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### FRIDAY, APRIL 6

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- ◆ Grosse Pointe Park municipal offices are closed.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Shores municipal offices are closed.
- ◆ City of Grosse Pointe municipal offices are closed.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms municipal offices are closed.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 7

*Passover*

- ◆ Emergency sirens are tested at 1 p.m.

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*Easter*

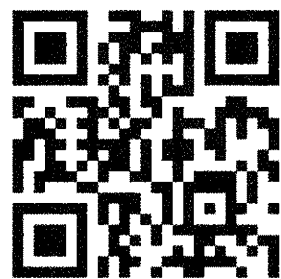
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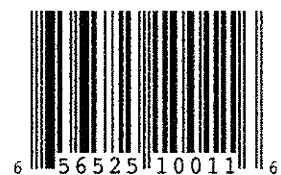
- ◆ Free gifts are given to Grosse Pointe Public Library patrons at all three branches, while supplies last.
- ◆ Grosse Pointe Woods city offices are closed.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

- ◆ The film "Hugo" is shown from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, at the Woods branch, 20680 Mack. To register, call (313) 343-2071, ext. 204.



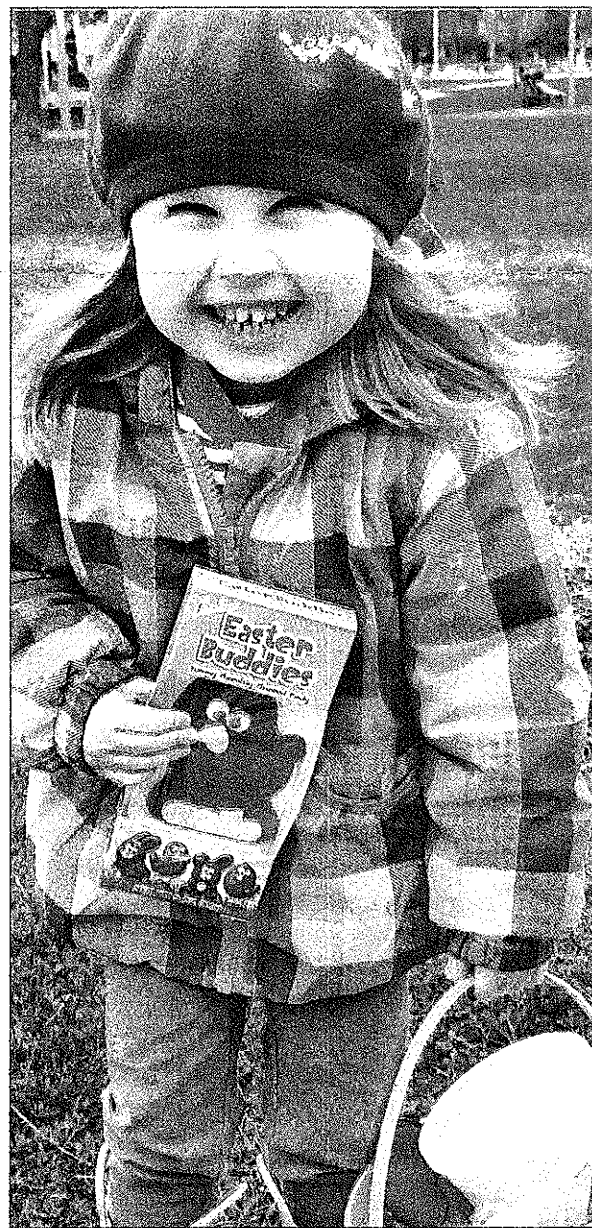
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## Scramble and poach

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

It didn't matter if they had to wear winter coats and boots, the children of Grosse Pointe Woods were ready to fill their sacks with plastic Easter eggs during the city's annual Easter egg hunt, Saturday, March 31.



Above, 2-year-old Brisco Rainbolt discovered a lavender egg to drop in his sack.

Left, Olivia Tetro is pretty happy with her goodies.

Below, Alec Dykstra was more interested in figuring out the camera than collecting Easter eggs. It was his intention to photograph his sister picking up the eggs.



William and Maddie Pflaum and Drew Croke were all smiles during the annual egg hunt. Maddie Pflaum was so happy she jumped for joy.



## Rep.'s car stolen

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — The Grosse Pointes' Lansing lawmaker will rebuild an 80-year-old brick arch over his driveway thieves knocked akilter while stealing his car.

"They slammed into the arch so hard, its going to have to be taken down and rebuilt," said state Rep. Timothy Bledsoe, D-City of Grosse Pointe. "I can't imagine what the house would look like without it."

His tan, 2008 Chevrolet Malibu was stolen the night of Monday, March 26.

It was taken while parked near the head of his driveway, feet from the garage, in the 900 block of Lincoln.

There are no suspects in custody.

Grosse Pointe Farms Officer Tom Shimko found it the next day in the 4300 block of Neff on

See CAR, page 9A

## Sewer main clear

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Attendees of this month's city council meeting could get an endoscopic view of municipal infrastructure.

Video from a recent inspection of the city's main sewer line may accompany a regular update at 7 p.m. Monday, April 16, on actions to prevent more of last year's basement floodings.

Inspectors hired by the county worked nearly two days late last month surveying the 10-foot tall line from the Kerby Road pump station to Detroit.

"They'll report to Wayne County," said Shane Reeside, Grosse Pointe Farms city manager. "We should get a report in the near future."

Word-of-mouth findings are good, he added.

The survey seems to rule out obstructions or cave-ins caused two instances of sewage backing up into basements in the inland sewer district.

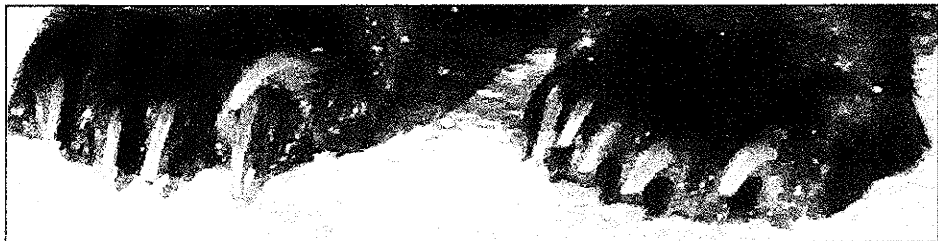
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# The three bears

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**ROYAL OAK** — What three orphan grizzly bear cubs don't know won't hurt them.

They don't know:

- ◆ their mother was poached in Alaska,
- ◆ they can't fend for themselves in the wild.

Rather, they know they like meat, fish, apples and raisin treats.

They like swimming in their own pool, roughhousing with each other and wrestling Christmas tree-sized evergreens.

"I see three very, very happy — and cute — grizzly bear cubs," said Ron Kagan, director of the Detroit Zoological Society.

When the zoo's animals are happy, Kagan is happy.

"Biophilia — the human notion of affection for nature — is very real," he said. "These bears are



a great example of that."

Zoos are good for people, too.

"If you have a natural environment and the animals can behave naturally, as these guys are doing in terms of playing, swimming and climbing, people love to see real nature," Kagan said.

The cubs have come from 586,412-square-mile Alaska to an 8,400-square-foot enclosure, among the first featured when the zoo opened in 1928.

The 14-month-old cubs made their debut last week.

They took their first public steps into the new

world shoulder-to-shoulder, wary and reserved.

"When they are unsure, they stick together," said Scott Carter, chief life sciences officer and a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods.

They sniffed the ground and air, showing curiosity, becoming increasingly bold and comfortable. The transition took five minutes.

"They're exploring and having a good time," Carter said.

They weigh between 215 and 255 pounds, are about 4 1/2 feet tall and named Thor, Mike and Boo.

Thor is the biggest. He



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

Here they come, from left, Thor, Boo with an apple and Mike. At left, Thor takes a look around. Below, Thor, left, and Boo roughhouse. At bottom, Boo wrestles an evergreen tree.

has a light-colored "V" on his chest.

Mike is medium-sized and more of a loner.

Boo is smallest, scrappiest and likes playing with Thor.

"They were named by people in Alaska who captured them," Carter said. "Boo was captured on Halloween. Mike and Thor were named for the people in whose yards they were trapped."

Their mother was shot and killed in October 2011.

"Had their mother not been killed, they'd be waking with her now and coming out of a den," Carter said. "They'd spend this summer and probably next winter with her. By next summer, they would start being more independent and go off on their own."

Alaska state wildlife officials rounded up the orphans and called the Detroit Zoo. The zoo has two, nearly 30-year-old grizzly bears among its more than 300 rescued animals.

Since the cubs arrived in Detroit in December, they've doubled in size, but are only 1/4 of their normal, 800-pound weight when full-grown.

"We can expect them to live into their late 20s," Carter said.

Grizzly bears are threatened in the wild, as defined by the Endangered Species Act. About 1,000 remain in the



continental United States.

Although Thor, Mike and Boo are fun to watch play and swim at the zoo, in the wild, nature and civilization rarely mix.

"I don't think the only way to enjoy nature is to be directly interacting," Kagan said. "Often, when we get directly involved, we create problems. When people come to the zoo, they stroll through nature without disturbing it. That is fundamental."

The Detroit Zoo is in Royal Oak. Hours are daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April through Labor Day and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. the day after Labor Day through October. Admission is \$14 for adults 15 to 61, \$12 for senior citizens 62 and older, and \$9 for children 2 to 14 (children under 2 are admitted free). For more information, call (248) 541-5717 or visit [detroitzoo.org](http://detroitzoo.org).

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Brett Smith, head of Grosse Pointe Shores public works, discusses soil boring sites with Eric Gano, a soil scientist with the federal government.

## Soil not so boring

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — Soil tests this week have the new city manager prospecting for ways out of the municipal budget crunch.

"I hope they find gold," said Mark Wollenweber, in his first month as interim city manager of Grosse Pointe Shores.

More likely to be unearthed are layers of clay and loam, plus sand and gravel from glacial beaches dating back 11,000 years.

Two soil scientists from the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service are commuting from offices in Flint to bore samples in the Shores.

"We examine the soil down to two meters, or 80 inches," said Joe Calus, project leader. "We're looking at soil properties, texture, color, amount of redness and the water table."

Work kicks off three years of sampling a 164,000-acre section of eastern Wayne County from Livonia to Wyandotte. The county's west and southern sections were registered during the early 1970s.

New findings will be added to soil maps of the United States and its territories.

Eastern Wayne County is one of few unmapped urban areas of the nation.

Other areas include northern Maine, central Utah, on and about nuclear test ranges in Nevada, the deserts of southeastern California

and most of Alaska.

Calus made his first bore in the Shores, Monday, April 2, between the municipal parking lot and soccer field off of Lakeshore. He yielded 11 1/2 inches of good-quality topsoil over poorly drained earth.

"We have some saturation," Calus said, kneading a palm of moist and glistening dirt. "The texture has dropped. It's a sandy loam, less clay. The water table is a little high, occupying air space."

Further analysis is done in Flint.

"We try to get a representative sample, something that encompasses the area," said Eric Gano, project member and geographic information specialist. "When we get a good idea of what we're looking at, we'll sample each layer in the soil and send a profile to our national lab in Lincoln, Neb., for full chemical and physical analysis."

Gano isn't holding out for gold, much less anything unusual.

"I know people who have found arrowheads, but I haven't found anything," he said.

Bore locations are chosen, in part, from a geological map of the Shores. The map is marked with oblong areas paralleling the Lake St. Clair shoreline.

"They indicate areas of potential glacial beach ridge — sands and gravels, probably very wet," Gano said.

Such soils mean trouble for Brett Smith, Shores public works director.

"It's really soupy," he



Joe Calus, a project leader with the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service, bores soil near Grosse Pointe Shores city hall.

said of ridge zones. "We had a sewer break there. We tried digging it, but the soil slid back in."

Glaciers retreated from Southeast Michigan about 11,000 years ago.

"This area would have been a glacial lake," Gano said. "Water levels would have been higher. A good part of Grosse Pointe Shores and Farms would have been an island."

Soil sampling is best done in areas undisturbed by construction, reclamation or landfill.

"We try to get a natural setting," Calus said.

He welcomes invitations by private property owners to test their soils.

Calus can be contacted by e-mail at joe.calus@mi.usda.gov or by calling (810) 230-8766, ext. 127.

## Blooming with optimism

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Beautification commissioners are blooming with optimism about private sponsorship of public gardens.

"The pilot program will start small," said Tracy Lyon, of the City of Grosse Pointe Beautification Commission.

Commissioners are seeking sponsors of 12 gardens. Eight gardens are at Neff Park; four are in the Village shopping district.

"The park and Village are a reflection of the health of our community," Lyon said.

Dubbed Project Bloom, sponsorships are tax-deductible, Lyon said.

Benefactors, whether an individual, family, group or business, will be acknowledged on signs posted in respective gardens.

A united city council sanctioned the project Monday, March 19.

"I wouldn't be surprised if, in a year or two, you have 25 gardens," Councilman John Stempfle told Lyon.

Sponsorships range from \$100 to \$200.

Project Bloom stems from an idea of the Grosse Pointe Shores Beautification Commission.

"They have 40 sponsored gardens," Lyon

said.

"It's a wonderful, new step for the beautification commission," said City Mayor Dale Scrae. "You've picked a great concept that's worked well in other communities. It's basically no cost to the city."

"The beautification committee sees the importance and urgency of developing this program, as the city faces budget deficits," Lyon said. "We would like to expand the program in the Village through a planting and maintaining coalition that will be different from the beautification committee, but supervised by it."

"This is a way to instill ownership to certain citizens who will participate," said Jeff Peterson, chair of beautification commission.

Sponsorship per garden is for a year's worth of flowers.

"The sponsored garden will be planted, weeded and maintained by a planting crew of the beautification commission," said Julie Arthurs, assistant city manager.

The Grosse Pointe Foundation will help commissioners administer donations, plus contribute \$500 for a garden around Centennial Rock at Neff Park, according to Lyon.

Photos of available gardens are displayed at city hall and on the municipal website, [grossepointecity.org](http://grossepointecity.org).

## Spring Egg Hunt set April 5 at Neff

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — The Easter Bunny is joined by animals from a petting zoo at this year's Spring Egg Hunt, 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 5, at Neff Park. The cost is \$3 per child. Valid park passes are required for entry to the residents-only park. Regular guest privileges apply.

Peter Cottontail will be available for photos in the Norbs room.

Separate egg hunts are set up in different locations of the park for children of certain age groups. The hunting ground for children 5 years old and younger is around the playscape. Children 6 to 8 years old hunt for eggs throughout the Park.

Each child is allowed to collect one bag of 10 eggs in exchange for a bag of candy. Blue tickets qualify for a gift certificate raffle at Village Toy Company. Golden eggs — there are 17 — qualify for prizes.

## Taking to the water

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — It is by a mixture of elements and metaphors that good skippers learn to go with the flow.

"You have to work with nature," said Loretta Rehe, sailing instructor. "It takes a while to learn to do that."

The payoff of teaching novice sailors is when they reach the ah-ha moment of becoming one with their boats, and their boats become true vessels of the forces of wind and water.

"The hardest thing for beginning students to master is steering," Rehe said. "It's amazing to see the change in students from when they start the class and end, how much better they feel about what they're doing."

"One of the most fun things for me is to watch that awakening," added David Simon, a fellow sailor of Rehe's at Crescent Sail Yacht Club.

Rehe directs the club's Adult Learn to Sail program.

Enrollment is open to

the public. The course costs \$450. Students are divided into three separate sessions. Classes are three hours long, one day per week for 12 weeks. Make-up sessions are on weekends.

The ah-ha's start sounding at about week eight.

"In general, it's all of a sudden," Rehe said. "Our focus is for students to do all the steering of the boat, make a plan to get out of the harbor — that can be tricky, depending on wind conditions — and plan to get back in."

"You can't sail in conflict with nature," Simon said. "No matter how big and strong you are, or how big your boat is, you ultimately need to be in harmony."

Rehe, of Harper Woods, is a life-long sailor. She's Crescent's past commodore and its first female commodore.

More than 250 students have enrolled during the program's nine years. The trend for the last few years is for most students to be female.

"Sailing is about skill and technique, and

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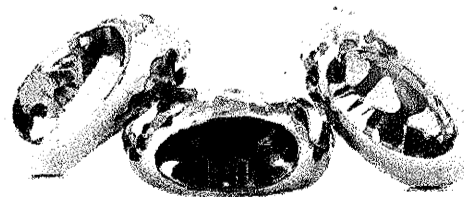
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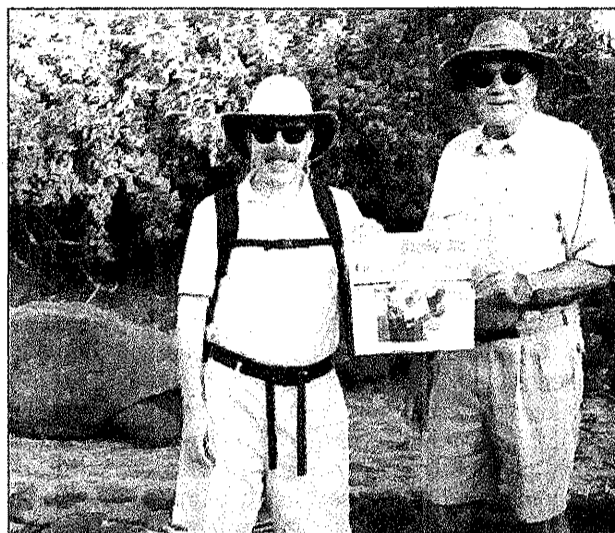
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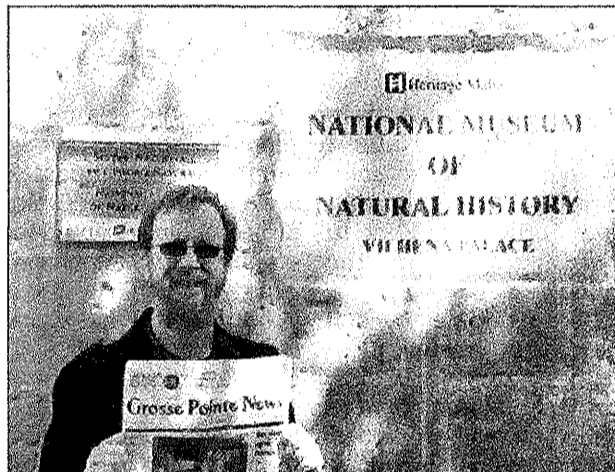
Former longtime Grosse Pointe Woods residents Jack and Nancy Huckins, now of St. Clair Shores, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in Costa Rica with their family.



Grosse Pointe Woods resident Carl Baranski with his son, David, at the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. Carl Baranski received the trip through the Michigan Pride and Honor program that gives trips to veterans to see the memorial erected in their honor.



Rick Grenzke, left, and Harry Thomalla of Grosse Pointe Woods, in the Galapagos Islands.



Mark Dikowski of Grosse Pointe Farms in Malta.

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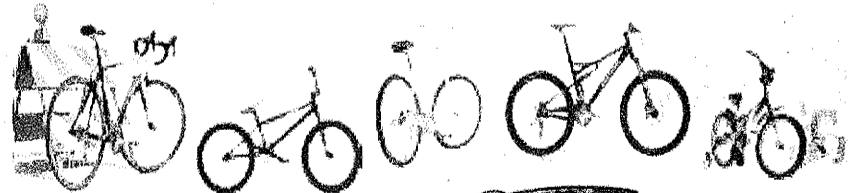
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City of Grosse Pointe

Attempted break-in

Someone between noon Sunday, March 25 and Saturday morning, March 31, caused an estimated \$900 damage trying to break into a garage in the 300 block of University.

"I observed the door to be damaged around the door knob," said a public safety officer.

Admits it

A 22-year-old City man admitted stealing a laptop computer from a car parked during the night of Thursday, March 29, in the 1100 block of Yorkshire in Grosse Pointe Park, according to police.

"He stated he and another guy from Detroit took it," said a City officer.

The suspect escorted police to the crime scene and pointed out the computer's case discarded under bushes.

The stolen MacBook Pro belongs to the victim's employer, police said.

Police learned of the incident from the City man's mother.

She said he stole her computer in the recent past and (the) new one is stolen, too, police said.

—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 Cocaine

Police prepared for the worst when pulling over a man driving a silver Toyota RAV4 at 5:01 a.m. Friday, March 30.

He was operating a vehicle an informant told authorities was used by a potentially armed heroin user.

A patrolman followed the vehicle from near the 400 block of Belanger to the I-94 service drive near Moross in Harper Woods. The officer stopped the man because the Toyota had a broken taillight.

The officer drew his weapon and requested backup upon discovering the man, a 33-year-old

Grosse Pointe Park resident, had a wood club within reach.

A search of the vehicle revealed three small plastic bags with suspected cocaine residue.

"(I) also located a tightly rolled \$10 bill in the center console with suspected cocaine residue on it," said the patrolman.

The residue tested positive for the drug, he added.

The man was arrested for cocaine possession and having an expired driver's license, according to police.

He said the club was to test the pressure of his vehicle's tires, said an officer.

Upset driver

Shortly after 1 a.m. Tuesday, March 27, a 51-year-old female motorist from Detroit, being investigated for making an illegal U-turn at Moross and Mack, registered a .15 percent blood alcohol level and was arrested for drunken driving.

"She stated she had been drinking because she was upset," said the arresting officer.

Unemployment fraud

Allegedly running a red light at 6:29 p.m. Monday, March 26, on northbound Kerby at Mack resulted in a 54-year-old Detroit man being picked up by police on a warrant for defrauding the state unemployment commission.

—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 Shores

Wrong way

Shortly before 11 p.m. Saturday, March 31, officers intercepted a 77-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman driving the wrong way in the southbound lanes of Lakeshore near Vernier.

"She stated she was on her way home from a party and got lost," said an officer. "She further stated she does not drive at night because she is unfamiliar with the area."

Officers parked her car on a sidestreet and drove her home.

Marijuana

A traffic stop at 1:47 a.m. Saturday, March 31, in the 1100 block of northbound Lakeshore ended with the arrest of a 49-year-old Royal Oak woman for marijuana possession.

"I noticed a green leafy substance all over (her) lap," said an officer. "(She) stated it was marijuana and surrendered three joints."

A search of the woman's green 1996 Nissan turned up a fugitive recovery agent badge and three pieces of identification belonging to a man.

—Brad Lindberg

If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the Grosse Pointe Shores public safety department at (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Woods

App for that

Grosse Pointe Woods police received a call around 2 a.m. Sunday, April 1, from a motorist who reported he was driving on Fairford when a silver Mercury Marquis pulled up behind him and turned on red and blue flashing lights that resembled a police car.

The driver pulled over, but the Mercury just drove past without stopping. The driver followed, took down a license number and called police. The police stopped the Mercury at 2:30 a.m. at Holiday and Torrey, and the two young men in the car explained they had downloaded an app to a cellphone simulating police lights and were just trying it to see if it worked. The case has been turned over to the detective bureau.

Home invasion

A Birch Lane resident reported to police at 1:30

p.m. Sunday, April 1, that several tools and other small items were missing from his garage and basement. He told police he suspects an acquaintance of his son who had access to the house. Police will investigate.

—Kathy Ryan

If you have information on these or any other crimes, call Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety at (313) 343-2400.

Grosse Pointe Park

Larceny

A Chrysler Town and Country parked overnight Thursday, March 29, in a driveway in the 1000 block of Whittier was entered and cell phone chargers were removed.

UDAA

A juvenile female was visiting an elderly resident the afternoon of Sunday, April 1, and when the resident wasn't watching, the young woman took the resident's car keys and drove off in the resident's 2000 Chevrolet Impala.

—Kathy Ryan

If you have information on these or any other crimes, call Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety at (313) 822-7400.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council will be considering the following proposed ordinance for a second reading at its meeting scheduled for Monday, May 7, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room of the Municipal Building. The proposed ordinance is available for public inspection at the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The above Council meeting is open to the public. All interested persons are invited to attend.

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 50 Zoning, Article III District Regulations, by Adding Section 50-185 Prohibited Uses, to Provide That Any Use Contrary to State, Federal or Local Laws is Prohibited.

Lisa Kay Hathaway, MMC City Clerk

Sail group features scholarships, events

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — A tax-exempt organization that gives college scholarships to area sailors won municipal backing this month for a charitable gaming license.

The license is needed for the group to hold a fundraising auction.

"We've been doing the auction for 15 years or so," said Jim Anderson, a director of the Grosse Pointe Youth Nautical Education Foundation. "All the money we have, minus expenses incurred, is donated to various public efforts."

This year, the foundation is awarding five

\$1,000 college scholarships to local high school graduates active in sailing.

"We look forward to the day when we'll have 25 to 50 of those," said Anderson, of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Shores council members this month unanimously adopted a resolution supporting the foundation's request for a gaming license.

The foundation sponsors four sailing events this year in the community:

- ◆ April 14-15 — University of Michigan regional college regatta at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club,
- ◆ April 20-22 — 2012 Mallory High School regional championships at the yacht club,
- ◆ April 27-29 — regional high school championship and
- ◆ July 6-8 — a Junior Olympics event.

Additional foundation activities are, according to Anderson:

- ◆ sponsoring local youth campaigning for the Olympic sailing team,
- ◆ in 2013, more than 200 sailors from the Midwest are expected to compete in a championship regatta and
- ◆ in 2014, youth from all over the world will attend the U.S. Youth Champs, sponsored by the foundation.

—Brad Lindberg

WATER: Sign up

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women can sail and compete with men on very equal footing," Rehe said.

There's no ageism in sailing. Adults are equally able to learn as youngsters. It just takes tiller time.

"Some people have always wanted to try it," Rehe said.

"We have little kids who sail and we have people sailing into their 90s," said Simon, of Grosse Pointe Woods. "The fun part about sailing is every time you go out, you learn something. It's a wonderfully relaxing way to spend time."

Students learn on little boats having the maneuverability of unicycles. Their triangular sails dart near shore like fins of sharks in a shallow feeding frenzy.

Although adult classes start in May, enrollment is brisk. Half of 36 openings are filled, according to Simon.

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# Detectives learn every bone tells a story

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

It isn't everyone who actually lives an episode of CSI on a daily basis. But for Todd Fenton, Ph.D., a forensic anthropologist from Michigan State University, his day wouldn't be complete without latex gloves, a microscope and bones.

Fenton discussed his work with detectives from several of the Grosse Pointe public safety departments last week, and while it isn't often local public safety departments deal with bone fragments and skeletal remains, there was still much to learn from Fenton's presentation.

As an investigator brought in by law enforcement agencies on suspicious death cases, Fenton, along with his colleague David Foran, Ph.D., lends his expertise to cases that oftentimes have stumped investigators for years. Sometimes it can take weeks for the MSU professors and their graduate students to provide the answers bringing closure to these cases. Or oftentimes it can take just a few minutes.

"You'll have to excuse me if I don't smell very good," Fenton said in his opening remarks. "Let me give you some advice, never stand downwind when opening a cooler that may contain suspicious remains."

Just before coming to Grosse Pointe, Fenton had been called to a potential crime scene by a local sheriff's department that had found a cooler dumped by the side of a road. Upon opening it, Fenton had an answer for the local police.

"Why do deer hunters always keep the remains of their deer in a cooler?" he asked somewhat rhetorically. "You'd be surprised how often that happens and how often we get called to identify those bones."

But just as often as his department faces a false alarm, Fenton and his graduate students in the Forensic Science program at MSU are asked to work on human remains.

His department is involved in more than 70 cases a year, and those cases range from identifying small objects that appear to be bone to determining the cause of death on fully preserved skeletons.

When given bones or bone fragments, the first job is to determine if the bones are human, and if so, are they "modern" bones, or could they possibly be bones from what could have been a Native American burial ground.

But the first step is always identifying what it is.

Fenton described how his department was called in when someone found what appeared to be the skeletal remains of a human hand. As a point for future reference, Fenton advised the detectives, the bone structure of a bear claw has a remarkable resemblance to a human hand.

Fenton and his graduate students have brought their expertise to several high profile cases, including the disappearance of a flight attendant from a hotel near Metropolitan Airport and the murder of a young boy from the Lansing area. He also offered his services to the Grosse Pointe public safety departments.

"Do not hesitate to call us," he told the detectives. "Not a week goes by that we don't receive a call from a police agency that they have found something they can't identify.

We'll be happy to respond. And we don't invoice."

Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Detective Rich Rosatti plans on taking Fenton up on his offer.

"This was very informative," he said. "Sometimes we are faced with simply not knowing what to do, but seminars like this are helpful in making contacts. I wouldn't hesitate to call in Dr. Fenton."

City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Detective Christopher Lee agreed.

"We're always looking for new training opportunities," he said. "This was very informative."

Fenton discussed sev-



Todd Fenton, Ph.D. recently discussed the fine points of forensic anthropology with detectives from several Grosse Pointe public safety departments.

eral cases in his talk, asking the detectives to offer their professional expertise on the evidence Fenton presented as to the cause of death. They scored very well, except with one case that still has many professionals stumped.

"I call this one the case of the naked motorcycle rider," Fenton explained. "We were called to examine the decomposing body of a known criminal. He was a really bad guy with a lot of en-

emies but not a lot of friends."

From the condition of the skeleton, showing several broken bones on just one side of the body and the discovery of a motorcycle nearby, Fenton and his team determined that a motorcycle accident was the cause of death.

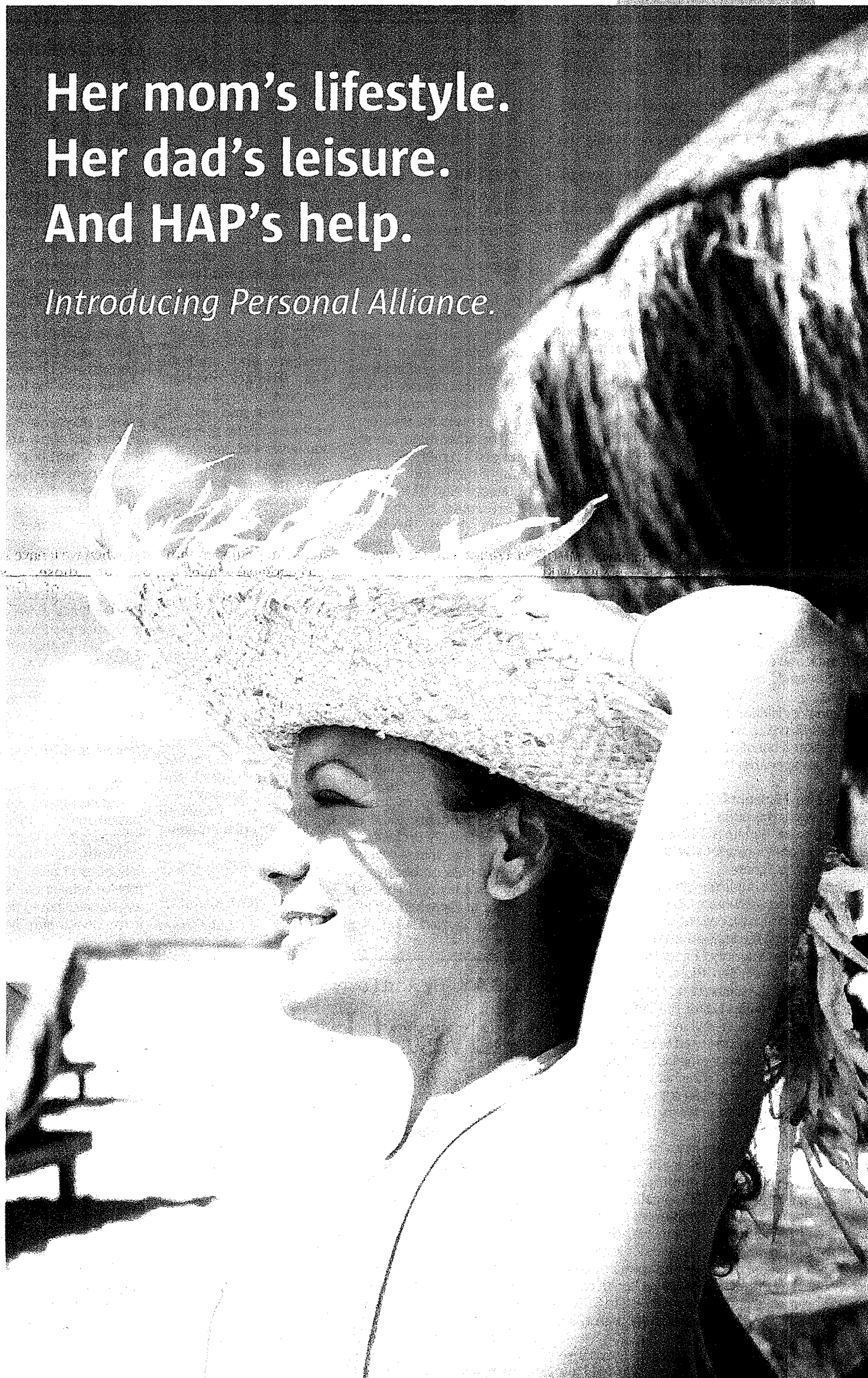
But one feature stood out. The body was naked, and clothing, including boots and socks, were found nearby.

"We figured out the cause of death, but we never figured out why he was naked," Fenton said.

And that part of the case still remains unsolved.

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## Home health care dues

**L**egislation drafted to put a stop to the "home health care dues skim" passed March 22 by the Michigan Senate on a 25-13 vote. All the Republicans voted "yes" except Sen. Roger Kahn, R-Saginaw. Senate Bill 1018 was the version of the legislation passed. It was approved by the Senate Reforms, Restructuring and Reinventing Committee that morning on a 5-2 party-line vote and sent to the Senate floor where the vote was taken.

Recently, the Michigan House passed Senate Bill 1018 on a 63-46 straight party-line vote, with Republicans voting "yes," and Democrats voting "no." It now goes to Gov. Rick Snyder.

"This is the final policy piece that clarifies these people are not public employees," said Sen. Dave Hildenbrand, R-Lowell, bill sponsor, during the floor debate regarding the legislation. "This is to finally end the union dues being taken from those who are not public employees but just people taking care of relatives."

Sen. Hildenbrand pointed out the legislature had tried to end the "skim" last year by defunding the Michigan Quality Community Care Council — which was the so-called "employer" used in the unionization. However, through bureaucratic juggling, the "skim" continued even after the defunding.

Charlie Owens, state director of the National Federation of Independent Business called the legislation "necessary."

"This scheme involves skimming taxpayer dollars from the Department of Community Health budget for payment of union dues in the home-based health care sector and needs to be ended now," said Owens. "SEIU is concerned enough about losing the lucrative arrangement that it is pursuing a ballot initiative in November to get an amendment to the constitution legitimizing the scheme."

Sen. Coleman Young II, D-Detroit, provided most of the rhetorical opposition to the bill, both on the Senate floor and in committee. He offered a floor amendment that would have essentially gutted the bill. His amendment was easily defeated.

"To go back and end this (unionization) retroactively is unconstitutional," said Young. "Not only that; it's just plain wrong."

The original legislation drafted to stop the "skim" was House Bill 4003, which was passed by the House last June. It was voted out of a Senate committee in December, but appeared to stall on the Senate floor after that.

Recently, Sen. Hildenbrand introduced Senate Bill 1018, which was a duplicate of House Bill 4003. As a duplicate measure, Senate Bill 1018 garnered 21 Senate Republicans as co-sponsors. Only 20 votes are needed to pass a bill in the Senate.

Introduction of the duplicate bill with so many cosponsors showed the Senate GOP caucus wanted the issue addressed. It also placed responsibility for any future delay in moving the legislation squarely on the shoulders of Senate Majority Leader Randy Richardville, R-Monroe. Sen. Richardville responded quickly by queuing the measure up for passage.

Inside Michigan Politics Editor Bill Ballenger said he has never seen the duplicate bill maneuver used in the way that Senate Republicans used Senate Bill 1018.

"I don't remember it happening before," Ballenger said. "Using a duplicate bill in that way, under those circumstances ... I mean, to make a statement to a caucus leader. If it's happened before; it wasn't in the past 50 years."

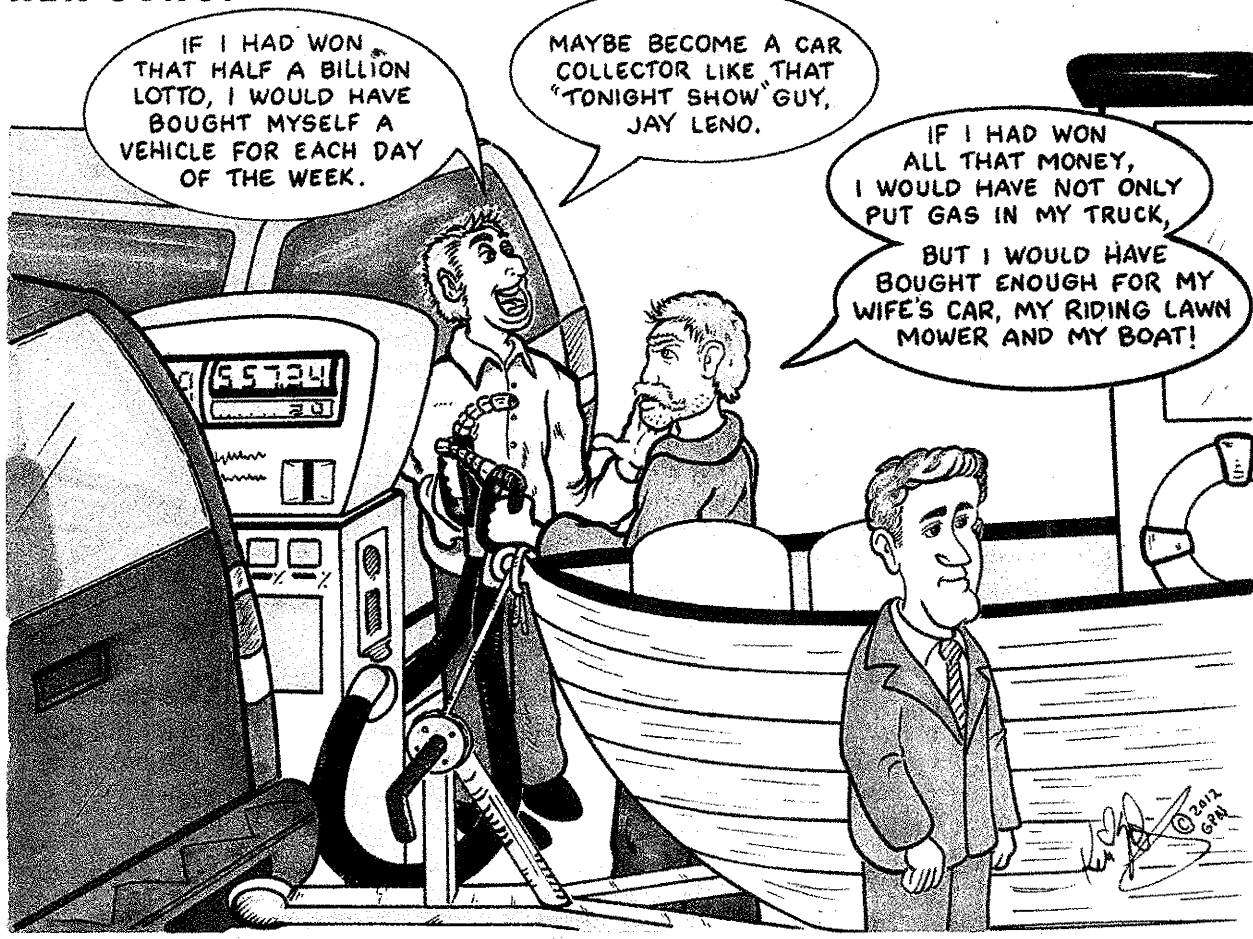
The "home health care dues skim" resulted from a union scheme perpetrated while Jennifer Granholm was governor. The plan used a dummy employer and a stealth election to railroad 43,729 so-called home health care workers into the Service Employees International Union. That 43,729 has now swollen to 60,190.

Once this "forced unionization" was achieved, money started being extracted from the taxpayer-provided checks received by the so-called "home health care workers." This money continues to be sent to SEIU as dues. Overall, the "skim" has netted more than \$29 million for the SEIU.

A home health care worker registry had been inserted as part of the initial unionization back in 2005 to supposedly put "something of value" in the mix to help protect the unionization.

Nick Ciaramitaro, of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees testified against the bill.

KEN SCHOP



## LETTERS

### Supporting arts

To the Editor:

We always knew Grosse Pointe had a huge talent pool when it came to sports, as evidenced by the number of teams that participated in state play-offs this past year.

But what has not been so widely known is the talented group of students who participate in the arts, theater and music programs in the Pointes.

The other night, we witnessed a remarkable staging of the Broadway play, "Beauty And The Beast," performed by the students from Brownell Middle School. It rivaled any production in any school district anywhere.

The singing, acting, staging and energy was phenomenal. The entire cast mesmerized the audience, as evidenced by the prolonged applause during the evening and the enthusiastic standing ovation at the end.

This was a first-class talent display that left the audience marveling at how a group of grade school students could so professionally orchestrate a play that many schools would pass on because of its complexity. The students at Brownell Middle School carried it off in a

flawless manner.

It brings to mind the importance of supporting the arts and music in the school system. We often hear about potential spending cuts and I would argue none should ever be directed to the arts and music.

The dedication of the teachers and students was strongly evident. Practice began in November and yet the freshness of the presentation never withered.

We look forward to more presentations from this talented group of students. So let's continue to support the arts and music in the Pointes because it works and allows an outlet for their many talents.

As Cogsworth said in "Beauty And The Beast," "This is yet another example of the late neoclassic Baroque period. And, as I always say, 'If it's not Baroque, don't fix it.'"

When it comes to arts and music in the Pointes, nothing is broken and let's leave it that way.

Bravo to Brownell Middle School for making parents, friends and teachers proud. You're the best!

BILL KALMAR  
Lake Orion

### Discrimination

To the Editor:

The League of Women Voters was born more than 90 years ago from the long fight to get women the right to vote.

Since 1992, when league members studied health care policy, we have worked to ensure access to quality health care for all. The league also has a strong commitment and belief that public policy in a diverse society must affirm the right of individuals to make their own reproductive choices.

That's why the league is so deeply concerned about recent proposals that would allow employers and health plans to block contraceptive services and discriminate against women.

By a narrow margin, the United States Senate recently defeated an amendment that would limit access to contraception for women if any employer or insurance plan has an undefined "religious or moral objection" to it. This open-ended invitation to cut back on preventative health care services would turn back the clock for women and American society.

We understand not everyone agrees with the league on this subject. But we strongly believe public institutions, including schools and hospitals that receive substantial federal assistance, should not limit the health care choices

available to their employees.

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### Sincere thanks

To the Editor:

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Bob Watson, the UPS man, was well known in the community as a friend.

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I just want to say thank you for all your prayers, love, kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity. He was truly a great husband, father and papa. Bob will be missed but never forgotten. We all have truly lost our best friend.

SHIRLEY WATSON  
AND FAMILY

I SAY By Ann Fouty

## 'Event boundary' explains it all

**A**t last! A scientific study has been done about why I can't recall the reason I walked from one room to another or from one floor to another.

Obviously, the study wasn't done specifically for me. However, I suspect I'm not the only one who forgets why the trip from the kitchen to the bedroom was initiated, otherwise why would the University of Notre Dame conduct the study?

The study, published in November, finds the brain compartmentalizes memories according to rooms and different spaces.

"The passage through doorways causes a lapse in memory as the brain tries to adjust to a new series of memories and episodes," the study stated.

"Entering and exiting through a doorway serves as an 'event boundary' in the mind, which separates episodes of activity and files them away," said UND psychology professor Gabriel Radvansky, who conducted the study. "Recalling the decision or

activity that was made in a different room is difficult because it has been compartmentalized."

A trip between rooms wipes out the reason for the trek and the traveler stands in the middle of the room with a befuddled look.

Ah ha. There is a real reason for my forgetfulness and it's not Old Timers Disease or OLD (Old Ladies Disease), as I have been told by various family members.

Standing at the kitchen counter, I tell myself I need to get the last of the dirty clothes from the bedroom and take them to the washing machine located in the basement. Passing through the kitchen portal to the living room, then the doorway of the bedroom, the thought, according to the study, stayed in the kitchen compartment.

Since I'm in a new compartment — the bedroom — I stand there mumbling, "I know I had a good reason to come in here. What was it?"

As long as I'm in the room I might as well make the most of my time. Shoes need to be or-

ganized. I turn to the closet and spend 10 minutes matching and lining up shoes — flats, tennis shoes, sandals, clogs, heels and slippers. In the back of the closet I say, "Oh, I forgot about these shoes."

I can't say it too loud or my husband will pointedly comment about having too many shoes.

Backing out of the closet, I glance around the room and notice a pile of laundry. A mental slap takes place and I pick up the stack. I walk from the bedroom to the basement. Obviously, I can't forget why I'm going to the laundry room since my arms are loaded with dirty clothes. As long as I'm in the basement, I might as well get a screwdriver to tighten the kitchen cupboard hinges.

Because the screwdriver is in another "compartment" in the basement, I find myself standing in my husband's workroom, mumbling again, "Now why did I come in here?"

Instead of searching all the brain compartments, I turn and trudge up the stairs.

In the original stance at

the kitchen counter I decide bringing up a screwdriver would have been a good idea. So back down I go, justifying the trip as exercise. Going through the portal into the workshop I cling to the idea of retrieving a screwdriver. I grab it and march up the stairs to tighten the hinges.

Patting myself on the back for remembering at least one idea that day, I walk to the living room to sit down and read. But the book is on the hall table.

The dance begins again.

From the living room compartment to the hall compartment for what I don't remember; instead I'll dust the pictures in the hall and then the table. Oh, look. There's my book. With a dust cloth in one hand a book in the other, I walk to the bedroom because everything in this room needs to be dusted. The book is set aside while I dust my bedroom, as well as the other bedrooms.

Back in the living room compartment, I sink into the couch for a respite and say, "I thought I picked up my book."

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# CAR: Stolen vehicle damaged

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Detroit's eastside.

"Any crime in the City or Grosse Pointe Woods indirectly affects us," Shimko said. "When a car is stolen, I try to look for it before it's stripped, damaged further or used to commit another crime."

Investigators forwarded fingerprint evidence to a Michigan State Police crime lab for analysis.

"There's a possible print, but we think it is of the driver of the towing company," said City Detective Christopher Lee.

Bledsoe reported the crime shortly after 7 a.m. Tuesday, March 27. He also said the back door of his house was open and the car keys were missing.

Lee said he doesn't think the theft is related to the attempted break-in between noon Sunday, March 25 and Saturday morning, March 31, of a garage in the 300 block of

University.

Shimko thinks the car thief lives in the neighborhood in which it was recovered.

"It was backed into the driveway of an abandoned house," he said. "They tried to hide it."

"The vehicle had damage to the left front bumper and right rear quarter panel," said City Sgt. Michael Sidel. "The right rear tire had been shredded."

Damage likely occurred by backing down the driveway into the arch.

"They slammed into it hard," Bledsoe said.

"When the vehicle was recovered, I observed mortar dust on the hood and pieces of mortar in the windshield wiper well," Sidel said.

An ivy-covered column supporting the arch was knocked about 1/2 inch off plumb. A block of bricks next to the arch's keystone is loose.

"It's not safe to stand under it," Bledsoe said.



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

With no Malibu to drive, Tim Bledsoe walks Willie, named after Bill Clinton, because the dog is a "rascal," Bledsoe said.

# SEWER: Good news

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"(The line) appears to be structurally sound," Reeside said. "They didn't find a significant amount of settlement. I can't quantify that until we get a report."

A Farms employee hoped to accompany the survey crew.

"They respectfully requested he not go down," Reeside said. "I think it was because of liability. But, I think I'll have video

with their report. I might show it at the next council meeting."

The 80-year-old pipe, called an interceptor, runs under Chalfonte.

Photographs on the Grosse Pointe Historical Society website (gphistor ical.org/farms-survey) show installation.

A wood frame house in the photos still is at Kerby and Chalfonte. So is a double-peaked house on Belanger at Chalfonte.

"You see nothing else but fields," Reeside said.

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# Fields shed winter coats

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — Grass is ankle-high on some of the district's soccer fields that were tucked in over winter with turf blankets.

"Blankets act like a greenhouse, so seeds can slowly mature," said Brett Marshall of Marshall Landscaping and a resident of Grosse Pointe Shores. "The grass is probably eight inches tall. Grass in areas without the tarp is about 1/2 inch tall."

Marshall has been covering soccer fields at Grosse Pointe North High School and at Barnes Early Childhood Center during winter for more than a decade, he said.

"The fields are looking pretty sweet this year with the weather we've had," he said.

Blankets also keep birds from robbing fields of a blend of grass seeds blended for athletic surfaces.

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— Brad Lindberg

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## National reading month wraps up

By A.J. Hakim  
Staff Writer

One day last year, as principal Walt Fitzpatrick perused his periodicals, an article about a one school, one book project piqued his interest.

Soon after, he proposed the idea to teachers — a community of teachers, administrators, parents and students reading the same book, engaged in the same story, same characters, same situations.

One school. One book.

Interest grew. Several parents volunteered donations to help fund the project, and before long, Fitzpatrick assimilated it into Trombly Elementary School; its first book, George Selden's "A Cricket in Times Square."

"When we did it last year, how we rolled it out and what we said to folks was, 'You do as much as you want in the class, you do as little as you want,'" Fitzpatrick said. "We just want to create a community of readers and what we want to do is have parents engage their kids in reading."

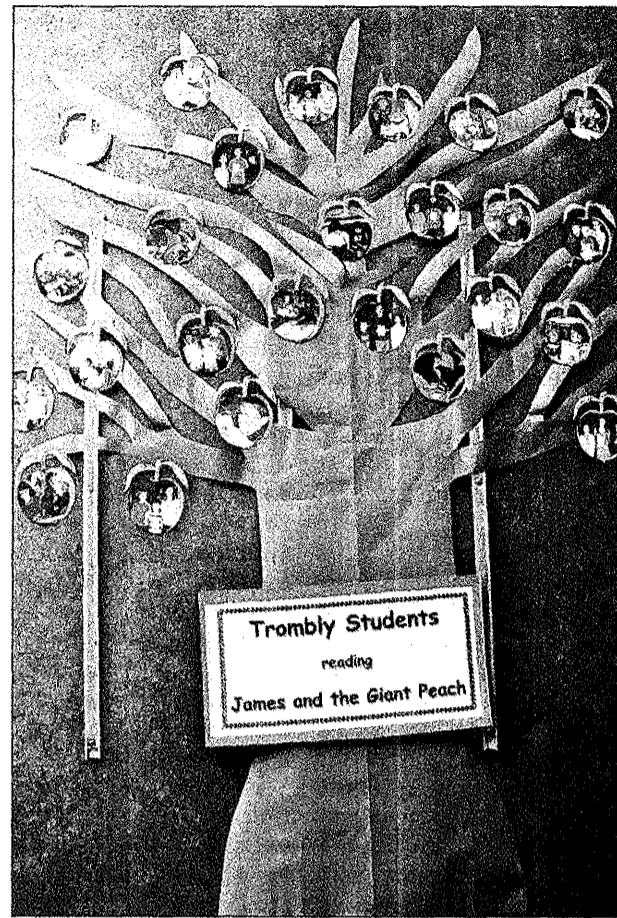
"It's pretty cool to listen to some of the parents. Last year, one parent said, 'Thanks for giving us back our family time.' They got so into the hustle and bustle of life, they forgot. Things like that are well worth it and the ben-



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Above, from left, Jacqueline Wang (ladybug), Stewart Fletcher (earthworm), Ryan Dodge (Mrs. Sponge) and Justin Flores (cloudman) dress as their favorite characters.

Right, a tree of pictures of students reading "James and the Giant Peach" at home hangs in the school office.



efits are phenomenal."

With last year's success, Trombly continued the project this year, again with funding assistance from the same three parents, with Roald Dahl's "James and the Giant Peach."

This year, the school further embraced the project, incorporating daily trivia for kindergarten to fifth grade; teachers integrated elements of the story into their curriculum through projects and assignments; librarian

Rachel Walpole researched the book's multiple prints and illustrations and hung pictures from each on a wall inside the library; and secretary Diane Goodwin hung a peach tree outside the principal's office, filling the peaches with pictures from parents of their children reading.

Goodwin also personalized bookplates and bookmarks, set up calendars around the school and created laminates for students, congratulating

them for completing the project.

"She's the brains behind it all," said fourth grade teacher Susan Howey, who developed a school-wide Prezi presentation for each teacher to use in his classroom. "She does it all."

"It's just so cool that everybody is into the book," Fitzpatrick added. "I call it a community activity because everybody is involved. We're all doing it together. So, all 274 kids are asked to do the

same thing. We're all in this together for the love of reading."

The event culminated Friday, March 30, with students, teachers and administration costuming as their favorite characters. Together, the school also watched Henry Selick's film adaptation of the same name.

"This is our thing for Trombly. It's just neat when everybody's into something together," Fitzpatrick said. "It's something that will con-

tinue. As long as I'm here, we will do it."

**Other schools on board**

Trombly's success last year sparked other schools to adopt a similar project.

"My daughter goes there," Monteith first-grade teacher and student council co-supervisor Elizabeth Wang said. "And I came back and I said, 'We need to do this.'"

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# Pierce students reeling in awards

Pierce Middle School's seventh- and eighth-grade band and orchestra both received Division I ratings in performance and sight reading at the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association District 16 festival.

Held March 8 and 10 at four sites, the district 16 event spanned Port Huron to Rochester to Grosse Pointe and featured 191 performances. The Division I, or superior, rating is highest among adjudications.

The band and orchestra, under direction of Stephen Cross and James Gross, respectively, are currently preparing for their annual spring instrumental concert 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, at Pierce's auditorium.

### Touring Chicago

Two weeks after their successful showings at the MSBOA festival, Pierce's seventh- and eighth-grade band and orchestra, as well as its eighth-grade choir earned gold ratings at the Heritage Festival of Music in Chicago, Ill.

In addition to the festival, the ensembles toured the Shedd Aquarium, Chicago Institute of Art, Magnificent Mile, Navy Pier and attended a Blue Man Group show at the Briar Theater.

The choir is under the direction of Heather Albrecht.

### Scholastic surprise

Awards are piling up for Lauren Pankin.

A month after receiving a Gold and Silver Key, as well as an honorable mention for essays submitted to the 2012 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards regional level, presented by the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers, Pankin's "The Right to Die" garnered national consideration from the alliance, earning the Pierce Middle School eighth-grader a fourth award — the Silver Medal.

One of three national awards — the other two, Gold Medal and American Visions and Voices Medal — the Silver Medal recognizes works demonstrating high honors at the national level.

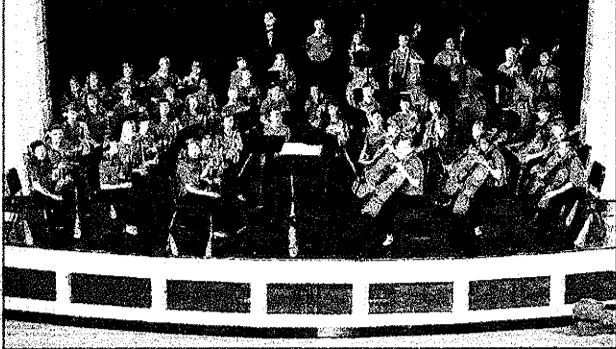
This year, the alliance received more than 200,000 art and writing submissions, selecting the top 1,500 for national consideration.

Additionally, the alliance invited nationally recognized students to a ceremony Friday, June 1, at Carnegie Hall in New York City, along with participation in showcase events at Parsons The New School for Design.

### Videos awarded

Digital Arts, Film and Television announced the results from its 44th Annual Michigan Student Film and Video Festival, with several students from Pierce teacher Michelle Stackpoole's broadcast journalism class receiving awards for their video segments.

The following students



PHOTOS COURTESY OF PIERCE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Above, Pierce Middle School's orchestra, under the direction of James Gross, received a Division I rating in performance and sight reading at the district 16 festival.

Right, to date, eighth grader Lauren Pankin has received four awards, including a national silver medal for her essay, "The Right to Die."

earned an excellent rating for their segment, "Pretzilia and Jengo": Elizabeth Terry, Lucas Benz, Nick Dicrese, Katharine Kuhnlein, Bianca Garcia, Sorin Koszyk, Thomas Hogan and Daniel O'Dell.

Also garnering an excellent rating for "Christmas Kit-Kat": Melba Dearing, Kate Mollison, Ania Lane, Paige Green, Alyssa Campbell and Kuhnlein.

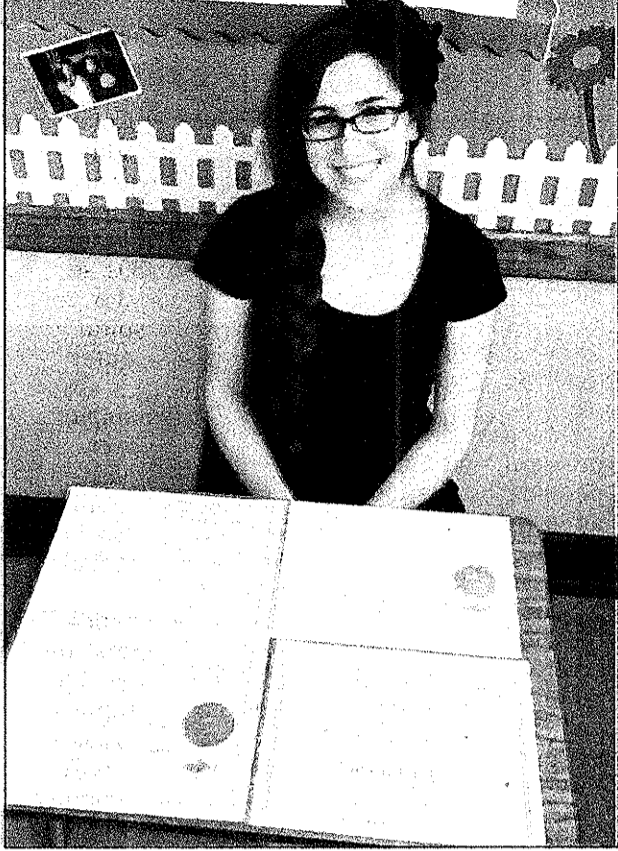
Evan Arora, Nina Caradona, Seth Carolan, Madelyn Fabry, Emma Peters, Abby Ottenhoff, Garrett Weidig and Nina White received an honor rating for their segment "Every Teardrop is a Waterfall."

As did Benna Ames, Juliana Berkowski, Hannah Connors, Holly Daywalt, Emily Fleming, Reanna Raymond and Allison Stapleton for "Supernatural Activity."

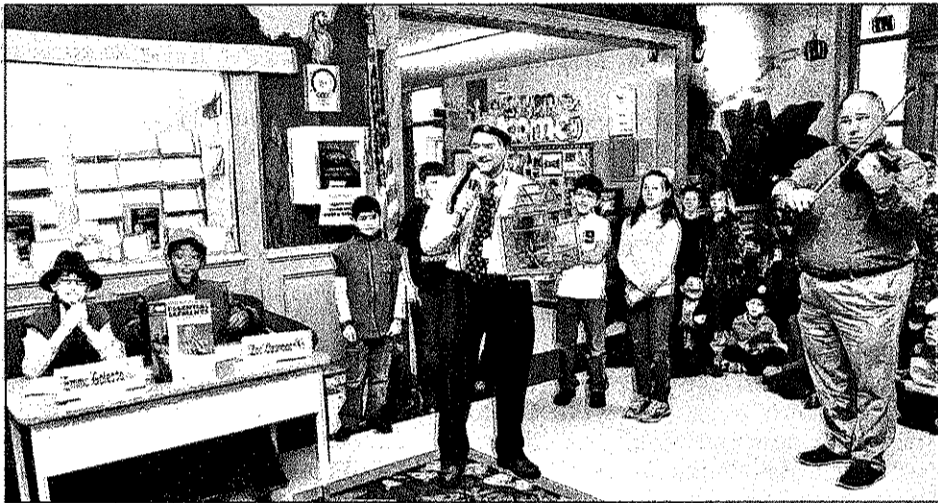
This year's awards ceremony is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 28, at the Detroit Film Theatre at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

It includes submissions from kindergarteners to high schoolers in categories such as video and computer graphics, public service announcements, comedy, anima-



tion, music video, sports documentary, general entertainment, instructional, commercial, experimental and news or magazine program.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Monteith Elementary School principal Keith Howell, as Sai Fong, during the school's televised daily morning announcements.

## READ: Other schools adopt same project

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(Trombly) did such a great job that we wanted to bring it to our school."

Monteith did. With support from the student council, which raised enough money to purchase and gift-wrap a copy of "A Cricket in Times Square" for each classroom, the school's journey together began March 1.

"We thought it'd be nice if we got the school a little something, so we bought a book for the whole school to read," council treasurer and fifth grader Molly Szczepanski said of fundraising. The council led a Gleaners clothing drive, freeze fun pops sale, Valentine's candy gram and Box Tops collection.

"It was a great experience that we were helping our school," added secretary and fourth grader Mackenzie Stockwell. "Raising money to get new things, to try new

things, like make the school fun."

Each day in March, teachers read a chapter from the book. And similar to Trombly, Monteith held trivia Tuesdays and Thursdays, culminating in a raffle featuring hand puppets of Selden's characters and a magazine subscription; they organized a wall of photos of students reading at home; and teachers also integrated the project into their curriculum.

First graders designed and hung pagodas, or cricket cages, like those from shop owner Sai Fong's Chinatown store; Vi Hadgikosti's third graders wrote about "If I was famous..." and "Would you rather live in a city or country..."; and other teachers used the book in their own vocabulary and writing assignments.

School office clerk Kathy Herzog contributed, creating laminates resembling a passport, personalized for (features a student's pic-

ture) and given to each student.

And art teacher Laura Adams constructed a board in the hallway near the main entrance, equipped with drawings and cutouts of characters and cities and themes, evolving with each chapter read.

"You know how they say it takes a village to raise a kid," Wang said. "Well, it takes a whole staff to make a project work. Mr. Howell gave us the leeway to do it, and we did it."

The project ended March 26, with the raffle and students, staff and administration dressing as their favorite characters.

"It's been a great school year," council president and fifth grader Lucas Epstein said. "We've done many things Monteith has never done before. We never did one book, one school, we never did Valentine's grams. We did many things that we haven't done, ever."

"This is my favorite school year at Monteith."

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Poupard Elementary School also participated in the one school, one book project. Each family received the book, "Frindle," and throughout March the school hosted several reading events, including, pictured above, a visit from Sparty, Michigan State University's mascot.

# North alum active in community

By A.J. Hakim  
Staff Writer

The following is the first article in an on-going series regarding Grosse Pointe North High School's inaugural Distinguished Alumni Award. Each week leading up to the awards ceremony Monday, May 14, the Grosse Pointe News will feature a biography and short interview with one of the six recipients. This week's alum is John Ahee, graduating class of 1982.

Among the main criteria the selection committee pursues in its candidates for Grosse Pointe North High School's Distinguished Alumni award are achievements in their lives and careers, as well as contributions to their community, nation or world.

John Ahee, in his work as vice president of Edmund T. AHEE Jewelers, is unrivaled in his exemplification of such qualities, said Renee Dwaihy-Logan, Ahee's friend who also serves on the selection committee.

As vice president, Ahee, a former class president while at North, is actively involved in the community. His involvement includes a decades-long support for the Capuchin

Soup Kitchen, in particular, hosting the annual Capuchin Souper Summer Celebration fundraiser. Additionally, Ahee, who was diagnosed with and successfully treated for a brain tumor while in his 30s, serves as chairperson for the St. John Hospital and Medical Center Van Elslander Cancer Center's Champions for Life fundraiser. While helping increase awareness and visibility, the fundraiser also benefits center services and quality of care.

"He exemplifies all of the qualities that this institution values and that this award represents," Dwaihy-Logan said in his nomination report. "His continued support of both GPN, as well as the greater Grosse Pointe communities makes this nomination well-deserved. In the categories of community service and philanthropy, John Ahee brings great pride to GPNHS and is an extraordinary role model for our current students."

For its active community involvement and services, AHEE Jewelers has received several community beautification awards from the Pointes, as well as acknowledgements as National Jeweler's



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•What was your initial reaction up receiving notice of your recognition as distinguished alumni?

My immediate reaction was truly "why me?" I really do not feel worthy.

•Now that you've had time to reflect on the recognition, what does it mean to you?

It is an incredible honor to receive this recognition, especially to be in the company of these awesome honorees.

•Describe your time/experiences at

North — highlights, any special memories/stories, significant influences (teachers, classmates or administrators), particular learned life lessons.

I had such a wonderful experience at North. So many of my very closest friends were GPN classmates and I frequently see them 30 years later. I have been able to maintain friendships with many of my teachers for many years, including Mr. Dungan, Mr. Pierson, Mr. Boos, Mrs. Soby and Mr. Harridan and many more.

I have so many fond memories of many memorable events from the then-popular W-4 WWWW radio station



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Left, John Ahee, vice president of Edmund T. AHEE Jewelers, at last year's Capuchin Soup Kitchen's Souper Summer Celebration.

Above, Ahee during Grosse Pointe North High School's 1982 prom.

playing basketball against the faculty to the Powder Puff football game and, of course, the All Night Graduation Party. And so much more!

•High school is a significant time in a person's life. In most instances, it assists individuals in finding their identity, defining who they are and what they want to be? How did your time/experiences at North help shape you into who you were in the immediate years that followed and who you are today?

I was so fortunate to be able to have directed study opportunities in the gemology field while at North. I also had interest

in BOEC (Business Office Education Club), accounting, math and computing and the education and educators were so helpful in future years.

•What/who do you hope to do/see in your return to North?

I truly look forward to visiting the school to see all of the enhancements to the school that I hear and read so much about.

•Anything else you'd like to add about the recognition or about your experiences since graduating?

I am most grateful to those who nominated me and selected me. I am very humbled by this recognition, but I still don't feel worthy of it.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

April 16 and 17, Grosse Pointe North alum Sandra Joseph will visit South to work with students prior to their "Phantom of the Opera" performances.

## Alum returns for student workshop

By A.J. Hakim  
Staff Writer

Before opening night of their own "Phantom of the Opera" production, Grosse Pointe South High School students have the opportunity to learn from Broadway's "longest-running leading lady in its longest-running show," when Sandra Joseph visits April 16 and 17.

A 1986 Grosse Pointe North graduate, Joseph played the role of Christine Daae in Andrew Lloyd Weber's musical for nearly a decade. She returns to Grosse Pointe to work with South students, taking in a performance run-through and providing notes for each act.

"Those that have high hopes of going into this

can see we have alumni that have made it," said Ellen Bowen, South's director of choral music and music theater. "Knowing we have alumni on Broadway stages gives our students hope."

"But many of our students are not going into music theater or theater or dance, they are doing this for a once in a lifetime experience. Adding a clinician that has done the part of Christine for years on Broadway and is married to her Phantom, that's the icing on the cake that they will never forget."

Joseph joins a growing list of district alumni-turned-Broadway-professionals offering insight and encouragement to Bowen's students before their performance. Last year, for South's musical production "25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," students Allyson Webb and Hannah Sparrow, both playing the role of Olive, engaged in a phone conference with Celia Keenan-Bolger, who developed the initial Broadway role and received a Tony Award nomination. Keenan-Bolger received private voice lessons with Bowen while in high school.

Before that, Bowen hosted a workshop with "Thoroughly Modern

Millie" actor and Tony Award-winner, Gavin Creel, whose time spent assisting students affected some into altering their career choices.

"Rob Montgomery was so influenced by him, he is majoring in music theater at Penn State (University)," Bowen said. "Without that influence, Rob may have become an engineer. It changed his life."

"I can always hope that every time my students work with a working pro, it will change their lives in some way. Perhaps I'm a dreamer, but if you can't dream it, it won't happen."

South performs Phantom Thursday, April 26, to Sunday, April 29, and Thursday, May 3, to Saturday, May 5, at Grosse Pointe North High School's Performing Arts Center. Thursday performances are 7:30 p.m. and Sunday's 3 p.m. All others are 8 p.m.

## Star celebrates reading month



PHOTO COURTESY OF LISA LESZCZYNSKI

In celebrating national reading month, U.S. Navy PFC Ian Leszczynski stopped in to his mother Lisa Leszczynski's second-grade class at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic School and read Dr. Seuss' "The Butter Battle Book."

A 2007 Star graduate, Ian Leszczynski is the first alumnus admitted into the Naval Academy in Annapolis. He fielded multiple questions from students about the Navy, including the varieties of food eaten.

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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.

## Ronald Argenzio

Ronald Argenzio, 56, passed away suddenly Monday, March 26, 2012. He was born Dec. 20, 1955, in Malden, Mass., to Betty and Vincent Argenzio.

Mr. Argenzio and his wife, Kathleen, have been residents of Grosse Pointe for 20 years. He has worked in various capacities within the insurance industry.

He had a passion for gardening and yard work and took pride in the care of his home and yard.

Mr. Argenzio is survived by his beloved wife, Kathleen; his mother, Betty; brothers, Mark and Paul Argenzio; stepdaughters; granddaughter, Cailin and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his father, Vincent.

Visitation was held March 31 at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods.

## Janet Page Fuger

Former longtime Grosse Pointe Farms resident Janet Page Fuger, 100, died Tuesday, March 20, 2012, at Waltonwood at University, Rochester Hills.

She was born July 29, 1911, in Haverford, Pa., to Joseph French Page and Mary Janet North, and graduated from North Shore Country Day School in Winnetka, Ill. She spent a year studying in Lausanne, Switzerland. She also attended Cranbrook Academy of Art, at what is now the College of Creative Studies in Detroit.

Mrs. Fuger was proficient in pastel, oil, watercolor, figure drawing, landscape painting and sculpting. She exhibited and sold some of her works. The walls of family and friends' houses are dotted with her landscapes, portraits and architectural scenes.

In 1932, she married Pierre Godfrey Fuger of Grosse Pointe Farms. Together they raised five children and spent most of their lives in Grosse Pointe Farms, except between 1945 and 1952 when they lived in St. Louis, Mo.

Mrs. Fuger volunteered throughout her life. She was an air raid warden during World War II. She was a member of the Junior League of Detroit, the Society of the Children of Mary, and was active in her church, St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, as well as at Cottage Hospital. She was a lector at St. Paul and was only able to retire when "given permission" at age 85.

She performed in several Junior League Follies for the benefit of the Detroit community. She volunteered countless hours at the Detroit Senior Center and helped organize the dining facility in the Kresge Court, the first of its kind, at the Detroit Institute of Arts. She also played a key part in establishing the Fair Mack League, at the time of the Detroit riots in the late-1960s.

She was an active member of the Garden Club of Michigan and the Detroit Institute of Arts Founders Society. She was also a member of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society

and the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Mrs. Fuger loved traveling, especially visits to Europe and the Holy Land. She made many trips to visit her children and grandchildren around the country and traveled abroad until her 80s.

Her family remembers she had a great zest for life, art, nature and gardening. She was the glue that held her large family together. She never tired of finding ways to help others.

Mrs. Fuger is survived by her children, Peter (Sally), Mary Page (the late William) Hickey, Tony (Virginia), David (Victoria) and Janet (Stephen) Connolly; 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband and brothers, Joe, Clem and Dick.

A funeral service will be held at noon Friday, June 8, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations in her memory may be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott St., Detroit, MI 48207.

## Ray Joseph Lynch

Grosse Pointe resident Ray Joseph Lynch passed away peacefully Tuesday, March 27, 2012, in Naples, Fla., surrounded by his family.

He was born in 1922 and grew up in Oak Lawn, Ill. His family said he often reflected on his good fortune to land a job as a caddy at age 11, where "he could make an honest buck, learn a little golf and meet interesting people." He spoke of many blessings in his life, not the least of which was passing the Army Air Corps Officer Candidate exam by a mere one point, giving him the chance to serve as a P-38 fighter pilot in World War II.

Mr. Lynch met Leila, his wife of 63 years, on his return from Italy in 1945, after spotting her at Sunday Mass. In his daily letters to Leila from the University of Illinois, he shared what became their dream: "...The perfect family set-up of no less than 12 kids, plus a dog ...," which became reality.

A certified public accountant, Mr. Lynch began his career with Arthur Andersen in Chicago, then worked 30 years at American Natural Resources Co. in Detroit. He retired in 1985 as vice chairman of ANR after serving in numerous executive positions including President, CEO and Chairman of Michigan Wisconsin Pipeline Co.

Mr. Lynch supported many charities and boards including American Natural Resources Co., American Gas Association, Michigan National Bank, Bon Secours Hospital and Children's Hospital of Detroit. His passion was for the disadvantaged youth served by Boysville of Michigan (now Holy Cross Children's Services) where he served on the board and as a volunteer for more than 20 years.

Family and friends will remember his energy, humor, gift for storytelling,

listening and caring. He was devoted to his family and taught his children and grandchildren to believe they could accomplish whatever they set their heart to achieving.

Mr. Lynch is survived by his wife, Leila; children, Dawn (Richard) Rassel, Mary Joy Lynch, Cheryl (Mark) Nilsson, Tim (Claudia) Lynch, Jane Lynch, Martha (Gerry) Lynch-Biasi, Christopher (Elizabeth) Lynch, John (Kathleen) Lynch and Robert (Terry) Lynch; 29 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his sons, Joseph, Thomas and Daniel and his brother, Patrick.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at The Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church in Detroit.

Donations may be made to Holy Cross Children's Services Foundation, 8759 Clinton-Macon Road, Clinton Michigan 49236.

## Stephanie Petri Lord

Stephanie Petri Lord, 65, passed away peacefully Saturday, March 31, 2012, at her home in Ann Arbor.

She was born Jan. 4, 1947, in Detroit to Henry and Avalo Petri. She grew up in Grosse Pointe Farms where she met and married her husband of 42 years, Richard Stanton Lord. They moved to Ann Arbor in 1973 where they raised three children and where Mrs. Lord became well known as the creative force behind many charity events and local theatrical productions.

Her family said Mrs. Lord will be remembered for her laughter, sense of humor, immense love for people and animals, deep faith in God, and her yodel, often performed while driving away from a friend's house or from the top of a ski hill. Many will miss her frequent deliveries of delicious confections, but her memory lives on through recipes shared far and wide.

Mrs. Lord is survived by her husband, Richard S. Lord; children, Hadley, Heather, Henry and daughter-in-law, Rachel; sister, Pamela P. Humphrey and brother-in-law, John W. Humphrey and her nieces, Victoria, Joanna and Caroline.

A celebration of her life will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, at First Presbyterian Church, 1432 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor. Brightly colored attire is encouraged.

Donations may be made to First Church of Christ Scientist, 1833 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor, MI 48104, or the Humane Society of Huron Valley, 3100 Cherry Hill Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105.

## E. Aurelia Verbeke

Former longtime Grosse Pointe Park resident E. Aurelia Verbeke, 103, passed away peacefully Tuesday, March 20, 2012. She was lovingly cared for by the staff of Regent Street in West Bloomfield.

She was the devoted wife of Frank G. for 72 years, whom she married in Christ Church, Grosse



Ronald Argenzio



Stephanie Petri Lord

Pointe and lived in Grosse Pointe Park for 47 years before moving to Timber Pines, Fla.

Beloved mother of Frank G. (DeAna) Verbeke Jr. of La Mesa, Calif., and Aurelia E. (Alvin) Michaels of West Bloomfield; grandmother of Kerri Lynn (Peter) Kapich, Frank (Marilyn) Verbeke III, Linda (Brian Bullock) Michaels and Andrew (Renee) Michaels M.D. and great-grandmother of Alexander Kapich, Rachel, Matthew, Katherine, Ryan and Joseph Michaels.

She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe, and lifetime member of the Detroit Garden Club. She also served as a Girl Scout troop leader, and was an avid gardener and talented seamstress.

Donations may be made to the Detroit Garden Center, 1900 E. Jefferson Ave., No. 227, Detroit, MI 48207 or at detroitgardencenters.org or Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation at jdfr.org.

## Roy F. Moore Jr.

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Roy F. Moore Jr., 88, died Sunday, March 25, 2012, in Harrison Township.

He was born in Detroit to Roy F. Moore Sr. and Anna Vogler and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1942.

He served in the U.S. Army with the 10th Armored Division, 21st Tank Battalion during World War II. He saw action at the Battle of the Bulge, was awarded a Good Conduct Medal and two Theatre Ribbons with three Bronze Stars.

Mr. Moore was a sign painter and graphic artist for 60 years and co-owned Moore Signs Inc. He participated in various groups at Peace Lutheran Church in Detroit, and enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mr. Moore is survived by his wife, Doris; sons, Roy (Jill), Ken (Fran) and Doug (Deborah); daughter, Gayle (John Hall); grandchildren Jay (Laura) Moore, Melissa (Mike) Pierce, Krystin Saputo and Meghan MacConnachie and great-grandchildren, Katarina Moore and Aiden Pierce.

A memorial service was held March 31, at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Clinton Township. Interment will be in Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

Donations may be made to Karmanos Hospice, 24601 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, MI 48075 or St. Luke Lutheran Church, 21400 S. Nunneley, Clinton Township, MI 48035.



Janet Page Fuger



E. Aurelia Verbeke



Hester "Jerry" Swan

## Hester "Jerry" Sweeney Swan

Former Grosse Pointe Farms resident Hester "Jerry" Sweeney Swan died Monday, March 26, 2012, at Martin Memorial Medical Center in Stuart, Fla. She was 87.

She was born at home Aug. 5, 1924, in Detroit to Hester and John Scripps Sweeney Jr. She was educated in Grosse Pointe and Boston, and married William M. Swan Jr. Aug. 31, 1946.

She summered in Nantucket in her youth and enjoyed horseback riding, swimming, golfing and playing bridge and doing a variety of charity work. She was devoted to her children, people and her church.

Mrs. Swan is survived by her sons, Bill, David (Ann) and Jim (Christina); daughter, Susan ("Aunt" Dave); six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, William M. Swan Jr.; parents; sister, Betty, and brothers, John and Cullen.

A funeral service was held April 4 in Stuart.

Donations may be made to St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 623 E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart, FL 34994 or Treasure Coast Hospice Foundation, 1201 S.E. Indian St., Stuart, FL 34997.

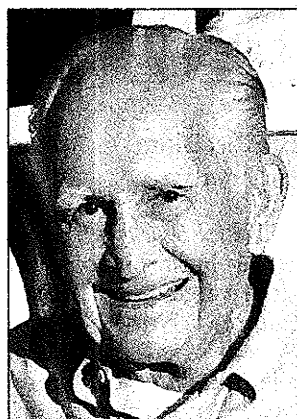
## Betty Virginia Trentacoste

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Betty Virginia Trentacoste, nee Noble, 91, passed away Sunday, April 1, 2012.

She was born Aug. 7, 1920, in Detroit, to Claude and Florence Noble. With her husband she built a happy, flourishing family life filled with extensive world travel, recreation and Catholic devotion.

Mrs. Trentacoste loved boating and was a lifetime member of the Detroit Yacht Club. She enjoyed golf, bowling, cards and was talented and generous with her many craft projects. Her family said above all, she cherished family and through the years, especially at holidays, became a magnet for countless friends and relatives drawn by the warmth, festivities and laughter that filled her home.

Mrs. Trentacoste is survived by her children, Richard (Gail) and Holly



Ray Joseph Lynch



Roy F. Moore Jr.



Betty V. Trentacoste

(Peter); six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and dozens of nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Ben; son, David (the late Susan) and brother, George (the late Mary) Noble.

A funeral was held April 3 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to the American Lung Association, 25900 Greenfield Road, Suite 401, Oak Park, MI 48237.

## John Cowles McIntosh

John Cowles McIntosh, 91, died peacefully, Saturday, March 24, 2012, in Belmont, Mass.

Born Sept. 7, 1920, he was the son of Donald and Marie McIntosh of Ohio. Mr. McIntosh earned a music degree from Mount Union College; he was an accomplished pianist and jazz musician and served as a pilot for the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

He also earned an architectural degree from Case Western Reserve and designed commercial buildings and private residences. When he retired, he designed his own residence, as well as the residence of his brother and sister-in-law, in Conway, Mass. He also completed private projects such as the renovation of St. John's church in Northampton, Mass., handicap-accessible homes, and volunteered with the Conway Historical Society.

Mr. McIntosh is survived by his children, Jon McIntosh of Key West, Fla., Meg Anderson of Belmont, Mass., and Donald McIntosh of Lexington, Mass., and five grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his wife, Lucille.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 12, at Christ Church Cambridge, Zero Garden St., Cambridge, Mass.

Donations may be made to Doctors Without Borders at doctorswithoutborders.org or the Conway Historical Society, 50 Main St., Conway, MA 01341.

# Facebook photos making her famous

By Debra Pascoe  
St. Clair Shores Connection Editor

**ST. CLAIR SHORES** — One could say Facebook is making Cathy Rudd a star.

"In my own mind," the "amateur" photographer responded in a slightly self-deprecating tone.

Rudd's photos of Lake St. Clair sunrises grace the St. Clair Shores and Michigan Now Facebook pages, won contests sponsored by Michigan is Amazing and Macomb County Sheriff Mark Hackel asked her to donate some to the Macomb Conservation District.

Yet another is featured on the cover of the city's calendar.

But Rudd insists she's just an amateur who, as she's been told, has "a good eye."

"I have a Canon and no fancy lenses," she said. "I never really had a camera until last year. I never really liked getting my picture taken even when I was really little."

But a sunrise doesn't sneer, nor will it make silly faces.

"I've always appreciated the sky and how beautiful it is," she said.

Rudd believes everyone has a talent "but we work so hard, we never have time to realize what our talents are. I had the opportunity to take time off and had the time to realize it."

Rudd's sojourn into photography began after the gentleman for whom she'd been a caretaker died ("he was like my dad," she said) and she decided to give herself a break.

"I'm going to be 60 this year and I've never had



PHOTO BY CATHY RUDD

Sunrise over Lake St. Clair.

time off," she said, adding she'd saved enough over her many years of working to take it easy for awhile.

Instead of getting up early and heading for work, Rudd leashed up her Humane Society-adopted terrier mix, Opie Taylor, grabbed her Canon and headed for early morning walks or drives to areas Opie Taylor is welcome.

For fun, she started posting her pictures on her own Facebook site. At the suggestion of her friend, Geri Hofman, she posted a few on the city's site.

"I got a lot of feedback from them," she said. "I think people really, really like to see photos of their city. We're so lucky living

in Michigan that we live near the water and have access to all this beauty."

One of Rudd's favorite pictures was shot just a few weeks ago.

"I took Opie Taylor to a very small park at the end of 12 Mile and Jefferson to catch the sunrise. There was a couple sitting on the bench and I took a picture from the back. I started talking to them and they said they were waiting for the sunrise. Another lady came up with a camera. It was a nice moment; we all stood there watching the sunrise and after it was over, we just left."

Rudd said she regrets not getting the couple's names and would like to give them a print of the photo. "They were having

that moment you always remember," she said.

Her photos aren't all about the sunrise, although she also has a handful with The Village in the City of Grosse Pointe in the foreground along with nighttime shots of the Pointes.

Wildlife is among her favorite subjects. Just last week she posted a picture of deer taken at Lake St. Clair Metro Park in Harrison Township.

"You just never know where you're going to find wildlife, you just have to take the time to look and just walk around," she said.

Rudd said she's considering selling her prints, but she just started a new job and isn't sure she'll have the time, nor does



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Cathy Rudd and Opie Taylor on the Lake St. Clair boardwalk.

she know what's involved with matting and framing her photos for sale or exhibition.

But until she decides, she'll continue sharing her images on the city's website.

## SOC gets block grant

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Community Development Block Grants for 2012 total \$90,000.

They're being distributed along lines of previous grants.

City council members this month approved allocating the money for sidewalk repairs and programs administered by Services For Older Citizens.

Nearly half the money, \$42,020, is being used for

construction of sidewalk curb ramps.

One-third, \$30,000, goes to a housing rehabilitation program operated by SOC.

Thirteen percent, \$11,780, is allocated for SOC's senior services.

The 7 percent balance pays for the city to administer the program.

"Activities are a continuation of efforts undertaken last year," according to Matthew Tepper, Grosse Pointe Farms as-

sistant city manager.

Numerous sidewalk intersections already are retrofitted with ADA-accessible ramps and tactile surfaces.

"(The) Farms has a systematic program of installing a uniform tactile surface," Tepper said.

Money allocated to SOC's minor home repair program is the maximum of block grants allowed for housing rehabilitation activities, according to Tepper.

Likewise for SOC's senior services.

"Final programming amounts are subject to the approval of Wayne County and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development," Tepper said.

— Brad Lindberg

## Accounting firm hired

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — The firm Plante Moran beat two competitors to remain the city's auditors.

Plante Moran rated highest in an evaluation by the city administrators, including Grosse Pointe Farms Controller John Lamerato.

"All three firms were independently evaluated," according to Lamerato.

Members of the city council's budget and audit committee reviewed the evaluations and agreed to retain Plante Moran on a three-year contract.

"Their first-year cost is \$7,940 less than the cost of the June 30, 2001, audit," Lamerato said.

Terms include an option to renew the contract for an additional two years.

Costs per year are limited to:

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— Brad Lindberg

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# Steps to ease into spring projects

Get a jump start on planning and prepping for spring and summer house and garden projects.

Here are a few simple steps to take to prepare for spring and summer:

◆ Sketch out the garden plans and pick the plants that can be purchased or grown from seed. Plans provide background information for a

shopping list. Research how early seedlings should be started, so they'll be ready for transplant.

Create plans for any other projects that need to be accomplished. The depth of those plans depends on how complicated the project is. Have all permits in order, if required. If a contractor is needed, have a formal agreement and

timeline in place before the work begins.

◆ Check pruning shears for sharp blades. Sharpen or replace the blades if they don't easily cut through a small stem of plant material. Also, check the blades, oil, gasoline and starters on all gar-



dening machinery to ensure they'll run correctly when needed.

◆ A review of all home tools helps to determine if

any new purchases, or replacements, are needed.

Now is the time to purchase missing tools, add new blades to saws or replenish the sandpaper stash.

◆ As the project season gets closer, start purchas-

ing the materials needed ahead of time. This helps to spread the cost out, and can give an idea of how much time and effort the project will take to be completed.

Get started now in matching colors and finding accessories.

Be prepared and ready to go for a successful spring and summer project season.

## LEGALLY SPEAKING By Matthew R. Rumora

# Local communities can enforce new laws



dition, the Secretary of State will suspend driving privileges for one year. No driving is allowed for the first 45 days.

A restricted license is available for the remaining period of suspension, only if the offender installs an ignition interlock device in the vehicle. This device requires the driver to blow into it when starting the car and will not allow the driver to start the vehicle if his or her blood alcohol is .025 or greater.

A person required to have an ignition interlock cannot operate a vehicle not equipped with an ig-

*A new law went into effect Feb. 15 allowing a city, township or village to enact a super drunk driving ordinance that can be prosecuted by the local prosecutor.*

nition interlock. However, this law only applied to prosecutions brought by the county prosecutor under state law.

A new law went into effect Feb. 15, allowing a city, township or village to enact a super drunk driving ordinance that can be prosecuted by the local prosecutor.

The new law provides that a city, township or village can adopt the state law by reference in an adopting ordinance; or enact an ordinance that provides violators can receive community service up to 360 hours, 180 days in jail and a fine between \$200 and \$700.

This is an exception to

state law, which prohibits a local community from enacting or adopting an ordinance that carries more than 93 days in jail or exceeds a fine of \$500.

This law will result in more prosecutions brought against drivers with a high blood alcohol content under the super drunk driving law.

### Parking violations

Another unrelated law becomes effective May 16. This law provides that persons who fail to pay or answer three or more parking violations will

not be issued a driver's license or allowed to renew their driver's license with the Secretary of State until the person has resolved the parking tickets.

Previous law allowed a person to have six unpaid parking tickets before there were any sanctions against the driver's license.

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## EARTHTALK By Roddy Scheer and Doug Moss

# Effective, natural DEET-free insect repellents

Q. I can't seem to find any natural bug repellents that really work. I end up using the harsh, chemical varieties. Are there any really effective bug repellents that aren't chemically based, or other

strategies we can use to keep bugs at bay?

—Melissa Armantine, New Paltz, N.Y.

A. While the industry standard insect repellents rely on the insecticide DEET (N,N-Diethyl-

meta-toluamide) to keep bugs at bay, many environmental and public health advocates worry regular long-term exposure to even small amounts of the chemical can negatively affect the

human nervous system.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reports that, in studies, DEET has been shown to be "of low acute toxicity," although it can irritate the eyes, mouth and skin. The EPA concluded after a comprehensive 1998 assessment that DEET does not present a health risk as long as consumers follow label directions and take proper precautions. And since nothing works quite as well as DEET in deterring disease-carrying ticks and mosquitoes, the Centers for Disease Control is relatively bullish on its use to reduce incidence of Lyme disease, encephalitis and other insect-borne diseases.

Regardless, many consumers would prefer nat-

ural alternatives, and there are several companies selling DEET-free insect repellents, many of which use essential oils as their active ingredients. WebMD reports that soy-based repellent formulas — such as Bite Blocker for Kids — are the most effective substitutes for DEET, usually lasting for 90 minutes, which is longer than some low-concentration DEET formulas.

Some other leading alternative repellents include All Terrain's Herbal Armor, Quantum Health's Buzz Away Extreme, Lakon Herbals Bygone Bugz and California Baby's Natural Bug Blend Repellent.

WebMD adds, despite popular opinion, products containing citronella are

not the best non-chemical choice, as their effectiveness typically wanes within an hour. Likewise, peppermint oil and some other plant-based oils are also effective as insect repellents. Even venerable Avon Skin-So-Soft bath oil, long thought to deter pests as well as DEET, only keeps mosquitoes away for up to a half hour.

Beyond repellents, there are many other ways to keep pests away. For one, avoid floral fragrances from perfume, deodorant or other sources that can attract mosquitoes and other bugs.

The EarthEasy website recommends eliminating standing water around your house to keep mosquito breeding at bay. Bird baths, wading pools and pet water bowls should be changed at least twice a week; also make sure the gutters are draining properly. Also, since mosquitoes are attracted by carbon dioxide released from campfires and barbecue grills, EarthEasy recommends throwing sage or rosemary on the coals to repel them.

If all else fails and DEET is your only option, use it sparingly. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends using repellents with no more than a 30 percent concentration of DEET for children over two-months old — and no repellent for younger babies. Formulas with lower concentrations of DEET may work just as well as others but not for as long. A 10 percent DEET concentration should work for up to two hours outside. Applying DEET-based bug spray to your clothing instead of skin can help minimize any negative effects of exposure. Also, children and grown-ups should wash off any DEET-based repellents when they are "out of the woods."

For more information, visit: CDC Insect Repellent Use & Safety, [cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/qa/insect\\_repellent.htm](http://cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/qa/insect_repellent.htm); EarthEasy, [eartheasy.com](http://eartheasy.com); American Academy of Pediatrics, [aap.org](http://aap.org); and WebMD, [webmd.com](http://webmd.com).

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AUTOS By Jenny King

# Lexus CT 200h is fuel sipper



In late 2010, Lexus introduced its all-new CT 200h, the fifth hybrid vehicle and second dedicated hybrid in the Lexus lineup.

While the looks of this five-passenger compact are not show-stoppers, the liftback sedan delivers amazing fuel economy, a quiet ride and precise handling.

The CT 200h standard model starts for less than \$30,000. We had the next-level "premium" CT 200h. It had a base sticker price of \$30,900 plus multiple options packages that, with delivery, drove the total to \$38,239.

Over the span of a week, the CT 200h turned in an impressive 44 miles per gallon average in combined highway and city driving. It is powered by a 1.8-liter four-cylinder gasoline engine with peak output that equals 98 horsepower. In combination with the hybrid drive electric motor, the CT 200h generates 134 total system horsepower. The CT 200h accelerates from 0-60 mph in 9.8 seconds.

Additions to test CT 200h premium included an upgraded, 10-speaker sound system priced at \$1,100; LED headlamps with auto leveling and washer functions at \$1,215; an interior leather package plus rain-sensing wipers and auto-dimming outside mirrors

with memory at \$1,330; a navigation system with weather/voice command/satellite functions for \$2,445 and \$299 illuminated door sills.

## Driving forces

The CT employs an exhaust heat recovery system that captures the heat of spent exhaust gases to speed engine coolant warm-up and allow the hybrid system to stop the engine earlier and more often in the driving cycle when it's not needed.

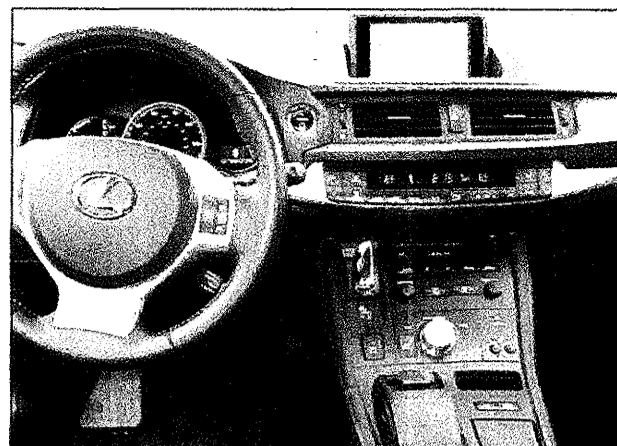
Using a two-electric-motor hybrid system, the CT 200h uses an 80 horsepower drive motor that combines with the gas engine. A second motor in the hybrid system serves as both engine starter and generator to charge the hybrid battery pack. The transmission is an electronically controlled continuously variable transmission.

Electronic operation allows a control strategy that invokes the oil pump only when needed.

The CT 200h also incorporates a drive-mode selector allowing the driver to toggle among four modes: Normal, Sport, Eco or EV. Each mode changes the rate of throttle opening for a given throttle-pedal angle. Under certain circumstances, the EV mode can allow the vehicle to be driven short distances using only the electric motors.

## Instrument panel

The CT 200h's start up is quiet, with a green "ready" light on the instrument panel indicating you are running just be-



PHOTOS BY JENNY KING

For 2012, the CT 200h includes an audible warning that lets bikers know the hybrid vehicle is approaching.

fore the electric motor kicks in.

The gear shift is a small paddle just forward of the right side of the steering wheel. It travels easily and only short distances; "park" is achieved by pressing a button rather than using the paddle.

When the car is in "reverse" there is a constant beeping; the test car had a

rearview camera to assist.

The 2012 CT 200h features a new vehicle proximity notification system that helps alert pedestrians and cyclists of an oncoming vehicle by emitting a low audible warning sound.

## Dull-buster model

For 2012, the CT 200h hybrid premium compact

offers a new F sport package with special suspension tuning and 17-inch F Sport alloy wheels. The package includes a unique front mesh grille,

larger rear deck spoiler and exterior F sport badging and much more.

King is an automotive writer who lives in the City of Grosse Pointe.

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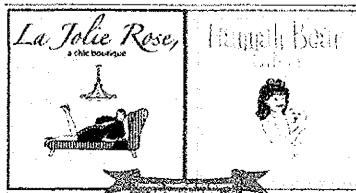
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## 8A II | AUTOMOTIVE

TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

## 2012 Hyundai Sonata SE Turbo



**T**his week, we're driving Hyundai's 2012 Sonata SE 2.0 T, with the "T" standing for turbocharger — base price: \$24,745; price as tested: \$25,570.

Our tester came in SE sporty trim, consisting of a bevy of impressive amenities and stylish exterior and interior offerings. Sonata is classified as mid-size, its available interior puts it in the "large car" EPA category.

The 4-door, 5-passenger sedan is very aerodynamic and perhaps one of the best looking cars Hyundai



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## 2012 Hyundai Sonata SE

has ever produced.

Sonata starts with an entry level 6-speed manu-

al GLS listing for \$19,795. If you want the automatic CVT, add \$1,000. Sonata

is available in nine distinct trims, including several SE models, the premium

Limited and the new Hybrid.

Sonata's standard engine is a 2.4-liter inline-4 that develops 198 or 200 horsepower depending on exhaust system — single or dual, respectively — and delivers 24 miles per gallon city and 35 highway. The Hybrid, meanwhile, delivers 35 in the city and 40 on the highway with a similar, albeit less powerful 2.4-liter engine. A well geared Hyundai CVT automatic, includes Shiftronic paddle shifters, is standard on all non-GLS models, including the Hybrid transmission.

Outstanding is our tester's turbocharged engine with 274 horses. Overall, Sonata turbo will get up and go with the best of them, and accelerate to 60 mph from a standing start in the 5-second range. Additionally, whatever Hyundai is doing with Sonata's suspension, keep doing it. The steering wheel firmness is excellent, as is the handling in all types of driving conditions. The turbo also does not rob fuel economy, as 22 city and 34 highway are the numbers.

SE Turbo's standard features are many, with dual zone air, USB, auxiliary input jacks, XM satellite radio with 6-speaker 104 watt stereo CD, dual exhaust, power trunk, keyless push button start, 8-cupholders, power driver seat, sport grille, tilt/telescoping steering

with audio and cruise controls, electronic stability, traction control, electronic brake assist, six-air bags, daytime running lamps, fog lights, and more.

New for 2012 is a standard Blue Link "Telematics" system. Our tester also featured a \$50 cargo net and \$775 for destination which pushes the retail to \$25,570.

A sport suspension features dual stabilizers front and rear, McPherson struts up front and a multi-link setup in the rear — four-wheel independent suspension. Meeting the road are 18-inch tires on nice alloys, while the 4-wheel ABS disc brake system helps stop Sonata in a straight line every time.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 110-inches, 3,452-pound curb weight, 16.4 cubic feet of cargo space, 18.5-gallon fuel tank and a 35.8-foot turning diameter.

Hyundai's Sonata, built in Montgomery, Ala., could be the best buy out there in the mid-size class. With its impressive redesign last year, 100,000-mile limited powertrain and price, prospective buyers should take a very close look at this "Test Drive" top recommendation.

Likes: price, engine, fuel mileage, looks, interior room

Dislikes: SE has rougher ride due to sporty suspension

Greg Zyla is a syndicated automotive columnist.

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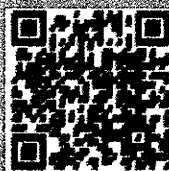
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SOLD says it all

Every day another Grosse Pointe house is put on the market. What are the prospects of its timely sale?

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

They are the sure omens of spring. Robins returning, daffodils blooming and "For Sale" signs sprouting on front lawns across the country.

For Grosse Pointe residents wanting to downsize, upsize or make a career move, an improved housing market may have them looking forward to something besides warm weather at this time of year, as the Grosse Pointes have one more sign of a new season — the "SOLD" sign that is being added to many for sale signs throughout the area.

According to an analysis done by the firm of Higbie Maxon Agney, Inc. Realtors of Grosse Pointe Farms, residential home sales in 2011 were the best the Pointes have seen since 2008, and they have every reason to believe 2012 will be even better. The charts were prepared with data collected from MIREalSource and Realcomp II, LTD multiple listing services.

"I think Realtors have been optimistic since the end of 2009," said Kay Agney. "We have had positive numbers the past two years and we are looking forward to strong sales in 2012."

Agney noted several reasons for the increase in sales, including low prices and nearly record low interest rates.

Of course, those lower prices aren't necessarily good news for sellers, with the average sales price in the Grosse Pointes for 2011 was \$225,300, down from \$229,159 in 2010, but Agney feels the decline is temporary.

"We saw a small decline in sale prices last year but we're optimistic

prices will be going up this year," Agney said.

Agents are seeing a mix of buyers, ranging from young first-time buyers to older clients looking to downsize, she said.

Agney added, current residents make up the majority of buyers.

"We have always been historically strong in sales to residents who either want to upsize or downsize," she said. "People who live here want to stay here because we have so much to offer."

While current residents make up much of the sales market, people moving to the Pointes for the first time also make up a significant number, especially those in the medical field.

The Pointe's proximity to both the Detroit Medical Center and Henry Ford Hospital have brought a steady stream of medical professionals looking for homes in the area, she said.

Michael Fikany, owner-broker for James H. Fikany Real Estate, also cited the area's proximity to law schools as another draw, noting that he just closed a home sale in the Park to a law school professor moving to the Detroit area.

"The market is much more active than it has been," he said. "I think prices are stabilizing and confidence is growing. This is a great time to get in the market, with great prices and low interest rates."

According to the analysis, which compared home sales from 2000 to 2011, while the total of 657 houses sold was down from the high of 702 in both 2003 and 2004, it is up considerably from the low of 436 in 2008.

The report maintains

that "2011's strong showing in terms of homes sold is an encouraging reflection of the market. Not only is the Grosse Pointe market stabilizing, but people are taking advantage of interest rates — which are at historic lows — and are willing to commit to buying a home."

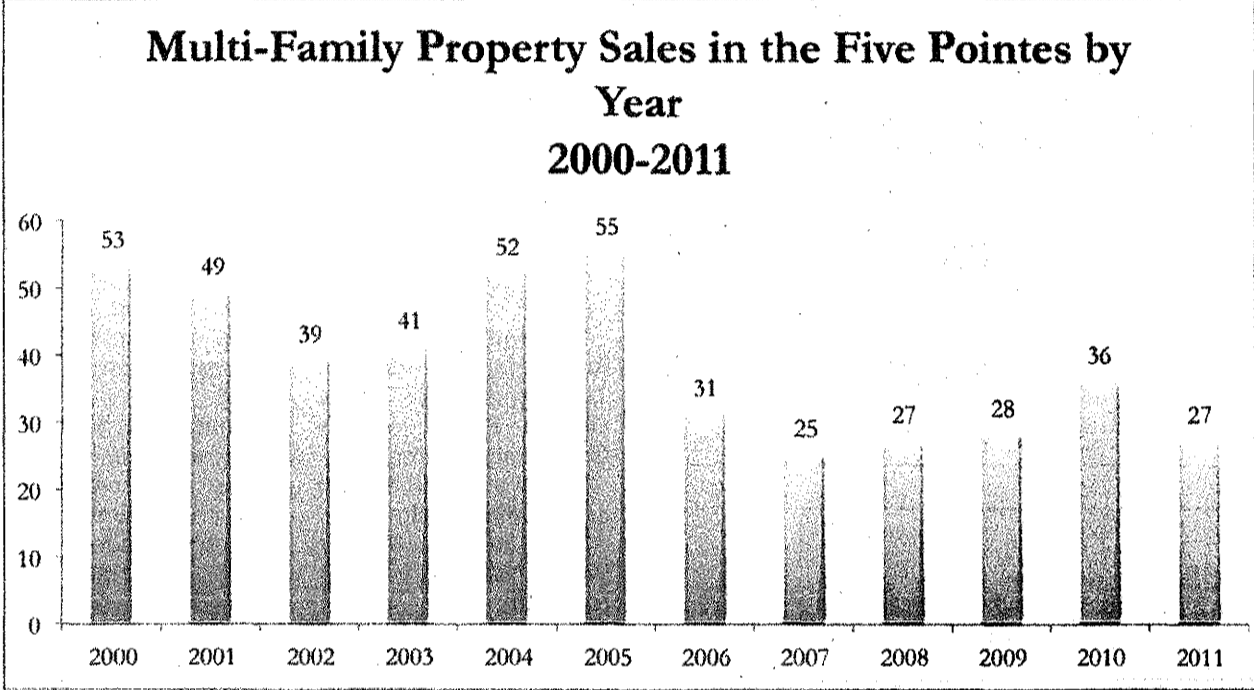
Of note is the drop in

with December 2011 showing inventory at an all-time low with less than 300 houses on the market, compared to more than 500 in December, 2009.

"It's an issue right now of supply and demand," Fikany said. "There are many people trying to get into the market because of low prices and low interest rates. I see good things ahead for both buyers and sellers."



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the number of foreclosures in the Pointes, as well as the sales of those properties.

Between 2009 and 2011, the percentage of bank-owned sales dropped 19 percent, from 28 percent of all sales in 2009 to 9 percent of all sales in 2011. The sales of privately-owned house sales increased during that same period from 65 percent of sales to 78 percent.

While the report focused on single-family sales, it also showed sales of condominium units nearly doubled between 2010 to 2011, going from 15 sales to 28 in one year.

Another figure to note is the number of leased properties in the Pointes. The year 2011 saw a major increase from 2010, with 163 leases signed in 2011 compared to 104 in 2010.

Both Agney and Fikany pointed out there are fewer homes on the market,



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JANUARY	2011/43	2002/20
FEBRUARY	2001/52	2009/27
MARCH	2000/60	2005/25
APRIL	2002 & 2004/69	2008/28
MAY	2001/83	2008/43
JUNE	2004/98	2006 & 2007/56
JULY	2002/88	2008/41
AUGUST	2003/90	2009/40
SEPTEMBER	2003/75	2008/40
OCTOBER	2003/55	2006/26
NOVEMBER	2011/63	2007/32
DECEMBER	2011/56	2008/25

Table 2: the best and worst months for residential sales from 2000 to 2011

Grosse Pointe Home Sales 2000-2011 by month and yearly total												
	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
January	43	28	25	22	26	23	32	24	43	20	33	40
February	28	40	27	31	29	30	31	41	40	42	52	35
March	53	50	39	33	40	32	25	53	49	58	48	60
April	45	57	45	28	35	41	45	69	48	69	48	53
May	57	63	46	43	49	51	69	71	58	77	83	69
June	58	88	66	51	56	56	94	98	86	71	78	87
July	73	47	61	41	52	45	59	69	68	88	68	60
August	70	49	40	43	62	48	52	61	90	61	68	69
September	65	60	56	40	48	41	59	58	75	64	60	54
October	46	53	45	46	52	26	41	51	55	41	42	53
November	63	48	60	33	32	27	34	42	36	46	45	44
December	56	38	43	25	35	29	36	55	54	47	49	31
TOTAL	657	621	553	436	516	449	577	702	702	684	674	655

Table 1: number of homes sold per month 2000-2011

# AREA ACTIVITIES

## Toastmasters

Northeastern Toastmasters meet at 7 p.m. Monday, April 9, in the Brownell Middle School cafeteria, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

For more information, call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikielek at (313) 884-4201.

## Sunrise Rotary

Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club meets at 7 a.m. Tuesday, April 10, at The Hill Seafood & Chop House, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. The speaker is U.S. Rep. Gary Peters D-Troy.

## Library

In recognition of National Library Week, April 9 - 14, Grosse Pointe's three libraries hold special programs. Monday, April 9, the

three branch libraries offer gifts and a restaurant raffle with three gift certificates to City Kitchen.

Local author Bill Rapai talks about his book, "The Kirtland's Warbler," at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, at the Woods branch. To register, call (313) 343-2072.

The movie, "Hugo," is shown at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, at the Woods branch. To register, call (313) 343-2072.

Assistant library director James Moffett and librarian Danis Houser outline job hunting tools and resources found at the library at 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 11, at the Ewald branch. To register, call (313) 343-2071.

James Robertson explains the Nook eReader and demonstrate how to access the libraries free downloadable eBook collections at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 12, at the Ewald branch.

To register, call (313) 343-2071.

## Alliance Francaise

The Alliance Francaise de Grosse Pointe presents the film, "A Loving Father" ("Aime ton pere") at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods branch, 20680 Mack.

Father and son, Gerard and Guillaume Depardieu are featured.

The movie is in French with English subtitles. Admission is free.

## Grosse Pointe Historical society

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society offers a class in creating floral homemade soaps from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at the Provencal-Weir House, 376 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Children aged 8 years and older can attend. The cost is \$15 for historical society members and \$20 for guests. Reservations must be made by Thursday, April 12, by calling Izzy at (313) 884-7010.

## Grosse Pointe Woods

The movie, "Midnight in Paris," is shown Tuesday, April 17, at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center.

Lunch is served at noon and the movie follows.

The cost is \$9 for Woods residents and \$11 for guests.

Reservations must be in by Tuesday, April 10, and can be made by calling the Grosse Pointe Woods community center at (313) 343-2408.

## Grannie Nannies

The Grannie Nannies meet at 1:30 p.m. Friday, April 6, at Big Boy Restaurant, 20710 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Meet grandmothers

who enjoy spending time with their grandchildren.

For more information, call (313) 882-9600.

## SOC tea

Services for Older Citizens hosts "April Showers Make May Flowers" afternoon tea from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, April 12, at St. James Lutheran Church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Refreshments and entertainment are provided by Home Instead Senior Care.

Dan Berjen provides the music.

For reservations, call (313) 882-9600. The cost is \$5.

Parking is in the city lot behind the church. Enter through the double doors facing the lot. A parking ticket is stamped at the tea for free parking.

## Soroptimist

Soroptimist International of Grosse Pointe hosts a play, "Body & Soul," at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

It tells the stories of young men and women who left home and were seduced, lured or kidnapped into a life of violence and prostitution. The play has graphic content and strong language and is recommended for those more than 15 years of age.

Admission is \$5 except for those 15 to 18 years, who are admitted free.

For reservations e-mail the club's president, Mary Ellen Burke, at meb65@aol.com by Thursday, April 12.

For more information about the play, contact Mary Parsigian at mmparsigian@gmail.com.

## Chamber music

The Grosse Pointe Chamber Music concert begins at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 22, in the Crystal Ballroom, Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe

Farms.

The concert includes music by Handel, Bellini, Mozart, Beach and Haydn.

Tickets cost \$12 and can be purchased at the door. Those 18 and under are admitted free.

For more information, call (586) 945-6830 or visit gpchambermusic@yahoo.com or Facebook.

Other concerts are May 2 and June 3.

## Family Center

The Family Center's Circle of Friends sponsors the second annual LEGO Artists Challenge, with winners to be announced April 21.

Rules and deadlines can be obtained from the Family Center's website, familycenterweb.org. Age

brackets are kindergarten through second grade, third through fifth grade, sixth through eighth grade, high school and adult.

All original structures must be made from LEGO, duplo, Megablocks or other LEGO compatible plastic bricks.

All entries must be pre-registered and entry forms postmarked by Friday, April 13. There is a \$15 entry fee. Prizes are awarded to first, second and third place in each age category.

Public viewing of the creations is from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods. Admission is \$2 or \$5 for a family.

For more information, call (313) 432-3832.

# What's happening

The coming fortnight brings several programs to the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, including a guided tour of Hamtramck and classes to learn about building a twig chair or repairing timepieces.

Prices are for early registration. For reservations and to learn more about these and the other programs and special events, call (313) 881-7511.

**Build a Twig Chair Workshop** — 6 to 10 p.m., Tuesday, April 17. Participants complete a full-sized adult chair to be placed in gardens, yards, porches or homes. Basic chair frames are built prior to class. Following demonstration, participants finish the chair's back and arms by bending willow and attaching with small nails. The cost is \$53, plus a \$75 materials fee payable at time of registration.

**Basic Clock Repair** — 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Tuesdays, April 17 to May 15. Get clock repair tips, tricks and secrets, includ-

ing how to open, adjust, clean and reassemble. Bring an American clock to work on, small screw drivers and needle nose pliers. The cost is \$93 for five week program plus \$15 materials fee, payable at time of registration.

**Polish Heritage Tour** — 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 18. Learn about the city's history of Hamtramck, a community dating back to 1798, on a guided tour led by a local expert and hosted by the War Memorial. The tour begins in the National Historic Neighborhood of St. Florian Church and continues along the main shopping corridor, past churches, historic schools and popular night spots frequented by stars like Jimmy Durante and The Three Stooges. Stops will be made at the Polish Art Center and a Polish bakery. Lunch is at Polonia Restaurant. The bus leaves from the War Memorial at 11:30 a.m. Guests should arrive 15-minutes prior to check-in. Cost is \$42 per person and includes guided tour, lunch and bus transportation.

The War Memorial is taking summer camp registration. For more information, visit warmemorial.org.

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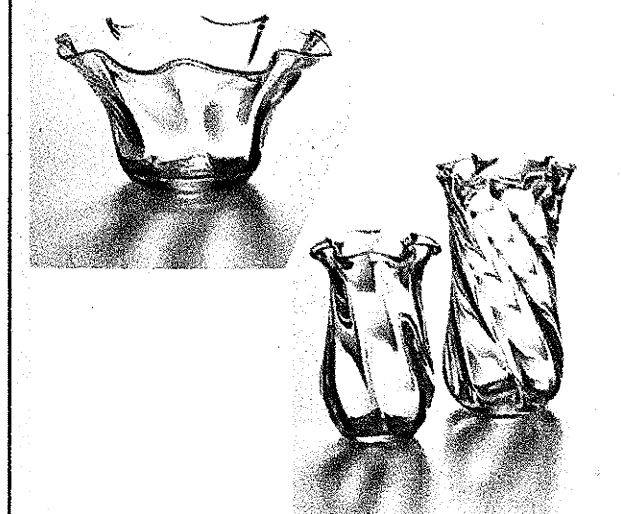


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## April 9 to April 15

8:30 am Vitality Plus (Aerobics)  
 9:00 am Musical Storytime  
 9:30 am Pointes of Horticulture  
 10:00 am Shine a Light  
 10:30 am Things to Do at the War Memorial  
 11:00 am Out of the Ordinary  
 11:30 am Senior Men's Club

12:00 pm Economic Club of Detroit  
 1:00 pm Glory  
 1:30 pm Great Lakes Log  
 2:00 pm The John Prost Show  
 2:30 pm Legal Insider  
 3:00 pm Things to Do at the War Memorial  
 3:30 pm Art & Design  
 4:00 pm Vitality Plus (Tone)  
 4:30 pm Musical Storytime  
 5:00 pm In a Heartbeat  
 5:30 pm Glory  
 6:00 pm Legal Insider  
 6:30 pm Shine a Light  
 7:00 pm Vitality Plus (Step/Kick Boxing)  
 7:30 pm Things to Do at the War Memorial  
 8:00 pm In a Heartbeat  
 8:30 pm Senior Men's Club  
 9:00 pm Art & Design  
 9:30 pm Pointes of Horticulture  
 10:00 pm The John Prost Show  
 10:30 pm Great Lakes Log  
 11:00 pm Out of the Ordinary  
 11:30 pm Senior Men's Club

Midnight Economic Club of Detroit  
 1:00 am Glory  
 1:30 am Great Lakes Log  
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 3:00 am Art & Design  
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 4:00 am The John Prost Show  
 4:30 am Great Lakes Log  
 5:00 am Out of the Ordinary  
 5:30 am Legal Insider  
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 7:30 am Musical Storytime  
 8:00 am In a Heartbeat

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### Shine a Light

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## NEW ARRIVALS

## Alden Charles Daudert

United States Navy retired Lt. Cmdr. Jeffrey and Kimberly Adams Daudert of Grosse Pointe Park are the parents of a son, Alden Charles Daudert, born Nov. 21, 2011.

Maternal grandparents are William and Cynthia Adams of Grosse Pointe Park.

James and Briana Daudert of Gobles are paternal grandparents.

William and Helen Mclean of Perrysburg, Ohio, are the great-grandparents.

## Anna Marie Wolf

Nathan and Jill Wolf, of Holland, are the parents of a daughter, Anna Marie Wolf, born Jan. 17, 2012.

Maternal grandparents are Michael and Judith Bramos, of Harper Woods.

Karl and Cynthia Wolf, of Schaumburg, Ill., are paternal grandparents.

Great-grandparents are Mary Burghardt, of Fraser, Dennis Bramos, of Warren, and Margaret Wolf, of Logansport, Ind.

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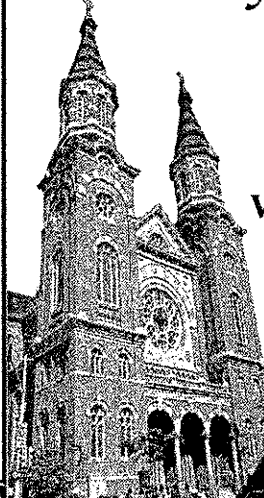
**Easter Sunday, April 8**  
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 Easter Breakfast - 8:15am  
 Worship Service - 9:30am

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## Holy Week & Easter Services

**Maundy Thursday, April 5, 2012**  
 11:15 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.  
 Holy Communion Celebrated at Both Services

**Good Friday, April 6, 2012**  
 11:15 a.m. Passion Service  
 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae

**Easter Sunday, April 8, 2012**  
 8:00 a.m. Sunrise Service with Holy Communion  
 10:45 a.m. Festival Music Service  
 9:00-10:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast  
 All Are Welcome!



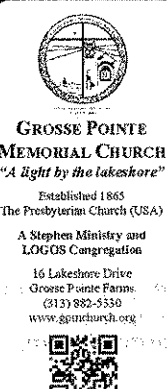
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**Good Friday Liturgy - April 6th, 12:15 p.m.**  
 The Seven Words of Christ on the Cross by Heinrich Schütz,  
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**Easter Day - April 8th**  
 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Music  
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**April 5 - Maundy Thursday**  
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**April 6 - Good Friday**  
 Worship services 12:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

**April 8 - Easter Sunday**  
 Worship services 6:45 a.m.,  
 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

## Walk the Journey with Jesus

**Palm Sunday, April 1, 2012**  
 8, 9 and 11:15 am - Holy Eucharist  
**Monday and Tuesday in Holy Week, April 2 and 3, 2012**  
 7 pm - Holy Week Liturgy  
**Wednesday in Holy Week, April 4, 2012**  
 7 pm - Tenebrae

**Maundy Thursday, April 5, 2012**  
 7 pm - Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing & Stripping of the Altar  
**Good Friday, April 6, 2012**  
 12 Noon - Good Friday Liturgy  
 2:30 pm - Children's Stations of the Cross  
 7 pm - The Christ Church Chorale presents  
 St. Matthew Passion by Johann Sebastian Bach  
 Freewill offering

**Holy Saturday, April 7, 2012**  
 7 pm - Great Vigil of Easter  
**Easter Day, Sunday, April 8, 2012**  
 7 am - Early Morning Holy Eucharist  
 9 and 11:15 am - Holy Eucharist  
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**EASTER DAY, APRIL 8**  
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**Great Vigil of Easter - April 7**  
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**Easter Sunday - April 8**  
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 Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 p.m.  
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight.

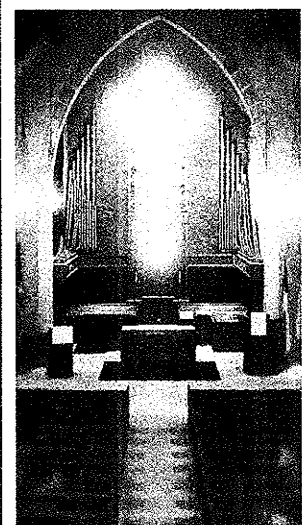
**FRIDAY, APRIL 6 - GOOD FRIDAY**  
 Stations of the Cross - 12:00 noon  
 Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death - 1:30 p.m.  
 Ecumenical Stations in the Street - 4:30 p.m.  
 Lenten Dinners in the ARK - 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 7 - HOLY SATURDAY**  
 Blessing of Easter Foods - 12:00 noon  
 THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL MASS - 8:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 8 - EASTER SUNDAY**  
 Mass at 8:30 a.m. • Mass at 11:15 a.m. - Hospitality after both Masses in the ARK

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## HOLY WEEK SERVICES



# Plenty to do in Michigan this year

With 2012 under way, visitors to Michigan can look forward to a wide range of new and improved lodging options, dining spots, and activities this year, including milestone anniversary celebrations.

## What's new to see:

### Museums

Michigan has several new museums and exhibits for visitors to explore this year.

◆ The world's premier automotive exhibition — Driving America — is now on display at The Henry Ford in Dearborn.

◆ Gerald R. Ford's uniform during his time as lieutenant commander is on display at Michigan's Own Military & Space Museum in Frankenmuth.

◆ The Mount Pleasant Discovery Museum is expected to open this fall, providing a hands-on, educational experience for children.

◆ The Fort Gratiot Lighthouse Tower reopens after a full restoration on May 19.

◆ Designed by Zaha Hadid, the Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum opens in East Lansing this fall.

### Attractions

◆ Downtown Holland is now home to a 5,000 pound limestone sculpture titled Zoondigekwe: Strong Hearted Woman.

◆ Cool down this summer at the new Grand Haven Splash Pad.

## What's new to do:

### Adventure

Michigan offers a wide variety of new ways to explore the state and find an adventure.

◆ Zip line through the hills and valleys that inspired Ernest Hemingway at Wildwood Rush near Young State Park in Boyne City.

◆ Take on a 5K obstacle course designed by firefighters during Hero Rush at the Calhoun County Fairgrounds June 2.

◆ Explore the Blueways of St. Clair County with a new trip planner website full of information on both land and water trails.

◆ Grab a paddle; The Frankenmuth Coach is now offering canoe rentals on the Cass River.

◆ Stop in Jackson for the

paranormal and historic tours at Michigan's first state prison.

◆ Frankenmuth has launched a new smart phone app that offers five unique tours of the city and surrounding areas.

◆ Take part in culinary classes with The Great Foodini new this year at Howell's Main Street Winery.

### Sports & Events:

◆ The Golf Club at Harbor Shores in Benton Harbor hosts the 2012 Senior PGA Championship.

◆ Feel the roar of engines when the Chevrolet Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix returns to Detroit for the first time in five years June 1-3.

◆ Indianwood Golf and Country Club in Lake Orion

hosts the 2012 U.S. Senior Open July 9-15.

◆ Runners can add the Ann Arbor Marathon, June 17, to their list of must-do Michigan races.

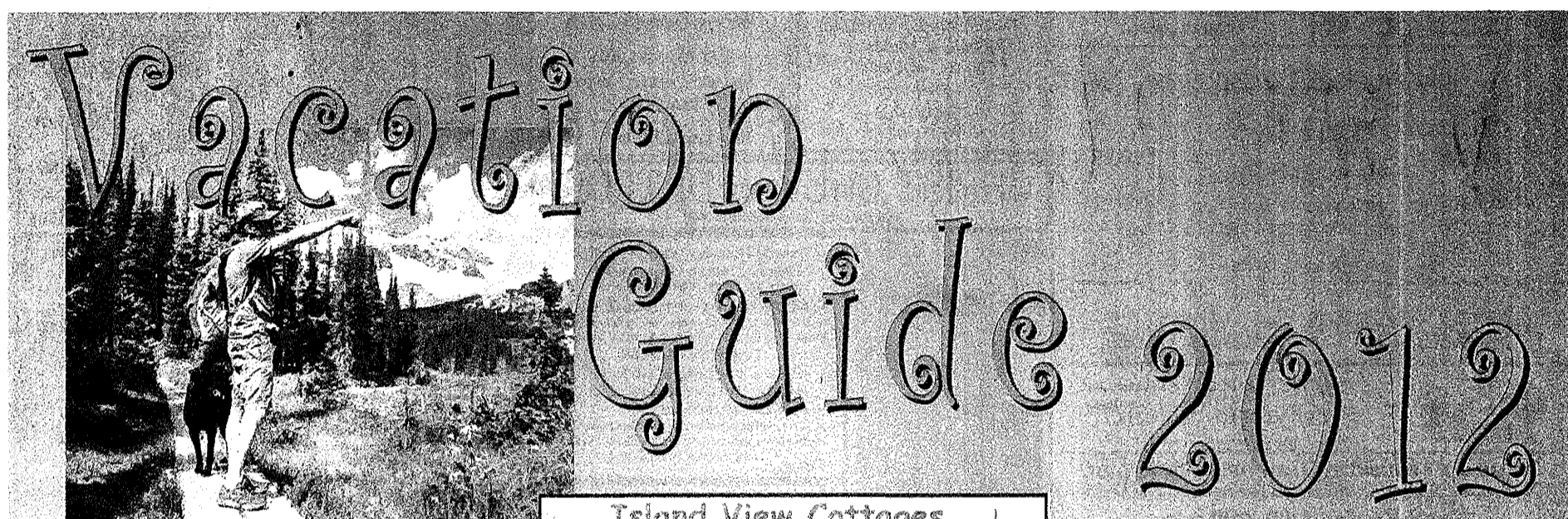
◆ Experience the thrill of NASCAR at the Pure Michigan 400 at Michigan International Speedway on Aug. 19.

◆ Metamora's Celebration of the Horse Festival returns in 2012.

◆ The Luna Pier Bootleggers & Blues Festival has added a day this year, making it a new weekend destination July 21-22.

◆ Tall ships sails into town for the Sault Ships & Sailabration in Sault Ste. Marie Aug. 3-5.

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## MICHIGAN: A host of events

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◆ Navy Week commemorates the bicentennial of the War of 1812 in Detroit Sept. 3-10.

### Shopping

A host of new and unique stores are open for business this year.

◆ Ann Arbor: Cherry Republic, Babo Market, The Automobile Store, METAL Design and Fabrication.

◆ Grand Haven: Urban Finery, Solia Boutique, Blueberry Haven, C2C Gallery.

◆ Grand Rapids: Old World Olive Press, The Local Epicurean.

◆ Holland: Kelly's Market,

Silver Fox Jewelry II, Tree Huggers.

### Wineries

Ten new wineries opened in Michigan last year:

Boathouse Vineyards in Lake Leelanau, Brengman Brothers in Traverse City, Good Neighbor Organic in Northport, Harbor Springs Vineyard and Winery, St. Ambrose Cellars in Beulah, The Cellars of Royal Farms in Ellsworth, Verterra Winery in Leland, S U&D Winery in Marquette, Flying Otter Vineyard and Winery in Adrian and Gravity in Baroda.

Microbrews

New breweries in Michigan include Brewery Terra Firma and The Filling Station Microbrew both in Traverse City, Bad Bear Brewery in Albion, Blue Tractor BBQ & Brewery in Ann Arbor (finishing up an expansion), and the Soo Brewing Company in Sault Ste. Marie.

### Restaurants

◆ Ann Arbor: The Raven's Club, Mani Osteria & Bar, Satchel's BBQ.

◆ Boyne City: Sunset Grill, Bella Vita.

◆ Corunna: Smokin' Johnny V's Barbecue Bistro.

◆ Detroit: The London Chop House, Hotel D Mongo's 1897, Mercury Burger Bar, Ottawa Via.

◆ Grand Rapids: Ju Sushi & Lounge, Back Forty Saloon.

◆ Howell: Diamond's Steak and Seafood Restaurant.

◆ Lansing: The Boardroom, Artie's Filling Station, Fork in

the Road.

◆ Mount Pleasant: Midori Sushi & Martini Bar, Camille's on the River, L-1 Bar & Grille.

◆ Ypsilanti: The Wurst Bar.

### Milestones and Anniversaries

◆ 200 Years — Battle of the River Raisin (War of 1812).

◆ 150 Years — Frankenmuth Brewing Company.

◆ 145 Years — Big Sable Point Lighthouse, Ludington.

◆ 130 Years — Tibbits Opera House, Coldwater.

◆ 125 Years — The Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, Murdick's Fudge, Mackinac Island.

◆ 120 Years — Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse, Mackinaw City.

Squaw Island Lighthouse.

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## Yesterday's Headlines

Editor's note: The following excerpts appear as they were printed in the Grosse Pointe News.

# 1962

50 years ago this week

## ◆ SET TO START WORK VERY SHORTLY ON NEW CITY OFFICES:

Work on Grosse Pointe City's new offices is scheduled to begin within the next week or two, and will be completed 120 days from the date of ground-breaking. The entire project is slated to cost \$48,400 and will ultimately be paid for by sale of the Unitarian Church property on Jefferson.

The Unitarian Church plans to build on the site occupied by the present City offices, between Neff and St. Clair on Maumee. Church and City agreed to a "property swap" last year, but the church cannot begin to build until the current City offices have been vacated, and the offices cannot be vacated until the new offices are ready for occupancy, so interim financing arrangements are presently being considered.

◆ **ONLY 2,531 VOTE IN THE WOODS:** The five officials elected by the Woods voters April 2, will take their oaths of office April 9, as provided in the city charter.

City Clerk Leona Liddle

disclosed that 2,531 out of the 10,753 qualified electors in the city took time out to go to the polls.

◆ **PARK POLICE ENFORCING HITCHHIKING ORDINANCE:** The Park's Hitchhiking Ordinance has been ordered enforced by Police Chief Arthur Louwers, as a means of eliminating potential dangers involved.

# 1987

25 years ago this week

## ◆ NORTH HIGH VENTILATION BAD:

Complaints about the ventilation system at North High School surfaced last week following a day when the system was shut down for repairs.

Teachers have been complaining about the school's ventilation for several years. An attempt by the district to repair the system last Wednesday, brought matters to a head. Problems getting a spare part caused the system to be down longer than expected. A rash of headaches followed, but administrators are reluctant to tie the two events together.

◆ **FARMS PARTY ORDINANCE COULD BE TESTED FOR THE FIRST TIME:** In what might turn out to be the first test case of a Farms



FROM THE APRIL 2, 1987, ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

# 1987: April Fool's

Getting ready to brush the snow off her windshield — and an editorial comment — is Peggy Ann Brown of the Farms. Residents woke up Monday to a world of white again. This must be the last snow of the season.

ordinance holding parents responsible for par-

ties given by their children in their absence, in-

formation regarding the ordinance violation has

been turned over to the city's prosecuting attorney.

The party was held March 27 at a Carver Road residents. While on patrol, officers spotted large groups of youths walking down Carver and numerous cars, some parked illegally, in the vicinity of the home.

The officer called for back-up units and approached the house.

A 16-year-old, who later told police his parents were out of town on vacation, asked police for help clearing partygoers from his home.

He told police he had organized the party, but that things had "gotten out of hand."

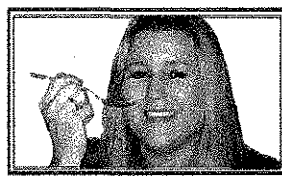
The ordinance holds parents responsible for a party held without adult supervision if alcoholic beverages or drugs are found on any minor at the residence.

— Compiled by Karen Fontanive

**A LA ANNIE** By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

# Adding extra kicks to deviled eggs

I'm up to my annual deviled egg recipe and this year I'm spicing the creamed yolks up with horseradish. Just enough to give these eggs an extra kick. Yummy.



## Spicy Deviled Eggs

(makes 24)

12 hard cooked eggs, halved and yolks removed  
1/4 cup sour cream  
1/4 cup mayonnaise  
3 to 4 tablespoons prepared horseradish  
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard  
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce  
1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice (or more)  
salt and pepper to taste  
fresh chives for garnish

Place egg yolks in a medium bowl and mash well. Add sour cream, mayonnaise, horseradish, Dijon, Worcestershire and lemon juice. Stir well until mixture is smooth. Taste and season with salt and pepper.

Spoon yolk mixture back into halved egg whites, arrange on a serving plate and sprinkle with chopped chives.

Deviled eggs are fun to make because you taste the yolk mixture as you go along and can add more of any of the aforementioned flavors.

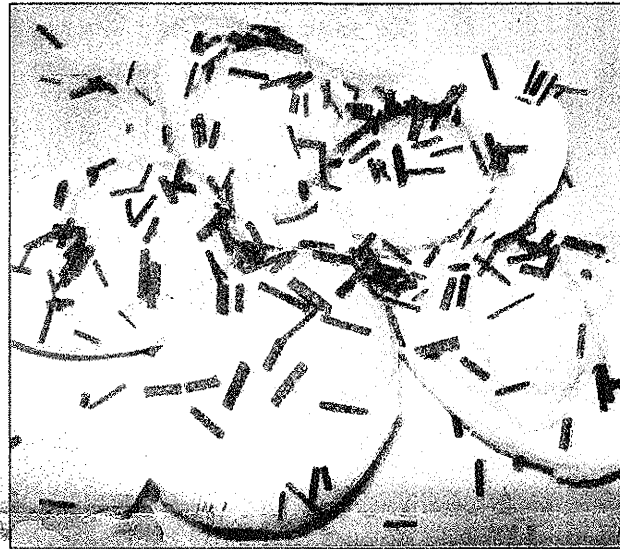


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Spice up your deviled eggs with horseradish, Dijon mustard, Worcestershire sauce and fresh lemon juice.

My standard method for hard cooked eggs: submerge eggs in cold water. Bring pot to a boil, cover and turn off heat source. Let eggs sit in the pot for about 12 minutes then rinse under cold water until cool enough to peel.

Happy Easter!

# Lighthouse keepers needed

Mission Point Lighthouse in Traverse City has openings for lighthouse keepers for specific times during the summer, fall, and winter seasons.

Lighthouse keepers help preserve local maritime history by enlightening visitors.

Keepers live in the 1870 lighthouse, which has a

full modern kitchen, living room, bathroom, dining room and bedroom. It sleeps one or two comfortably. Everything is provided except for linens and food. Children, pets and smoking are not permitted.

Depending on the season, duties include sweeping or shoveling main

walkways, washing windows, vacuuming and other light housework. When the lighthouse is open to the public, additional duties include taking admission and running the small gift shop. Keepers may also be asked to stock the gift shop, price items and complete other related duties, as well as paint or help with small fix-up projects.

The lighthouse is open weekends from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. from April thru October, weekends in November and December.


It is closed January through March, though keepers are still needed.

The cost is \$150 per week.

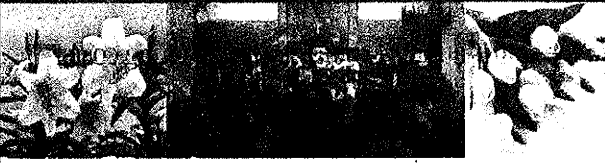
The lighthouse is surrounded by miles of wooded trails, ideal for hiking, biking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.

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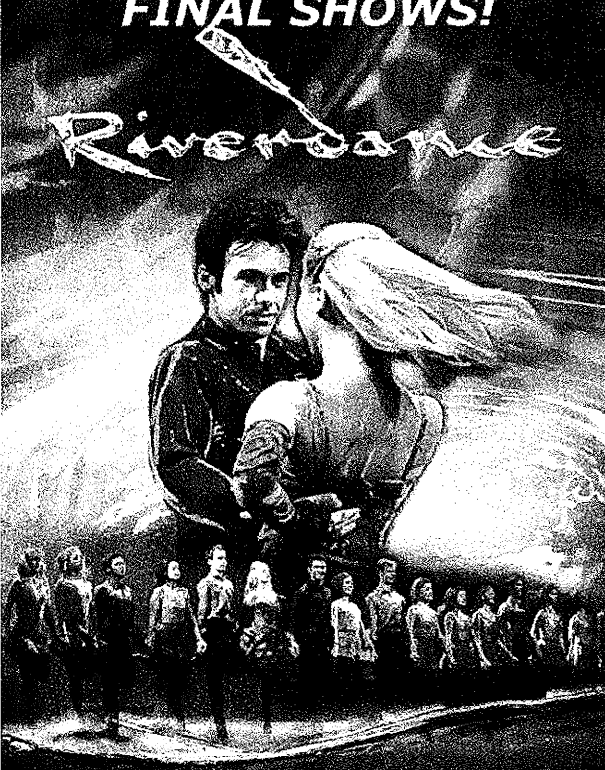
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**Easter, April 8**  
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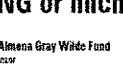

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HEALTH POINT By Robert Takla M.D.

# How St. John transformed its ER

I travel for work all the time and am a member of every frequent flyer club imaginable. But, if you're like me, you tend to do most of your flying with one airline. Because of that, my travel experience is very different than that of the typical traveler. I have access to comfortable lounges stocked with beverages and snacks and equipped with Wi-Fi. I'm seated earlier and am usually eligible for an upgrade. Because of these amenities, my experience is more positive—even though my airline follows the same safety and operating rules as other airlines, maintains comparable equipment and has similar departure and arrival schedules.

St. John Hospital and Medical Center follows the same quality, safety and operating rules as other hospitals in Michigan and across the nation. But where hospitals are different—and better—is the degree to which patients feel like someone has their best interests at heart.

Prior to becoming St. John's chief of emergency medicine, emergency patients' experience was less than perfect. Although patients were receiving clinically excellent treatment for their medical needs, our environment lacked privacy, with only a flimsy curtain separating patients.

In 2009, St. John's emergency center was completely renovated with St. John Hospital Guild donor support. Its funding assisted in the creation of an environment in which each patient had a private room with a door, a television, phone and privacy to get treatment and talk with caregivers.

To use the analogy of the airline, a comfortable facility isn't enough. St. John staff wanted patients to feel special, and for them to have a positive experience. That's no small task in the ER, which sees more than 300 patients daily, is a Level II trauma center for both adults and pediatrics, and sees an incredible variety of medical conditions within the en-

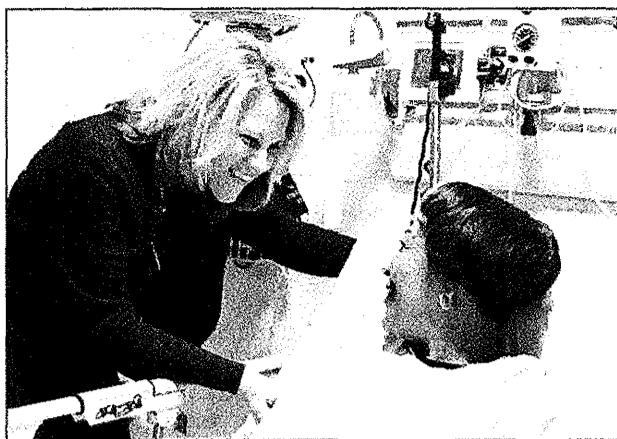


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Elaine Athey, guest relations assistant, connects with a patient in the St. John Hospital emergency room.

tire spectrum of the socioeconomic scale.

We believed our patients could have a positive experience if we treated them as true guests. To do that, we found a good partner in Chicago-based, Errand Solutions, to implement a guest relations program. Through rigorous screening and training by Errand Solutions and interviews conducted by St. John, we started a program to provide regular, non-clinical engagement to our patients, their family members and friends

partnering with our guest relations assistants. If anyone needed to be updated about availability of test results or told when a physician could see them, we made sure they had answers. If they needed coffee, food, newspapers or blankets, we provided it. In an innovative move, we introduced Hope, our pet therapy yellow Lab, to the rounding mix and saw smiles increase and anxiety decrease in our pediatric emergency center.

The results of our decisions were palpable. In

March 2009, we finished the fiscal year with an average promoter scores (our indicator of whether a patient recommends us to friends/family) of 50 percent. When we re-evaluated for July–December 2011, we saw that we were consistently earning scores of 80 percent. Our guest relations assistants received NPS scores from 95 percent to 100 percent every month.

In the end, two principal decisions were critical to our success.

The first was to be innovative, and that meant not playing it safe and upsetting the status quo.

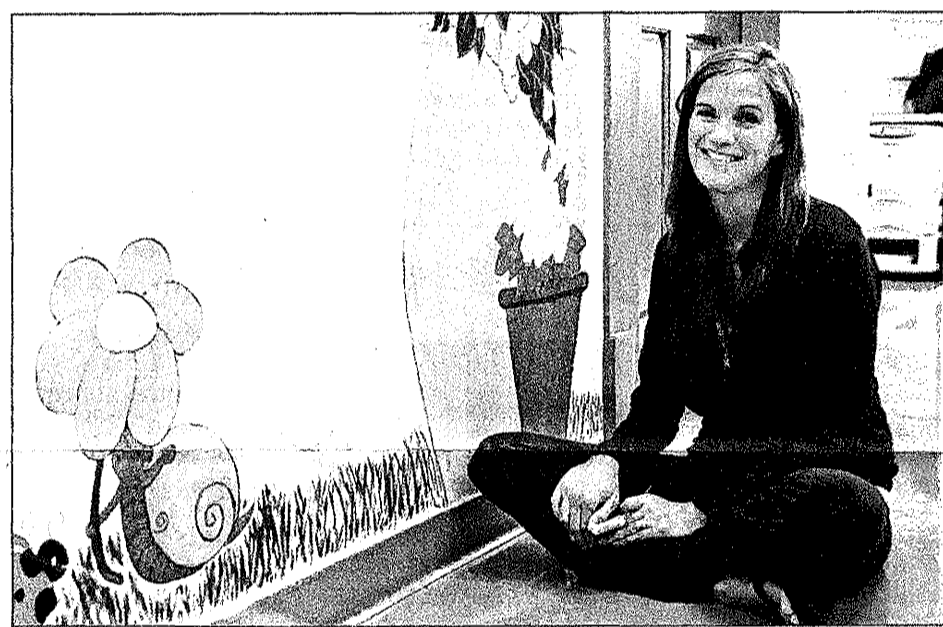
The second was to let staff play to their strengths while working together to deliver the best patient experience. Clinicians focused on the delivery of care and guest relations assistants ensuring a positive patient experience. In making these decisions, I believe the end result for St. John's ER was not just patient satisfaction, but patient loyalty.

In his book "The Trust Prescription for

Healthcare," David Shore defines trust as "two parts conscience and one part competence." I couldn't agree more. As mission-based and values-driven organizations, hospitals are in the best position to build relationships based on trust with patients and family members. We just need to go beyond our competence for keeping patients healthy and well and show them our conscience for doing the right thing.

Our mission is to care for all members of our community, with special attention to the poor and vulnerable. In our ER, we are now providing the same positive experience to everyone, including the wonderful Grosse Pointe community that surrounds us.

Takla, MD, MBA, FACEP is Medical Director and Chair of the Department Emergency Medicine at St. John Medical Center in Detroit, Michigan. He can be reached at robert.takla@stjohn.org.



## Painted walls

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Meghan Beers is using her painting skills to create a cheery environment for children undergoing chemotherapy at the Meade Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center. Beers' son, Blake, now 3 years old, started treatment in May 2011 for leukemia. He is in a maintenance treatment phase until 2014. A self-taught artist, Beers created an animal mural for the oncology center's lobby. A village was painted in the hallway near treatment rooms. The Meade staff was unaware of Beers' talents until Ken Meade, a center benefactor, brought it to the staff's attention and covered painting costs.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Beth Moran

## Success in kindergarten gained by early learning



Q. What skills does my child need for a successful kindergarten experience?

A. It is vital, in the preschool years, to provide your child with experiences to help him/her gain skills and build a foundation for school. But, does my child really need to identify col-

ors, shapes, letters and numbers before entering kindergarten? The answer is yes.

Kindergarten is no longer just play time. It is now like first grade used to be and our children need to be prepared. It is often a difficult task because the children want to have play time and parents want to be sure they are prepared for kindergarten. Expectations include first-grade skills.

There are now state guidelines on what a child

needs to know as a kindergarten student, GLCEs (grade, level, content, expectations).

The question is, "How can I teach my child the academic skills and still make it fun?" Parents will often say every time they get out the flash cards, their child runs or cries because they don't want to do them. There are many ways to teach academics and make it fun.

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## First English

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church Maundy Thursday, April 5, a Holy Communion service beginning at 7 p.m. with the study, "The Last Supper."

◆ "The Death of Jesus" is presented at 1 p.m. Friday, April 6.

◆ The 7 p.m., Good Friday, April 6, service is "The Way of Cross," a poem written in 1911 by French poet and theologian Paul Claudel. Four dramatic readers, from the congregation, and the Rev. Walter Schmidt recite the 14 stations of the cross.

◆ "The Resurrection of Our Lord," Easter Sunday, April 8, begins with a 7 a.m. sunrise service. The contemporary service is at 9 a.m. and

the festival worship is at 11 a.m. with Holy Communion.

For more information, call the church office at (313) 884-5040. The church is located at 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

## Assumption Grotto

Assumption Grotto Catholic Church, 13700 Gratiot, Detroit, holds Mass at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 5, followed by the solemn procession of the blessed sacrament in the church.

Good Friday, April 6, liturgy starts at noon followed by a Knights of Columbus fish fry in the school gymnasium. Adults pay \$7 and children pay \$5. The dinner continues until 6:30 p.m.

Stations of the cross are at 7 p.m.

◆ Blessing of the Easter food is at 1:15 p.m. Saturday, April 7. An Easter vigil Mass begins at 8 p.m.

For more information, call (313) 372-0762.

## Christ Church

The "St. Matthew Passion," by Johann Sebastian Bach, is performed at 7 p.m. Friday, April 6, by the church's chorale, soloists and orchestra. A free will offering is accepted.

The church is located at 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

## Historic Trinity

Holy week services at Historic Trinity Lutheran Church, 1345 Gratiot, Detroit, begin with Holy Communion at noon, Thursday, April 5, with the Rev. Gary Headapohl giving the sermon. Holy

Communion is also served at the 7 p.m. service.

◆ Good Friday, April 6, services are at noon, 12:45 p.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. Candlelight Tenebrae service is at 7 p.m.

◆ Easter celebrations are at 7:25, 7:30, 9 and 11 a.m., Sunday, April 8.

◆ Easter breakfast is served from 8 to 11 a.m. For more information, call (313) 567-3100.

◆ The church youth work from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 14, at Earthworks Garden, 1264 Meldrum, Detroit.

Bring work gloves. For more information, contact Karen Fontanive at kfontanive@comcast.net.

## Jewish council

Grosse Pointe Jewish Council celebrates Passover Seder Saturday, April 7.

For more information, time and location, call (313) 882-6700.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

By Matt Parker Wrzeszcz

## Full of surprises

Spring is a season of surprises. New growth pushes through the ground and trees begin to blossom and bud. People begin working in their yards removing the blankets of leaves and debris left from the winter months. The warmer weather ushers in a reawakening of our mind and body as well. The minds of our youth expand for midterm exams and yearn for the upcoming break.

This season is gradual, expected, yet full of surprise.

It comes from a creator who formed your inward parts and knit you together in your mother's womb. Each of us is fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139).

Our birth and life are amazing gifts from one who is not surprised at our prayers or need. God waits for us, surprises us with grace and holds us in love.

In the Christian tradition, we hear Mary Magdalene was distraught over the death of Jesus. On the first day of the week, she goes to the tomb, a place of hurt, pain and death. Yet, she is surprised to find it open and empty.

Peter and the beloved disciple run to the tomb to see what has happened. Mary, distraught and weeping at the tomb, encounters Jesus, who has risen from the dead. She tells the disciples, "I have seen the Lord" (John 20).

Whatever you uncover in your life this Easter; whatever place of hurt and distress, may God surprise you with new life, new hope, new understanding.

We run to the places of hurt in our life with our own human expectations. It is in these places we encounter our creator, who renews and recreates us.

May God's love surround, encourage and surprise you this season!

Wrzeszcz is Grosse Pointe Memorial Church's associate pastor for youth.

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LEARNING:  
Enhancing  
skills

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skills children should be able to perform, for a successful kindergarten experience.

## Language arts skills

- ◆ Names colors
- ◆ Recognizes upper -

## case letters

- ◆ Recognizes lower-case letters
- ◆ Identifies sounds letters represent

- ◆ Hears sounds like-nesses and differences
- ◆ Sees picture similar-

## ies and differences

- ◆ Copies specific printed shapes and lines
- ◆ Prints first name

- ◆ Cuts on a line
- ◆ Speaks clearly

- ◆ Knows address and telephone number
- ◆ Sees imagination and creativity in play

- ◆ Problem solves

## Math skills

- ◆ Names six basic shapes
- ◆ Recognizes numerals 1 - 10

- ◆ Counts to 20
- ◆ Counts correct number of items in a row

- ◆ Matches a numeral with number of items
- ◆ Recognizes more or less

- ◆ Compares measurements by size and weight

Children learn at different rates, but it is useful to have some benchmarks to help you, the parent, be involved in the teaching process. Educating a child is a team process that involves everyone in the child's life.

Moran is a Barnes Early Childhood Center teacher and can be reached at (313) 432-3803. The

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## SOFTBALL

## North earns DH sweep over South

By John McTaggart  
Special Writer

It was cold. It was wet. It was not the perfect conditions for softball last Saturday, but nonetheless, the 2012 campaign kicked off for Grosse Pointe North (2-0) and it began in a fitting way — with a doubleheader against city rival Grosse Pointe South (0-3).

The cold weather, however, wasn't enough to cool off the hot hitting of North, who cruised to a 10-0 win in the opening contest, then followed up with a 6-1 victory in the second game.

"We like what we see, obviously," North head coach Ron Smith admitted after the opening-game victory. "It's still the first game of the season, but I like what I see. The defense is good, the pitching seems to be strong, and the hitting is better than I expected. I'm really happy to see us play this way today, especially given the 40-degree weather. That makes it even nicer."

A pair of two-run homers in the first game (Sarah Richardson and Amy Zaranek) was a clear indication of just how much "pop" the Norsemen have at the plate, led by Wayne State

University-bound Zaranek, who also pitched for the squad.

"I have so much respect for Amy," South head coach Nicole Crane said. "She's a four-year starter and she's a very good pitcher. I guess what I was hoping for was getting a few more baserunners and getting the ball in play. I wasn't expecting a lot of runs against a great pitcher like that, but I was hoping we could just chip away at it."

Despite the outcome, Crane was pleased with the team's effort.

"We got better as the game went along," she explained. "It just took us too long to make these adjustments at the plate. We have to rely on our defense a lot and, for the most part today, we were good, but we made a few mistakes and they capitalized on those. Plus, they had two two-run homers and that's tough to battle back from against a pitcher like Amy."

Zaranek went the distance, striking out 10 and giving up only one hit.

Other offensive stars for the Norsemen were Danielle Haggerty, Melanie Mermiges, Izzy Kirck and Emily Alway.

In the second game, the Norsemen scored five runs in the fourth inning

when Mermiges led off with a single, followed by a single by Jacqui Sherry. After a walk to Alway, Kirck singled home two runs and Paige Micks singled in a third.

Zaranek and Richardson walked and Haggerty singled home the final run of the inning.

North added another run in the sixth inning when Mermiges singled home Zaranek, who walked.

The Blue Devils scored in the bottom of the seventh when Hannah Buzolits singled.

They had four hits in the game with Buzolits netting two and Carly Reno and Gretchen Shirar one apiece.

Zaranek earned another victory, striking out 11.

The lack of offensive output for South isn't necessarily an indication of the team's potential at the plate — they scored eight runs against Clintondale in its season-opener earlier in the week.

"We can score a lot of runs," Crane said. "But, you're not going to score that many runs against a pitcher as good as Amy is. You're just not. That just makes our pitching and defense even more important. We just made a few too many mistakes today in those areas to-



PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

North senior Amy Zaranek earned two wins on the mound, beating rival Grosse Pointe South in both games of a doubleheader.

day. I have a lot of respect for their team and for Amy. They're a good team."

Zaranek and her teammates will battle for a Macomb Area

Conference Red Division crown this season, while the Lady Blue Devils will battle for a MAC Gold title.

"We're going to work really hard during this

break we have in the schedule," Crane said. "We don't have any scrimmages or games. We're going to work on all these little things and get better."

## TENNIS

## South opens season with solid outings

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' tennis team is off to a fast start to the season.

Head coach Mark Sobieralski and the Blue Devils won a quad meet last weekend, braving cold, windy temperatures.

The host Blue Devils beat Livonia Stevenson 9-0 and Saginaw Nouvel 9-0, plus knocked off Farmington Hills Mercy 8-1.

"We're young, but talented," Sobieralski said. "I think we're deeper than a year ago when we surprised everyone by earning 16 points at the state finals. I think we can do

even better this spring."

The lineup starts with four singles players who are underclassmen.

At No. 1 singles is freshman Carmella Goree. Sophomore Brooke Willard is at No. 2 singles. Sophomore Samantha Perry is at No. 3 singles and freshman Maggie Sweeney is in the No. 4 singles slot.

Senior Emma Hyde and sophomore Sydney Keller are at No. 1 doubles, while seniors Emmy Boccaccio and Carrie Lynch have the No. 2 doubles slot.

At No. 3 doubles are senior Clare Brennan and freshman Ginny Hayden, and sophomore Kate

Krueger and senior Carolyn Halso start at No. 4 doubles.

The Blue Devils' No. 5 doubles team is freshman Jennifer Moy and senior Anna Stewart.

"The girls worked hard in the off-season, working on their game," Sobieralski said. "We expect the hard work to pay off."

South, 3-0 overall, is ranked No. 4. Ahead of the Blue Devils are Clarkston, No. 1; Port Huron Northern, No. 2; and Saline, No. 3.

The Blue Devils return to the courts Wednesday, April 18, hosting Troy Athens and later city rival Grosse Pointe North.



PHOTO COURTESY OF CRISTY HYDE

Grosse Pointe South's girls' tennis team won its quad matches last weekend. Team members are, front row from left, Maggie Sweeney, Emma Hyde, Ginny Hayden, Sydney Keller and Anna Stewart; middle row from left, Brooke Willard, Clare Brennan, Kate Krueger, Carolyn Halso, Jenny Moy, Emmy Boccaccio, Carmella Goree, Samantha Perry and Carrie Lynch; and back row from left, assistant coach John Lynch and head coach Mark Sobieralski.

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## Soccer

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## South wins 2

By John McTaggart  
Special Writer

They were among the top girls soccer squads in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division last season — finishing 7-2 and really the only team to challenge division champs, Eisenhower.

"We had a really good year last year," Grosse Pointe South (2-0) girls' soccer coach Gene Harkins said. "We've got some girls coming back this year who really got it done for us last year, and they're doing it again this year."

Evidence of this can be found in the squad's opening two games of the season, a 6-2 thumping of St. Clair Shores Lakeview and a 4-0 victory over Warren Cousino last Thursday evening at home.

"I thought we were in control of the game the whole time," Harkins admitted. "We're knocking the ball around pretty

good, and I've got numerous girls that can really score goals this year. We've shown some of that so far this year."

Danielle Manning is among this group capable of putting the ball in the back of the net, and she's off to a scorching start, scoring a pair of goals against the Patriots, joining teammates Charlotte Burns and Cary Ventimiglia in the victory over Cousino.

"I like what I'm seeing so far," Harkins said. "Getting the victories are nice, and you definitely want that, but what I really want to see is us playing well and I think we're off to a good start there. We've got work to do and some things we need to improve on."

"Right now, I'm giving everyone the opportunity to play, to see who can get it done. As we head into the MAC Red season, we'll tighten it up a little bit, but right now I think we're doing really well.

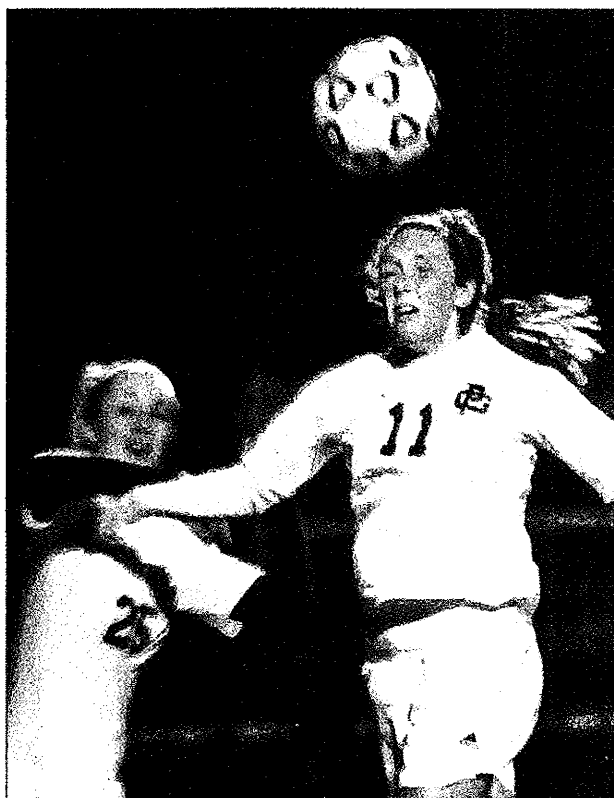


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South senior Charlotte Burns heads the ball down field during the Blue Devils' win over Cousino.

We're headed in the right direction."

The right direction, Harkins believes, is straight to the top of the MAC Red.

"We've got very high expectations this year,"

the coach admitted. "I think we're going to do a lot though."

South begins its quest for a MAC Red title Wednesday, April 18, when they host Sterling Heights Stevenson.

## College signings

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH



PHOTO COURTESY OF MIKE HACKETT

## Rowing in the ACC

Grosse Pointe South senior Jeanette Llorens, above, recently signed a letter-of-intent to row for the Duke University women's rowing team. Duke is a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference. Llorens is a four-year member and one-year captain of the Detroit Club Crew squad, plus earned a spot on the 8+ bronze-medal winning U.S. Rowing Jr. National High Performance Team in the U.S. Club Nationals Women's Intermediate Division. She earned varsity letters as a member of South's girls' swimming and diving team, as well as rowing team, and is a member of the National Honor Society. Llorens is the president of the South Varsity Club, Class Senator for the High School Student Association and a four-year scholar-athlete. She is a violinist in the South chamber orchestra and St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church's Youth Music Ministry. She was also a counselor at the Black River Farm and Ranch in 2010 and 2011. She plans on majoring in social work at Duke.

## Track and field

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Blue Devils lose opener

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' track and field team dropped its season-opening meet early last week, losing 70.5-66.5 to Port Huron Northern.

"We lost a close one with many bright spots," head coach Werner Schienke said. "We're very encouraged for the rest of the season."

"We swept the points in the shot put and won 4-of-5 field events. We also won all three sprint relays."

In the shot put, Sten Staples won with a throw of 39-feet, 9-inches, fol-

lowed by Phillip Nauert at 36-feet, 7-inches, and Max Roeske at 36-feet, 3 1/2-inches.

Nauert won the discus with a throw of 111-feet, 9-inches, while Speros Panagos threw it 98-feet, 8-inches.

Jordan Spratt won the high jump, clearing 5-feet, 10-inches, and Jordan Maxwell took the top spot in the long jump with a mark of 18-feet, 2 1/2-inches.

The Blue Devils' winning 4 X 200 relay team of Rob Whaley, Renell Perkins, Spratt and Larry Borum had a time of 1:34.6, and the 4 X 100 relay squad of Maxwell, Spratt, Perkins and Borum won with a time of 46.49.

The sprint relay team of Brett Kotas, Andrew Barbish, Kyle Metes-Randolph and Whaley won the 4 X 400 with a time of 3:51.5.

Winning running events was Borum, posting a time of 23.74 in the 200-dash. He was also third in the 100-dash at 11.78.

Barbish was second in the high hurdles and intermediate hurdles, turning in times of 18.93 and 45.2, respectively, while Jacob Knuth took second in the 3,200-run with a time of 10:49.4.

Charlie Warren was second in the 1,600-run with a time of 4:44.5, and taking third in the 200-dash was Perkins with a time of 24.3.

Kotas placed third in the 400-dash with a time of 56.3 and Brett Dziedzic took third in both hurdle events, posting a time of 20.54 in the high and 52.3 in the intermediate.

Grosse Pointe South is 0-1 overall and in the Macomb Area Conference White Division.

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## North nets mixed bag

By John McTaggart  
Special Writer

In late March, when the weather and the play is sometimes unpredictable.

Because of this, North girls' soccer head coach, Chris Alston, isn't too concerned about the score.

"Honestly, it's really not that important to me right now," the coach admitted. "We've got a lot of young girls on the team this year and we've got several girls coming back from injuries, too. So, it's a regelling process for us right now, really."

That said, the team's 3-0 loss to Fraser last Thursday isn't anything the coach sees as a negative. In fact, there was plenty he saw during the game that left him encouraged about his team.

"As crazy as this sounds, there were a lot of good things we took out of this game," Alston said after the Fraser loss. "We

knocked the ball around and pressured a lot. We had a couple of defensive let downs. That's all, and they held it down. Those are things we need to tweak and tidy up, though. We need these games though to figure those things out."

Through the first four games, which has the squad at 1-2-1 overall, Alston says the progression has been there.

"We played awful the first game, then put a licking on Sterling Heights after that, then came back to tie Rochester in the last three seconds, then came out here tonight and got beat," the coach explained. "But in each game we've made some progression forward. That's what I'm looking for right now."

These steps forward have been universal as well.

"It's been mechanical things and mental things we've had to work on,"



PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

North junior midfielder Melissa Healy dribbles into the offensive zone during the Norsemen's game against Fraser.

Alston said. "It's been a little of both. I don't know if it's been the weather or what, but that last touch just wasn't there."

"We've gotten our chances, but we're just not able to finish. We've

got to do better.

"It's there, you can see it happening. I think we're still learning to adjust and still learning to gel. I think this period is ending."

North officially kicks off the MAC Red season Monday, April 16, at Chippewa Valley High School.

### CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 19, 2012

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro tem Cheryl A. Costantino at 7:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:** All Councilpersons were present except Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter.

#### MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Mayor Poynter from tonight's meeting because of a medical emergency.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held March 5, 2012.
- 3) To open the Public Hearing on the 2012 Community Development Block Grant Program.
- 4) To close the Public Hearing on the 2012 Community Development Block Grant Program.
- 5) To open the Public Hearing on the Creation of a Special Assessment District.
- 6) To close the Public Hearing on the Creation of a Special Assessment District.
- 7) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

#### RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following item on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 96624 through 96920 in the amount of \$174,940.91 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing.
- 2) To adopt the 2012 Community Development Block Grant Program as follows: Administration \$ 9,700; SOC Minor Home Repairs \$16,000; SOC Chore Program \$9,220; Street Improvements \$52,860; Concrete, Landscape & Electrical - Census Tract 5516 (Kelly Rd.) Pointe Area Assisted Transit Svc. (Handicapped Transportation) \$9,220; TOTAL \$97,000.
- 3) To adopt the attached resolution to create a special assessment district.
- 4) To approve payment in the amount of \$7,210.56 to Wayne County for the Milk River Drain interest payments; \$4,616.65 interest on the 1991 Series Bond, \$351.41 interest on the 1992 Series Bond and \$2,242.50 interest on the 1993 Series Bond.
- 5) To adopt the resolution on Condemnation of Dwelling and Abatement of Public Nuisance recommended by the City Attorney to proceed with condemnation of the property at 21228/21230 Bournemouth.
- 6) To approve a three-year extension of the curbside recycling contract with Rizzo Services as provided for in the original bid process with an amended proposal to maintain the per week per household cost at \$.55 through August 2, 2015.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, Acting City Clerk

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### CITY OF HARPER WOODS CITY COUNCIL MUNICIPAL BUILDING HARPER WOODS, MICHIGAN 48225 PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Harper Woods will be holding a Public Hearing on Monday, April 16, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of obtaining public input on the distribution of the special assessment levy.

Residents who are unable to attend this hearing may submit their written comments regarding this matter to the City Clerk's office prior to the hearing date.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS

LESLIE M. FRANK  
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### CITY OF HARPER WOODS POLICE DEPARTMENT WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE

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## Figure skating

## GROSSE POINTE UNITED

## Figure skaters enjoy experience

Outstanding performances by the Grosse Pointe figure skating team resulted in A and C squads qualifying to compete in the state championship the weekend of March 24 in Traverse City.

The first three teams in each district move on to the championship.

The Level A team started the season in fifth place after the first competition and moved up a ranking in the second. Its final achievement was a nail-biter with the girls finishing third in the district, only one point above the fourth-place Rochester United.

Their success came with their accomplished execution of moves and spins which placed them second and first, respectively, in those two events.

"Shayna Whitfield's powerful split jump sequence,"

Miranda Caruso's flexibility in her spirals and Kimberly Morawski's difficult variations in her spins all helped bump them up into medal contention," said



PHOTO COURTESY OF GENEVIEVE CARUSO

The Grosse Pointe United figure skating team is composed of, back row from left, Stephanie Shenouda, Nicole Lubinski, Jessie Gabel, Kamala Kanneganti, Kaylee Dall, Katrina Elsey, Alexandra Kaul, Samantha Houmani and head coach Michelle Rosinski; and front row from left, Katie Butler, Shayna Whitfield, Kimberly Morawski, Miranda Caruso and Mackenzie Clark. Not pictured are Amanda Shenouda, Paige Pringle and Shayla Whitfield.

head coach Michelle Rosinski.

Mackenzie Clark had jump strength and speed which added value to the overall scoring.

The Level C team finished first in the district, eight points ahead of sec-

ond place Christian Combined. Its final standing was not unexpected because of its unrivaled success in each district match.

"This will be the first year C team has qualified for the state champi-

onships," Rosinski said. "What a great accomplishment; they were on top of the podium at every competition. Strong support came from Samantha Houmani in spins, while Kaylee Dall had consistent sit spins,

as well as a great loop/loop combination. Kit Elsey was the field move champion and Kamala Kanneganti had clean landing positions which helped the jumping scores."

The girls on the C team handily scored at the top of the first two district competitions, but faced a fierce contest with Christian Combined in the third. Although they finished at the top spot after the first district competition, the B Team faced bold competition from Berkley and CDMCK (Detroit Country Day, Birmingham Marian and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood), the final first and second place teams.

"B Team made huge gains this season," Rosinski said. "Katie Butler was solid in each competition with her axels, twizzles, and combination spin. Jessie Gabel stood above the rest with her lutz jump and backwards bielman, and Stephanie Shenouda raised the level of difficul-

ty for her team by completing a double salchow in two competitions."

Alexandra Kaul and Nicole Lubinski each gave solid performances, and a run for the championship was a real possibility with B Team's final standing, putting them only four points out of contention.

"We are also looking forward to competing in some individual events and artistic duets," Rosinski said. "We have skaters from all levels competing in a variety of events. We are excited and prepared."

Although the team did not win medal placement at the state finals, the A Team finished eighth overall and the C Team was 12th.

Clark, a Grosse Pointe North freshman, tied for first place for her performance in Intermediate Test Track Free Skating, and Morawski, a Grosse Pointe North senior, and Caruso, a North junior, placed third in the Juvenile-Senior Showcase Duet.

## Lacrosse

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH &amp; SOUTH BOYS

## North, South earn wins

By John McTaggart  
Special Writer

Grosse Pointe North boys' lacrosse head coach Dan Preston admits that early season games are more about progression than outcome.

That said, his squad's 9-4 victory last Wednesday night over Flint Powers was a double-dip for Norsemen fans hoping to see a victory and a coaching staff hoping to see improvement.

"I don't put very much stock in these games at all, honestly," Preston said. "The first two games, after getting our butts kicked in the first game, the second game we made a little bit of improvement. Now, tonight, everything was a little bit better and that's what we're really looking for this time of year."

Preston said he came into the Flint Powers game stressing intensity and maintaining that intensity throughout the contest.

"That's what we talked about," the coach explained. "We wanted to come in to this game tonight and have that intensity you need. We did a



PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

North senior Phil Lecznar, left, scored a goal in the Norsemen's victory over Flint Powers.

pretty good job of that."

Evidence of this was obvious in the first four minutes of the second half, when the Norsemen took a 2-2 halftime tie with the Chargers and turned it into a 6-2 advantage before the 8-minute mark of the third period.

"We made a few little offensive adjustments at halftime," Preston said. "But really we were able to take advantage of some penalties they made in that stretch. That was really the difference."

Powers managed to close the gap to 7-4 in the final quarter, but goals by Julian Quinlan and Alex Malik pushed the margin to five, 9-4, and sealed the victory for North.

The win is nice, but more importantly, the team moved in the right direction.

"Right now we're literally trying to learn offen-

sive sets and defensive sets," Preston said. "We're trying to learn where they're supposed to be and what position to be in. That's kind of where we are at right now. And, of course, we're trying to get better at the fundamentals like passing and catching the ball, things like that."

Jake DeYonker, Phil Lecznar, Jack Thibault, Jay Warren and Jordan Loosvelt also had goals for the Norsemen in the victory.

In other games, the Norsemen lost 9-3 to Troy and 7-6 to Romeo, leaving them with a 1-2 record.

## South results

Grosse Pointe South has been busy during the opening two weeks of the season.

Head coach Don Wolford and the Blue Devils played five games,

going 3-2.

The Blue Devils beat Romeo 8-4, L'Anse Creuse North 11-10 and L'Anse Creuse 11-10.

They also lost 17-0 to Detroit Country Day and 7-4 to Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

Against Romeo, Andrew Hyde had two goals and one assist, while Sam Hartman had three goals and four assists in the win over LCN.

The Blue Devils fell behind LC 4-0 before rallying behind Hartman, who had five goals and two assists, and Hyde with two goals and two assists.

Wolford's squad played well against Prep, but turnovers in the last five minutes played a role in the defeat.

Caleb Cimmarrusti played well against a very strong offensive unit.

Bob St. John contributed to this story.

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH GIRLS

## New coach happy with first results

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Merrill, Elizabeth Griffith and Sara Ellis.

Taylor Barczyk made her head-coaching debut with the Grosse Pointe South girls' lacrosse team at the end of March.

The Blue Devils lost 15-5 to Ann Arbor Pioneer, but came back to whip DeWitt 16-3 in their second game.

They also played South Lyon, losing 10-9.

"We have some positive energy and 11 seniors on the roster," Barczyk said. "We also have some talented younger players who will learn a lot from the seniors."

Leading the way are seniors Christine Naber, Jenna Morris, Chelsea

Other seniors are Mackenzie Paddock, Ellen Stewart, Jennifer Ryan, Margaret Hern and Margaret Steinhauer. Underclassmen on the squad are Bridgette Champagne, Emelia Doyon, Amanda Heidt, Margaret McMahon, Emily Mlynarek, Lily Koss, Lilly Sterr, Tenley Shield, Anna Davenport, and goalkeeper, Shannon Novak.

South, 1-2 overall, was scheduled to host Grosse Pointe North Wednesday, April 4, but it was rescheduled for mid May.

The girls have to wait two weeks to get back to action.

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## GROSSE POINTE NORTH GIRLS

## Norsemen off to nice start

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' lacrosse team opened its season winning 2-of-3 games.

Head coach Bill Seaman guided the Norsemen to close wins over Lake Orion, 10-8, and Farmington, 11-9.

The loss, 18-13, came to

White Lake Lakeland.

The Norsemen are a junior-dominated team with 20 of the 25 players in their third year. The seniors are Emily Cardosi, Mary Corrado and Racquel Harrouk, while Caitlin Gaitley and Emily Huguenin are the two sophomores on the varsity squad.

The juniors are

Christine Hawring, Sophia Avouris, Julia Guest, Emily Simon, Emma Mathews, Rachel Like, Jamie Baranek, Heather Filippelli, Abigail Kusch, Mary Katherine Maher, Alicia Lecznar, Marne Gallant, Kelly Bertolini, Jennifer Hawring, Anna Giordano, C.J. McCarthy, Margaret Kelly, Taylor McGarvah,

Michelle Miotto and Bryn Moody.

The Norsemen won its playoff opener last year 14-3 over Farmington Hills Harrison, but lost the next game 13-6 to Birmingham Marian.

After the girls return from spring break, they host city rival University Liggett before traveling to Warren Regina.

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YOUTH HOCKEY

# Bulldogs upset No. 1 to win title

The Bantam "A" Grosse Pointe Bulldogs cemented its claim to a No. 1 national ranking with a 6-5 overtime victory over the top-ranked Plymouth Stingrays in the Little Caesars' Norris Division, the league's highest division, championship game.

The Bulldogs also defeated the Stingrays just seven days earlier in the MAHA state championship game.

Plymouth jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the first period, but Sam Knoblauch answered for the Bulldogs with assists from C.J. Ramsdell and Jack Flynn.

Mac Welsher evened the score late in the first period with a great defensive play he converted into an unassisted goal.

Knoblauch put the Bulldogs ahead 3-2, shifting the puck side-to-side, and sliding it 5-hole at the last moment.

Ramsdell and Griffin Brooks teamed up for



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The Grosse Pointe Bulldogs players and coaches celebrate after winning another championship.

the Bulldogs' fourth goal with Ramsdell scoring on a wrist shot.

However, the see-saw battle continued, despite

an outstanding game by goaltender Harrison Griffin and defensemen Andrew Tomasi, Zack Kaiser and J.P. Navetta.

With under four minutes to play in the third period and Plymouth clinging to a 5-4 lead, the relentless forechecking

of Jonathan Theros, Welsher and Zack Pearson tipped the scales in the Bulldogs' favor. Welsher fed Theros,

who ripped a low, blocker-side shot by the Stingray goalie to even the score at 5-5, sending the game into overtime.

In the extra session, with the teams playing 4-on-4, head coach Robb McIntyre went to a 3 forward/1 defenseman lineup to create some pressure.

Marshall Vyletel, Mac Cimmarrusti and Ramsdell teamed up on several near misses, but it was the Bulldogs' offensive-zone pressure provided by Theros, Welsher, Flynn and Logan Jenuwine that set up the game winner.

After cycling the puck in the Stingray zone, Welsher carried the puck behind the net with less than two minutes remaining in overtime.

Avoiding two defenders, Welsher deftly found a waiting Jenuwine eight feet in front of the net. Jenuwine buried the game-winner for the Bulldogs.

YOUTH HOCKEY

# Ice Hawks win title

The '97 Michigan Ice Hawks finished the year where they began, as champions.

The Ice Hawks finished the Little Caesar's season undefeated in both the regular season and playoffs, beating Belle Tire Dearborn 3-1 in the Norris (Yzerman) championship game.

This latest trophy is added to their other championships, including the 50th Annual International Silver Stick Bantam AA Championship, the St. Clair Shores Regional Silver Stick crown, the Bauer Invitational AAA Championship and the Belle Tire Back to School

Championship.

The Ice Hawks played their way to the Little Caesar's championship with round-robin wins over the Oakland Jr. Grizzlies (5-0), Trenton (2-1) and Belle Tire Dearborn (3-1).

Interestingly, Belle Tire, the Ice Hawks and Trenton ended up in the



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The Ice Hawks, pictured above with Head Coach Greg Cheesewright and the championship banner and trophy, are, front row from left, Austin Levering, Tyler Parsons, Liam Walker, William Walker, Jake Smith, Salliotte, Jason Sommerville and Alexander Minanov; second row from left, Brent Jones, Marko DerManulian, Mitchell Visbara, Bobby Kaiser, Richie Filippelli and Antonio Tijerina; and back row from left, Austin Koleski, Ramone Kammo, Keenan Sabatini, Kevin Potter, Kyle Schulz and Steven Fredrick. Not pictured are coaches Mike Hamilton, Craig Furstenau and Larry Knapp.

semi-finals, with the Ice Hawks facing off against the always tough Trenton 97s.

The semifinal, like all their games this season, it was a close, low-scoring affair with the Ice Hawks prevailing 3-2. This would set up the championship against archrival, Belle Tire Dearborn.

The championship game, another close one, slowly went the Ice Hawks way. They led 1-0 after one period, but Belle Tire tied it 1-1 in the second stanza.

The Ice Hawks were able to counter to take a 2-1 lead going into the third period.

The teams fought hard throughout the third pe-

riod, but Belle Tire could not tie the score. The Ice Hawks scored an empty net goal to secure the 3-1 win.

The Ice Hawks finished the season ranked No. 1 in the country by myhockeyrankings.com with a hard-earned 53-6-2 record.

The team outscored its foes 235-80.

MEN'S HOCKEY



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# League champions

The Lenhard Financial Services won its fifth league championship in six years March 21, at St. Clair Shores Civic Arena. Pictured above are, front row from left, Brian Lace, Tim Lenhard, Matt Jarboe, Pat Michels and Eric Eplin; and standing from left, Craig Lenhard, Andy Denbaas, Scott Lindsay, Jeff Allor, Kevin Stempin (top goal scorer), Larry O'Keefe (team MVP), Tim Fair, Mike Duffy, Joe Morandini and Jon Enquist. Not pictured are goaltenders Mike Shea and Mike Cowen.

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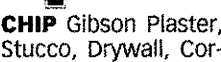
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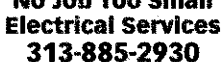
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