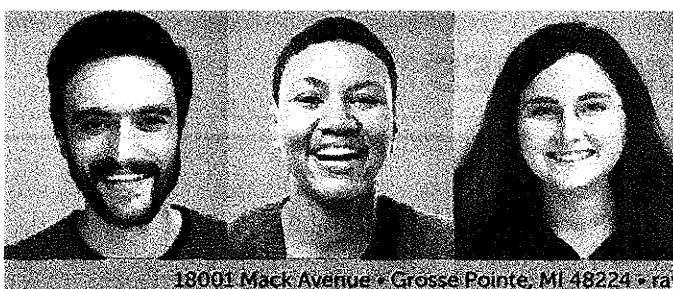


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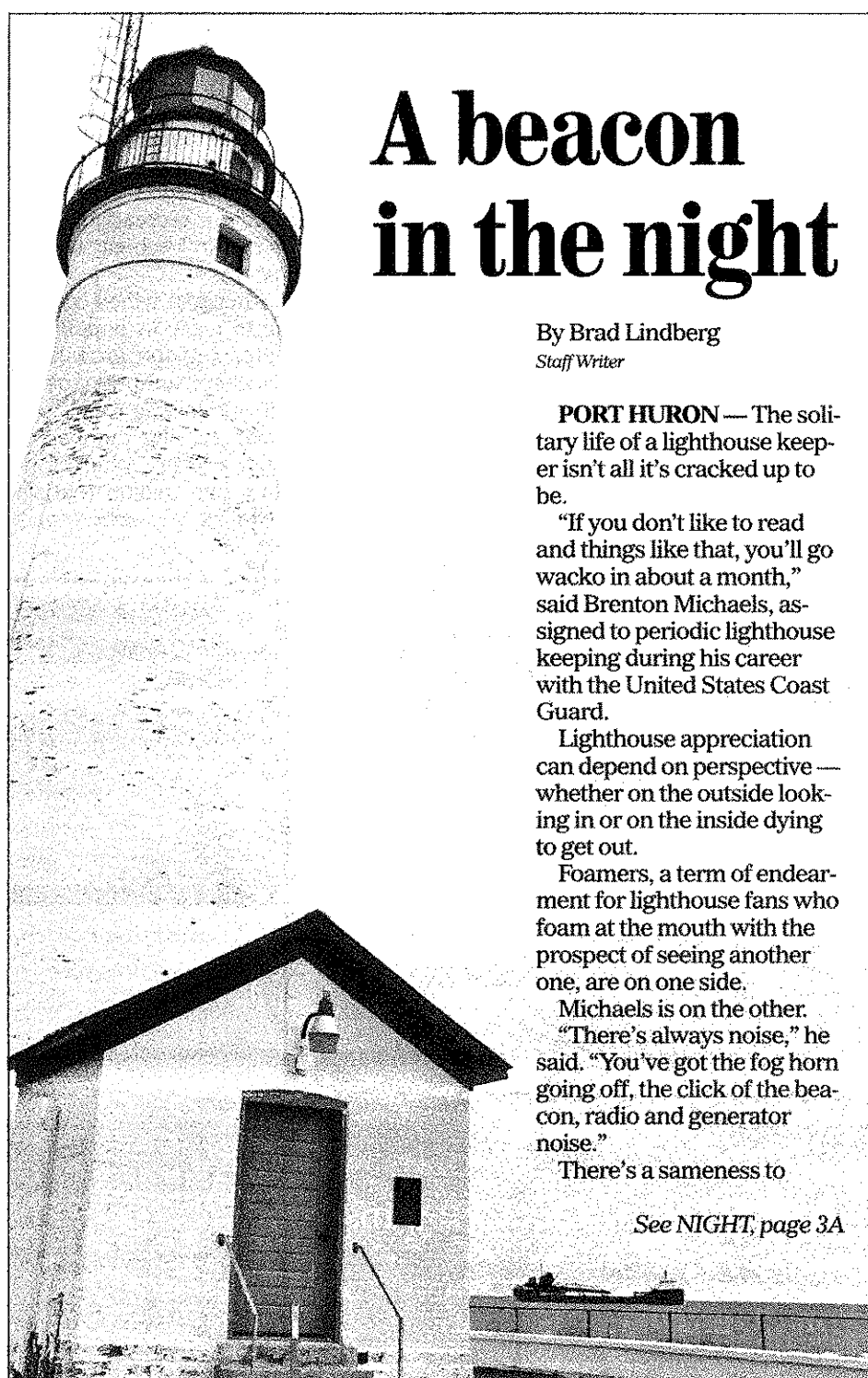
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A beacon in the night

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

PORT HURON — The solitary life of a lighthouse keeper isn't all it's cracked up to be.

"If you don't like to read and things like that, you'll go wacko in about a month," said Brenton Michaels, assigned to periodic lighthouse keeping during his career with the United States Coast Guard.

Lighthouse appreciation can depend on perspective — whether on the outside looking in or on the inside dying to get out.

Foamers, a term of endearment for lighthouse fans who foam at the mouth with the prospect of seeing another one, are on one side.

Michaels is on the other. "There's always noise," he said. "You've got the fog horn going off, the click of the beacon, radio and generator noise."

There's a sameness to

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PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

A thumb-sized light bulb in the lantern room casts green light for miles.

Green light to tour lighthouse

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

PORT HURON — Lighthouses are coquettish sentinels. They wink at sailors, yet shun them. Michigan has 129 lighthouses.

The oldest, an active aid to navigation since 1829, opens to the public this month for tours and overnight stays.

It stands 86 feet tall, was built in Port Huron near the site of a former fort and is being probed for ghosts.

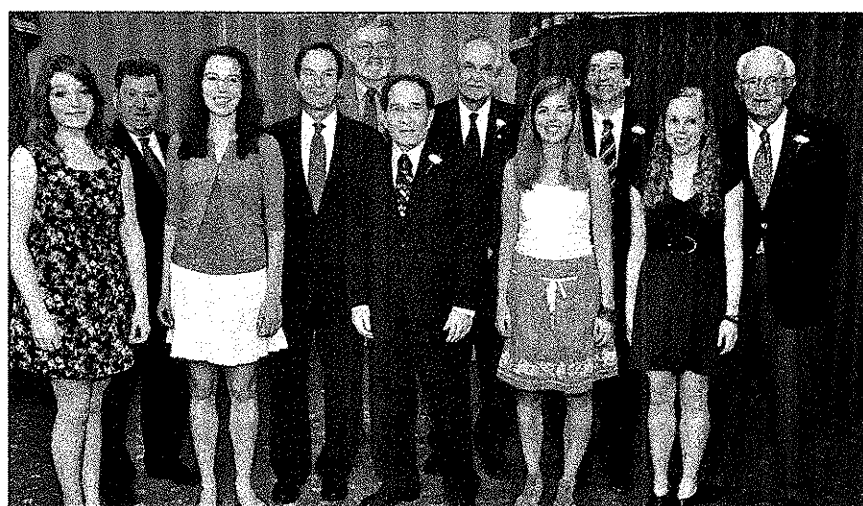
A little girl reportedly asked a former keeper, now deceased, if the light were haunted.

"He said, 'Not yet,'" said Susan Bennett, executive director of the Port Huron Museum, caretaker of the Fort Gratiot Light Station and associated structures since 2010.

The tower's conical, brick walls are eight feet thick at the base. White paint coats inside and out.

A 94-step, latticed and ever-narrowing iron, circular staircase spirals 4 1/2 times up the clammy interior,

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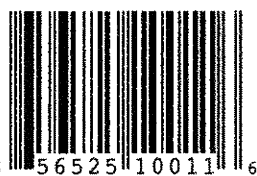
Hear our prayers

At right, Park Mayor Palmer Heenan, left, and Shores Mayor Ted Kedzierski.



Top left, the May 3 Mayors' Prayer Breakfast at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Above, student scholarship winners with the guest speaker and mayors. From left, Jenna Atkinson of Harper Woods High School, Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor James Farquhar Jr., Katarina Goitz of University Liggett School, Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette, City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Dale Scrace, Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Robert Novitke, Harper Woods Mayor Kenneth Poynter, Libby Fry of Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Pointe Shores Mayor Ted Kedzierski, Katy VanEgmond of Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Palmer Heenan.

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Guest speaker at this year's prayer breakfast was Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette. At far left, Schuette serves coffee to John Stevens. At left, Schuette enjoys addressing the crowd. Sponsors of the event included Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe, the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Pointe Electronics and the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

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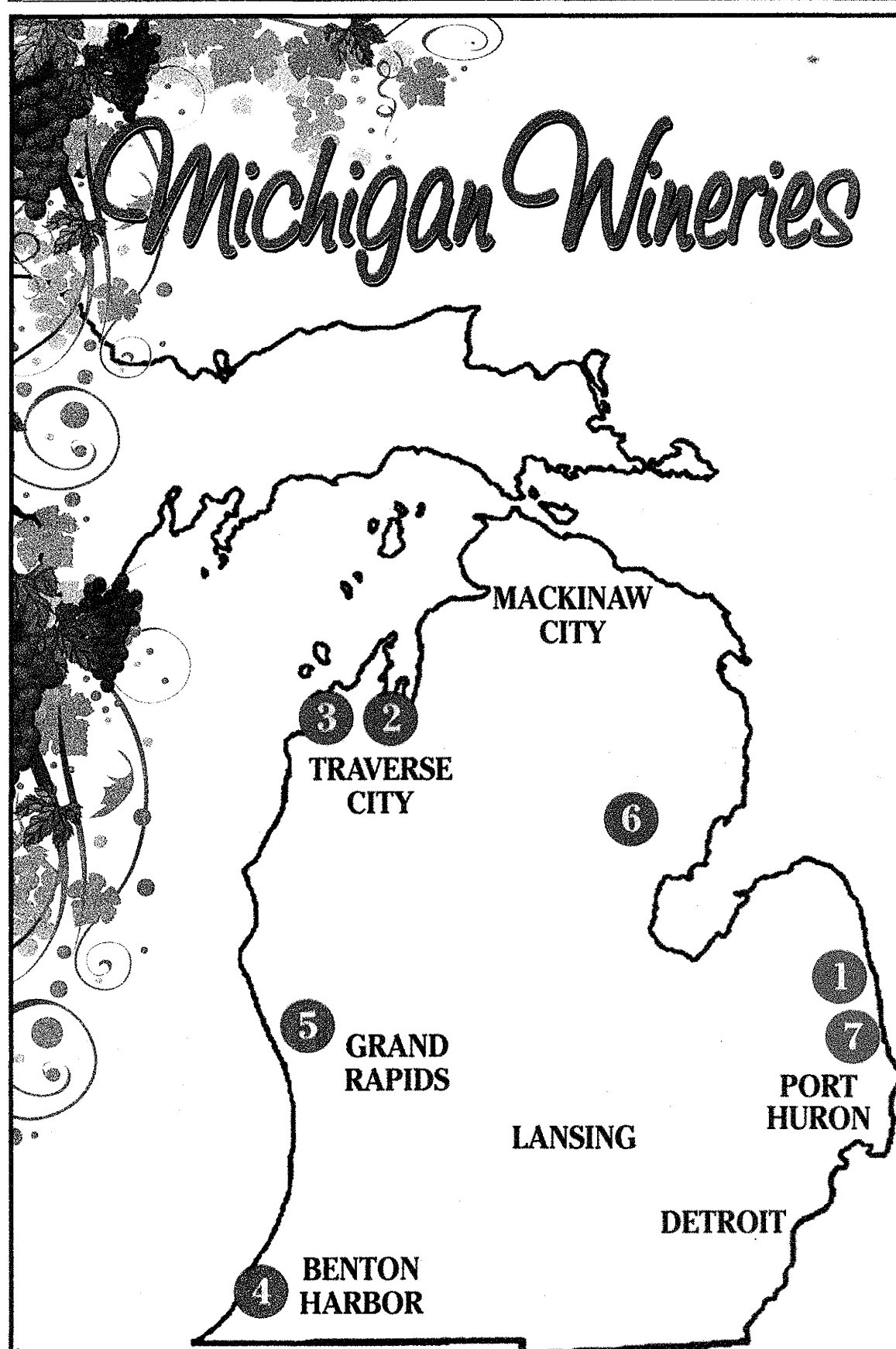
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Guide features state's 92 wineries

The new edition of the popular Michigan Wine Country magazine is available, marking the beginning of the 2012 touring season. It is an indispensable guide for touring Michigan's 92 wineries.

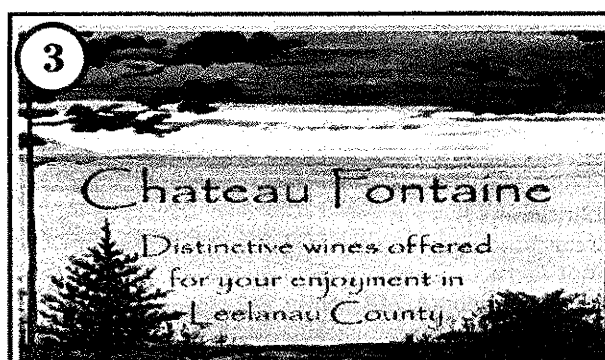
The 2012 Michigan Wine Country magazine features 64 pages of the latest news and information on Michigan's world-class wines and wineries - including 11 new wineries -- plus maps, activities and events. The magazine also offers a list of wine-makers' favorites and winemaker profiles, as well as information on what's new at the wineries and the wide variety of outdoor recreational activities in Michigan's wine regions.

Michigan wines continue to grow in popularity, outpacing the growth of wine consumption overall; and tasting rooms see an increasing number of visitors every year. More than one million tourists will visit Michigan wineries in 2012, generating more than \$10 million in wine-related tourism expenditures.

"This magazine provides Michigan consumers and out-of-state visitors with the tools to make the most of their winery experience," said Linda Jones, executive director of the Michigan Grape and Wine Industry Council. "The 2012 edition is the best yet, and will afford wine enthusiasts the opportunity to learn more about all the award-winning wines available right here at home."

Complimentary copies of Michigan Wine Country are available at Michigan wineries, Welcome Centers, visitor bureaus and wine retail stores throughout the state. The publication can also be requested online at michiganwines.com.

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Michaels' accounts of effective exile.

He remembered keeping the Detroit River Light, shaped like a spark plug and accessible only by boat near the river's opening into Lake Erie: "Boring."

Again, duty on Devil's Island Lighthouse, atop red sandstone cliffs in the conversely named Apostle Islands of western Lake Superior: "Pretty Boring."

Greater still about relegation to Passage Island Lighthouse, near the upper tip of Isle Royale and the northernmost American light on Lake Superior: "Very boring."

Michaels, of Cheboygan, never bought into the romance of lighthouse living.

"People think they're so pretty and cute," he said. "Spend a couple weeks out there and see what it inspires."

For other people, lighthouses are fixed points in a changing age; literal focal points charting man's advance into the wilderness and attempts to tame it.

"They're very interesting structures unto themselves, well designed and good to look at," said Terry Pepper, executive director of the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association in Mackinaw City. "They're often located in wonder-

ful places: on points of land, pierheads, breakwaters and sand dunes. They're almost always someplace interesting."

Remote locations add to lighthouse cache.

"Some, you either have to have your own boat, charter a boat or sign up with a crew to see them," Pepper said. "Because there's a finite number of lighthouses, people kind of collect them."

Michigan, with more shoreline than any other Great Lakes state, also has the most lighthouses.

Pepper's association is about to publish a map of all 129 lighthouses in Michigan, including a ruin.

"Around 85 percent of lighthouses in Michigan are still active aids to navigation," Pepper said. "I've seen all the lighthouses on the U.S. side of the Great Lakes. I've filed all the notches on that belt. It took me almost 20 years to do it."

Between Michaels' skepticism and Pepper's endorsement is George Haynes' debt to lighthouses as instruments of safe navigation.

For 17 years, Haynes has been a freighter pilot on the Great Lakes. He's based in Port Huron and guides foreign freighters between Port Huron and the Welland Canal.

"Lighthouses absolutely still come into play," Haynes said. "Maybe not to the importance of 100 years ago, when there

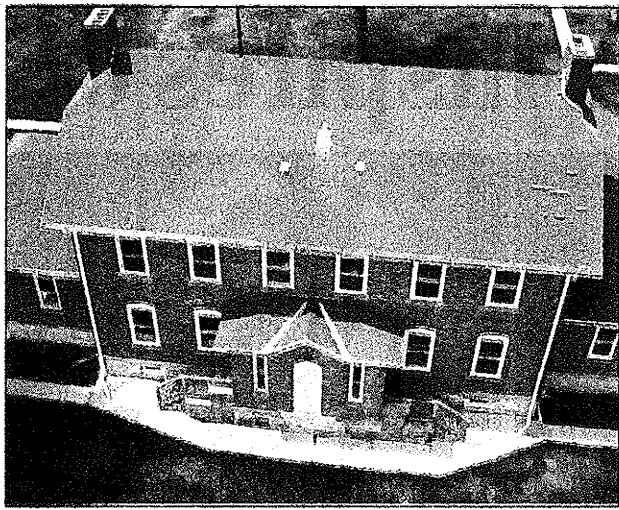


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Overnight stays are offered in the former keeper's house, built in 1874.

were few aids to navigation. But we, as pilots and navigators, should use everything at our disposal."

Modern commercial vessels have an array of overlapping and redundant navigation and communication systems.

Routine among them are automatic identification systems, which update a vessel's location on electronic charts, plus global positioning systems and various radars.

"But, our best method of navigation is always visual," Haynes said. "I'm constantly monitoring things at my disposal. I'll look at my radar, electronic chart, GPS, but, I'm mostly looking out the window, if it's good visibility."

A flash from a lighthouse is among things Haynes uses to hone his ship's position and heading.

"If I look out the win-

dow and see light that doesn't look like it's in the right spot, it might mean I'm not in the right spot," he said. "Lighthouses don't seem to get credit, but if you took them away, it would be a mess."

Fort Gratiot Lighthouse in Port Huron is Michigan's oldest. The light, built 183 years ago and automated in the 1930s, will remain a working facility upon open to the public starting Saturday, May 19.

Entering the Lake Huron channel cut leading into the St. Clair River, Haynes orders wheelmen to steer on Fort Gratiot's blinking green light.

"That will bring us right down the middle of the first leg of the channel," he said. "It's about two miles. Then, you get to channel light No. 7 and turn left five degrees and steer on the Point Edward Range, which is red."

in Port Huron. "It depends how high up you are. On a big ship 100 feet in the air, you'll see it."

Various stories account for the beacon being green.

One is that the color stands out against the white lights of Port Huron. Another involves nearby railroad tracks.

"Ships were having a tough time," Bennett said. "They didn't know if it was the light of a train, so it was made green in the late 1800s."

"Background lights in any port or river can blend out any kind of light," Haynes said. "It being green is the only green flash you're going to see there."

Volunteers spent more than a year getting the site ready to open.

Lori Sexton, of Port Huron, helped paint windows in the keeper's house.

"My mother loves light houses," Sexton said. "I

hope to bring her here after its done."

The passion of volunteer Kathy Duffy, owner of a vintage, 12-meter sailboat, is the site's lifesaving role.

"Before it was a Coast Guard station, men in the mid-1700s to early 1800s went out there trying to save lives," Duffy said, facing stiff winds coming off the lake. "Those men went out in the most awful conditions and saved lives. I look at this lighthouse and think about that."

The Port Huron Museum's Fort Gratiot Light is at 2802 Omar Street, above the Blue Water Bridge, Port Huron. Access to the grounds is down to dusk starting Saturday, May 19. Museum staff is on site 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, or to make reservations for Overnight at the Light, call the museum at (810) 982-0891 or visit phmuseum.org.

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SATURDAY, MAY 12

◆ A free lecture, "Mind, Body and Smile," is offered at 9 a.m. at Faircourt Dental, 20040 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. For reservations, call (313) 882-2000.

◆ Gardener Susan Martin lectures at 1 p.m. at Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall, 20025 Mack Plaza. Her topic is "A New Spin on Old Favorites." The lecture is free.

◆ The Grosse Pointe North Parents' Club and Grosse Pointe Woods Beautification Advisory Commission present their annual flower sale from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the grounds of the Grosse Pointe Woods municipal building, 20025 Mack Plaza.

◆ Author Rick Sigsby discusses his book, "Living on the Edge - A history of Auto Racing in Michigan," from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Provencal Weir House, 376 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ The West Park Farmers Market is open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

◆ Grosse Pointe South High School choir boosters holds a wine and beer tasting and silent auction from 7 to 11 p.m. at Bayview Yacht Club, 100 Clairpointe, Detroit.

Tickets cost \$25. For more information, call Lisa at (248) 515-6832 or e-mail her at lisathams@aol.com.

◆ Grosse Pointe Theatre presents the musical, "Hairspray," at 8 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. To order tickets, that cost \$24, call (313) 881-4004 or visit gpt.org.

SUNDAY, MAY 13

Mother's Day
◆ Grosse Pointe Theatre presents the musical, "Hairspray," at 2 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. To order tickets, that cost \$24, call (313) 881-4004 or visit gpt.org.

MONDAY, MAY 14

◆ Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Detroit, holds a Chat with the Commissioner from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Court, 20025 Mack Plaza.
◆ Grosse Pointe Farms city council meets at 7 p.m. council chambers, 90 Kerby.
◆ City of Grosse Pointe council holds a budget hearing at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 17147 Maumee.

TUESDAY, MAY 15

◆ Grosse Pointe Shores council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 795 Lakeshore.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

◆ The Grosse Pointe Community Blood Council sponsors an American Red Cross Blood drive from 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Presbyterian Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Register online at redcrossblood.org. The sponsor code is gpblood-council or call (313) 884-5542. Walk-ins are welcome and taken where space is available.
◆ Grosse Pointe Public Library hosts "Big Band Memories" at 2 p.m. in the Ewald branch, 15175 Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. Professor William Hart performs Big Band music. To register, call (313) 343-2074, ext. 222.

THURSDAY, MAY 17

◆ Grosse Pointe Theatre presents the musical, "Hairspray," at 8 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. To order tickets, that cost \$24, call (313) 881-4004 or visit gpt.org.

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past three windows to a steel deck. Double doors open to the ultimate drawing room, a three-foot balcony coursing around the exterior. A wrought iron railing separates visitors from becoming part of the panorama.

Back inside, a nine-step ladder curves to a glass-paneled lantern room atop the structure.

The room is about 7 feet in diameter. Waterfront windows face north, east and south.

A central pedestal supports a green, rotating beacon. It measures the years in six-second, clockwise sweeps of the horizon:

◆ north beyond a public beach and sandbars to the open waters of Lake Huron;

◆ east across fast currents funneling into the St. Clair River at an average of 190,000 cubic feet per second;

◆ south past a Coast Guard station and the Blue Water Bridge to eddies in the lazy-S of the upper river, waters so tricky only one commercial vessel is allowed through at a time;

◆ onward, completing another silent circuit to the lake.

Light magnified from a thumb-sized bulb is seen from freighter pilot houses nearly 30 miles away.

Visitors get a closer look, starting with opening ceremonies, 11 a.m. Saturday, May 19.

"Historic preservation is very important," Bennett said. "We're continuing a legacy."

The lighthouse entered service 53 years after the Declaration of Independence. Michigan was a territory, eight years shy of statehood.

"This was a strategic site," Bennett said, referring to Fort Gratiot. "People left here to fight the War of 1812."

The light's first keeper was too fat and drunk to climb and tend the original lamp, fueled by oil. He hired an assistant to do it. So ensued, over the

next 183 years, modifications, additions and current renovations to at least seven buildings on a five-acre campus operated by the United States Coast Guard from the late 1930s until a few years ago.

"This is an exceptional site," Bennett said. "Some lighthouses are at the end of a pier. Very obscure. We're eight blocks from a Rite Aid."

A two-story keeper's residence, with a backdoor keystone marking construction in 1874, smells of fresh latex paint.

Volunteers renovated the building and former coast guard barracks into learning centers and dormitories. Bunk beds accommodate groups of 20 to 42 for overnight stays costing \$25 per person.

The former coast guard captain's quarters will become a library.

Education programs celebrate histories of the coast guard, Port Huron, Great Lakes and more, Bennett said.

"This is the natural place to have overnights," she said. "It tells a story."

"As you learn about lighthouses, you learn, through osmosis, about how the Great Lakes served as the highway to exploration of the continent," said Terry Pepper, executive director of the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association in Mackinaw City. "There's a huge amount of American history tied to lighthouses."

"We're going to interpret that to tens of thousands of people," Bennett said.

Some coast guard lore comes firsthand.

Retired coastie, Mike Popelka, is site manager and interpreter.

"Light houses are important to mariners," Popelka said. "A lot of times, fog hangs low on the water. If you're up on the bridge of a boat, you'll see the light house."

"If it's a clear night, without haze, you can see the light for quite a way," said Capt. George Haynes, chief pilot with Lakes Pilots Association

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Broadway star inspires others to dream

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

The following is the final article in the Grosse Pointe North High School's inaugural Distinguished Alumni Award series. The awards ceremony is 7 p.m. Monday, May 14, at North's Performing Arts Center. This week's alum is Sandra Joseph, class of 1986.

Life wasn't always front center and in the spotlight for Sandra Joseph, who spent a decade on Broadway as Christine Daaé, the leading lady in Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical, "The Phantom of the Opera."

Before she was cast in the esteemed role in 1996, and the subsequent successes attached with it, Joseph struggled internally, as most high schoolers and young adults do, with insecurities, with the fear of rejection, and of losing yourself and your dreams to those fears.

"We so often let our insecurities or fears hold us back," Joseph said. "If my life is testament to anything, it's if you keep moving through your fear and taking those risks, yes, you will fail and, yes, you'll be rejected. But if you keep putting yourself out there, really amazing things can happen. It really was a story of trying

to find the confidence to move to the direction of my dreams."

Which is why, in the past few years, between performances and concerts, Joseph has stepped slowly into a new role as teacher and inspirational voice to students, peers, elders and others. She shares her story during speaking engagements and workshops, reveling in any opportunity to help others find courage and inspiration.

"You can't just say, 'Oh, I want to inspire people; I want to be inspirational,'" she said. "You'd never think that of yourself, but I've always been sort of a teacher in my heart, and I love watching other people get excited and watching them grow."

Joseph is especially fond of high school-aged children. With reason, as Grosse Pointe North High School is where she found her voice. Through continued encouragement from former theater director, Gael Barr, and choir director, Ben Walker, who nominated her for the distinguished alumni award, she overcame those initial, internal struggles and turned it into a Broadway career, in which she performed as Daaé for 10 years in about 1,200 shows, establishing herself as



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Above, Sandra Joseph performs in a school production in 1986 during her senior year at Grosse Pointe North High School.

Right, Joseph earned the esteemed role of Christine Daaé in Andrew Lloyd Webber's "The Phantom of the Opera" in 1996 and concluded her run 10 years and about 1,200 shows later. She's currently "Broadway's longest-running leading lady in its longest-running show."



"Broadway's longest-running leading lady in its longest-running show." And in working with present-day high schoolers, she hopes to inspire them to find their own voice.

"I love high school kids so much," Joseph said. "They just crack my heart wide open. And I love... I just love that time in life. It's so difficult. It can be so challenging and painful, but it's also so ripe with pos-

sibility. Everything is ahead of them and they have opportunities to explore what makes them feel alive, whether it's the arts or something academically. Whatever it is, I just love that time in life where everything is up to you to discover and then to go and pursue.

"They're so fortunate, I try to stress this to them, that we live in a world now that you can pursue any passion you have and you can make it happen. There are resources now that weren't in place when I was in high school where you can express your creativity and explore and learn about anything. The world is at your fingertips. I just want to give them wings and send them out there to fly."

•What was your initial reaction upon receiving notice of your recognition as distinguished alumni? I travel so much that I didn't get

my mail for a long time. My mom got her invitation first, so she read it over the phone. We probably all, on some level, feel undeserving and unworthy. Just doing what you do in the world and trying your best to contribute and use the gifts you have and try to make something useful of your life.

You never expect to be recognized in any way. But it's a huge honor, especially because of Ben Walker's (North's choir director while Joseph was a student) involvement. He was just so special to me in my high school years and gave me so many opportunities to really, explore what I love to do.

•Describe your time/experiences at North — highlights; any special memories/stories, significant influences (teachers, classmates or administrators), particular learned life lessons. I hope it's

common, I don't know if it is, for high schools to really have lots of opportunities for kids to perform. We were all over the place. We would go at Christmas and sing in nursing homes, we would go to the (Grosse Pointe) War Memorial and sing for their afternoon tea. There were all kinds of opportunities to sing and that really helped me get started in terms of knowing what I really love to do and what really made me feel alive.

I did my first show my freshman year at Grosse Pointe North. I started in the chorus, did little ensemble roles in plays and things and then they did, "Annie." And that was my dream role. I still think it's the most fun I've had on stage. It was so special — wearing that red dress and that little, red, curly wig and taking a dog out on stage. It was a blast, one of the best things ever.

•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? Gael Barr was the theater department at Grosse Pointe North for many, many years. He was one of these people who loved the craft so much. He loved theater. And he couldn't get enough of it. He directed four shows a year. We would do a mu-

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The Various Other Fund Budgets

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods will be meeting on May 21, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the proposed 2012-13 General Fund Budget as well as the various other Fund Budget of the said City.

The subject of this hearing is the property tax millage rate of 13.5432 proposed to be levied on July 1, 2012 to support the proposed/estimated General Fund Budget. If adopted, the proposed millage will generate \$9,583,531 in operating revenue from ad valorem property taxes for all funds, which is a \$163,485 or 1.73% increase compared to the 2011-12 total tax collection of \$9,420,046. This increase will partially offset the decrease in 2010-11 of \$886,938 or 9.42%. It is anticipated that the winter millage levied for Milk River Drainage tax will be 4.5977 mills.

Purpose of Millage	Millage Rate	Revenue Generated
General Operating	12.5260	\$7,537,521
Public Safety Pension	0.9362	\$563,358
Act 359 - Public Relations	0.0810	\$48,742
Total General Fund Levies	13.5432	\$8,149,621
EMS	0.3578	\$215,306
Solid Waste	2.0251	\$1,218,604
Total Voted Millage/Debt	2.3829	\$1,433,910

TOTAL SUMMER MILLAGE 15.9261 \$9,583,531

The City Council expects to take action on the proposed millage rates as well as taking action to approve the aforementioned budgets at the Council meeting immediately following the public hearing. The taxing unit publishing this notice, identified above, has complete authority to establish the number of mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rate.

GENERAL FUND

General Government	\$2,703,727	
Public Safety	\$5,279,711	
Public Works	\$2,304,295	
Parks & Recreation	\$1,668,011	
MIS	\$ 320,462	
Total General Fund		\$12,276,206

SPECIAL REVENUE

Major Street	\$759,154	
Local Street	\$756,184	
Ambulance	\$610,953	
Act 302 Training	\$8,000	
Solid Waste	\$1,215,184	
CDBG	\$7,000	
911 Service Fund	\$90,282	
Total Special Revenue		\$3,446,757

DEBT SERVICE FUND

Grosse Gratiot Drain (Milk River)	\$2,765,790	
Total Debt Funds		\$2,765,790

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

Municipal Improvement	\$87,260	
Total Capital Projects Fund		\$87,260

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

Parking Fund	\$267,344	
Water / Sewer	\$14,500,000	
Boat Dock Fund	\$134,415	
Commodity Sales Fund	\$54,000	
		\$14,955,759

INTERNAL SERVICE FUNDS

Workmen's Compensation	\$137,500	
Motor Vehicle Fund	\$996,139	
Total Internal Service Funds		\$1,133,639

GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS \$34,665,411

A copy of the proposed budget will be available for inspection during regular business hours at the office of the City Administrator. Public comments, oral and/or written, will be welcome at the public hearing on the aforesaid proposed General Fund Budget and the various other Fund Budgets.

Al Fincham
City Administrator

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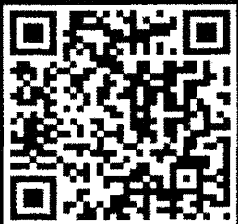
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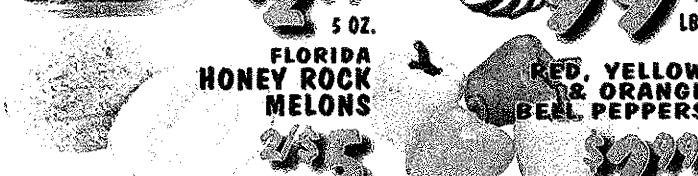
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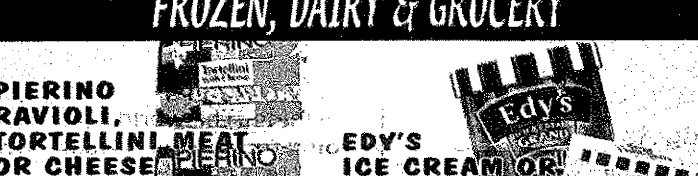
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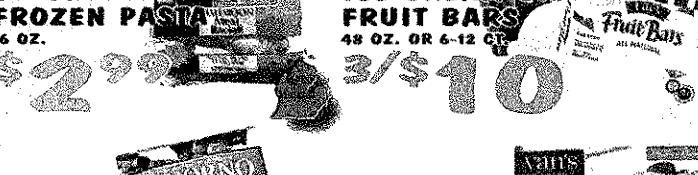
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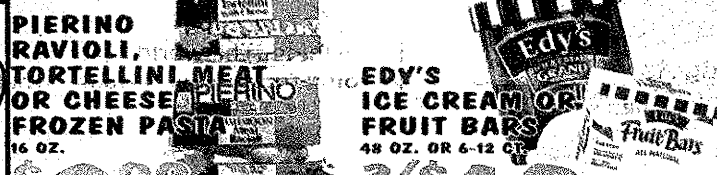
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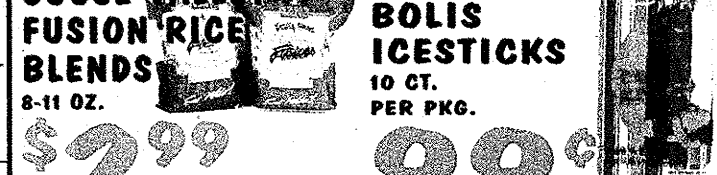
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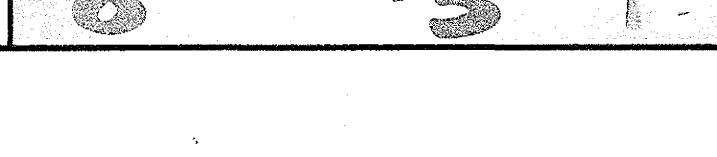
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Pump station bonds approved in Farms

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — The sale of \$4.5 million in bonds were approved this month to finance improvements at the Kerby Road pump station.

Work is intended to prevent sewage backups into basements, as happened twice last year in the inland sewer district between Ridge and Mack.

Bonds are capped at 5 percent interest. "The city manager (has) authority to reduce

the principle amount of the bonds should bids for the project come in less than \$4.5 million," according to Wendy Underwood, a bond attorney with Dickinson Wright.

Bonds are payable over 20 years.

They could cost the average homeowner \$40 the first year and \$80 annually thereafter, according to Reeside.

Bonds finance new and more powerful equipment presented at the January Grosse Pointe Farms city council meeting:

- ◆ a standby generator system,
- ◆ electric switch gear modifications,
- ◆ pumping equipment and
- ◆ state-of-the-art controls and monitoring equipment.

Also included are architectural improvements, such as roof and window replacements, to the 83-year-old building at Kerby and Chalfonte.

A permanent backup generator is the most expensive component and requires the most lead time.

"The generator has to be fabricated to meet requirements of the bid," said Shane Reeside, city manager. "That was bid out separately so we could commence construction as soon as possible."

Of three generator bids ranging from \$518,000 to \$618,000, the council selected low-bidder GenPower Products of Wixom.

"It takes about 16 weeks to fabricate it from the time shop drawings

are approved," said Tom Biehl, vice president of the city's consulting engineers, Hubbell, Roth & Clark. "The delivery date is between Aug. 15 and 30."

At 43-by-11 feet, the generator is so large, it can't fit in the existing building. A separate enclosure is needed.

The additional space will extend from west end of the pump station.

"The front of the (existing) building will not get any closer to the street than the existing east end of the building, closest to Chalfonte," Biehl said.

The site plan is expected to be on the Monday, May 14 council agenda.

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BROADWAY: Ceremony venue changes

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sical, a Shakespeare play, a comedy and something contemporary. Every year was filled with rich material to work on.

As a high school kid, you never think about what his life was. We're just worried about our own lives, but he gave up so much time to do that. He was at school all day and then rehearsing till the evening. He devoted his life to it.

He and Ben Walker have both come to New York and seen the Phantom on Broadway. It was the thrill of my life to be able to just say thank you to them.

Now, stepping into my own role as teacher, that's what you hope for, that you can encourage people to go after your dreams and they both gave me permission to do that and opportunities to take those baby steps to get out there in front of people which is a terrifying thing to do. You're so vulnerable at that age anyway and full of all these insecurities — who's gossiping about me, who doesn't like me, I'm not thin enough or pretty enough or whatever enough that you go through in high school. So, to put yourself out there on stage is just all that much more scary, but they encouraged me to do it and kept giving me opportunities. I'm just so, so grateful. Along with my dad, those were the three men in my life who loved the arts and loved singers and actors and theater and just kept encouraging me, and I

know I wouldn't have had the courage to do it without that much support.

•What/who do you hope to do/see in your return to North? I'm looking forward to hugging Ben Walker. I'm really looking forward to that. Not only was he important to me in my young life, but he's important to me now. He's just this inspiring human being. It's not just his talent, but he has the biggest heart you'll ever, ever come across. I just love him so dearly. That's just going to be such a special moment. And with my family there. That's going to be really special.

And I'm excited just to go back into North and see what it's like now.

Ceremony schedule

Due to popular demand, North's inaugural Distinguished Alumni Award ceremony has a new venue.

Rather than the school library, the event is now 7 p.m. Monday, May 14, at the Performing Arts Center.

Presentations begin no later than 7, and all the community is invited to attend.

The awards committee also seeks 501 (c) (3) tax-deductible donations to sustain the program. To donate, make check payable to GPN Distinguished Alumni Program and send to Grosse Pointe North, 707 Vernier, GPW, MI 48236.

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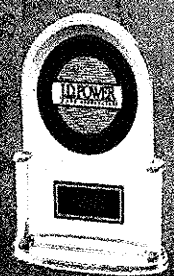
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GYMNASTICS

Local students excel in state meet

Several Grosse Pointe student-athletes earned medals at the USAG Michigan Gymnastics Level 5 state finals held the weekend of April 21 at West Ottawa High School.

The girls, Maggie

Mattes of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Elizabeth Byarski of Star of the Sea, Rachel Rogers of Brownell Middle School, Caroline Rogers of Kerby Elementary School, Ella Maltby of Grosse Pointe Academy and Hannah

Blair of Trombly Elementary School compete for Hunt's Gymnastics Academy in Harrison Township.

In all, there were 468 girls qualified during the season to compete at this event by scoring a 30.00

overall in two state qualifying meets.

Mattes placed first in the All Around with a score of 36.825, making her the Level 5 Michigan State Champion, and the Hunt's Gymnastics team earned first place in the American Division with a score of 111.50.

In addition, the combined Hunt's Gymnastics team took third out of 51 teams with 113.10 points.

Mattes was first on bars with a 9.4 and third on vault, beam and floor exercise with scores of 9.075, 9.075 and 9.3, re-

spectively.

Byarski was fifth on vault with a 9.225, as well as seventh on bars with a 9.35. She also earned scores of 8.9 on beam and 9.15 on floor exercise to help her take seventh in the all-around with 36.625 points.

Rachel Rogers won the vault with a 9.45, and earned scores of 9.125 on bars, 8.4 on beam and 9.15 on floor exercise as she took fourth in the all-around competition with a score of 36.125.

Caroline Rogers had scores of 9.05 on vault,

9.225 on bars, 9.3 on beam and 9.20 on floor exercise and was 13th in the all-around at 36.775.

Maltby had a solid afternoon, taking third in beam with a 9.25, followed by fourth in floor exercise with a 9.1, fifth on vault with a 9.025 and had an 8.55 on bars. Her all-around score of 35.925 placed her seventh.

Blair scored an 8.6 on floor exercise to take ninth and received a red ribbon with a score of 32.80 for her all-around score.



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Grosse Pointers, front row from left, Maggie Mattes, Rachel Rogers and Elizabeth Byarski; and second row from left, Ella Maltby, Hannah Blair and Caroline Rogers, excelled at a recent meet.

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OUR VIEW

Tigers set poor example for Delmon Young

On a road trip to New York City less than two weeks ago, Detroit Tigers player Delmon Young was arrested and charged with harassment after an alleged anti-Semitic rant and physical altercation with a Chicago businessman.

What he said, we can't print. The incident was unfortunate and embarrassing and many were surprised Young kept his job, which pays nearly \$7 million a year.

Young apologized repeatedly. But if this is something that happens when he gets drunk, it's obviously time to stop drinking. The embarrassment goes beyond just the team — it goes to the litich family who has done so much to keep Detroit going. Their teams (Tigers and Red Wings) bring millions of people to Detroit each year, where fans spend many more millions to help the downtown economy.

Young, with a history of anger issues, is now on his third chance. Hopefully he gets the help he needs.

But we need help understanding something else about the Tigers. One of its players is accused of spewing hate in a drunken tirade. He's served his suspension. He'll have his day in court. He's said the right things and presumably, since the Tigers kept him, he's done the right things.

Not to nitpick, but long before Young did his best Mel Gibson in the City That Never Sleeps (he should've been), the Tigers have projected a negative image with the music they've allowed their players to choose before they come to bat or pitch in a game.

On the Tigers website, detroit.tigers.mlb.com, the Tigers list some of the players and their songs. The first one that sticks out is Miguel Cabrera's choice. The song that plays every time he comes to bat is titled "***** in Paris," a song by Kanye West and Jay-Z. The word that is blanked out, is a slang variation of the N-word, which the artists use throughout.

Austin Jackson's choice, "Ambition," by Wale, also uses the N-word and some F-bombs. Same goes for Brennan Boesch's choice, the Drake song "We'll Be Fine," according to the website.

Justin Verlander, the American League's reigning MVP, uses an Eminem song, with a couple F-bombs and a dig at ex-wife Kim Mathers. It is less offensive than most.

The most offensive during a lyrics check, seems to be the song listed for Delmon Young, "King of Diamonds," by Rick Ross. The song not only uses F-bombs and the N-word throughout, it's also derogatory toward women, calling them several names we can't come close to printing here.

At the bottom of the website is a disclaimer saying the music approved is for all ages, "however some songs listed on this page may have alternate versions with different lyrics. Parental discretion is advised."

So we looked. The Drake song didn't have a version with different lyrics. And the top 50 songs by Rick Ross available on iTunes all had the "explicit" language warnings. None were "clean." According to Google, the Cabrera choice doesn't have a different title, so it would seem the title is offensive enough and not covered by the disclaimer on the website.

We're all for the freedom to listen to whatever music you like in your house or on your iPod. The fact players like these songs doesn't necessarily mean they think that way or talk that way. I doubt they would want to hear young children singing the lyrics to these songs.

But the Tigers can't pretend it's appropriate to introduce a player to the song "***** in Paris." In fact, the iTunes version of the song adds four letters to the title the Tigers didn't put on their list.

Delmon Young needs to work on his image, but the example put forth by his team isn't much better.

It's a silly problem to have. Parents don't want to have to answer when their child asks what song is playing as Cabrera makes his way to the plate.

And given Young's problems in New York, the Tigers management should be a little more sensitive to the image they display.

With the history of Hank Greenberg, Willie Horton and other Tigers who fought for rights and peace beyond the playing field for something much more important than a baseball game, your disclaimer doesn't cut it.

Step up to the plate, Tigers.

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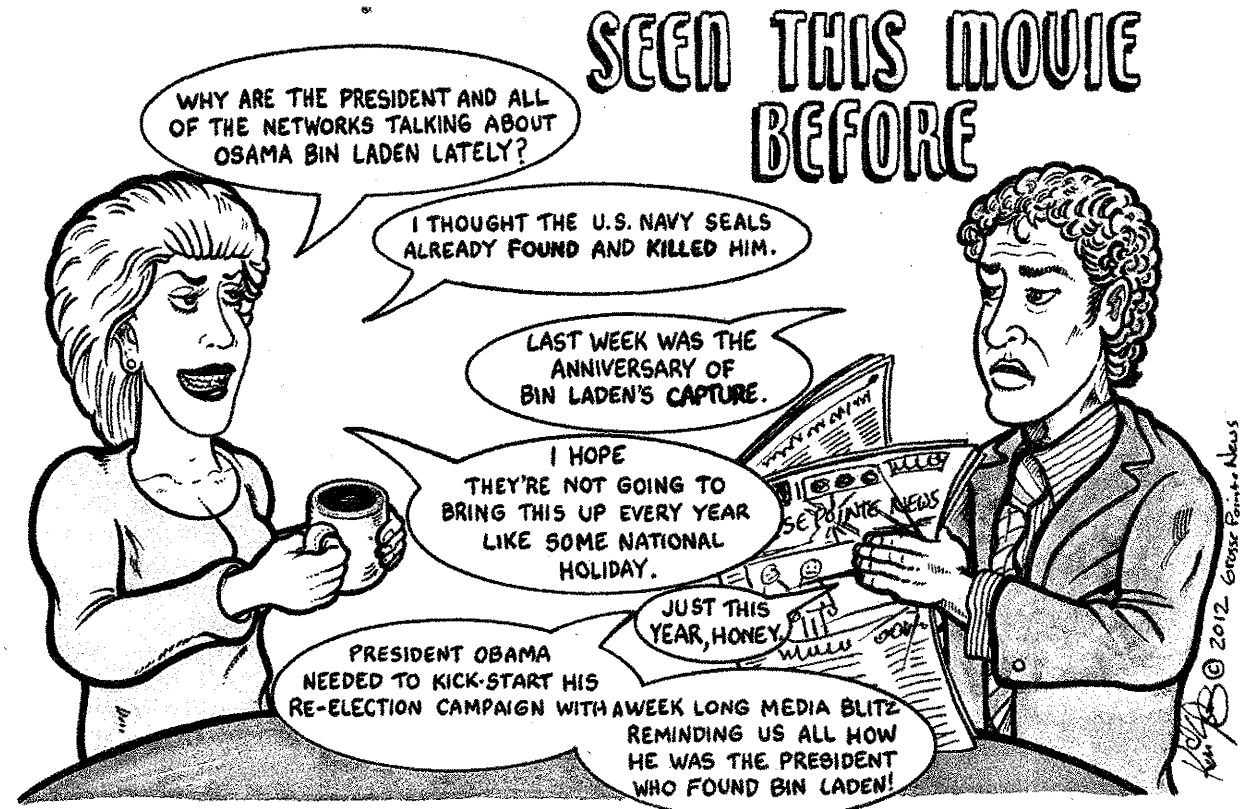
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Cat's out To the Editor:

Ah, Spring! The flowers are blooming and the grass is greening ... and I can't open a window and sit in my yard because cats have been using my nicely-mulched gardens as their litter box.

I spend a lot of time gardening and making my yard look nice and then can't even enjoy it because the ammonia smell of cat urine is so overwhelming. I don't have air conditioning, so it isn't pleasant on a 95-degree day to smell that with the windows open or suffer with the windows closed.

These are not stray cats. These are cats with owners who open their doors and let their cats out to roam free and "doo" wherever they feel like.

Once a cat does this, they will come back over and try to use our gardens as their litter box. Cats are territorial and that means other cats in the neighborhood show up and pick their spot to urinate and poop.

How do you get that to stop? Keep the cat in the house.

We have a nice pond and have even found half-eaten fish on the back lawn.

I live in the City of Grosse Pointe and there are ordinances that if you own a dog it must be behind a gate, licensed and/or on a leash when not behind a gate. There is no ordinance for cats. I think this should change or cat owners should be more responsible and keep their pets inside to use a litter box in their own home.

I understand people want cats as a family pet. I owned three cats and loved them. They stayed indoors. Due to a child with allergies, I had to adopt them out to good, loving homes where they lived their lives to the end as house cats.

People who own cats need to be responsible and realize if they let their cat out, this is what they are allowing their pets to do: To roam wherever

they choose and be destructive to someone's private property and create a health hazard.

Trust me, if your cat is pooping and peeing in my yard, it may be doing the same to your child's sandbox and contaminating it. I have to wear garden gloves all the time now when weeding, then either wash them in hot water and bleach or throw them out.

I am sure cat owners reading this think "grumpy cat hater," but I just want to enjoy my yard same as you and open my windows to let a cool breeze in, same as you.

So do me and the community a big favor and keep kitty inside.

MARY C.
City of Grosse Pointe

Drinking age To the Editor:

Should the legal drinking age be lowered to 18, the age when you can vote, buy cigarettes legally, and make the decision to fight for your country?

I feel the legal drinking age should absolutely be changed. At age 18, you are considered to be an adult, and adults make adult decisions. I feel drinking — just like smoking, voting, and serving in the military — is an adult decision.

All of these decisions are life effecting. While serving in the military, you could get seriously injured or killed. Smoking could give you lung cancer or permanently damage your health in another way.

When voting, you are choosing who you want to lead and represent you. That is a serious choice. There are many hazards to drinking, just like the many other decisions made at age 18.

So why limit the decisions an "adult" can make?

Studies show that if people are exposed to alcohol at an early age, they are less likely to have drinking problems when they grow up. This is because, when you expose

something to a child, it takes the mystery out of it.

Every child knows alcohol is forbidden until they grow up. So, this rule makes them anxious to try it and makes alcohol look more appealing than it actually is. I know that if there is something I know I'm not supposed to do, it makes me want to do it even more.

As you grow older, the temptation becomes greater. And when you eventually try alcohol, you may become addicted. So if drinking was not held off for so long, I feel there would be less drinking problems.

In conclusion, I feel that lowering the legal drinking age should happen because it is time for 18-year-olds to start making all the decisions that will effect their life now.

As I said before and I will say again, at age 18 you are legally considered an adult. So shouldn't adults be able to choose for themselves?

ARIANNA BARNES
Eighth-grade student
St. Clare of Montefalco School

Bullying To the Editor:

Every two hours and 11 minutes, a person under the age of 25 commits suicide.

Suicide is the third leading cause of death for teens and other young people, adding up to 4,400 deaths by suicide a year. And for every suicide, there are 100 known suicide attempts.

Bullying victims are two to nine times more likely to commit suicide, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. And 56 percent of all students have witnessed an act of bullying at school.

It may seem I am writing about suicide, but I am actually writing about bullying. The two often come into the same stories and affect each other a lot.

Bullying is everywhere. It is at school, the workplace and even at home. Many kids become bullies

because they are mistreated at home by parents or siblings and don't know how else to behave. Some bullies are mean to others just so they can feel better about themselves.

Adults and kids can both be bullies or be bullied. Adults may criticize other employees unnecessarily and cause them to become depressed or not work as productively. Kids can be bullied by parents or peers, at home or at school, which can cause lower grades and attendance.

Bullying is not just pushing and shoving and doing physical harm, it can be emotional and verbal, too. Cyber-bullying is also a type of bullying. Consistently putting someone down, making them feel bad about themselves is bullying.

You don't know what that person deals with in their life without a bully to make things worse.

When you put it this way, there's a lot of bullying.

Next time you want to call someone names, or worse, think of the consequences and don't do it. And if you see it happening, stop it so no one gets hurt!

Do something before it's too late.

JULIA ROARTY
St. Clare of Montefalco School

Good Samaritans To the Editor:

To the two extraordinary gentlemen who changed my flat tire on the rainy evening of May 1 in Grosse Pointe Woods' Lakefront Park:

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Your cheerful persistence in making certain I got on my way again safely will never be forgotten. It was the best reminder I've had in a long time of how wonderful people can be.

I hope some day I will be able to repay your kindnesses to me by "paying it forward."

PAMELA MISURACA
New Baltimore

I SAY By Karen Fontanive

I can worry while I sleep

"Karen, are you worried Michael isn't home yet?"

What made my husband think I was: my closed eyes or my snoring?

I woke up, rather grogily and at 1:43 a.m. no less, to ask how he knew our son wasn't home.

No car in the garage. That's a good answer.

Then I woke up enough to text our son to find out where he was. Response in hand, literally, I promptly fell asleep.

Don't misunderstand. I worry about my kids — every minute of every day. For the past 19 years, I have worried about my son when he's not in my

immediate field of vision. I do the same with my younger child. Every parent knows what I'm talking about. And every parent whose child has "flown the coop" or "left the nest," knows you have to sleep sometime.

For the past couple of years, that sleep has been in a chair in the family room pretending I've been up the entire time when really it was the garage door opening that woke me. I wasn't fooling anybody. Like I can really stay awake until 4 a.m. prom night/morning? Most nights, I don't make it to the 11 o'clock news.

Once our oldest child went off to college, there wasn't a need to wait up, or pretend to wait up, any more. Would my son call me every night to tell me he's safe and sound in his dorm room? No. Would I wait up for him, hoping he'd do so? No comment. Let's just say it only took a couple of weeks for me to learn the answer to that question.

But now our firstborn has completed his first year of college and returned to the family abode. We haven't waited up for him for eight months, but now that he's home, it feels like we should — at

least to my husband.

We want our children to be independent, but we want to know what they're doing; we give them the tools to make the right decisions, but we want to be assured they're doing so; we tell them they're adults and we don't worry, but we do and will forever. That's just the way it always has been and always will be. And, yes, we wait up until they get home — at least one of us does.

My husband, when he was living with his parents, remembers getting home at 3 a.m. to find his

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK By Thomas Harwood

Vision defined for GPPSS

Prior to beginning my role as the new superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, A.J. Hakim, staff writer for the Grosse Pointe News, and I discussed including a short, monthly feature article in the paper regarding current events, programs or initiatives that impact our schools.

This first installment is intended to highlight some key features about the Grosse Pointe school system you may or may not be aware of as you visit our schools.

The Grosse Pointe school system is a common daily thread within this community that connects the interest of many people. In setting the stage for a positive educational journey for all students, the members of this educational community must first focus on the mission and vision of the school system.

Our mission

The Grosse Pointe schools mission — in partnership with students, staff, parents and community members — is to challenge all students to real-

ize their full potential by providing them with the highest quality educational program and instruction.

There are several key elements in the Grosse Pointe Public School System Mission Statement that generate action, commitment and accountability in the school system on behalf of the students and families we serve.

The first is recognition of the partnership that must exist for our students to be successful. We are fortunate in this educational community to have strong relationships of engagement by many parents, interest groups, and community leaders on a daily basis. The synergy that they provide affords a higher degree of excellence at all levels. As indicated in the mission statement, we work to "challenge all students to realize their full potential."

As we implement new learning strategies and approaches across the school system, each of our students will move from being a passive learner in the classroom to a more active participant in their own learning process. Over time, you will see students

working collaboratively with their teachers, to become future creative thinkers who develop, apply and understand a greater depth of knowledge and skills.

It is our responsibility to set the foundation for an environment that nurtures and encourages all different learners by providing the "highest quality educational program and instruction" for each individual student.

Our vision

The vision of the Grosse Pointe school system is to help all students be successful learners and leaders, today and tomorrow.

We must align our programs and services under this future-oriented vision to meet the needs of the "21st Century Learner." This requires us to continuously be aware of educational program advancements and modifications that best meet the core needs of our students.

The unique needs of each and every one of our students, combined with continuous improvement in the use of instructional technology programs, change the educational process of learning. It will

lead our school system on a different path of instructional practices that encourages and supports "all students to be successful learners and leaders, today and tomorrow."

Recently, the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education approved a "Continuous Improvement Plan" that identifies specific areas of improvement with related measurement tools to determine growth or success for each goal — available at gpschools.org. This plan will serve as a benchmark of progress as the school system works to improve identified areas.

In benchmarking the schools, it is important to recognize a few key pieces of information about our school system. A few of these items are highlighted below.

◆ All 14 of our schools achieved "Adequate Yearly Progress;"

◆ all 14 of our schools received a grade of "A" on

the Michigan's Education YES! Report card;

◆ both high schools are in the top 3 percent in the nation;

◆ one-hundred percent of our core classes are taught by highly-qualified teachers;

◆ our latest budget audit was a "clean and unqualified" audit and we have an "AA+" bond rating;

◆ our graduates go on to 160 colleges/universities each year;

◆ we field 120 teams in 30 different sports and 60 percent of our high school students participate in at least one sport;

◆ both high schools have Grammy award-winning music programs, and offer 25 advanced placement classes and six foreign languages; and

◆ all schools have earned Michigan Green School status.

As part of our continuous improvement plan, we will continue to monitor our district/school im-

provement goals, adjust our budget accordingly, assess and evaluate our progress, and effectively analyze and report our efforts to align with the needs of our students and their programs.

Future articles "From the Superintendent's Desk" will include:

◆ Updates on state funding of schools;

◆ proposed legislative action that impact programs and services;

◆ curriculum and/or Program Changes within the Grosse Pointe school system; and

◆ other areas of interest and requests from the readers of the Grosse Pointe News.

I encourage you to forward any questions or areas of interest to ajhakim@grossepointe-news.com so I may be able to provide future responses in future articles.

Harwood is the superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

I SAY

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mother baking a cake. I remember coming home to find my dad fiddling with the cable television dial (yes, it was a dial then) trying to get premium channels for free.

While we navigate having our son move back home and setting appro-

priate and respectful boundaries, I might as well get a good night's sleep. I'm going to fall asleep waiting up anyway, so why not do it in a comfy bed instead of the family room chair? I'll tell you why not? The soon-to-be 16-year-old licensed driver. Her take on the whole situation: If her brother doesn't have a curfew, she shouldn't either.

Get real, sister. Remember all that attention you craved as the youngest child? It's all yours — and for the next two years. I won't have to stay up to be your designated driver, but I won't be going to bed before you are home safe and sound. I might be up baking a cake or watching HBO.

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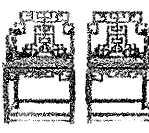
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BOYS LACROSSE

South edges North, 9-8

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It was just what fans wanted to see, a close, hard-fought game that went to the wire.

Grosse Pointe South hosted its second regular season game of the season against archrival Grosse Pointe North last week.

Neither team could sustain momentum and after the final, tense 11 seconds, South escaped with a 9-8 win.

"It was an exciting game, but we didn't play that well at times and I thought North played with a lot of emotion," South head coach Don Wolford said. "We stood around on defense at times and watched."

North head coach Dan Preston had his players prepared. After several lackluster outings, the Norsemen have begun to play more as a unit.

The Norsemen led 2-1 after the opening quarter on goals by John Thibault and Alex Malik. Austin Jones scored for the Blue Devils.

The home team roared back to dominate the second quarter, scoring

three goals to take a 4-2 halftime lead.

Liam McIlroy, Dan French and James Webster tallied as the Blue Devils' offense swarmed North goalie Rhys Williams. However, Williams came up with some big saves to keep the game close.

Preston made adjustments at the half and they worked to perfection as the Norsemen dominated the third period, outscoring the Blue Devils 4-1 to take a 6-5 lead.

South's Andrew Wright's goal was sandwiched around North goals from Jay Warren and Malik's three.

In the fourth quarter alone, there were three ties and three lead changes.

The Blue Devils tied it 6-6 when Andrew Hyde scored at the 10:22 mark, but the Norsemen went ahead 7-6 after Nicholas Lamparski tallied at the 7:41 mark.

It took the home team eight seconds to tie it as Cliff Dirksen scored and it took an 8-7 lead at the 5:47 mark when Wright scored his second goal of the game.

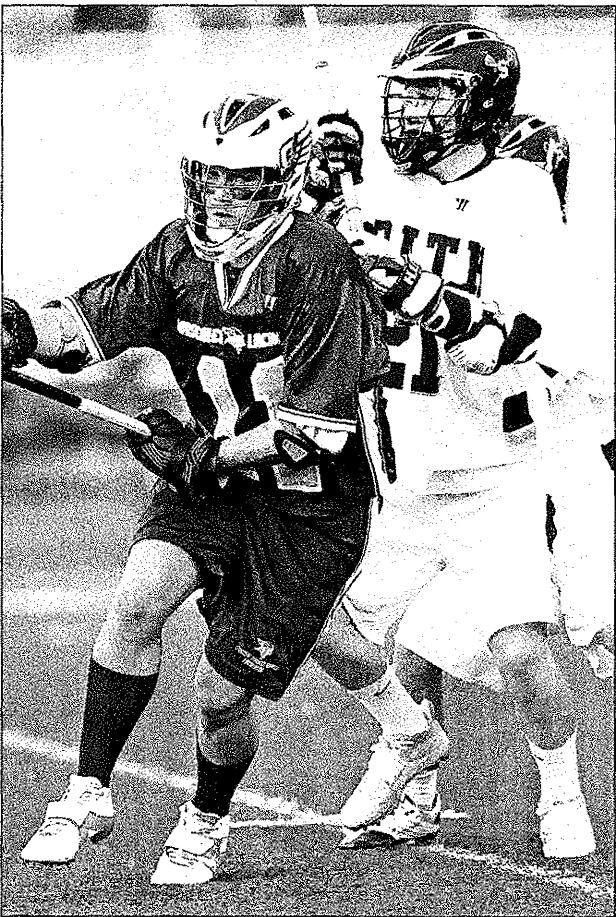


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South's Andrew Hyde, right, got the best of North's Jacob Brazil, left, in the Blue Devils' 9-8 victory.

Back came North as Thibault buried a shot by South goalie David Trudel. He was fed a perfect pass from Julian Quinlan.

Webster scored what turned out to be the game-winning goal at the 3:37 mark. French gave him a pass and a second later, Webster's shot whizzed by Williams for the 9-8 advantage.

The Norsemen had possession of the ball in

the final minute, but two missed shots and a turnover allowed the Blue Devils to walk away with their second straight regular season victory over North.

Both teams had to regroup and play tough road games.

North lost 5-2 to L'Anse Creuse North, dropping to 2-9 overall, while South lost 6-5 to Utica Eisenhower, dropping to 6-4.

Knights back to basics

By John McTaggart
Special Writer

They're a team that seems to be improving each game.

University Liggett's boys' lacrosse team beat Clarkston 9-5 last weekend, making it clear it is getting better with each effort.

"We are getting better and better," head coach Bill Brusilow admitted. "We've got a ways to go yet, but we are getting to be a better team."

Down 4-2 at halftime, the Knights huddled beside the goalpost at the east end of the field and discussed what they had seen throughout the opening half of play.

"They (Clarkston) played very, very well and they played a very tight zone defense," the coach explained. "We talked about that and I think it took us that first half to get adjusted to that. Plus we switched our defense around some. We realized where all their offense was coming from and put our best defensemen on that and shut them down."

The Wolves managed just one goal after the break, that coming in the

fourth quarter, while Liggett adjusted and attacked Clarkston's zone defense with a series of quick passes and very effective ball movement in the offensive end.

"It was a nice adjustment we made and we went out and executed," Brusilow explained. "The passing was more a function of what they were doing with their zone defense."

A four-goal burst in the third quarter, three of which came from the stick of David Gushee, pushed the Knights to a 6-4 lead heading into the final 12 minutes of the game.

"In lacrosse a three-goal lead is nothing. If you're down by two, up by two, it really doesn't mean much," the coach explained. "We knew what we had to do to stop their offense, and we did that. And we knew we had to keep pushing on offense. We did that too."

Manny Counsman and Andrew Amine also scored for Liggett in the win.

The victory moved the Knights to 4-5 overall with games against Romeo, Cranbrook-Kingswood and Grosse Pointe South looming.

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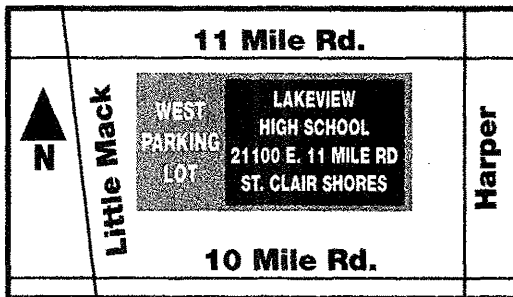
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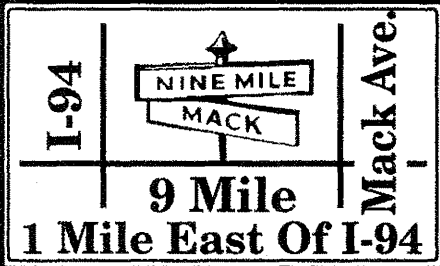


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South wins first match against North

The 2012 golf season has barely started and the Grosse Pointe South boys' golf team is enjoying success.

The team is currently 3-1 in match play, including a recent 155-158 win over Grosse Pointe North and a 160-161 loss to Utica Eisenhower, and have one tournament victory and a top-10 finish in another.



Geoff Welscher

The match with the Norsemen was competitive and after the six varsity matches, the teams were separated by only three strokes. With an average score of just over 38 per player.

The low round of the match for the Blue Devils was posted by Geoff Welscher (37), followed closely by Will Hyde (38), Joe Becker (38) and three players with 42.

North was led by medalist Steven Zak with an even par 36. Other Norsemen who shot well were Jason Vismara, Garrett Friesmuth and Patrick Hastings.

North split its other Macomb Area Conference Red Division matches, losing 157-176 to Romeo at Greystone and beat Utica Ford 167-190 at Lochmoor Monday afternoon.

Friesmuth was the low scorer with a 40, with Zak, Jason Vismara and Tom Vismara following behind.

Grosse Pointe North is 4-2 in the MAC Red Division.

The Blue Devils are experienced, deep and currently ranked No. 6 in Division 1. Teams ranked ahead of South are Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central, 1; Muskegon Mona Shores, 2; Traverse City West, 3; Battle Creek Lakeview, 4; and Davison, 5.

With the first two matches under their belt, the Blue Devils had a little time to enjoy their success before heading to the Port Huron Northern Tournament.

The team took five players for the tourna-

ment and the coaches, Rob McIntyre and Steve Taflinger, decided to rely on experience by taking all upperclassmen.

The strategy proved right as Grosse Pointe South won the tournament with a team score of 334. They were led by Welscher, who posted an 81. The other team member's that day were Robert Sommerville, Becker, Hyde and Michael Stavale.

Two days later, the Blue Devils headed north to participate in the Traverse City Tournament.

In an effort to continue the development of one of the top high school golf programs in the state, the coaches went with a slightly different strategy when selecting the six players who would represent the team.

They kept a good amount of experience and leadership but mixed in a couple of younger players in Reis Becker and David Szymanski. The tournament was played over two days and on two different courses.

The first day was played on the Spruce, which is a tree-lined course that places a premium on accuracy. Although everyone played well, the Blue Devils were again led by Welscher, who posted an even par 72. Providing support was Becker with a 77.

On the second day, the tournament continued on the Wolverine, a resort-type course that requires more creativity and shot making.

This day, the team was

led by Hyde (76), Sommerville (79) and Jeff Craig (84).

The two young players, Becker and Szymanski, played well and were competitive.

This type of experience can only help in their development. At the end,

Grosse Pointe South placed sixth out of 38 teams. Five of the top six teams in the state were participating in the tournament.

Honored

Grosse Pointe South senior Geoffrey Welscher

was awarded the Governor George Romney Trophy this season.

This honor is awarded to a senior player judged by the league coaches to be outstanding in scholarship, sportsmanship and playing skill.

This trophy has been awarded annually since the 1965 - 1966 hockey season. Another local player earning the award was University Liggett's Allen Taber and last year's honoree was Ann Arbor's Luke Dwyer.

— Vince Buzolits

LIGGETT

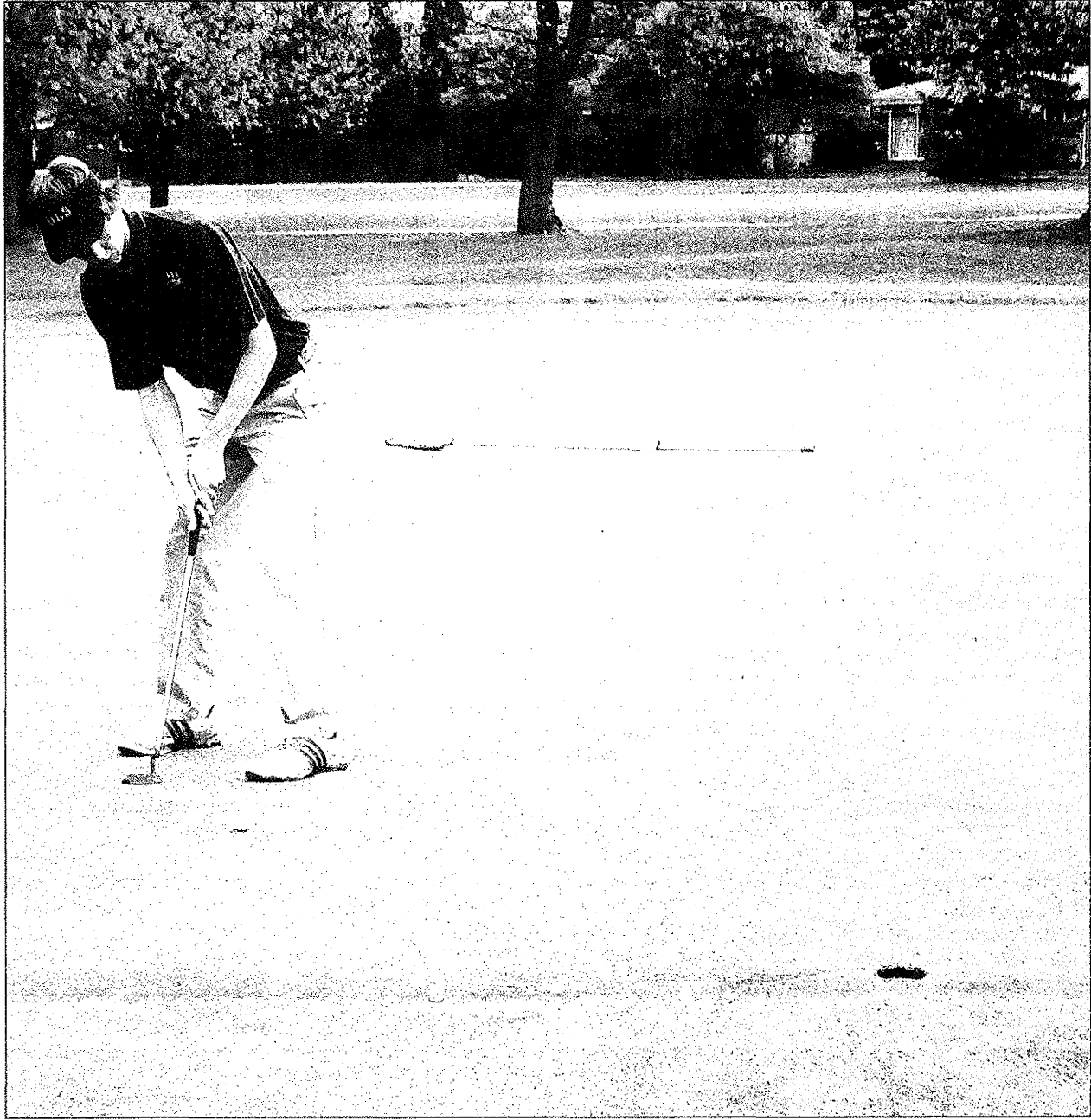


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Hanging tough

Liggett senior Jeff Mott, shown above at a match earlier in the season, shot a 47 in the Knights' 172-186 loss to Ann Arbor Greenhills. Other Knights on the score sheet were Jake Soyka, 46; Stephan Campau, 46; and Luke Soyka, 47. Liggett placed ninth in last weekend's final MIAC Tournament and placed second overall in the conference. Mott and Campau made All-MIAC First Team and Caleb Ninivaggi made Second Team. Liggett is 8-1 in the MIAC after Monday afternoon's wins over Lutheran Northwest and Roeper. Chris Monsour shot a 41, followed by Mott and Robert Stanley with a 42 and Campau with a 44.

City of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES
April 16, 2012

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present on Roll Call: Mayor Farquhar; Councilmembers, West, Joseph, Davis, Theros, & Waldmeir

Absent Were: Councilman Joseph T. Leonard

Also Present: Messrs. Burgess, City Attorney; Reeside, City Manager; Tepper, Assistant City Manager; Brennan, Director of Public Service; Jensen, Director Public Safety; Hutchins, Deputy Director of Public Safety.

Mayor Farquhar Presided at the Meeting.

Councilman Leonard was excused from attending the Meeting.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 12, 2012, were approved as submitted.

The Council, acting as a Zoning Board of Appeals, approved the Minutes of the Public Hearing held June 6, 2011; approved the request for extension of variance previously granted for the Crescent Sail Yacht Club; adjourned the variance request of 425 Kerby Road to June 4, 2012; approved the variance request of 175 Irvine Lane.

The Council approved the Resolution Authorizing Issuance of General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds for the Sewage Pumping Plant.

The Council approved the generator purchase.

The Council approved the Kerby Interceptor Inspection.

The Council approved the Pier Park Viewing Fishing Deck.

The Council approved the following item from its Consent Agenda:

- The request to schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, May 14, 2012 at 7 p.m. to consider the formal adoption of the Proposed General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.
- Fee Schedule Amendments

The following Report were received by the Council and ordered placed on file:

- Public Safety Report for March 2012.

The Council temporarily adjourned to a Closed Session to discuss certain labor negotiations.

Following adjournment of the Closed Session, the Council resumed the Regular Meeting.

The Council approved the Labor Contracts, as submitted.

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, May 14, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 90 KERBY ROAD, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN 48236. THE MEETING IS PUBLIC, INTERESTED PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE CITY ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. YOU MAY ALSO VIEW THE AGENDA AND MINUTES ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE: www.ci.grosse-pointe-farms.mi.us/

James C. Farquhar
Mayor

Matthew J. Tepper
City Clerk

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Girls lacrosse

LIGGETT

Knights on fire

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's girls' lacrosse team is getting on a roll.

Last week the Knights beat Dexter 18-16 and Monday afternoon whipped Warren Regina 17-7, improving to 5-5 overall.

Head coach Tamara Fobare is getting the most out of her seniors and the underclassmen are taking positive strides.

Against the Dreadnaughts, goalkeeper

er Briana Bellamy made 18 saves and played her best game of the season, according to Fobare, and the defense in front of her, led by Meg Shannon, created some timely turnovers.

Chandler Warren and Abby Belcrest were unstoppable, scoring eight goals apiece, while Anne Flick and Olivia Wujek each had a goal.

Against the Saddlelites, Rosie DeRoo, Warren and Belcrest worked well on the draw to come up with loose balls. Shannon had

another good defensive outing, causing turnovers and forcing wide shots as Bellamy made 16 saves.

Helping Shannon on defense were Courtney Knight, Kim Batchelor, Katarina Goitz and Julia Grimm.

Anna Canzano, Wujek, Daria Lewis and Mackenzie Lukas provided good short cuts on offensive drives, while goals were scored by Warren, 7; Belcrest, 4; Wujek, 2; Maranda Saigh, 2; Lewis, 1; and Flick, 1.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen backfire

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls' lacrosse team endured a nightmare stretch of games last week.

In the three games, two coming against top-ranked teams, the Norsemen were

outscored 35-11.

The Norsemen opened the week with a 14-3 loss to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood.

It was scoreless with 14 minutes left in the first half before the Cranes scored 10 of the next 11 goals to take a 10-1 half-time lead.

Last weekend, the

Norsemen had a two-game road trip to Saline and over to the west side of the state at Rockford.

The Norsemen tied Saline 7-7 before falling flat against Rockford in a 14-1 defeat.

Grosse Pointe North fell to 6-3-1 overall and has a break before playing its next game.

Track and field

GROSSE POINTE NORTH BOYS

Norsemen beat Dakota

Grosse Pointe North's boys' track and field team beat Macomb Dakota 82-55 last week, improving to 3-1 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division. Head coach Frank Tymrak watched his team win field, sprint and relay events in front of the home crowd.

Sophomore Makai Polk won the shot put with a throw of 42-feet, 9-inches, and senior Jalen Storks was No. 1 in the discus with a throw of 136-feet.

Junior Robert Tillman was victorious on the long jump, clearing 18-feet, 8-

inches, to round out the Norsemen's field events. The Norsemen won 3-of-4 relays, plus sophomore Tod Long ran the fastest times in the 100- and 200-dashes at 10.9 and 22.2, respectively.

Junior Darius Hamilton won the high hurdles with a time of 15.6 and junior Jordan Radke won the 800-run with a time of 2:05. Junior Daniel Ciaravino won the 1,600-run with a time of 4:44 for the home team.

The Norsemen run this weekend in an invitational.



North's Matthew Leone clears his height during this attempt in the pole vault.

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

GROSSE POINTE NORTH GIRLS

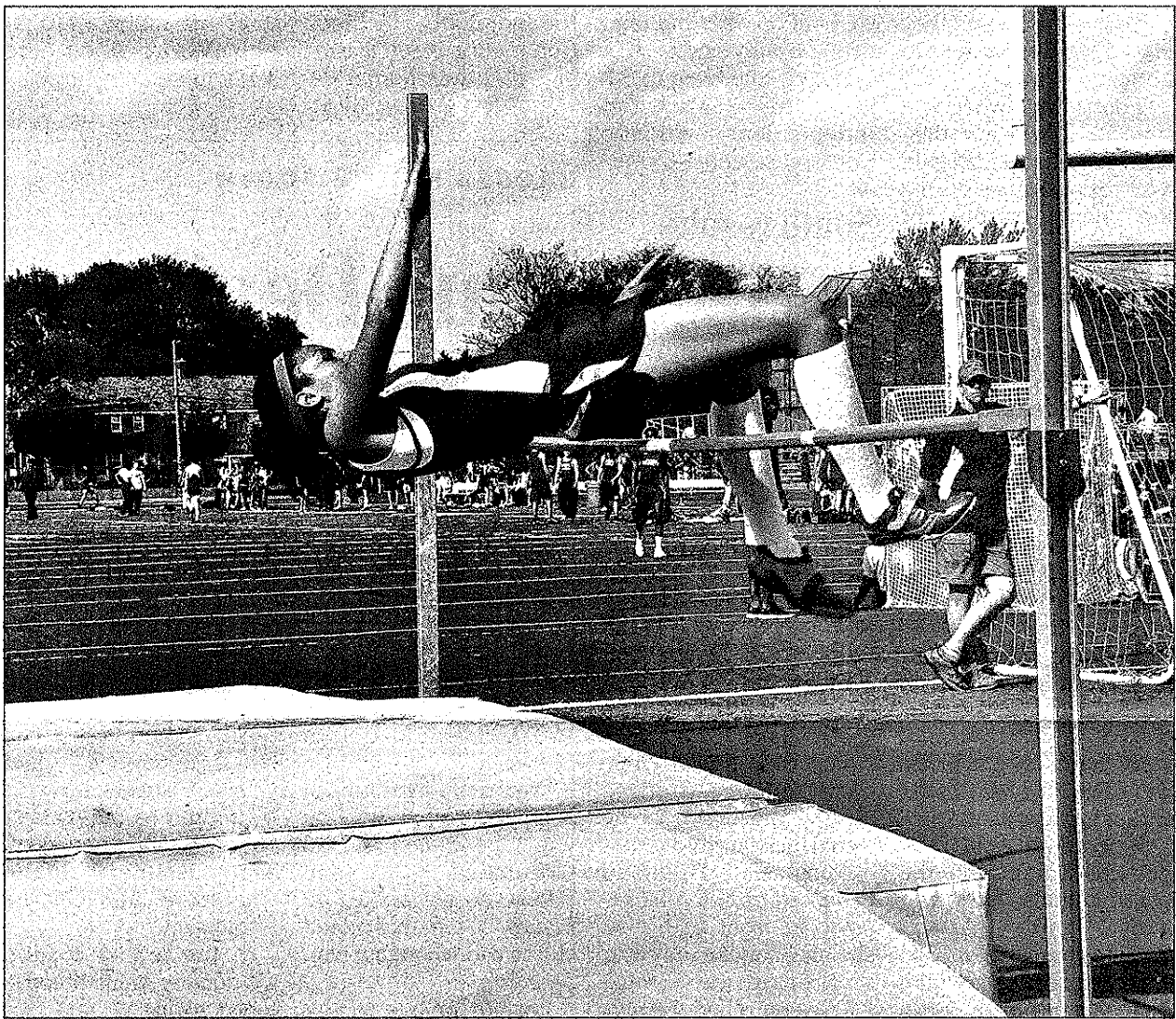


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Battle of unbeatens

Grosse Pointe North's girls' track and field team lost to Macomb Dakota 100-37 in last week's Macomb Area Conference Red Division meet. Both teams came into the meet without a loss. Sophomore La'Shanay Mack, above, won the high jump at 4-feet, 10-inches, and her teammates only won three events, including Brittany Williams taking first in the shot put with a mark of 32-feet, 7-inches. Senior Shayna Whitfield won the 300-low hurdles with a time of 49.4. North dropped to 3-1 in the MAC Red Division.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH BOYS

Blue Devils earn victory

Despite losing all the field events, Grosse Pointe South's boys' track and field team prevailed in its league meet last week.

The visiting Blue Devils beat Sterling Heights 72-61, evening their Macomb Area Conference White Division record at 2-2.

Head coach Werner Schienke cheered as the Blue Devils won all four

relay events, making up for the lost field event points. The 3,200-relay team of sophomore Jacob Knuth, junior Matthew Geist, senior Cam Davies and junior Brad Sanford won with a time of 9:13.8, and the 800-relay foursome of sophomore Elondo Moore, junior James Pye, sophomore Robert Whaley and junior Renell

Perkins took first with a time of 1:34.1. The 400-relay team of Pye, Perkins, Moore and junior Larry Borum won with a time of 45.7 and the Blue Devils clinched the victory when the 1,600-relay squad of Whaley, sophomore Mitchell Scheppler, senior Kyle

Metes and Borum won with a time of 3:45.4. In individual events, Borum won the 400-dash with a time of 52.7, while sophomore Charlie Warren and Sanford took the top spots in the 1,600- and 800-runs with times of 4:52.3 and 2:17.4, respectively.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH GIRLS

Blue Devils stay hot

The Grosse Pointe South girls' track and field squad scored a meet-record 162 points to win the 16-team Sterling Heights Invitational last weekend.

South more than doubled the score on second place Macomb Dakota. South had 162 points, followed by Dakota with 80, Troy with 50, Romeo with 47 and Warren Regina with 37.

Along the way, the Blue Devils set four additional meet records, won all four relays, and placed in 16 of the 17 events.

"Our depth was incredible," head coach Steve Zaranek said. "I don't know if I've ever seen a team win all four relays at a large invitational. That, combined with so many points from so many events, clearly displayed our team's strength."

Junior Hannah Meier was the star of the meet, winning both the 800- and 1,600-run in meet record times.

Meier, with teammates Kelsie Schwartz, Ersula Farrow and Haley Meier, also anchored the record-setting 1,600-relay team that broke the 4-minute barrier again at 3:59.6.

Haley Meier, Schwartz, Farrow and Alexa Calas started the meet off by dominating the 3,200-relay with a 25-second margin of victory over second-place St. Clair.

The Blue Devils sprinters shined as Mia Perkins, Christy Ford, Andrea DiCresce and Caitlin Moore won the 800-relay with a time of 1:47, a full three-second margin of victory.

Perkins, DiCresce, and Moore then teamed with Cierra Rice to dominate the 400-relay in a meet-record time of 50.7 seconds.

Moore also placed second in the 100-dash before finishing the night with a victory in the 200-dash.

DiCresce and Perkins also placed in these two events.

DiCresce finished her day by winning the long jump with a leap of 15-feet, 10-inches.

In an awesome display

of distance depth, the Blue Devils took the top four places in the 1,600-run. Following Hannah Meier's record-setting win at 4:49 were Farrow at 4:57, Haley Meier at 4:59 and Schwartz at 5:00.

The Blue Devils continued to pull in points from across the board.

South's Madi Kaiser vaulted a career best 9-feet, 6-inches to place third, while Aubryn Samaroo had a mark of 5-feet, 2-inches to place second in the high jump. Emily Jackman threw the discus 97-feet, 8-inches to place sixth while Elise Grever and Alexis DeBrunner added points in the high jump and long jump.

More points came from the distance runners as Schwartz placed second in the 3,200-run, while Farrow placed second in the 800-run. Lily Pendy gave her team points in the 400-dash as did Erin Ivers in the hurdles.

Earlier in the week, South improved to 6-0 with a 103-34 win over Sterling Heights.

Victories came from Abby Grobbel in the pole vault, Madeline Dice in the discus, Elise Grever in the 100-dash, Alex Dulworth in the 800 and Mary Spencer in the 3,200-run.

South won all four relays and has outscored their opponents this season 120-0 in the relays.

Sprint relay victories went to Christy Ford, Grever, Paige Verbrugge and Rice with the 3,200-distance relay victory going to Margaret Brennan, Sam Holm, Hannah Wheeler and Alex Dulworth.

South's Carolyn Sullivan, Nicole Keller and Calas swept the 1,600-run, as did Kelly Langton, Brennan and Mackenzie Feringa in the 400-dash.

Distance runners contributing to the score included Megan Dziedzic and Chloe Gellert.

Other point scorers for South included Kallyn Conley, Lisa Conley, Miranda Turner, Ivers and Spencer Graczyk.

South hosts the state regional on Friday, May 18, with events beginning at 2 p.m.

LIGGETT

Knights learn the ropes

University Liggett's boys' and girls' track and field teams competed last week against host Lutheran Northwest, Franklin Road Christian, Parkway Christian, Southfield Christian, and Ann Arbor Greenhills.

The boys finished fifth and the girls sixth.

The Knights' top individual performances

were turned in by Robert Hammond, sixth in the 100 meter dash; Aaron Robertson, fifth in the 1,600-meter and the 3,200-meter runs; Cameron Marchese, sixth in the 800-meter run; Jaquoia Burns, second in the 200-meter dash; and Lola Ristovski, fourth in the 400-meter dash.

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SPORTS

Soccer

NORTH, SOUTH & LIGGETT

Ladies boot foes

By John McTaggart
Special Writer

A pair of goals from Grosse Pointe North junior forward Chrisa Kouskoulas, coupled with a solid defensive performance, sparked the Norsemen to a 3-0 victory last Friday afternoon over Macomb Area Conference Red foe, Utica Ford II.

"We started off rough this season," head coach Chris Alston admitted. "We had a lot of individual talent on the team, but we were really missing that team chemistry. You can see the team chemistry starting to kick in now. The girls are out there playing for each other now, working hard off of each other. It's really great to see this happening because I knew it was what was missing for us early on."

North's bumpy start, which saw the team get off to a 1-4-1 start, appears to have turned the corner as the squad has racked up three victories and a tie in the past four games, including a pair of wins in the Red last week — the 3-0 victory over Ford II and a 3-2 win over Chippewa Valley earlier in the week.

"Anytime you can get a victory in the MAC Red you feel good about it," Alston said. "We'll take it. I'm proud of these kids, and it's nice to see the hard work starting to pay off for them with wins. They work hard, they learn, they give it everything they have out there. I'm proud of them."

The effort was evident against the Falcons as North won the battle for loose balls and moved the ball effectively.

Kouskoulas put the squad on the board in the first half, giving the Norsemen a 1-0 lead heading into the break. The standout forward would add another in the



PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

North's Justine Lynn, left, uses her speed to get past a defender during the Norsemen's division win over Utica Ford.

closing 40 minutes before Chrisoula Pittes found the back of the net with just more than two minutes left in the contest, insuring the victory for the squad.

"This is a good win for us," Alston explained. "All the tools were there for this team, but they just needed to learn how to play as a team, to play together. That's starting to take over now. You can see it when you watch them now compared to the first few games of the season."

Alston said the turning point may have come in a game against Fraser back on March 29.

The squad is reaping the rewards of this newfound mindset and appear to be a factor in the Red Division.

Grosse Pointe North is 3-2-1 in the MAC Red and 4-5-2 overall after Monday evening's 3-2 loss to Romeo.

Liggett results

University Liggett's girls' soccer team put together impressive back-to-back victories last week.

The Knights started with a 2-0 loss to Lutheran North, but rebounded to blank host Ann Arbor Greenhills 1-0 and host Plymouth Christian Academy 3-2.

"I think we turned the corner after beating good

teams in Greenhills and Plymouth Christian," head coach David Dwaihy said. "The girls played very well and they played well in our loss to Lutheran North."

"I don't think we have a chance to win our division, but we sure can gain a lot of confidence during the next couple of weeks."

Sophomore Gabrielle Masi scored the Knights' lone goal against Greenhills with sophomore Kaitlyn Vreeken drawing the assist.

The Knights' trek to Plymouth Christian took a lot longer than anticipated, due to traffic problems. However, once they arrived and warmed up, they took it right at the division-leading PCA.

"The girls didn't get rattled about getting there late," Dwaihy said. "They played well and gained a lot of confidence with the win since they beat us 6-1 earlier in the season."

Sophomore Ania Dow got the Knights on the board in the opening half with junior Ariana Castillo getting the assist.

They made it 2-0 with a goal from junior Beth Ottosen. Senior Emily Johnson had the assist.

The home team came back to cut the deficit to 2-1, but freshman Pasha Vreeken scored an insurance goal in the second half, making it a 3-1

game. Junior Eleni Pites had the assist.

"They scored a goal late to make it tight, but we held on for a big road win," Dwaihy said.

Liggett improved to 3-3 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 4-6 overall.

South results

Grosse Pointe South's girls' soccer team lost 2-1 to division-leading Utica Eisenhower last week and followed that with a 4-1 loss to Ike Monday evening.

"It was a well-played game against a very good team, but just fell short," head coach Gene Harkins said.

Sophomore Dani Manning scored for the Blue Devils in the first meeting and senior Cathy Palazzolo tallied in the second game.

The Blue Devils came back to edge Sterling Heights Stevenson 1-0 on a goal by Palazzolo.

Anastasia Diamond benefited from a solid defense in front of her as she had to make only four saves to earn the shutout.

"We controlled the play and had good scoring chances," Harkins said. "The girls played well."

With the split, South sits 4-2-1 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 6-2-1 overall.

Baseball

LIGGETT

Knights rack up more wins

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The No. 1-ranked boys' baseball team in Division IV, University Liggett, earned two more division wins last week, keeping its record unblemished.

Head coach Dan Cimini watched his ballclub edge Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest 3-0 behind senior Alex Daar's one-hit, 14 strikeout performance.

Daar is now 6-0 and has not given up a run in 36 innings on the mound. He has given up only four hits and struck out 71.

Freshman Nick Azar was 2-for-4 with an RBI and run scored to lead the offense.

Liggett improved to 9-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division and 10-0 overall after de-

feating host Sterling Heights Parkway Christian 10-6.

Junior Mark Auk struggled with his control, walking six, but gave up only three hits and struck out eight to record the win.

The visiting Knights scored seven runs in the first inning, forcing Parkway Christian to play catch-up the rest of the game.

Daar was 3-for-4 with three RBIs, while sophomore Ian Clark had a two-run single in the first inning and Azar continued his hot hitting, going 2-for-4 with two RBIs.

Junior Nate Gaggin had two hits and scored two runs, while others who provided a spark in a three-run fourth were junior Kevin Allen and sophomore Cole Zingas.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils fall to Dakota

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' baseball team lost a golden opportunity to remain tied for the Macomb Area Conference Red Division lead after losing 10-9 to Macomb Dakota last week.

"You score nine runs in a game, you expect to win," head coach Dan Griesbaum said. "However, we walked 12 batters, so it makes it difficult to win when that happens."

Despite the free passes, the Blue Devils led 7-4 and then 9-8 after Jon Parker's two-run hit in the late innings.

Jack Doyle pitched a solid seventh inning, but a couple of fielding errors allowed the Cougars to score two runs and escape with the win, tying South in the standings at 4-2, one game behind 5-1 Sterling Heights Stevenson.

Robby Kish had three hits to lead the Blue Devils' 12-hit attack. Parker had two hits and five RBIs, while Matt Reno and Carmen Benedetti each had two hits and one RBI. Cam Gibson also drove in a run in the MAC Red Division game.

South regained some momentum last weekend, sweeping a doubleheader from host Portage Northern, winning 7-2 and 6-0.

"We had two complete games and our pitching was outstanding," Griesbaum said.

In the opener, Matt Temrowski earned the win, scattering five hits, walking only one and striking out eight.

Gibson and Parker had two hits apiece, while George Fishback drove in a couple of runs. Others with RBIs were Benedetti, Tim Kramer, Eddie Champagne and Charlie Sorge.

In the second contest, Champagne went the distance, giving up only one hit and striking out 10.

Kramer and Kevin Reck had two hits and an RBI each to pace the Blue Devils' offensive attack. Gibson and Eddie Mollison also drove in runs. Tom Marantette also had two hits to help the road team sweep the twin bill.

Grosse Pointe South improved to 15-7 overall.

South alumni game

The seventh annual Grosse Pointe South baseball alumni game is 1 p.m. Sunday, May 20, at the South baseball field.

Whether you still play, or haven't picked up a bat in years, your participation will help make this game a fun experience for all. Please help us spread the word through an old-fashioned call, e-mail, twitter, facebook, etc.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen lose in 7th

Grosse Pointe North's boys' baseball team sits two games behind division-leading Sterling Heights Stevenson in the Macomb Area Conference Red after losing 6-4 to the Titans last week.

The host Norsemen took a 4-3 lead into the seventh inning but couldn't hold off the Titans.

With two weeks left in

division play, the Norsemen need to win their remaining four Red contests and get some help to capture the title.

In other action last weekend, North traveled north to Alpena for the annual tournament.

Head coach Frank Sumner's squad won all three games, improving to 11-7 overall by beating Charlevoix 15-2 and the home school 7-1 and 3-1.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Wayne County Department of Public Services will hold a public hearing on the proposed improvements to the Milk River Pumping Station, Milk River Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Retention Treatment Basin, and the Milk River Recirculation System for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons. This public hearing will be held as part of a meeting by the Milk River Intercounty Drain Drainage District (MRIDDD).

The hearing will be held at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center (Lake Room) located at 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

The purpose of the proposed projects is to maintain the operational capability of the Milk River pumping/storage/recirculation facilities and to meet regulatory compliance obligations with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ).

Project construction will involve upgrades to the sanitary and storm water pumping systems, disinfection pumping system, flushing systems for the underground storage tanks, and the aeration system. Associated upgrades will also be made to the electrical and automation systems, buildings, and the Milk River recirculation system.

Construction will be limited to the Milk River facilities, and minimal disruption is anticipated outside of the Milk River pump station / retention treatment basin site. Construction related impacts include short term noise and dust in the immediate vicinity of the Milk River facilities.

The County is proposing to fund the project with money collected from user charges. The estimated annual cost increase to a typical household for the proposed projects will be as follows:

St. Clair Shores residents:	\$ 0.21
Grosse Pointe Woods residents:	\$ 113.88
Harper Woods residents:	\$ 74.88

The total project costs for Priority 1B improvements are estimated at \$15,920,000.

Copies of the plan detailing the proposed projects are available for inspection beginning on May 11, 2012 at the following locations:

- Wayne County Department of Public Services, 400 Monroe Street, Suite 400, Detroit, MI 48226
- City of St. Clair Shores, 27600 Jefferson Circle Drive, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081
- City of Harper Woods, 19617 Harper, Harper Woods, MI 48225
- City of Grosse Pointe Woods, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

Written comments received before the hearing record is closed on June 12, 2012 will receive responses in the final project plan. Written comments should be sent to:

David Lakin, Wayne County Department of Public Services
Water Quality Management Division
400 Monroe Street, Suite 400
Detroit, MI 48226

ST. PAUL

Time to sign up for event

The first St. Paul 5K/2.2 mile walk/run is 9 a.m. Saturday, May 12, at the St. Paul athletic field behind the school.

St. Paul is located at 170 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

The event supports all St. Paul athletics and the run starts and finishes at the athletic field. Registration is 8 to 8:45 a.m. in the gymnasium.

The entry fee is \$25 and students 18 and under pay \$15.

All checks are payable to the St. Paul Athletic Club.

Mail entries to St. Paul, attention St. Paul Athletic Club, 170 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Entry forms are available at stpaulathleticclub@gmail.com or active.com and click under the St. Paul Fun Run icon to get more info.

Softball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Tough defeat

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's softball team had a chance to stay close to the leaders in the Macomb Area Conference White Division.

The Norsemen used a big two-out error to score two runs and take a 3-0 lead in the first inning of their game against visiting St. Clair Shores Lake Shore.

The lead didn't last and the Shorians used a five-run seventh inning to beat Grosse Pointe North 8-3.

North head coach Ron Smith's squad had chances, but after the three-run outburst, his team was shutdown.

Sarah Richardson led off the first inning by getting hit by a pitch and Amy Zaranek singled. Melanie Mermiges singled to load the bases and Nicole Haggerty singled home the first run.

Katie Bowles hit a dribbler in front of home plate. Lake Shore's catcher threw over the first base-

man's head for an error, allowing two more runs to cross the plate.

It remained 3-3 until the Shorians exploded for five runs in the top of the seventh.

In other division games last week, North lost a tough 2-0 decision to Utica Ford. Zaranek pitched well, striking out 10.

Grosse Pointe North fell to 2-5 in the MAC White and is 9-7 overall after finishing 3-2 in last weekend's 48-team Michigan Stars Tournament.

The Norsemen started with a 4-1 loss to last year's Division 1 runner-up Clarkston, but rebounded to beat Goodrich 4-1.

The Norsemen beat Bay City Central 2-0 behind clutch hitting by Izzy Kirck and Haggerty. Zaranek held Central to only three hits.

Smith's squad lost 6-2 to Utica, but ended the tournament on a positive note, defeating Northville 5-0 as Zaranek pitched the shutout and hit a long home run.

TRAVEL SOFTBALL



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Tournament champs

The Michigan Bulldogs 13U girls' fastpitch softball team won the Cinco De Mayo Tournament at Tate Park in Clinton last weekend. University Liggett seventh-grade student Emma St. John, standing center, pitched a shutout in the championship game as the Bulldogs beat the Lookouts 5-0. The Bulldogs used an offensive explosion to outscore its five opponents 46-9. The tournament champions are, standing from left, assistant coach Jack LaTour, Hailey Reese, Kelcie LaTour, Emma St. John, Lauren McLean, Jordan Miller and head coach Mike Roeske; and kneeling from left, Nicole Roeske, Jordan Bianchi, Emily Andrews, Riley Hecklinski and Breigha Donnelly. Two players, Natalie VanDerHaegen and Alex LaRue, could not make the tournament.

LIGGETT

Knights need to find defensive consistency

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's girls' softball team split its division games last week, losing 3-2 to Allen Park Inter-City Baptist and beating Lutheran

Westland 9-0.

The Knights forced extra inning by scoring two runs in the top of the seventh against Inter-City Baptist, but the home team pushed home a run in the 10th to win the division game.

The Knights came back to blank Lutheran Westland as Ashley Tengler tossed a one-hitter, striking out five.

Kacie Wuthrich provided a spark by singling home a run and then stealing home when run-

ners were on first and third.

She broke for home on the catcher's throw and by pure speed beat the shortstop's throw home.

Courtney Slabaugh also drove in a run and Julia DeRoo chipped in

with a sacrifice fly later in the game to help the visitors.

Last weekend, Liggett lost two games in the Birch Run Tournament, falling 3-1 to Marine City and 4-2 to Onaway.

DeRoo hit a homer

against Marine City and the Knights jumped out to a 2-0 lead against one of the top teams in the lower classes, Onaway.

Liggett is 4-2 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and 10-7 overall.

Tennis

NORTH, SOUTH & LIGGETT

South, North fall short; Liggett beats Cousino

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' tennis team lost its division showdown with host Port Huron Northern, 6-3, last week.

The two teams played in front of their largest audience of the season and it was quite raucous.

"We didn't play very well and they did," head coach Mark Sobieralski said. "I think they were better prepared for this big match than my girls were. It's a good learning experience because I know our schedule gets tougher and we will be ready to play them in the league tournament in a couple of weeks."

The Blue Devils lost each of the four singles matches.

Winning for the Blue Devils were three doubles teams. The No. 2 doubles of Carrie Lynch and Emmy Boccaccio won in three sets, while the No. 4 doubles squad of Katherine Halso and Kate Krueger, and the No. 5 doubles team of Jennifer Moy and Anna Stewart were also victorious.

Sobieralski's squad took out its frustration on Troy on its next match, winning 8-1.

Singles players Carmella Goree, Brooke Willard, Samantha Perry and Maggie Sweeney won, as did four of the five doubles squads.

No. 5.

Last weekend, South won the Romeo Tournament with 28 points. Rochester Adams and Romeo were a distant second with 18 points.

Flight winners were Willard and Sweeney at No. 2 and 4 singles, plus all four doubles teams.

Goree and Perry took second in their singles flights.

Grosse Pointe South slipped to 2-1 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 8-1 overall.

Liggett results

University Liggett's girls' tennis team had an easy match last week, beating Warren Cousino 8-0.

"The team was prepared to try out new strategies that were worked on over the last couple of days," head coach Cathy Hackenberger said.

The Knights did not lose a set and the only close victory was posted by No. 3 singles player Victoria Chochla, who won 7-5, 7-6.

Wesley DeJoie won 6-1, 6-0 at No. 1 singles, while Clarissa Dixon and Alexa Yates won 6-0, 6-0 and 6-2, 6-0, at No. 2 and No. 4 singles, respectively.

The four doubles teams only lost a combined seven games in the eight sets.

The No. 1 squad of Emily Broder and Madeline Mair won 6-0, 6-0, and at No. 2 doubles, Zoe Hu and Meghan Berker won 6-1, 6-1.

Katherine Woodward and Jane Niniaggi won

6-1, 6-1 at No. 3 and at No. 4 doubles, Sabrina Aijour and Jo Hummel won 6-2, 6-1.

Last weekend, Liggett placed fourth in the Academy of the Sacred Heart Invitational. Detroit Country Day won, followed by ASH and Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

Liggett is 3-5 overall.

North results

Grosse Pointe North's girls' tennis team had some tough sledding last week in its two matches.

The Norsemen hosted Romeo and Fenton. They lost 6-2 in a league match to the Bulldogs and played a 4-4 tie with Fenton.

"Romeo was improved and played us tough," head coach John VanAlst said.

Maria Liddane won at No. 3 singles and the No. 1 doubles team of Kelsey Richards and Alyse Victor earned a win in straight sets to earn the Norsemen's two points.

In the Fenton match, Liddane was the Norsemen's only singles player to net a victory.

The No. 1 doubles team of Richards and Victor won, as did the No. 2 doubles tandem of Courtney Carroll and Erin McCarthy and the No. 3 duo of Dayle Maas and Jayla Hubbard.

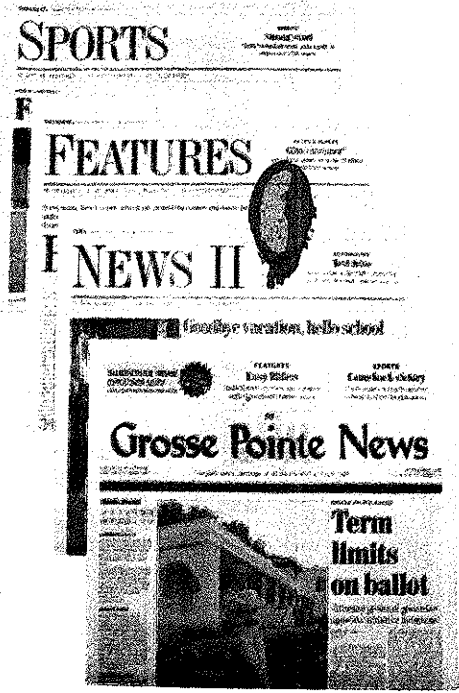
"We had three matches that went three sets and won one, which turned out to be the difference," VanAlst said.

Grosse Pointe North fell to 0-3 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and 2-8-1 overall.

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Trombly Elementary School's fifth-grade Destination ImagiNation team.

Imagination and collaboration

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

To the seven Trombly Elementary School fifth graders making the 500-plus mile trip to the University of Tennessee for the Destination ImagiNation global finals 2012, their excitement isn't just about qualifying for the competition's top level.

Sure, Billy Beardslee, Jacob Bruetsch, Natalie Liening, Ally MacLeod, Matthew Melican, Joelle Reich and Megan VanOsdol were ecstatic placing first of 13 teams in the elementary improvisation challenge at the state affiliate competition April 21 at Central

Michigan University, the first time Trombly's team performed at the state level. But even more fascinating are the friendships developed along the way, both with each other and students from other teams.

"At states, I actually made a friend from another team because we were talking about the newspaper and stuff and we just became friends," VanOsdol said. "And sometimes I hang out with her."

Added Beardslee, whose mom, Kristin Beardslee, coaches the team: "Even with a group of people you don't really know, DI gets close bonds between people

and they learn how to listen and work together."

In an improvisational competition that stresses teamwork and collaboration, those bonds become essential, particularly as each team has only five minutes preparation time to produce a five-minute skit about a cause-and-effect relationship between two unrelated newspaper headlines. All the while given a "one-minute glitch," something to discombobulate their plans, to integrate into their skit.

Their two headlines for the state finals were, "Bulls 100/Pistons 94 in OT" and "Seahorse giving birth caught on videotape," and the

glitch — all characters become mosquitoes for a minute.

"We showed the seahorse video giving birth on the big screen," Reich said of performing their skit, which also must include human scenery. "(The Pistons players) got distracted by it. The other team just kept on scoring."

The students practice twice a week, once during lunchtime and recess and another after school, improving their improv skills through a variety of games that require quick thinking and, of course, teamwork.

"We're extremely proud of them," Trombly principal Walt Fitzpatrick said.

"It's pretty amazing that, as fifth graders, the most important things in school are lunch and recess and these guys have been willing to give up their lunch and recess to work as a team. I think that's pretty impressive, giving up their own time to work collaboratively and as a whole unit as opposed to an individual. They're setting a high standard for the rest of us."

The global finals is Wednesday, May 23 to Saturday, May 26, at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tenn.

To raise money for the upcoming trip, the team is hosting a bake sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at ACE Hardware on Kercheval in Grosse Pointe.

Nurse's week: The importance of school nurses

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

As allergies, asthma and diabetes become more prevalent among students, it raises the question as to the importance of school nurses at individual schools, a position Rosemary Barker deems essential in modern times.

"In this day and age, I think it's really important," said Barker, a school nurse at Grosse Pointe Academy. "I think it's a real plus for a school to have it. What happens is, sometimes a school district will have one nurse, and you have a problem in this building, and it could take them eight minutes to get there and the child could be dead by then."

According to a Michigan Association of School Nurses May 2011 online survey regarding number of school nurses in Michigan, 298 of 900 public schools, intermediate school districts and private school academies responded, and more than half of them are without nursing services. Within the minority with nurses, 70 percent work full time, 11 percent half

time and 19 percent work less than two-and-a-half days a week; the Academy of which figures into the 70 percent.

Barker is in her 15th year with the Academy, her second as a full-time nurse. She started as a substitute nurse in 1996. Any typical day, she averages roughly 20 visits in a school of about 300 students, some of whom visit for gauze after pulling out a tooth and others for something as simple as needing a belt to complete the school dress code.

"Basically, I'm taking care of people from three-and-a-half years old to 70," she said. "You kind of just have to have the whole gamut because you never know what's going to walk in that door."

Per her nursing license, Barker cannot prescribe medications or make diagnoses; rather, she performs basic first aid — administering scheduled medications or breathing treatments for asthmatics, injecting insulin for diabetics or cleaning injuries — as well as assumes the role of confidant/counselor for many older students.


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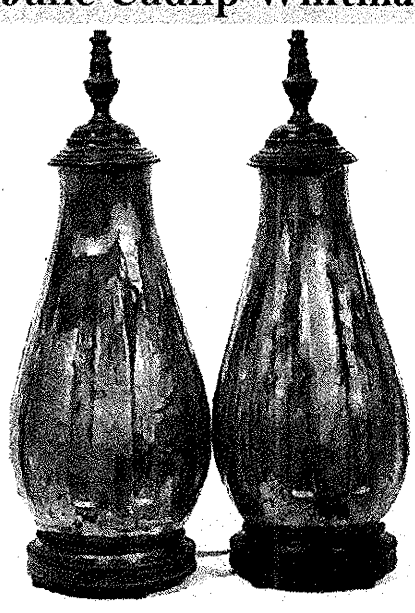
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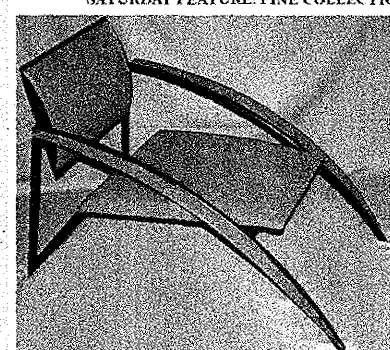
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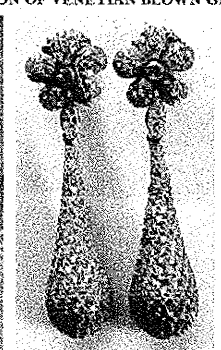
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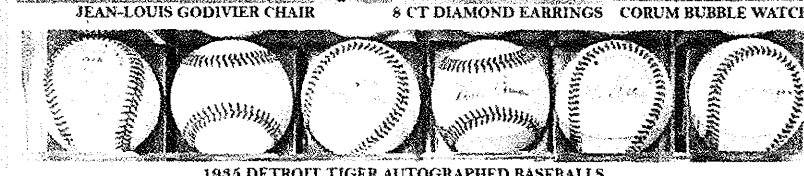
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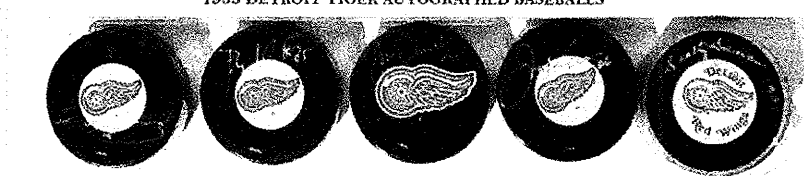
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Author's visit raises awareness to bullying



In March, Pierce joined Brownell and Parcels middle schools in raising awareness to the effects of bullying, as each school hosted an anti-bullying assembly highlighted by an appearance from children's author Doug Wilhelm.

Through books "The Revealers" and sequel "True Shoes," as well as eight others, Wilhelm offers insight into making schools safer and promoting empowerment in youths.

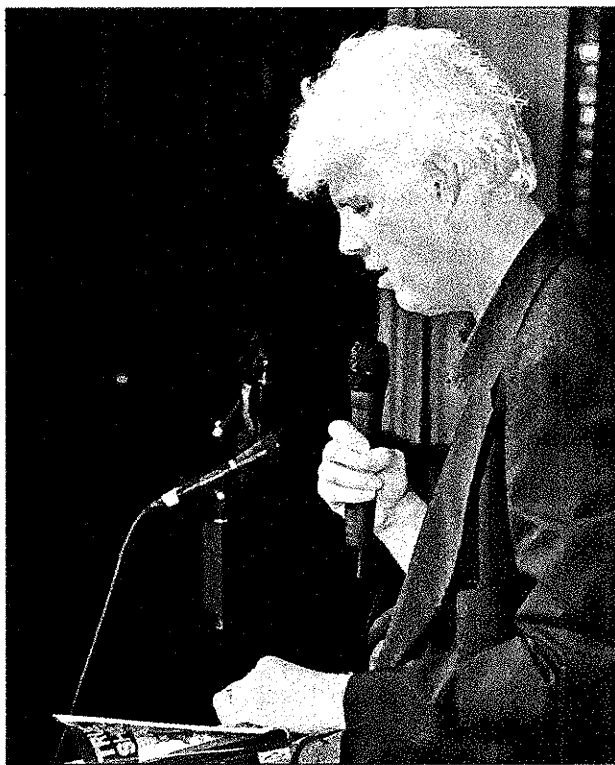
Additionally, Pierce featured a performance from Canadian independent folk musicians, Dawn Larsch and Marra Koren, whose songs reveal the pains of bullying, as well as drama teacher Michelle Stackpoole's stage adaptation of "True Shoes," of which she collaborated alongside Wilhelm.

The stage performance

featured 14 students cast as characters from the novel. Written in monologue form, the students directed their speeches toward the audience, with each character's monologue delving further into his personal life and into the negative consequences of his, or some-

one else's, online misconduct.

With help from her students, Stackpoole has since edited the performance into a 16-minute video that's available on YouTube at youtube.com/watch?v=yvnc0rerez&feature=youtu.be.



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Top, Pierce Middle School teacher Michelle Stackpoole's drama students perform "True Shoes: A Monologue," an adaptation of author Doug Wilhelm's young adult novel. Above, Wilhelm reads from his book, "True Shoes."



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At the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education's April regular meeting, it recognized 11 volunteers for its annual award. Pictured above, the 2012 Distinguished Volunteer Award winners, from left, John Pomaville, Margaret Biglin, Catherine Kinnaird, Gretchen Schock, Dona Johnson-Beach, Karen Zoia, Michele Bauer, Anne Nyboer, Steve Burguron, Paula Burguron and Lisa Cooper.

Board honors eleven district volunteers

An annual appreciation, at the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education's April regular meeting, it recognized 11 honorees for its 2012 Distinguished Volunteers Award.

Effects of their yearly service and involvement realized throughout the student body, individual schools and the district as a whole, this year's recipients include:

- Michele Bauer, of Defer elementary and Pierce middle schools, nominated by Renee Borowicz and Defer principal Karen Sullivan;
- Margaret Biglin, of Richard elementary, Brownell middle and Grosse Pointe South schools, nominated by Laura Huebner, with additional support from Cynthia Tennent Sohn

and Brownell principal Mike Dib;

• Steve and Paula Burguron, Mason Elementary School, a joint nomination by Mason staff and principal Elaine Middlekauff;

• Lisa Cooper, Grosse Pointe North High School Parents Club, nominated by Terri McLauchlan and North principal Tim Bearden;

• Dona Johnson-Beach, Maire elementary, Pierce middle and South high schools, nominated by Carmen Dusina and South principal Matt Outlaw;

• Catherine Kinnaird, Monteith Elementary School, nominated by Monteith principal Keith Howell and school staff;

• Anne Nyboer, Maire, nominated by Liz Naporano and Maire

principal Sonja Franchett;

• John Pomaville, Maire and Pierce schools, nominated by Pierce Parent Teacher Organization president Susan Griffin and Franchett;

• Gretchen Schock, Monteith, nominated by David Denomme and Howell; and

• Karen Zoia, Poupard Elementary School, nominated by Christy Heugh-Davenport, Poupard staff and principal Penny Stocks.

"I want to thank all the volunteers in our district," president Judy Gafa said. "As many of us have said before, this district is run by very concerned, involved parents who throw their talents and energies into making all of us better, the whole district better."


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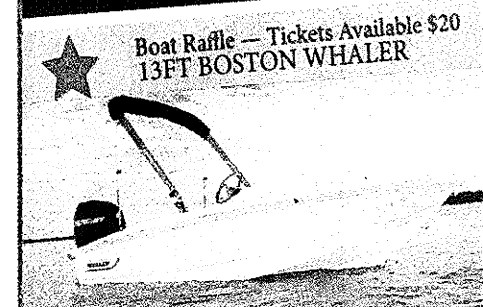
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NURSES: Health and safety is a concern

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"(It's important) especially as they get older and start having some difficulties, for them to come in and share with you, so you can get them any help they need," said Barker, who received her Bachelor of Science in nursing degree from the University of Michigan and has worked in oncology, neurology, obstetrics and gynecology and prepared child-birth classes. "They have very strong ties with their teachers, obviously, but sometimes you get to the point where it's almost like a parent and so there's things you don't want to tell your parent and you're still like a neutral

territory."

As a full-time school nurse, Barker also works locker room duty ("A good way to see how their day is starting out"), attendance, prepares weekly illness reports for the Wayne County Public Health Department, attends administration meetings, writes policies, organizes student medications for field trips, teaches adolescent development for fourth and fifth graders and American Red Cross CPR, blood borne pathogens and diabetes education to staff.

She also performs spring scoliosis screenings and sets up vision and hearing screenings, staff flu shot clinics,

health forms and physicals for athletes and immunization reports twice a year for the state. But the most important thing, and Barker's critical reasoning for schools to employ full-time nurses, is an active involvement in the health and safety of students and staff.

"One of my biggest concerns is health and safety," she said. "When you sub, and you're only here for a day every three months, or when they go on the trips, you learn about the fire drills and different things like that but you're not actively involved in the process. I'm here full time. Whenever the kids are here I'm here."



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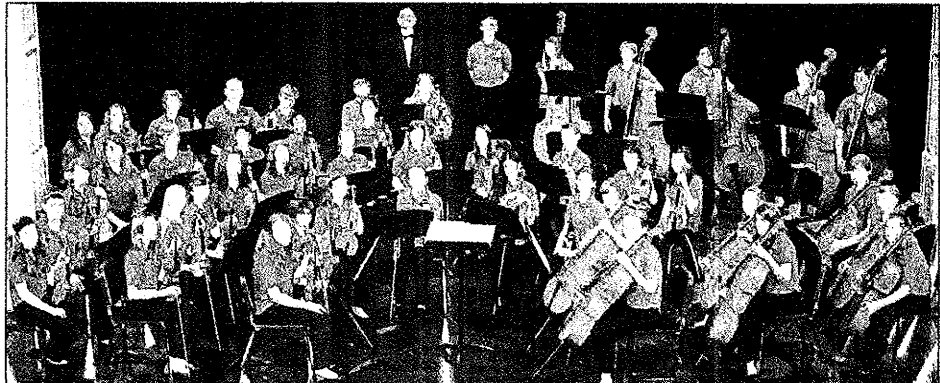


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March madness: south-end style



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As the curtains drew closed on March, it signaled the end to an eventful and successful campaign for the south-end band and orchestra programs.

Throughout the month, Pierce Middle School's and Grosse Pointe South High School's bands, under the direction of Stephen Cross, and orchestras (James Gross) performed at the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association events, from the district festival to the state solo and ensemble festival to the jazz festival.

"The festival experience is one that allows students to focus on five areas of musicianship — tone, intonation (tuning), technique, rhythm and interpretation — with comments and grades from expert teachers from around the State of Michigan," program publicist Charlie Krasner said. "Students gain the experience of working toward a large goal, becoming detail-oriented, working as a team and ensemble, as well as the musical benefits."

Each MSBOA-sanctioned event uses a rating system, scoring performances from I (superior) to V (poor). The top two scores receive recognition, and in each instance, both schools' band and orchestra earned a Division I or II rating.

District festival

The campaign began with the two weekend-long district festival March 8, at Roseville Middle School and Warren Woods Tower High School. District 16, the MSBOA's largest consisting of Port Huron to Grosse Pointe, Madison Heights to Rochester, featured 191 events, 51 percent of which earned Division I ratings.

At Roseville, Pierce's concert band performed a march, James Ployhar's "March of the Irish Guard," an MSBOA-required piece; Pierre LaPlante's "The Red River Valley" and James Curnow's "Canticum," and were also evaluated on sight-reading, their ability to hear music without singing or playing. The band earned a Division I composite rating, improving from last year's Division II, or excellent, score.

Pierce's orchestra also received a Division I rating for its program which featured Richard Meyer's "Do-Si-Do," Jean Mouret's "Rondeau" and Bishop's

"Red Pepper," as well as its sight reading.

At Woods Tower, South's concert orchestra played Carrie Lane Gruselle's "Two Songs of Newfoundland" and "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen" and Elliot Del Borgo's "Britannic Tryptich." South's symphony orchestra also performed, using music from Bela Bartok's "Rumanian Folk Dances," Tchaikovsky's "Andante Cantabile" and Dag Wren's "Serenade for Strings."

Both groups received overall Division I ratings.

The South bands auditioned into two levels, concert or symphony, with the concert band garnering an overall Division II rating and the symphony a Division I. The concert band performed Karl King's "Allied Honor," Timothy Broege's "Sinfonia No. 4 Suite for Winds and Percussion" and Robert W. Smith's "Where the Black Hawk Soars," while the symphony band selected James Hosay's "Pride of the Fleet," Andrew Boysen, Jr.'s "I Am" and John Barnes Chance's "Variations on a Korean Folksong."

State solo and ensemble

A week later, after the district festival, South students prepared 44 separate performances for the MSBOA's State Solo and Ensemble Festival at Farmington Hills Harrison High School.

"This is a chance for the Division I winners of the district festival to step up their playing skills to a new level and compete with a higher standard," Krasner said. "The rating system is the same at the state level; however, all 10th-, 11th-, and 12th-grade soloists must also memorize as many as 25 scales, as well as an evaluation on sight reading. The score is totaled with 25% scales, 25% sight-reading and 50% prepared solo — a total of 100 points."

Of the 44 events, 73% received Division I or II awards. They include: Brian Hall, string ensemble (with Charles Paul, Hannah Adams, Erika Arora and Spencer Korejwo, Division I); Devon Pratt (clarinet solo, 95); Hannah Adams (violin solo, 87); Brian Hall (cello solo, 95); Mary Stuart (flute solo, 75); Charles Paul (string bass solo, 96); Emily Muhich (flute solo, 80); Holly Brinker (alto sax solo, 83);

Rebecca Sloss, percussion ensemble (South percussionists, Div. I); Joseph Boyle (string bass solo, 91); Ruoyu Bai (piano solo, Div. I); Julia Doherty (marimba solo, Div. I); Grant Lobert (violin solo, Div. I); Devon Pratt, clarinet choir (South clarinets, Div. II); Katie Dalman (violin solo, 78); Lauren Dessinger (flute solo, 93); Hannah Adams, string duet (with Alexandra Richards, Div. I); Daniel Harris (viola duet, Div. I); Zac Raycraft, brass ensemble (symphony band brass players, Div. II); Spencer Korejwo (viola solo, 96); Holly Brinker, alto sax duet (with Shane Jackowski, Div. II); Owen Pfaff (snare drum solo, Div. II); Nick Morris (French horn solo, Div. I); Chad Ososki (tuba solo, 89); Kim Barbour (piano solo, 91); Drew Meeker (marimba solo, 87); Ellen High (cello solo, 79); Alexandra Richards, string trio (with Kara Dietz and Sharon Zeng, Div. I); Claire Huebner (flute solo, 86); Emily Muhich, woodwind ensemble (with Mary Stuart, Jack McCoy, Che Alce Jean-Charles and Klara Gellci, Div. III); Claire Morrison, woodwind duet (with Paulina Cywinski, Div. II); Erika Arora, chamber ensemble (South Chamber Orchestra, Div. I); Kevin Biglin (alto sax solo, Div. II); Kim Baetz, violin duet (with Annika Nixon, Div. I); Daniel Harris, duet (with James Wang, Div. I); Nick Morris (piano solo, Div. I); Janey Degnan (cello solo, 100); Erika Arora (violin solo, 86); Andrew Eaton (violin solo, 95); Samantha Carr (oboe solo, Div. I); James O'Donnell, French horn duet (with Nick Morris, Div. I); Molly Kaiser, woodwind duet (with Erin Donovan, Div. I); Emily Muhich (flute duet, Div. I); Cara Dietz (cello solo, Div. I); and Janey Degnan, string duet (with Spencer Korejwo, Div. I).

Those soloists and ensembles distinguished among the more than 10,000 events are additionally nominated to perform at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival in May at Western Michigan

University. This year, several South orchestra students made the cut.

Solo nominations for the Michigan Youth Arts Festival are: Spencer Korejwo, viola and Charles Paul, string bass, while ensemble includes the Brian Hall string quintet (Brian Hall, Hannah Adams, Charles Paul, Erika Arora and Spencer Korejwo).

All-state orchestra nominations are: Spencer Korejwo, viola; Janey Degnan, cello; Brian Hall, cello; and Charles Paul, string bass.

While the South band and orchestra was in Farmington, the Pierce band, orchestra, and choir, under the direction of Heather Albrecht, performed at a Heritage Festival for three college professors — Dr. Bruce Amman, Augustana College, Dr. Ken Dye, University of Notre Dame, and Dr. Bruce Ellis, University of Wisconsin-Platteville — in Chicago, Ill.

Each group received the highest rating at the mid-western festival, receiving a "Gold" score.

Pierce makes history

The campaign concluded in historic fashion. In Pierce's 72-year history, its jazz ensemble, despite innumerable accomplishments and recognitions, never competed at the state level.

That changed Saturday, March 31, when Pierce's jazz ensemble, along with South's, journeyed northwest an hour to Hartland High School for the MSBOA's State Jazz Festival.

Both ensembles received an overall Division I, or superior, rating from judges. Likewise, in sessions after each performance, judges complimented the schools and provided positive feedback about the bands' three performances.

Each song varied in style — one in swing, another in ballad and the third the band's choice. Pierce performed "Undecided," "Shadows and Dreams," featuring Clark Frick on alto saxophone, and "Tiger of San

Pedro," and South "A Riff in Time," "A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square," with vocalist Elyse Croce, and "Punta de Soul."

And as the curtains drew closed on March's festival season, it soon opens again for the south-end bands' and orchestras' upcoming spring concert season in May.

South's band and orchestra program will present their spring performances with a variety of venues and ensembles.

Leading off in May is the spring instrumental concert and senior showcase 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, at Brownell Middle School's multipurpose room.

"The students have excelled in their performances for the Michigan State Band and Orchestra Association Band and Orchestra Festival in March this year, so I am looking forward to what another three months can sound like," said Stephen Cross, director of bands.

The program for the concert includes music for string orchestra, as well as full orchestra with wind instruments and percussion.

"I always enjoy honoring our seniors and witnessing the growth they have made in their musical lives," orchestra director James Gross said about the upcoming performance.

At the concert, the chamber orchestra will perform "Summer" from the Four Seasons by Antonio Vivaldi. This concerto will feature senior violin soloist, Erika Arora. Senior orchestra member, Harriet Steinke, has composed a new work, "Adagio Effetuoso," that she will direct from the podium. A bass quartet will be performing two, short quartet arrangements of the music of J.S. Bach and Henry Mancini.

The full symphony orchestra and concert orchestra will combine with the symphony band winds

and percussion to perform one of a classic, the first movement from Ludwig van Beethoven's "Symphony No. 5."

Since this is the senior showcase, Brian Hall, principal cello, will be performing the demanding cello concerto by Camille Saint-Saens.

The Orchestra portion of the concert will conclude with a student choice: "Smells Like Teen Spirit" by Nirvana, featuring guitarist and orchestra member, Tristan Russano.

The bands have also prepared their version of classics for performance, including the "Overture for Winds" by Charles Carter, "Air for Band" by Frank Erickson, as well as the first work for the modern wind band, the "Suite in E-flat for Military Band" by Gustav Holst. To balance the classics of literature, two new works will be performed. One entitled "Snake Charmer" by Randall Standridge and the other "Arabesque" by Samuel Hazo. The South High School Percussion Ensemble will also perform during the concert.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and are available at Posterity: A Gallery, or at the door.

Other concert dates include:

•Pierce's jazz ensemble competes at Music in the Parks at Cedar Point, Saturday, May 19.

•The annual North and South outdoor concert is 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, outside on South's front lawn.

•Pierce and South combine for a spring jazz concert 7 p.m. Thursday, May 24, at Hard Rock Café in Detroit.

•Pierce's instrumental concert is 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, at the Pierce auditorium.

For more information, or to purchase tickets for South's band and orchestra spring concert, visit the band and orchestra web site at gpsbo.org.

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Charles W. Centner

Grosse Pointe Park resident Charles W. Centner, 96, died Tuesday, May 1, 2012.

He was born July 4, 1915, in Battle Creek to Charles W. and Lucy Irene (nee Patterson) Centner and graduated from Battle Creek High School in 1934.

Mr. Centner's extensive education includes a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1936 from the University of Chicago, two Master of Arts degrees from the university in 1938 and 1939 and a PhD in 1941. He also attended U.S. Navy Training School at Dartmouth College and Princeton University in 1943; earned a Certificate of Higher Accountancy in 1952 from LaSalle University and a juris doctorate in 1970 from Detroit College of Law.

He saw active duty in the U.S. Navy during World War II, serving from 1942 to 1945 as a Lieutenant Commander, 4th U.S. Fleet in Recife, Brazil and in the Pacific Fleet in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. He also served in the U.S. Naval Reserves from 1945 until 1970.

Mr. Centner worked at the University of North Dakota from 1940 to 1941; Tulane University from 1941 to 1942; in the Lend Lease Administration in the State Department in Washington, D.C. in 1942; as an associate director of the National Foreign Trade Council in New York City from 1946 to 1952; Pace College in New York from 1950 to 1952; Ford Motor Co. in Detroit from 1952 to 1957; Chrysler Corporation in Detroit and Geneva, Switzerland from 1957 to 1970; Wayne State University from 1971 to 1978; University of Detroit from 1970 to 1972 and Wayne County Community College from 1970 to 2001.

He was a member of the State Bar of Michigan and practiced law from 1970 to 2010. He is the author of "Great Britain and Chile, 1810-1914, A Chapter in the Expansion of Europe."

Mr. Centner is survived by his wife of 55 years, Evi R. Centner; his sons, Charles P. Centner (Sonya), David W. Centner (Sabina) and Geoffrey C. Centner (Lisa); eight grandchildren; nephew, Bill Centner (Sally); niece, Caroline Conlon (Bill) and numerous other relatives.

A funeral service was held Friday, May 4, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

Donations may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Robert V. Friedhoff

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident Robert V. Friedhoff, 87, died Saturday, May 5, 2012.

He was born May 27, 1924, in Detroit to John V. and Gertrude Friedhoff and graduated high school in 1942. He served in the U.S. Army 3rd Division during World War II and was discharged as sergeant, 1st class. He was employed at Fisher Body in Production Engineering where he designed welding guns for 40 years.

Mr. Friedhoff was active in the Grosse Pointe Woods/Shores Little League, the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, PERC and Meals on Wheels through the Grosse Pointe Neighborhood Club. He enjoyed playing cards and traveling, but his greatest joy was his family.

Mr. Friedhoff is survived by Rita, his wife of 63 years; son, Robert J. (Theresa); daughter, Karen M. Hibbs (Phil); grandchildren, Sean Donahue and Claire Friedhoff and great-grandchild, Nolan Donahue.

He was predeceased his parents; sister, Anna and brother, William.

Visitation was held May 6 at A. H. Peters Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Woods. A funeral Mass was celebrated May 7, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores.

Donations may be made to Capuchin Fathers, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207 or the Mayo Clinic to support Alzheimer's disease research at Mayo Clinic, Department of Development, c/o Betsy Koehnen, 200 First Street S.W., Rochester, MN 55905.

Joan Hinsberg Stout

Joan Hinsberg Stout, 85, died Monday, April 30, 2012.

She was the loving mother of Brenda Taylor (Jim), John Stout (Carol) and Lindy Stout; dearest grandmother of Jennifer, Julia (Russell), Jeannine (Brian), Jaime (Tim), Jeannette, Jaclyn, Jeannie, Jessica, Renee (Joseph), Katherine, Robert and Christopher and great-grandmother of 12. She also was the dear sister of Sandra Krell (Tom) and Jack Hinsberg (Nancy).

Visitation will be held from 3 to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 10, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. A Rosary will be said at 7:30 p.m.

A funeral Mass will be

held at 10 a.m. Friday, May 11, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation begins at 9:30 at the church.

Donations may be made to the Michigan Humane Society at michiganhumane.org.

Jason Dotterer

Grosse Pointe Park resident Jason Dotterer, 36, died Thursday, April 26, 2012.

Born March 18, 1976, in Grosse Pointe to Gary and Carmen Dotterer, he studied art at Wayne State University and attended the Joint Apprentice Training Program at International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Detroit Local No. 58. He was an electrician through IBEW Local No. 58.

Mr. Dotterer was an involved parent at Detroit Waldorf School in Detroit and an active member of the schools building and grounds committee. He was a member of the Backyard Garden Club in Grosse Pointe Park.

Mr. Dotterer was the beloved husband of Jenevieve Lilly, who survives him. He also is survived by his daughters, Malena Lilly and B. Raine Lilly; son-in-law, Tom Gersky; stepdaughter, Gwyneth Lilly; stepson, Evan Lilly; his parents and sisters, Aryn Dotterer and Frances Torres.

Donations may be made to the Jason Dotterer Memorial Education Fund, PNC Bank, 1 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

M. Sandra Loving

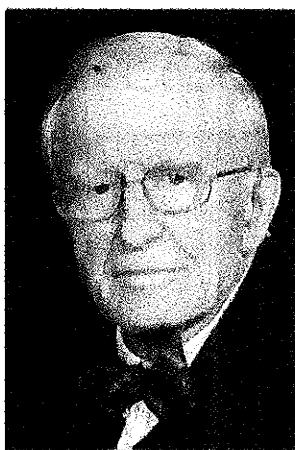
M. Sandra Loving, nee Trax, originally from York, Pa., died peacefully in her sleep in the early morning Thursday, April 19, 2012, at her home in Grosse Pointe Woods. She was 74.

A proud alumnae of Grove City College, she followed her passion for finance as a certified public accountant and financial counselor.

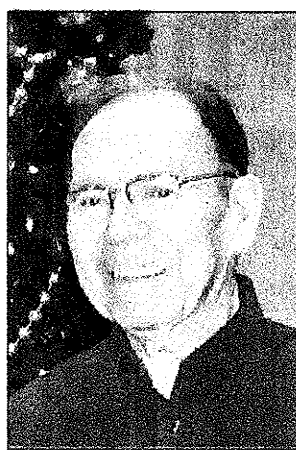
Ms. Loving is survived by stepchildren, Mark Loving and family in Florida, Steve Loving and family in Illinois and Melissa Loving and family in Michigan. She also is survived by her dearest friend, L. North, of Grosse Pointe Woods, and many dear friends and colleagues.

Ms. Loving's ashes will be laid to rest May 16 in the Mount Rose Cemetery in York. She will be rejoined with her father, mother and brother, Freddie.

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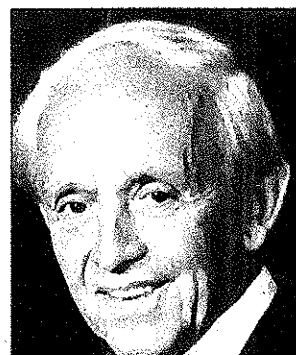
Joan Hinsberg Stout



Jason Dotterer



Mary Virginia Place



James Robert Smith

Donations may be made in her honor to the Michigan Humane Society at michiganhumane.org.

Mary Virginia Place

Mary Virginia Place, 88, passed away Thursday, April 19, 2012, at Beaumont Hospital Royal Oak after a long illness.

Born Mary Virginia Shuck July 15, 1923, in West Virginia, she was the daughter of Issac Shuck and Beatrice Meadows. A Detroit area resident since the 1940s, Mrs. Place, her husband, Donald, and her four children moved to St. Clair Street in the City of Grosse Pointe in 1960. She lived in her home on St. Clair until shortly before her death.

Mrs. Place was predeceased by her husband in 1991.

She is survived by her children, Kurt Shuck, Donald Place, Susan Place and Lyle Place; grandchildren, Jessie Place, Christina Place, Jeffrey Place and Brian Place and great-granddaughter, Rose Place.

James Robert Smith

James Robert "Jim" Smith, 90, died Tuesday, May 1, 2012, at his residence in Grosse Pointe Farms.

He was born Dec. 26, 1921, in Detroit to Royal L. and Florence Diedrich Smith and graduated from Lawrence Technical University in 1946 with a Bachelor of Architectural Engineering degree. He also attended the University of Michigan.

Mr. Smith's first job out of school was with the architects Eliel and Eero Saarinen, where he specialized in sculpting the curved forms required by the modern era of architecture, collaborating closely with Eero Saarinen and many gifted co-workers on projects including the London Embassy, Trans World Airlines Terminal at JFK Airport, Dulles Airport, General Motors Technical Center, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Chapel and the Miller House. He was notably in-

involved with the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, "The St. Louis Gateway Arch," in St. Louis, Mo.

In 1961, after Eero Saarinen's death, Mr. Smith began Smith Models, a model-making business.

A longtime member of The Detroit Yacht Club, he sailed Flying Scots and taught sailing for many years out of Belle Isle clubhouse. He was also an active member of Lochmoor Club and Indian Village Tennis Club where he frequently played tennis.

Mr. Smith was an avid and accomplished skier, sailor, climber and tennis player. He was instrumental in the mapping and layout of the Alta Peruvian Lodge in Alta, Utah, where his job of bartender allowed him to ski there for many years. During the summer, he would relocate to Trail Creek Ranch in Jackson Hole, Wyo., where he would guide visitors on fishing and climbing expeditions. While he was there, he designed, constructed and delivered a permanent climbing hut to the 11,600-foot level of the Grand Teton.

He loved fly fishing in Jackson Hole, and was skillful in bridge and prolific in photography.

Mr. Smith is survived by his wife, Shirley; son, Jim (Frank); grandchildren, Milo and Kaylee and brother, Lee (Anne).

He was predeceased by his sister, Doris.

Interment is in Mount Hope Cemetery in Port Huron.

Donations may be made to the Cranbrook Academy of Art, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304.

Norman Diedrich

World War II veteran and avid golfer Norman Diedrich passed away Sunday, April 29, 2012, at his daughter's home in Washington, D.C.

Born in Detroit and raised in Grosse Pointe, Mr. Diedrich graduated from University Liggett School and Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., where he joined Sigma Phi Fraternity and played varsity baseball, basketball and golf. After earning a degree in mathematics, he immediately joined

the U.S. Army and was sent to Georgia Tech for artillery triangulation training before assignment to France and Belgium where he fought in the Battle of the Bulge.

At the end of the war, he helped develop baseball leagues to occupy the troops awaiting redeployment to the Pacific or transport home.

After the war, he returned to Detroit, began working with his father as an estimator at the William Diedrich Painting Company, and married Janet Evans Gram, settling in Birmingham, where they raised two children.

Mr. Diedrich was a lifetime member of Red Run Golf Club and made at least three holes-in-one. He retired from Daelyte Service Company in Detroit in 1979 to care for his wife, who died of cancer that year.

In July 1980, Mr. Diedrich married Grace Littig Hanley of Evanston, Ill., and North Redington Beach, Fla., joining a wonderful family with five stepchildren and eventually 13 grandchildren.

Grace and Norman both resided at Freedom Square, Seminole, Fla. at times before Grace's death in 2007. Mr. Diedrich is survived by his daughter, Jane; his son, Bill and daughter-in-law, Kristina Faith Wilcox Diedrich; grandson, Jeremy Gram Weaver; as well as his step-children and grandchildren.

No funeral is planned. Interment will be at Woodlawn Cemetery, in Detroit, where Mr. Diedrich's parents, first wife and numerous relatives are buried.

Donations may be made to University Liggett School at uls.org; a wildlife or veterans' charity or Sixth Presbyterian Church, 5413 16th St., Washington, D.C. 20011.

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Bigelow Memorial

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 19, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe for Charles and Judy Bigelow. Their remains will be placed in the church's Columbarium and Rose Garden. Mr. Bigelow, an accomplished artist as well as the former co-owner of American



Machine Products, died Nov. 8, 2008.

Mrs. Bigelow, a former operative for the Central Intelligence Agency and women's clothing salesperson at J.L. Hudson Co., died Sept. 15, 2011. The couple married in 1963 and are survived by Mr. Bigelow's son Charles Andrew Bigelow III.



Hugo Scherer Higbie

Hugo Scherer Higbie, 85, founder of Higbie Maxon Agney Realtors in Grosse Pointe Farms, died at his home Saturday, April 14, 2012.

A memorial service celebrating Mr. Higbie's life will take place 4 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

Donations may be made to Christ Church Grosse Pointe-DeHaven Endowment for Music, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.



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Protect dragonflies, reduce mosquitoes

By Jane Herbert

Lakefront property owners will soon be enjoying summer days on the lake. But what just went zooming by? Perhaps it was a winged predator on the prowl—a dragonfly.

Along with insectivorous birds and bats, dragonflies of varying shapes, colors and sizes patrol the shoreline. These masters of the aquatic insect world voraciously prey upon mosquitoes and other insects.

To help dragonflies reduce the population of mosquitoes, it helps to understand what they need to be successful.

Dragonflies spend their lifecycles in and near aquatic environments, and are most abundant in

standing waters such as lakes, ponds and wetlands. The young larval dragonfly spends its life in shallow water and, like the adult, preys on smaller organisms that also call the near-shore environment home.

Depending on bottom type and wave intensity, near-shore areas may support emergent aquatic plants, such as bulrush. The roots of bulrushes are interconnected and stabilize the lake bottom, reducing sediment movement, scouring and turbidity caused by wind and boat-induced wave action. Young larval dragonflies site feed more successfully in clear, calm waters.

Emergent plants also provide resting and hiding places for adult dragonflies as they feed and mate. After mating, adult females may deposit eggs directly into quiet waters or onto exposed sediments. Upon hatching, the larva burrows into stable sediments or plant stems. As it grows, it will molt—shed its exoskeleton—several times, becoming free-roaming and predacious. Most species remain in the aquatic stage from one to three years and transform directly from larva to adult.

The most vulnerable point in the dragonfly's lifecycle is the transformation from aquatic larva to adult. The larva crawls out of the water onto a vertical surface or plant stem and slowly emerges from its exoskeleton. It may take up to an hour



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Tall bulrush

for the wings to unfold, dry out and be ready for flight. Predation by birds, spiders and ants is common. Dense emergent plant communities in the near-shore area can provide cover during this critical time.

Dragonflies are one example of the many insects, amphibians, rep-

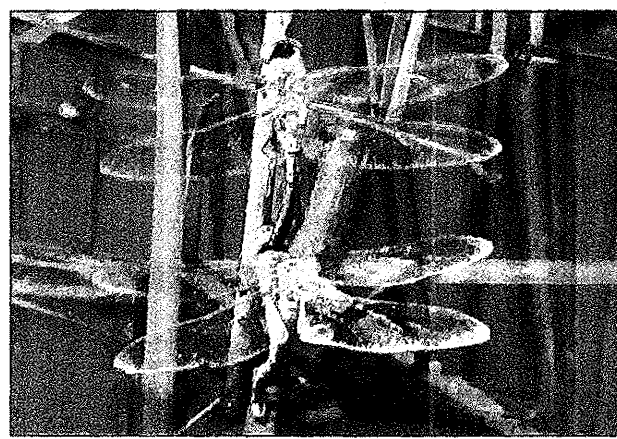


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Michigan dragonfly

tiles, fish, birds and mammals who benefit from natural shorelines and aquatic plant communities. Lakefront property owners can benefit lake ecology, create dragonfly habitat and reduce mosquito populations by pre-

serving and protecting their near-shore plant communities.

Herbert is the district water quality educator for Michigan State University Extension. She can be contacted at jherbert@msu.edu.

Top tips for spring home improvement

May is the ideal time to make home improvements. Start by selecting projects that are the most important for enhancing the functionality of the house.

"A home's curb appeal is important, but working on the structural aspects of the house should always take priority," said Mark Clement, host of My-Fix-It-Up-Life home improvement radio show. "For example, every year homeowners should be evaluating the condition

of their roof, siding, windows, gutters and other exterior products that they rely on daily to keep their family safe and secure."

Clement offers the following list of five items homeowners should review every May:

1) Check the roof. Using a ladder or binoculars from a distance, look for problem areas, such as missing or broken shingles or "flapping" roofing tiles. These are indications a new roof may

be needed. If that's the case, research the newer products on the market, such as polymer shake and slate roofing tiles.

2) Clean and assess the siding. Pressure-washing works well for many houses to remove dirt and algae that can grow on siding, but never pressure-wash windows or their screens. The extreme high pressure could crack or destroy the caulking around the units.

While cleaning the siding, check for changes in

the exterior from the previous year and be alert to buckling, warping or insect damage that may need to be fixed.

3) Evaluate the windows. Replacement windows may be needed if the windows don't operate easily, air is leaking in or out of the units or there's condensation between the glass panes.

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4) Check the gutters. Make sure they are un-

clogged and remain sloped for proper drainage. Make sure the water running off the roof doesn't cause damage to the building structure, landscaping or property below the roof.

5) Spend time with the main entry door. If home-

owners can see light around the door from the inside, the door is hard to close or lock or the door is warped, it's time to consider a new door. Even if you can't see light, air may be moving through gaps in the weather stripping.

OBITUARIES: Loved ones remembered

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Robert Bruce Forni

Robert Bruce Forni, "Bob," passed away Wednesday, April 18, 2012, at his home at Sunrise of Grosse Pointe Woods. He was 86.

He was born in 1925 in Steubenville, Ohio, the only son of Albert and Flora Forni. As a young man, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II and returned home to complete his Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering degree at The Ohio State University in 1948. Soon after graduation, he met and married Janis Ott and they eventually settled in Toledo, Ohio, where he founded Ott & Forni Personnel Specialists, as well as a charter office for Detroit-based Kelly Services.

In 1975, Mr. Forni and his wife closed their Ohio business and moved to Stuart, Fla., where he opened Marine Propulsion, a company providing marine engine, transmission and generator rebuilding and repair

services.

Mr. Forni enjoyed family time, cars, boating, gun collecting and good friendships and was an active member of the Toledo Yacht Club.

In passing, he joins his beloved wife, Janis, and is survived by his son, Bruce (Mary Sue) of Grosse Pointe Farms, and daughter, Lynn Bohnengel (Andrew) of Sylvania,

Ohio. He also is survived by, and was the proud "Papa" of, grandchildren, Kristen Conn, Travis Diehl, Mills Forni and Sara Forni and great-grandchildren, Ayla, Merrick and Lily.

Family and friends are invited to a remembrance service from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 25, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore,

Grosse Pointe Farms.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Disabled American Veterans at dava.org or a local humane society.

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Michigan law (effective July 5, 2009) now requires preforeclosure negotiations between servicers (Lenders) and homeowners. Once the property goes to Sheriff's Sale the homeowner typi-

cally has 6 months (this can vary) to "redeem" (basically to pay off the existing mortgage balance plus costs) the property from the foreclosure.

My property has gone to foreclosure; is it too late for me?

Obviously it's always a good idea to know your options BEFORE the foreclosure takes place, but if foreclosure has already taken place seek out a Grosse Pointe REALTOR® or attorney so you can explore what options you may have.

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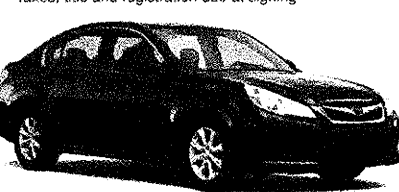
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TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

2012 Buick Verano



This week, we're driving Buick's all-new Verano, a compact class sedan that's big on interior room and fun to operate — base price: \$25,965; price as tested: \$28,245.

In keeping with Buick's discreet luxury DNA, Verano is built to take on the likes of Lexus IS 250, Acura TSX and Volvo V30, both here in the states and abroad.

The Verano front-drive in 1SL trim includes features such as 6-speed automatic transmission, special lightweight Z-link rear suspension and 10 standard air bags.

The cabin is aesthetically impressive featuring leather heated seats, power driver seat, 60/40 split rear with trunk access, all the powers, electric push remote start, cruise, dual zone air, leather trim, tilt and telescopic steering wheel, XM Satellite with three months free, 7-inch color touch radio with Buick IntelliLink, CD/MP3, USB, Bluetooth, Bose 9-speaker

er stereo and more.

Safety has always been a priority at Buick, and Verano is no exception. GM's StabiliTrak is standard, as are 4-wheel ABS discs, traction control and six months of On-Star directions. For traction, Buick's standard 18-inch tires on machined alloy wheels add the final touch and great front-drive traction.

Built by Buick craftsman in Lake Orion, Verano's exterior is highlighted by the brand's "autograph" black chrome waterfall grille. Adding to the front design are projector beam headlamps and calligraphy-like chrome accents.

Power comes from an Ecotec 11.2 to 1 compression 2.4-liter engine which develops 180 horses and 171 pounds of torque. Fuel mileage is 21 city and 32 highway.

Verano's entry level model starts at \$22,585. The vehicle is similar in DNA to big brother Regal, which starts at \$27,055, and more luxurious than cousin Chevy Cruze, which starts at \$16,800. Cruze shares the same wheelbase and build platform as Verano, although there's a world of difference in amenities and powerplants.

Specifically, Cruze uses smaller 1.8-liter injected or 1.4-liter turbo engines, while Verano relies on the larger Regal powerplants.

On the highway, Verano is quiet and comfortable, a joy in heavy city traffic and easy to park.

The decision prospective Verano buyers must make will encompass return on investment and whether a less expensive Cruze or more expensive Regal is the better alternative. Having driven all three vehicles this year, my recommendation is to purchase the entry priced Verano, or move up to the Regal if your Verano exceeds \$25,000. As for the Chevy Cruze, it's still one of my overall best buys this year, and I'd give it the nod over Verano based solely on ROI.

Important numbers include a wheelbase of 105.7 inches, 15.2 cubic-feet of cargo space, 15.6-gallon fuel tank, 3,300-pound curb weight and a 36-foot turn radius.

Likes: Looks, interior, exterior, Buick quality, cabin amenities

Dislikes: Can get expensive, needs more power, not much else.

Zyla is a syndicated automotive columnist.

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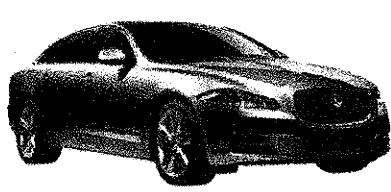


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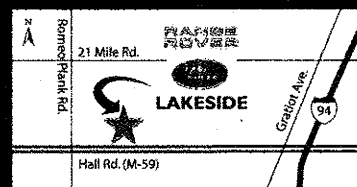
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2012 300C AWD is new, yet familiar



The Chrysler 300 family has eschewed the trend to ultra swept-back lines, deeply creased sides and lowered roofline in favor of smooth slab slides, more sharp angles, a boxy profile and nice proportions.

Chrysler says its 300 series starts at \$28,470. The test 300C all-wheel-drive had a base price of \$40,820. Additional equipment plus \$925 for delivery pumped that up to \$47,665.

There are several models in the 300 series: 300, Limited, 300S, 300C and C Luxury Series. The 300 has a 3.6-liter V-6 mated to an eight-speed automatic. The result? An impressive 31 miles per gallon average in highway driving; city driving averages around 19 mpg. The Limited and the 300S V-6 share those EPA numbers.

The 300C is powered by a 5.7-liter V-8 Hemi with fuel economy numbers of 16 city/25 highway. The transmission is a five-speed automatic with Autostick paddle.

Chrysler says the all-wheel-drive system available for the 300 is capable of quietly moving between all-wheel drive and rear drive, without input from the driver. When the 300 senses AWD is not needed, it automatically disconnects the front axle to help boost fuel economy, and to allow the driver to

enjoy the power and handling of a rear-drive car. Perks in the test 300C included heated and cooled front and second-row seats, heated steering wheel, a Garmin navigation system and radio/driver's seat/steering column/outside mirrors memory. The power front seats offer power lumbar support.

The test 300C AWD offered power adjustable pedals with position memory, automatic headlamps, fog lamps, power multi-function outside mirrors with manual fold-flat and electrohydraulic power steering.

A "customer preferred package" of options,

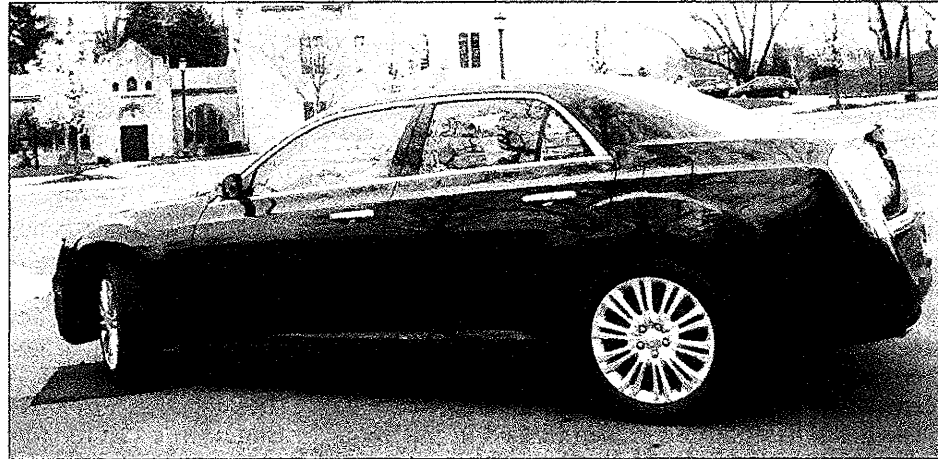


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The conservative lines of the 2012 Chrysler 300C AWD project an image of luxury, comfort, power and confidence.

priced at \$2,420, included a parking assist system, automatic headlamp leveling, adaptive cruise con-

trol, forward collision warning and 19-inch wheels.

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you can purchase a premium speaker group.

The double glass roof with the forward panel an

opening sunroof was a \$1,495 option.

The interior of the 300C AWD felt limo-size, with extraordinary back seat room for two. The drive shaft tunnel for this rear-drive sedan is high and wide as it runs the length of the car.

Chrysler reports 59 percent of the 2012 Chrysler 300C AWD is United States/Canada-sourced. The engine is from Mexico, the transmission from Germany. This car was assembled at Chrysler's Brampton, Ontario plant.

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

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

Immaculate inebriation

Shortly after telling a patrolman she'd had nothing to drink, a 48-year-old Farms woman registered a blood alcohol level more than three times the state's legal limit to operate a motor vehicle, according to police.

An officer pulled her over at about 2 a.m. Saturday, May 5, on Kercheval at Lakeland for driving erratically, including the wrong way on Kercheval Place, a one-way road.

"She thought she was on Grosse Pointe Boulevard in (the) Farms," said the officer. "She stated she had nothing to drink."

The woman had a .25 percent blood alcohol level, according to police.

Open invitation

Thieves had it easy stealing a \$250 Garmin Global Positioning Satellite system out of a vehicle parked overnight Thursday, May 3, in the 800 block of Lincoln.

"The vehicle was unlocked," said a public safety officer.

Not too bright

A 46-year-old Hazel Park man could have avoided arrest last week on outstanding warrants by heeding a patrolman's warnings of steering away from danger.

At 9:08 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, an officer spotted the man driving a white Dodge Nitro without headlights on eastbound Waterloo near Notre Dame.

"It was beyond dusk and turning dark with very low light conditions," said the officer. "(I) flashed (my cruiser's) headlights at (him) three times without receiving a response."

During a traffic stop, the officer learned the man lacked a driver's license and was wanted on a:

- ◆ \$6,905 Wayne County warrant,
- ◆ misdemeanor warrant in Hazel Park for domestic assault and
- ◆ miscellaneous warrants totaling \$506 from 36th District Court.

Caught at light

At about 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 1, police impounded a black 2011 Honda Civic an unlicensed 27-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man drove through a red light at westbound Jefferson and Lakeland.

The intersection, near Neff Park, is heavily monitored by police.

The man's driving privileges had expired or been suspended since 2005, police said. He also was wanted on warrants from Oakland County and Rochester, they added.

—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

No more music

One thing led to another for a carbreaker-turned-burglar during the night of Thursday, May 3, in the 400 block of LaBelle.

The unknown suspect entered an unlocked 1997 Jeep parked in the driveway. He used the owner's garage door opener to enter the garage, according to police.

Reported stolen were a \$60 Black & Decker weed whacker, \$500 Marshall DSL410 amplifier with 12-inch speaker, \$2,400 Paul Reed Smith Swamp Ash Special guitar and \$1,290 EVH Wolfgang Special guitar.

Two cars entered

A credit card stolen from one of two unlocked cars parked overnight Thursday, May 3, in the 400 block of Bournemouthe was used that night for a \$15 transaction at the service station at Mack and Moross.

Two more charges on the card were recorded at another station in the 11100 block of Gratiot, near Outer Drive in Detroit.

The victim's credit card and Social Security card were among items contained in a wallet stolen from a car parked in a driveway.

Prescription sunglasses were taken from an unlocked car parked on the street.

Burglary

Burglars last week stole items from throughout a house in the 400 block of Kerby.

One of the stolen items may have been sold at a drug house near Conner and Gratiot in Detroit, according to a Farms detective.

The location leads investigators to think the burglar wasn't local.

"Our Grosse Pointe, B&E drug addicts don't need to go that far for a dope house," said Lt. Detective Richard Rosati. The break-in was reported at 2:17 p.m. Thursday, May 3.

"The victim stated he just came home and discovered (the) front door kicked open," said a public safety officer.

A \$300 Samsung flat-screen television was taken from the living room.

A \$650 Pulsar watch was taken off the kitchen counter.

A \$300 Chrysler silver award ring and \$500 University of Michigan class ring, made of white gold, were taken from a bedroom.

A \$1,000 set of Jack Nicholas golf clubs and bag were stolen from the garage.

"(I) observed the first-floor bedroom drawers open," said a patrolman. "(I) notified dispatch to have detectives make (the) scene for possible prints."

Beyond limit

A woman with a .231 percent blood alcohol level

was arrested for drunken driving at 1:30 a.m. Thursday, May 3, on Mack near Moross, according to police.

An officer pulled over the woman, 46, of Detroit, for operating a brown 2002 Oldsmobile Intrigue erratically.

Her recorded blood alcohol level measured nearly three times the legal limit to operate a motor vehicle.

A search of her vehicle turned up a nearly empty pint of Ambassador vodka, police said.

Stolen from home

A victim named a suspect in the theft Monday, April 23, of nearly \$2,500 worth of jewelry from a purse at a house in the 300 block of Belanger.

The victim didn't report the crime until April 30, because she wanted to make sure she hadn't misplaced the valuables.

Reported stolen were a:

- ◆ \$500 sapphire and diamond ring,
- ◆ \$1,000 two-sided brooch with a garnet and yellow stone,
- ◆ \$200 gold chain,
- ◆ \$100 gold screw-back earrings and
- ◆ \$500 cultured pearl necklace, a wedding gift from her husband.

Begging for it

Shortly after 6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 29, police arrested a panhandler in the 18600 block of Mack on an outstanding felony warrant.

The warrant was from 3rd District Court for

breaking and entering.

The suspect is a 23-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man.

He also is wanted on a traffic warrant from 36th District Court.

Police said two cigarettes found in the man's pockets tested positive for marijuana.

—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

Runs off road

No injuries were reported resulting from a 46-year-old St. Clair Shores man losing control of his 2011 Ford four-door at about 1 p.m. Saturday, May 5, and driving off northbound Lakeshore entering the Ford Estate curve.

A 9-year-old girl was a passenger in the vehicle.

"(The driver) said he was distracted and struck the curb," said a patrolman.

The car needed to be towed away.

Gas leak

Two officers spent about 45 minutes during the afternoon of Wednesday, May 2, ventilating a house in the 900 block of Lakeshore.

The owner reported a gas leak.

—Brad Lindberg
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A greener life

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

It's the greening of Grosse Pointe, literally and figuratively, as schools across the area have engaged in various eco friendly events and gardening projects.

From a Live Green Fair and Spring Cleaning recycling drives to an inter-generational gardening program and community gardens, Grosse Pointe students have spent the past year contributing to a greener living environment, with an added emphasis recently during the week of Earth and Arbor days.

The week featured a myriad activities and events from the area schools, including Grosse Pointe North High School hosting a Live Green Fair; Maire Elementary School kindergartners, for an art project, designing flowers from recycled water bottles and "planting" them outside the school's



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University Liggett School second graders walk the path to Bird Island to learn about predators and prey while at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House. Liggett fifth graders search the Ford House grounds for micrometeorites. They later analyzed their findings at school using stereomicroscopes.

front entrance; a district-wide lights out event, at various points during the day, April 27, teachers and administrators turning off

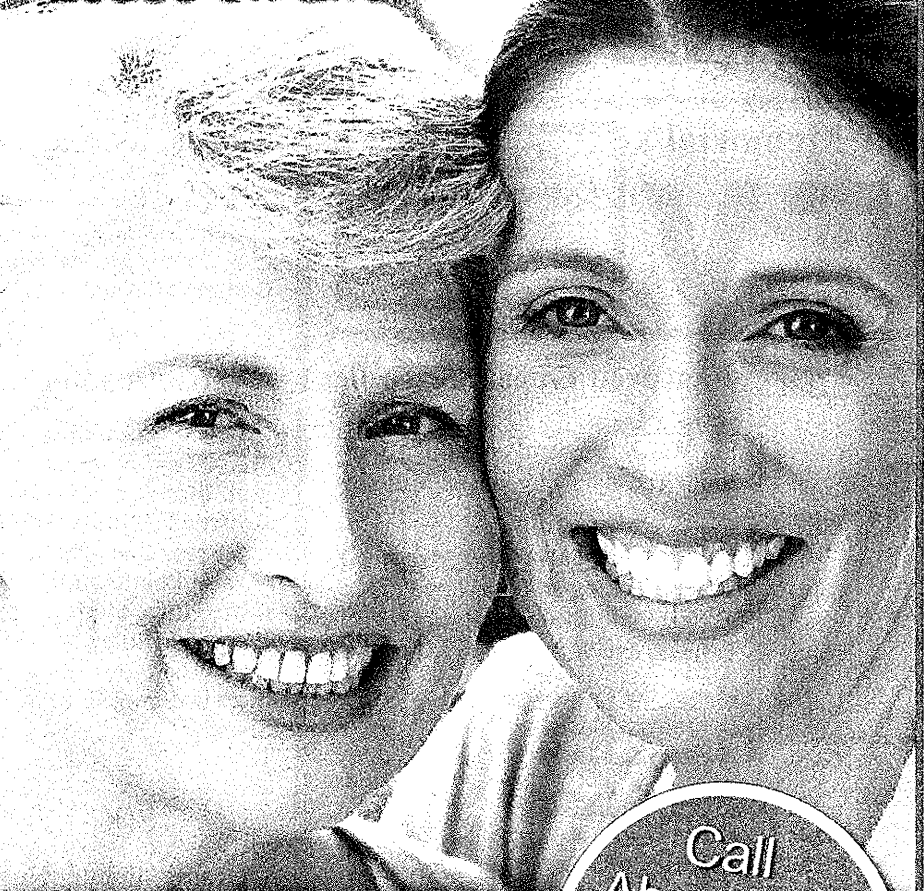
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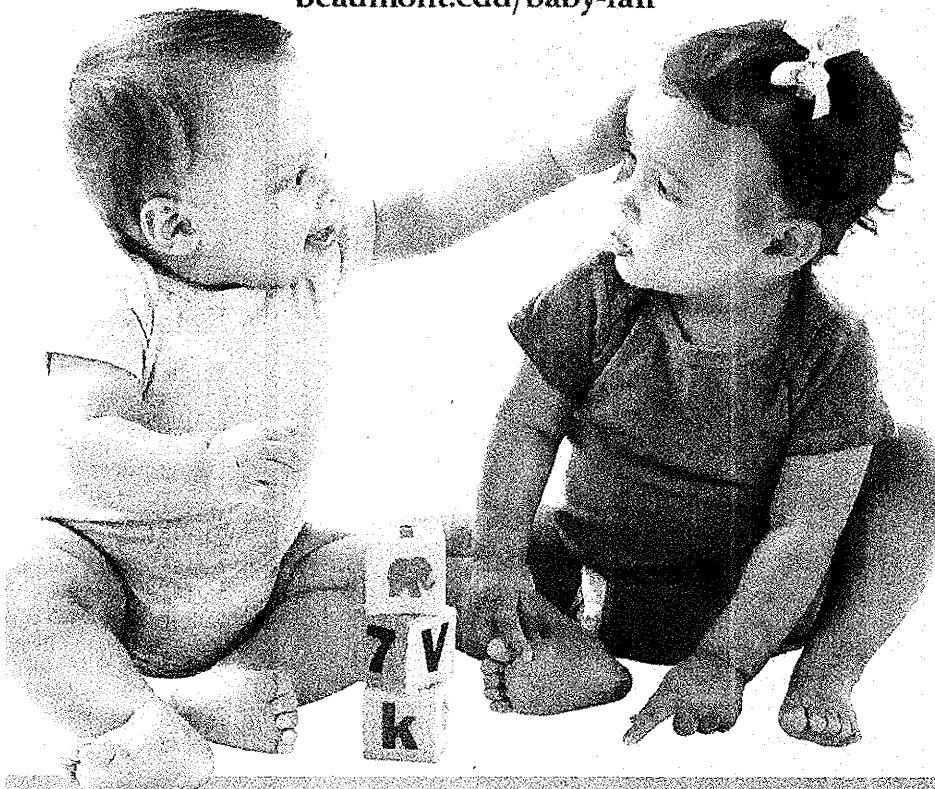
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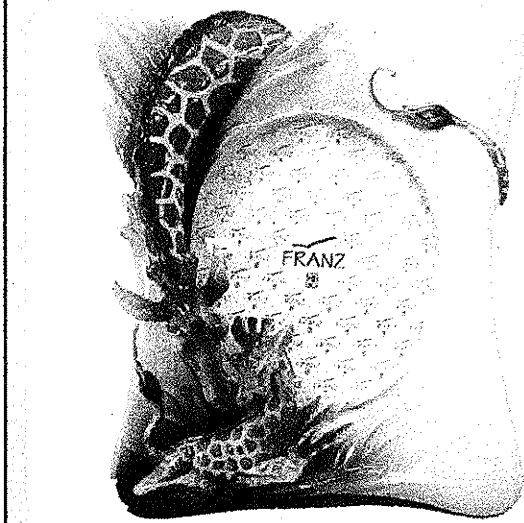
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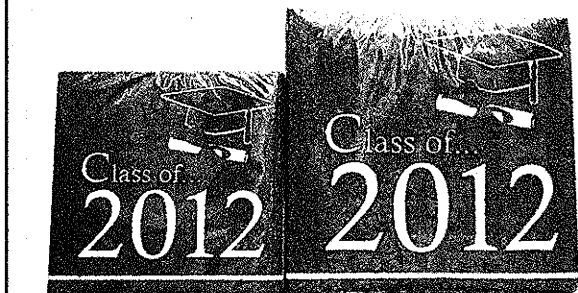
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AREA ACTIVITIES

Questers

The Grosse Pointe Questers meets at 9:30 a.m. Friday, May 11, with Marney Ramsey, who discusses "Driven Bird Shooting: Sport of Kings." Hostess is Karen Joslyn and co-hostesses are Peggy Maycock and Elsie Mackethan.

Junior League

The Junior League of Detroit Designers' Show House at 22 Webber Place, Grosse Pointe Shores, is open through Sunday, May 20. More than 30 area interior designers and 10 local landscape architects have recreated the rooms and grounds.

The house is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and noon to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays.

Advance tickets cost \$15; tickets at the door cost \$20. Group tours are available. For tickets, call



Interact leaders

Grosse Pointe South High School Interact Club leaders ran the April 30 Rotary of Grosse Pointe meeting. From left, Rotarian Richard Yeager-Stiver, Colleen Martin, Milena Lai, Rachel Harrison, Emma Voci and South faculty sponsor Kevin Cox.

(313) 881-0040 or visit jldetroit.org.

Flower sale

The 38th annual Beautification Advisory Commission Flower Sale is from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, May 11, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May

12, on the front lawn of Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall.

Held in partnership with the Grosse Pointe North Parents' Club, the combined sale offers a varied on-site selection of annuals, perennials, hanging baskets, concrete garden art and planted pots in time for Mother's Day gift giving.

Preorder and home-delivery are options. Preorder forms are available at the Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall and also can be downloaded from the city website, gpwm.us or on the high school's Northern Lights newsletter site at gpnorth.schoolwires.net/gpnorth. Preorder deadline is Thursday, May 10, and the plants are delivered Friday, May 18. Payment for pre-orders can be made by check or with PayPal.

The latest issue in the city's commemorative tile collection debuts at the sale — this year featuring the new brick and carved-wood sign at the south end of Mack Avenue. Also, bags of compost from Indian Summer

Recycling are for sale. The compost is the product of residents' recycled yard waste and can supplement new plantings.

Flower sale proceeds benefit the Woods' beautification and enhance Grosse Pointe North High School education.

For more information, call Jerry at (313) 377-7166 or Kelly at (313) 885-2455.

Rotary

Rotary of Grosse Pointe meets at noon Monday, May 14, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Lunch costs \$15 and the public can attend.

Ann Woodward and Victoria Nichols talk about Central America medical missions.

Grosse Pointe South High School Interact members Rachel Harrison, Colleen Martin, Emma Voci and Anna Kucharski received Rotary scholarships during the April 30 meeting.

Sunrise Rotary

The Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club meets at 7 a.m. Tuesday, May 15, at The Hill Seafood & Chop House, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. The speaker is Dennis Morrow from Common Ground.

Toastmasters

The Northeastern Toastmasters meet at 7 p.m. Monday, May 14, in Brownell Middle School cafeteria, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms. For more information, call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikelele at (313) 884-4201.

SOC

Grosse Pointe North High School students and staff host a "Sentimental Journey" spring fling prom for senior citizens from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 24, in North's commons area. Semi-formal attire is suggested.

Dancing music is provided by Pro D.J. Services and a sing-a-long with Nancy Davison is scheduled.

The cost of \$8 includes dinner. To register by May 10, call Services of Older Citizens at (313) 882-9600.

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ACTIVITIES: Screening, plant exchange

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A screening can test memory, language skills, thinking ability and other intellectual functions related to Alzheimer's disease or other medical conditions.

For an appointment, call (586) 285-0300.

Center of Lifelong Learning

The Center of Lifelong Learning hosts Wayne County Community College District history professor Carolynn Kantzler who discusses the rise of Adolf Hitler, at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 15.

The center is located in the St. Peter Parish House, 19851 Anita, Harper Woods. For more information, call (313) 885-8063.

Henry Ford Cottage

Henry Ford Medical Center - Cottage Wound Care Center, 131 Kercheval, Suite 301, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers an ostomy clinic from 1:30 or 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 16. This is open for patients with a temporary or permanent ostomy.

Clinic personnel treat lesions around the osto-

my site, problems with pouch fit or leakage.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (313) 640-2478.

Friends of the library

The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library host a used book sale noon to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 17, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, May 18, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods branch, 20680 Mack. The sale is in the lower level.

A presale for Friends members is from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 16. Nonmembers can join at the door.

Membership dues are \$30 for a family, individuals pay \$25 annually and junior membership costs \$10.

Saturday, May 19, a bag of books costs \$5.

Proceeds benefit the library.

For more information about the Friends, visit gpfriends.org or call (313) 343-2074, ext. 204.

AAUW

The American Association of University Women, Grosse Pointe Branch, has its annual meeting Saturday, May 19, at the Lochmoor Club, 1018 Sunningdale, Grosse Pointe Woods. The day begins at 10 a.m. with reception and registration; brunch is served at 10:30 a.m., followed by a review of the past season's activities and election of officers.

Susan Hartz, president of the Grosse Pointe Historical Society, discusses "Glorious Gardens of the Grosse Pointes 1890-1930."

The cost is \$22 by check payable to AAUW-GP and sent to Barbara Tecos, 1237 Balfour, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230, or by calling (313) 882-1081 by May 12. No walk-ins can be accommodated. The public can attend.

For more information, call Carolyn Barth at (313) 881-0409.

Grosse Pointe Woods

The Mack Avenue Business Association and Grosse Pointe Woods host Spring Sidewalk Sales during business hours,

Thursday, May 17 through Saturday, May 19.

The rain date is May 24 through 26.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center-sponsored trip aboard the M/V Sandpiper begins at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 14. A motor coach transports passengers to Toledo, Ohio. A catered picnic lunch is provided. The bus returns at 4 p.m.

The cost is \$40 for Woods residents and \$44 for non-residents. Reservations must be in by June 1 by calling (313) 343-2408.

Plant exchange

The spring perennial plant exchange, sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission, is 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 19, at the Tompkins Center at Windmill Pointe Park.

Free mulch is available, while it lasts.

The public can attend the free event.

For more information, visit bcsem.org.

Women of Wayne

The Women of Wayne State University Alumni Association hosts "The Shock of Human Trafficking" at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, in the Luther Center at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Amy Allen, victim witness specialist, Department of Homeland Security, discusses the latest developments in human trafficking in the United States.

The cost is \$15. Proceeds benefit the Women of Wayne Incentive Scholarship Fund.

The public can attend and free parking is available.

For reservations, call Marti Miller at (313) 886-3785.

AAUW

The Grosse Pointe branch of the American Association of University Women is collecting books beginning May 28. Collection points are at the Kroger store at Marder and Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza and Ace Hardware, 17101, Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe.

Books are sold Oct. 3 through 6.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Mary Ann Godzwon, R.N.

Breast feeding good for mother and child



Q. I'm pregnant with my first child and deciding if I should breast-feed.

A. Making the choice to breast feed your new baby is one of the most important decisions you will make as a new mother.

Both the American Academy of Pediatrics and the World Health Organization recommend breast feeding as the preferred method of infant nutrition.

Breast milk continuously changes and adapts to your baby's needs, creating protection customized to your baby on a daily basis, regardless of the age of your baby. The act of breast feeding itself helps form a close, emotional bond between mom and baby.

Q. Does breast milk protect babies?

A. Yes. Disease-fighting cells called antibodies help protect infants from germs, illness and even sudden infant death syndrome are found in breast milk. Breast feeding is linked to having a lower risk of various health problems for babies including ear infections, stomach viruses, respiratory infections, asthma, diabetes and certain types of cancer.

Lastly, breast milk is easier to digest than formula.

Proteins in formula milk are made from cow's milk which is harder for babies to digest.

Q. How long should I breast-feed?

A. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends exclusive breast feeding for the first six months and continued breast-feeding for at least the first year of a child's life.

Studies show the positive benefits of breast feeding are "dose-dependent" and the best outcomes and protection are awarded with exclusive and then extended breast-feeding. As solids are introduced, usually around the middle of the first year, your baby will continue to receive his primary nutrition from breast milk, but will begin supplementing with solid foods.

Q. Do mothers benefit from breast-feeding?

A. Breast milk has benefits for mom too. Mothers who breast feed burn up to 500 calories producing breast milk.

Breast feeding mothers showed a greater loss of weight at three months postpartum than bottle feeding mothers. Mothers who breast-feed have lower risks of breast, ovarian and uterine cancers.

Breast feeding makes life much easier for you, as breast milk is readily available at the right temperature. And, breast milk

is economical.

Mothers also benefit from the bond occurring with breast feeding due to the skin-to-skin touching that stimulates the mothering hormone oxytocin. Mothers always benefit from the many advantages that come with having a healthier baby.

Godzwon, R.N., lactation consultant, Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe provides insight on questions often raised by new mothers. Beaumont hosts a free baby fair from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, May 19, at the Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. Lunch is available for \$15. To register, call 800-633-7377.

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What's happening

To register for these and other programs at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, call (313) 881-7511. Here's more on what's ahead:

Eighth Grade Graduation Dance — 7:30 to 10 p.m., Friday, May 11. The dance is open to students who reside in or attend school in Grosse Pointe. Dressy attire is requested. Students must obtain a War Memorial ID card for \$15; \$15 tickets to the dance are sold at the door. Advance registration required.

Mother's Day Brunch — Sunday, May 13. The cost for the 10:30 a.m. seating is \$24 per person; and \$26 per person for the 1:30 p.m. seating. Children pay \$12. Reservations are required by Friday, May 11.

Basic Computer Repair — 7 to 9 p.m., Monday, May 14. Instructor Daniel May discusses basic hardware, common repairs and suggested clean-ups and maintenance computer users can do for themselves. The cost is \$24.

Hula Hoop Your Way to Fitness — 7 to 8 p.m., Wednesdays, May 16 to June 6. Chloe Swanson teaches aerobic trick hooping for toned muscles and improved coordination through a fun workout. The cost is \$51 plus \$15 materials fee.

The Best Michigan Beers! — 7 to 9 p.m., Friday, May 18. Anthony Minne leads the program, tasting six varieties. The cost for this adult class is \$28.

Who's Looking at You? — 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesday, May 22. Learn how to recognize e-mail and online scams with computer security expert Daniel May. He also teaches how to protect personal computers from identity theft, malware and viruses. The cost is \$24.

Ballroom: Intermediate & Advanced — 7:45 to 8:45 p.m. Tuesdays, May 22 to June 26. Instructors Dennis and Geri Maxwell cover classic American, Latin and international styles of dance.



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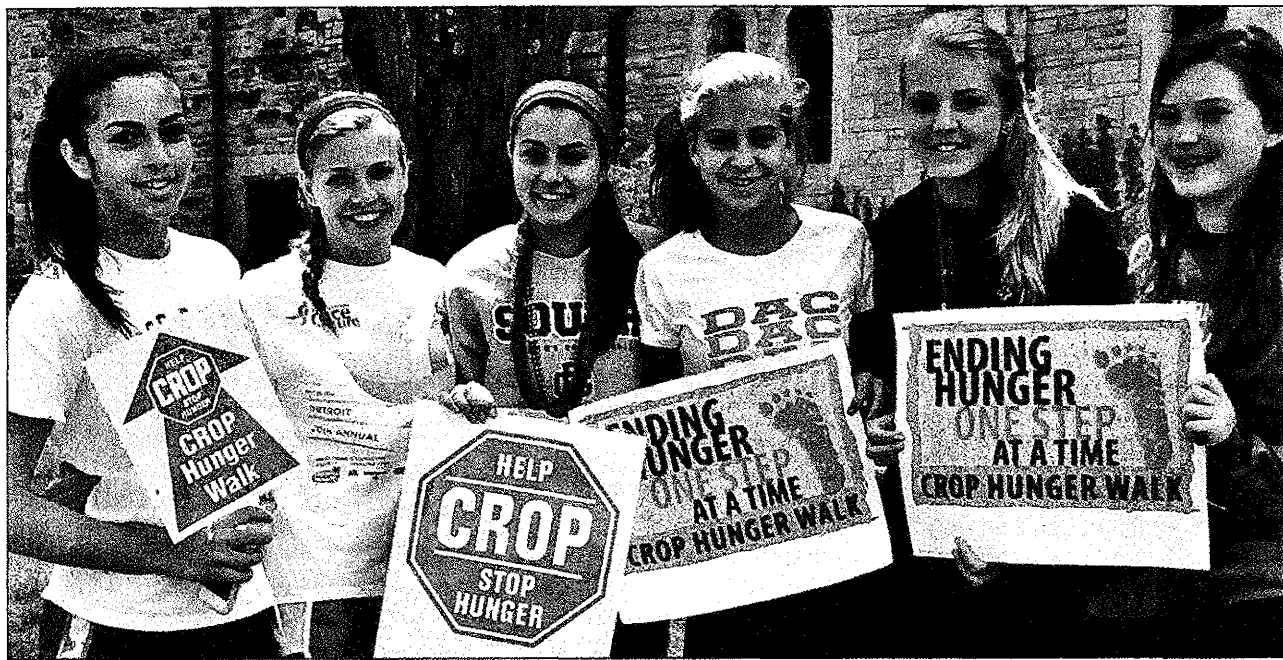
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CROP walkers

From left, Carina Bertakis, Claire Fisher, Alexis Mellos, Trina Giorgio, Molly Paddock and Haley Clarke observed Mellos' birthday by participating in the CROP walk. Mellos has been participating in the walk for six years.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Above, Evelyn and Thomas Donahue of Harper Woods raised the most money for the walk, \$1,040, and have been the highest fundraisers for the past 10 years. From left, Evelyn Donahue, event chairwoman Mary Lloyd and Thomas Donahue. Left, Boy Scout Troop 96 Scout Master T.J. Malbouet leads the walkers.



CHURCH EVENTS

Memorial church

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church hosts a free concert with pianist David Syme at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, at the church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The cost of \$50 is for patron reservation that includes reserved seating and afterglow at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Checks can be sent to Valerie Moran, 65 Tonnancour Place, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236. Reservations must be made by Monday, May 14.

For more information, call Moran at (313) 885-7887 or e-mail her at valmoran@aol.com.

Christ Church

Christ Church Grosse Pointe's 7 p.m. Thursday, May 17, service of the Feast of the Ascension features the Men and Boys choir.

◆ A Celtic worship service begins at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 13. It is free and open to the public. The church is located at 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

For more information, call (313) 885-4841.

United Methodist

The Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts the Detroit Concert Choir at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 19.

Under the direction of Gordon Nelson, the choir's program is "The Joy of Singing: Patriotic Favorites and Songs from Around the World."

Adult tickets cost \$20, seniors pay \$18 and young adult tickets cost \$10.

For more information, call (313) 882-0118 or visit detroitconcertchoir.org.

St. Lucy

St. Lucy Church, 23401 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, holds a card party at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 15. The \$5 tickets are available at the door. Door prizes, raffles and refreshments are included in the event.

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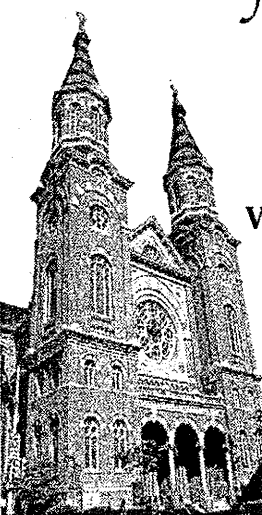
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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

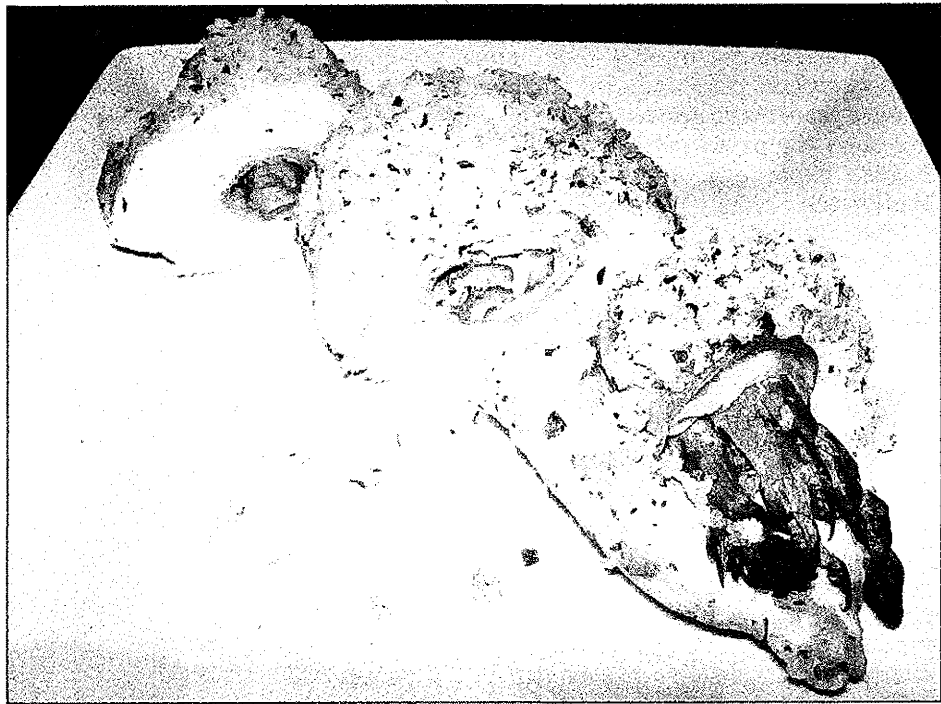


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Tuck Michigan-grown asparagus, rolled in ham, inside a chicken breast to create a special Mother's Day dinner.

Recipe takes advantage of asparagus season

Asparagus season is upon us. This week I'm stuffing the green stalks into boneless, skinless chicken breasts along with ham and garlic herbed cheese. A simple panko crumb mix tops this chicken that stays super moist while cooking (with the help of a bit of white wine.)



Place chicken breasts and Italian dressing in a large sealable bag and marinate over night. Using a paring knife carefully cut a hole through the thick end of each chicken breast creating a 1 inch tunnel.

Spread one tablespoon cheese over each ham slice. Lay four half stalks of asparagus over short side of ham. Roll asparagus into ham (stalks ends will stick out).

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Carefully wedge rolled ham rolls through hole in each chicken breast. Lay stuffed breasts in a baking dish with long side of breasts on the bottom (so you can see ham and asparagus).

In a small bowl combine panko, olive oil, lemon juice, oregano, salt and pepper. Scatter mixture over top of each breast. Add wine (or broth) to bottom of baking dish.

Bake at 350 for one hour and 15 minutes, or until chicken reaches 170 degrees.

Cool for a few minutes then transfer chicken to a plate and slice breast into thirds.

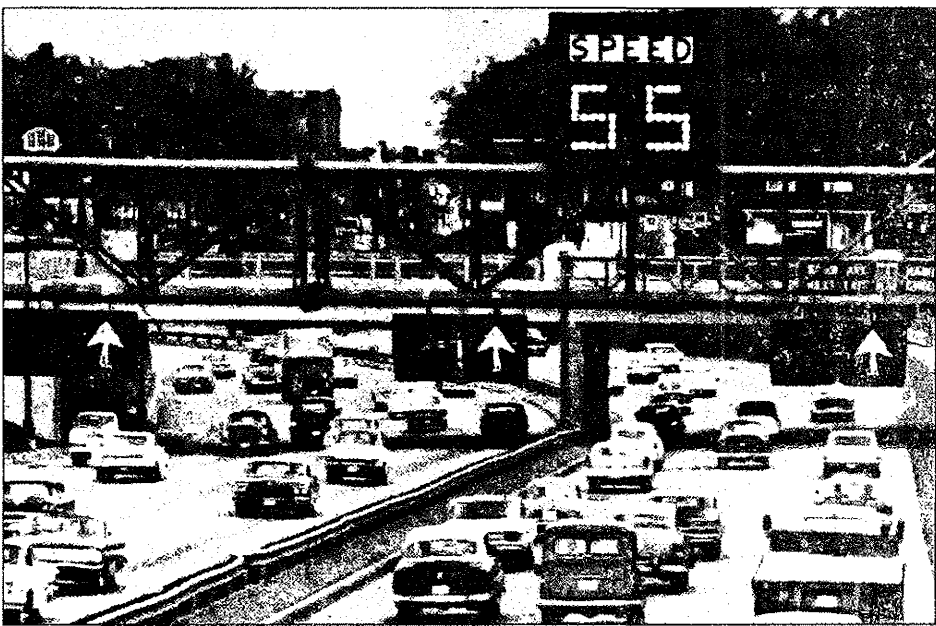
The presentation is similar to a roulade, which is thin meat rolled around a filling. By cutting a hole in the chicken the use of toothpicks to hold the chicken together is avoided.

Make this recipe for your mother. She'll appreciate it. Really.

Asparagus Stuffed Chicken Breasts with Ham

- 1/4 cup Italian dressing
- 4 large boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 4 thin slices ham
- 4 tablespoons soft, herbed garlic cheese (such as Boursin)
- 8 hearty stalks fresh asparagus, halved lengthwise
- 3/4 cup panko
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 cups dry white wine (or chicken broth)

Yesterday's Headlines



FROM THE MAY 10, 1962, ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1962: Overhead

Lane and speed control signals to guide motorists went into effect on Detroit's John Lodge Freeway in May. Engineers watching the freeway by television can lower the speed to 40 or 25 miles an hour. The green arrows show which lanes are open.

Darkened panels beside arrows carry red Xs which are flashed on when the lane is blocked ahead. The experimental traffic control system will operate on just more than three miles of the freeway between the Ford and Davison interchange.

1962

50 years ago this week

◆ **VERNIER PAVEMENT WIDENING OKAYED BY STATE OFFICIALS:** The State Highway Department and the Wayne County Road Commission recently disclosed two new road improvement projects that will be done in the Woods.

The highway department approved the widening of Vernier Road, from Sunningdale drive to Mack Avenue. Plans

call for installation of new pavement, with an island in the center of the road.

The second project pertains to the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Mack and Cook Road and the removal of an existing traffic signal at the intersection of Mack

and Allard.

◆ **FARMS APPROVE BUDGET:** It will cost the Farms city government \$1,278,400 to operate during the fiscal year 1962-63, beginning July 1, as

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FEATURES

GREEN FAIR: It's a growing affair

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prints; Monteith, Defer and Kerby elementary schools first graders joining forces with the Men's Garden Club of Grosse Pointe to learn about and grow their own tomatoes; and the district green team conducting an electronics recycling drive at Kerby elementary and Brownell middle schools, among other events and activities.

"This is what the community is all about," Monteith first-grade teacher Elizabeth Wang said of garden club representatives Dan Beck and Bill Grogan visiting the school April 26 and again May 1 to work with the students. "A lot of districts don't have people or things like this."

The green teams drive Saturday, March 24, behind Brownell, in six hours amassed a collection of 14,483 pounds of electronic equipment, surpassing its goal of 10- to 14,000 — the weight of an average school bus.

In all, the team collected from 138 cars, recycling enough to fill two pie trucks, while also raising \$690 in donations, all benefitting the district's green programs and initiatives.

Among some of the area private schools, Grosse Pointe Academy celebrated Earth week with a series of daily activities, from a Monday visit from the Arts and Scraps truck to Tuesday bike, walk, or carpool to school day to waste free Wednesday (students and staff weighed waste left over from lunch) to an all-school paper drive Friday.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Maire Elementary School teacher Kris Vandevusse's kindergarten class turned recycled water bottles into sunflowers and planted them outside the school's front entrance.

And University Liggett School, for a third straight year, continued its ongoing partnership with the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House; the lower school students enjoying an educational, outdoors experience.

Led by environmental program director Russ Glenn, lower school science teacher Christine Jones and environmental coordinator Julie Foust, the teachers expanded their curriculum outdoors for first through fifth graders. Each grade, for an hour, performed activities coinciding with its current studies.

First graders — nets, magnifying boxes, binoculars, field guide and recording sheets in tow — learned about hunting for insects around Bird Island, while second graders discussed predator and prey interactions, playing a sharks and minnows-type game called, Forster's Tern and perch, in which a group of terns

(the predators) needed to tag the perch (prey).

Members of the Grosse Pointe Tree Commission, as well as Grosse Pointe Audubon Society president and local author Bill Rapai ("The Kirtland's Warbler") lectured third graders about local trees and birds, while fourth graders viewed the "Plant Adaptation Up Close" photography exhibit before venturing outside for their own photo scavenger hunt.

Fifth graders delved into Earth's place in space, participating in a planet walk that demonstrated the relative sizes and distances of each planet in the solar system. They also hunted for micrometeorites and analyzed their findings in class using stereomicroscopes.

"All classes enjoyed their time outdoors celebrating the wonder of our planet with their peers and teachers," Glenn said.

Ongoing and still to

come At Liggett, Foust also facilitates the school's gardening program, as lower school students plant and harvest year-round, growing such things as cabbages, asparagus and sunflowers.

Similarly, Our Lady Star of the Sea third, fourth and fifth graders are showing off their green thumbs, teaming with residents from Shorepointe Village Assisted Living for an intergenerational gardening program, of Michigan State University's extension program. Together, they learn about gardening and nutrition, as well as assist with plant installations in the village courtyard.

For two hours (3:30 to 5:30 p.m.) each Tuesday, from April 27 to the school year's end, students and residents get instructional lessons from MSU program master gardeners, while also participating in hands-on

crafts and working in the garden.

For more information about the program, contact Shirley Martin at (313) 886-4886 or activities coordinator Celeste Vicante at (586) 498-4500.

Bill Grogan visited Monteith, Defer and Kerby elementary schools to educate first graders about growing tomatoes and assist them in planting their own.

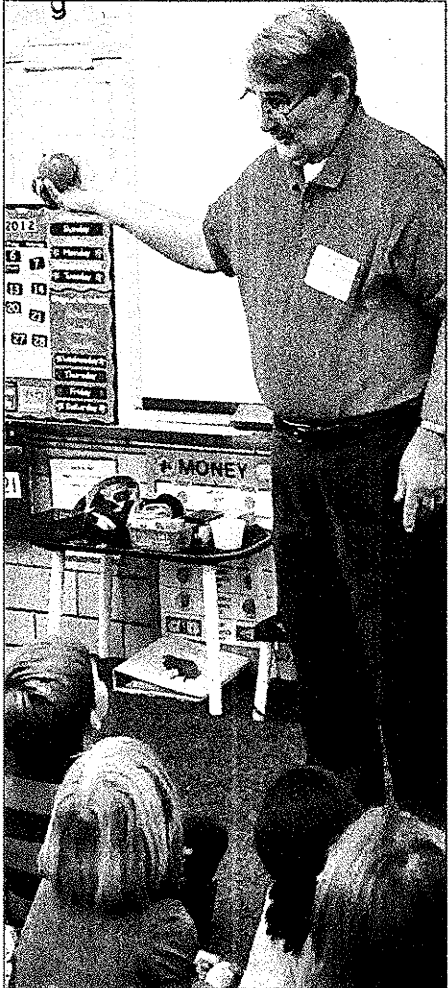


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compared to \$1,253,000 for 1961-62, ending June 30.

The tax rate of \$17.37 per \$1,000 of city-assessed valuation is the same rate prevailing since the fiscal year 1958-59.

◆ MASON SCHOOL WINS AWARD FOR CLEANEST PLAYGROUND: Stevens T. Mason School took first place in the cleanest playground contest sponsored by the Council of Grosse Pointe Garden Clubs as part of the Clean-Up Week campaign.

FRONT PARK TO HAVE TWO ENTRANCES: When the Woods Lake Front Park opened May 1, residents had to decide which side of the park they wanted to visit before they entered.

The Milk River, which flows through the park, divides the marina and boat docks from the pool, tennis courts, concession stand and picnic area. Demolition of the bridge over the river, the first step in the park redevelopment plan that was approved by Woods voters last November, is completed. Until the new bridge is done, the park will have two entrance gates. The new bridge is scheduled for completion in late August.

TO LIBRARY BREAK-IN: Six Grosse Pointe South High School seniors pleaded guilty to a charge of breaking and entering, a misdemeanor under the local Farms ordinance, and must pay restitution, fines and costs and spend eight days working in community service.

The break-in occurred Nov. 21, 1986, when the six reportedly broke into the Grosse Pointe South library and knocked over books from shelves and dumped file cards from the catalogue. It took several days of work by school employees before the library could be reopened.

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