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THURSDAY, MAY 24

◆ University of Michigan professor George Bornstein discusses "Uncle Tom's Cabin," by Harriet Beecher Stowe, at 7:30 p.m. in the Grosse Pointe High School auditorium. The cost is \$10. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Public Library.

SATURDAY, MAY 26

◆ The West Park Farmers Market opens at 9 a.m. at the corners of Kercheval and Lakepointe in Grosse Pointe Park.
◆ No engine initiative is at Patterson and Windmill Pointe parks for Grosse Pointe Park residents. Those who get to the parks other than in a motorized vehicle can enter a drawing for gift certificates.

MONDAY, MAY 28

Memorial Day
◆ Memorial Day services begin at 10 a.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, with speaker Lt. Col. Rolf E. Mammen, Michigan Air National Guard.
◆ Memorial Day observances begin at 10 a.m. at the Grosse Pointe Woods Circle of Honor.
◆ All federal, state, county and city offices are closed.
◆ Banks are closed.
◆ The post office is closed.



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The Great Lakes Boating Festival took place at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club May 18-20. Above, a bird's eye view of the grounds. At right, Josh Northrop and Tom Jagucki, sales associates with Marine Max, clean fishflies from a 44-foot Zeelander, a Michigan-made vessel from Holland.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT



Three generations of Sherrys, from left, Lorne, Griffin and Ron, who is sailing director at GPYC, stand near an ice boat display at the Great Lakes Boating Festival. Lorne raced from 1950-2004 and is a three-time world renegade champion. Ron started racing when he was 4 years old and is a five-time world champion and 10-time North American champion. Griffin has been ice boat racing since he was 4 and is a three-time North American Opti champion. Below, visitors check out some of the boats on display.



Tax hike coming

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — The main thing missing from a 1.5 mill property tax increase is instant public outcry.

A lesser increase a few years ago prompted a recall election.

Thereafter came a general election and the defeat of anyone who voted for the increase, plus those deemed guilty by association. Then came replacement of the city manager.

Yet, passage of higher taxes for fiscal year 2012-2013, beginning July 1, at the May 15 Grosse Pointe Shores council meeting went over without uproar.

Among anti-tax residents in attendance, Gerry Miserendino indicated why this round was more palatable than before:

- ◆ the increase is for one year only,
- ◆ proceeds are dedicated for road repairs,
- ◆ the new council achieved nearly \$400,000 savings during its first sixth months in office.

See HIKE, page 7A

Movie theater canceled

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Developers have withdrawn plans to build a multiplex movie theater in the Village, according to Peter Dame, manager of the City of Grosse Pointe.

The reversal leaves one proposal for a live theater and banquet facility for city leaders to consider.

The proposed movie theater had eight screens.

"They found an alternative site in Macomb County that has space for 12 to 14 screens, which they believe will financially work out better for them and still allow them to serve the market in the Grosse Pointes that they hoped to serve," Dame said.

The multiplex's development team at Emagine Entertainment includes Robert Liggett Jr., owner of the Grosse Pointe News.

The remaining proposal is by the Grosse Pointe Theatre and includes an art center and education facilities.

— Brad Lindberg

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Pier Park is in bloom

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Visitors entering the inner gate of Pier Park this time of year pass a 10-foot viburnum blossoming with white, popcorn ball-size flowers. The plant's sweet smell combines with charcoal grills and the whiff of chlorine from two swimming pools like no other public spot in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Deep within the park, in the lobby of the community building opposite the park office, hangs a photo from 1920 showing the future park site on Lakeshore at the foot of Moross.

The photo's five ladder-back benches near the breakwall of Lake St. Clair have been supplanted over the decades by a 17.5-acre residents-only park with landscaped picnic area, two swimming

pools, bath houses and the Pointes' last remaining beach.

There's a splash pad, modern marina, boat lift, kayak racks, personal watercraft docks, basketball court that becomes an ice skating rink in winter, tennis and paddle tennis courts, shuffleboard courts, snack shop with grill, observation deck, fishing pier, rain garden and more.

The park is open 6 a.m. to midnight through Oct. 1.

Main pool hours are noon to 9 p.m. Saturday, May 26, through June 16. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. June 18 through Sept. 5.

Wading pool hours are noon to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 26, through June 16. Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. June 18 through Sept. 5.

Swimming and tennis lessons are in three sessions starting June 11 and

July 23.

The Barracudas municipal swim team, typically 200 strong, starts the defense of its title in the Lakefront Swimming Association with a June 16 relay meet at home.

Team memberships are open to youth ages 6 to 17, cost \$135 each and \$90 for each additional swimmer in a family.

Summer programs include yoga, aerobics, earlybird lap swimming, water aerobics, arts and crafts and synchronized swimming.

The most well-attended summer activities are water-related, according to Michele Eickhorst, aquatic director.

"We have a new program this year, paddleboarding," she said. "It's like a surfboard. You stand on it with paddle. We're going to do that out in the lake."

Highlights include:

- ◆ annual regatta, Saturday, June 30, (with fireworks) and Sunday, July 1;

- ◆ Saturday evening concerts: 7 p.m. June 30, Soul Provider Band and 4:30 p.m. July 22, Passage;

- ◆ Grosse Pointe Farms-City Family Fishing Rodeo, 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 11;

- ◆ annual ice cream social, 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, and

- ◆ family campout,

Saturday and Sunday Aug. 25-26, \$10 per person.

The Grosse Pointe Farms Boat Club sponsors weekly sailboat races. The start-finish line is off the foot of the outer pier. Races start at 7 p.m. on Thursdays in June, August and the first week of September.

For some time, the club has been pursuing a project for the betterment of the park.

"Recently, they approached the park committee with a proposal for installation of an approximately 14-by-23-foot viewing-fishing deck along the north wall of the park," said Dick Huhn, park director. "The idea is to bring greater access to the lake and create a nice setting for viewing."

Construction will be done by park staff. The club pays for materials, estimated to total \$7,000, Huhn said.

"Material costs would be financed through donations to the boat club," said Shane Reeside, city manager.

Park office hours are 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Oct. 31.

For more information, call the office at (313) 343-2405 or visit grossepointefarms.org. Obtain swim team information by e-mailing swimteam@grossepointefarms.org.

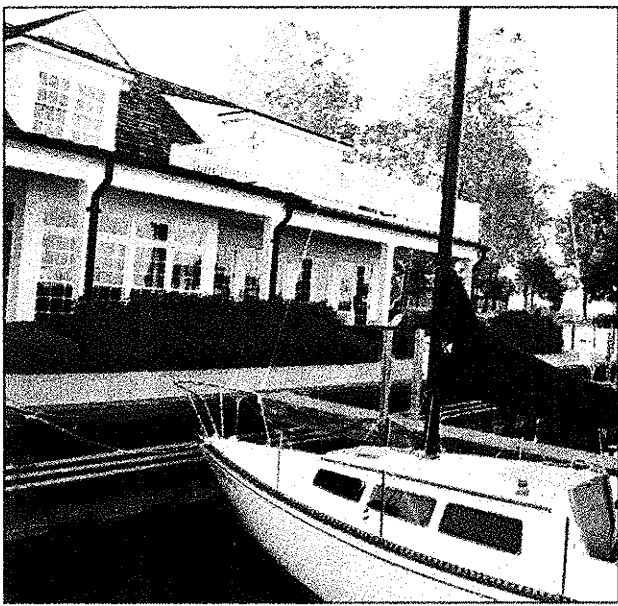


PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

The community building at Pier Park is located near the marina.

Neff Park primed for summer fun

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Picnickers at Neff Park are getting a jump on summer.

Good weather last Sunday evening drew attendance similar to a cool night in July.

"I'm enthusiastic about this summer," said Christopher Hardenbrook, director of parks and recreation in the City of Grosse Pointe. "More and more people are using the park. A lot

of young families are getting park passes. It's nice to see."

The nearly 102-year-old lakeside, residents-only park is dressed for summer.

"Good weather let us get ahead on things," Hardenbrook said. "I remember some summers when we would just be starting the mulching process alone. We've finished that and have aerated the grounds and put fi-

See NEFF, page 6A

Memorial Day service outlined

The Memorial Day service begins at 10 a.m. Monday, May 28, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial with a joint-service color guard. Lt. Col. Rolf E. Mammen, Michigan Air National Guard, gives the keynote address.

The public can attend the free event. Parking is free.

Mammen is 127th Maintenance Group Deputy Commander, Selfridge Air National Guard Base. A graduate of Michigan State University and a combat veteran of the U.S. Air Force, he is a commercial pilot for United Airlines.

Among the military aircraft he has commanded are C-130 transports and A-10 Lightning-II attack jets. In his official duties, Mammen has been instrumental in integrating both airlift and fighter operations into a single command and control structure for the 127th Wing, including the transition to a full-time fighter alert mission after Sept. 11, 2001. He has served in Iraq, Afghanistan and

several other theaters of operation around the world.

Music is provided by Joe Armijo, Dave Pas, Heather Albrecht and the Pierce Middle School students, and bagpiper Mary Beth Nicholson.

New this year is a memorial labyrinth on the back lawn for the guests to reflect following the service. From a distance the labyrinth appears to be an American flag, lined with bags of red, white, and blue with white stars. Participants can write an intention or the name of a veteran or active duty loved one and place it in a helmet at the center for ceremonial burning at the event's conclusion.

The labyrinth is constructed by Norma Housey, whose daughter is an officer in the air force and funded by War Memorial board member Ed Lazar, whose son serves as a combat medic with the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne division.


Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor James C. Farquhar presents the Gold Star honor roll. Readers include Steve Hicks and Ed Lazar, representing World War II; Susan Davies, the Korean War; John B. Maliszewski, the Vietnam War, Afghanistan/Iraq and Meritorious Service.

Veterans of all wars are honored with the tolling of the bell for those who have died in conflict; a rifle salute by the V.F.W. Bruce Post 1146 Ritual Firing Team; the playing of Taps; advancing, placing and retiring the colors by Marine Wing Support Group 47 and a flyover by members of the Michigan/Selfridge Air National Guard.

Groups participating include a Marine Honor Guard, Grosse Pointe American Legion Post 303, Knights of Columbus 1795, Boy Scout Troop 86, Boy Scout Troop 96, Jr. Girl Scout Troop 70564, Daughters of the American Revolution, Louisa St. Clair Chapter, and the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Veterans Club.

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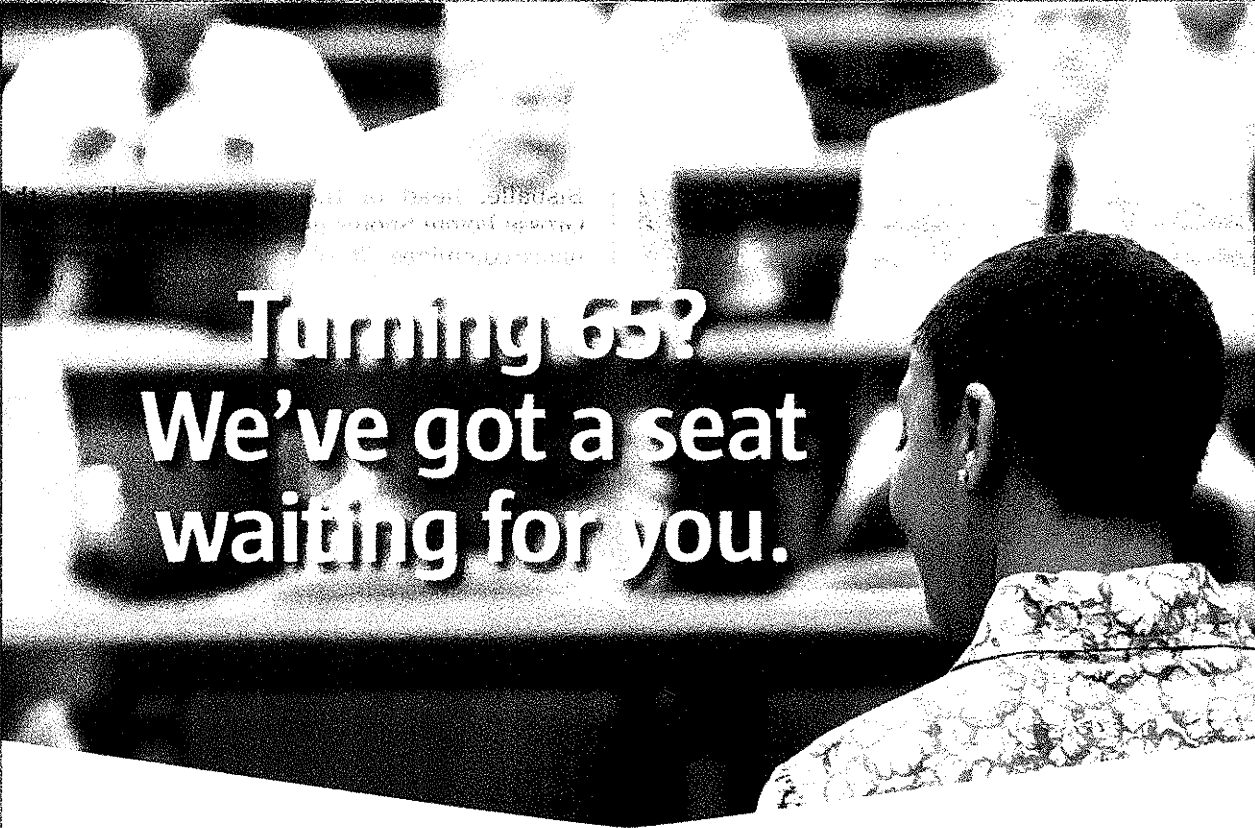
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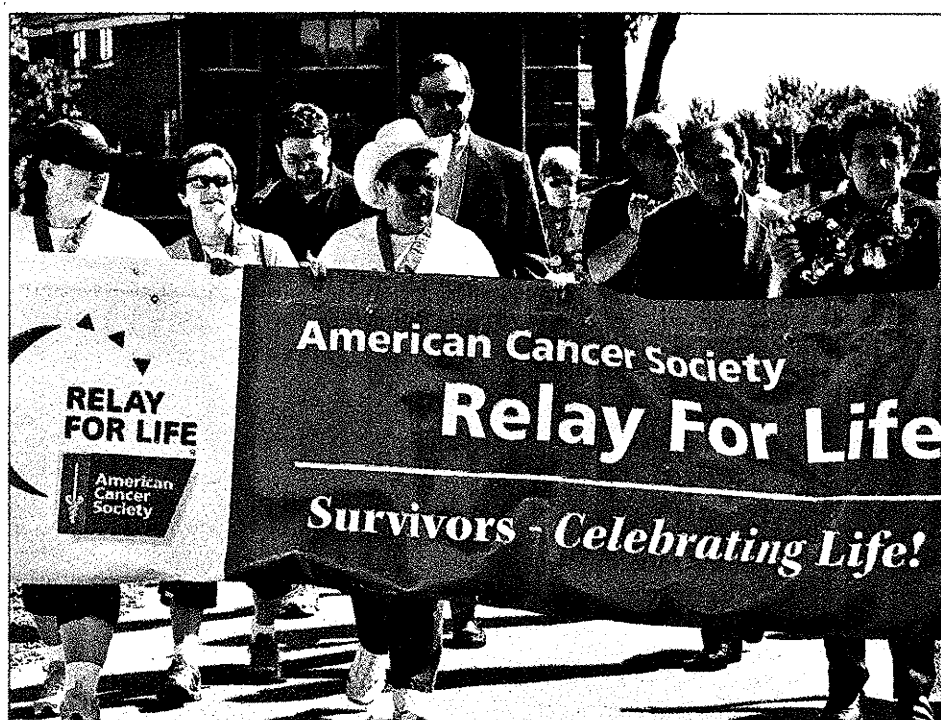
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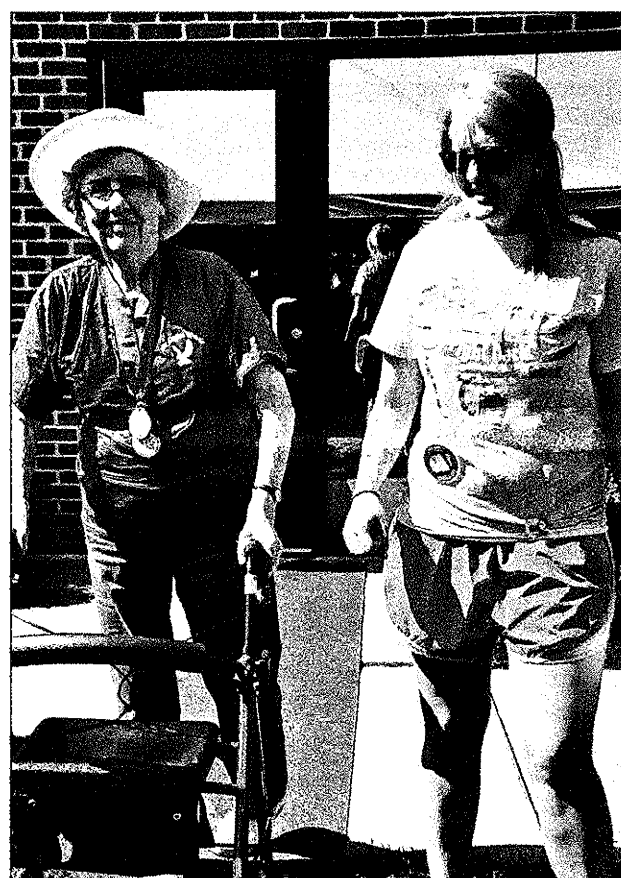
Relay Teamwork

Survivors open the Relay For Life by walking the first lap with Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Robert Novike and councilmen Todd McConaghy and Arthur Bryant.



Poupard Elementary School had a team with the theme of Dr. Seuss. The team won the cake decorating contest award for the most colorful cake. From left are Karri-Lynn Caillouette, a Poupard parent who works at Pierce; Penny Stocks, Poupard principal; Mary Jane Gasper, a classroom assistant; Suzanne Jabara, a second-grade teacher holding the colorful cake; and Stephanie Winbigler, a Poupard parent.

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Taking part in the Relay for Life at Lake Front Park May 19-20, at left, are 20-year cancer survivor Helen Young, left, of Grosse Pointe Park and Julie Borushko, event chair, enjoying her first lap of many. Above, Natalie Leach, 9, lends her artistic abilities.

No increase this time

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Council members passed the first half of a two-year budget this week without raising taxes for general operations.

They also didn't dip into savings.

The budget is for fiscal year 2012-2013, starting in July.

Financial projections for the following fiscal year almost guarantee higher property taxes.

"We need additional funds," said City of Grosse Pointe Councilman John Stempfle. "We're going to have to consider a Headlee override."

Even consolidating the public safety department with another city, consolidating public safety dispatch services with multiple cities and eliminating the K9 unit won't save enough operating costs to avoid a tax rate increase for fiscal year 2013-2014, according to city officials.

"The gorilla in the room is public safety," said Mayor Dale Scrase.

Continued cuts

This is the sixth straight year city officials passed a budget matching lower property value assessments.

"All we've done is cut,

cut, cut the last few years," Stempfle said.

The budget for fiscal year 2013-2014 can't be adopted in advance, but provides a framework for continuation of this year's fiscal strategies.

"We're not done working toward strategic solutions that provide long-range planning and viability to this model," said Councilman Chris Walsh.

The city must do more than cut costs to live with in declining means, he added.

"Continuing the same model, even with modestly increasing income, is a fool's game," Walsh said.

New way of business

Long-term savings call for structural changes, Walsh added, such as police consolidation being studied with Grosse Pointe Park.

"Significant changes in how city services are delivered are going to be more apparent to residents going forward than they were in the past," he said.

The public is more likely to accept tax increases if they know where the money's being spent, such as road maintenance, Walsh said.

"Citizens might concur if (they) know that money is going toward specific

projects they're going to see in their neighborhood," Walsh said.

Taxable values dropped nearly \$5.3 million last year, according to Kimberly Kleinow, finance director.

The overall rate of 14.3529 mills includes a .1039 mill increase for debt retirement.

"(The increase) is dependent on taxable values and the interest payment on the debt," Kleinow said. "That had to go up because taxable values went down."

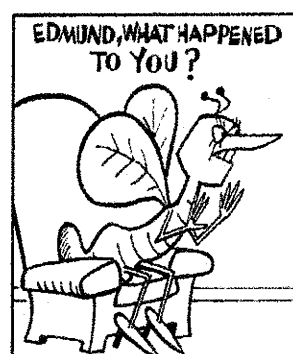
Measures taken to meet declining revenues included:

- ◆ reducing one public service job by attrition,
- ◆ contracting building and inspection services,
- ◆ reducing each department's budget for the fourth consecutive year,
- ◆ eliminating funding, starting in 2013, of the Village concert series and fireworks in Grosse Pointe Woods,
- ◆ ending reimbursements to the Little League for improving Elworthy Field,
- ◆ eliminating private road maintenance, snowplowing and salting,
- ◆ reducing professional consulting services,
- ◆ a fourth year without salary increases for non-union employees and
- ◆ no raises for public safety officers for the fifth

year.

On the other hand, \$20,000 in Downtown Development Funds will be used to market the Village commercial district.

The funds don't come from tax revenues. DDA funds are collected from commercial district and can only be spent on the commercial district, Dame said.



Budget riles some

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Woods city council approved the next budget, but not before several residents expressed concerns over a proposed tax hike city administrators say they need in order to maintain services.

The \$12 million budget, subject of a public hearing Monday, Aug. 21, is based on a millage increase and the use of \$665,000 from the city's fund balance.

"This has been a difficult process, and I appreciate the cooperation of the city's department heads and employees," said City Administrator Skip Fincham.

"However, this budget allows us to maintain and provide essential services. The ultimate goal is to maintain the high level of services our residents expect."

Fincham described several cuts the city has made over the past four years, including a significant reduction in city employees, from 105 to 86. He cited a re-organization in the public safety department, which eliminated six supervisory

positions and praised the city's four unions for agreeing to cuts in health care and pension contributions during contract negotiations.

To several residents who spoke at the hearing, those cuts were not enough.

Brian Carson questioned the need for the city to issue bonds to pay for road repair and suggested the city hire a grant writer.

Former city council members Joe Sucher and Lisa Pinksos Howle cited specifics within the budget that could be cut, with Howle suggesting city employees take up to a 25 percent reduction in salary, while salaries for city council members should be eliminated. She also suggested the allocation for lifeguards at the city's Lake Front Park could be cut if the city changed the resident/guest policy for the park.

Among other cuts Howle suggested were elimination of the city's annual fall tree planting, no new vehicle purchases and no improvements to buildings at Lake

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Water rate up

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Water rates go up 25 percent July 1.

"That will keep our water and sewer fund cash-positive," said Councilman Bruce Bisballe, head of the Grosse Pointe Shores finance committee. "It will not drop below its required level, which the auditors cautioned us on."

Also, the Shores' two commercial water customers — Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and Edsel & Eleanor Ford House — may face new billings.

"We're looking at instituting meter charges and other fees to reflect that commercial nature," Bisballe said.

Additional revenue pays for infrastructure improvements, including the pump station.

"We don't want to issue a bond," Bisballe said.

"We should be able to

fund that out of current operations."

Councilman Dan Schulte voted against the rate increase. His colleagues voted for it.

Rate increases apply to water and sewer charges, and reflect higher costs from the city's supplier, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

"Detroit effectively raised our water rates 19 percent," Bisballe said. "That is due to the change in peak factor."

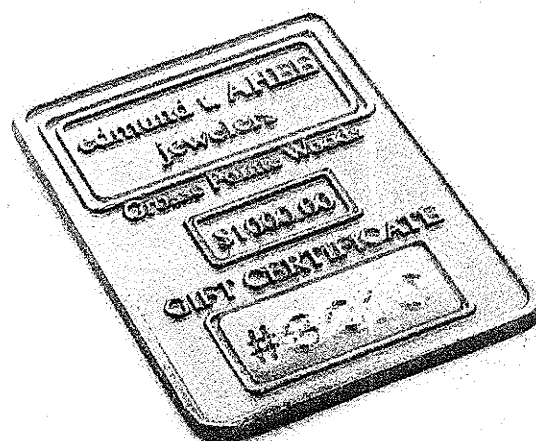
"In addition, there's an 8 percent adjustment from Wayne County (for sewer charges)," added Mark Wollenweber, interim city manager.

The yacht club is the city's largest customer.

"They buy 30 percent of our water," said Mayor Ted Kedzierski. "And, as everyone knows, we have a dispute with them."

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POINTERS OF INTEREST

A throwback to 1860s baseball

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

Within the structures of Historic Fort Wayne is a collection of men of varying age and skill known as the Early Riser Base Ball Club, a roster of 17 whose ballgames replicate details of America's pastime as it existed in 1860s Detroit.

Among the group, Grosse Pointe Park resident Mike "Spotlight" Heenan and Chad "Buster" Woolums.

"My cousin, who's now since moved to Kalamazoo, kind of rounded me up," Heenan said, also an art teacher in the Grosse Pointe Public School System. "It's been great, a lot of fun. It's fun getting together with these guys, just the whole history. The idea of the no gloves kind of levels the playing field a little bit."

In an era of gentlemanly spirit, honor and respect, knickers and newsboy caps, no gloves and social clubs, the Early

Risers were one of several Detroit organizations at the time and participated in the city's first regulation ballgame against the Detroit Base Ball Club in August 1859.

"Early Risers were guys, for the most part, who had day jobs and got up at the crack of dawn and practiced," club historian and mastermind Rob McCallum said of how the original group, which practiced in Campus Martius, earned its nickname. "Our club broke up in 1861. They were planning on playing the 1861 season, but once the Civil War started, a lot of the players joined the Union army. Some of the clubs survived through it, but the Early Risers never did."

Following a stint with Greenfield Village's Lah-De Dahs, McCallum, along with teammate R.J. Chadha, started the modern-day club in 2009, rounding up a group of guys with a passion for history and a desire to

play.

Their schedule extends May through September and features about 17 games against other Vintage Base Ball Association teams, their six homes games played at Historic Fort Wayne, located in Detroit at the intersection of Jefferson and Livernois. All games are played using replica equipment (wooden bats and a one-piece, hand-stitched, leather-covered ball) and according to 1860s-era rules; meaning, no gloves (gloves were considered unmanly at the time), no dugouts, no walks and no overhand pitching. And players can catch fly balls or foul tips off a single bounce and still record an out.

"I was kind of turned off. I had played softball before, but I didn't really do the underhand deal," said Woolums, a former Division 3 ballplayer at DePaul University. "But once you actually get out and play, and realize that's just getting the ball in play, there's a lot more to it. It's challenging, which is kind of cool."

Heenan and Woolums joined the club three years ago. Having endured their fair share of jammed fingers, customary in the first few years as players adjust to fielding ground balls without gloves, the veterans now revel in the feelings of authenticity to each game, of playing competitively, yet with a gentlemanly spirit,



PHOTOS BY A.J. HAKIM

Above, Grosse Pointe Park resident Chad Woolums takes batting practice during a Sunday, May 20, practice at the Historic Fort Wayne in Detroit. Woolums is in his third year as an Early Riser Base Ball Club player.

Below, Woolums catches during Heenan's batting practice.



Park resident and Grosse Pointe Public School System art teacher Mike Heenan during Sunday's practice.

with "huzzahs" instead of "hurrahs."

"There are so many more teams in the area than what people are aware of," Woolums said of the 23 Michigan-area teams currently associated with the VBBA. "I'm just amazed at how organized it is and at how many teams are playing. And it really is fun, just to be able to get out and play

on a regulation field. I play because it feels very authentic to the game and I really enjoy having a chance to do that aspect of it.

"It's a gentlemen's game. It's highly competitive, but it's in the spirit of the game, that you're here to play baseball and not clear the benches or something like that.

"You run into people

who have played different levels of competitive baseball; you run into people who just love the game, but there's a place for everyone within the scheme of things."

For more information about the Early Riser Base Ball Club, visit the club's Facebook page at facebook.com/pages/Early-Riser-Baseball-Club/78839488966.



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Joseph Scott of Grosse Pointe Woods was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2011 semester at St. Joseph's College. The Grosse Pointe North High School graduate is the son of Gregory and

Mary Scott.



Paul Browski of Grosse Pointe Woods earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Ferris State

University in December 2011.



The following area students graduated from Western Michigan University in December 2011:

Jamie K. Judson of Grosse Pointe Park; Erin L. Thornton of Grosse Pointe Shores and Kelly E. Casinelli, Samantha A. Llana and Allison J. Shanley, all of Grosse Pointe Woods.

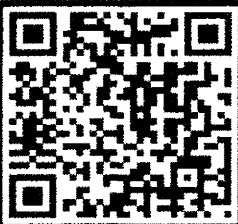
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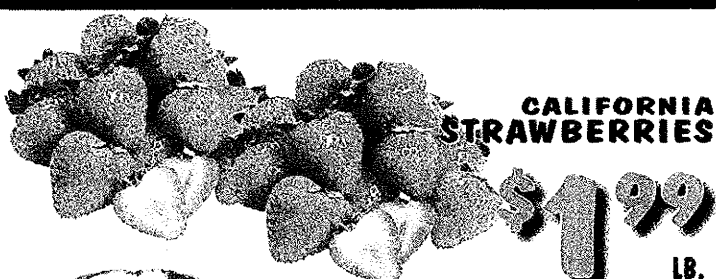
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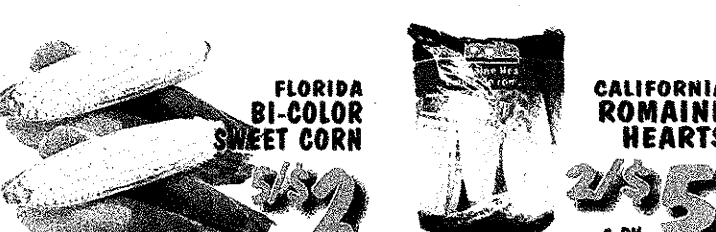
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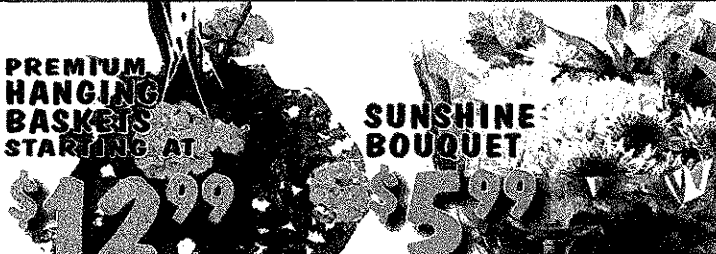
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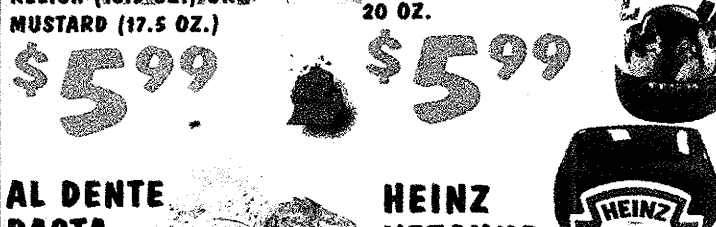
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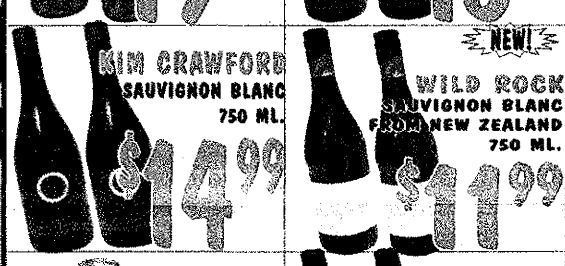
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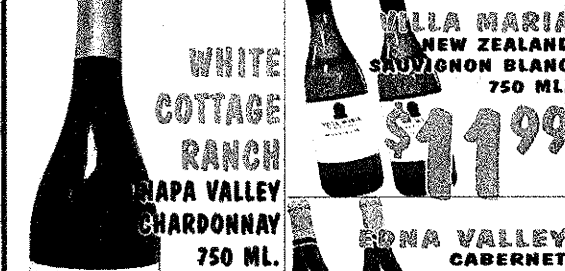
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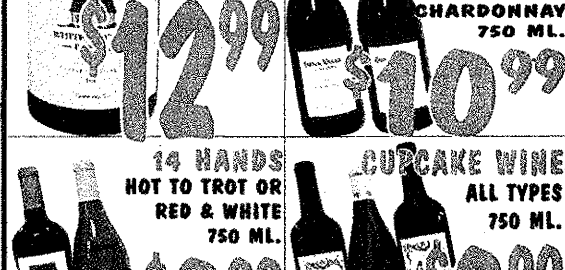
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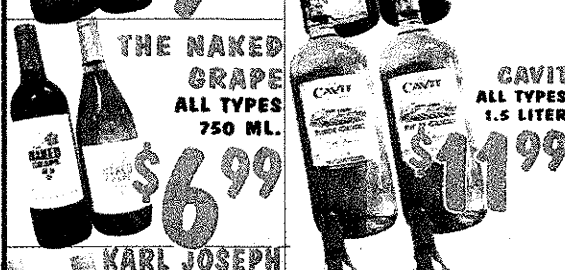
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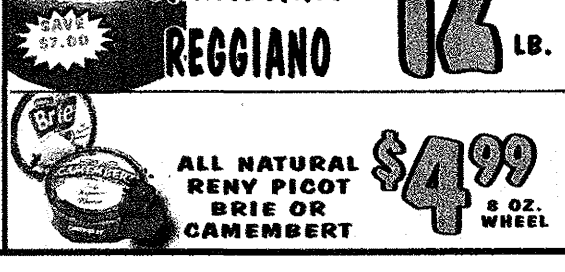
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Rash of burglaries

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS and CITY — Police are warning residents about a pair of weasely housebreakers.

They're small enough to contort through basement windows, according to evidence at crime scenes.

The suspects operate mainly during daylight.

They were seen at

about 9:30 a.m. Monday, May 21, in Grosse Pointe Farms, fleeing a house in the first block of Lakeshore as a burglar alarm rang.

"A witness jogging on Lakeshore heard the alarm (and) saw two white males, both in black T-shirts and shorts, running from the scene," said a patrolman. "They went eastbound (on) Lakeshore, from there unknown."

Police figure at least one of them wound up an hour later about a block away in a house on Edgemere.

At 10:30 a.m., a resident in an upstairs room reported hearing his doorbell and a loud knock. He answered neither.

"A short time later, (he) heard footsteps outside (his) room," said an officer dispatched to the scene.

"(The resident) yelled, 'Who's there?' He heard a response of 'Yo,' then heard running footsteps and his front door opening."

Entry was traced to a small, side basement window. Investigators later that day discovered the same method of entry in

the 300 block of Cloverly.

A woman came home shortly after 5 p.m. to find the front and garage doors open.

Loose change from a commercial-size plastic water bottle was scattered on the kitchen floor. Dresser drawers were open in her upstairs bedroom.

"She left home and called police," reported Officer Matthew Hurner.

In the basement, under a window, a chair was scuffed with dirt and a partial footprint.

About \$2,000 in coins and currency, plus a \$500 silver flat necklace were missing.

Similar B&Es were reported recently in the City of Grosse Pointe.

A computer and jewelry were taken Thursday, May 17, from a residence in the 16900 block of Jefferson.

A burglar on May 9 stole an estimated \$5,000 worth of jewelry from a house on Rathbone Place.

The evening of Sunday, May 20, someone tried to break through the storm door of a house in the 300 block of Rivard near Maumee.

"The window was cracked, but no entry was gained," said Officer Tony Railing.

Police believe the criminals are local and amateurish.

"We got a great fingerprint at the house Cloverly," said Lt. Detective Richard Rosati. "The doofus who broke in grabbed a knife from the kitchen drawer, cut open the coin jug and left a

print on it that's so good it's almost too good to be true."

A witness said one suspect is a young, blonde white male about 5-feet-8.

"He'd been knocking on doors in the area," Rosati said. "Some people said he was inquiring about power washing. That's usual. They knock. If no one answers, great, there's a target. If the homeowner answers, the burglar comes up with some cockamamie excuse for being there."

Stephen Poloni, director of public safety in the City of Grosse Pointe, cautioned residents to be on the lookout.

"They were daytime burglaries," Poloni said. "All seem to be through unlocked doors or windows. If you're in the backyard working on flowers make sure you're front door's locked."

Hit & runner tracked down

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — A hit-and-run investigation during the afternoon of Tuesday, May 15, resulted in the arrest of a 61-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man. Charges include drunken driving and leaving the scene of an injury accident.

"(He) states he had just been in 3rd Circuit Court for felony (drunken driving)," said an officer.

The wreck was reported at 2:05 p.m. Tuesday, May 15.

Witnesses said an older, gray-haired man operating a red Mercedes-Benz ran a stop sign at northbound Washington and Kercheval, hit another vehicle, careened over a curb, sideswiped a tree and drove off.

A witness tried to follow but lost sight of the Mercedes.

A woman driving the other vehicle was injured. Officers wouldn't elaborate, citing privacy laws.

Harper Woods police soon reported the vehicle in their jurisdiction. A City officer found it parked be-

hind a business in the 19900 block of Harper near Littlestone.

A witness reportedly saw the driver "stumbling away" on Parkcrest, said police.

The Mercedes carried a license plate for a another car owned by a Canton couple, police said. The Mercedes was registered to a Shelby Township woman, police said.

A broken mirror at the wreck scene "matched up to (the) defendant's vehicle," said an officer.

Officers found a business card in the Mercedes. The card had the name of the Woods man.

"(Two officers) recognized (the) defendant's name from previous arrests for operating while impaired," said an officer.

At 3:48 p.m., police arrested the suspect at his house. He refused to allow his breath to be tested for alcohol content, so authorities obtained a search warrant for his blood to be drawn for testing.

— Brad Lindberg

Gentz hearing postponed

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

The competency hearing for Joseph Gentz, the handyman accused in the murder of Grosse Pointe Park marketing executive Jane Bashara, is postponed until Monday, June 11.

Gentz is charged with both first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder in the case.

Jane Bashara, 56, was found dead in the back seat of her SUV the morning of Jan. 25.

She had been strangled. Her husband, Bob, had reported her missing from their house in Grosse Pointe Park the night before.

Bob Bashara, named as a person of interest in his wife's death, has denied any involvement. However, Jane Bashara's mother, Lorraine Engelbrecht, recently filed a police report, charging Bob Bashara with harassment.

In a report dated Sunday, May 13, filed with the Roseville Police Department, Engelbrecht said she believes Bob

Bashara "may be unstable enough to harm her."

Her comments came after Bob Bashara appeared Friday, May 11, on NBC's show, "Dateline," where he admitted to having an extra-marital affair, but that he and Jane had an open marriage. According to the official police report, Engelbrecht said she had watched the "Dateline" show and felt she needed to "call him regarding things he said about her daughter."

She phoned Bob Bashara the morning of Saturday, May 12, and "told him to stop dragging her daughter's name through the mud, and to not bring her down to his level." She then hung up the phone. Bob Bashara called back twice, and while she says he did not make any threats against her, he "still scared her."

According to the police report, Engelbrecht was assisted in filing the report by Tim Matouk, an investigator with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. Matouk told Roseville police he advised Engelbrecht to make a police report regarding

her concerns so it could be on file.

Matouk's involvement with Engelbrecht also lent credence to reports the Wayne County

Prosecutor's office has taken over as lead investigators in the case. While Grosse Pointe Park's Chief of Police David Hiller has declined comment, several sources reported Prosecutor Kym Worthy is personally overseeing the case. In March, deputies from the Wayne County Sheriff's department were helped execute a search warrant at the home of Rachel Gillett, Bob Bashara's mistress.

Gillett, 51, acknowledged publicly, for the first time this weekend, she and Bob Bashara had been involved in a three-year affair. In an interview with WDIV, she said when she first met Bob Bashara he had told her he was a widower. After they became more involved, he admitted he was married but was getting a divorce. He told her the divorce was finalized in May 2011.

It wasn't until Jane Bashara was murdered

Gillett learned they had not been divorced.

"For the last eight months of our relationship, I thought he was finally divorced," Gillett told WDIV. "We looked for a house. We went to many places in Grosse Pointe and in the area."

"I never tried to hide my relationship. My friends, my family, my coworkers all knew of Bob as my boyfriend. This was a relationship that I thought was mutual."

"He led me to believe he wanted a future with me as much as I wanted it. And I have since discovered that he had no intention of ever divorcing. And I still have a difficult time. I don't understand how you can do that."

Gillett, who had lived in the City of Grosse Pointe, has moved out of state. She was granted a personal protection order against Bob Bashara April 26.

For his part, Bob Bashara has denied any involvement in the murder of his wife and has challenged Gillett's PPO. His attorney, David Griem, did not respond to a request for comment.

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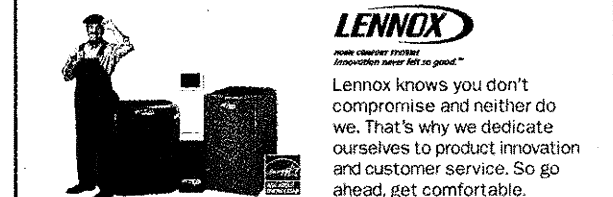
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NEFF: A new year is here

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nal touches on the pavilion."

Swimming and wading pools are scrubbed and full. Lifeguards await their opening Saturday, May 26.

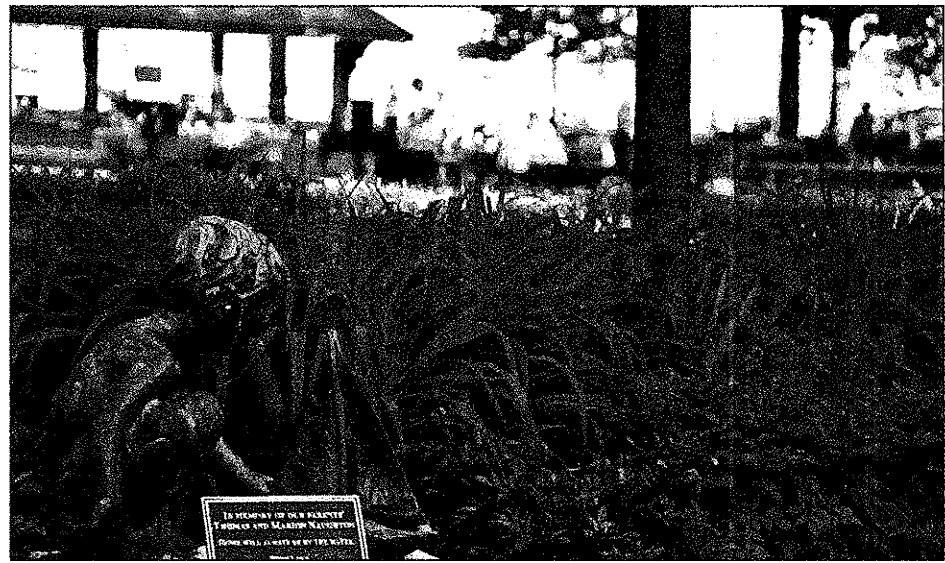
Pool hours through June 14 are:

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- ◆ 4 to 9 p.m. Friday,
- ◆ 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and
- ◆ 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday.

Early morning swim through June 14 is 6 to 10 a.m. Monday through Friday, 6 to 8 a.m. Saturday and 8 to 10 a.m. Sunday.

Pool hours through Sept. 3 are: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, and morning swim 8 to 10 a.m.

New to the municipal marina are wells designed



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Picnickers blend in with the background at Neff Park.

nated for personal watercraft.

"Wells can be co-rented for personal watercraft, allowing the cost of wells to be shared," Hardenbrook said.

Six wells are available for boats 24 to 29 feet

long.

"You can move in right away," Hardenbrook said.

Open wells are an indication of economic conditions. During boom years, waiting lists stretched years. During current lean times, everyone's cut back, including at the park.

Hardenbrook's goal is to reduce program costs without anyone noticing.

"We've kept the anchor programing," he said.

The popular fall harvest (Saturday, Sept. 29) and summer campout (Friday and Saturday, Aug. 3-4) remain.

Additional classes include, but are not limited to, babysitter training, CPR, lifeguard training, swimming lessons and aquatics, diving, synchronized swimming and kayak rentals.

One cost-cutter this summer is expected to improve services. Tennis lessons at Elworthy Field are contracted to the Eastside Tennis and Fitness Club.

"Students get the skills of a pro and higher level of instruction," Hardenbrook said.

Practice for the Norbs swim team, named after park namesake Norbert Neff, the city's first manager, starts Tuesday, May 29.

Time trials and pancake breakfast are Saturday, June 9. The first home meet is 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 3, against the Grosse Pointe Woods Warriors.

For more information, call the park office at (313) 343-5257. For a full list of recreation programs, visit grossepoinctecity.org.

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HIKE: One-year increase comes amid more cuts

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rice before seeking higher taxes and

♦ there was no attempt by the new, interim city manager to counter lower assessed property values, thereby propping up municipal tax revenues beyond market levels.

"I'm the last guy who wants a tax increase," Miserendino said. "But, the difference is, the last council wanted to fight assessed valuations, so they wanted our valuations to stay high and raise taxes."

The higher tax rate is nearly 8 percent greater than now.

Because 1 mill in the Shores translates to about \$250,000, the 1.5 mill increase is expected to generate an additional \$375,000 in tax receipts.

The money also qualifies the city to accept \$960,000 in federal road grants to repave Lakeshore north of Vernier.

Rollback promised

"These funds will be used exclusively for road maintenance and road repairs — no ifs, ands or buts," said Councilman Bruce Bisballe, chairman of the finance committee. "It's for one year and one year only."

"We're committing to a promise," said Mayor Ted Kedzierski. "We have to deliver."

Work on Lakeshore could start the second week of June, according to Brett Smith, head of public works.

"We do not expect any closures," he said.

Councilman Dan Schulte cast the lone no vote. He wanted the additional revenues placed in a specific road fund that couldn't be diverted to other purposes.

Due to this year's 12 percent drop in assessed values, the increased tax rate results in lower tax bills per household.

"On the average home, even with a 1.5 mill increase, taxes to the (city) drop about \$200," Bisballe said.

Recall leader, Dr. Robert Lee, is holding the council to its word about the one-year rate expiration.

"A millage increase is a millage increase," Lee said.

He praised the council for cost savings, yet warned the new tax rate of 18.64 mills is close to the 20-mill cap for a city.

"We think there are additional savings," said Councilman Robert Gessell, also on the finance committee. "We will be moving forward with two- and three-year budgets we talked about last November."

Money left over from repaving Lakeshore will go toward other road repairs.

"With that money in reserve, we are planning on doing Lochmoor and

Sunningdale next summer, if budget conditions stay the way we hope they will," Bisballe said.

Smith also looks forward to making spot repairs on Hampton.

Filling the gap

Nearly 78 percent of the city's \$5,488,444 general budget for next year comes from property taxes.

Public safety and public works combine for nearly 77 percent of expenses.

"(In) our current year budget, we lost \$32 million in assessed value of real estate in one year," Bisballe said. "That translates into roughly \$450,000 in lost revenues."

He said revenue en-

hancements and cost cuts filled the shortfall, including:

♦ an insurance premium rebate resulted in the city paying only \$2,100 annually for coverage,

♦ saving \$150,000 per year by contracting the job of city manager and hiring a part-time public safety director,

♦ increased state revenue sharing,

♦ at least \$40,000 increased court fines,

♦ no salary or wage increases,

♦ using money saved from snow removal to repair infrastructure,

♦ allocating money from the general fund to the water department.

"We anticipate to add to the fund balance in the current year about \$200,000," Bisballe said. "We will almost be at our 20 percent threshold for

financial stability."

The retirement of a disabled veteran public safety officer makes room in the budget for a rookie at a lower salary.

The move saves \$40,000 in annual overtime because officers won't have to fill in for the disabled patrolman.

"We're happy we can bring another police officer to the street," said Councilwoman Kay Felt. "That was a goal. We can improve services and save costs."

"If we need more officers, we'll assess that going forward," Bisballe said.

"We said we were going to have fiscal responsibility without sacrificing premier services," Kedzierski said. "Anybody can cut. The trick is to make cuts without impacting services."

BUDGET: Hearing goes 90 minutes

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Front Park.

She and Sucher went after the city's legal costs, citing a \$250,000 Woods legal budget as compared to Grosse Pointe Farms' annual budget of \$60,000.

"I'm concerned with how much work we are sending to the city attorney," Sucher said. "Every time you pick up the phone there's a 15 minute charge at \$165 per hour. That phone call may not have been necessary."

Sucher urged the council to make tough choices.

"The hard cuts have to be made," he told his former colleagues. "I would-

n't say I made any, but I suggested some. We need to live within our means."

Following the public hearing, which lasted nearly 90 minutes, the council voted 6-0 to approve the budget. Councilwoman Vicki Granger did not attend the meeting.

The council also approved the language for two ballot proposals residents will be asked to approve in the Nov. 6 election.

The first proposal asks residents to approve an override of the state's Headlee Amendment allowing the city to increase the millage rate by 1.85 mills for 10 years to provide funds for municipal

services. The proposal states, "If approved and levied in its entirety, this new additional millage would raise approximately \$1,119,000 in 2013."

The second proposal asks residents to approve \$10 million in general obligation bonds for road repair.

Following the meeting, Sucher said he was disappointed in the budget approval vote.

"I'm disappointed that the council would not consider the over 100 cuts that were proposed here tonight," he said. "We'll see if the Headlee override language even makes it on to the ballot. We plan on fighting it."

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GUEST OPINION By Mark Weber

Grateful to war veterans

All of us at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial are honored to be a part of a community organization devoted to honoring our veterans, patriotism and democratic ideals — 365 days a year.

We are forever grateful to the veterans who are the backbone of our mission and to the community for their continuing support and enthusiastic dedication to our cause.

It is our hope that when you walk through the lobby of the magnificent, historic house that serves as your War Memorial, the names cast in bronze remind you of our obligations to honor those who fought and served our country for our freedom so we might live in peace.

On Memorial Day, let us never forget those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country, and let us remember those who are defending our freedom now.

This is our greatest duty as Americans.

Because of what our active service men and women do on a daily basis, and because of what our veterans have done in their finest hours, a firmer courage and higher hope inspires the hearts of all of us.

To all of you who have served our country, please know you help us realize our values, principles and determination to succeed as a free and democratic people, and you continue to give us a torch to light the way. You have our deepest gratitude for your service.

Weber is president of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

I SAY By Brad Lindberg

Rejuvenation



SPEEDWAY, Ind. — One of the appeals of a race course is seeing competitors come around one bend and leave around another.

Their coming and going issues a sense of building on the past to prepare for the future. The past is prologue.

I feel this legacy when sitting in grandstands over-

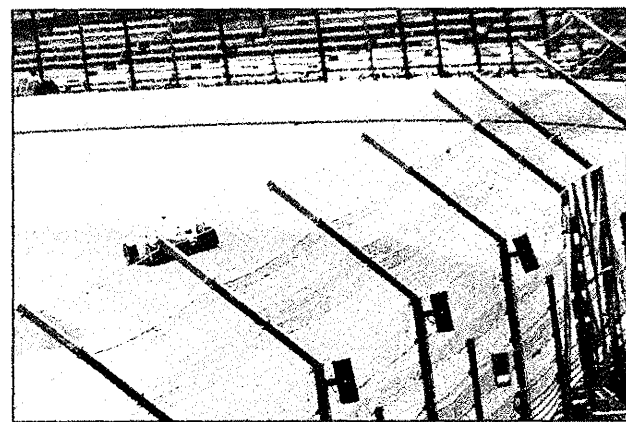


PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

Rounding turn 1 during practice.

looking the front straight of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway:

Looking up the track toward turn 4, seeing a car bank onto the straight, progress down the 5/8-mile straight past the start-finish line and scoring pylon, and bank left into turn 1, nearly 1/4 mile all its own.

Despite this sense of coming, going and rejuvenation, this historic course is not a place where what will be, will be.

The track, and especially the Indianapolis 500-mile race, are the apex of North American open wheel motorsports, the ceiling against which all other auto racing accomplishments bump.

To drive fastest, to finish first, "All things that are, are with more spirit chased than enjoy'd."

Yes, Shakespeare. He'd be a fan. In the stands at Indy.

Part of a raceday crowd of 400,000, swapping box lunches, borrowing binoculars and sharing sunscreen. Eating Indy Dogs and Brickyard Burgers. Everyone

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They hover as a cloud
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- Henry Ward Beecher



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The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday. Letters to the Editor can be e-mailed to jwarner@grossepointe-news.com.

Low-income housing

To the Editor:

Citizens are unaware of Grosse Pointe Park's low-income housing program.

It has never been openly discussed or voted on by the Grosse Pointe Park City Council, and thus received no reporting from the various news media that attend the council meetings.

These are the nine city-owned houses the Park city council has assigned to the Wayne County Neighborhood Stabilization Program I low-income housing program:

1035-37 Wayburn, 1222
Wayburn, 1325
Beaconsfield, 1327
Maryland, 1343 Wayburn,
1354 Wayburn, 1423

Lakepointe, 1426
Lakepointe and 1441
Lakepointe.

Sales and rentals are being handled by Wayne County's contractor, National Faith Homebuyers Inc.

National Faith Homebuyers already has a list of hundreds of low-income qualified Wayne County residents who have registered their eligibility by attending the required information meetings and training programs.

Any Pointer who has friends or relatives who would like to live in these houses needs to get their application filed with National Faith Homebuyers right now.

Applicants must be in the lower 50 percent of Wayne County median in-

come: one person family, \$22,900; two person family, \$26,150; three person family, \$29,400; and four person family, \$32,650.

Down-payment assistance is up to \$25,000 for buyers. Section 8 assistance is available for qualified renters.

Drive by and look at the beautiful job the G.L. Fisher Construction Company is doing in rehabbing these nine houses under the Park's \$1,200,000 share of this Federal HUD program. Completion is scheduled for July.

For information, contact National Faith Homebuyers at (313) 255-9500; nationalfaith.org

Shame on the Park city council for not informing Grosse Pointers about the opportunity to get in on this HUD housing program.

CHARLES LEAHY
Grosse Pointe Shores

Distinguished Alumni Award series

To the Editor:

We want to thank you for your inspiring news articles in regard to Grosse Pointe North High School's inaugural Distinguished Alumni Award series.

We looked forward

each week to A. J. Hakim's articles on those graduates who were to be, and were, honored May 14.

It was a wonderful celebration for the honorees, the students and our entire community.

We look forward to Mr. Hakim's writing in the future on special happenings in the community.

AL DICKINSON
Grosse Pointe Woods

G.P. North High School awards

To the Editor:

Thank you for your coverage of the Grosse Pointe North High School's inaugural Distinguished Alumni Awards.

The award ceremony was uplifting to both students and adults who attended.

Hopefully, the Distinguished Alumni Selection Committee will receive many applications for future award nominees.

I enjoyed reading each weekly article and then meeting the awardees in person.

Go Norsemen!
SANDY SHORTT
Grosse Pointe North High School Class of 1973 40th Reunion Committee Member

I SAY By Ann L. Fouty

Transit of Venus in June



Mary Stewart Adams wants you to know about the celestial phenomenon, a once-in-a-lifetime sight — the Transit of Venus begins at 5 p.m. June 5.

The transit is Venus traveling in front of the sun. See it now because it won't happen again for another century. Actually, this is the culmination of a celestial event that began June 8, 2004.

I met Adams a couple weeks ago on the shores of Lake Michigan to talk about a dark sky. She is the program director of the Headlands Dark Sky Park, a designation bestowed in 2011 on 600 acres in Emmet County. A feature story will follow in June explaining the prestigious designation and why it is important to the county and state.

On this particular day in mid-May, wind was steadily blowing through the pine and birch trees, brushing the white trilliums keeping the blossoms gently nodding.



Mary Stewart Adams, Dark Sky Park program director, will watch the Transit of Venus in Emmet County.

The sun was shining and making the water in the bay sparkle. We were sheltered in the Headlands' beach house, a summer home formerly owned by the Chicago McCormicks, now the property of the county. We were discussing stars, planets and man-made illumination.

The Transit of Venus is the tiny planet crossing the face of the sun, a phenomenon occurring in pairs separated by eight years. The transit won't happen again for another 120 years, Adams said.

Other transits occurred in 1631, 1639, 1761, 1769, 1874 and 1882. The next occurrences are on the

December 2117 and 2125 calendars.

The current Venus transit rotation started June 8, 2004, and completes its cycle from 5 p.m. to sunset June 5. Its orbital plane puts it directly between the sun and the earth. This celestial occurrence is to be proceeded by a May 30 solar eclipse and a partial lunar eclipse June 4.

She said, these three events are a syzygy, an ancient Greek word meaning yoked together.

No doubt the astronomy community is glued to its collective of telescopes. For the average sky watcher, protective eyewear should be

donned to witness this once-in-a-lifetime event because viewers are staring directly into the sun. However, if you are visiting Portugal, southern Spain, western Africa or the southern two-thirds of South America, you are out of luck, according to NASA's eclipse website. The transit won't be visible there.

If June's transit is missed, check out Mercury's orbit. Not as notable because that planet has 13 or 14 transits each century, the website said. The last one was in 2006.

Adams goes on to say, a Transit of Venus and other heavenly highlights were used by ancient researchers to confirm mysteries such as the sun's distance from the earth and the size of the solar system. Not as reliable as 21st century measuring tools, it helped ancients grasp the extent of distances.

Yet, it is these types of sky highlights that should be noted and observed so we don't lose the wonderment of the cosmos, Adams said.

Turn your eyes to the sky the evening of Tuesday, June 5, so you can tell your grandchildren about the Transit of Venus.

Macomb switch still a hot topic

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — The old saying about putting a cart before the horse reared up in discussions this month about aligning the city with Macomb County.

City leaders won't commit money and much more administrative time to the effort until polling residents.

"If we're supposed to be acting on behalf of our residents, how can we not find out what they want?" said Grosse Pointe Shores Councilman Robert Gessell.

The answer comes with the Aug. 7 primary election.

A question being placed on the ballot asks Shores residents to vote for or against leaving Wayne County in favor of Macomb.

Results are advisory. Even if Macomb wins big and the matter is advanced, final approval is out of the Shores' hands.

A switch in jurisdictions will be settled in subsequent elections by voters from throughout Wayne and Macomb counties.

While Shores representatives reportedly received encouragement from top Macomb officials, none imagines easy prospect of Wayne voters letting the Shores waltz off with it's \$6 million in annual county property tax payments.

"Why would 51 percent of Wayne County voters give up \$6 million?" said Councilman Bruce

Bisballe.

Shores residents would save about \$1.3 million per year under Macomb's lower tax rate, according to Shores Councilman Dan Schulte, founder of the Grosse Pointe Shores Move-to-Macomb Committee.

"The main attraction is a big tax reduction, almost 4 mills," Schulte said. "We've met with executive staff of Macomb County. They told us they will, at the very least, meet all the services provide by Wayne County, and probably exceed them."

"I can't believe anyone would not want to save money," said Gloria

Anton, a committee member.

According to committee findings, released at the May 15 city council meeting, a switch yields the Shores several financial advantages:

- ◆ \$1,214,957 per year for the Shores citywide,
- ◆ \$880 annually for owners of property with a taxable value of \$200,000,
- ◆ \$4,400 annually for owners of property with a taxable value of \$1 million,
- ◆ potential homeowner and auto insurance premium savings,
- ◆ Shores property wouldn't need reappraisal,
- ◆ county and court

records, including deeds, carry forward and

◆ snow plowing, law enforcement support and maintenance of roads and the seawall would exceed current levels.

Also, the Shores stays part of the Grosse Pointe Public School System, according to Mack McInerney, attorney for the Shores and school system.

The change, however, comes with a price.

Mayor Ted Kedzierski, acknowledging a move has conceptual merit, estimated a public relations campaign to win support of most Wayne County voters could cost \$100,000.

"Are we willing to devote scarce resources in our budget to fight a battle with Wayne County we can't win?" Kedzierski said.

"It's all for naught if they're [Wayne County voters] not going to approve it," Bisballe said.

A legislative solution is possible.

"Get the law changed," Bisballe said.

Political winds are favorable to write a new state law taking heavily-Democratic Wayne County voters out of the loop.

"We have more Republicans up there (in Lansing) than we'll ever have," Bisballe said.

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unbridled with the roar and rumble of a rolling start by 33 turbocharged cars totaling more than 20,000 horsepower.

"To sports, to wildness and much company."

This year's 500, Sunday, May 27, could be especially competitive. The nature of the race cars used this year in the Indy Racing League foreshadow lots of passing.

The cars are new this season. They're bodies are designed to generate heavy aerodynamic downforce. Downforce yields traction and control, but is diametric on super speedways.

It makes cars more stable, allowing greater maneuverability and, presumably, more opportunity to jink around competitors. It also creates drag that slows cars.

There's little that race teams can do to reduce downforce generated by the body of Indy cars.

"Most of the downforce comes from the ground effects tunnel underneath the body," said Chris Houge, crew chief of the No. 22 car, co-owned by Robbie Buhl, formerly of Grosse Pointe Farms.

At high speeds, tunnels induce high-speed flow of air under the cars that create vacuums. Air trying to fill those vacuums presses down on the tops of the cars, sticking them firmer to the track than otherwise.

Indy cars also have front and rear wings. During qualifying last weekend for the 500, teams adjusted their car's front and rear wings to provide lift. This is counter intuitive. Wings were originally added to race cars decades ago to provide downforce.

Yet, wings on the current generation of Indy cars were being set to offset the body's downforce and drag.

"There's a point where the wings create minimum downforce and a point wither they create too much lift," Houge said.

Racers call it trimming out the car.

"It's a balancing act," Houge said. "Were looking for that sweet spot."

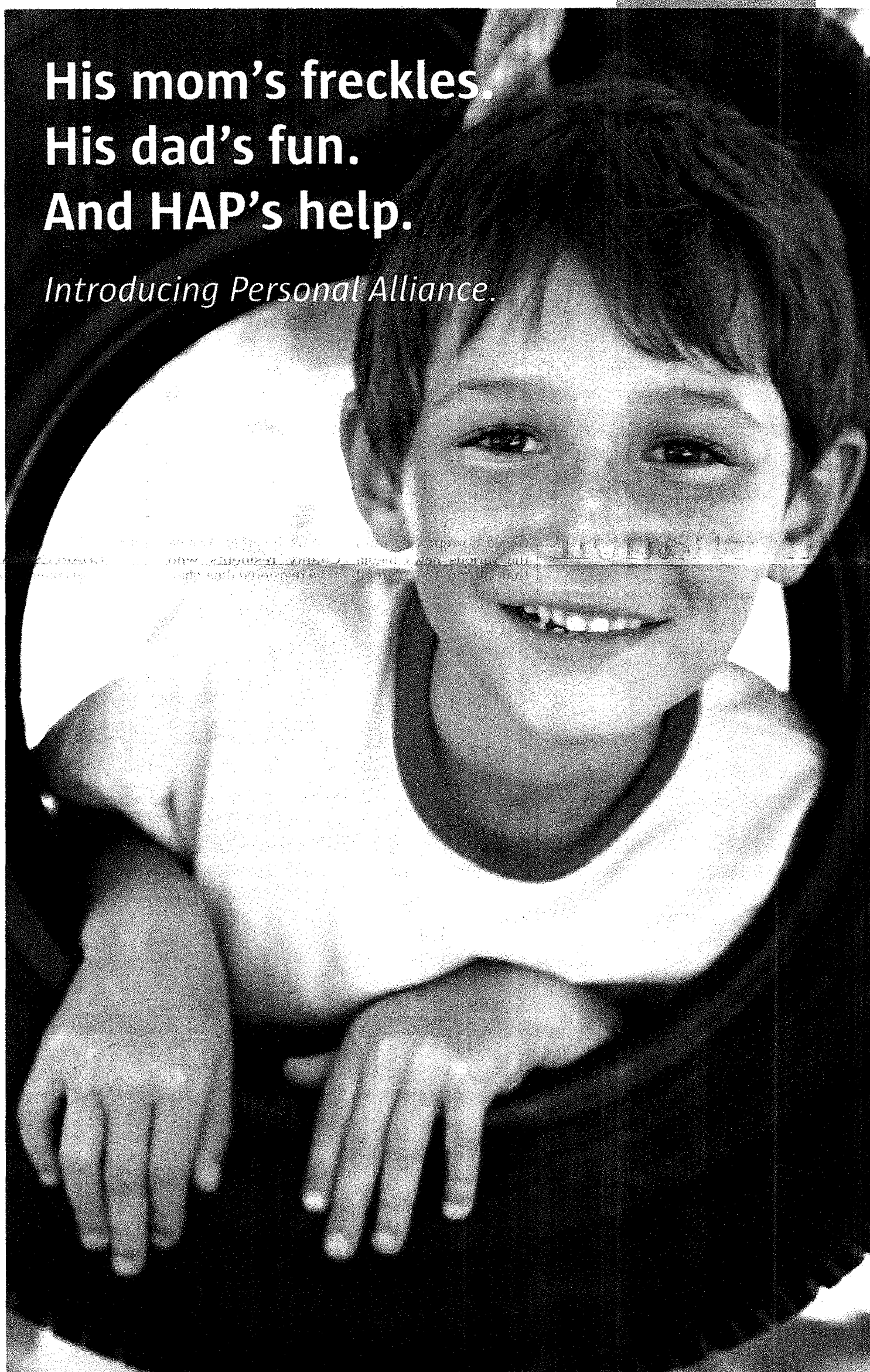
In the race, wings will be lowered to provide additional downforce and control.

Houge is from Indiana. He grew up in a racing family, studied mechanical engineering in college and has been on Buhl's team four years.

"We're pretty optimistic about the 500," he said. "We have a good group of guys. I think we'll be in contention."

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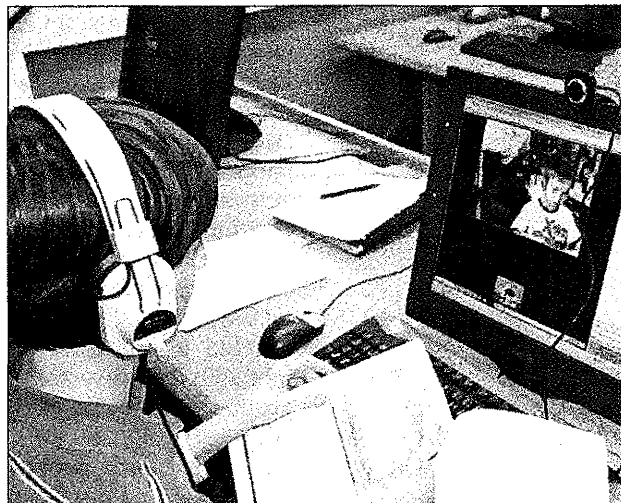
Parcells, Kerby share in reading experience

By A.J. Hakim
 Staff Writer

Awaiting his turn to read at one of the classroom's designated computer stations, one in front and another in back, Abhinav Nannapaneni sat quietly at his desk and reviewed his self-scribed children's story in nervous anticipation.

"I spent a lot of time on it, so I hope he gets excited about it," Parcells Middle School digital presentations student Nannapaneni said about reading his story, "Two Small Birds in a Big Forest," to a Kerby Elementary School first grader through Skype.

Reading to first graders was the culminating phase of Alexandra Gulyas's (Parcells) and Karla Corio's (Kerby) joint venture, in which Nannapaneni and others created digital children's stories and personalized them for their specific child in Corio's class. It



Left, Parcells Middle School students from Alexandra Gulyas's digital presentations class Skype with Kerby Elementary School first graders from Karla Corio's class. Parcells students created children's stories and personalized them for their assigned first grader.

Right, Abhinav Nannapaneni reads his story, "Two Small Birds in a Big Forest," to his assigned first grader.



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was a lesson in digital presentations and fables, reading and writing, creativity and imagination.

"Because this is a digital presentations class, I was just looking for different ways to do digital presentations," Gulyas said of the project, an idea from Amanda Pata, the school's media specialist who had recently returned from a technol-

ogy workshop. "They're familiar with PowerPoint and Movie Maker and I just wanted to do something different."

Coordinated in conjunction with the class' mini fables unit, the three-week project started with students researching fables. They selected one of personal meaning and used it as the basis of a modern-

day cartoon, created with an online application. Afterward, they studied further the formulae involved in developing a children's story, wrote outlines and sent their assigned first grader a questionnaire to personalize the story.

"That's when some of the reluctant authors got really involved," Gulyas said. They figured, 'Hey,

this kid likes Cabrera. I like Cabrera. This I can do.'"

"I worked really hard on this story because I wanted to make a good impression on him and make him feel like... just let him know we're working hard on it," Sam Drummey added. "It was great. I liked it."

From there, their questionnaires returned, stu-

dents added any new content and completed their stories. And with Movie Maker, a video editing software, students designed a 30- to 60-second book trailer for their assigned student, which generated excitement before the project's culmination Thursday and Friday, May 10 and 11, when Gulyas's students took turns reading their stories to Corio's first graders.

"I've never done anything like this before and I thought it would be cool, but you never know to middle schoolers what you think is cool," Gulyas said. "I really do think most of them were pretty excited about this. I think it was awesome and I'm definitely going to do this again next year."

"It's a good experience for the kid and he'll be able to, when he's all grown up, he'll one day be doing the same thing that we do," Nannapaneni said.

North bands and orchestras rate superior

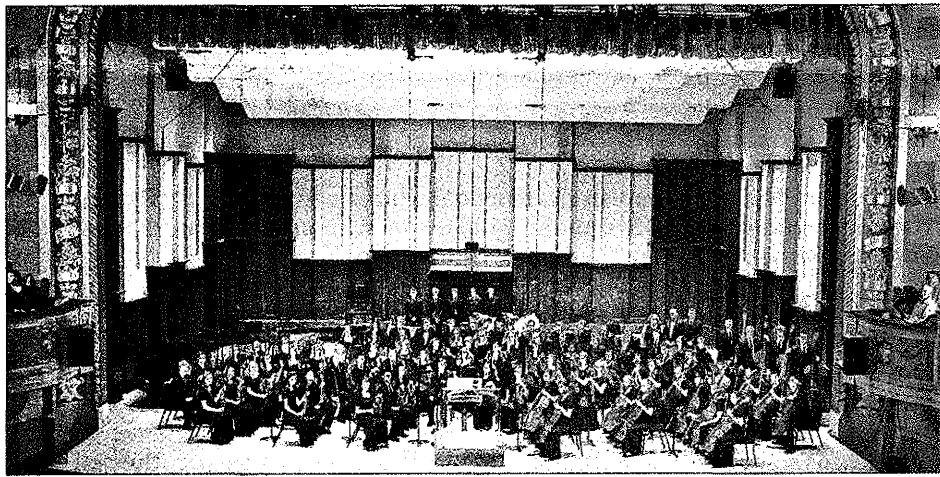


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Grosse Pointe North High School's symphony orchestra from an April concert at Orchestra Hall in Detroit.

Grosse Pointe North High School's jazz band received a "superior" rating and one of the highest scores of the festival this past weekend at the Cedar Point "Music in the Parks" festival.

Additionally, for his solo, "Channel One Suite," Ron Ilagan earned the weekend's "Most Outstanding Soloist."

In the past few months, band and orchestra students have represented the school well at the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association State Solo and Ensemble Festival at Farmington Hills Harrison High School and other events.

Students performed solos and ensembles for professional adjudicators and were rated one to five, based on performance quality and overall execution — technique, intonation, ensemble, tone and dynamics. Performances earning a first- or second-division rating were awarded medals.

In addition to performing a prepared selection, 10th- to 12th-grade soloists also performed a series of scales and sight readings, or proficiency tests.

All students at the state festival previously received a superior, first-place medal at the district festival in January.

At the state festival, the following students received a second division medal for an excellent performance: Lauren

Brush (flute solo); Gabby Tatum, Karyn Schwartz, Makenna Holman (flute trio); Conner Blaine, Harrison Campion (brass duet); Makenna Holman, Katherine MacDonald (woodwind duet); Nathan Doss, Bobby McGovern, Michael Janssen (trumpet trio); William Coderre, Joseph Bourgoin, Michael Bakowski (percussion trio); Leah Fishwick, Allison Francis (violin/clarinet duet); Lakshman Mulpuri (violin solo).

The following students received a first-division medal for a superior performance:

Ryan Waggoner, Dan Kubacki (brass duet); Emily Hoshaw (violin solo); Michael Janssen, Nathan Doss, Bobby McGovern, Max Ertzbischoff, Steven Licari (brass quintet); Keelia Hamdan, Analise Guido (cello/clarinet duet); Sarah Schade, Brian Almeria (violin duet); Maxwell Yoshida (trumpet solo); Elizabeth Marck, Keelia Hamdan (cello duet); Kayla Luteran (viola solo); Isabella Cubillejo (violin solo); Emily Hoshaw, Isabella Cubillejo (violin duet); Michael Sacchetti, Matthew Stander (violin duet); Melina Glusac (cello solo); Ryan Waggoner, Conner Blaine, Andres Hensley, Harrison Campion, Grant Strobl, Michael Bylski, Bobby McGovern, Nick Finley (brass octet); Jordan Radke (piano solo); Karyn

Schwartz (flute solo); Analisa Guido, Kristina Kamm (woodwind duet); Elizabeth Marck, Tess Kolp, Melina Glusac, Isabella Cubillejo, Patrick Salazar, Albert Kelly, Lakshman Mulpuri, Taylor White, Kayla Luteran, Laura Hidalgo, Michael Sacchetti, Matthew Stander, Emily Hoshaw, Kate Freeman (string chamber choir).

North's band and orchestra programs are under the direction of David Cleveland and Kemmer Weinhaus.

Success across the border

In mid-April, the band and orchestra crossed the border into Toronto to participate in the international Festivals of Music, the lone Michiganders doing so.

Both groups rated among the festival's top scorers, the string orchestra earning an overall "superior," as well as first place in the orchestra category, while the concert band set a school record, receiving the first "superior" rating for a North concert band at an international festival.

Between performances, students toured the city, visiting such places and landmarks as Chinatown, the CN Tower and Toronto Zoo.

North's band next performs at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 7, at the Music in the Plaza in the Village of Grosse Pointe.



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Grace Foster, Elana Zingas and Susie Moesta prepare the bag, pouring and measuring each ingredient.

Brownell helps in struggle against hunger

The 220 sixth graders at Brownell Middle School spent an afternoon in March with Michael Burwell and Kids Against Hunger, assisting the organization in its efforts to eradicate world hunger.

Together, the students and Burwell packaged 10,000 meals, enough to feed 60,000 adults or 120,000 children. Each 13.8-ounce (390 grams) meal consists of the same four ingredients — long-grain rice, a dehydrated blend of six vegetables, chicken-flavored, vitamin and mineral powder and vitamin-fortified, crushed soy — all carefully formulated 25 years ago by food scientists to provide enough proteins, carbohydrates and vitamins essential to strengthening a malnourished child's body and mind.

According to Burwell, of those meals packaged at Brownell, one-third are delivered to 20 different network countries, another third stored for national disaster relief and the final third divvied among 100 Michigan pantries.

This is the district's third year teaming with Kids Against Hunger, the first using a new rotation, in which each school will host a separate event at its respective building. In

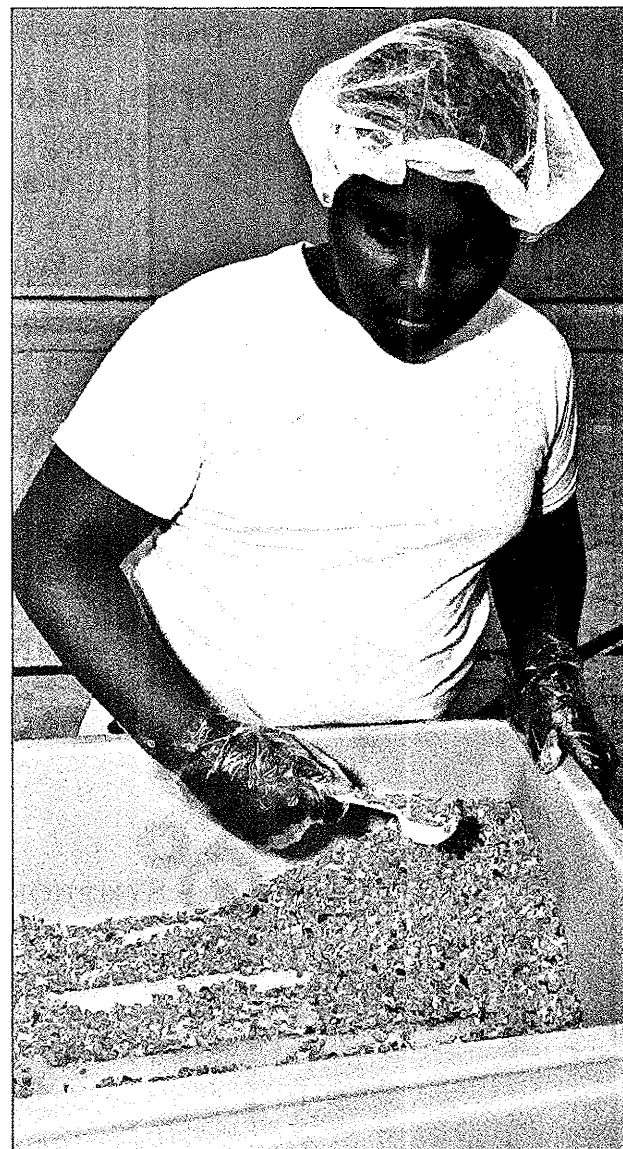
previous years, students from all three middle schools — Brownell, Parcells and Pierce — packaged meals together.

"The kids are amazing

and inspiring in themselves," SERVE coordinator Alicia Carlisle said.

"We're blessed to be able to give back."

— A.J. Hakim



Kemonie Wallace scoops from the dehydrated blend of six vegetables.

South greenhouse to receive makeover

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

Reconstruction to the structural frame, windows and masonry wall of Grosse Pointe South High School's greenhouse is scheduled for this summer following Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education approval during its Monday, May 21, regular meeting.

The project entails removing the existing structure, repairing or replacing, re-pointing and pressure cleaning the brick and limestone content of the masonry wall and installing new structural framing, insulated glazing, operable windows, venting windows and true vertical muntin bars rather than in-between glass muntins. In all, it's about \$121,000 in total cost for stabilization to a structure administration briefly considered tearing down.

"We did talk about tearing it down," said Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent for business and support services. "No. 1, it's a historical

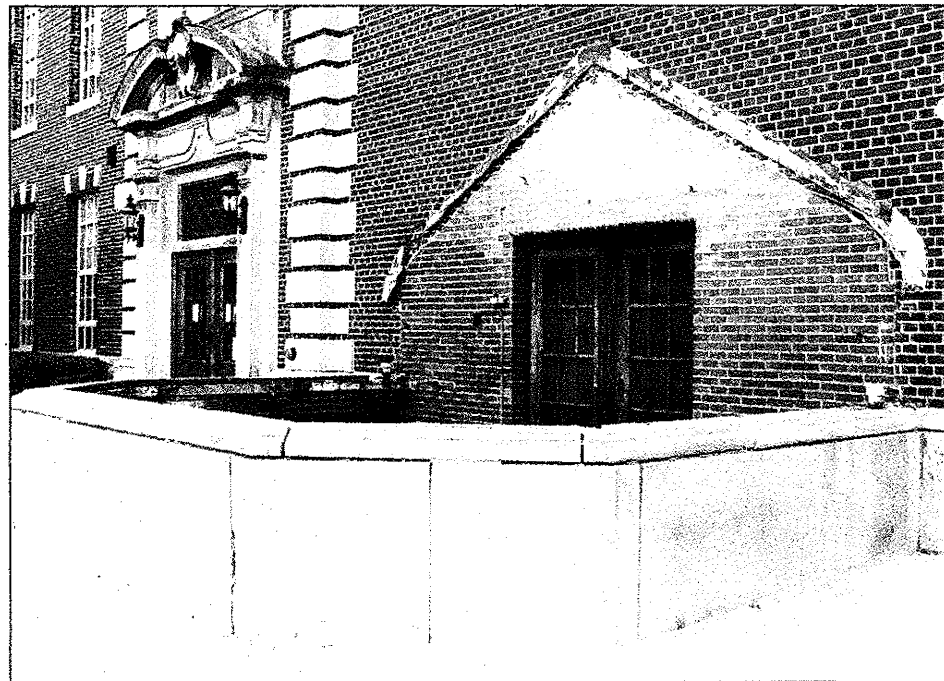


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Reconstruction to Grosse Pointe South High School's greenhouse will begin this summer. Administration recently tore down the structural framing and windows to prevent further incidents from occurring.

part of that building. But if we did tear it down, there's the brick that's used in the wall of the outside building, it's a different brick, it's glazed, so if you tore that building down, you'd be looking at a hollow grave of a building. It's really not practical to do that."

In recent years, the

structure has fallen into disrepair, despite what Fenton considered "some significant repairs" 20 years ago. A few weeks ago, heavy winds forced a window from its framing, out into the parking lot, and glass shattered around the area.

"And there was a person standing there who

thankfully wasn't harmed," board president Judy Gafa said. "This is not something you cannot address at some level."

Greenhouse stabilization had been on hold for years, Fenton said, in part, because the structure's future purpose and usage hung in limbo.

That changed this year with the need for an additional Earth science classroom.

"(Assistant superintendent of human services and educational development) Jon Dean has met with South staff, in going over staffing needs, and they actually need an additional science room this year for Earth Science," Fenton said. "So, we're actually going to use room 197, where the greenhouse is located for that Earth science, which in fact they're going to use that greenhouse."

"We're actually kind of excited about this. We met with the preservation group and they're excited."

Added board trustee Cindy Pangborn: "Having been a student that used that greenhouse when it was in mint condition, I'm looking forward to having that restored again."

The project is funded from the sinking fund.

May board briefs

•Compared to this time last year, kindergarten enrollment is down, re-

sulting in the board approving laying off six kindergarten assistants. The intent is to recall them once enrollment solidifies.

•The board approved policy revisions and modifications, most relating to NEOLA-recommended updates in accordance with new or revised state laws. Other, new policies include: annual professional staff, support staff, student and community engagement surveys.

•Having received quotes from contractors Sprint and AT&T for districtwide cell phone service, the board approved maintaining its contract with Sprint, which is an estimated annual cost of \$27,610.28 on a month-to-month contract for one year.

•Based on analysis of cash flow needs, the board approved establishing a borrowing line of credit to the sum of \$15 million, almost double that of last year (\$8 million). A district's line of credit need is based on projected fund equity and its ending fund balance.

South graduate to perform one-night recital at Steinway Piano Gallery

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multi-city tour of Switzerland, Grosse Pointe South High School graduate Ivan Moshchuk returns to Michigan for a one-night, solo recital entitled, "Homage à Horowitz," at the Steinway Piano Gallery in Commerce Township.

The Gilmore Young Artist Award-winner, an honor bestowed to the most promising United States pianists aged 22

and younger, performs compositions from an all-Russian cast, featuring the works of Nikolay Medtner, Pyotr Tchaikovsky, Alexander Scriabin and Sergey Rachmaninoff.

The recital is 6 p.m. Saturday, May 26, at the Steinway Piano Gallery.

For more information, contact the Steinway Society of Michigan at (248) 560-9200.

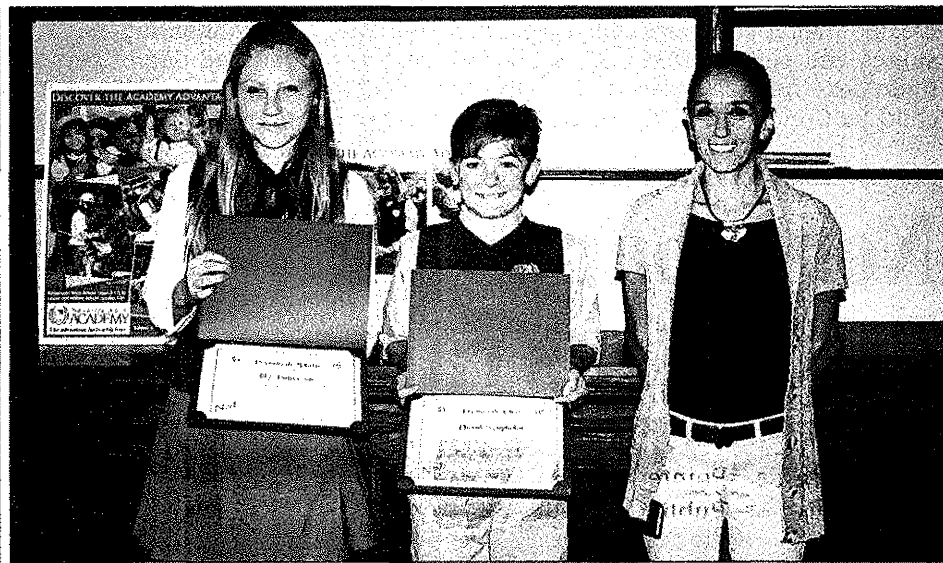


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Pictured are National Spanish Exam medal winners, from left, Lily Patterson, silver medal winner; David Scupholm, gold medal winner, and Spanish teacher Veronica Weber.

Academy students earn gold, silver in national Spanish exam

Grosse Pointe Academy middle school students garnered a gold and silver medal and nine honor-

able mention awards for their participation in this year's National Spanish Examination.

"All of the students showed a lot of improvement," Academy Spanish teacher Veronica Weber said. "And in many cases, the improvement was remarkable."

Seventh grader David Scupholm received a premio de oro, or gold medal, awarded to students scoring at or above the 95th percentile, while eighth grader Lily Patterson earned a premio de plata (silver medal) for scoring between the 85th and 94th percentiles.

Mención honorífica, or honorable mentions, include: seventh graders Virginia Cinnamond, Sam Durno, Jacob Mantela and Kevin Mazur and eighth graders Grayson Cieszkowski, J.D. Gray, Hannah Hornsy, Kendall McConico and Ryan McWood.

"Attaining a medal or honorable mention for any student on the National Spanish Examination is very prestigious," said Kevin Cessna-Buscemi, National Director of the Examinations, "because the exams are the largest of their kind in the United States with 143,641 students participating in 2012."

Administered voluntarily to students in grades six through 12, the annual exams, sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, are standards-based assessments that measure both achievement and proficiency in vocabulary, grammar, reading and listening.

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Renowned journalist first started at Liggett

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

As a broadcast journalist, Miles O'Brien has traveled the world, experienced myriad people and places during his 30-plus years exploring science, space, aviation and technology for media outlets the likes of CNN, PBS, Discovery Science Channel and others.

But upon his return to University Liggett School last week, there to receive this year's Distinguished Alumnus award, it felt like yesterday he was a high school student walking the halls of the place where it all began.

"I've been thinking a lot about what this place has meant to me all these years," O'Brien said. "We are the sum total of all of our experiences, and all the things we gather up along the way, but I truly do not think I'd be the person I am if it wasn't for this place."

Before the Emmy Awards, the Peabody, the Golden Eagle, O'Brien's journalism career began

at Liggett in 1976 when he started a rogue student newspaper, "The Knightly News," following a "frank and honest dispute" with the editor of the then-existing paper, "The Periscope."

"I kind of walked away in a huff, gathered some friends and started publishing a paper," O'Brien said.

"And the fact that that happened, and no one in the school, the headmaster at the time, no one ever said, 'No,' nobody ever tried to stop us, that we were kind of nurtured in that kind of going-rogue moment."

O'Brien learned from that experience, not only about journalism, but about seeking and realizing opportunities as they arise. Something he embraced a few years later at

Georgetown University and into his journalism career. He left Georgetown with five credits remaining until graduation to pursue an internship at NBC and the rest, O'Brien admits, was a series of happy accidents, including his po-

sition as science correspondent, anchor and producer at CNN, of which he held for 17 years.

"One thing led to another," O'Brien said.

"I heard CNN was looking for a science correspondent. I didn't know anything about science. They gave me a two-day interview with a written and oral exam on science and I flunked horribly. I told them at the end of the thing, I said, 'You know, the truth is, you don't want anybody that knows anything about science.' At that point, it was the Hail Mary pass."

And a pass he completed for a touchdown that O'Brien credits, in part, to his ability to think and learn, read and write, and an inherent sense of curiosity and of grounding and security, characteristics embedded, developed and nurtured during his time at Liggett, the place where it all began.

"I think of all my fellow classmates back in 1977," O'Brien said.

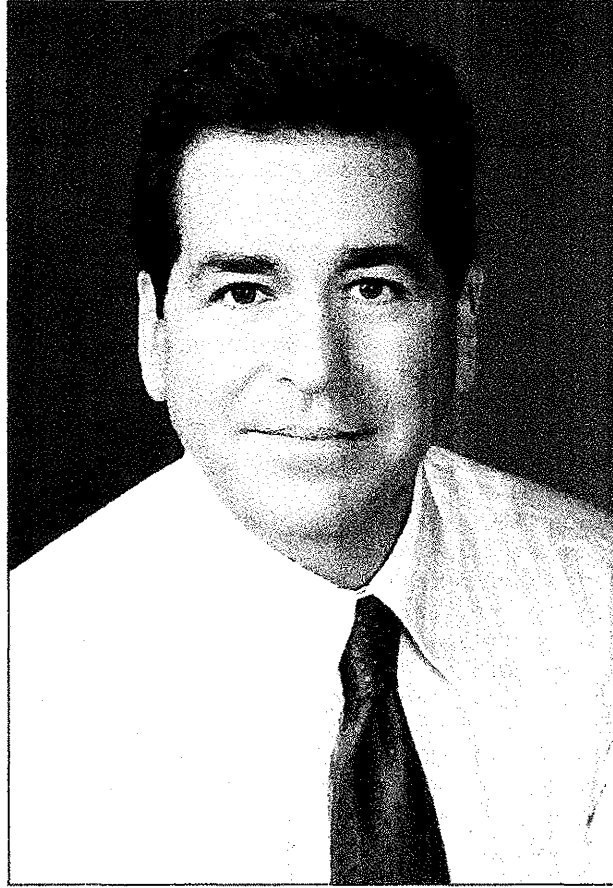


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Miles O'Brien, recipient of University Liggett School's 2012 Distinguished Alumni Award.

"We've all done well and all went onto college and did all kinds of other things. But I can tell you, the foundation, the start

we got here, was absolutely crucial.

"It's very emotional to come back and be honored this way. I truly

think, when I think about all my classmates and all the things they've done, I'm the one who gets more Google hits, maybe, and that's probably why I'm here, but there's a lot of people who've done a lot of cool things out of my class. And if you look at the school in general, it's created some great people."

O'Brien received his award at a cocktail reception Saturday, May 19, and addressed students the previous day. The award started in 2009 as a means to celebrate alumni who've made "exceptional contributions to the culture and quality of life of a community and exemplary accomplishment in a profession."

Previous award winners include: Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jeffrey Eugenides (1978); Buffalo Bills owner Ralph Wilson (1936); and entrepreneur, philanthropist and Mack Avenue Records founder Gretchen Valade.

Gala funds raised benefit all students

The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education hosted its third annual spring gala Saturday, April 21, at the home of Dr. Alexander and Carol Ajlouni.

More than 200 people attended the sold-out event, which featured a strolling supper, cocktails and a live auction that included multiple Detroit Tigers tickets and autographed memorabilia; a painting and family portrait package; a catered summer party; and class with resident chef Lisa Woodward of Sur la Table, among other items. An iPad 2 and drink basket were also raffled.

Titled, "Picture the Possibilities," money raised benefits a variety of education experiences and programs for all Grosse Pointe public school students, from preschool to adult students with special needs and everything in be-



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Guests include, front row, from left, Christie Scoggin, GPFPE board member and host committee; Barb Bierbusse, GPFPE board member; and Joan Dindoffer, GPPSS board of education trustee; second row, from left, Patty Gough, event chair, and Laura Huebner, GPFPE board member and host committee; third row, from left, Pat Burke, GPFPE board member; Cat Ruffner, GPFPE board member and Kathy Fisk, GPFPE board member; back row, from left, Tom Harwood, GPPSS superintendent; Jake Howlett, GPFPE board member and Bob Bury, GPFPE president.

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"We are so very, very grateful to the generosity of our donors, our volunteers and our sponsors," Robin Peronne said, "and

to Alex and Carol Ajlouni for sharing their lovely home and welcoming everyone on behalf of our school system and our children."

Olympiads reel in medals

A rounded and well-represented Pierce Middle School team reeled in 14 gold, two silver and two bronze medals in eight different categories at the 26th annual Michigan Social Studies Olympiad, held Saturday, May 5, at Fraser High School.

Gold medalists included: In the category, historical TV newscast, Benna Ames; Juliana Berkowski; Brenna Bromwell; Olivia Wouters and Katharine Kuhnlein; in song — original composition, Alyssa Campbell and Claire Turri; drama — original script, Emily Fleming; Hannah Connors; Eva Lianos and Alyssa Martin; Current even map, Abbey Scheutze and Kara Semanision; and persuasive essay, Hanna Brauer.

Silver medalists were: In digital photography, Brauer; and in persuasive



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Pierce Middle School reeled in 14 gold, two silver and two bronze medals at the 26th annual Michigan Social Studies Olympiad.

essay, Lauren Pankin.

And the two students awarded bronze: In historical monologue, Ellie Connors; and artistic poster, Alison Pommaville.

In addition, the quiz bowl team — Evan Arora (captain), Garret Weidig, Owen Clextion and William Muawad — in its

championship defense, advanced as far as the quarterfinal, and Campbell and Turri performed at the opening ceremonies for the 65 participating school districts.

Olympians were coached by Jeannie Brousseau, the school's social studies department chair.

School briefs

Kindergarten

The Grosse Pointe Public School System half-day kindergarten program at Ferry Elementary School is in jeopardy. The district requires half-day enrollment of at least 15 children by 12 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, as it prepares its staffing for the 2012-2013 school year.

To register and enroll, call (313) 432-3093.

Multiage information night

Prospective parents of first-, second- or third-grade students interested in the district's multi-age program (grades 1,2 and 3) are invited to an informational meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 29, at the Trombly Elementary School library, 820 Beaconsfield, Grosse Pointe Park.

Mary O'Meara, the school's multi-age teacher, and Trombly principal Walter Fitzpatrick will be present.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MAY 7, 2012

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held April 16, 2012 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Library Board meeting held April 19, 2012.
- 2) To remove item CM 04-59-12 Levy of the 9.5 Mill Assessment from Tabled and Pending Items and Place under Old Business 1.
- 3) To approve the request from the City Manager to add an executive session for the purpose of discussing a collective bargaining matter.
- 4) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 97104 through 97437 in the amount of \$755,248.58 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment to Badger Meter, Inc. in the amount of \$8,075.93 for the purchase of 48 new 5/8" Orion automatic read water meters and transmitters. (3) Approve payment to Statewide Security Transport in the amount of \$5,097.50 for prisoner lodging and maintenance for the month of March 2012. (4) Approve payment to Oakland County Information Technology in the amount of \$7,649.75 for fees relative to the CLEMIS computer system utilized by the Police Department. (5) Approve payment to Plante & Moran in the amount of \$32,000.00 for the professional services performed in conjunction with the 2011 audit. (6) Approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$8,431.00 for contractual lawn cutting and weed maintenance in various areas of the City, including the Community Center, City Hall, Library and the parks. It also includes lawn cutting at various residential homes that were not in compliance with the ordinance.
- 2) To direct the City Assessor to spread the assessment levy of 9.5 mills on the taxable value of all lands and premises within the municipal boundaries of the City of Harper Woods to defray the costs to continue maintenance and operations of police and fire.
- 3) To adopt the resolution on Condemnation of Dwelling and Abatement of Public Nuisance recommended by the City Attorney to proceed with condemnation of the property at 18705 Kingsville.
- 4) To adopt the resolution on Condemnation of Dwelling and Abatement of Public Nuisance recommended by the City Attorney to proceed with condemnation of the property at 19667 Roscommon.
- 5) To adopt the attached resolution as outlined by the acting City Manager and to adopt the Title VI Plan for the City of Harper Woods and the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan Guidelines and Procedures.
- 6) To approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$396,756.50 for the operation and maintenance of the Milk River Drain for the first and second quarter of FY2012.
- 7) To approve payment to Zuniga Cement Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,000.00 for Progress Payment No. 3 on the 2010 Miscellaneous Concrete Pavement Repair Program, #180-129.
- 8) To approve the agreement submitted by McKenna and Associates for professional services in preparing an updated Master Plan in an amount not to exceed \$6,800.00, and further to authorize the acting City Manager to sign the agreement.
- 9) To Place for Second Reading and Adoption Ordinance No. 2012-02 entitled "An Ordinance to Amend Section 23-27 and Section 23-28 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Harper Woods to Provide that the City Engineer or His or Her Assigned Representative May Implement the Provisions Set Out in These Sections for the Repair of Sidewalks, Driveways, Crosswalks or Other Paved Area Between Sidewalks and the Curb" and further to direct the City Clerk to publish a notice of this in accordance with City Charter requirements.
- 10) To approve payment to the Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount of \$1,419.68 for the Beaconsfield Traffic Signal Upgrade project.
- 11) To adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing a collective bargaining matter.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, Acting City Clerk

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OBITUARIES

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

Joseph William Schwartz

Joseph William Schwartz, 94, passed away Saturday, May 12, 2012.

He was born Sept. 18, 1917, in Pittsburgh to Anton and Katherine Schwartz and lived there until settling in Grosse Pointe Shores in 1951.

Mr. Schwartz proudly served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II. He graduated in 1940 from Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh with a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering.

He then went on to enjoy a career at Schwartz Boring Company in Detroit until he retired in 1995.

Mr. Schwartz married Elinor Sherman in 1947 and they were blessed with a daughter, Linda Faye, in 1949. He is survived by his grandsons, John Jr., Matthew, Steven and Mark and his son-in-law, John Roszak.

He was predeceased by his wife, Elinor; daughter, Linda Roszak; brothers, John, Frank, Edward and Charles "Butch" and his sister, Helen.

A funeral service was held May 17 at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Jean Guertler

Former longtime Grosse Pointe resident Jean Guertler, 83, died Monday, May 21, 2012.

Before raising her family, Mrs. Guertler taught elementary school. After her children were grown, she worked for many years as a sales manager at Jacobson's.

She enjoyed traveling, westerns and had a great love of the theater, even winning a Clarence Award. Her family said she had a great sense of humor and was known for her kindness and generosity. She enjoyed many long-time friendships.

Mrs. Guertler is survived by her daughters, Becky McKinnon (Jim Bobbitt) and Julie Janks (Brian); son-in-law, Bill Rudcki and loving grandchildren of whom she was very proud, Locklin, Kaitlin, Jaclyn, Alyssa and Wesley.

She was predeceased by her husband, Wally, in March 2011 and her daughter, Sara Rudcki.

Visitation will be from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 29 at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 32515 Woodward, Royal Oak. A funeral service begins at 6:30 p.m. following visitation.

Donations may be made to the American

Cancer Society, 20450 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, MI 48076.

Edna A. Bakewicz

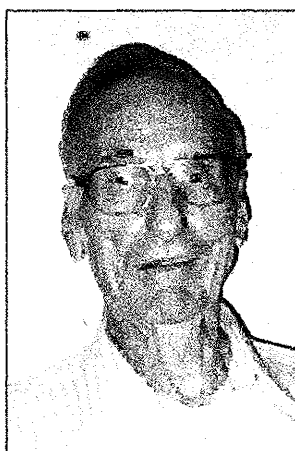
Grosse Pointe resident Edna A. Bakewicz, 88, died Wednesday, May 16, 2012.

She was born Sept. 23, 1923, in Detroit to Martha and David Duncan, and graduated from Cass Tech High School in 1941. She married Frank J. Bakewicz Dec. 11, 1943.

In 1982, while fighting to be a breast cancer survivor, Mrs. Bakewicz began attending Wayne State University on a four-year Merit Scholarship Award. She earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 1985 and a Master of Arts degree in 1987.

Mrs. Bakewicz was a past president and member of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association, a member of the Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors, a charter member of the International Society of Artists and a member of the Detroit Institute of Arts Founders Society.

Mrs. Bakewicz was a two-time breast cancer survivor. Her family said she loved to share her faith in her Lord and



Joseph W. Schwartz



Norman Diedrich

Savior Jesus Christ and will be missed by those who loved and knew her, especially her devoted husband of 68 years, Frank.

Mrs. Bakewicz was the proud mother of the Rev. William F. Bakewicz of Long Prairie, Minn., Mrs. Susan Lemmons of Ramer, Tenn., and Mrs. Rhonda Lindell of Troy, all of whom survive her.

Additionally she is survived by her grandchildren, Joseph Hodge, Jonathan Bakewicz, Rebekah Bakewicz, Martin Lindell III and Eric Lindell and great-granddaughter, Lucia Bakewicz.

She was predeceased by her parents; sisters, Mary Dennis and Dorothy Thomas; brother, David Duncan and her daughter, Christine Emily Bakewicz.

A funeral service was held Saturday, May 19, at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. Interment took place at Gethsemane Cemetery in Detroit.

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



Jean Guertler



William T. Beltz

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.

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.

William T. Beltz

Former Grosse Pointe resident William T. Beltz, 64, died Saturday, May 12, 2012, while bicycling in Illinois.

Known as "Tom" to family and friends, he was born in Detroit in 1948 and graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1966. He earned a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and graduated from Washington University Law School in 1973.

Mr. Beltz practiced personal injury and adoption law in Colorado Springs, Colo., for 38 years. He united more than 3,000 children with loving families.

He served on the District 11 school board and Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission and was a member of the El Paso Bar Association, the Colorado Bar Association and a fellow of the American Academy of Adoption Attorneys.

Mr. Beltz was certified as a civil trial advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. He also served as a volunteer instructor of the Pro Se Adoption Clinic for two decades teaching indigent families how to complete adoptions without the need of an attorney.

Among Mr. Beltz's favorite pastimes were visiting all of the U.S. national parks and cheering for Michigan State Spartans sports. He served as vice president for the Pikes Peak Amateur Hockey Association. He also refereed high school and college hockey for Colorado College and the U.S. Air Force Academy, played softball and hockey and rode his bicycle more than 60,000 miles.

Mr. Beltz is survived by his wife, Mary Padesky Beltz; sons, Bill (Tricia) of Dearborn and Mick (Rebecca) of Grand Forks, N.D.; grandsons, Bryan and Alex; brothers,



Edna A. Bakewicz



Pauline Litos

Skip (Linda) and Bob (Anna); sisters, Amy Hatch (John), Carol Marks (Rich) and Joy O'Keefe (Mark) and many nieces and nephews.

Donations may be made to the Beltz Foundation and sent to any branch of U.S. Bank.

Pauline Litos

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Polyxene "Pauline" Litos, nee Cardasis, died Thursday, May 17, 2012, at Sunrise Assisted Living in Grosse Pointe Woods. She was 91.

She was born Feb. 12, 1921, and immigrated to the United States in 1934. She graduated with honors from Miller High School in Detroit.

During World War II, Mrs. Litos worked at the Hudson Motor Co. Through her uncle, she met Thomas Litos of New York. They married in 1946 and founded Litos Bookkeeping and Accounting Agency, which originated in Detroit's Greektown. The company later moved to Mack Avenue in Grosse Pointe Park. They worked together at the agency until Mr. Litos' death in 1995.

Along with her husband, Mrs. Litos was active in a number of civic, community and philanthropic activities.

She was a life-long member of the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. She was active in church activities, the Democratic Party, the Daughters of Penelope philanthropic group and senior citizens groups until her late 80s.

She and her husband also supported a number of Greek American groups.

Mrs. Litos especially enjoyed spending time with family, friends and traveling throughout North America and Europe. She had fond memories of her trips to Italy, Greece and New York.

Her family said Mrs. Litos was helpful and hopeful throughout her life and had a positive disposition. She was an activist who believed in participation.

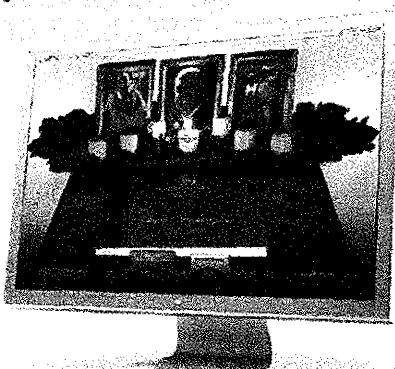
Mrs. Litos is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Dr. Gloria and David Donaldson; brother, John Cardasis (Anna); sister-in-law, Ethel Cardasis and many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

She was predeceased by her husband, Thomas and her brother, Michael Cardasis.

A funeral service was held May 22 at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in St. Clair Shores.

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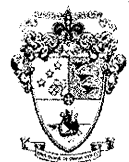
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Grosse Pointe Farms will hold a public hearing on the proposed Kerby Road Pump Station and future collection system improvements project for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons. The hearing will be held at 5:00 p.m. on June 25, 2012 at the Grosse Pointe Farms City Hall, located at 90 Kerby Road, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, 48236.

The purpose of the proposed project is to provide improvements to the City of Grosse Pointe Farms Kerby Road Pump Station and associated projects. The City has received financial assistance for the planning of this project subject to the submittal of the Project Plan which is being discussed at this hearing. The City is moving forward with design and construction of the project at this time.

Phase I Project construction will involve the addition of a generator to provide standby service to the station in the event that future power failures occur. The project will also consist of other necessary improvements to the station. The cost to complete this alternative is \$4,500,000. The City looked at this selected option and the No Action Alternative. The No Action Alternative does not provide for needed improvements necessary for the long term operation of the Kerby Road Pump Station. The Project Plan includes other projects including the future separation of the Inland Sewer District. These projects may occur in the 20 year planning period, and will be reviewed as future funding allows.

Impacts of the proposed project include temporary disruption due to the required construction, including noise and dust generated by the work, and possible erosion of spoils from open excavation. The long term effects include improved performance of the facilities, and reduced operation and maintenance costs.

The estimated cost to users for the Phase I project will be approximately \$3.30 to \$6.70 per month per residential unit.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of the plan detailing the proposed project are available for public inspection at the following location(s):

City of Grosse Pointe Farms City Hall
90 Kerby Road
Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that written communications received before the hearing record is closed on June 25, 2012 will receive responses in the final Project Plan. Written communications should be sent to:

City of Grosse Pointe Farms
Attention: City Clerk
90 Kerby Road
Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan 48236

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

City of Grosse Pointe

Train heist

An O-scale robber baron stole 10 to 12 model railroad locomotives, including Lionel products, from a house in the 300 block of Lincoln.

"(The victim) noticed one or two engines missing after New Year's before leaving for several months vacation in Florida," said a public safety officer. "Upon returning, he discovered other toy trains have been taken during (his) time in Florida. (Thefts) appear limited to only the more valuable engines."

Losses total at least \$7,000 and include two Lionel Hudson steam engines and a Union Pacific Big Boy with passenger cars.

Burglary

Someone broke into a residence in the 16900 block of Jefferson between 1:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17, and stole a computer and jewelry.

Later that afternoon, an unknown person logged into one of the victim's Facebook page.

Stolen were an \$800 Dell laptop and jewelry, including jewelry made of wood.

"Two dresser drawers were found open in the bedroom on the second floor," said an investigating officer.

Ring stolen

Between April 23 and Monday, May 14, a \$1,200

ring was stolen from a house in the 900 block of Rivard, its owner told police.

The ring is white gold, size six and has diamonds half way around.

Open invitation

A black, medium-size Brahim handbag worth \$250 was stolen from an unlocked car parked overnight Monday, May 14, in the 700 block of University Place.

—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

Numbers game

At 1:46 a.m. Saturday, May 19, a 49-year-old Detroit man, investigated on Kerby near Chalfonte for operating a 2007 Mercedes Benz S550 without headlights on, failed a series of sobriety tests.

Asked to name a number between 21 and 19, he answered "10," said an officer.

The man had a .10 percent blood alcohol level and was arrested for drunken driving, police said.

17 suspensions

A traffic investigation at 5:36 p.m. Friday, May 18, resulted in the arrest of a 43-year-old St. Clair Shores man for driving in violation of 17 suspended

licenses.

"His license expired in 2000," said the arresting officer.

The traffic stop was prompted by the man allegedly rolling his vehicle through a stoplight from westbound Mack to northbound Moross.

"(He) has multiple warrants for his arrest," the officer added.

Officers held the man for pickup by Wexford County sheriff's deputies on felony charges.

Unlocked entry

A Hewlett Packard laptop computer and iPod were stolen during the night of Wednesday, May 16, from an unlocked Ford Taurus parked in the driveway of a house in the 100 block of Hillcrest.

The owner said the stolen property is worth a combined \$2,300.

Second burglary

A house in the 400 block of Kerby was broken into last week for the second time this month.

The homeowner said someone entered the residence between 6 and 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, and stole a \$35 computer bag. The bag contained a \$100 hard drive and three jump drives worth a combined \$300.

There were no signs of forced entry.

On May 3, someone kicked in a door and stole a television set, watch, jewelry and golf clubs.

Drunken driving

A 26-year-old Clinton

Township man registered a .129 percent blood alcohol level during a drunken driving investigation at 3:04 a.m. Wednesday, May 16, on northbound Moross near Chalfonte.

A patrolman pulled over the man for speeding a Ford F-150 pickup truck.

Pawn story

An arrest was made last week for the May 3 theft of two guitars and an amplifier from a garage in the 400 block of LaBelle.

The suspect, a 25-year-old man from Detroit's eastside, is accused of pawning the amplifier and one of the guitars in Detroit.

The pawn broker's manager identified the suspect from a security video of the suspect allegedly trying to sell stolen items in the area of Mack and Moross.

"(The manager) confirmed that a person with that description pawned the items," said Farms Officer Bryan Ford. "(The manager) provided me with (a copy of the suspect's) Ohio driver's license, pawn slip and thumb print."

Police were on the lookout for the suspect, described as having a long chin beard.

An off-duty patrolman saw the suspect at 10:06 a.m. Tuesday, May 15, at a pharmacy on Moross just north of Mack. Numerous officers arrived to make the arrest.

"(The man) changed his appearance by trimming his beard and growing out the cheek area," Ford said. "(He) claims he was sleeping at the time of the crime and his mother can

verify same. (He) does have a criminal history."

'Blah, blah, blah'

A 48-year-old male drunken driving suspect from Rochester Hills gave up during a field sobriety test, administered at about 1:45 a.m. Tuesday, May 15, on Mack above East Warren.

Instructed to recite the alphabet from D to O, the man allegedly answered, "D, E, G, H, U, P, J, blah, blah, blah," said a patrolman.

Police administered another test that indicated the man had a .251 percent blood alcohol level. The level is more than three times the state's legal limit to operate a motor vehicle.

The officer pulled over the man for driving a car eastbound in the westbound lanes.

There's question in the man's driving record whether he has one or two prior alcohol violations, according to police.

Clanking evidence

Two women were arrested last week for trying to shoplift 10 1-liter bottles of liquor from a pharmacy in the 100 block of Kercheval on the Hill.

"(An employee) states he observed the suspects enter (the store) carrying empty bags," said an investigator. "He observed both suspects walk straight to the liquor aisle, and return a few minutes later with bags full of bottles clanking together as they attempted to exit the store at the rear."

The suspects, ages 26 and 30, are from Detroit.

The incident happened at 3:21 p.m. Sunday, May 13.

—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

In the dog house

Two Shores households may learn if good privacy fences make good neighbors.

Police were summoned shortly before 9 p.m. Saturday, May 19, to houses on South Edgewood and Roslyn regarding one neighbor's alleged threat against the other's barking dogs.

"This is an ongoing neighbor dispute concerning (a) barking dog," said a public safety officer.

The Roslyn homeowner reportedly told police the dogs "constantly bark at him through the fence. He feared the dogs may make their way over the fence at some point."

The complainant told the Roslyn resident, "If I had a dog like that, I would put a bullet through its brain," police said.

The Roslyn resident wants to press charges.

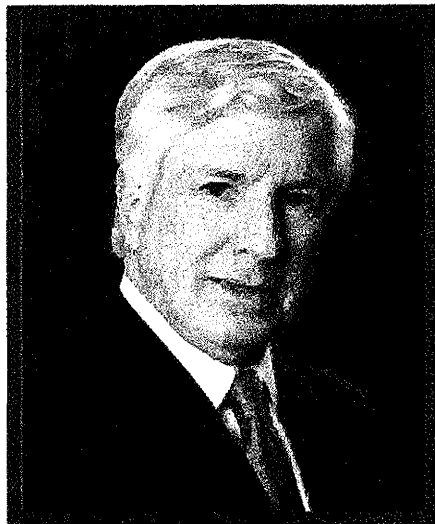
Police said there's thought of putting up a privacy fence.

—Brad Lindberg

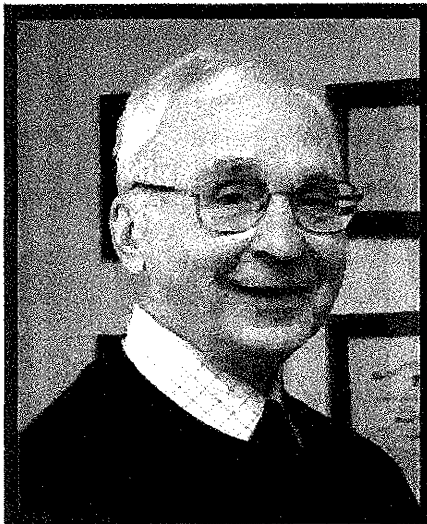
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To market, to market

The West Park Market is open for the season, featuring an abundance of flowers, vegetables, fruits, jams and jellies for sale.

Right, one of the first spring vegetables, Michigan-grown asparagus, was featured.

Below 3-year-old Cameron Custance of Grosse Pointe Farms tastes a fresh strawberry.



A candlelier from Forever Garden Flower. The candlelier is a battery-operated candle that can be hung either inside or out.



Kelly Shimko of Grosse Pointe Woods talks with Carol Bates, right, of Uhlianuk's Farm. After learning about different varieties of tomatoes and their care, Shimko purchased black cherry, carbon and yellow pear tomatoes.

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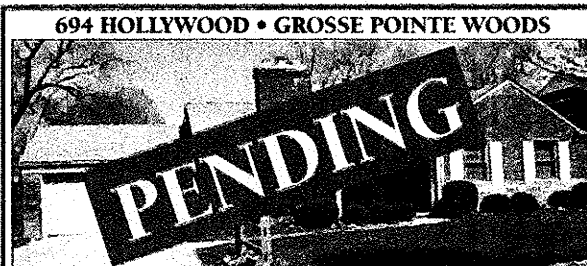
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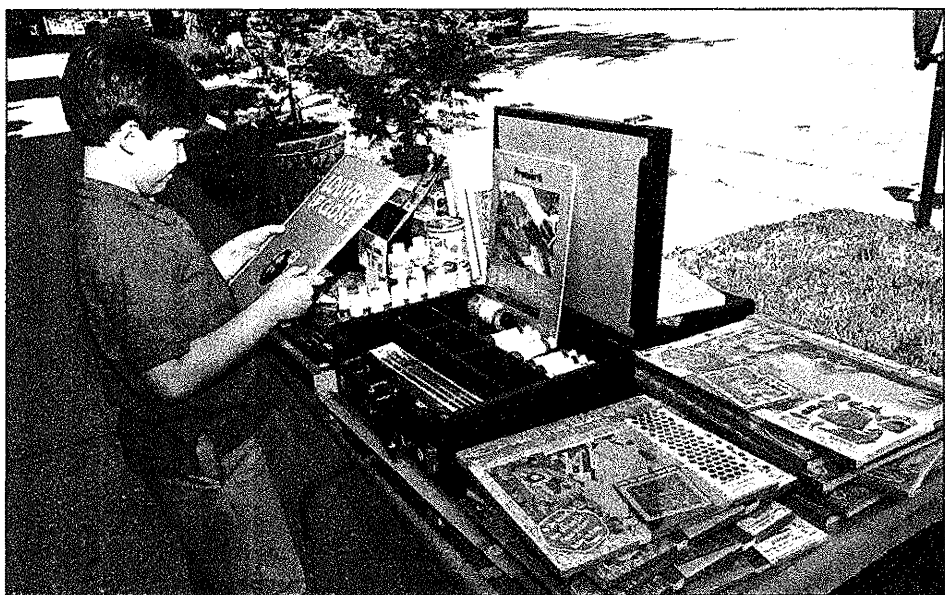
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Home town shoppers

The weather cooperated for shoppers taking advantage of the Mack businesses' sidewalk sales last weekend. Several browsed through the merchandise at Hannah Bear Boutique/La Jolie Rose. Below, Peter Smith of the City of Grosse Pointe looks through the sale table at Rainy Day Art Supply & Framing Co.



Fill-the-pool campaign kicks off

The Neighborhood Club fill-the-pool campaign is underway.

Local merchants have donation boxes at registers during the duration of the campaign through June 16. Village Food Market, The League Shop, Village Ace Home Hardware and Fresh Farms Market all have point-of-purchase cards for \$1, \$5 and \$10 that can be signed and will be hung in the store.

Belding Cleaners, Biggby Coffee Grosse Pointe, Bikes, Blades & Boards, Chocolate Bar Café, Grosse Pointe Shoe Repair, Jerry's Club-Party Store,

Josef's European Pastry Shop, Just Baked Gourmet Cupcakes, Neighborhood Club Thrift Shop, Notre Dame Pharmacy, Print Xpress, Skye Salon & Spa, Small Favors, TCBY in the Village, The Pointe After, Upper Mack Cleaners, Village Toy Company and Wild Birds Unlimited have canisters available in which residents can drop spare change.

Neighborhood Club staff and board members have set a goal of raising \$51,000 to benefit the 51,000 gallon pool.

Rolling to the park

GROSSE POINTE PARK — The no-engine initiative is a no brainer. And it could result in a prize.

Grosse Pointe Park residents who get to Windmill Park between May 26 and June 17 by means other than in a car can enter a drawing to win a gift certificate to any number of local businesses, said Rob Gray of American Cycle & Fitness.

The whole idea, he said, is to encourage people to not drive, but to bike or skateboard, roller skate, roller blade or walk to the park.

"Not driving is the whole intent," he said.

Once in the park, guests should ask for a no-engine initiative raffle ticket on which entrants write their names and phone numbers on the back of the ticket and drop each into the "no-engine" container at either Windmill Pointe or Patterson parks. Residents should enter only once a day.

Culmination of the event is a 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 3, potluck dinner in the park. At 6 p.m., prize-winning tickets are drawn.

Hot dogs and coney dogs, chips and a bottle of water for \$2 are available that evening. Soft serve ice cream also is available for 25 cents.

Prizes are gift certificates from Pointe Hardware, the Sprout House, Fou'd Amore, Flowers by Gabrielle, Park Café, Lunch Box Deli, Bikram Yoga, the Tompkins Center, Blue Pointe Restaurant, Belding Cleaners, Buscemi's Pizza, the

Okulski Theatre, Antonio's in the Park, Janet's Lunch, Full Circle, Pointe Pet's Supply, Park Pharmacy, Park Grill, Detroit Segway LLC, American Cycle &

positive approach to our initiative. This is a GPP community event and it is the great prizes that make it all happen, and keep it exciting, for our residents," Gray said.

'Not driving to the park is the whole intent.'

ROB GRAY,
American Cycle & Fitness

Fitness, Edmund T. AHEE Jewelers, Breckles Massage and Moosejaw. American Cycle & Fitness has donated a Trek 700 Hybrid as one of the prizes.

"Local businesses have been incredibly supportive with prizes and their

To donate a prize or for more information, contact Jackie at marina@grosse-pointepark.org.

During the 2011 event, more than 4,000 raffle tickets were handed out, Gray said.

—By Ann L. Fouty

Ask the Experts

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Will the recent frost damage my hydrangeas?

If you have Hydrangea macrophylla, the plants with the blue or pink ball-shaped summer blooming flowers, you may have had some frost damage on the leaves. The leaves can look brown, crispy and curled. Don't prune them off. Some may fall off on their own, others may continue to grow. The issue will be that the flower bud at the tip of the branch is killed, all brown and shriveled up. You won't have a good flower show this summer

because of this late frost. Don't prune anything just yet; wait and see how the plant responds.

If you cut the plant back, or down, thinking it will be stronger and flush out new growth faster, you could cut off some flower buds that are ok, but YOU end up taking them out, not Mother Nature. Gardening is about patience and when we have these frosts, let the plant adjust without you having to clean it up. Relax and enjoy your garden!

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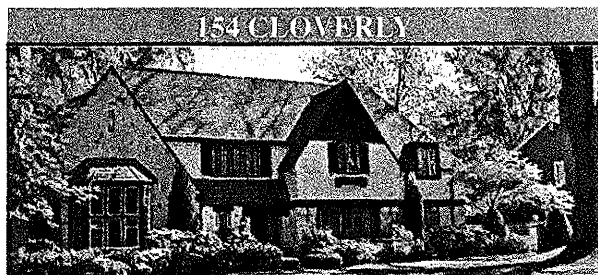
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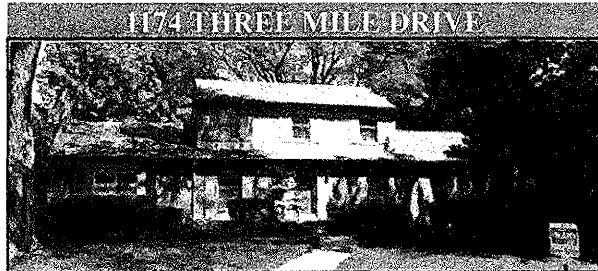
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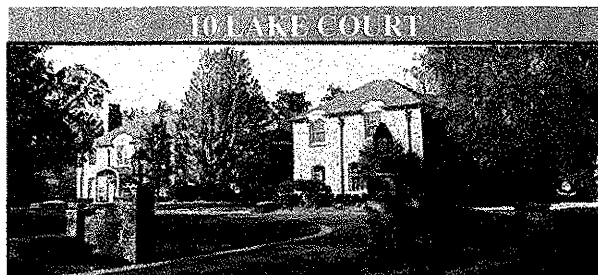
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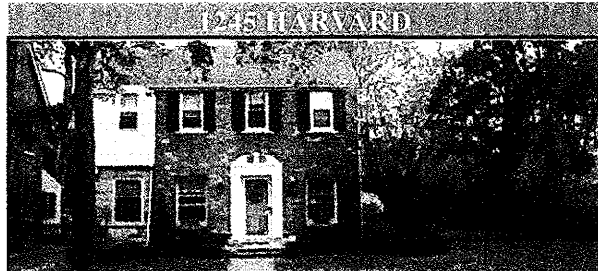
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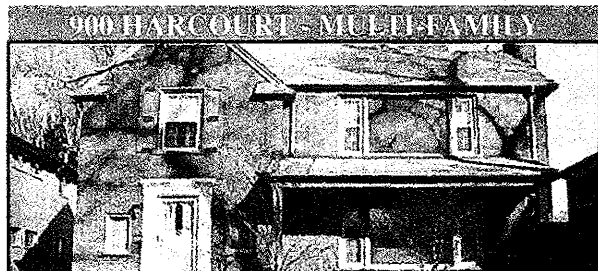
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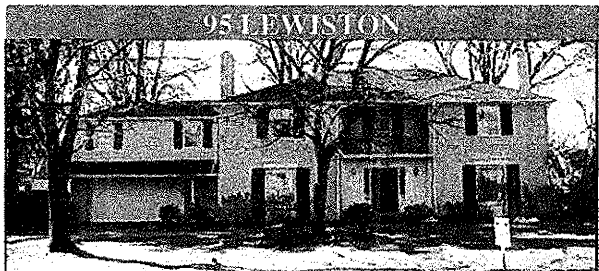
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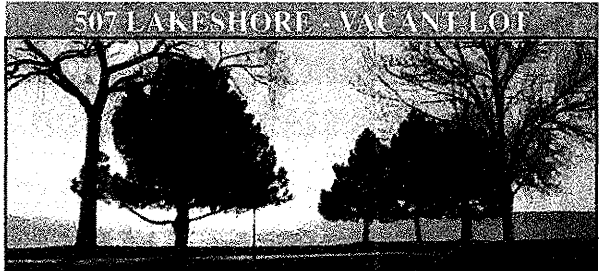
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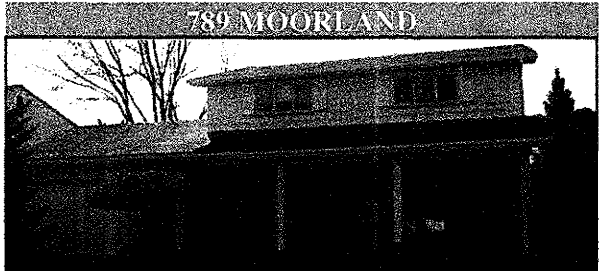
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When Honda introduced its third-generation CR-V a few years back, the once-boxy compact utility vehicle raised the bar for styling in that

market segment by rounding some lines and giving the family vehicle some head-turning appeal.

The fourth-generation CR-V, however, has become a styling follower rather than trend setter, as Honda tweaked the third-row outside windows into the upswept, pointed look introduced by the Lexus RX.

Everyone is doing it, and Honda followed suit.

The 2012 CR-V bowed last November at the Los Angeles Auto Show and went on sale in December 2011.

In addition to a total redesign of the CR-V, Honda increased its fuel efficiency and has made an array of desirable features standard or available.

The standard 2.4-liter four-cylinder engine produces a respectable 185

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Honda has dramatically restyled its popular CR-V utility vehicle for 2012. The CR-V offers plenty of room for passengers and cargo.



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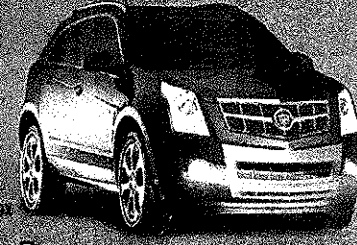
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2013 ES 300h

Lexus recently revealed the all-new 2013 ES lineup, including the ES 350 and ES 300h equipped with Lexus Hybrid Drive. Featuring a progressive new design and enhanced handling, the 2013 ES sedan is set to continue as a favorite of luxury car buyers.

CR-V

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horsepower and 163 pound-feet of torque, using the standard five-speed automatic transmission.

Compact on the outside and roomy inside, the CR-V represents an ideal balance for size and capability in the entry SUV segment. The all-new five-passenger CR-V offers improved car-like interior comfort, a smoother and quieter ride and even more innovative features than the previous model.

The CR-V continues to be available with front-wheel drive or all-wheel drive. Honda describes the latter as an all-new Real Time All-Wheel Drive with intelligent Control System.

The lighter-weight front-drive CR-V is rated at 23 miles per gallon city and 31 highway, with an overall average of 26 mpg.

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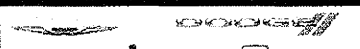
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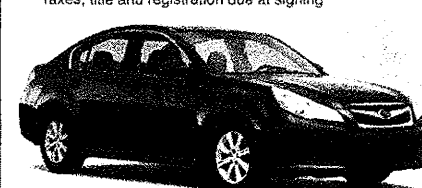


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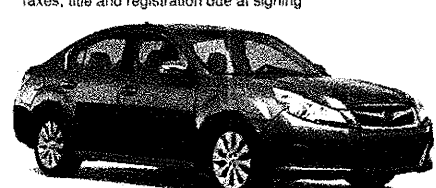


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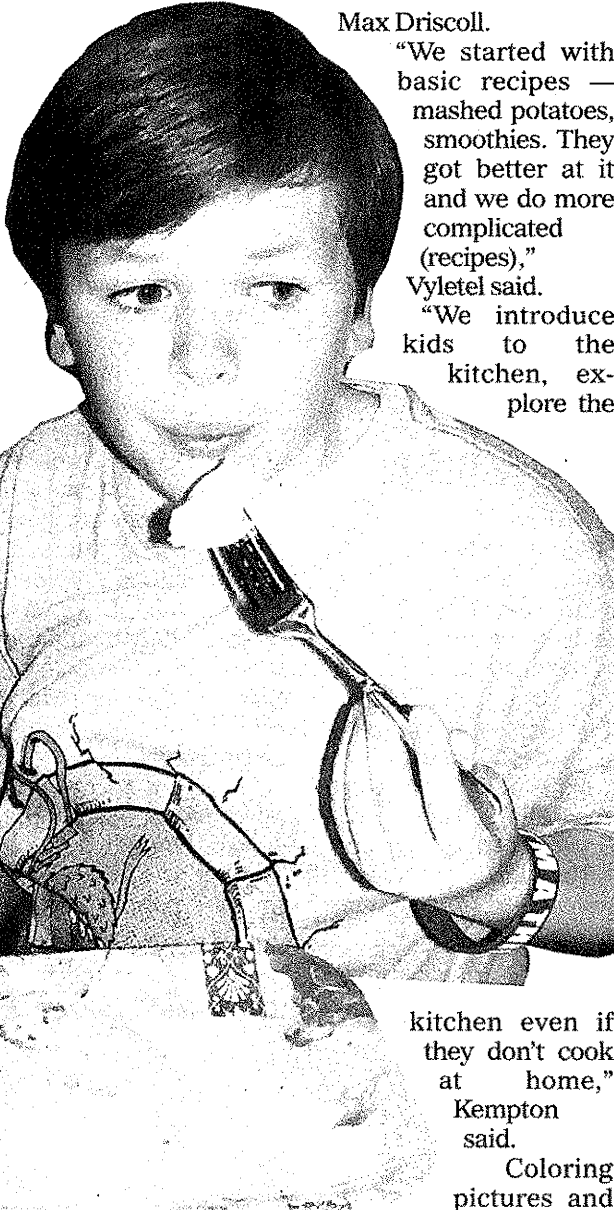
Children learn their way around the kitchen

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Funfetti waffles, oven-made bacon and garden omelettes were on the menu for 11 6- to 11-year-olds in the Culinary Kids program.

Leaders, Grosse Pointe North High School seniors, Suzie Vyletel and Casey Kempton, had their hands full for the two-hour session. Yet, they moved about the Vyletel's parents' large Grosse Pointe Woods kitchen with ease helping the children create the food. Using simple basic recipes Kempton finds in children's cookbooks and her personal collection, she and Vyletel teach children the importance of reading and following directions, as well as safety in the kitchen and trying new dishes.

"I do try it before it's tried on the children," Kempton said of each recipe.



Max Driscoll.

"We started with basic recipes — mashed potatoes, smoothies. They got better at it and we do more complicated (recipes)," Vyletel said.

"We introduce kids to the kitchen, explore the

kitchen even if they don't cook at home," Kempton said.

Coloring pictures and creating menus

"The alfredo (sauce) class was awesome," said Culinary Kid

keep the children busy until all novice chefs arrive. Reading aloud the

two recipes and washing their hands are the first two steps in the cooking process. Then it is all business — dumping ingredients, cracking eggs, stirring and waiting for the food to cook.

Ready for the first of the evening's recipes, they dumped a funfetti cake mix, oil and eggs in a large bowl to make waffles.

"Stir in a circle," Kempton instructed. "Scrape the stuff from the bottom. Get that all mixed together."

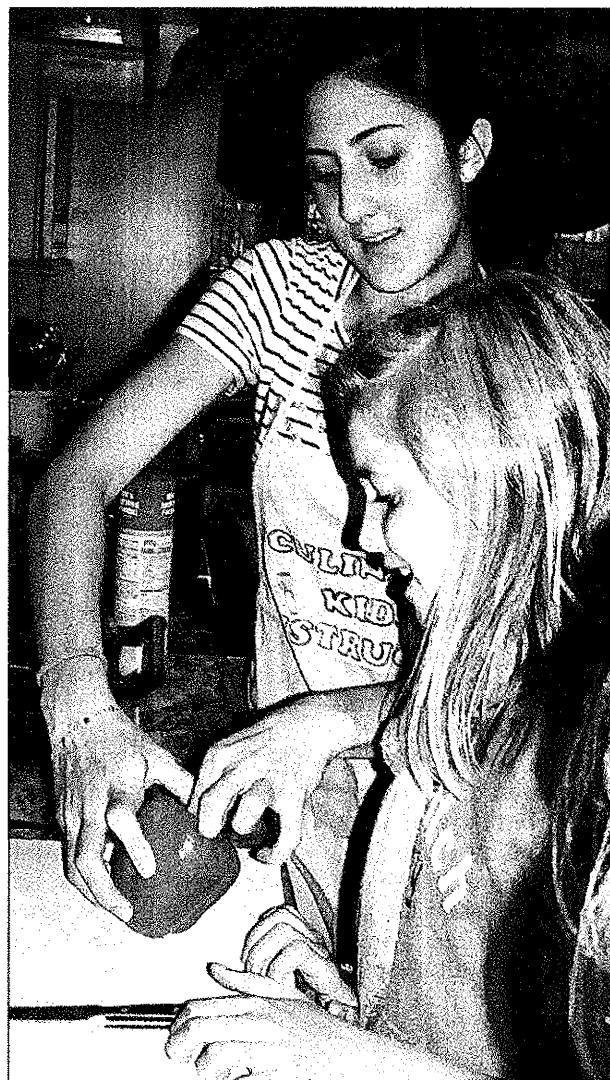
Creating an omelette in a plastic baggie and boiling it 13 minutes was met with enthusiasm. Most declined the addition of peppers and onions chopped by attendees, but opted for "lots of cheese."

Kempton had the job of watching over the boiling water turning the eggs into an omelette.

Two girls separated bacon and placed it on a tray to oven bake.

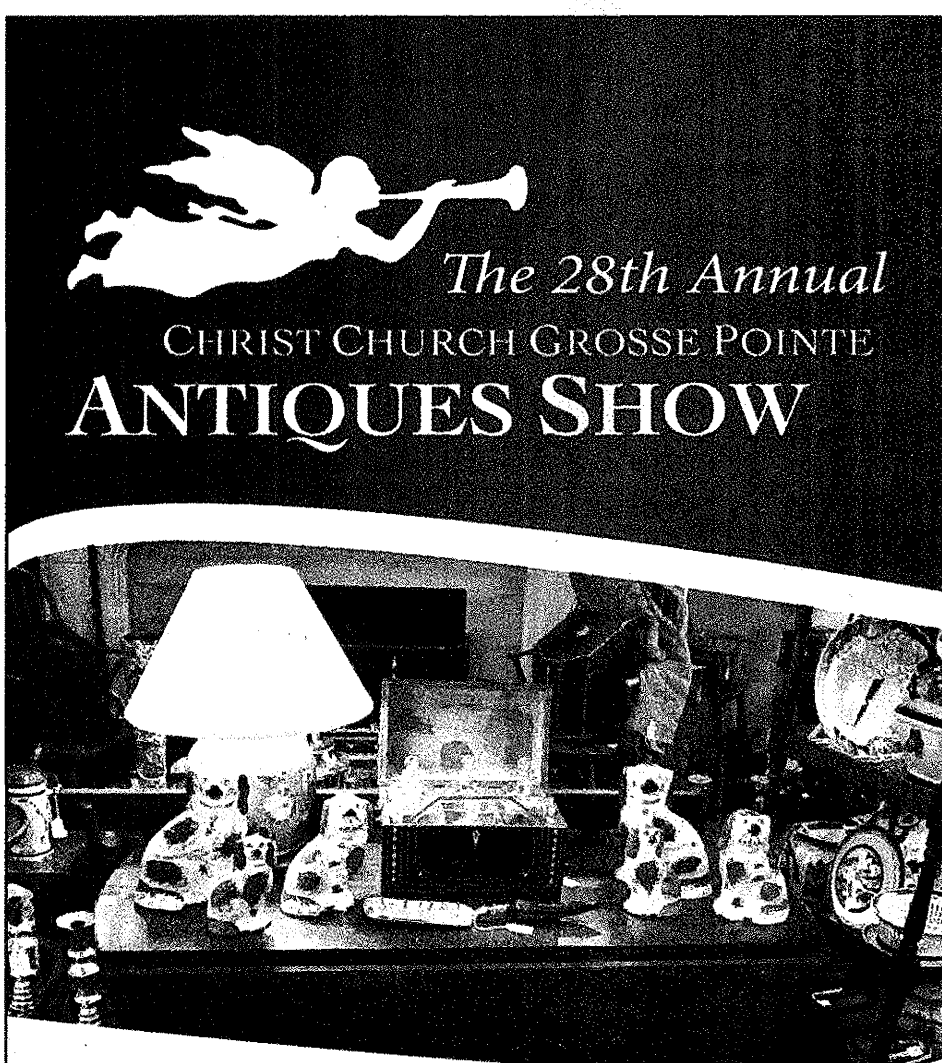
Then it was time to eat.

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Above, Culinary Kids instructor Suzie Vyletel shows Mackenzie Driscoll, 9, how to core a red pepper. Driscoll chopped the pepper for inclusion in an omelette. Left, Max Driscoll blows on an omelette he made. The eggs were mixed in a plastic bag and cooked in boiling water. "It's hot," he declared.



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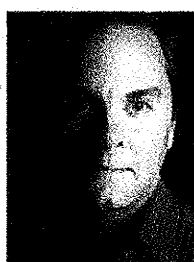
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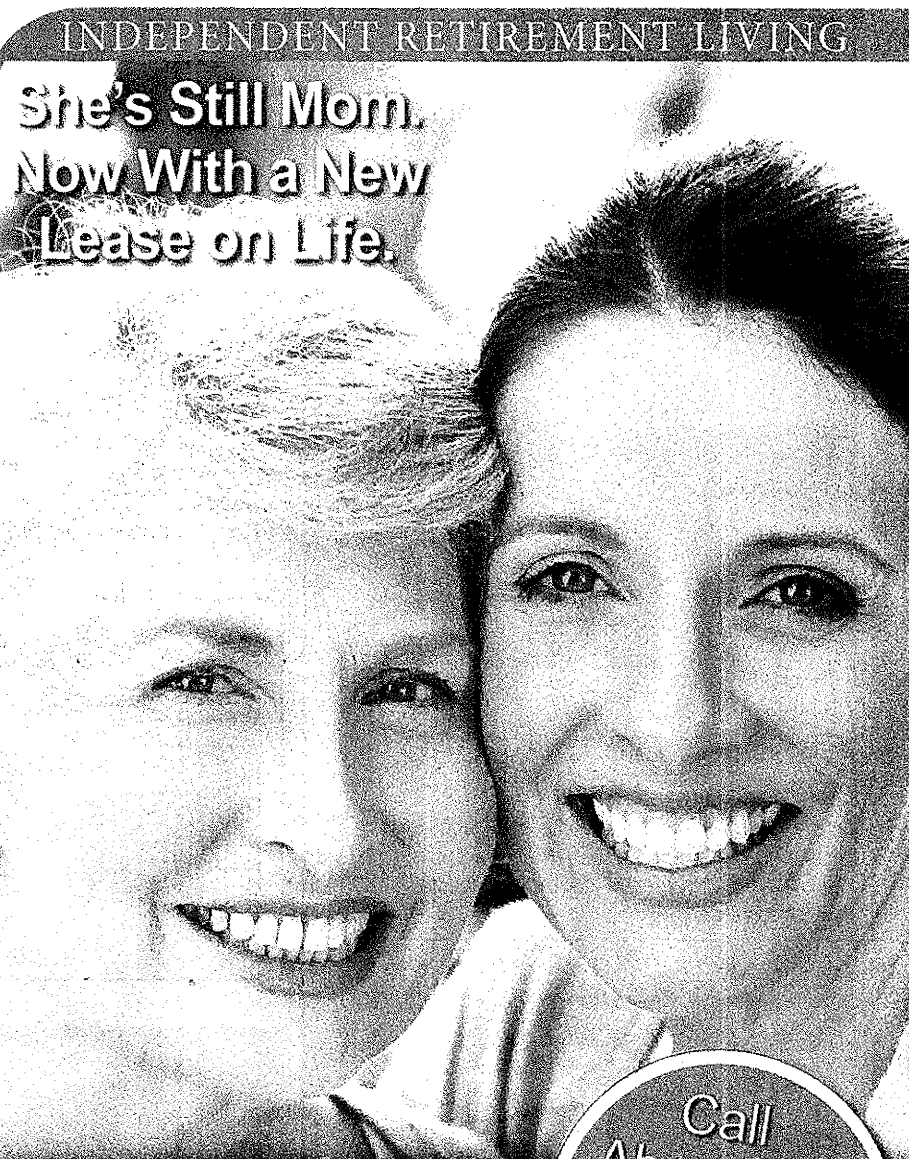
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Collograph printmaking draws on children's favorite park creatures. Students age 6 to 12 learn about line, shape, texture and form and produce a series of prints from one original. The class is from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 11, 18 and 25. The fee is \$50; materials \$10.

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◆ The annual Jack

Boni Family Perch Derby is from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at Lake Front Park. Catch weigh-in is at 2 p.m.

Awards are divided into pier and boat fishing divisions and prizes are given in a number of categories, including biggest fish by length and total number of fish.

Hot dogs and potato chips are served at noon.

The family event is open to Grosse Pointe Woods residents and their guests. Everyone fishing must comply with Michigan DNR rules and have a fishing license. An adult must be registered on a team with any children under the age of 14.

Registration is from June 1 - 13 at the community center. Forms are available at gpwmi.us or at the community center.

The fee is \$5; children less than 5 years old fish free. Non-fishing ticket costs \$3.

◆ Challenger Brazilian soccer is from July 9 - 13 in half-day session for ages 6 to 18 years. British soccer camp is Aug. 13 - 17 for ages 3 to 11 years.

Campers participate each day in World Cup-style competition. Each player receives a free soccer ball, T-shirt, camp gift and evaluation.

Register at the community center or online at challengersports.com.

Detailed brochures are available at the community center or by calling the parks and recreation office at (313) 343-2408.

AAUW

The Grosse Pointe branch of the American Association of University Women is collecting books May 28 - Aug. 4 for its annual used book sale, Oct. 3 - 6.

Collection bins can be found at the Kroger's at Marter and Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack and Ace Hardware, 17101 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe.

Paperbacks and hardcover fiction, nonfiction and large print books, CDs, videos, DVDs and audio tapes are accepted.

Encyclopedias, text books more than five years old, magazines and damaged and musty smelling books are not accepted.

Easy Riders

Grosse Pointe Easy Riders bicycle club seeks adults riders to leisurely peddle through Grosse Pointes' residential streets in two hour sessions, that includes breaks. The club offers morning and weekend rides to various locations, including Metro Beach Park, Hines Park, Grosse Isle and Algonac.

The club's emphasis is camaraderie and summer

exercise.

Helmets are required.

For more information or to request a newsletter, contact Paul or Barbara Teranes at (313) 885-2646 or via e-mail at pteranes@comcast.net.

Deadline

Due to Memorial Day holiday, the deadline for information to be included in the Features section of the May 31 issue is noon Thursday, May 24.

War Memorial

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial honors the men and women who have served in the armed forces during the 10 a.m. Monday, May 28, Memorial Day service on the lakeside lawn with a joint service color guard.

Lt. Col. Rolf E. Mammen, Michigan Air National Guard, gives the keynote address. In civilian life, Mammen is a United Airlines pilot who was flying over the Atlantic Ocean when he received news of the airliner hijackings and attacks Sept. 11, 2001.

Music will be provided by Joe Armijo, Dave Pas, Heather Albrecht and the Pierce Middle School students and bagpiper Mary Beth Nicholson.

Admission is free.

Upcoming programs and activities include the following:

Wheel 'n' Deal — 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday,

June 9. This free, outdoor flea market is a showcase for gently-used fashions, furnishings and house wares. Also available are books, DVD movies and CD records, electronics gear and sporting equipment. Grilled hot dogs and brats are available for purchase. Takes place, rain or shine.

Youth Classes and Summer Camps — Youngsters to preteens can enroll in summer classes and summer camp programs.

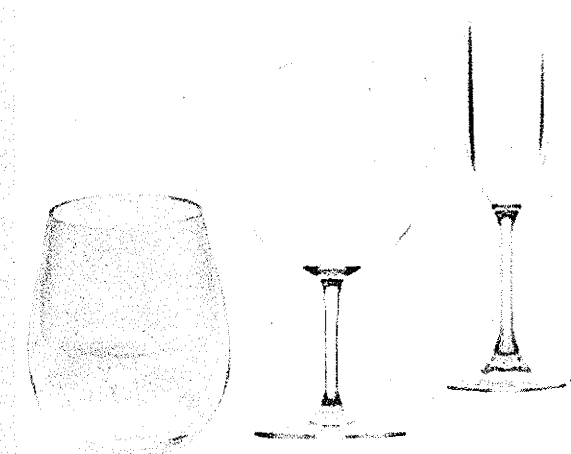
This year's summer programs include Summer Musical Theatre Camp; Up Up and Away! Braiding Techniques; Let's Dance; Trendy Tweens; Fancy T-Shirt Making; Cooking Boot Camp; Babysitter's Training Course; Big Chef Little Chef; Great, Big, Messy Art Camp; Magic Costume Making; Goblins, Fairies, Witches & Warlocks; Monster Making!; American Girl Camp; Empowered Through the World of Dr. Seuss; Kid Power!; Lego 3D Architectural Design; Digital Moviemaking; Video Game Design; Making Your Own Star Wars Movie; and the Grosse Pointe Driving School.

Summer programs begin in June, with most taking place in July and August. Spaces are limited.

To register, call (313) 881-7511. To learn more about classes and programs visit warmemorial.org.

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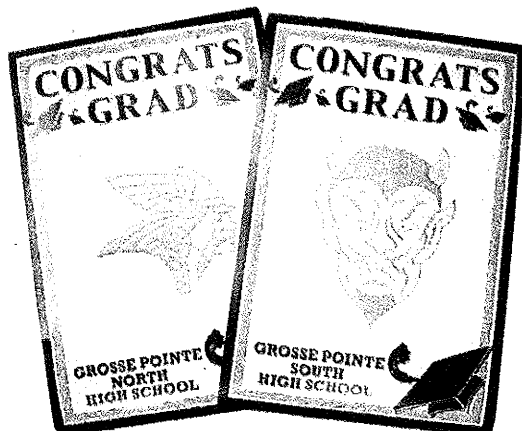


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CULINARY: They eat what they cook

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The eggs were hot and the waffles topped with syrup and whipped cream was delicious, children commented.

Vyletel and Kempton dreamed up Culinary Kids because both enjoyed cooking.

Vyletel said they began cooking together as freshmen in a cooking class.

"My friend and I are passionate about cooking and baking," she said. "I took classes at the (former) Pointe Pedlar. I really liked it."

Kempton is so into bak-

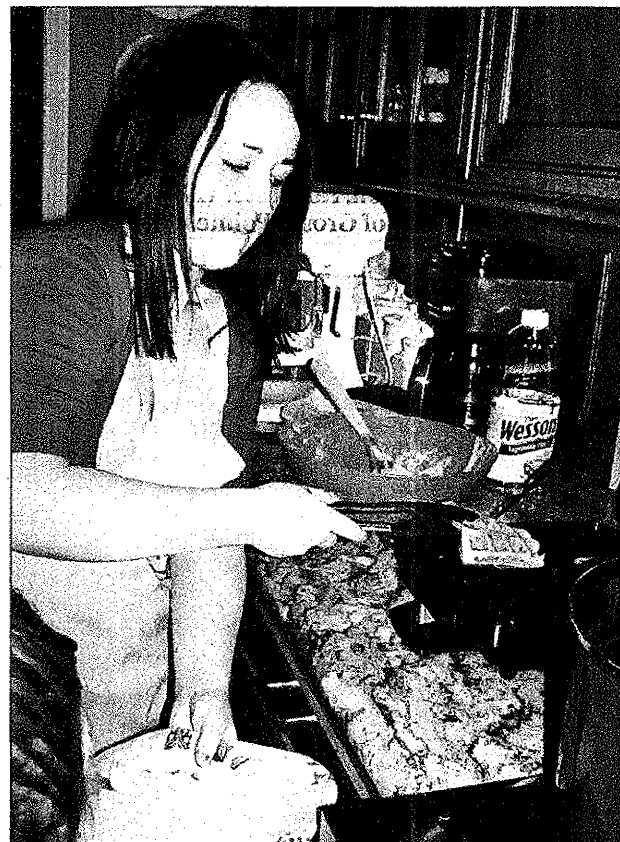
ing she will attend the Culinary Institute of Michigan in Muskegon in the fall.

"I'm trying to figure out what I want. I would love to own a pastry shop," she said.

Vyletel praises her friend who has an on-line site accepting orders for family events.

"She is quite good. She has a separate business."

The duo has created themes for Culinary Kids since its inception three years ago. For a French theme, the menu included crepes. The Asian



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Casey Kempton removes a funfetti waffle from the waffle iron.

theme, students made fried rice; and enchiladas were made for a Mexican theme.

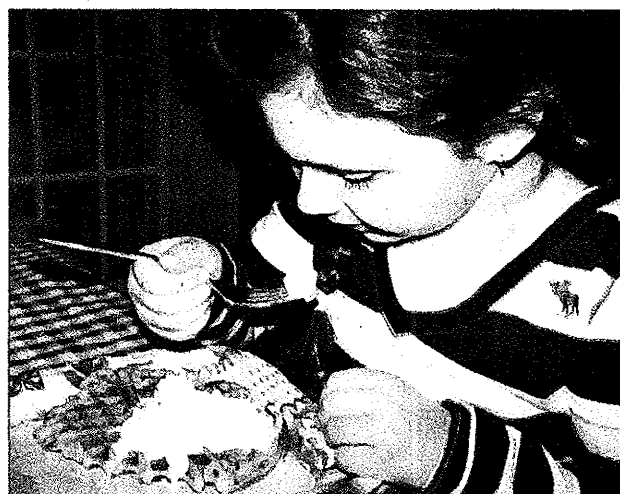
In addition to their sessions throughout the school year, Culinary Kids meet every summer over two or three weeks in eight sessions.

Kempton and Vyletel have also expanded to offer cooking-theme parties. The average rate is \$12 and is used to buy the cooking supplies.

For more information, visit culinarykids.weebly.com.



Lily Scanlon stirred up the funfetti cake mix with eggs and vegetable oil.



Delaney Grant topped her funfetti waffle with real whipped cream. After cooking, she said the waffle tasted "kinda like cake."

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Karen Adair

Is a professional caregiver the right solution?



A group of friends in my book club was sharing conversation about our "sandwiched lives" and had concerns about issues with each of our parents.

Q. Why should I hire an agency to care for my mother when it seems cheaper to hire an aide directly?

A. There are both legal and personal risk issues involved in directly hiring a caregiver. Some

things to consider include: criminal and reference checks, tax withholdings, liability and worker's compensation insurance, bonding for personal property theft and arranging for replacements if the caregiver does not show up for a shift. Professional in-home care companies can alleviate these concerns.

Q. My mother is 75 and doing great, but I am concerned about her safety and I live out of state. Any ideas?

A. Professional caregivers often serve as the eyes and ears for distant family members who are concerned for the safety of their loved one. Their staff is trained to

look for unsafe conditions in the home and report them immediately to the family. They look for things like trip and fall hazards, electrical concerns, the condition of appliances and functioning climate controls, as well as changing physical and mental conditions of the client.

Q. My mother recently died and my 74-year old father is fairly healthy, but needs some extra help around the house. Medicare won't pay for these services and I'm concerned hiring someone will be too expensive. What options do I have?

A. Medicare typically does not cover non-

medical services, but the advantage of using a private-pay home care agency is you can choose how much or how little you want to use the weekly service. They can customize the weekly schedule to meet your father's specific needs and budget.

Q. My mom is 80 and her hearing seems to be getting worse and she is beginning to withdraw. Do you have any suggestions?

A. Some tips our caregivers use include: reduce background noises, lower the pitch of your voice, slow down your pace of speech, maintain eye contact and avoid shouting. Although these

tips will not improve her hearing, they can significantly improve your ability to communicate with your mom. She may also benefit from a visit to a hearing specialist. Professional caregivers can help your mom deal with everyday challenges and keep her more active and engaged.

Adair is a community relations manager at Senior Helpers in Grosse Pointe. She has been working with seniors for years and educating communities on a program specializing in Alzheimer's and dementia. She is a volunteer with the Alzheimer's Association, a member of Seniors Coordinating

Aging Network and facilitates two networking groups, Grosse Pointe Area Senior Services and Macomb Healthcare providers.

The Family Center, a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization, serves as the community's centralized hub for information, resources and referral for families and professionals. To view more Ask The Experts articles, visit familycenterweb.org.

E-mail questions to info@familycenterweb.org.

To volunteer or contribute, visit familycenterweb.org or call (313) 432-3832 or write 20090 Morningside Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.



Members of the Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe Golf Classic Committee are, front row from left, Jackie Moon, Grosse Pointe Farms; JoEllen Ulrich, City of Grosse Pointe; Marilyn Schneider, Grosse Pointe Shores; Mary Ghanem, Grosse Pointe Shores; back row from left, John Danaher, St. Clair Shores; Don Ulrich, City of Grosse Pointe; John Donnelly, Grosse Pointe Farms; J.C. Collins, City of Grosse Pointe; David Cornille, Grosse Pointe Farms; Bill Brownson, City of Grosse Pointe; John Stevens, City of Grosse Pointe; and Michael Francis, Clinton Township. Not pictured: Basil Dudar M.D., Troy; Dan French, Grosse Pointe Farms; H. Richard Fruehauf, Grosse Pointe Farms; Peter Kellett, City of Grosse Pointe; Mark McPherson, Rochester Hills; Mary Beth Ryan, Grosse Pointe Park and Chris Walsh, City of Grosse Pointe.

Golf classic benefits special nursery

The Beaumont Foundation hosts the 29th annual Grosse Pointe Golf Classic, that begins with an 11:30 a.m., Monday, June 18, lunch at the Country Club of Detroit, 220 County Club, Grosse Pointe Farms. A 1 p.m. shotgun start follows. After-golf festivities include a strolling dinner, awards, entertainment and auctions.

Proceeds benefit the development of a special care nursery in the Sheryl L. and David B. Cotton,

M.D. Family Birth Center at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

For more information, call Kim Ritter, Beaumont Foundation, at (313) 473-1077.

"A special care nursery increases the survival rate of babies born prematurely," says Anne Marie McCarren M.D., chief, obstetrics and gynecology at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe. A special care nursery cares for moderately premature babies born at 32 weeks or

more gestation. Special nurseries and staff care for babies who need an incubator; are not strong enough to eat well and require temporary tube feedings; have mild health problems related to prematurity such as brief pauses in breathing, or jaundice which can be closely monitored and treated. If the baby is too small or too sick to stay, special care nurseries also stabilize them for transport to neonatal intensive care units.

CAREGIVERS By Terri Murphy

Activities for those with dementia



It is universally recognized elderly people with dementia lose their short term memory first and their long term memory last.

For example, they often remember people and events from their earlier years, but have difficulty remembering what they ate for breakfast the day before.

So what do you do with someone who can no longer carry on normal conversations? The short answer is "relax and have fun." The long answer would require writing an entire book. A short summary of some activities include:

1. Reminiscence! Everything you do together lends itself to reminiscing. If a person can

still speak fairly well, say, "Tell me about..." If their vocabulary is more limited, you may have to facilitate the story. "Do you remember when..." As you bake cookies together you can talk about favorite cookies, meals, etc.

2. Read aloud and use visual aids such as memory poems, family pictures or stories about "the days gone by" to stimulate reminiscences. Ideas include the "Chicken Soup for the Soul" series, "Yesterdays" by NaDezan and other short stories.

3. Make music. Sing, hum, whistle and dance. Singing brings oxygen to the brain to help you think more clearly. Dancing exercises other parts of the body. Both increase your own sense of well-being. Choose your loved one's favorite music and play it often.

4. Some sensory stimulation activities could in-

clude the following:

- ◆ Quilting/knitting
- ◆ Painting
- ◆ Books on tape
- ◆ Scrapbooking
- ◆ Walking
- ◆ Visiting with children
- ◆ Baking
- ◆ Manicures/salon visits
- ◆ Luncheon with a few friends
- ◆ Happy Hour with non-alcoholic drinks

Keeping the mind and body active are important for everyone, but especially your loved one with dementia.

Do something that is enjoyable for both of you and it will make it that much easier.

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She lives in Grosse Pointe and can be reached at (313) 881-4600 or via e-mail at tmurphy572@comcast.net.

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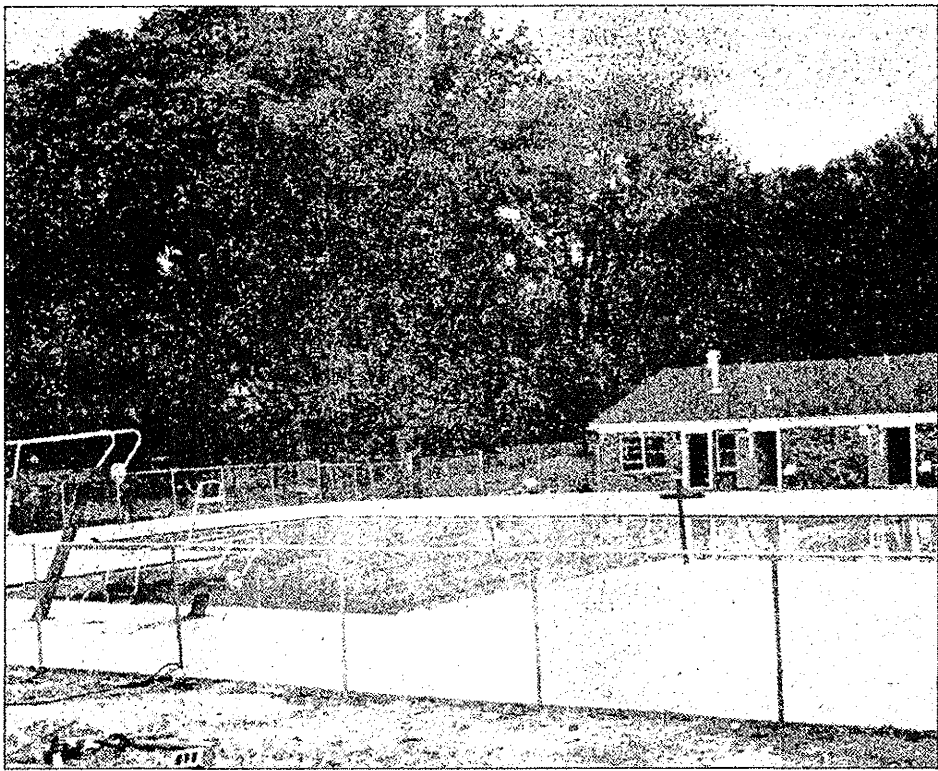
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FROM THE MAY 24, 1962, ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

1962: Pool to open

Final cleanup is now underway at the City's lakefront park, where a brand new swimming pool and new bathhouse will be officially opened next Wednesday. The new facilities are expected to add a lot to the summer pleasure of the residents during the coming season.

1962

50 years ago this week

◆ **RESIDENTS BATTLE SHORES TRUSTEES ON PARK PROJECT:** Forty Grosse Pointe Shores residents, disturbed by reports the Board of Trustees of the Shores was about to begin major changes and construction in the Osius Lakefront Park for the fifth straight summer, attended the meeting of the trustees and forced through action to delay the project. Residents charge the village with poor judgment and pointed out that the lakeside park, designed for the pleasure of residents, had been torn up for the past five summers.

◆ **BREAK WINDOW IN STORE FIGHT:** Two angry teenagers began to

fight inside the Albert Sheetz Candy Store on Kercheval and their argument culminated in one pushing the other through a plate glass window. The other boy, age 15, was taken to Bon Secours Hospital, where he was treated for bruises and lacerations.

◆ **WOODS APPROVES HIGHEST BUDGET:** The Woods council approved a record budget for the fiscal year 1962-63 which begins July 1. The cost of operating the Woods city, government next year calls for \$1,494,173. The cost during 1961-62 was \$1,155,756. The Woods, the largest Pointe, is still growing, with subdivisions currently being developed.

1987

25 years ago this week

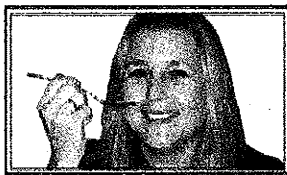
◆ **SCHOOL PREPARES TO TIGHTEN BELT:** After four meetings to discuss budget and goals, the school board hasn't made any official decisions. But it looks increasingly like the beginning of an era of limits. The district won't run out of money this year. There are no plans to ask for a tax increase until 1989. But the traditional \$2 million cash cushion in the fund equity is expected to dwindle to \$260,000 next year and to go \$2 million in the hole the following year.

◆ **FARMS DISCUSSES LIBRARY PARKING:** Grosse Pointe Farms city officials broke their public silence Monday night on the controversy surrounding the proposed expansion of the public library in the city. The board of education has proposed a major expansion of the public library which has been under consideration for six months. Under the Farms ordinance, any addition to the library would require additional parking. The proposed major expansion would require about 330 spaces under the ordinance.

— Compiled by Karen Fontanive

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Grilled redskins cozy up to any meat



I'm getting my grill on this Memorial Day and I'm keeping it simple. Meat and potatoes. Beef tenderloin paired with seasoned redskins, cooked on the grill. Whatever meat you choose, these potatoes will kick it up a notch, or two.

Seasoned Redskins from the Grill

- 5 lbs. redskin potatoes, cut into bite-sized pieces (wedges)
 - 1/3 cup olive oil
 - 4 to 5 garlic cloves, minced
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1 teaspoon paprika
 - 1 teaspoon dried parsley
 - 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
 - 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
 - 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper (or more to taste)
- Heat grill to high, 450 to 500 degrees. Place potatoes in a large grill-proof



PHOTO BY VIRGINIA O. MCCOY

Redskins, seasoned and grilled, kick up your Memorial Day meal a notch or two.

roasting pan and toss with olive oil and garlic. In a small bowl, combine salt, paprika, parsley, oregano, thyme, pepper and cayenne. Sprinkle half of the mixture over potatoes and toss well. Repeat with remaining salt mixture. Place pan on preheated grill and cook covered for about 15 minutes. Carefully toss potatoes and continue to cook, checking for doneness after another 10 minutes or so. The hotter the grill, the sooner you want to check for a fork-tender potato. My redskins from the grill will sit nicely next to anything you choose to serve this holiday weekend. With just the right amount of seasoning, these potatoes are a real crowd pleaser. You can substitute other dried herbs you may have on hand.



Grosse Pointe War Memorial's courtyard restoration completed May 14.

War Memorial's courtyard restored

First impressions are always important, thus the restoration of the Grosse Pointe War Memorial's courtyard, completed May 14. "Renovating the courtyard has been a goal of ours for a number of

years," said Mark Weber, War Memorial president. "Despite a challenging economy, we were successful because of the dedication of the team we assembled and the support of the community. We are pleased that the patterned concrete will provide a higher measure of safety to the main entrance." The restoration is funded through proceeds of the 100th anniversary celebrations of 2010. It is the culmination of much effort both in fundraising and the artisans and professionals on the project, that cost about \$70,000. The general contractor is National Restoration owned by John Fletcher, who deliberately restored the courtyard to its original design using original materials. Original stone spokes were cleaned and refitted to be used in the new circle. The cobble-

stone pattern, complete with a custom color, mimics the original sandstone bricks. Several services were donated in order to contain cost for the nonprofit. Stealth Lighting is donating new lighting for the circle added when the paving project is complete. Camelot Tree Service donated services to trim all the trees in the circle prior to the start of the concrete project. Finally the project is "green" in that bricks from the courtyard were purchased and can be reused in future projects in the Grosse Pointes. The Grosse Pointe War Memorial is located at 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Residents of all communities are welcome. Parking is lighted and free. More information, visit warmemorial.org.

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◆ **Kraig Parker** performs a tribute to Elvis Presley at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at Orchestra Hall. Tickets cost \$19.

CHURCH EVENTS

Ecumenical breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's ecumenical breakfast begins with coffee at 6:45 a.m. Friday, May 25, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A buffet breakfast is served at 7:15 a.m. followed at 7:45 a.m. by the speaker, Rev. Walter Schmidt, senior pastor of First English Lutheran Church. The event ends at 8:15 a.m.

Men of all faiths can attend.

For more information call Eric Lindquist at (313) 530-8656

Memorial Church

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, holds a faith coalition meeting on foster care youth from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, May 24.

Meet eastside congregational members and learn about the efforts underway to improve foster care youth outcome.

Detroit public and private foster care agencies staff attend the meetings.

For more, contact Kate Thoresen at katethoresen@faithcommunitycoalition.org.

St. Paul Evangelical

Lutheran Social Services of Michigan has partnered with Living Waters Ministries to provide a sum-



Donation

Dr. Daher and Jeanette Rahi of Grosse Pointe Shores donated a handmade mosaic of St. Rafka to St. Maron Maronite Catholic Church in Detroit. The mosaic was blessed by His Beatitude Mar Bechara Boutros Rahi, Patriarch of Antioch and all the East, as he celebrated his first visit to the Greater Detroit Maronite Community May 13-15. The 24-by-36 inch piece was created by Ann Baxter of Grosse Pointe Park.

mer camp experience for siblings in foster care. A donation of \$350 provides a full scholarship to cover the cost of camp for one child. Any donation is accepted.

Donations of a duffel bag filled with camping items, including a beach towel, sun screen, bug spray, camera, flashlight, sleeping bag, pillow, soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, pajamas, swimsuit, flip flops, underwear, socks, T-shirts and shorts can be dropped off until May 30 at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 375 Lothrop, Grosse Pointe Farms, in the basket labeled foster care campers.

For more information, call Kellie S. or Lynell Edwards at (877) 464-3264.

PASTOR'S CORNER By Roger Skully

Passover culminates with Shavuot

The Jewish holiday of Shavuot begins May 27. The word shavuot means "weeks" and it occurs exactly 50 days from the first night of Passover. Hence the name, Pentecost, in the Christian liturgy.

It was originally used to designate the festival that ended the weeks of the grain harvest. It was one of three harvest festivals recorded in the Torah. The others are Pesach (Passover) and Succoth (the festival of booths) celebrated in the early fall.

The beginning of the grain harvest was marked by sacrifice at the Temple in Jerusalem of the Omer, the first sheaf of the newly cut barley. Fifty days later, two loaves of bread baked from the wheat of the new crop were offered as sacrifice. The festival was called Yom Ha-Bikkurim, the day of offering the first loaves of the harvest to God.

This is the only Jewish holiday for which there is no fixed date and it was, therefore, a topic of discussion among the priests of the second Temple. The Torah only states that it comes 50 days after the Passover.

Later, after the destruc-

tion of the Temple by the Romans in 70 C.E., the harvest nature of the holiday underwent transformation. Several Jewish groups even celebrate it at different times. The holiday first attained importance when it became the festival of the giving of the Torah by God on Mount Sinai. Thus, the holiday was merged spiritually with the encounter that happened at Sinai. The Rabbis of the Talmud (a compendium of law and religious discussion) pointed out that the Israelites arrived at Sinai on the "third New Moon after their Exodus from Egypt."

There they camped for three days and spent another three creating boundaries around the mountain. That brought the date to the sixth of Sivan, 50 days after the beginning of Passover. Thus, a harvest festival became reinterpreted as a spiritual festival now called Zeman Matan Toratenu, or festival of the giving of our Torah.

There the people accepted one of the most important documents in world history, the Torah or Five Books of Moses, and the Ten Commandments.

Once the Kotzer Rebbe

was asked, "Why is this feast called the time of the giving of our Torah, not the receiving of the Torah?" He replied: "the giving was on Shavuot, the receiving must take place every day." His comment is very compelling in our time when we need to remember the Lord's precepts and act with prudence, wisdom, grace, and mercy for our fellow man.

Amen, and Amen.

Skully is president Grosse Pointe Ministerial Association and Hazzan (cantor) at Isaac Agree Downtown Synagogue.

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TENNIS

Regional championships

Blue Devils destroy opponents

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' tennis team played its best tennis of the season during last week's Division 1 regional tournament at Elworthy Park.

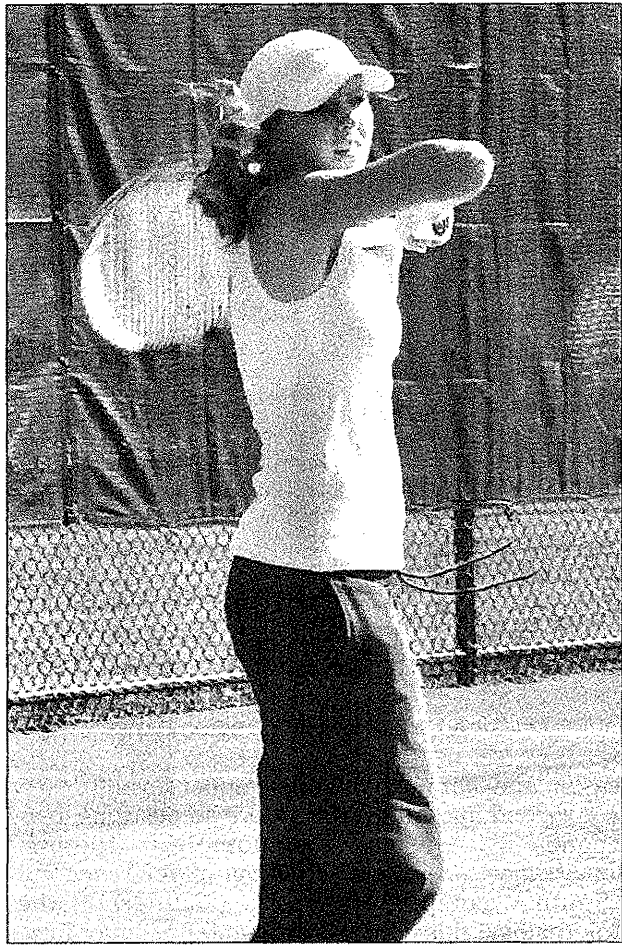
The host Blue Devils ran away with the title, winning every flight to earn the maximum 32 points. Troy also made the state finals, earning 23 points.

Fraser finished fourth with 14 points, followed by Sterling Heights Stevenson with six, Sterling Heights, Detroit Cass Tech and Warren Mott with five, Warren Cousino with three, Detroit Western with two and Detroit Kettering with zero.

Troy Athens needed 18 points to make the finals, but finished with 17. Its chances to make it went down in smoke when No. 1 seed Jaclyn Zaleski lost to South's Samantha Perry in the No. 3 singles championship match. Perry won 7-5, 6-4.

"That was a big match and boy did Samantha play some great tennis," head coach Mark Sobieralski said. "All the girls played great today and beat a team that beat us a couple of days before."

South lost 5-3 to Troy in a dual match earlier in the week. However, it dominated the field, including Troy, beating the Colts in seven of the eight flight championship matches.



South's Emma Hyde and her No. 1 doubles partner, Sydney Keller, won the flight championship in a Division 1 regional tournament.

Carmella Goree struggled at times, but rallied to beat Troy's Amanda Guo 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 at No. 1 singles and Brooke Willard had an easy time disposing of Troy's Lillian Liang, winning 6-1, 6-1 at No. 2 singles.

Maggie Sweeney crushed Troy's Brittany Friesen 6-1, 6-1 at No. 4 singles and the Blue Devils' No. 1 doubles team of Emma Hyde and Sydney Keller won 6-2, 6-1 over Troy's Katie Collins and Tonya Malyarenko.

At No. 2 doubles, Emmy Boccaccio and Carrie Lynch won 6-0, 6-4 over Troy's Shruthi Chandra and Morgan Zander, and

Ginny Hayden and Clare Brennan breezed to a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Troy's Anna Chung and Katie Forche at No. 3 doubles.

The final doubles team, No. 4, went to Kate Krueger and Katherine Halso, beating Troy's Tiffany Chen and Courtney Fietsam 6-2, 6-2.

Grosse Pointe South is 10-2-1 and finished 3-1 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division after beating St. Clair 7-1.

Coming up for the Blue Devils is the Division 1 state championships Friday, June 1, and Saturday, June 2, at the Midland Community Tennis Center.

Norsemen edge Regina

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' tennis team had to wait until the final point was won to find out if it was a Division 2 regional champion or co-champion.

The host Norsemen had 19 points and Warren Regina 18 with No. 4 singles players Alison Alexsy and Sarah Hackert still on the court.

Hackert had to win to force a tie, but it was all Alexsy, who won the flight 6-1, 6-1 to give North the championship.

North won with 20 points and Regina was runner-up with 18 points. Both earned a spot in the state finals. St. Clair Shores Lakeview was a distant third with six points, while Eastpointe East Detroit had two points and Warren Woods-Tower had one point.

"Everyone's mental focus was outstanding," head coach John Van Alst said. "It came together today. Our No. 1 and No. 4 doubles teams came up huge with three sets wins and everyone played great. It was a team championship today."

The Norsemen faced the Saddlelites earlier in the season in a dual meet and lost. They met in seven of the eight championship matches and won six, including a few in dominating fashion.

No. 1 singles player Ali



North's Maria Liddane had no trouble winning the No. 3 singles flight in the Norsemen's Division 2 regional tournament.

Scoggin won 6-1, 6-0 over Alison Fedler, while Maria Liddane was a 6-1, 6-1 victor over Ali Kedzierski in the No. 3 singles championship.

The No. 2 doubles team of Erin McCarthy and Courtney Carroll won 6-3, 6-1 over Regina.

The Norsemen's No. 1 doubles team of Alyse Victor and Kelsey Richards won a tight match, 5-7, 7-5, 6-1 over Regina's Beth Thomas and Katelyn Forbes, and the No. 4 doubles squad of Stephanie Saravolatz and Patricia Bajis went

three sets before winning 6-1, 6-7, 6-0 over Regina's Missy Treppa and Stephanie Thomas.

The No. 3 doubles team of Jayla Hubbard and Dayle Maas made the finals, but lost 6-1, 6-3 to Regina's Megan Taylor and Sarah Sparkman and at No. 2 singles, Ellen Brown lost 6-0, 6-1 to Lakeview's Jessica Mallet.

Next up for Grosse Pointe North is the Division 2 state finals Friday, June 1, and Saturday, June 2, at Kalamazoo College.



South players and coaches celebrate after cruising through the field at a Division 1 regional tournament.



North players and coaches celebrate after edging Warren Regina in a Division 2 regional tournament.

LIGGETT



PHOTO COURTESY OF MICHELLE HICKS

Bolton signs

University Liggett senior Haleigh Bolton, second from right, made her decision where to play college hockey next year. She will attend Hamline University in St. Paul, Minn., and play women's ice hockey for head coach Steve DeBus. Pictured above are, from left, James Bolton, Steve DeBus, Haleigh Bolton and Karen Bolton, Haleigh's mother.

Knights slip to 4th

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's girls' tennis team did not make the state finals after failing to finish in the top two or earn the necessary 18 points in last week's Division IV regional tournament at Ann Arbor Greenhills.

Greenhills and Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central tied for the regional crown with 24 points apiece, followed by Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard with 21, Liggett with 14, Jewish Academy with

eight, Allen Park Cabrini and Royal Oak Shrine with seven, Riverview Gabriel Richard with three, Onsted with two and Clawson and Bishop Foley with one.

Liggett head coach Cathy Hackenberger knew it would be tough and her players would have to elevate their play to make it through to the state finals.

When it was all said and done, Greenhills, Gabriel Richard and St. Mary Catholic Central earned finals berths.

The Knights' singles players were Wesley DeJoie at No. 1; Clarissa Dixon at No. 2; Victoria Chocla at No. 3; and Alexa Yates at No. 4.

The Knights earned four points in singles play.

At No. 1 doubles was Madline Mair and Emily Broder, who won three points, falling to Greenhills in the finals.

Zoe Hu and Meghan Berkery won two points at No. 2 doubles, while at No. 3 doubles, Katherine Woodward and Haleigh Bolton earned two more points, giving the Knights 11 points.

Freshmen Jo Hummel and Sabrina Ajjour earned three points to give the Knights 14, four from making the finals.

"I have nothing but praise for a team that is special in so many ways," Hackenberger said.

Track & field

NORTH & SOUTH GIRLS

South earns title, North second

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South dominated its Division 1 regional meet last weekend, earning 225.67 points.

Grosse Pointe North was a distant second with 82 points, followed by Detroit Cass Tech with 75, Detroit Renaissance with 72, St. Clair Shores Lakeview with 61, Detroit Martin Luther King with 54.67, Warren Woods-Tower with 23.67, Eastpointe East Detroit with 17 and Detroit Mumford with 16.

It was South's 17th regional championship in the past 20 years. They pulled off a rare feat, placing in all 17 events, with 12 being crowned regional champions, a record number for the Blue Devils and highest among any regional meet in the state.

"I just shook my head in complete amazement at our team," South head coach Steve Zaranek said. "Our girls prepared themselves so well, were so dominant, and had total, unselfish support for one another. They love



PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE

South's girls rally around the trophy after winning yet another Division 1 track and field regional meet.

mark and here we had our first four all under that extraordinary barrier," Zaranek said. "Carolyn Sullivan gave South a 5th place finish

tion leading time is 8:59. Schwartz won the 3,200-run (11:13) by a full 49-second margin over her nearest competitor. South's depth showed once again as freshman Alex Dulworth placed third (12:08), senior Carolyn Sullivan fourth in 12:10 and freshman Mary Spencer fifth in 12:11.

In all, South scored 97 points in the four distance races.

Complementing the South distance barrage, the South sprinters also dominated, led by senior Caitlin Moore and record setting performances.

"Caitlin is pure gold," Zaranek said. "She sets the standard for our team and gets job after job done with confidence and heart. The entire team feeds off her intensity and desire."

"Moore qualified for the state finals in four events (that is the maximum). We had our work cut out as Cass Tech brought in the states leading sprint relays."

Moore anchored both the 400- and 800- meter relays. The 400 team of Mia Perkins, Cierra Rice, Andrea DiCresce and Moore upset Cass by winning the event in a season-best time of 49.7. Moore then teamed up with Perkins, Christy Ford and DiCresce to place second (to Cass) in the 800 relay. Along the way, the South girls broke the school record running a 1:44.4.

Moore was not done. She sprinted to a new school record in the 200-dash and equaled her best time of the season in the 100-dash, qualifying for the finals in both events. Perkins raced to a career best 12.8 in the 100 to place 6th while DiCresce also raced to a career best in the 200 (26.4) to place 5th. Rice also advanced to the regional finals and placed 8th.

South's depth continued to show as Lily Pendy and Kelly Langton each placed in the 400-dash, taking fifth and seventh, while teammates Erin Ivers and Spencer Graczyk each placed in the 300-hurdles at fourth and eighth. Ivers also gave her team a fifth-place finish in the 100 hurdles.

In the final race of the day, South won the 1,600-relay as the team of Pendy, Farrow, Meier and Meier, finishing under the 4-minute mark for the second time this

season and winning by an 8-second margin over second place Renaissance.

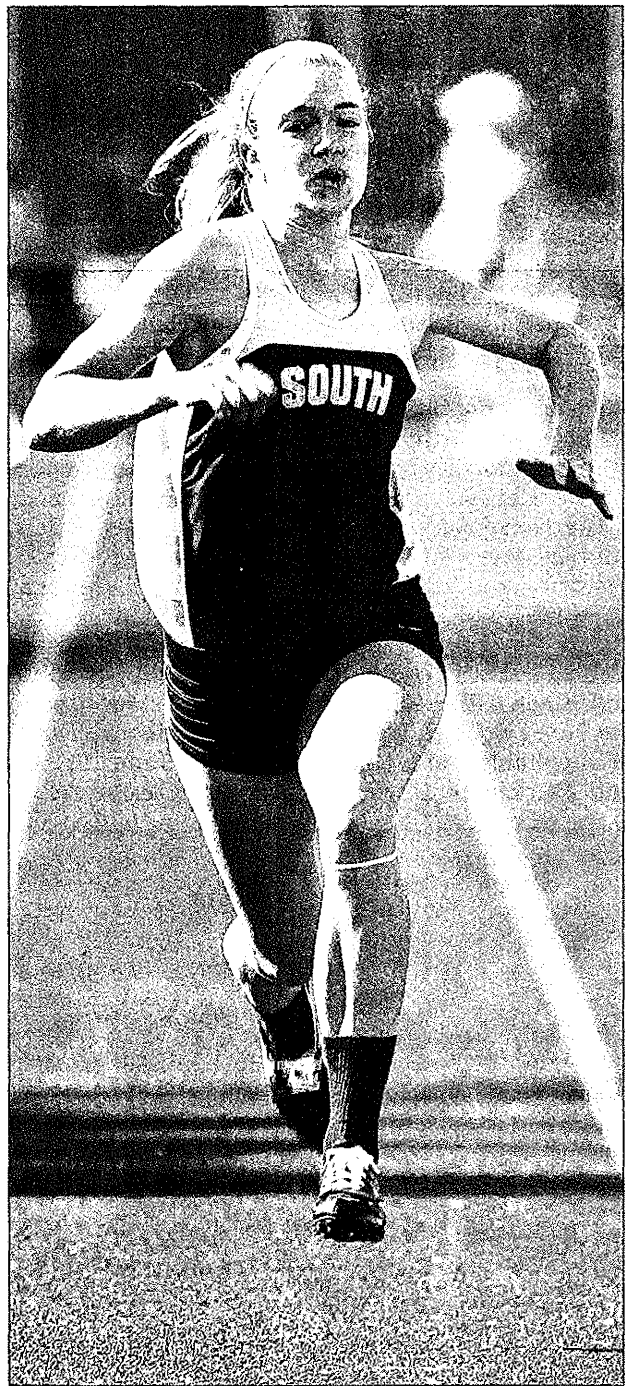
South competitors took regional titles home

DeBrunner seventh.

More points came in as sophomore Hannah Adams placed second (state qualifier) in the vault and freshman Elise

VanEgmond and Allison Francis took second with a time of 10:04.29.

Shayna Whitfield was third in the 300-low hurdles with a time of 49.79



South's Caitlin Moore earned a spot in the state finals with her performances in the 100- and 200-dashes.

their team and they love this school.

"As great as our teams have been over the years, this may very well be the finest team in our history."

South distance runners led the way with extraordinary depth. In just the three individual distance races, the Blue Devils scored enough points to defeat every other team at the regional.

In the first distance race, South swept the first five positions led by the state qualifying performances of regional champ Hannah Meier (her time of 4:47 is one of the top five in the nation) and teammates Haley Meier (4:54), Ersula Farrow (4:56), and Kelsie Schwartz (4:59).

"Very few schools have a record that even approaches the 5-minute

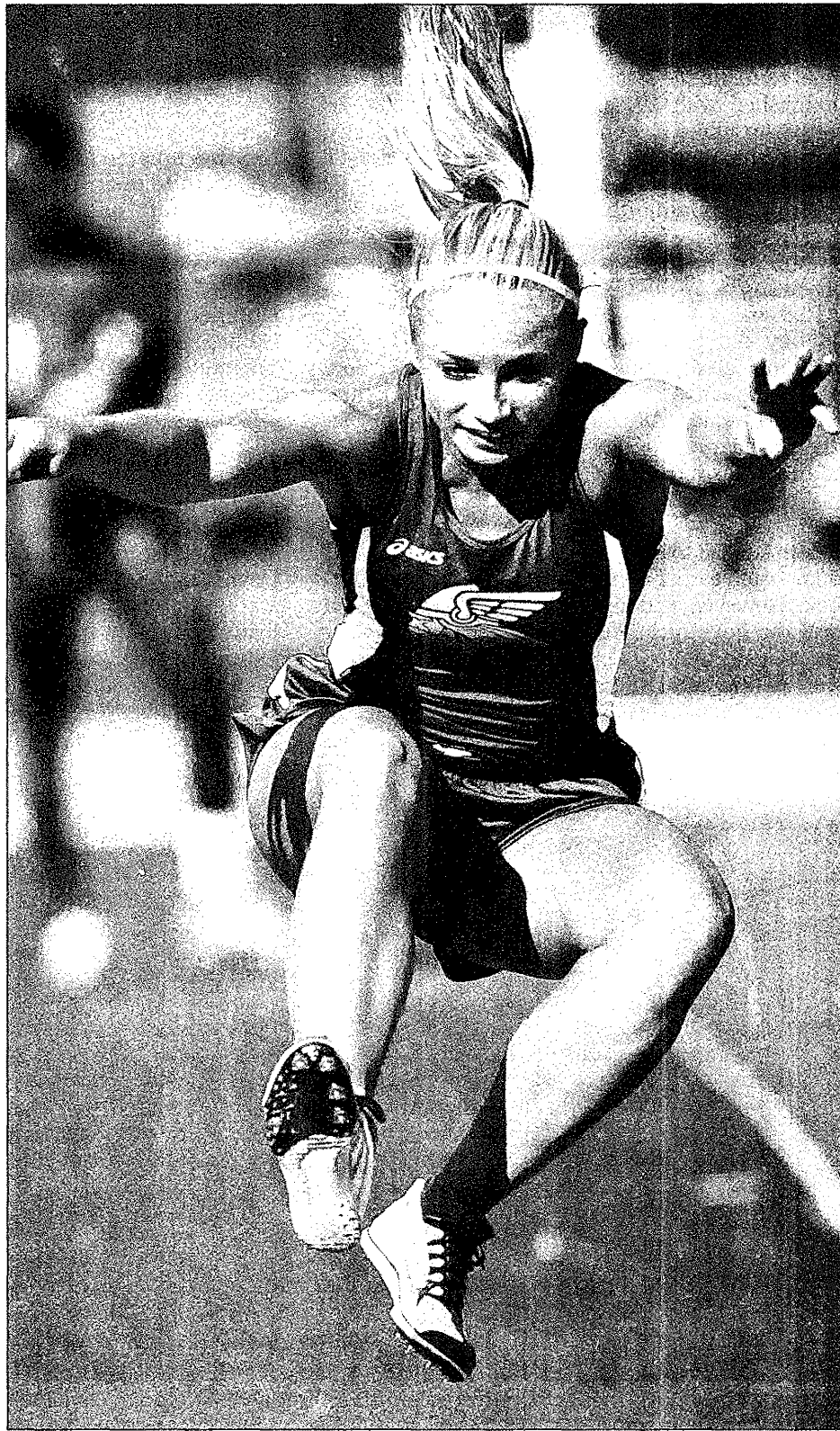
at 5:32."

The distance onslaught continued in the 800 as Meier (Hannah), Farrow (2:11), Meier (Haley) (2:14) and Schwartz (2:17) again dominated taking the first four places. Meier's winning time of 2:07.2 was under the state mark she set last year at the state finals (state records can only be set at the state finals).

The same four earlier (in the first finals event) raced to victory in the 3,200-relay.

"We have been so dominant in this event (South holds the No. 1 time in the U.S. for this event) that we could back off and save some energy for the events to follow," Zaranek said.

South "backed off" with a 9:14 (a time that normally wins at the state meet). South's na-



North's Emma Abessinio competed in the long jump.

in four of the five field events. Leading the way was double champion (junior) Aubryn Samaroo.

She won the high jump with a mark of 5-feet, 2-inches, and the shot put with a throw of 33-feet, 9-inches. Teammate Emily Jackman's toss of 103-feet, 2-inches earned her the victory in the discus, while Madi Kaiser became a four-time state finalist and three-time regional champion as she cleared 9-feet, 3-inches in the pole vault to win.

Although South did not win the long jump, the team took three place finishes as DiCresce placed third, Samaroo fourth and Alexis

Grever placed fifth in the high jump.

"Our girls are very ready for the state meet (East Kentwood H.S. on June 2)," Zaranek said. "This team continues to work hard and improve. More importantly, they are great teammates and support one another like sisters. It will be a fun, exciting conclusion to the season. We should be one of about five schools that will be in contention for the title. Win it or not, I know each girl will give all they possibly can give to their South teammates."

For North head coach Charles Buhagiar, the 3,200-relay team of Julia Rustmann, Sarah Rustmann, Katy

and Francis made the state finals by taking second in the 3,200-run with a time of 12:02.36.

In the field events, Brittany Williams heads to the finals with her second-place toss of 33-feet, 8-inches in the shot put and Breanna Cochran was third with a throw of 32-feet, 7-inches.

Williams also took second in the discus with a throw of 96-feet, 6-inches, to make the state finals, and La'Shanay Mack tied for first in the high jump, clearing 5-feet, 2-inches.

Coming up for North and South runners is the Division 1 state championship meet Saturday, June 2, at East Kentwood High School.

Track & field

NORTH & SOUTH BOYS

North wins regional, South third

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys' track and field team dominated its Division 1 regional meet last weekend at Grosse Pointe South.

Head coach Frank Tymrak guided his Norsemen to 153 points. U-D Jesuit was second with 103, followed by Grosse Pointe South with 60, Detroit Renaissance with 57, Detroit Cass Tech with 55, Detroit Mumford with 50, Warren Woods-Tower with 31, Eastpointe East Detroit with 30, Detroit Martin Luther King with 27, St. Clair Shores Lakeview with 24, Detroit Southeastern with 21 and Roseville with 12.

"Grosse Pointe North boys had terrific performances with balanced scoring," Tymrak said. "We scored in 15 events, winning seven events, including a 1, 2, 3 finish in the 110 high hurdles."

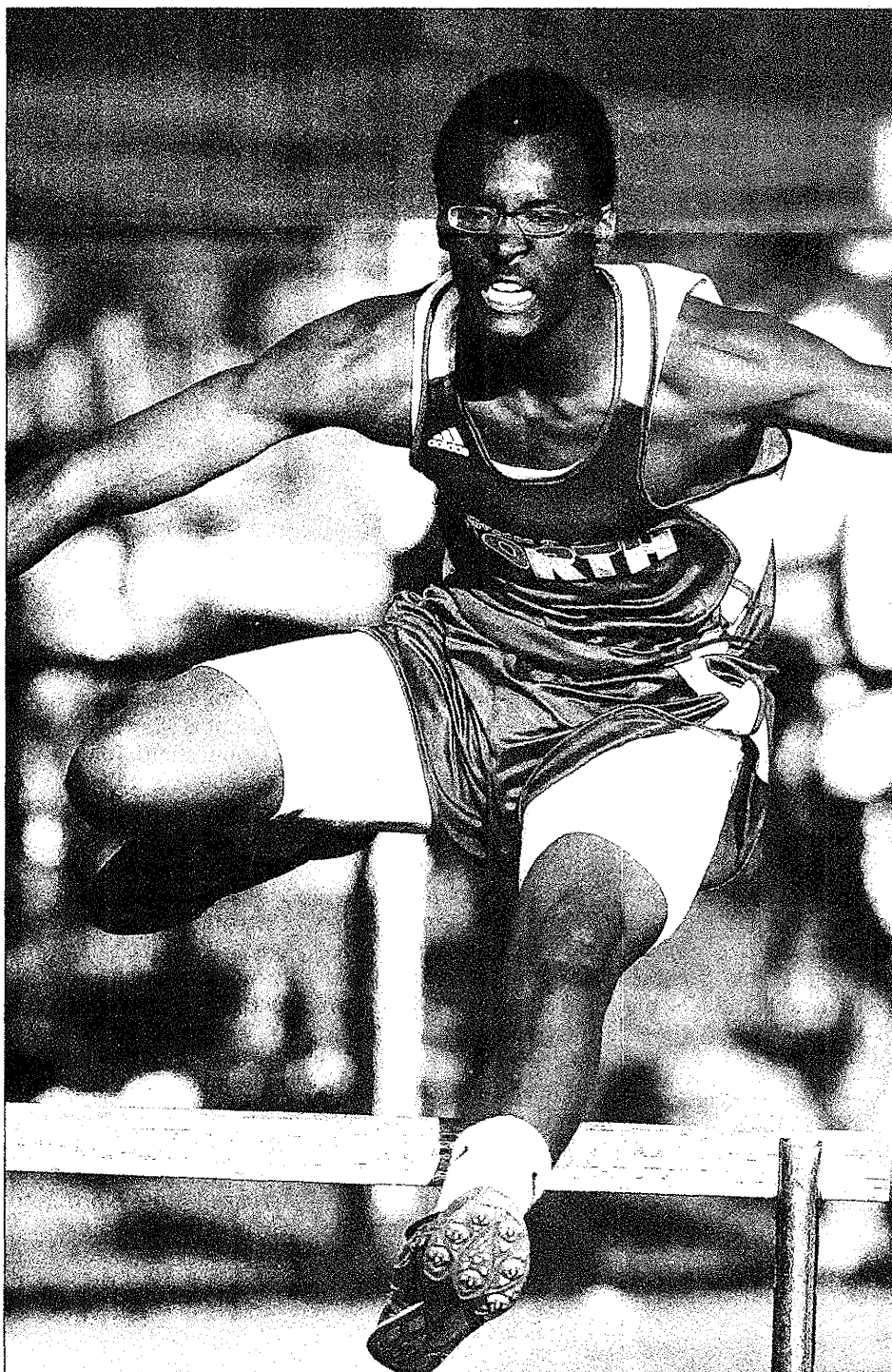
The Norsemen who ran in the high hurdles were Taiwan Wiggins, Chris Hamilton and Robert Tillman (all juniors) with times of 15.05, 15.16 and 15.67, respectively.

They also had a 1, 2, 3 finish in the discus with sophomore Makai Polk



PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE

North's boys' team members celebrate winning a Division 1 regional track and field championship.



North's Taiwan Wiggins clears a hurdle during one of his individual event victories.

winning with a mark of 139-feet, 11-inches, senior Jalen Storks at 136-feet, 4-inches, and junior Sheldon Harris at 127-feet, 10-inches.

In addition, Wiggins won the 300-hurdles with a time of 40.46 and Hamilton was third at 42.37.

Junior Eric Balle placed first in the pole vault with a mark of 11-feet, 4-inches, and the Norsemen's 3,200-relay team of senior Ed Surmont, senior Nick Finley, senior Leo Smith-Butler and junior Jordan Radke earned a spot in the state finals with a second-place time of 8:16.58.

The Norsemen also finished first and 3rd in the 800-run as Finley placed first and Surmont third

with times of 2:02.30 and 2:03.25, respectively, and senior Ryan Kenney was second and Polk third in the shot put with marks of 42-feet, 7-inches, and 42-feet, 5.50-inches.

Junior Danny Ciaravino ran a season-best 4:32 to take second in the 1,600-run, and the 400-relay foursome of junior Steven Mitchell, sophomore Tod Long, sophomore Kyle Moton and Wiggins won with a time of 44.20.

The Norsemen have 14 state finalists: Ciaravino, Balle, Hamilton, Long, Finley, Kenney, Radke, Surmont, Storks, Mitchell, Wiggins, Polk, Smith-Butler and Moton.

"Our senior leadership was an important part of today's success with cap-

tain Jay Gryniwicz, Edward Surmont, Nick Finley, Jalen Storks, and Ryan Kenney," Tymrak said.

South head coach Werner Schienke guided his Blue Devils to several top placements.

For the Blue Devils, sophomore Charlie Warren took third in the 1,600-run with a time of 4:39.60, and sophomore Andrew Barbish was fourth in the 300-hurdles with a time of 43.54.

Senior Cam Davies was fourth in the 800-run with a time of 2:04.93, and sophomore Jacob Knuth was third in the 3,200-run with a time of 10:19.74 and junior Matt Geist was fourth with a time of 10:34.07.

Sophomore Jordan

Spratt was third in the high jump with a mark of 5-feet, 11-inches.

The Blue Devils who ran on the relay teams

were Davies, Knuth, Geist and junior Mike Aro, 3,200; sophomore Antonio Moore, junior James Pye, junior Renell

Perkins and Spratt, 400 and 800; and sophomore Rob Whaley, Warren, Barbish and sophomore Brett Kotas, 1,600.

LIGGETT

Knights earn points in state regional meet

The University Liggett track team participated in a Division 4 regional meet last weekend at Lutheran Westland.

The Knights did not have a state qualifier, but a couple placed in their events.

Will Loner placed eighth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:02 and Aaron Robertson was fifth in the 1,600-meter run with a personal-best time of 5:09 and fifth place in the 800-meter

run with a time of 2:15.

Lutheran Westland won the boys' meet with 146 points, followed by Detroit Loyola with 136, Royal Oak Shrine with 102, Plymouth Christian with 86, Lutheran South with 41, Allen Academy with 38, Cristo Rey with 36, Liggett with nine, Detroit City with four, Meadow Montessori with three, Melvindale ABT with two and Huron Valley with one.

Shrine won the girls'

meet with 173.50 points, followed by Lutheran Westland with 141.50, Plymouth Christian with 79, Lutheran South with 48, Cristo Rey with 46, Allen Academy with 38, Huron Valley with 15, Melvindale ABT with 11, Meadow Montessori with nine and Liggett with two.

Scoring the two points for the Knights was Jaquoa Burns, who was seventh in the 200-meter dash.

COLLEGE TRACK

Graney attempts to make Olympic team

Grosse Pointe North 2007 graduate Betsy Graney, an All-State miler in 2006 and 2007, as well as the 3,200-meter relay in 2004 and in cross country, earned an opportunity to make the 2012 Summer Olympic Team.

At the Stanford Invitational April 7, Graney shattered her previous 5k personal record of 16:39 when she came from behind to win the second heat with a time of 15:56.68.

This was a meet with professional, as well as collegiate athletes. This time ranks her as one of the best in Division II and among the top for all NCAA divisions this season.

April 29, at the Jordan Payton Track Invitational at Stanford, Graney completed the 3,000-meter steeplechase in 9:53. Since the automatic (or "A

Standard") for the 2012 Olympic trials is 9:55 for women's steeplechase, this means Graney earned the right to compete in Eugene, Oregon during the last week of June to try and qualify to represent the U.S. in the 2012 London Summer Olympics.

Graney holds several school records at Grosse Pointe North, including the mile record of 5:00.81, and is the all-time leader of girls' 5k times.

After high school, she ran for William and Mary (cross country and track) where she specialized in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

She represented the U.S. in the steeplechase at the Junior World Championships in Poland a couple years ago and represented William and Mary in the NCAA championships.

She is the current school record holder in the 3k steeplechase at William and Mary.

Graney graduated at the top of her class in kinesiology in spring 2011 and is currently a graduate student in physical therapy at Grand Valley State University.

After being red-shirted for an injury one track season at W and M, she found herself with a year's eligibility in indoor and outdoor track and field.

She put this last collegiate opportunity to good use, helping GVSU to another indoor national title this year and was part of a championship meet record-breaking distance medley relay.

She also recorded an indoor mile personal record of 4:47.74 to come within four seconds of the GVSU school record.

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Baseball

RIVALS

Offenses shine, South beats North

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It wasn't pretty and the game took 2:43 to play, but when the final out was made at 7:13 p.m., Grosse Pointe South had a 12-5 win over city rival Grosse Pointe North.

"We didn't throw strikes and we gave them too many chances, but in the end, we won and gave ourselves a chance to share the division title," South head coach Dan Griesbaum said.

South had to win and hoped Sterling Heights Stevenson lost to Chippewa Valley. If that happened, both would share the Macomb Area Conference Red Division crown with a 7-3 record.

Unfortunately for the Blue Devils, Stevenson won the division after beating Chippewa Valley 2-1. South finished tied for second with Macomb Dakota at 7-3, while North was fourth at 4-6.

"We didn't play well, kicked the ball around and walked too many, but we still had a chance to pull out a win," North head coach Frank Sumner said.

The visiting Blue Devils scored three runs in the

top of the first on a Jon Parker solo homer and a two-run single by Jack Doyle.

The Norsemen came right back as Anthony Sarkis singled, went to second when Chip Wujek walked and scored on a fielding error.

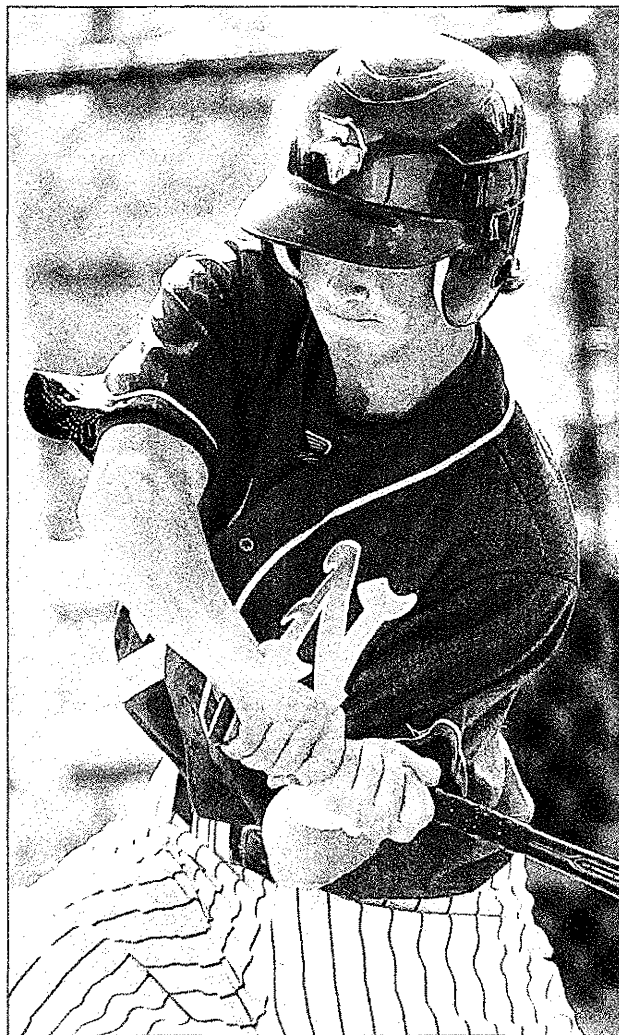
Brian Lentz walked to lead off the bottom of the second and he scored on a sacrifice fly by Jim Messina.

In the top of the third, Andrew Addy hit a solo homer to give the Blue Devils a 4-2 lead and both teams were retired 1-2-3 in the fourth. It was the only inning either team went out in order.

Neither team scored in the fifth, but both squads put runs on the board in the sixth.

The first two Blue Devils were retired in order, then Matt Reno singled, Parker walked, Carmen Benedetti singled home a run and Gibson doubled home two more runs.

Addy walked to load the bases and the fourth run of the inning scored when Doyle reached on an error. Tim Kramer walked and George Fishback walked to force in the fifth run to turn a 4-



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North's Mike Messina takes a swing at a Carmen Benedetti pitch during the Norsemen's final division game of the season.

2 lead to 9-2.

However, the Norsemen never quit and scored three runs, including bases loaded walks to pinch-hitter Cody Parafin and Messina. Sarkis grounded out, scoring the third run. They still had the bases loaded when Dave Kracht hit a sharp grounder to Robbie Kish, who gunned the ball to Benedetti for the final out.

The visitors added three insurance runs in the sev-

enth when Gibson singled home two runs and Addy singled home another.

Benedetti earned the win, pitching five innings. He struck out five and scattered three hits. Kish pitched to four batters before being replaced by Eddie Champane, who walked three in his two innings, but put out the fire with three fly ball outs in the bottom of the seventh.

For the Norsemen, Evan Hayden suffered the loss, pitching four innings. Sumner also pitched Andrew Remus, Kracht and Parafin in the final three innings.

Sarkis had two of the Norsemen's four hits. The Norsemen drew 10 walks, including three by Lenz and two each by Wujek and Mike Messina.

For the Blue Devils, Parker, Benedetti, Gibson, Addyk and Fishback had two hits apiece with Reno, Doyle and Kramer each netting one hit.

In other action last week, South finished 2-1 in its invitational, beating Rochester Hills Stoney Creek 6-3 and Warren Cousino 8-1 before losing 5-4 to L'Anse Creuse North, and North swept a doubleheader with North Farmington, winning each game 8-7.

Grosse Pointe South is 22-10 overall and North is 14-13.



South catcher George Fishback, left, comes up a moment shy of tagging out North's Brian Lentz, who scored in the second inning.

Rugby

GROSSE POINTE



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Destruction

The Grosse Pointe rugby team played its regular season finale last week, whipping the Downriver Sharks 51-0. The team ended the regular season tied for first in its division with a 5-1 record.

LIGGETT

Knights win tournament

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's baseball team is obliterating the competition in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference this season.

Head coach Dan Cimini guided his Knights to a division title last week, improving to 12-0 with wins over Ann Arbor Greenhills, 12-0, and Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, 9-0.

The big news is the return of junior right-hander Connor Fannon, who missed a majority of the season with an injury.

"Connor is back and ready to contribute and it's great to see him on the mound," Cimini said. "He is free and clear to pitch and once again contribute to this baseball program."

Fannon pitched the first five innings against Inter-City Baptist, giving up only one hit and striking out eight. Junior Mark Auk pitched the final two innings.

Last weekend, Liggett won the Beal City Tournament, edging the host school 4-2 in the first game and crushing a

strong Shepard squad 10-0 in five innings in the title game.

In the semifinal game, Gaggin singled and scored on Daar's hit. Beal City came back with a run in the bottom of the inning.

It was a 2-2 game before the Knights plated a run in the sixth when Kevin Allen scored after walking and coming home after Zingas' hit.

They made it 4-2 in the seventh when Auk scored on Simon's third hit of the game.

Daar earned the win in relief, pitching three innings.

Against Shepard, senior Alex Daar threw a no-hitter. He improved to 11-0 and has given up only two earned runs. He helped himself at the plate, going 3-for-4 with three RBIs.

Sophomore Anthony Simon was 2-for-3 with two RBIs as Liggett improved to 16-2 overall.

They scored seven first-inning runs as Daar, Nick Azar, Ian Clark and Cole Zingas drove in single runs and Nate Gaggin had a two-run double to cap the inning.

Golf

RIVALS

South beats North, again

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South swept the regular season series with Grosse Pointe North, winning 159-170 last week.

For the Blue Devils, Jeff Craig and Reis Becker each shot a 39, while Geoff Welsher had a 40 and Joe Becker posted a 41.

For the Norsemen, Steven Zak and Patrick Hastings shot a 42.

The Norsemen also played in the East Lansing Classic, shooting a 343 on Forest Akers East and a 337 on Forest Akers West.

Garrett Freismuth shot an 81 on the East course and Hasting had a 79 on the West course to lead the Norsemen.

North finished its regu-

lar season 4-4 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division and South improved to 6-1 with one match left against division co-leader Utica Eisenhower. The winner is the Red Division dual meet champ. The league tournament is May 24.

Coming up for North and South is a Division 1 district tournament Thursday, May 31, at Greystone Golf Club.

Competing squads are Detroit Cass Tech, Detroit Martin Luther King, Detroit Mumford, Detroit Southeastern, U-D Jesuit, East Detroit, Fraser, St. Clair Shores Lakeview, Sterling Heights, Warren Mott, Warren Cousino, host Warren DeLaSalle, Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South.

LIGGETT

Knights still on hot streak

University Liggett's boys' golf team won its two tri-matches last week, improving to 12-2 overall.

In the victories later in the week, the Knights shot a 162. Jeff Mott led the way with a 38, followed by Stephan Campau with a 40, Chris Monsour with a 42 and Jake Soyka with a 42.

Earlier in the week, the Knights also shot a 162, with Campau posting a 38 and Soyka shooting a 40. Robert Stanley and Monsour each shot a 42.

Coming up for the Knights is a Division 4 district tournament Thursday, May 31, at

Heather Highland Golf Club.

Liggett's competitors are Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, Birmingham Roeper, host Clarkston Everest Collegiate, Detroit Marvin L Winans Academy of Performing Arts, Marine City Cardinal Mooney, Memphis, Novi Franklin Road Christian, Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, Royal Oak Shrine, Sterling Heights Parkway Christian, Warren Macomb Christian and West Bloomfield Frankel Jewish Academy.

—Bob St. John

Softball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Offense on track

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls' softball team is hot, winning seven straight games the past couple of weeks.

Last week, the Blue Devils beat Madison Heights Lamphere 12-8 and Sterling Heights 14-1, before ending the week with a 10-5 victory over Center Line.

"We're playing very well right now," Head coach Nicole Crane said. "We're getting a lot of offense and putting everything together at the right time of the season."

The Blue Devils exploded for 26 runs in the Macomb Area Conference Gold Division victories over Lamphere and Sterling Heights.

Against Center Line, the host Blue Devils held

a slim, one-run lead until the fifth inning when four straight extra-base hits pushed the lead to five runs, 10-5.

Junior Marie Monark earned the win in relief of senior Brigid Walkowski, including getting the final six hitters out in order.

Offensively, sophomore Christina Tech was 3-for-4 with a run scored and two stolen bases, and freshman Kaitlin Kish was 3-for-4 with two runs and a triple.

Senior Bella Blondell started the four-run outburst in the fifth inning with a triple and run scored, plus junior Carley Reno had two doubles, as did junior Hannah Buzolits.

Junior Jaya Telang also had a couple of hits as South improved to 6-4 in the MAC Gold Division and 12-13 overall.

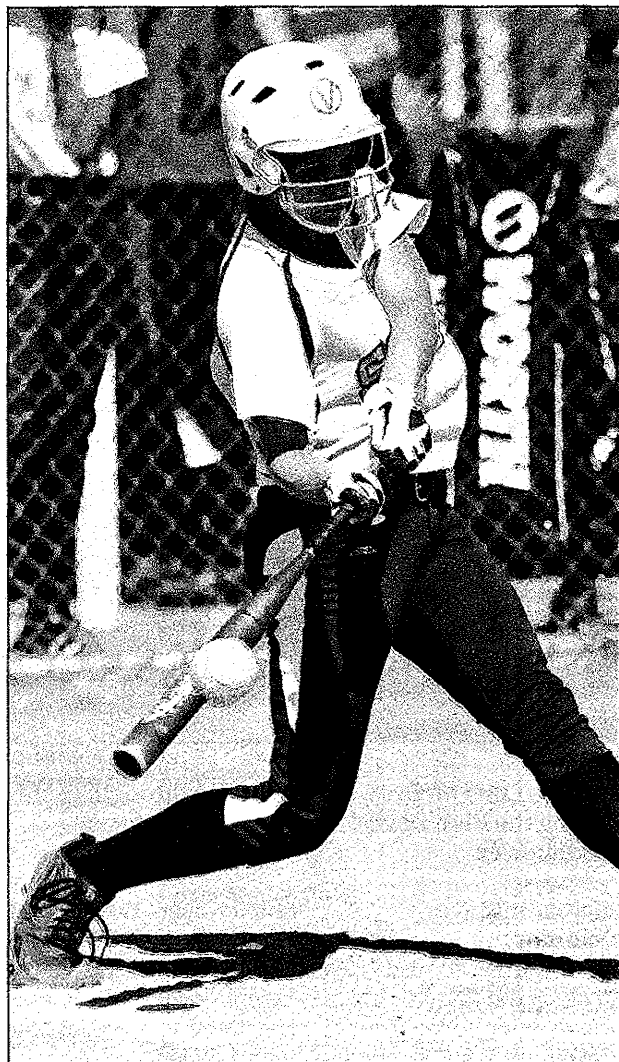


PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

South's Christina Tech launches one of her three hits in the Blue Devils' win over Center Line.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen take third

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' softball team put back-to-back 6-2 wins on the board early last week, beating St. Clair Shores Lakeview and L'Anse Creuse North.

Against the Huskies, the host Norsemen played better defense as senior Amy Zaranek struck out only four and scattered five hits.

Offensively, sophomore Emily Alway was 3-for-3 with two RBIs and a run scored, while Zaranek was 2-for-2 with a walk and a double and senior Danielle Haggerty was 1-for-2 with two walks.

Sarah Richardson ended a sixth-inning rally, picking off a runner at third base and also threw out a runner attempting to steal earlier in the game. The Norsemen were

ready against the Crusaders as Zaranek struck out three and scattered eight hits.

Junior Sarah Richardson had three hits, including two doubles and two RBIs.

In other action last week, North lost 5-4 in 11 innings to St. Clair Shores Lake Shore, ending the season with a 3-9 mark in the Macomb Area Conference White Division.

Zaranek had three hits, while Richardson and Mermiges had two hits apiece.

Last weekend, North competed in the Hits for Heroes Tournament and beat Roseville 7-2.

In the second game, North lost 7-2 to LCN, but came back to blank Southgate 6-0 as Zaranek struck out 12.

The Norsemen are 14-14 overall.

LIGGETT



PHOTO BY PHIL LANGFORD

Liggett sophomore Lia Evangelista safely slides under the catcher for an inside-the-park-home run in game two against Center Line.

Knights win 4-of-7

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's girls' softball team lost a game it shouldn't have last week, 3-1, to Southfield Christian.

The host Knights' defense wasn't crisp and the hitters couldn't adjust to the slow pitching of Southfield Christian. Too many pop-ups, strikeouts and a couple of lineouts were keys to the defeat.

"We can hopefully get one more chance at Southfield Christian and that would be in a state regional," assistant coach Jim Schmidt said.

Junior Ashley Tengler pitched well and the Knights scored a run in the bottom of the first when junior Amber Baldwin singled with two outs, advanced to second on a wild pitch, moved to third when junior Julia DeRoo reached on an error and scored on freshman Jenna Pleva's single.

The Knights had scoring chances, but couldn't deliver a big hit.

In their division finale, the Knights lost 4-2 to Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, finishing 6-4 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Alpert's squad played non-league games last weekend, beating Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes 13-2 and then they took the 3-hour bus ride to Howard City to sweep a double-header

from Tri-County Area Schools, 6-3 and 16-11.

"Beating Lakes was a super win for us," Alpert said. "It's nice to get some big wins after struggling with our division opponents."

Tengler earned the win against Lakes, striking out six and walking one in five innings. She threw 71.8 percent of her pitches for strikes.

DeRoo had three hits and two RBIs and junior Lia Evangelista stole two bases.

Tengler was once again the winning pitcher in the first game against Tri-County and sophomore Danielle Lrant made a spectacular catch to help the Knights earn the win.

Game two's winning pitcher was freshman Zarine Minwalla. She didn't get much help defensively as 10 of the 11 runs were unearned.

Liggett was back at it Monday afternoon, hosting Center Line. The Knights could only muster two runs in a 3-2 setback.

Junior Courtney Slabaugh singled home DeRoo for the first run and in the bottom of the seventh, Lrant's ground ball out scored Slabaugh with the final run.

The Knights had DeRoo on third base with two outs, but Evangelista's hard ground ball went to a drawn-in second baseman, who flipped to first for the final out.

RIVALS

North splits with foes

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North battled both city rivals last week, traveling to University Liggett and Grosse Pointe South.

"We have two tests ahead of us," North head coach Bill Seaman said. "Liggett is an improved team and South is our main rival. It should be fun."

The Norsemen had fun the first day, beating the Knights 23-13.

Two players paved the way with seven-goal efforts; Liggett senior Abby Belcrest and North junior Julia Guest enjoying the honors.

The Knights' other goal scorers was junior Chandler Warren with three goals.

For the Norsemen, junior Kit Maher had four goals and sophomore Caitlin Gaitley, junior Bryn Moody, senior Mary Corrado and junior Anna Giordano netted two apiece.

North settled for a split as it was run over by South, 14-6.

"This was the most important game of the sea-

son," South head coach Taylor Barczyk said. "Learning each and every game is what we strive for."

For the host Blue Devils, sophomore Bridgette Champagne had five goals and junior Lilly Sterr had three. Others with one goal apiece were freshman Emelia Doyon, junior Amanda Heidt, senior Jenna Morris, senior Chelsea Merrill, senior Elizabeth Griffith and senior Jennifer Ryan.

The Norsemen were led by Guest with three goals. Giordano had two and Maher added one.

In other action last week, North lost 10-5 to Troy, falling to 8-6-1, while South dropped a 14-8 decision to Farmington Hills Mercy to dip to 4-10 overall.

Liggett finished its season 5-8 overall after losing 9-8 to Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard in a Division 2 pre-regional playoff game Monday evening.

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Boys lacrosse

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils co-champs

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Don WOLFORD crossed off one of his three goals this season — beating Utica Eisenhower.

Grosse Pointe South's boys' lacrosse team beat the Eagles 8-6 last week, claiming a share of the Macomb Area Conference Red Division with Eisenhower with a 5-1 record.

"I liked our hustle," WOLFORD said. "That is a fantastic team and to get eight goals on them is great."

"This is one of the goals I set this season. The guys played a great game. They wanted it and went out and got it."

It was a tight game throughout, including the first half in which the host Blue Devils led 3-2 on goals by senior Dan French, senior Sam Hartman and sophomore Andrew Hyde.

Hyde also drew an as-

sist on French's goal, while senior Cliff Dirksen assisted on Hartman's tally and Hartman assisted on Hyde's goal.

One of the biggest plays of the game came late in the second quarter when senior goalie David Trudel stopped a rare breakaway. That could have tied the game and given the visitors a huge boost heading into the intermission.

Eisenhower came out on fire in the third period and owned it, outscoring the Blue Devils 3-1 to take a 5-4 lead.

Hyde scored in the first minute of the third period, making it a 4-2 game, but the Eagles dominated the remaining 11 minutes to score three unanswered goals and grab the lead.

WOLFORD regrouped during the time between quarters and he had his Blue Devils ready to play in the final 12 minutes. They dominated play at both ends of the field and forced the Eagles into nu-

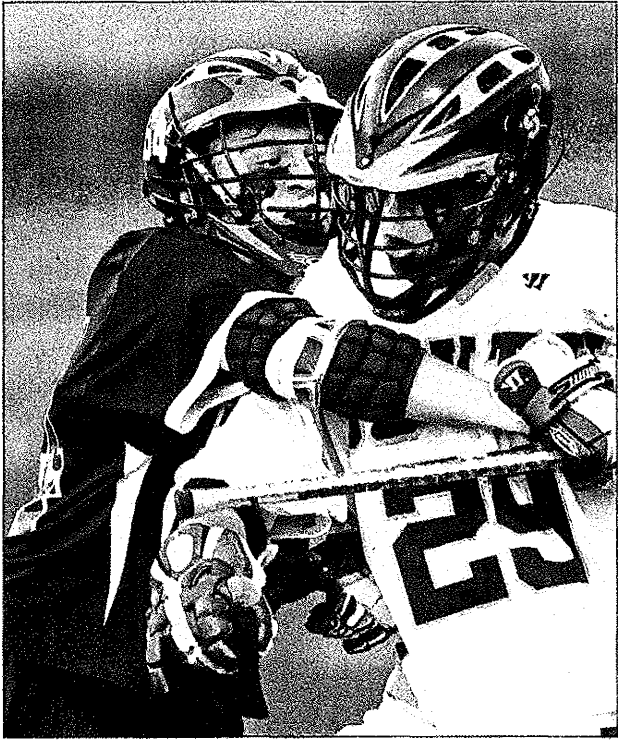


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South's Liam McIlroy, right, muscles through a hold during the Blue Devils' 8-6 win over Utica Eisenhower.

merous mistakes.

Junior James Champagne scored two goals in the first minute of the quarter, turning a 5-4 deficit into a 6-5 advantage. The Blue Devils never looked back and extended the lead on goals by Dirksen and Hyde, assisted by French.

Dirksen's goal put an exclamation mark on the win. He stole a pass 10 yards in front of Trudel

and cruised down field. One move later, he buried the shot by the Eisenhower goalie, giving the home team a 7-5 lead with 4:57 left.

The Eagles scored in the final 10 seconds, but too little, too late for the Red Division co-champs.

The following night, South wrapped-up its regular season with a victory over Warren United, improving to 10-5 overall.

Soccer

RIVALS

Another tie

By John McTaggart
Special Writer

It was a fitting end to a game that had fans from both sides on the edge of their seats.

A 2-2 tie between girls soccer rivals Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South last Friday evening seemed only right given the storied rivalry and how well both teams are playing heading into the closing games of the 2012 campaign.

"It was a good game all the way around," North head coach Chris Alston admitted. "It was pretty much a battle for second place in the MAC (Macomb Area Conference) Red, which puts both of us right around the top of the division. Not to mention, any game between North and South is going to be a match where coaching almost becomes irrelevant. You just kind of sit back and watch it happen. It's always a good game and it was a good game tonight."

South's head coach, Gene Harkins, said, "It's always going to be a good game. I've been doing this for 12 years now and I've never seen a bad North-South soccer game. Never. It doesn't matter what the records are, who's playing well and who isn't. These teams get together and the intensity is great and the games are great."

With the tie, South secured the runners-up spot in the division at 6-2-2, trailing Eisenhower, while North winds up third in

the MAC Red at 4-3-2.

The contest was a nail-biter for fans on both sides of the stands. Fans donned pink shirts in honor of North's Kicking Cancer campaign game. Every player from both teams wore shirts signifying the special meaning behind the Friday night contest — North in pink t-shirts, and South in black t-shirts.

Fans were treated to a contest worthy of the special occasion, as both teams battled for 80 minutes and each had several chances that were stopped by outstanding saves from respective goalkeepers Alysa Lombardi and Anastasia Diamond.

South's Dani Manning and Cathy Palazzolo managed to find the back of the net in the opening half, as did North's Chrisa Kouskoulas and Emily Armbruster, resulting in a 2-2 tie after the opening 40 minutes of play.

Neither squad scored in the second half, but each had several good chances at breaking the tie.

With the postseason on the horizon for both squads, playing well at this point of the campaign is just as important as the outcome of the game.

The two squads could meet in the district final June 1 should they both win a pair of games in the district round.

In other games last week, South beat Chippewa Valley 3-0 and North edged Sterling Heights Stevenson 1-0.

South is 8-3-2 overall and North is 5-6-3.

RIVALS

Big third quarter lifts ULS

By John McTaggart
Special Writer

A five-goal, third-quarter explosion from

University Liggett Saturday afternoon helped push the Knights past rival Grosse Pointe North, 8-4, and into the

state playoffs.

"It was a very even game," Liggett head coach Bill Brusilow explained. "I thought both

defenses played really well, just a few more shots went in for us.

"I expected a really close game, and we got that. I just think our defense played a little bit better and that was the difference."

Aside from the third quarter, which saw the Knights come out of the break and outscore North, 5-1, the contest was a balanced one according to the scoreboard.

Goals by Liggett's Austin Petitpren and Norsemen standout, Jay Warren, were the only offense the squad's could muster in the opening 24 minutes of play, resulting in a 1-1 tie heading into the break.

"I think if we could have cleaned things up a little bit, fundamentals-wise, we might have been closer," North head coach Dan Preston said. "Our shot selection wasn't great today either."

"They played really well though, and that had more to do with it than anything else. I'm proud of my team though. That's the biggest thing with this team — the heart. They never quit. No matter what, they never quit."

North got a trio of goals from Warren, while Alex Malik rounded out the team's offensive output.

The loss brought the Norsemen season to a close, and signaled the end of the careers of 21 North seniors.

The Norsemen wrapped up the 2012 campaign 4-12 overall and 1-5 in the Macomb Area Conference Red.

For the Knights, the season continues.

The play of Petitpren, in particular, who wrapped up the game with four goals (David Gushee and Vincent Scarfone also scored for the Knights) was outstanding in the pre-regional win Saturday.

The play of the team's seniors, coupled with the stellar defensive effort Brusilow spoke of, earned the Knights, 7-8 overall, the victory and a spot in the regional round May 25 against host Detroit Country Day.

LIGGETT

Knights drop 3

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's girls' soccer team played three ranked squads in the span of six days and came up on the short end of each contest.

"It was a rough week on the scoreboard, but overall the girls played well and this tough competition makes us better prepared for the upcoming state playoffs," head coach David Dwaihy said.

The Knights began the week with a 3-1 loss to Auburn Hills Oakland Christian. After a scoreless first half, the Knights grabbed a 1-0 lead.

Oakland Christian scored three unanswered goals to pull out the win and sweep the regular season series.

Next up was a 4-3 loss to Ann Arbor Greenhills.

Junior Eleni Pitses scored with an assist from freshman Carina Ghafari to put the Knights on the board.

Senior Kara Zymslowski scored the Knights' second goal with senior Haley Smith netting the assist. A few minutes later, Smith assisted another goal as sophomore Caitlin deRuiter put the ball in the back of the net.

The Knights were cruising along with a 3-1 lead, but Greenhills used a three-goal explosion in a 10-minute span in the second half to pull out the 4-3 victory.

"We played well, but the defense got a little tired in the second half," Dwaihy said. "We still have a few injured players and some inexperience on our part was evident."

The final game of the week was a 2-1 loss to Saginaw Nouvel. They trailed 2-0 before sophomore Ania Dow scored off a Pitses corner kick.

Liggett finished 5-5 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and dipped to 6-9 overall.

SIBLING RIVALRY

Sisters to square off

On Thursday, May 24, 2012, 4:00 p.m., sisters will play in a varsity soccer game against each other as host Grosse Pointe North battles University Liggett.

Eleni Pitses is a junior at Liggett and her younger sister, Chrisoula Pitses, is a sophomore at Grosse Pointe North. Both began playing soccer at the age of 3 at the

Grosse Pointe Neighborhood Club.

They continued to play travel soccer for both Grosse Pointe Soccer Association and the Gators Soccer Club. Most of the years they played as teammates. However, at times they played on separate teams within their own age divisions.

This is the first time they face each other.

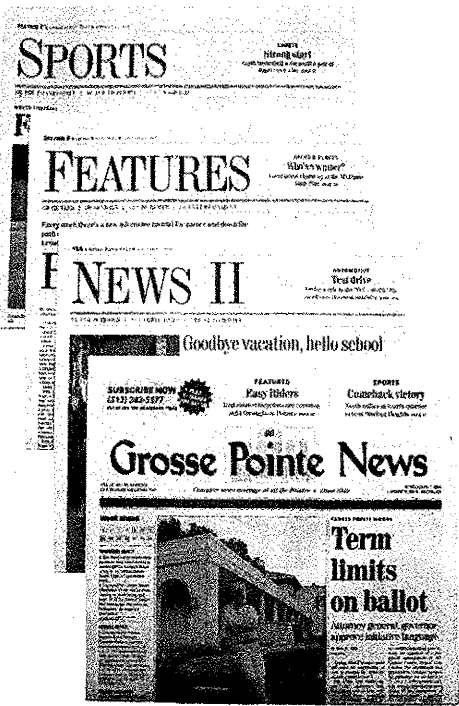
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women's clothing,
purses, costume jew-
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lighting fixtures. COL-
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er, rocking horse,
crystal, dishes, Avon,
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Friday, Saturday,
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GARAGE sale. 19626
Damman, Harper
Woods. June 1st and
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to 2:00P.M. Rain
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RUMMAGE SALE**

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5pm. *1932 Hunting-
ton Boulevard,
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electronics, kids
stuff, books, and
housewares.

MULTI- family ga-
rage sale. Friday
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pm. 524 Hollywood,
Grosse Pointe
Woods.

NOT moving after all!
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May 25 & Saturday
May 26- 9 to 3. No
early birds! Furni-
ture, antiques, rugs,
lamps, chandelier,
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with boots, school
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Pointe Woods. Rain
date: June 2.

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iday & miscellaneous
items.

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sion, over 1,000
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urday, 9am- 5pm;
Sunday, 9am- 4pm.

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Mary. Friday, Satur-
day; 9am- 4pm. 121
East Boston Boule-
vard. Books, art, fur-
niture, household,
more!!! Former resi-
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410 HOUSEHOLD SALES

MOVING sale, 44
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wood antique dress-
ers, 1 antique round-
ed glass display
case, white antique
hutch, small antique
table with 2 chairs,
small oak desk, bur-
gundy leather sofa
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with green/ red/
black trim, bedside 3
drawer stand. art-
work. By appoint-
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front; server; oval
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pads; 4 side chairs, 2
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and chair; more.
Cash/ check and car-
ry. Saturday/ Sunday
26- 27th, noon- 4.
1240- 1242 Beacons-
field, Grosse Pointe
Park (between Ver-
nor/ Kercheval)

MOVING- triple
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nightstands; king
headboard; Fisher ra-
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love seat; oriental
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Doolittle legacy

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

DAYTON, OHIO — They're in their 90s, now, these few surviving Doolittle Raiders, barely able to climb stairways unassisted.

In their youth nearly a lifetime ago, they volunteered for a secret bombing mission and flew in triumph against one of America's most hated enemies.

Their morale-boosting raid April 18, 1942, against the Japanese homeland four months after the empire's sneak attack on Pearl Harbor affirmed a reality that warriors admit but do not boast — revenge feels good.

"My personal view was, 'You started this. We're going to finish it,'" said Richard Cole, copilot of the first of 16 bombers in the raid, commanded by Jimmy Doolittle.

Of 80 men in the raid, most bailed out at night after hitting their targets. Others crashlanded in the ocean, enemy territory or remote coastal parts of China.

Six died. Of those, the Japanese captured and executed three. One more died of illness in captivity. Four spent 40 months in prison until liberated by American troops.

Cole, of Texas, is 96, the oldest of five living Doolittle Raiders.

He was among four raiders reuniting last month at the National Museum of the United States Air Force, in Dayton, Ohio, to commemorate the raid's 70th anniversary. The fifth couldn't attend due to ill health.

Legacy

It would be as factually wrong as it is defeatist to presume the World War II spirit is dying with its veterans.

"Men and women in

uniform today are serving on their shoulders for what they've done for us," said Lt. Gen. Dick Newton, assistant vice chief of staff of the United States Air Force. "It is our hope that this and future generations forever remember their sacrifice."

"The Doolittle Raiders' exemplify courage, sacrifice, leadership, ingenuity and teamwork," said Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Jack Hudson, museum director. "Even in the toughest times and darkest days, these attributes will carry us through."

It's hard not to dramatize what the raiders overcame.

They volunteered for the mission not knowing its objective nor odds of getting killed.

The next hurdle was launching heavily-loaded, twin-engine, land-based Army Air Corps B-25 bombers off the 824-foot aircraft carrier USS Hornet.

The B-25 pilot manual states the aircraft needs a takeoff roll of 3,300 feet. Raiders did it in 1/6 that distance. They also did it without practicing from the carrier.

"The lead plane had 467 feet of clear deck for takeoff," according to an after-action report by Marc Mitscher, captain of Hornet.

A morning storm and high seas turned the carrier into a bobbing, seagoin' teeter-totter.

David Thatcher, engineer-gunner in the seventh B-25 to take off, recalled walking across the Hornet's wooden flight-deck to man his aircraft.

"Wind was blowing so hard, I could hardly stand up," he said.

"A high wind of over 40 knots and heavy swells caused Hornet to pitch violently, occasionally taking green seas over the bow and wetting the flight deck," Mitscher reported.

Pilots timed takeoff rolls to reach the bobbing

bow on the upswing of big waves.

"The engines were run up to full speed," Thatcher said. "We watched the bow to see when it was down closest to the water. That's when we released the brakes. By the time we got to the end of the deck, the bow was farthest from the water. We had plenty of lift to get off. No trouble at all."

Mitscher, a naval aviation pioneer, had a different assessment from his perch on the bridge.

"With only one exception, take-offs were dangerous and improperly executed," he reported.

Crews flew as low as 20 feet over the Pacific Ocean on 600-mile runs to Tokyo and other cities. Gaining altitude for the bomb run, they headed toward China, 1,000 miles away. A second storm at night washed out hopes of safe landings.

Although Cole's lead B-25 was commanded by the raid's namesake, Thatcher's aircraft is the most storied.

Nicknamed "The Ruptured Duck," its pilot, Ted Lawson, wrote "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo" in 1943. The following year, it was made into a movie that still airs regularly on television.

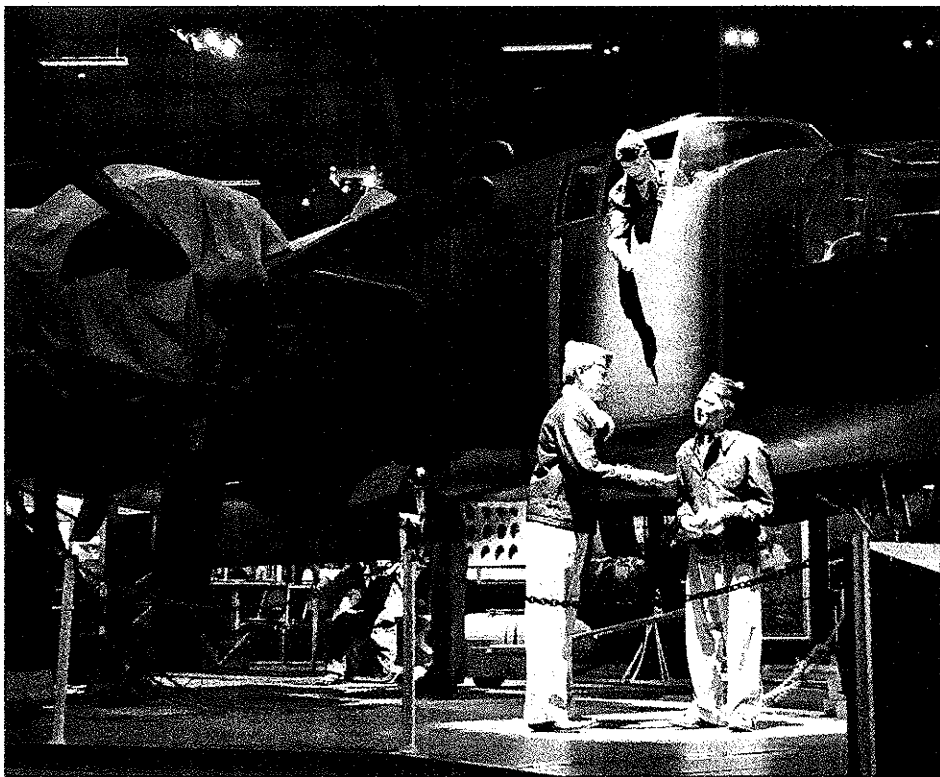
Lawson died in 1992. Thatcher, age 20 during the raid, is 90 and the youngest survivor. He lives in Montana.

Thatcher manned a machine gun in his bomber's top turret. He didn't spare time during the bomb run to look down and see the attack's handiwork.

"I had to be on the lookout for fighters," he said.

After more than 12 hours in the air, "The Ruptured Duck" ran out of fuel and crashed in a storm at night off of a small Chinese island.

"The other four crewmen were so seriously injured, they couldn't walk," Thatcher said. "They had to be carried. There was



A North American B-25 Mitchell bomber is prepared for takeoff from the USS Hornet, in this Doolittle Raiders diorama at the National Museum of the United States Air Force in Dayton, Ohio.

no medical help."

The sudden appearance of American airmen startled the rural Chinese.

"It was a very remote area," said Daxian Hu, of Zhejiang, China, widow of a guerrilla commander. "We had never seen white people before. We were afraid they may be Japanese."

Hu, in a wheelchair, spoke through a translator, her grandson.

"Crew members stayed in nearby mountains until my husband found them," she said.

"The Chinese underground got us out of there," Thatcher said. "Otherwise, we would have been captured. It took two days to get to free territory."

Thatcher, a sergeant and outranked by everyone on board, tended his crewmates.

"I don't know what we would have done without Thatcher," Lawson wrote.

"All of this plane's crew were saved either from capture or death as a result of Thatcher's initiative and courage in assuming responsibility and tending the wounds himself day and night, and arranging for the transportation of his companions," according to a War



At left, Richard Cole in 1942, age 26. Above, at age 96.

Department account released more than a year after the raid.

Aftermath

Nearly every year after the war, a steadily decreasing number of Raiders memorialize their mission. Their ritual includes drinking a toast to those departed.

A monument in the museum's memorial garden honors the fliers and their squadron leader, future Medal of Honor winner, Doolittle.

"It is an acknowledgment of the admiration we had for him and a reminder of the friendship we had with those who have gone before," Cole said.

"There wasn't a more charismatic leader than Jimmy Doolittle," said Carroll Glines, coauthor of Doolittle's autobiography, "I Could Never Be So Lucky Again," and two accounts of the raid. "He did it by example. If he made a promise, he kept it. He expected the same of others."

While acknowledging the squadron's achievements, each raider at the 70th reunion downplayed his individual role.

"We all shared the same risks," Cole said. "The scariest part was deciding to jump out or not."

The Doolittle Raid is celebrated as the first high-profile American counterattack of the war.

The fliers and Hornet crew weren't told of the mission until the day after the carrier departed San Francisco under cover of fog.

"Cheers from every section of the ship greeted the announcement and morale reached a new high," Mitscher wrote.

As the last Raider lifted

off of Hornet, bloodlust flowed thick on the ship. The crew wasn't happy about the carrier returning to safer waters.

"A majority of officers and men were quite surprised that no further action against enemy bases was contemplated, and were obviously disappointed," according to Mitscher's report. "It is believed that attacks should be made as frequently as possible on raiding missions to keep morale and 'action exhilaration' in a high state."

They'd get their chance in two months. The raid prompted the Japanese to try to invade Midway, which the U.S. beat back and never lost momentum.

Loss of Hornet

Elmo Wojahn, 88, served on Hornet as an 18-year-old aviation machinists mate. His duty ended with the carrier's sinking during the Battle of the Santa Cruz Islands in October 1942.

Hornet took four Japanese torpedoes, four bombs and two airplane strikes within 10 minutes.

"When a torpedo hits, the ship lifts out of the water," said Wojahn, of Minnesota. "When it goes back down, you wonder if it's ever going to stop."

The ship's list increased and the captain ordered abandon ship. Wojahn slid down the sloping hull into the Pacific Ocean.

A destroyer, zig-zagging at high speed against air attack, nearly swamped him before he swam to a life raft.

Wojahn figured the Japanese had it in for the Hornet.

"They weren't too happy with us," he said. "We launched the Doolittle Raiders."



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Four of five surviving Doolittle Raiders attending a 70th reunion in Dayton, Ohio, watch B-25 bombers fly overhead in their honor. Seated from left are Thomas Griffin, 95, of Ohio, navigator on the ninth plane in the raid; David Thatcher, 91, of Montana, engineer-gunner on the seventh B-25 to launch from the carrier; Richard Cole, 96, of Texas, co-pilot of the B-25 commanded by Jimmy Doolittle and Edward Saylor, 92, of Washington, engineer-gunner on the 15th aircraft launched during the attack.

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Jewelry theft

A South Oxford homeowner filed a police report Sunday, May 20, after she discovered a number of pieces of jewelry missing from several locations in an upstairs bedroom. Police believe someone

the homeowner knows is responsible and continue to investigate.

Assault

A couple waiting to pick up their order at a pizza store on Mack at 11:45 p.m. Saturday, May 19, were assaulted by two men who appeared to be

intoxicated and came into the store. According to police, one of the men sat down next to them and when he started moving closer to the young woman, her boyfriend objected. The boyfriend was assaulted by both men, with the fight spilling out on to Mack. The woman and her boyfriend ran from the scene, but called

police and indicated they wanted to press charges. The boyfriend declined medical treatment. The couple knew the identity of one of the men, having gone to high school with him. Police continue to investigate.

Strange stop

A Vernier Road resident

was sitting on his front porch about 8 p.m. Friday, May 18, when he noticed a car drive slowly by with the passenger door open. Just a few doors down the street, a woman was either pushed or jumped from the car.

The resident assisted the woman, and once she was on her feet she attempted to walk to another house on Vernier. By this time police had arrived and the woman was transported to a local hospital.

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— Kathy Ryan