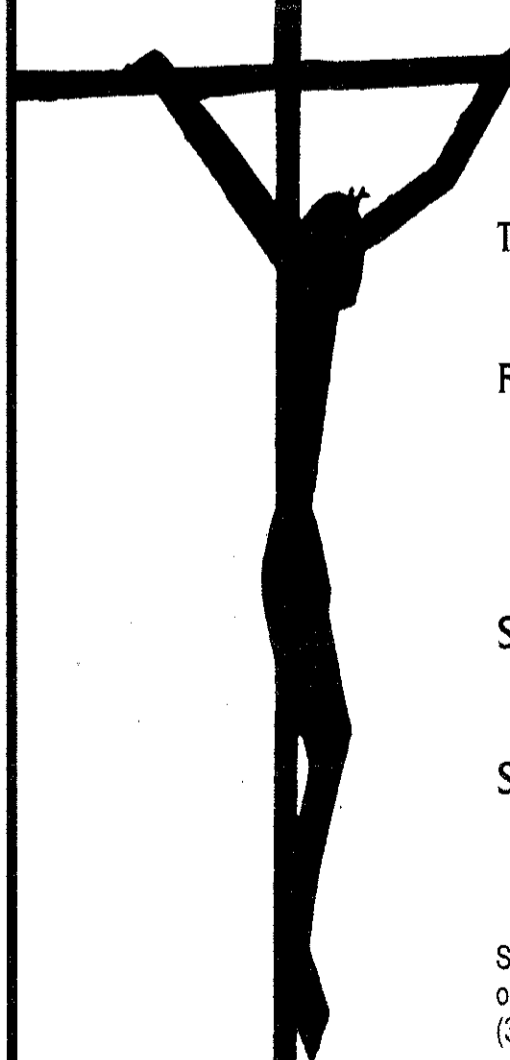
There may be more than one way to fix the auto industry or economy. Let's hear one another out. Let's give our leaders a chance and hold them accountable to their charge to work for the common good.

The truth of God is so much bigger than any one religious tradition. The truth is larger than any one system of government.

Truth is to be found in many places.

Let us listen, let us think carefully, and let us act in ways that build up rather than tear down.

Rev. Spice is the minister at St. James Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.



HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT ST. AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH


Thursday, April 9 — HOLY THURSDAY
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight

Friday, April 10 — GOOD FRIDAY
Stations of the Cross - 12:00 noon
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death - 1:30 p.m.
Ecumenical Way of the Cross in the Streets - 3:30 p.m.
(Starting from the church parking lot at Alter Rd & Hampton)
Lenten Dinners in the ARK - 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 11 — HOLY SATURDAY
Blessing of the Easter Foods - 12:00 noon
THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL MASS - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 12 — EASTER SUNDAY
Mass at 8:30 a.m.
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GOOD FRIDAY, April 10, 2009

11:15 A.M. Passion Service

7:30 P.M. Traditional Tenebrae Service

Holy Communion Celebrated at Both Services

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Good Friday-April 10th

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7:00 p.m. Triduum-Good Friday Liturgy

Easter Eve-April 11th at 8:00 p.m.

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Holy Wednesday, April 8
7:00pm Tenebrae

Maundy Thursday, April 9
7:30pm Holy Eucharist & Homily

Good Friday, April 10
12 Noon - 1:30pm Good Friday Liturgy

7:30pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, Easter Eve, April 11
10:30am Prayer Service

4:00pm Family Easter Eucharist

Easter Egg Hunt Following 4:00pm Service

Easter Sunday, April 12
8:00am Festival Eucharist & Sermon

10:30am Choral Eucharist & Sermon

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Holy Thursday, April 9th

8:00 p.m.: Solemn Mass of the Lord's Last Supper
followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday, April 10th

DOWN TO EARTH By Kathleen Peabody

Luring butterflies into your garden



Little did I know purple cone flowers (*Echinacea purpurea*) are a nectar-producing plant for butterflies. But that is indeed the case.

Who doesn't love seeing a butterfly delicately flutter from one plant to the next? They truly are some of nature's loveliest pollinators.

Hearing Brenda Dziedzic, president of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association, speak about butterflies at a recent Detroit Garden Center lecture, I couldn't help get caught up in her enthusiasm. She shared a wealth of information, but a few things stand out:

1. Host plants are where the butterfly lays her eggs. The entire plant will generally be eaten during the caterpillar stage. Grow parsley (umbelliferae) for the swallowtail family; milkweed (*asclepias* spp.) for monarchs; and willows (*salix* spp.) for mourning cloak, viceroy and red-spotted purple.

2. Butterflies feed on nectar-producing plants after emerging from the pupal case. High-energy sources include rudbeckia hirta, liatris spp., budleia davidii, echinacea spp., coreopsis spp., and monarda fistulosa.

3. One percent or less eggs live, as most are eaten by predators such as ants, spiders and birds.

In planning a butterfly garden, take a walk through your neighborhood. With a butterfly guide, distinguish what type of butterfly you see and note the plants on which they land. Expand your walk to a park, uncut wet or dry meadows, forest edges, roadsides and weedy areas. More butterflies will flock to uncut and chemical-free sites.

Choose a sunny and wind-free site for your butterfly garden. They prefer warm areas and will conserve energy if not



The milkweed bloom, above, acts as the host for the female monarch butterfly to lay her eggs. At right, provide warm places for butterflies to soak up the sun.

What's going on?

◆ Spring Day Gardening Workshop, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 18 at the Henry Ford Estate-Fair Lane Gardens in Dearborn. Hear speakers and gather garden information. The \$35 fee includes lunch. Register online at gawc.org/prog_springday_2009.pdf

◆ Grounds Exploration at Ford House, 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 21. See the landscape filled with wildflowers and budding trees during a guided tour of the grounds. The cost is \$12. Make reservations by calling (313) 884-5977.

◆ Birdwalk, 7:30 to 10 a.m. Saturday, April 25. Join Rosann Kovalcik for guided exploration of the grounds. Reservations are recommended; call (313) 884-5977.

uHealthy Earth, Healthy Living, LocalMotion's 3rd Annual Earth Day Fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 25, Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center. Local businesses and groups showcase healthy and environmentally-responsible living through demonstrations, talks, organic foods and gardening techniques. Call (313) 881-2263 for more information.

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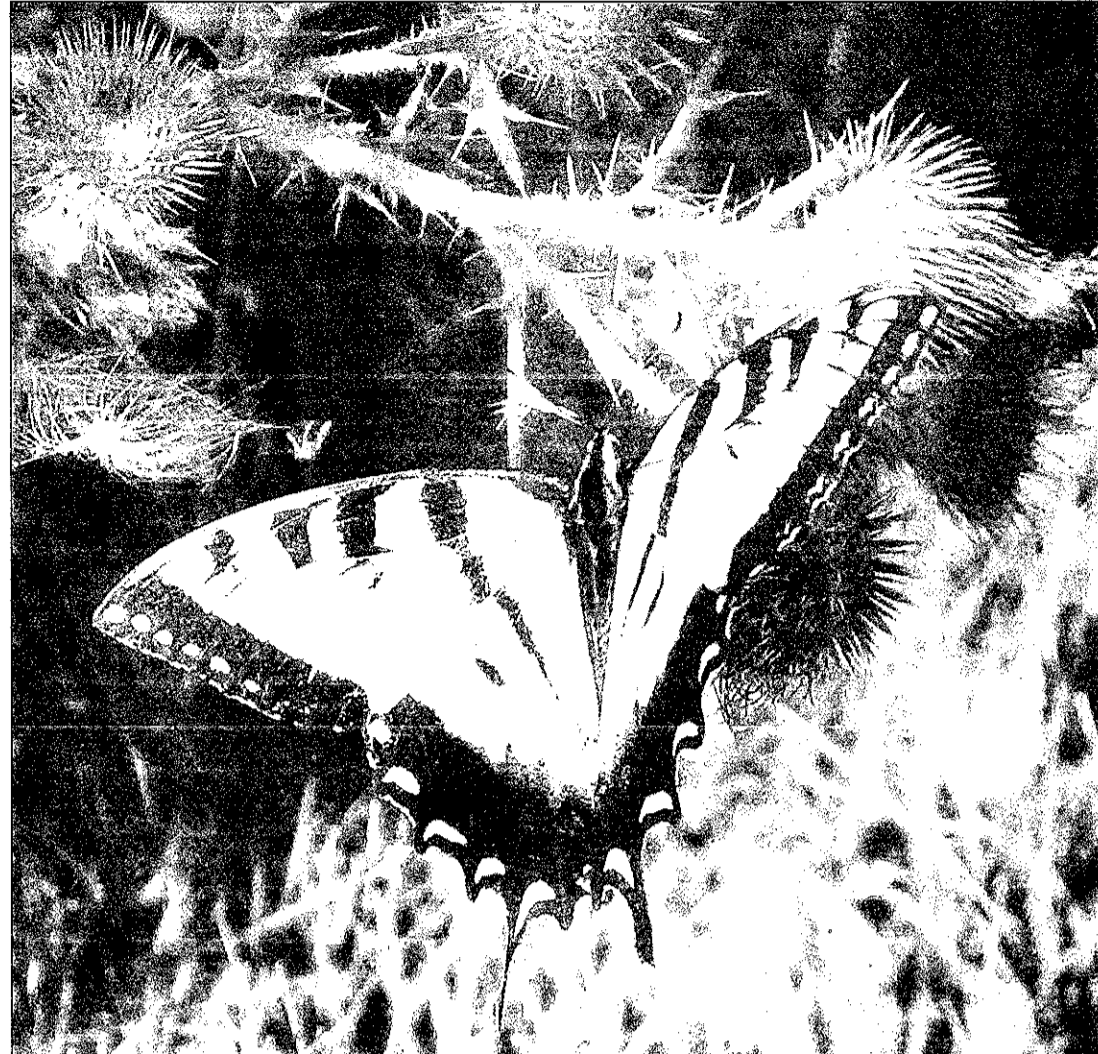
Select plants providing high-energy sources. These plants will most likely be native species, as hybrids do not lure them, nor provide enough nectar. Consider flowers with large, flat petals to give them a place to rest.

Keep your garden blooming from spring to fall to allow for butterfly life cycles. Use annuals for quick fill-ins and perennials for yearly growth.

If just getting started this year, choose plants instead of seeds for perennials, as seeds will not often flower the first year.

A few tips for a successful butterfly garden include:

- ◆ Place stones in sunny areas to provide a place to bask.
- ◆ Plant dense groupings of a single nectar-producing flowers to attract butterflies more



easily.

◆ Do not use pesticides or insecticides.

◆ Colorful plants with a heavy fragrance work best. Include red, orange and bright pink.

◆ Native plants provide more nectar.

◆ Deadhead flowers to encourage longer blooming periods.

◆ Provide a water source, such as a birdbath, and change water frequently.

Here are some hints to conserve butterflies once they find their way to your garden:

◆ Reduce or eliminate pesticide use in your yard.

◆ Grow plants native to the area.

◆ Encourage the local government to preserve butterfly habitats, such as fields and grassy meadows.

◆ Work with developers and Realtors to protect existing and

create new butterfly areas.

◆ Do not participate in butterfly harvesting. Capture these creatures on film only.

◆ Volunteer to teach about butterfly gardening.

◆ Suggest a butterfly garden to friends.

Consider planting something new to attract butterflies to your garden this year. And, as

Dziedzic, said, "If each person plants one native plant, they will still be there when we're gone," and draw the butterflies as well!

Kathleen Peabody is an advanced master gardener who lives (and gardens) in Grosse Pointe Woods. Reach her online at kmaslankapeabody@sbcglobal.net

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car. Through photographs, the book, penned by White, Lt. Donna Jarvis, Lt. Charles Wilson and Officer Michael Woody, highlights the Detroit Police Department's rich history and its revolutionary advancements in law enforcement.

The authors viewed hundreds of photographs from a variety of sources including the department's museum and archives, the Detroit Free Press, Detroit Public Library, Wayne State University and current and retired department members. The project was sponsored by the Detroit Police Foundation, a nonprofit organi-

zation. The event is free for Detroit Historical Society members and \$10 for the public.

To register or for more information, call (313) 833-1801 or visit detroithistorical.org. The museum, located at 5401 Woodward, Detroit, is open

from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Adult admission is \$6. Seniors (60-plus), college students with valid college ID and youth ages 5-18 pay \$4.

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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Sophisticated pot pie



This Sunday is Easter. Time for another feast. If you're serving up ham I've got a terrific recipe for the leftovers, ham, leek and potato pie. Kind of like a pot pie yet more sophisticated in both flavor and presentation. You may in fact want to prepare this yummy pie for your Easter celebration. It's that good.

Ham, Leek & Potato Pie

2 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon butter
2 cups sliced leeks (about 2 leeks, white and light green parts)
1 large onion, diced (about 2 cups)
2 bay leaves, plus extra for garnish
1 large potato, peeled and cut into small cubes (about 1 lb.)
2 tablespoons flour
1 cup chicken broth
1/2 cup creme fraiche (or sour cream)
2 rounded teaspoons whole grain mustard
2 cups shredded or diced cooked ham
1/2 cup fresh chopped parsley
salt and pepper to taste
1 frozen puff pastry sheet, thawed
1 egg, beaten

Heat the olive oil with the butter in a large no-stick skillet over medium heat. Add the leeks, onions and bay leaves and saute for about 5 minutes.



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This recipe is perfect for leftover ham.

Add the potatoes, cover the skillet and cook for another 10 to 15 minutes, until the vegetables become soft, stirring occasionally. (Make sure the skillet isn't too hot.) Carefully remove and discard the bay leaves. Stir the flour into the mixture and raise the heat slightly. Add the chicken broth and continue to cook for a few minutes, until the mixture just begins to thicken.

Remove the skillet from the heat and stir in the creme fraiche, mustard, ham and parsley. Taste and season with salt and pepper. Transfer the mixture to a greased large, deep pie dish. Set aside to cool.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Roll out the thawed sheet of puff pastry on a clean, dry surface. You may need a little flour for rolling. Cut out a round that will fit over the pie dish with about an inch of overhang. Use your hands to fit the dough tightly around the edge of the pie dish.

Use a sharp knife to make slits in the dough to allow the steam to escape during cooking.

Press a few bay leaves into

the dough for decoration.

Brush the beaten egg over the top of the pastry.

Bake at 350 for 50 minutes to an hour, until the puff pastry rises a bit and becomes a deep golden brown. (Actual cooking time will depend on your oven.) Cut into wedges and serve hot.

Make the ham, leek and potato pie a day ahead if you wish. Prepare the pie up to the baking point. Cover tightly with plastic wrap and store in the refrigerator. Make sure to remove the pie from the refrigerator one hour before baking. Follow the baking instructions.

Reheat an already baked pie at 300 degrees for about 40 minutes, covered with foil. (Remove from refrigerator one hour before reheating.)

Cooking with bay leaves lends a rich flavor to this creamy pie.

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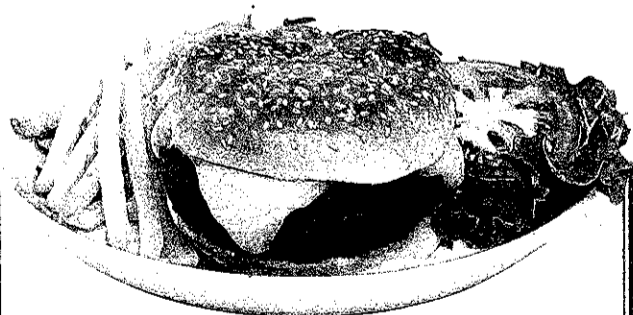
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GIRLS AND BOYS LACROSSE

North laxers display offensive firepower

Balanced scoring leads ladies by ULS

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's high octane offense was too much for a young University Liggett School girls' lacrosse team to handle.

The city rivals met last week at North and the result was a double-digit Norsemen victory, 15-3.

"ULS is a young team and it was its first game of the year, while this was our fourth, which gave us an advantage," North head coach Bill Seaman said. "We were pretty balanced scoring, sharing the duties among most of our players."

Eight different players scored for the Norsemen, led by seniors Adriana Badalamenti, Alexa Lucchese and Alexa Quinlan. Other scorers were juniors Hannah Everett, Molly Youngblood and Meghan Williams, and sophomores Mackenzie Seaman and Jen Czerniawski.

Senior Rachel Hartigan had two assists and sophomore Katie Case made several saves in net.

For the Knights, junior Liz Smith had two goals and ju-



Grosse Pointe North senior Alexa Quinlan, left, is defended by University Liggett School junior Morgan Ellis during the first half of the Norsemen's win over the Knights.

nior Morgan Ellis had one in her lacrosse debut.

"We don't have a senior on the team, so it will take our girls some time to get acclimated to playing with the newcomers to the squad," ULS head coach Tamara Fobare said.

The Norsemen also played

Lake Orion earlier last week, winning 14-3 as Quinlan tallied seven goals.

"That might be a record for most goals scored in a game for us," Seaman said. "She was really on her game."

Badalamenti and Seaman each had two goals, while Williams, Czerniawski and

Lucchese had a goal apiece for the Norsemen, which improved to 4-0 overall.

"The wins are great, but we face (Bloomfield Hills) Cranbrook Kingswood coming up, which is a big game for us," Seaman said. "It will show us what kind of team we have."

Norsemen run past Blue Devils

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The tight, hard-hitting boys lacrosse rivalry between Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South took a backseat last week.

It turned into a track meet featuring Grosse Pointe North's potent offense against a young and inexperienced Grosse Pointe South trying to find an identity.

The result, Grosse Pointe North 15, Grosse Pointe South 1.

"I'm thrilled with the big win over a rival, but we understand South is very young and we're a veteran team," North head coach Dan Preston said. "Don (Wolford) will have his team back in the hunt."

The host Norsemen led 3-0 until late in the first quarter when, ironically, the offense put the pedal to the metal the same time the rain started to come down.

In a matter of 90 seconds, the Norsemen scored three goals to build a 6-0 lead. They would add seven more goals in the second period to take a comfortable 13-1 halftime advan-

tage. The entire second half was played with a running clock.

In the first-half blitz, senior attackman Ian LaValley had six goals, while senior attackman James Tocco added three.

Senior middle Brandon Davenport added two goals, followed by senior attackman Joe Youngblood and junior middle Jeff Graves with a tally apiece.

"We didn't do much right tonight and it seemed as if we were on defense the entire game because North did a great job with ball possession," South head coach Don Wolford said. "We're young and inexperienced. It was definitely North's night and we didn't play a very good game."

Wolford gave his players a constructive halftime speech that turned the second half into a more competitive contest, which was typical of a North/South game.

Neither team scored in the third quarter and Davenport and LaValley scored in the fourth period to round out the scoring.

The Blue Devils' goal was scored by junior attackman Peter Nelson at the 10:01 mark of the second quarter.

North improved to 3-0 overall, while South improved to 3-3 after beating L'Anse Creuse 13-2 and Warren-Sterling United 6-5.

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Boys baseball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils off and running with wins

By John McTaggart
Special Writer

"Tradition Never Graduates."

It's a motto painted beneath the scoreboard in leftfield, printed on T-shirts, and, more importantly, engrained in the minds of everyone involved with the baseball program at Grosse Pointe South.

"There is no rebuilding

here," head coach Dan Griesbaum said. "That is something we just don't do."

So, despite the fact that South lost 16 seniors from last season's squad; despite the fact that this year's club is green and inexperienced at the varsity level — the bar is high and expectations are lofty.

"We're going to get there," the longtime skipper said. "It

just might take us a little longer. We will get there, though."

The climb to the top begins for the Blue Devils in early spring, during practices and scrimmages and early-season tournaments and exhibitions, such as the one April 4 at home against Detroit Western and East Detroit among others.

South thumped Western and the Shamrocks, scoring a combined 29 runs in the two contests, but, more importantly than that, it gives Griesbaum and his staff a chance to look at his young team in game situations.

"What we're trying to do is find out some things about the team," Griesbaum explained. "We're trying to find out just who fits where. We told the guys 'You're auditioning,' and that's really how we see it. It's really not about the score at this point."

In a way, it's South baseball's version of spring training. The coach knows he has a solid group of ballplayers. The question is where they need to be to make the squad as good as possible.

Players such as Pat Kennedy and Bobby Peltz have been very good early on, while sophomore Cooper Hartman has also impressed thus far, both behind the plate and on the mound.

"We expect certain players to perform to certain standards," Griesbaum admitted. "We knew Cooper was a good catcher, but, he's been better



PHOTOS BY DANA KAISER

Senior Kelly O'Donnell-Daudlin lines a double in South's game against St. Clair Shores Lake Shore.

as a pitcher than I think we knew. That's a good thing, though."

Solid pitching is something crucial to South's success this season, given the fact that they lost 23 of their 28 wins on the hill to graduation. Peltz (3 wins in 2008) is the only player back with any significant pitching success at the varsity level.

"We're looking for guys to throw strikes in this first group of games," Griesbaum said. "We know that defense and pitching are really what wins games. We believe we're going

to be a better hitting team than we were last season, but we need to be a good defensive team and a good pitching team as well."

A repeat of their success on the mound in 2008 will be a tall order. South was stellar on the bump last season, posting a team ERA less than 2.00. This pitching prowess keyed many of the team's 28 victories, since the team only hit .270.

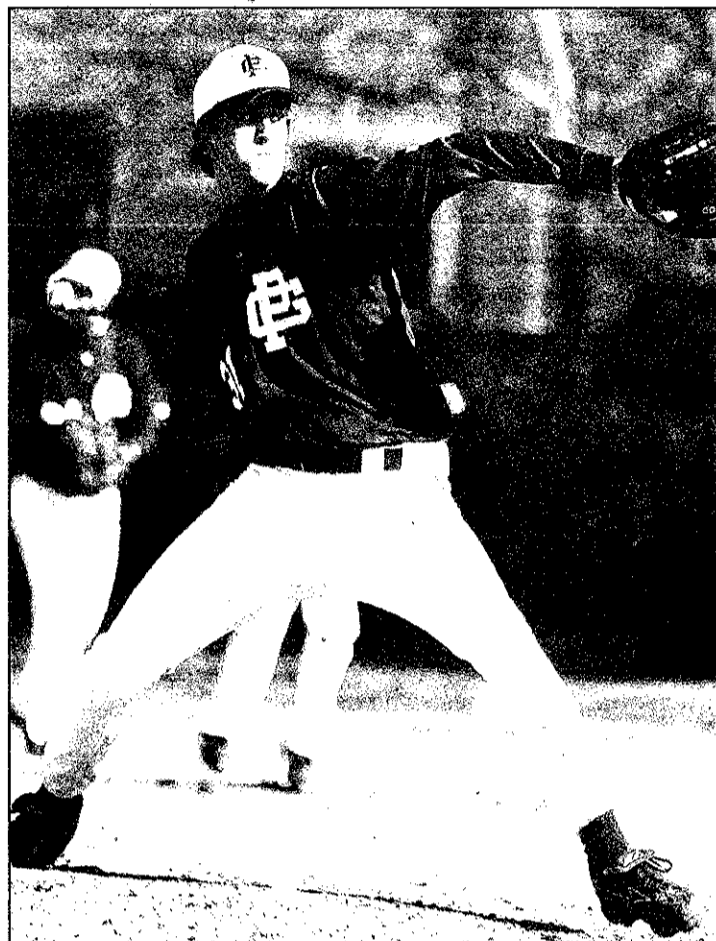
Along with hitting, pitching and defense, however, South is also searching for leadership amongst the six seniors on the

club, which should be provided by returning starter, senior John Hackett.

In the other game of the quad tournament, the Blue Devils beat St. Clair Shores Lake Shore 9-6, improving to 3-0 on the young season.

"We're looking forward to the season," Griesbaum said. "We've got until April 22, when the league opens up against North, to get things in place and we're going to do that."

Remember, there is no rebuilding at South... and this year is no exception.



Senior Matt Reck launches a pitch in one of South's tournament games last weekend.

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights solid in opening wins

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

In less than ideal conditions, the University Liggett School boys baseball team opened its 2009 season last weekend, sweeping a doubleheader from Plymouth Christian.

"It was cold and windy, but at least we were able to get the games in," head coach Dan Cimini said. "We were a little flat to begin with, but the guys were able to shake it off and get two wins."

The host Knights won the opener 8-1 as senior Tommy Graves threw a complete-game two hitter, striking out eight.

In the second game, a 6-2 win, senior Jeremiah Manning pitched all seven innings, striking out seven. He gave up four hits and walked five, but was able to get key outs when he needed them.

It was Manning's first pitching performance in more than a year.

"It was nice to see Jeremiah on the mound," Cimini said. "He tired out a bit, but he pitched well enough to win."

He was also one of the offensive stars of the DH, going 6-for-7 with two walks. His first at-bat of the season was a lead-off homer.

Sophomore Dominic Jamett had two singles and a double and drove in three runs, while junior Joey Shannon had an

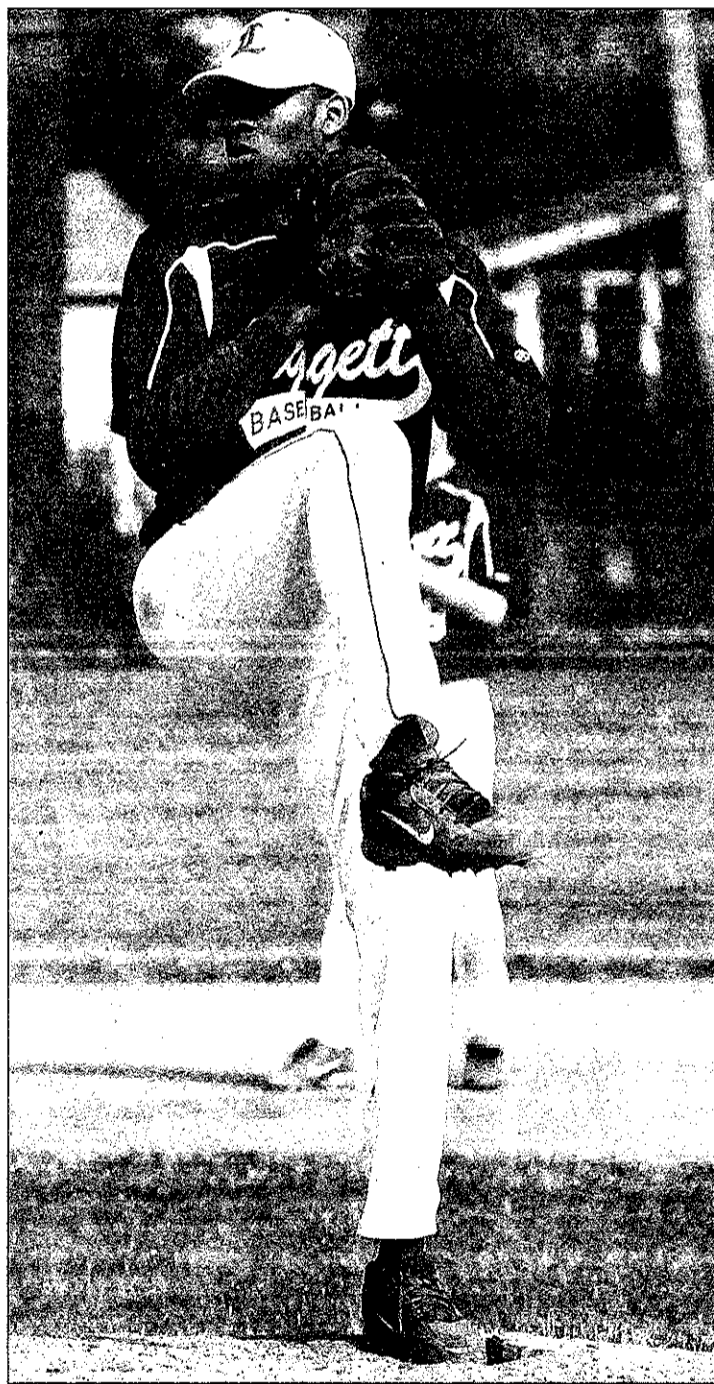


Joe Simon's infield defense was solid in the Knights' doubleheader sweep of a senior-oriented Plymouth Christian squad.

identical performance, collecting two singles, a double and three RBIs.

Graves helped himself by collecting three this and two RBIs and senior Andrew Malaski had two hits and two RBIs in the twinbill.

Cimini's squad is 2-0 overall.



PHOTOS BY RENATO JAMETT

Senior Jeremiah Manning toes the rubber for the first time in more than a year in the second game of a doubleheader against Plymouth Christian.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Pitching key to victories

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Senior Josh Cok and the rest of the Grosse Pointe North pitching staff dominated St. Clair Shores Lakeview during last weekend's season-opening doubleheader.

Cok pitched two innings, striking out five without allowing a hit, and senior Kevin Remus pitched the final inning, striking out one and not allowing a hit, to lead the host Norsemen past the Huskies 18-0 in the opener.

Senior Brett Reardon was 2-for-2 with three runs scored, two RBIs and a stolen base to lead a multitude of leading hitters.

Other offensive standouts were senior John Michael Guest, who was 2-for-3 with an RBI; sophomore Paul Kappaz, who was 2-for-2 with three runs scored and three RBIs; junior Marc Palazzolo, who was 2-for-2 with three RBIs and two runs scored; senior Kyle Cordova, who was 2-for-3 with three RBIs, including a two-run homer; and junior Teddie Williams, who was 2-for-3 with a three-run home run.

In the second game, the Norsemen built a 4-0 lead and hung on to win 4-3 as junior Josh Richardson pitched the first three innings, striking out five and yielding one hit.

Sophomore Nate Maiuri tossed two innings and junior Michael Tolliver also pitched against the Huskies.

"Our pitching was solid and the offense put some runs on the board," head coach Frank Sumner said. "We built the 4-0 lead in game two, but let Lakeview get too close in the final couple of innings."

The first run came in the bottom of the first inning, compliments of senior Aaron Cisco, who was hit by a pitch, stole second and scored on Williams' single.

In the second, junior Mitchell Capp singled, stole second and scored on Maiuri's single. He later scored on a Reardon RBI double to make it a 3-0 game.

The home team added its final run in the fourth inning. Capp walked and advanced on junior Brandon D'Agnes's single. Palazzolo's run-scoring hit brought home Capp.

North is 2-0 overall and will host Birmingham Brother Rice for a doubleheader starting at 11 a.m. Monday, April 13.

The Norsemen also host Detroit Renaissance and Birmingham Detroit Country Day Tuesday, April 14, and Wednesday, April 15, respectively. Game time for the Renaissance doubleheader is 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. for the Country Day contest.

Co-ed sailing

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils sail to 13th

The Grosse Pointe South co-ed sailing team opened its season with two tough races in Chicago Saturday, March 31, and Sunday, April 1.

"The first day was windy, overcast and very shifty and puffy in the harbor at Belmont Station," Lie said. "Both A and B Division did all right in the

challenging conditions."

The Blue Devils finished 13th out of 18 competitors in the opening day as the A Division sailors were Brooke Lyon, Sarah Schulte and Andrew Malley. The B Division participants were Alex Hume, Christian Guin-Davis and Madison Eger.

"Brian (Ginnebaugh, Lie's assistant coach) and I were happy with the results and sailors' efforts," Lie said.

The second day of sailing was even more challenging as Mother Nature threw more wind and snow into the mix.

The Blue Devils' results were the same, 13th out of 18.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SERGEI LIE

Grosse Pointe South sailors, Brooke Lyon, left, and Andrew Mailey endured cold weather during a recent race.

Girls soccer

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

North nets wins

Grosse Pointe North's girls' soccer team opened its season last week with shutout wins over Fraser and Warren Cousino.

The Norsemen won 2-0 at Fraser as junior Alyssa Bruno and freshman Nadia McKee scored goals. Junior Nikki Capizzo had an assist on McKee's tally scored early in the second half.

Bruno's score came midway through the opening half and senior goalkeeper Holly Spencer had the shutout.

Two days later, the host Norsemen had little trouble disposing of the Patriots as junior Sami Filippelli and senior Olivia Stander had two goals apiece.

Capizzo and McKee also scored, while Spencer stopped 13 shots to record her second straight shutout, led by senior tri-captain Bridgette Haas.

"Our midfield controlled the field, as our offense responded to their solid play by dominating nearly the entire game," head coach Jen Nadeau said.

Filippelli had three assists and Stander added one for North, which is 2-0 overall.

— Bob St. John



Senior Sarah Kinnear dribbles the ball into the offensive zone during North's game with Warren Cousino.

PHOTO BY WILL HARRAH

Girls tennis

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's girls' tennis team opened its season last week with a 6-2 win over Flint Powers.

The win tasted a little sweeter for the Knights who played without three starters. They decided to play other varsity sports this spring.

"This was a very nice win for us since we had some girls step up from the junior varsity to fill our starting spots," head coach Cathy Hackenberger said. "The girls were inspired and they played very well."

The win was capped by the No. 1 doubles team of junior Sophie Mair and sophomore Medea Shanidze, who took three hours to win their match, 4-6, 7-6, 7-6.

In the third set, they built a 5-2 lead, but watched Flint Powers win the next four games and had the serve, up 6-5.

However, Mair and Shanidze regained their focus, breaking serve to send the match to a second straight tiebreaker,

which they won.

Juniors Sarah Pollick and Jasmine Policherla won 7-5, 6-1 at No. 2 doubles. The No. 3 doubles tandem of freshmen Emily Broder and Madeline Mair won 6-0, 6-0.

The Knights' No. 4 doubles team of sophomore Carolyn Charbonier and freshman Mary Nehra lost a tough three-set match, 3-6, 6-1, 4-6.

It was their first match as a doubles team, as their initial practice as a team was the day before.

"I would say Carolyn and Mary did a pretty nice job considering it was only their second day playing as a doubles team," Hackenberger said.

The host Knights won three of the four singles matches, led by No. 1 singles player, senior Catherine Vatsis, who won 6-2, 6-3.

Seniors Claire Peracchio and Kate Shannon also won in straight sets at Nos. 2 and 3 singles, winning by identical 6-2, 6-1 scores.

Freshman Zoe Hu lost 2-6, 3-6 at No. 4 singles for the Knights, which is 1-0 overall.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Ladies beat PHN

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls tennis team won its division opener last week, beating Port Huron Northern 8-0.

Head coach Mark Sobieralski watched his Blue Devils overpower the Huskies in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division opener for both schools.

"We had some very nice performances, especially from the new girls on the team," Sobieralski said. "We moved people around with all of the changes we had this season, but I like this group of girls a lot. They're very coachable and they're fast learners."

"We're looking forward to the season."

Last weekend, the Blue Devils won 2-of-3 matches in a quad match they hosted, los-

ing 5-4 to Northville and beating Farmington Hills Mercy 8-1 and Ann Arbor Huron 8-1.

They played without starter Julie Wittwer at No. 2 singles. Freshman Claire Brennan was moved up from the junior varsity to compete in her place.

"Claire held her own and played very well in Julie's absence," Sobieralski said.

Leading the team is senior Sarah VanWallegghem at No. 1 singles. She won her flight and is 4-0 on the season.

Wittwer is at No. 2 singles, but has not played a match. She is nursing an injured foot, but should be ready to play after spring break.

Freshman Emma Hyde is at No. 3 singles and is 3-1 on the season, while junior Emily Lynch won her No. 4 singles

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GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Add 2 more ties to record

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The stretch of ties continued for Grosse Pointe South's girls' soccer team.

Last week, the Blue Devils tied St. Clair Shores Lakeview 1-1 and Utica 0-0 after losing 3-0 to Rochester Hills Stoney Creek.

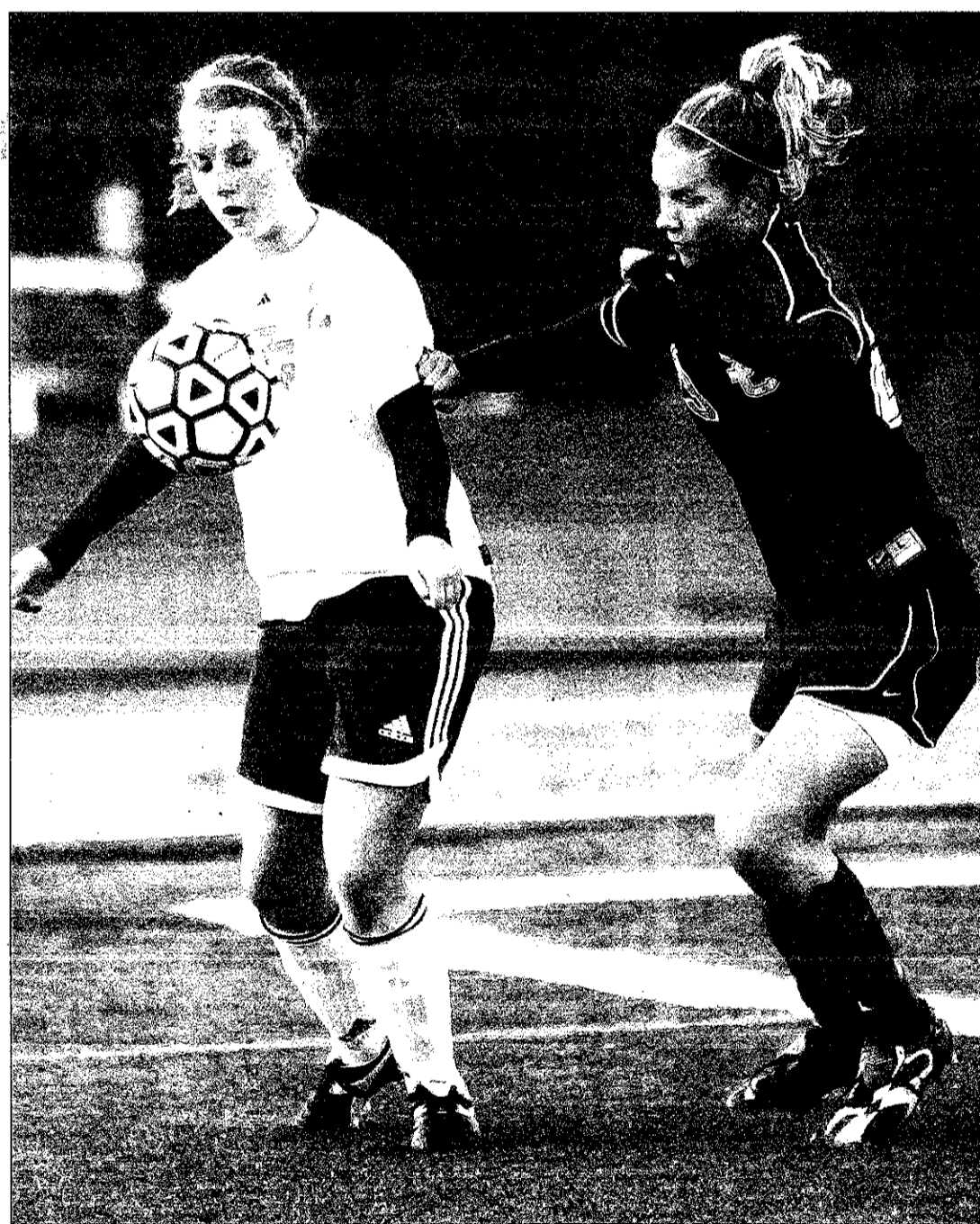
"We're playing pretty well, but just not getting the scoring I thought we would," head coach Gene Harkins said. "We have a couple of injuries, but that shouldn't hinder us from scoring."

The host Blue Devils posted 10 shots on net against Stoney Creek, including some from close range, but none found the back of the net. They also had five corner kicks.

The lack of scoring continued, even though the girls are getting shots on net.

Goalkeeper Lauren Jacobs has played well, helping the Blue Devils earn five points in the six games in which they are 0-1-5.

South is 1-2 overall.



Junior Katherine Bowman, No. 2, tries to gather control of the ball during the Blue Devils' home game against Rochester Hills Stoney Creek.

PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

Boys lacrosse

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

Knights get season-opening split

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

John Bartoy made his University Liggett School head coaching debut last week, leading his boys lacrosse team to a 7-3 loss to Rochester Adams.

"It was a learning experience for our young guys," Bartoy said. "We held a big Class A school to seven goals."

"Once the guys got used to playing with their new team-

mates, we played pretty well."

Juniors Dan Zukas and Mac Decker, as well as freshman Dave Gushee, scored the Knights' goals.

Junior Rory Deane made 19 saves to help keep the Knights in the game.

ULS came back to even its record at 1-1, beating Madison Heights Bishop Foley 8-2 as Deane once again recorded 19 saves.

"Rory is an asset in net since

he really kickstarts our offense," Bartoy said. "The intensity was high the entire game and it was nice coming off that tough loss the previous game."

Senior Jack Fisher scored twice, while Zukas had the hot hand, scoring four goals. Gushee continued his impressive opening week on the varsity, scoring two goals, giving him three in two games.

"David isn't intimidated at all, even though he is a freshman,"

Bartoy said. "He has stepped in and played pretty well for us."

The Knights jumped out to a 5-1 lead before the Ventures scored to cut the deficit to three.

Bartoy's squad scored the final three goals of the game after its defense buckled down.

"We implemented a new defense and the guys were able to lock down on the opposing offense, which was great to see," Bartoy added.

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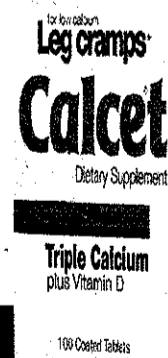


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SOUTH:
Tennis team
plays well

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flight and is 4-0.

Seniors Lizzie Hyde and Stephanie Skau compete at No. 1 doubles. They lost to Northville, but beat Mercy, Huron and Northern to stand at 3-1 overall, as is the No. 2 doubles squad of junior Carla Schmidt and sophomore Alana Dickson.

Juniors Diana Dodge and Kiki Fox are at No. 3 doubles. They won the tournament and stand 4-0 overall. The No. 4 doubles team of senior Jaclyn Royer and freshman Amelia

Boccaccio are also undefeated after winning the quad tournament and beating Northern.

Sobieralski used two combinations at No. 5 doubles. Against Northville, junior E.A. Kennedy was partnered with freshman Carrie Lynch, and in the final two matches, Kennedy's partner was freshman Courtney Nester.

South is 1-0 in the Red Division and 3-1 overall.

"We moved up a couple of spots in the state rankings, going from No. 8 to No. 6," Sobieralski said. "We're going to be better than people expect and we're very excited about the season."

The Blue Devils were scheduled to face Utica Eisenhower and L'Anse Creuse, but snow postponed the meets until after spring break.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Easy
wins

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' track and field team is off and running after winning its first two meets of the season last week.

The host Blue Devils beat Warren Regina 113-24, taking 13 first-place finishes, and defeated host Port Huron Northern 102-35 in their Macomb Area Conference White Division opener by winning 16-of-17 events.

"Our team responded extremely well to these season opening meets," head coach Steve Zaranek said. "We already look to be in midseason form."

Senior Chelsea Gilbert won the shot put with a school-record throw of 37-feet, 10-inches against Northern.

In other field events, veterans Pilar Mackey, Sarah Youngblood, Katie Steen and Sydney Burke have been victorious in the high jump, long jump and pole vault.

First year jumpers Madi Kaiser, Alexis DeBrunner, Ali DeLoof and Emily Jackman have been right behind, scoring seconds and thirds.

Sophomore Veronica Schacht, a first-year hurdler, raced to victory in the 100-yard high hurdles in both meets. Also placing were freshmen Marissa Monforton and Cara Monforton, along with DeBrunner.

Schacht and Youngblood also gave the Blue Devils a 1-2 finish in the 300-yard hurdles at both meets.

South's distance runners

Track and field



PHOTO BY DANA KAISER

Grosse Pointe South junior Amanda Ray, right, and freshman Caitlin Moore, left, finish first and second in the 100-yard dash in the Blue Devils' meet against Warren Regina.

dominated Northern, outscoring the Huskies 27-0 in three long distance events.

Natalie Gay, Katie Sheen and Margaret Levasseur gave South victories in the 3,200-, 800- and 1,600-yard runs, respectively. Also placing for the Blue Devils were Kelly Langton, Ivana Kakos, Michaela Houff and Elise Corden, all first-year competitors.

Kathleen Nelson and DeLoof dominated the 400-yard dash, while earning other points were Harper Pizzimenti and Carmen Engel. In addition, Engel teamed up with Hannah Wheeler, Steen and Langton to give the Blue Devils an impressive win over Regina in the 3,200-yard relay with a time of 10:28.

Clare Conway chipped in points in the high jump, while Erin Shoemaker earned points in the pole vault. Caitlin Rivera had a point-contributing mark in the long jump and Courtney Maynard did the same in the discus.

South's sprinters looked strong in both meets, outscoring their foes 40-14.

Junior Amanda Ray clocked South's fastest 100-yard dash time in three years in the Regina meet, while Caitlin Moore took first-place honors in the same event against Northern.

Moore and Ray also teamed up with the Monforton sisters to win the sprint relays in both meets.

Grosse Pointe South's girls' track and field team is 2-0 over-

all and 1-0 in the MAC White Division.

Boys results

Grosse Pointe South's boys' track and field team warmed up for its season by winning two gold medals at the Macomb Indoor Championships March 19.

Edwin Gay won the mile with a time of 4:41, while the 3,200-meter relay team of Gay, Dan Holley, Steve Fox and Mike Bellovich won with a time of 8:38.

In addition, Holley placed fifth in the 600-meter run.

In their league opener last week, the Blue Devils lost 79-58 to Port Huron Northern, dropping to 0-1 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division.

Girls softball, figure skating

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH SOFTBALL

Crane's squad
gets feet wet

Nicole Crane made her head coaching debut last week for Grosse Pointe South.

"We played pretty well in two of the games," Crane said. "It was nice to get outside and play some real games."

The Blue Devils started the season with an 11-1 loss to Chippewa Valley. Junior Keely O'Connor struck out three and suffered the pitching loss. Offensively, senior Jackie Reno had two hits.

Crane picked up her first win, 10-1, over Harper Woods as sophomore Haley Martin was the winning pitcher.

Senior Morgan Bedan led the way with three hits, drilling two triples and a double.

Late last week, the Blue Devils lost 7-5 to Port Huron

Northern as sophomore Emily Wybo had two hits, including a triple.

South is 1-2 overall.

FIGURE SKATING

Team 5th

The Grosse Pointe Figure Skating team finished fifth out of 11 squads in the state tournament last month.

"They skated good and showed great sportsmanship," team manager Angelika Morawski said. "The coach, parents and myself are very proud of their accomplishments this season."

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH BOYS BASKETBALL

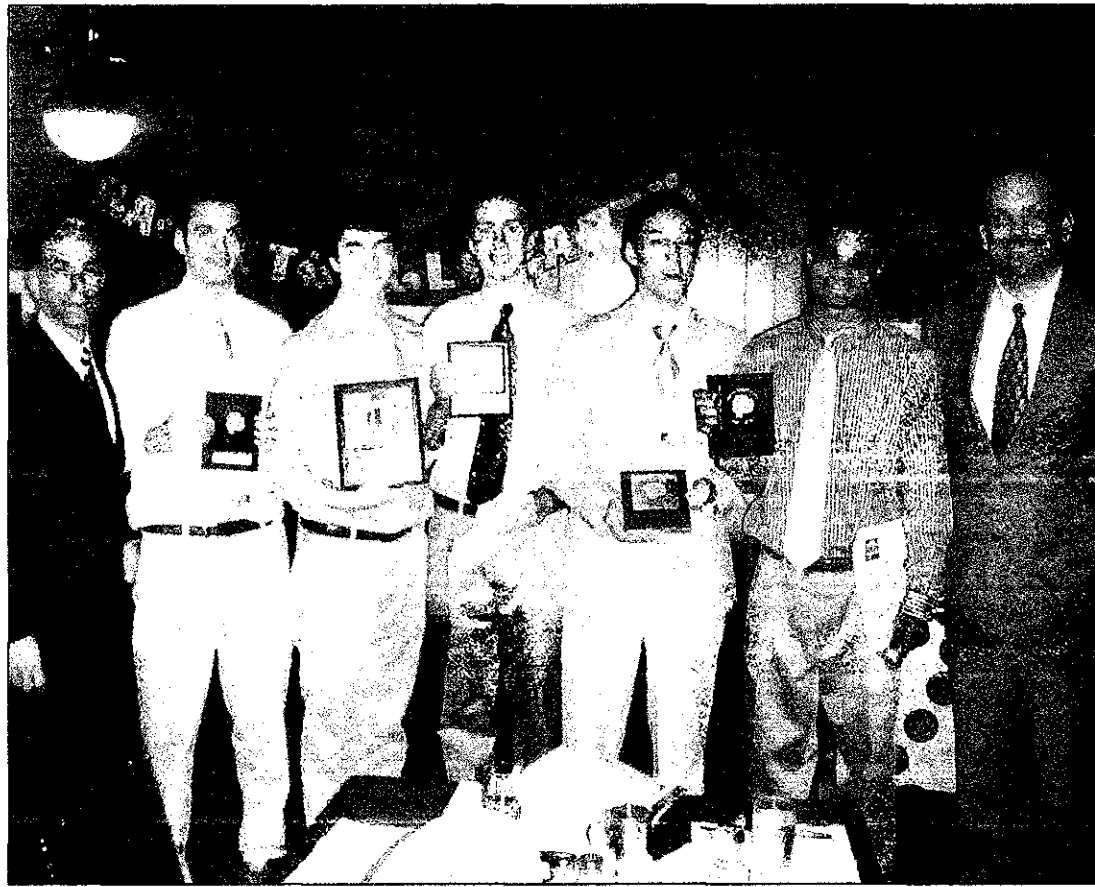


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Honorees

Head coach Jim Twigg, far right, and assistant coach Vito Tocco, far left, awarded the Grosse Pointe South boys basketball honors during its annual banquet. Award winners above, from left, are Corbet Conroy, most improved player; Nick Pavle, Blue Devil of the year; Nick Hess, coaches award; Will Kim, most valuable player; and Victor Mattison, rookie of the year. Conroy also earned All-League honors in the MAC White Division.

Girls softball

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL GIRLS SOFTBALL

Knights fall in opener, but
turn triple & double play

The University Liggett school girls' softball team began its season last week with a 12-9 loss to Plymouth Christian Academy.

Despite having a young team — only two returning seniors — the Knights were prepared for the opening game.

Sophomore Tess Bandos pitched her first game ever, earning herself two strikeouts and keeping the Knights in the lead or within one each inning.

Kinaya Smith, a sophomore, began the game in left field and pitched the last three in-

nings, and made the first out in the Knights' triple play.

The inning before the triple play, Jessica Warfield, a junior, saved a run with a double play at second base.

Freshman Susie Stefani led the team in hitting, batting in two runs.

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