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FRIDAY, APRIL 12

◆ Dancing With the South Stars begins at 7 p.m. in Grosse Pointe South High School gym. Tickets cost \$10 and proceeds benefit Beaumont Respite Care for Special Needs Families and Grosse Pointe South classes. For more information, contact Carrie. halliburton@gpschool.org or call (313) 432-3614.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

◆ Grosse Pointe South Choir Boosters host its annual wine tasting and auction from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at Cost Plus Wine, 2448 Market, Eastern Market. The cost is \$35. For reservations contact Lisa Thams at (248) 515-6832 or lisathams@aol.com.

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Lawsuit claims real estate deals done in secret

By Joe Warner
and Kathy Ryan
Staff writers

GROSSE POINTE PARK — A lawsuit filed against the Grosse Pointe Park City Council by a resident claims the city conducted dozens of real estate transactions in violation of the state's Open Meetings Act.

Robert Payne filed the suit in Wayne County's 3rd Circuit Court with his attorneys Andrew Paterson and Charles Leahy, a Grosse Pointe Shores resident.

"He's fighting his own city hall," Leahy said. "It's a very courageous and uncomfortable thing to do. All (Payne) wants them to do is to step up and adopt the best practices of the surrounding communities. They are keeping information from the public."

The information Leahy refers to is outlined in the 63-page lawsuit. It alleges the city purchased and sold different properties away from public meetings in some cases, utilizing a three-man committee to make decisions that should have been brought before the full council. The lawsuit said while some property transactions followed the letter of the law, some 43 purchases totaling \$3.3 million and 16 subsequent sales did not meet the provisions of the Open Meetings Act.

In November 2006, voters in Grosse Pointe Park approved a \$7 million bond issue to "acquire bank foreclosures, expand our tree replacement program, resurface streets, create new housing and convert vacant rental properties to

owner occupied residences," according to a city summary of the bond program.

The documents said purchases on Wayburn, Maryland, Lakepointe and Beaconsfield have helped turn a high number of rental units into single-family houses. The goal of the program was to upgrade and resell houses, build new condominiums and townhouses, improve streets, replace trees and enhance the area near the city's border with Detroit.

While the city purchased properties, the housing market turned south.

The city's summary said some of the project's goals were scrapped due to the economy.

Huge losses

The lawsuit lists information about three option to purchase agreements with Robert Buhl, who is the mayoral appointee chairman of the city's planning commission and chairman of its board of review.

Several options to purchase and extensions all expired by Oct. 31, 2008.

At a council meeting Jan. 11, 2011, the lawsuit said the Building Improvement Committee suggested the purchase of the three contiguous residential dwellings at 1012, 1014 and 1018 Wayburn in the amount of \$319,927.

The lawsuit claims deeds show the purchase of 1012 Wayburn took place Jan. 7, 2010, four days before council's

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PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Council approved purchase of these three houses on Wayburn at a cost not to exceed \$320,000. The houses were purchased from planning commission chairman Robert Buhl. Two were sold at significant losses just weeks later. See page 4A for details.



The Deck Bar on Jefferson was purchased by the Grosse Pointe Park and then scheduled to be razed. However, action by the Detroit Historic District Committee halted plans to demolish and then improve the property.

Santorum uninvited

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe South High School principal Matt Outlaw announced on Monday the district's decision to cancel former United States Senator and presidential candidate Rick Santorum's April 24th visit to the school.

"Based on (additional information about the potential speaker) and a few other items, I am announcing that we are declining the invitation to have Rick Santorum speak

to our student body," Outlaw said in an e-mail to South staff. "We feel that we were (misled) in a few areas with this."

The announcement came a day after Outlaw, in a previous e-mail to South staff, lauded the opportunity to have Santorum speak. This would have added yet another high-profile speaker to South's history of visits from businessmen, politicians, actors and activists, including Martin Luther King Jr., Dennis Archer, Debbie Reynolds and Eddie Fisher.

Santorum, a Republican and vocal protector of same-sex marriage, libertarianism and pornography, among other issues, and advocates for gun rights, was scheduled to speak to students about leadership and community service. Question and answer sessions with students from selected government-related classes were to follow.

"I apologize for the loss of instruction time, but am excited for this educa-

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Woods proposal trims \$1.2 million

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

A public hearing on next year's Grosse Pointe Woods city budget has been set for 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 20.

City treasurer DeeAnn Irby presented the budget to the council Monday night during a committee of the whole meeting. The new budget, set at \$32 million, represents a drop of \$1.2 million from last year's budget, but also requires a draw of \$734,000 from the city's fund equity

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In memory

Gregory, Mary and Katherine Scott of Grosse Pointe Woods were part of the Woods’ 31st annual memorial tree dedication ceremony. A tree is to be planted in memory of Walter Wojcik, Mary Scott’s father. The tree is to be planted next to her mother’s tree in Lake Front Park. Mary Scott received the tree as a Christmas present from her husband, Gregory. Two other trees were dedicated during the ceremony; one to Elizabeth M. Klostermeyer and the second to Michael Whitcher.

Police seek info

By Kathy Ryan
Staff writer

Crime Stoppers of Michigan is offering a \$2,500 reward for information that leads to an arrest in the death of Grosse Pointe Park resident Derek Golden.

Golden, 29, was found dead on Tuesday, March 26, in Riverview. His body was found in the city’s landfill in an area where

household demolition material is disposed. The cause of death has not been determined, and remains under investigation. Golden, a 2003 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, was last heard from on Sunday, Dec. 9. His car was found shortly after that parked near Conner and E. Warren in Detroit.

According to Grosse

Pointe Park’s chief of police David Hiller, his department is cooperating with Riverview Police in the investigation, but there is no reason to believe Golden died in Grosse Pointe Park.

Anyone with information on the death of Derek Golden should call Crime Stoppers, 1 (800) 773-2587. All calls are anonymous, no identity is required.

ULS teams up with Beaumont

University Liggett School and Beaumont Hospital—Grosse Pointe are teaming up to offer low-cost sports physicals to local students from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 20, in the school’s gym at 1045 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Physicals are for fifth graders through seniors in high school and heart screenings are available for students 14 and older.

Physicals are offered for a free-will donation of \$20, with all funds benefiting the school’s annual fund.

To schedule an appointment, e-mail Liggett’s director of medical services Dr. Renita Clark at rclark@uls.org or call (313) 884-4444, ext. 102.

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School takes neutral route

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tional opportunity for our students,” Outlaw said in his original e-mail.

According to community relations specialist Rebecca Fannon, the district’s decision to cancel Santorum’s visit was the result of several factors.

“The district requested a prior copy of Mr. Santorum’s speech to

review content, and that was denied (Monday) which led to the cancellation at that time,” Fannon said. “The other reasons are: Mr. Santorum has never spoken to a single high school in this nation, previous speakers, such as Martin Luther King Jr., have spoken on campus, but outside the school day, and as a public school system, we must be neutral and can-

not impose a position which is not neutral as a school activity during the school day.”

Despite the reasoning, the decision has left some in the community questioning why the district would “deprive our children the chance to hear from a national figure” and prevent them from hearing “a political ideology different from what they get in the classroom.”

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Slight millage increase coming

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account.

“There are no pay or benefit increases for city employees,” Irby told the council, noting employee costs account for about 57 percent of the city’s budget.

The budget calls for a slight increase in the city’s millage rate, up 0.0008 percent to 14.0492 mils, the maxi-

mum allowed under the state’s Headlee Tax Amendment. An override of that amendment was defeated by Woods voters in November.

The budget has been a work-in-progress since January, with department heads being tasked by council with developing cost-cutting measures that would have the most minimal impact on residents.

Measures approved by the city’s finance committee include cutting back on street cleaning, eliminating annual mulching of city flower beds and tree planting. The city will also continue the hiring freeze it has had in place for several years.

However, one exception to that freeze may come in the city’s parking enforcement division. City administration has proposed hiring a part-time enforcement officer in order to provide six-day a week coverage of the city’s parking meters. The additional revenue from the city meters and parking tickets would offset the employee’s salary.

Also under discussion is the addition of a part-time employee in the city’s building department. With a wait of up to six weeks for inspections of new projects, several city council members expressed

concern projects were either being completed “off the books” or residents were abandoning improvement plans.

Council member Michael Koester also questioned budget allocations for salaries for the mayor and city council.

“I think it is unfair to expect concessions from our employees when we won’t take cuts,” he said. I feel it is necessary to be in unison with our employees.”

Contacted following the meeting, Koester said he has been in discussion with Irby to cut his salary.

“I’m not against paying our elected officials,” he said. “I think our salary is a justified expense, but I’m willing to take a cut just as we are asking our employees to do.”

Even with the continued decline in property values, resulting in a continued drop in property tax revenues, Mayor Robert Novitke noted the additional funds coming into the city from The Rivers senior housing development on Cook Road.

According to Irby, building permits for the project should bring in approximately \$50,000 in revenue this year, with an eventual \$250,000 being added once the project is complete in 2014.

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Stop hiding your legs.

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In Grosse Pointe Park Municipal Court Wednesday, April 3, Detective Mike Narduzzi, left to right, listens as Gary Bresnehan, principal attorney in the Wayne County Prosecutors Office, recounts legal contacts of accused burglar Renata Diamond Morely-Greer, 17, of the Park, accompanied by her attorney, Mark Nortley.



Teen continues to find trouble

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Prosecutors and police in municipal court last week tried to give a wrong-way 17-year-old woman a second shot at liberty.

Even her record of juvenile contacts with law enforcement going back to age 11, drug use, recent high school expulsion and felony arrests as an adult didn't snuff the deal.

It was the police's inability to monitor her conduct if set free on bond that convinced the judge to return her to Wayne County Jail while the case proceeds to Wayne County Circuit Court.

"Good luck to you," Grosse Pointe Park Municipal Judge Carl Jarboe told defendant Renata Diamond Morely-Greer, of the Park.

Greer is accused of burglarizing a house March 22 in the 1400 block of Beaconsfield.

She's charged with home invasion second degree, a felony punishable up to 15 years and/or a \$3,000 fine; and larceny in a building, a felony punishable by up to four

years in prison and/or a \$5,000 fine, according to Gary Bresnehan, principal attorney in the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

Greer has been in county jail since her arraignment March 22, in the Park. She is unable to post Jarboe's \$10,000-cash only bond.

Neither police nor prosecutors released specifics of the break-in.

"It's an open case," explained Dave Hiller, Park public safety chief. "There's statements in (the file) that could jeopardize our case."

Maria Miller, communications director for the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, said Greer is accused of stealing "personal items."

Greer waived her right to a preliminary hearing Wednesday, April 3, in Park court.

Her court-appointed attorney, Mark Nortley, proposed letting her out of jail on personal bond.

"She's been in jail for a week," Nortley told Jarboe. "For a 17-year-old, that's quite a wake-up call."

In turn, he proposed she be confined to her mother's house in the 1400 block of

Nottingham, wear a global positioning tether and be subject to random drug testing.

"I'm amenable to that," Jarboe said.

"It sounds like a good option," Bresnehan added.

Discussion accompanying the bond request revealed Greer's drug use and the possibility of additional prosecution related to the reported break-in.

Her attorney also alluded to her expulsion this winter from Grosse Pointe South High School for assaulting the athletic director.

Greer pleaded guilty March 20, in Grosse Pointe Farms Municipal Court to two counts of assault and battery, plus being a disorderly person.

Her sentencing is May 8.

"She's abusing crack cocaine," Nortley told Jarboe.

"She was on heroin," said Park Detective Mike Narduzzi.

"Does she have charges pending in other cities?" Jarboe asked prosecutors.

"She probably will be facing a felony charge in Grosse Pointe City for

uttering and publishing (stemming from) the same incident," said Narduzzi, referring to things Greer is accused of stealing during the burglary.

He added, "Your honor, she was cooperative once she was presented with the evidence."

Jarboe wanted measurable signs of redemption before letting a drug user return to the community.

"Sometimes they don't pay attention to tethers and they do what they've got to do because of the allure of drugs," he said.

Reduced bond fell through when Narduzzi told Jarboe the public safety department can't administer daily drug tests.

"This is the only issue," Jarboe said. "My inclination would have been to grant it, except for the fact that, even under house arrest, she could still get drugs. She needs a longer break from drugs."

He maintained the bond and bound Greer over to Wayne County Circuit Court for arraignment 9 a.m. Wednesday, April 10, after the Grosse Pointe News deadline for this week's edition.

Signs of the times in Shores

By Brad Lindberg
Staff writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — The question of open house signs is closed.

Members of the Grosse Pointe Shores city council agreed this month with members of the Ambassador Committee to allow placement of "open house" direction signs on private property.

The decision amends Sign Ordinance 259 of the municipal city zoning code.

Several stipulations attend the amendment.

Limitations restrict the display of signs to 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. Sundays.

Signs placed on private property require permission of the property owner.

Signs also:
◆ may not be placed in the Lakeshore median nor between the roadway and Lake St. Clair south of Vernier;
◆ must be placed between the sidewalk and curb;
◆ where no curb exists, signs must be at least five feet from the roadway;

◆ must be located to avoid creating a traffic hazard, nuisance or inconvenience to the neighborhood and

◆ are limited to seven square feet.

Signs meeting those criteria may be located on public property without permission of city officials.

"Persons or entities whose open house direction signs do not comply with these requirements will be subject to a fine determined by the city council," according to the amendment.

The measure passed the council by a 5-to-1 vote Tuesday, March 19.

Councilman Robert Gessell was excused absent. Councilman Dan Schulte opposed.

Schulte felt open houses signs could give criminals the chance to scout out properties in advance of committing burglary.

Likewise, Ambassador Gloria Anton "expressed extreme opposition to signs of any sort, includ-

ing 'For Sale' signs," according to minutes of the committee's Feb. 12 meeting.

"In her opinion, premier communities do not have signs," according to the minutes. "Gloria stated that open houses give the public more access to private homes with a potential criminal intent."

Realtors and members of the year-old committee lobbied that open house signs are allowed in the other four Grosse Pointes.

"I want to make sure we can compete with the other cities," said Chace Wakefield, a Shores resident, vice president of the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors and member of the committee.

The amendment allows signs on Shores property that advertise open houses in another community, such as neighboring Grosse Pointe Woods.

"You don't want a vacant home anywhere, especially if it's near us," said Mayor Ted Kedzierski.

"The more we have unoccupied houses in towns that are close to us, the more we have the opportunity for enhanced crime that spills over into our area," said Councilwoman Kay Felt. "It doesn't bother me at all that we may have an occasional sign for a house that is not in Grosse Pointe Shores. If that become a problem, we can deal with that at the time."

Kedzierski created the Ambassador Committee to promote Shores housing stock and lifestyle.

"Our action always has to be couched by what's in the best interests of the city," Kedzierski said. "I'm in favor of the signage," said Lillian Cusumano, a Shores resident and real estate agent. "It's a good way to stimulate sales."

"(Open house signs) are up and down all the other Grosse Pointes and it hasn't affected them at all," said Vito Cuzenza, a Shores resident and real estate agent. "It gives homeowners a vehicle to sell their homes."

Shores report shows quick response

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Fast-acting medics highlighted the public safety department's annual report for 2012.

"Our medical response time averaged 2.8 minutes," said John Schulte, in his second year at Grosse Pointe Shores director of public safety.

He added, "Almost 40 percent of our medic runs had a two-minute response time from our station."

"It's one of the most important features of our community," said Councilman Bruce Bisballe. "If you grab your chest at 3 a.m., somebody's going to be there within three minutes."

"The national average is over eight minutes," Schulte said. "Rural communities skew that figure."

A three-minute response is the "gold standard," Bisballe said. "They say if you get to somebody within three minutes, their survival rate increases to over 80 percent."

Shores medics responded last year to 175 calls for service, an increase of three calls from 2011.

The department's 15 officers, including Schulte, responded to or initiated 2,800 calls for service during 2012.

Arrests totaled 247

compared with 246 the year before and the five-year average of 301.

Crimes

The law enforcement aspect of the report is divided into Part 1 and Part 2 offenses.

Part 1 crimes include burglary, larceny and others judged by the FBI as most serious.

They totaled 20 in the Shores during 2012.

The amount is less than 1/4 the state rate of occurrence if Shores figures are multiplied to represent a city with a population of 100,000.

Yet, the 20 cases more than doubled the nine Part 1 crimes reported during 2011 and included eight burglaries, an increase of seven from the single case in 2011.

There also were 10 larcenies in 2012, up from six the year before.

"Larceny, which is crime of opportunity, was extremely low," Schulte said. "That is directly related to aggressive patrols by our officers."

Part 2 crimes, rated by the FBI as less serious, went down 8 percent last year, 89 total cases to 101 the year before.

The total for 2012 was 10 cases less than the city's five-year average of 99.8 cases.

"Part 2 crimes include identity theft (seven cases compared with six in 2011), vandalism (six compared with three), narcotics (nine from 25

in 2011), drunken driving (43 compared with 41 the year before) and weapons charges (five as opposed to four in 2011).

Fire fighting

The Shores had no structure fires during 2012. In 2011, there were four fires with property losses totaling \$1.7 million.

Officers responded to 11 requests for mutual aid on working fires outside of the city during 2012.

Cost recovery

Crime doesn't pay in the Shores.

Officials utilized the cost recovery ordinance to fix damaged infrastructure, such as lamp posts and fences knocked over by reckless or drunken motorists.

"With assistance of Councilman (Robert) Barrette, last year I reviewed our cost recovery ordinance," Schulte said. "With the help of public works, we recovered \$38,138. We recovered

100 percent of damage inflicted on us throughout the year."

Mayor Ted Kedzierski said some residents suggested catching offenders by installing a surveillance camera at the intersection of Lakeshore and Vernier.

"A couple years ago we had a drunk driver who knocked down the streetlight at Lakeshore and Vernier," Kedzierski said. "I don't think we were able to find him and recover the \$1,800 for the fallen streetlight."

Medics reprise

Medics are maintaining high levels of performance during 2013.

A couple of weeks ago, resident Nancy Renick said she called medics to help her fallen husband.

"They assured me they would be there as soon as possible," Renick said. "The two officers were wonderful. They assured me he seemed fine and helped him to bed and said if I had any more problems, please call."

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approval. The city paid \$130,000. Twenty-two days after the city purchased the property, deeds filed with Wayne County show it was sold for \$55,000, a loss of \$75,000 in just three weeks.

The house at 1014 Wayburn was purchased by the city from Buhl for \$116,800 on Feb. 24, 2010. On March 9, 2010, 15 days after the purchase, the city sold it for \$60,000, a loss of \$56,800.

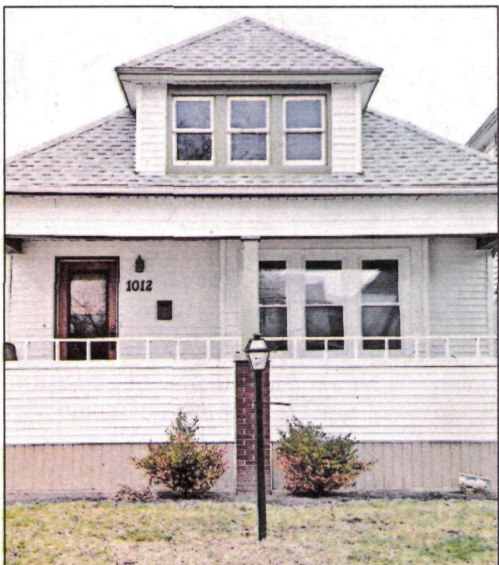
The lawsuit contends the city council failed to conduct “any public meeting or public deliberation or make any public decision or take any public vote authorizing the sale by the city.”

The third house, at 1018 Wayburn, had only \$73,200 of the approved \$320,000 available.

Leahy said they weren’t given the purchase price and filed a Freedom of Information Act request seeking the price.

The lawsuit states on Nov. 30, 2011, the city attorney, Bodman PLC, responded for the City to the FOIA request, “providing no financial records whatsoever, and only a copy of the deed for the 1018 Wayburn Property signed by Chairman Buhl, but with the purchase price paid to chairman Buhl redacted.”

The response then stated, in part: “However the documents you requested contain some information that is exempt from disclosure because the information is personal in nature and disclosure would be an



Above, from left, 1012, 1014 and 1018 Wayburn. The house at 1012 was purchased by the city for \$130,000 and sold 22 days later for \$55,000. The house at 1014 Wayburn was purchased by the city for \$116,800 and sold 15 days later for \$60,000. The house at 1018 Wayburn was purchased and sold, but the price has been redacted from a FOIA request. Below, the Deck Bar and party store the city owns but can't demolish on the Park and Detroit border. Photos by Renee Landuyt

unwarranted invasion of an individual's privacy. Thus the exempted information has been redacted from public records you are requesting.”

Leahy said the answers should be public information.

“Why would that information need to be redacted?” he asked. “Why would they hide anything?”

Commercial property

Nine commercial properties were purchased by the city in the Park and Detroit. Among those, according to the suit, was the Deck Bar and a party store at 14901-17 E. Jefferson. The deeds for the Deck Bar and the party store “each recite the purchase price of \$1,” the lawsuit reads. “However, annual audit reports of the City's finances states the City's indebtedness for purchase for Deck Bar as



\$300,000 and for the party store as \$315,000.”

The properties were to meet the wrecking ball after council vote to approve \$42,120 to Upright Wrecking Co. However, the buildings still stand today as Detroit's Historic District Commission designated the crumbling Deck Bar as a protected historic property.

Appeals to Wayne County Circuit Court and the Michigan Court of Appeals have failed to reverse the designation.

Again the lawsuit contends many of the decisions were not made in open meetings.

Subcommittee

A real estate development committee of three members of council, Mayor Palmer Heenan, Councilman Dan Grano and Councilman Bob Denner, first appeared in city council minutes on Nov. 9, 2009, Payne's said.

Minutes of the Dec. 12, 2011 council meeting show the three were re-appointed to the committee. The minutes also state the committee was designated by the city council “to advise the administration and to recommend to the full council matters involving the purchase, sale and redevelopment of city owned properties. The City Council also has delegated authority to the Real Estate Development Committee to act on the sale, acquisition, lease and assignment of properties.”

Payne's lawsuit maintains it's a clear violation of the Open Meetings Act to have a three-member committee make decisions without public

meetings and public votes.

Seeking change

Payne said he has some history with the city, but he denies his actions through the suit is a case of sour grapes.

Payne appeared before the Park's Board of Review and said the meetings were held with individuals in a small conference room and not as a public meeting, as mandated by the Open Meetings Act.

His appeal to the board of review failed. He then filed a complaint with the state and Leahy said changes have been made in the process.

“And that's all he's asking for,” Leahy said.

Payne said his interest shifted to the hefty bond and the real estate transactions.

“When I dug into it, I found that a lot of what the city was doing with that bond was being done behind closed doors,” Payne said. “But every time I questioned the city

attorney, he told me that the city was acting within the law. I don't believe they are.”

He seeks declaratory judgment and injunctive relief. He wants the city to comply with the Open Meetings Act and compensate him for his legal fees.

Mayor Heenan was not available for comment. He told the Detroit Free Press in a story printed Sunday that the city has “made a lot of progress” and “it hurts me to see this kind of criticism.”

Council members were in Lansing attending meetings of the Michigan Municipal League.

At a council meeting March 25, a revised agenda called for the council to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation. When Mayor Heenan requested a council vote to go into the closed session, city attorney Dennis Levasseur said, “The city was served with a lawsuit by Robert Payne. It is a multi-count complaint alleging impropriety by the city council.”

Levasseur said he asked for the case to be dismissed because it is not well-founded in facts or law, adding the end goal is “to collect attorney fees.”

To that, Payne said “my goal is to force the city to conduct business out in the open.”

Leahy said they are awaiting the city's answer to the lawsuit before they submit more information.

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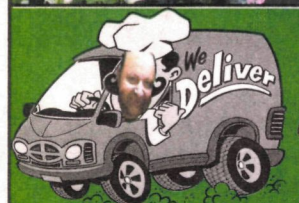
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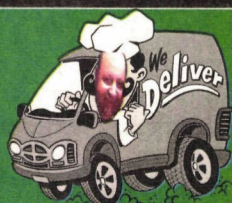
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City of Grosse Pointe

Bites suspect

Raleigh the police dog won a game of hide-and-seek with a man suspected of trying to steal wheels off of cars parked on Bishop, in Grosse Pointe Park, early Saturday, April 6.

Raleigh and his handler, City of Grosse Pointe Sgt. Michael Almeranti, worked from 4 to 5:15 a.m. helping Park police find at least one suspect hiding in Detroit.

"Perps fled in their vehicle northbound and bailed out after crashing at Kensington (and) Wallingford (in Detroit)," Almeranti reported. "(I) heard (a) perp possibly go over a 6-foot fence at 4140 Audubon. The K-9 discovered the perp hiding behind the chimney."

Raleigh bit the accused thief because he didn't obey orders to give up, according to police.

Park officers took the man into custody.

"The injury, a single puncture on top of the right hand, was treated at (Park headquarters)," Almeranti said.

Suspect in mind

A family relative is suspected of burglarizing a house this winter in the 800 block of Fisher.

The husband and wife victims were out of town from Feb. 2 to Tuesday, April 2, while the suspect, a 41-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man, allegedly entered the house and took \$5,000 worth of jewelry, according to police.

The victims also claimed the suspect stole, endorsed and cashed 10 checks totaling \$1,465, according to police.

Police recovered the victims' 2008 Hyundai Sonata near an address the suspect has been

known to visit in the 12400 block of Landsdown in Detroit.

Wallet stolen

A Grosse Pointe Park woman reported her wallet stolen from her purse while stored 6 to 11:55 a.m. Monday, April 1, in a fourth-floor physicians break room at Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe.

Thieves used some of the woman's stolen credit cards by the time she discovered the theft, according to police.

—Brad Lindberg
Report information about these or other crimes to the City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety Department at (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Admits it

During a drunken driving investigation at 4:46 a.m. Saturday, April 6, a 31-year-old Detroit woman admitted consuming alcohol prior to operating her white 1999 Pontiac Grand Am.

"The vehicle came to a stop on Kercheval near Lothrop with hazard lights on," said an officer. "(She) had a strong odor of intoxicants on her breath and heavily slurred her speech."

The woman put things in perspective.

"She stated she had three double shots of 180 (proof) tequila," said the officer.

A Breathalyzer recorded the woman's blood alcohol level at .16 percent, according to police.

The level is twice the

state legal limit to legally operate a motor vehicle.

Flunks tests

A 26-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman was questioned at 1:52 a.m. Saturday, April 6, for disregarding a red blinking traffic light at the intersection of Mack and Moran.

"(She) had red, glassy eyes," said a public safety officer. "She had slurred speech."

The woman failed a series of field sobriety examinations, the officer added.

She refused to take a Breathalyzer test, so was taken to Henry Ford Cottage Hospital for her blood to be drawn and analyzed for alcohol content.

Wanted

Police conducting a traffic stop on Lakeshore near Sunset Lane at 6:12 p.m. Thursday, April 4, arrested a 59-year-old St. Clair Shores man on a narcotics violation.

He was wanted in Mount Clemens for failing to appear in court on charges regarding "dangerous drugs," according to police.

B&E warrant

An alleged burglar was caught during a traffic investigation at 4:44 p.m. Wednesday, April 3, on eastbound Mack near Cook.

Police pulled over the man, 52, of Detroit, upon suspicion he was operating a green Lincoln Town Car registered to someone wanted by 3rd Circuit Court for burglary.

Drugs in car

Two 17-year-old males from Grosse Pointe Farms were arrested last week for possession of marijuana.

A few minutes before 11 p.m. Monday, April 1, an officer was alerted to the pair sitting in a 2001

Buick four-door parked with its engine running behind Kerby Elementary School.

"(I) could see through the driver-side window a narcotics pipe fashioned from a light bulb with a soda bottle cap and straw protruding through it," said the patrolman.

Officers said they cataloged one pipe, a small bag of marijuana and four additional baggies of the drug. Marijuana totaled 5 grams, police said.

A search of the trunk produced two 3/4 empty fifths of liquor.

Police also reported finding metal nunchucks. The driver said he uses the weapon for defense, according to police.

—Brad Lindberg
Report information about these or other crimes to the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department at (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Police bag two

Police said they arrested a drunken male driver and his even more intoxicated female passenger shortly before 12:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 3, in the 500 block of southbound Lakeshore.

The driver, 71, of Highland Park, had a .15 percent blood alcohol level, police said.

A patrolman spotted him at 12:19 a.m. backing a 1996 Mercury Sable out of a residential driveway and proceeding southbound without headlights.

The man reportedly told police he pulled in the driveway to discard a female passenger.

"He indicated, 'Oh ya, I threw her out,'" said the officer. "He described a female he no longer wanted in his car, so he threw her out."

Officers said they found the woman, 43, of

Kettering, Ohio, urinating on the front porch of a house. She had a .19 percent blood alcohol level, they added.

Spring cleaning

A blight complaint prompted a Hampton Road homeowner to promise he'll police his property.

Patrolmen investigating the complaint during the early afternoon of Tuesday, April 2, found the man's yard contained stacks wood and used lumber, some with nails protruding.

"Officers found numerous piles of garbage and other discarded items," according to a public safety officer.

Drunken driver

A 30-year-old female driver from Allen Park failed a series of field sobriety tests, but refused to take a Breathalyzer test during a drunken driving investigation at 9:20 p.m. Sunday, March 31, in the 500 block of northbound Lakeshore.

Officers took her to Henry Ford Cottage Hospital in Grosse Pointe Farms for her blood to be drawn and tested for alcohol content.

Police learned of the woman from a cell phone caller.

The tipster warned of a woman operating a green 1998 Dodge Neon erratically.

—Brad Lindberg
Report information about these or other crimes to the Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Department at (313) 881-5500.

Grosse Pointe Park

Arrests made

At 1:15 a.m. Wednesday, April 3, officers on surveillance observed two juveniles go up a driveway on in the 1200 block of Kensington. Officers then observed the youths leave the backyard and after a short pursuit, both were apprehended and money taken from a car

parked in the driveway was recovered.

At 4 a.m. Saturday, April 6, a resident witnessed two men removing tires from a car parked in the street in the 1300 block of Bishop and notified police. Responding officers observed a minivan leaving the scene and gave chase. The van struck a tree at Wallingford and Outer Drive, and the driver and passengers fled. Two suspects were apprehended after a short foot chase.

B&E

A passerby called police at 8:30 p.m. Sunday, April 7, after observing a broken window in a business on Kercheval. Police determined entry was made into the business by breaking the widow and reaching in to unlock the door. About \$60 was missing from the cash register, but nothing else was removed.

—Kathy Ryan
If you have information on these or any other crimes, contact Grosse Pointe Park police, (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Woods

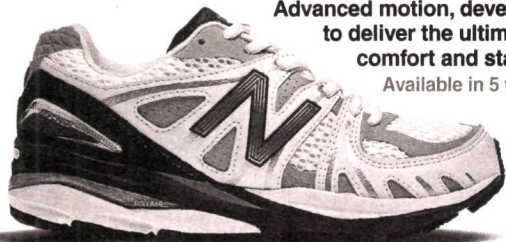
Incendiary devices found

Public safety officers from the Woods and Grosse Pointe Shores were busy overnight Thursday, April 4, after receiving reports of bottle bombs being detonated in several locations. Two were detonated on Sunningdale near the Lochmoor Club and another on Blairmoor Court. Two undetonated bottles were found on an island on Lakeshore Drive. According to Woods police, while the bottles cause limited property damage, the ingredients could cause chemical burns to skin and eyes. Police urged residents to not touch any suspicious objects and to call 911 immediately.

—Kathy Ryan
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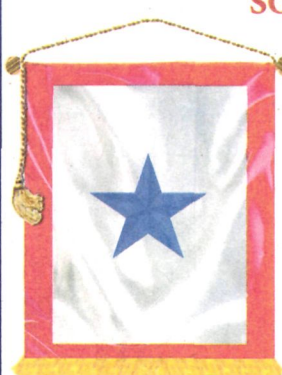
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A century of shipping

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GREAT LAKES — The Interlake Steamship Company fleet of Great Lakes freighters is riding high this year.

Heightened buoyancy is both physical and celebratory.

Low water levels throughout the lakes are forcing shippers to load boats two feet shy of full capacity or risk grounding.

Given that freighters are supposed to transport maximum cargos, the added 24 inches of freeboard to compensate for less water under the keel is, ironically, a downer.

Interlake's largest boat, the 1,013.5-foot Paul R. Tregurtha, can carry 68,000 tons of bulk cargo.

Every inch it sacrifices to low water equals leaving 250 tons, or 500,000 pounds, of revenue dockside.

That adds up.

Interlake's 10 bulk carriers consist of four 1,000-footers, three boats longer than 800 feet and others contributing to the fleet's total cargo capacity of 405,737 tons.

Laid bow-to-stern, the fleet is 8,522.5 feet long, more than 1.6 miles.

What also adds up, and this is the celebratory part, is Interlake's history of overcoming low water and economic downturns.

The company is 100 years old this year.

"We've been a private company since 1987,"

said Mark Barker, president of Interlake, based in Cleveland. "This company was at one time part of a public company my dad ran."

The company is family operated. Barker's father and mother, James R. Barker and Kaye E. Barker, are namesakes of Interlake freighters.

Mark Barker's been around freighters his whole life.

"I've sailed these ships as a little kid and as an engineer," he said.

Roger LeLievre, publisher of "Know Your Ships" guide to Great Lakes maritime companies, ships and nautical museums, saluted Interlake by putting a photo of one of its vessels on the cover of this year's edition.

"I devoted a number of pages to the history of the company and some of its boats," LeLievre said.

Some of Interlake's more storied boats are:

◆ Stewart J. Cort, the first 1,000-footer on the Great Lakes;

◆ Paul R. Tregurtha, the longest vessel on the lakes;

◆ Lee A. Tregurtha, a former U.S. Navy saltwater tanker launched in 1942 and converted into a laker in 1961, and

◆ Herbert C. Jackson, the second-to-last ship launched at the former Great Lakes Engineering Works in Ecorse, shipyard of the Edmund Fitzgerald.

Jackson was launched sideways in February

1959, the same year as Fitzgerald, and one year before the shipyard closed in 1960.

Jackson and Lee A. Tregurtha are nearing the end of winter layup at Nicholson Terminal & Dock Co., in Ecorse.

The terminal is next to the old engineering works, all gone except two launching basins, the smaller of which is now the marina of the Great Lakes Steel Boat Club.

Workers at Nicholson spent winter preparing Jackson and Lee A. Tregurtha for the nine-month shipping season.

"They start on one end of the boat and go to the other end," said Frank Frisk, a retired sailor of Interlake boats, current webmaster of boatnerd.com and Grosse Pointe Park native.

Much of winter maintenance is preventive.

"It's like taking your car to a service garage and replacing whatever is needed before you drive from Grosse Pointe to San Diego," Frisk said. "Like a surgeon looking for trouble, they fix whatever's necessary."

"Our customers depend on us to ensure we can get their cargo in those nine months," Barker said. "We need to do as much maintenance as possible to ensure we are reliable for them during the sailing season."

He expects the Lee A. Jackson to get underway in mid-April and Jackson to follow by the end of the month.



Herbert C. Jackson and Interlake Steamship fleetmate, Lee A. Jackson, await the 2013 shipping season moored stern-to-stern in Nicholson Terminal & Dock Co.'s 2,200-foot north slip in Ecorse. At left sits the 111-year-old Bob-Lo Island passenger boat Columbia, last operated in 1991.



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

Waiting on a summer day last year in the Rouge River for the Fort Street drawbridge to open, the 826-foot Lee A. Tregurtha, launched in 1942 as a saltwater tanker, retained its clipper bow when reconfigured in 1961 as a laker.

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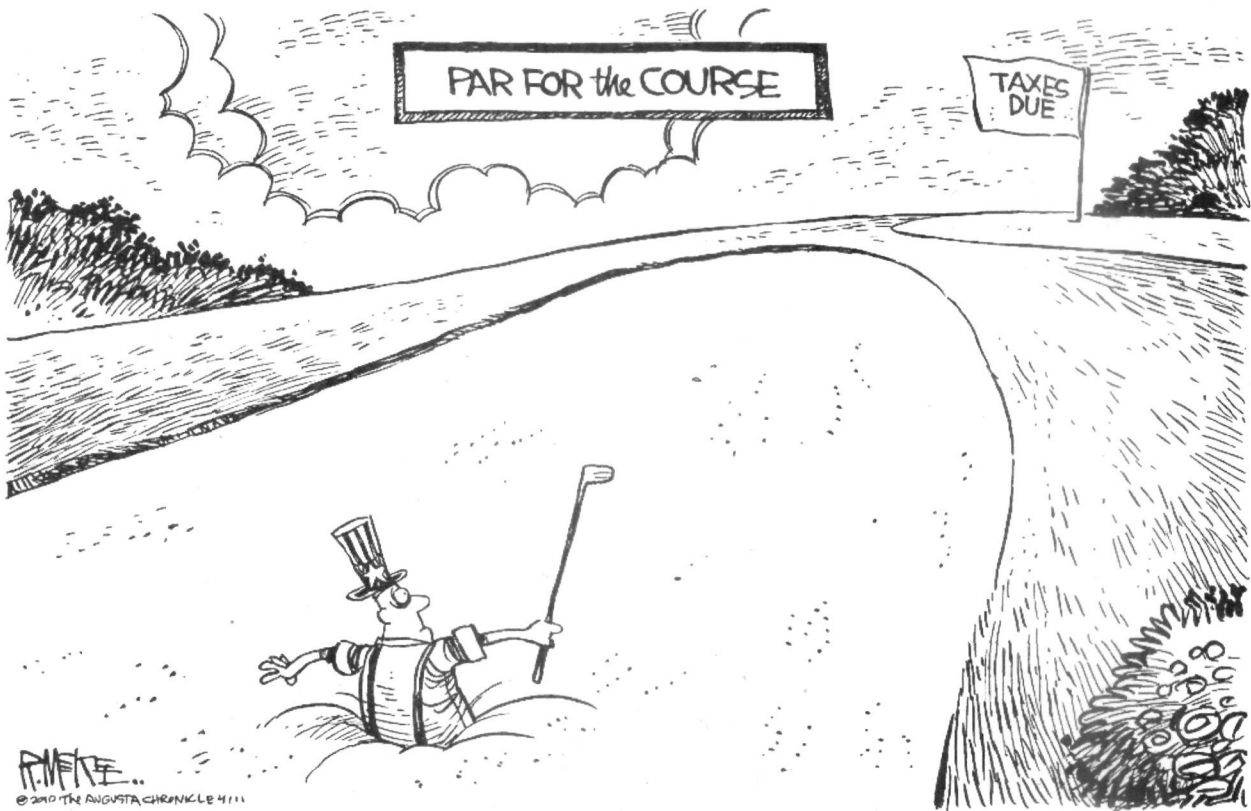
OUR VIEW

District drops ball; time will tell in Park

How things changed in a day. Rick Santorum, a Republican candidate for president in 2012, was invited and then uninvited to speak at Grosse Pointe South High School. An April 24 assembly at the school was to feature a speech from Santorum about leadership and community service. Planned by student organization Young Americans for Freedom, school principal Matt Outlaw announced the event was on and then announced it was canceled on Monday. “Based on (additional information about the potential speaker) and a few other items, I am announcing that we are declining the invitation to have Rick Santorum speak to our student body,” Outlaw said in an e-mail to South staff. “We feel we were (misled) in a few areas with this.” District spokeswoman Rebecca Fannon said the district asked for a copy of Santorum’s speech to review the content and was denied, which led to Monday’s cancellation. She also cited other reasons, including the fact Santorum has “never spoken to a single high school in this nation” and other noted speakers, including Martin Luther King Jr., spoke on campus but not during the school day. Fannon went on to say “We must be neutral and cannot impose a position which is not neutral as a school activity during the school day.” Why not? Are all of the teachings in Grosse Pointe’s schools neutral? Are there teachers who push the envelope, who may not be 100 percent conventional? We think so. We hope so. This was an opportunity to have someone rather famous and interesting visit Grosse Pointe South. We’re only going on the reasons we were given why Santorum won’t be here, but the initial e-mails from Outlaw said he was “excited for this educational opportunity for our students.” Santorum was a presidential candidate. He was the Senate’s third-ranking Republican from 2001 to 2007. Are some of his views controversial? Sure. But show us a perfect politician. Just one. This was an educational opportunity Grosse Pointe’s schools should have taken. It’s not fair to ask to see a speech or control what can and can’t be said. And if his view isn’t neutral, good. Our students should be challenged with different ideas. Let them learn what the real world is all about.

Lawsuit

The city of Grosse Pointe Park is being sued over alleged violations of the state’s Open Meetings Act. The OMA, since 1977, has helped protect our right to know when it comes to what our elected officials are doing. We’re not saying the Park city council has violated the OMA. This case may only show that they aren’t good at turning real estate at times. We know that much effort has gone on to help clean up the area that borders the city of Detroit and they should be congratulated for much good work. In the continuing research for the stories, the bond work approved by voters has had a number of great results. And that good work continues with some of the coolest new restaurants and businesses growing almost daily in Grosse Pointe Park. The city will fight the lawsuit and the courts will decide if there is merit to it. The plaintiff said his goal is to make sure city business is done in public. That’s important to all of us. Without the Open Meetings Act, we’d have no clue how our tax dollars are spent. There would be no way for residents to express concerns or joy before decisions are made by these boards. We lose our voice. Most of the time, municipalities have to be trusted that they are abiding by the law. And in this case, where a resident and his attorneys don’t feel the city council in Grosse Pointe Park is following the law, there is recourse through a lawsuit. Win or lose, we can all learn. And if change comes that makes everything seem completely transparent, then the trust can be built and the city can work on much more pressing matters.



LETTERS

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

Counter letters

To the Editor: Contrary to the letter, “Costs,” printed in the March 28 Grosse Pointe News, pertaining to cutting costs — like brushing the snow off our sidewalks and plowing a couple of inches of snow off our streets — where the Grosse Pointe Woods budget is concerned, I submit the following to counter the comments of my March 21 letter, “Cutting costs.” It seems unseasonal now, but is still a consideration as the Grosse Pointe Woods city fathers work on next year’s budget. To the letter writer’s points: Elderly walkers concerned for their safety shouldn’t walk on a snowy day — though might have better footing in snow rather than on

slicked-off pavement; mail carriers wear heavy boots and are geared for walking the sidewalks — though not your driveway; children in Grosse Pointe Woods are driven to school — and the few walkers love to walk in the snow; any visitor out and about on a snowy day wears boots and walks carefully; a self-respecting resident can manage his or her own driveway and three feet of sidewalk to take out trash. I won’t speak to lawsuits in this era of irresponsibility by those who enjoy indulging in liability issues, but our two highly paid city attorneys should be able to handle that. My suggestions were not short-sighted and ill-founded; they are based on a lifetime growing up

in Detroit where we, not society, were responsible for ourselves. MARTI K. MILLER Grosse Pointe Woods

Follow the city charter

To the Editor: We residents of Grosse Pointe Park have little knowledge of our city’s real estate transactions. We recently learned that decisions involving millions of dollars have bypassed the city council meetings and had been made by a three-councilman committee that meets in private. Our city charter wisely provides safeguards against such secrecy. City charter section 6.7 allows the mayor to appoint committees. However, it wisely adds “but no such committee shall have administrative power or authority.” Thus the real estate committee, if necessary at all, should only make recommendations to the city council, rather than actually having the power and authority to direct the city manager to sign deeds and issue checks without a vote of the whole council. The city charter permits most decisions to be made by a simple majority — three votes — of the

four-person quorum, necessary to hold a meeting. However, section 7.6 — entitled “Special procedure on vote for certain council actions” — says a special vote of at least four members, not three, is needed to sell property owned by the city. So how can this three-person committee have sold off more than 15 properties, many at huge losses, when a four person vote of the entire Council is clearly required? Section 6.1 says the city council “shall hold at least two regular meetings each month.” But, when I spoke at a council meeting and asked why the council only meets once a month, the mayor answered that there is not enough business to have two meetings a month. All of which brings me to the question: Why doesn’t our city council do their duty and honor the city charter by meeting twice a month and making public decisions as a seven-member council rather than as a three-person committee that meets in private? Is that too much to ask of our elected officials? ROBERT PAYNE Grosse Pointe Park

I SAY By Karen Fontanive

A lesson in empathy

Sometimes events happen in life that affect you deeply — and you’re not certain why. Such is the case of the passing of Parcels Middle School Spanish teacher Brian Aulph. He was only 38 years old, with a wife and two young children. Shock is the first word that comes to mind when I learned of Senor Aulph’s death. He taught both of my children, one a sophomore in college and the other a junior at Grosse Pointe North. But, I did not know him well. My interaction with Mr. Aulph was limited to the twice-yearly three- to five-minute parent-teacher conferences. Since each child had him two years, I “knew” Mr. Aulph maybe 25 minutes. Essentially, not at all. Yet, when I learned of his death, after the shock was extreme sadness. He seemed to be such a nice man — and he must have been a decent teacher since both of my children still take Spanish. If their first exposure to Spanish had been negative, I don’t think they would have stuck with it. Plus, he was the only teacher my daughter went back to visit after “graduating” any school.

My daughter broke the news to me via text message while she was at Crystal Mountain with a friend and her family over winter break. I can say I sat with my mouth literally wide open as I digested the text’s content. How could that be? He was so young? This is a small community, certainly I would have heard something if he’d been ill? My daughter learned of his passing pretty quickly through various social media. She had heard through a classmate who has a sibling at Parcels that Mr. Aulph was scheduled for surgery, but had heard nothing else until his passing. I turned to social media myself to learn more about his death. What I found amazed me. Not so much the many Tweets or the Facebook page dedicated to keeping friends and family abreast of his condition, but the beautiful messages about Mr. Aulph from lifelong friends, and even more impressive, the eloquence of students and former students. The messages spoke of someone who always had a smile, a kind word and a positive attitude who truly influenced the most impressionable around him. I was

dumbfounded by the amazing grace of Mr. Aulph’s wife, Holly, and his family as they described his situation and the ups and downs of his surgery, convalescence and complications. The explanations of his condition and ultimate passing bring a new meaning to appreciating every moment you have with someone and faith in the reunion that will take place one day. This attitude was felt at the funeral home: his wife comforting my daughter, when it’s supposed to be the other way around; his sister asking my daughter to tell her why she liked Mr. Aulph because she wanted to learn more

about him as a teacher; Parcels Middle School teacher Scott Cooper taking the time to “greet” us as we walked in the funeral home visitation looking like lost sheep and guiding us to Mrs. Aulph; and Grosse Pointe North Spanish teacher Tamara Shepherd giving my daughter a much-needed embrace. Thinking back nearly two months, it still brings tears to my eyes. I don’t know why. But I hope the lessons of grace under the most horrible of situations, kindness and empathy toward others will last my lifetime and not forgotten only to be remembered at the next tragic event.

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Waterways guide hits the streets

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — The editor of "Know Your Ships" keeps his annual publication timely by featuring Great Lakes nautical milestones.

He also does it by making the book timeless.

This year's 184-page edition includes 16 additional pages of articles and photographs about a longtime shipping company and the anniversary of a major storm.

"I always have more stuff than there's room for in the book," said Roger LeLievre, editor and publisher.

"Know Your Ships" was first printed in the late 1950s.

The 2013 edition includes work-a-day photos of freighters churning through ice-crusted connecting channels, loading iron or from the Mesabi Range and more.

A feature story is about the 100th anniversary of Interlake Steamship Company, operator of four 1,000-footers.

LeLievre also paid tribute to the storm of 1913.

"It was the worst storm to hit the Great Lakes in terms of vessels and lives lost," he said.

Eight ships with 199 crew members went down on Lake Huron alone.

"Biggest steamer on the lakes is lost," according to a headline reproduced from "The London (Ontario, Canada) Evening Free Press," reporting wreckage washing ashore at Goderich.

"I tied it into a big event in November in Goderich commemorating the storm," LeLievre said.

He signs copies of the book 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 13, in the Maritime Center at Vantage Point in downtown Port Huron.

Admission is free.

"A couple guys who help me with the book probably will be there, too," LeLievre said.

The Maritime Center is an indoor outlook with floor-to-ceiling picture windows, tables and a sandwich shop.

It's operated by Atchison Ventures next to the St. Clair River at the mouth of the Black River.

On good days, freighter watchers see boats steaming up and down the river, refueling at the Imperial Fuel Dock or unloading cargo across the driver in Sarnia, Ontario.

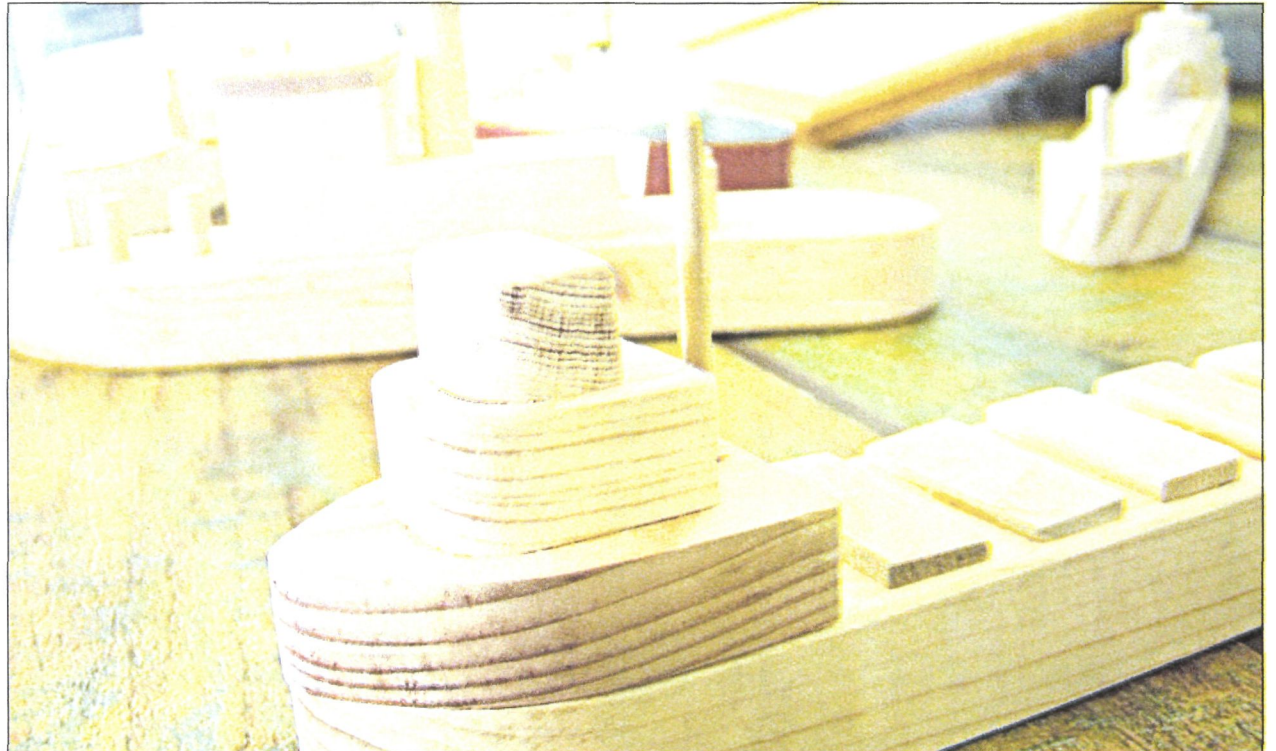
Because only one ship is allowed to pass at a time through tight waters under the Blue Water Bridge, freighters heading upstream idle off of Vantage Point until downstream traffic clears.

The book signing coincides with a wood model freighter building seminar from 1 to 3 p.m. for youngsters age 12 and under.

Individual kits for tug-boats, salties, tug-barge combinations and traditional freighters cost \$5 each.

Most photos in "Know Your Ships" are taken by freighter industry insiders. They capture perspectives unobtainable by most members of the general public.

Photographer Chanda McClain stood on the bridge of the 728-foot Joseph L. Block to record a captain's eye view of



Wood kits for beginning modelers represent ships common to the Great Lakes.

the oncoming 806-foot Hon. James L. Oberstar in low fog in the St. Marys River.

"Chanda's from the Alpena area and she knows the captain," LeLievre said. "She and her husband get rides on the boat every year."

Another insider, Peter Groh, put viewers beside the Philip R. Clarke loading raw materials at the massive ore docks in Duluth, Minn.

"He's a young, fifth-generation sailor," LeLievre said. "His dad is first mate on the St. Marys Challenger and his brother works on the Stewart J. Cort."

LeLievre took many of the photos. He said he sets his camera to the smallest aperture and highest shutter speed possible.

"When you have a smaller aperture, you're going through the center part of the lens, which generally is the better part," he said. "It's sharper. A high shutter speed allows you to stop the action."

"Know Your Ships" was founded in the late 1950s and updated almost every year since.

The book lists dimensions, specifications, year of construction and naming history of commercial, government, coast guard, research vessels and museum ships on the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway.

The book includes illustrated guides to boat stacks and company flags.

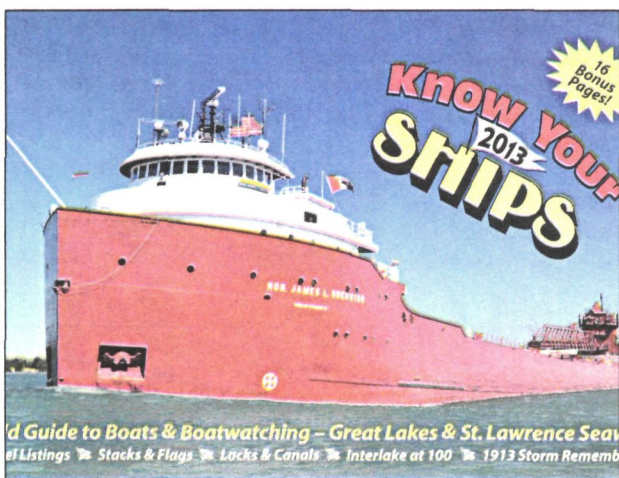
Ship radio channels are listed along with explanations of boat whistles, and travel times between call-in points,

such as from the St. Clair crib light and Port Huron (3 hours, 50 minutes).

Copies are sold in stores, at knowyour-

ships.com and boatnerd.com in softbound, spiral bound and e-book form. Prices range from \$20.95 to \$12.95.

Vantage Point is located at 51 Water Street, Port Huron. For more information, call (810) 985-4817.



PHOTOS BY BRAD LINDBERG

Freighter watchers use this book to know their ships.

WEEK AHEAD: Monday, April 15

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from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal office, 20025 Mack Plaza.

◆ A "Legislative Update from Capitol Hill" and question and answer session with U.S. Congressman Gary Peters, D-Grosse Pointe, begin at noon at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial during the meeting of Rotary of Grosse Pointe. Lunch costs \$15. The public can attend.

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods city council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20025 Mack Plaza.

◆ The City of Grosse Pointe council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 17147 Maumee.

◆ Grosse Pointe Board of Education meets at 7 p.m. in the Brownell Middle School multi-purpose room.

◆ Grosse Pointe Farms city council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers, 90 Kerby.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

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

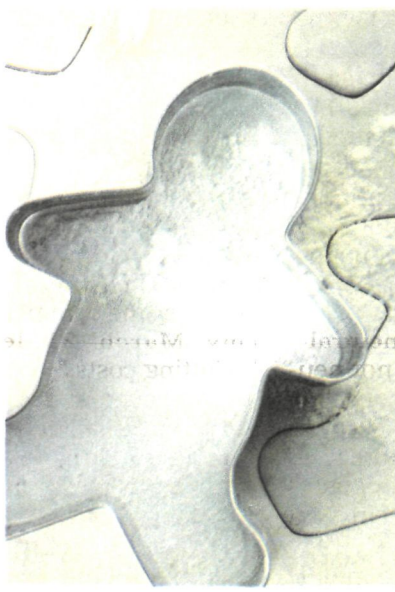
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

◆ An American Red Cross blood drive is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at University Liggett School. For an appointment visit redcrossblood.org and use the sponsor code liggett. For more information, call (313) 884-4444.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

◆ The Hon. Willie G. Lipscomb Jr. discusses the national handgun intervention program at 7 p.m. at the Pointes for Peace public forum held at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call Carol Bendure at (313) 882-7732 or e-mail pointesforpeace@yahoo.com or pointesforpeace.org.

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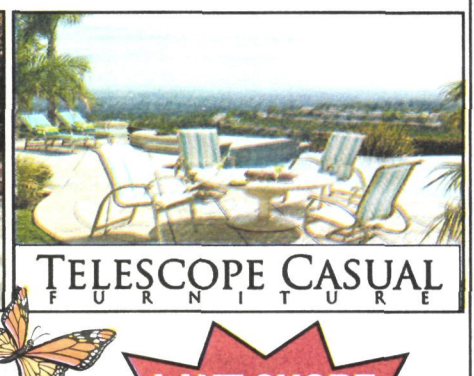
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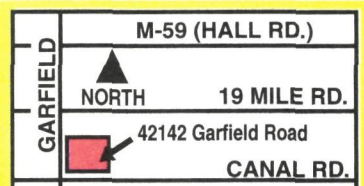


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'Falling' into national spotlight



PHOTOS BY BRIAN ABUD

Above, Brian Abud's national gold key-winning photo, *Falling*. Below, One of Abud's photos included in his gold key-winning portfolio.

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

It wasn't anything new. Brian Abud had seen the idea before — a photo of someone falling, floating in time; a snapshot of a journey, an experience. But the Grosse Pointe North High School senior still just wanted to put his own spin on it.

"I just like the idea of falling and kind of like a snapshot, I guess, like your journey, or, in your experience, kind of like a frozen moment of it," said Abud, whose *Falling*, a self-portrait of him falling into water, taken just before impact, earned him a national gold key award from the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. He took the photo at the beach at Pier Park.

As a national gold key recipient, Abud, along



with his parents and art teacher, Susan Forrest, are invited to a national ceremony at the end of May at Carnegie Hall in New York. He is one of only 42 national gold key recipients from southeastern Michigan.

"We just logged on nationally, but I was not expecting it at all," Abud said of his reaction upon seeing the news of his

national recognition. "It was a nice surprise. It was just kind of exciting because you have no idea even who has a chance of winning."

Abud, who's always with a camera on the weekends taking pictures of sunsets, sunrises and "cool locations" and whose interests also include the piano and anything involving the

outdoors, bested more than 5,100 individual entries at the regional level and 1,002 at the national level.

"It's quite an honor for him to be at the top of the regional show," said Forrest. "And then his work is sent to New York, where professional artists look at all the work and make a judgment as to who's in."

Looking into next year, Abud's college choices are between Wayne State University, College for Creative Studies and Chapman University in California.

North also had 15 other students win individual honors at the regional level.

They include: Kylie Johnston, two gold keys and a silver key in photography; Nigel Hurt, a silver key and two honorable mentions in digital art; Kaylee Dall, two honorable mentions in photography; Breanna Cochran, silver key in photography; Christopher Konen, silver key in photography; Mary Jo Beeby, honorable mention in photography; Miranda Caruso, honorable mention in drawing; Anthony Greene, honorable mention in photography; Shayna Meyers, honorable mention in photography; and Dai'jah Todd, honorable mention in photography.

Abud and Courtney Brinker also earned regional gold keys for their portfolios.

Pierce awards

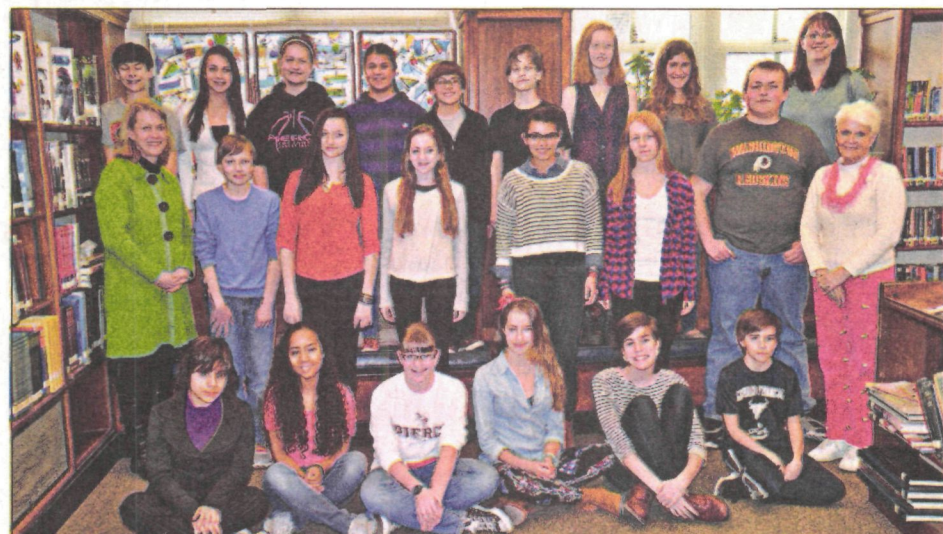


PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Pierce Middle School's Scholastic Art and Writing Awards regional award winners and their teachers, back row from left, Alex Martinez, Julia Gough, Lauren Sancya, Drew Agley, Carter Teranes, Luke Biernat, Lauren Marshall, Madeleine Glasser and Geneva Scully; middle row from left, Susan Quinn, Anthony Kolesky, Ila Zielke, Eve Voci, Emilia Covintree, Grace Scott, Owen Clexton and Brenda Taylor; front row from left, Panette Rubio, Erykah Benson, Lizzie Trost, Kara Semanision, Fiona Costello and Ben Lemanski.

Gearing up



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARK CORNILLIE

The Grosse Pointe Gearheads, a combination of students from Grosse Pointe North and South high schools and adult mentors, earned a silver medal at the FIRST Robotics competition March 30, in Livonia. ¶ In the midst of one of its best years, the team qualified for the state championships this weekend in Ypsilanti. ¶ Opening ceremonies are today and the competition ends Saturday, April 13.

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The Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South 2013 Spring Benefit committee.

Mothers' Club event promises fashion and fun

Memories will light the corners of Grosse Pointe South High School for the 2013 Mothers' Club Spring Benefit Luncheon and Fashion Show, "The Way We Were."

The show, inspired by more than eight decades of style in education at the school, is from noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, at South.

This year marked South's 85th anniversary.

"Every year the theme is different and this year we decided to celebrate South's 85th anniversary by looking back at fashion," said co-chair Mollie Sterr.

Added co-chair Michelle Giorgio: "We got a fantastic show planned with a delicious lunch, great entertainment and, of course, the

latest fashions for spring, from formal to fun and everything in between."

Latest fashions are courtesy of local retailers, as well as South's fashions and fabrics class. This year's retailers include: Brooks Brothers, Capricious, Coldwater Creek, Full Circle Resale, Jos. A. Bank, Dawood, Girlie Girl, Lazare's of Grosse Pointe, Men's Warehouse, Voila Boutique, Village Palm, Carhartt, Cafana's Tuxedo and La Jolie Rose and Hannah Bear Boutique.

"This annual luncheon is one of the Mothers' Club's most important fundraisers and one of the most anticipated events of the spring,"

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Jumping rope for a cause

Once again our Grosse Pointe community made an outstanding contribution to our annual Jump Rope for Heart fundraising campaign. The Grosse Pointe public schools elementary physical education department sponsored this annual event to benefit vital research and programs made possible by the American Heart Association.

The elementary physical education teachers, along with the tremendous support from our community, raised close to \$25,000 for this worthy cause.

In addition to reminding our students of the importance of leading healthy lifestyles, the students

enjoyed learning many different ways of jumping in their physical education classrooms. Short ropes, long ropes, Chinese jump roping, jump shots and jump bands are just a few of the amazing lessons that our elementary students had the opportunity to learn and practice.

To the Grosse Pointe Public School System community of friends and family, thank you for your continued support and very generous donations toward our Jump Rope for Heart 2013 events.

Deborah Raab
Elementary Physical Education Department Chair



PHOTO COURTESY OF DEBORAH RAAB

A student from Monteith Elementary School skips rope.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Maire Elementary School student Kate Mixon skies above her jump rope.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Richard Elementary School physical education teacher Mark Ciaravino, not pictured, helps these five girls jump rope.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DEBORAH RAAB

A trio of boys from Defer Elementary School participate in Jump Rope for Heart.

Liggett series concludes April 18

University Liggett School's Celebration of Women lecture series concludes Thursday, April 18, with a lecture from Beverly Daniel Tatum, president of Spelman College.

Tatum will speak on racial and gender identity in educational contexts.

Quicken Loans, with support and collaboration from the Detroit

Chapter of the National Alumnae Association of Spelman College, sponsored the lecture.

Recognized as a scholar, teacher, expert on race relations and leader in higher education, Tatum is the recipient of numerous honorary degrees, such as the prestigious Brock International Prize in Education. She earned the award for her inno-

vative leadership in the field.

Her best-selling titles include: *Can We Talk About Race? And Other Conversations in an Era of School Resegregation* (2007) and *Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? And Other Conversations About Race* (1997).

Tatum also is a member of several non-profit boards such as the Institute for International Education, Council of Independent Colleges, Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, Teach for America and the Advisory Board for the

White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, a position President Barack Obama appointed her to.

Tatum earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Wesleyan University and a master's and Ph.D in clinical psychology from the University of Michigan.

She also holds a master's in religious studies from Hartford Seminary.

She has served as a faculty member at the University of California at Santa Barbara, Westfield State College and Mount Holyoke College, where she also served as dean and acting president.

Board briefs

Apply now

One day remains before the deadline to submit applications for the opening on the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education.

The seat officially became available April 2, nearly a week after Brendan Walsh announced his immediate resignation.

The position, open to registered voters in the Pointes and the GPPSS portion of Harper Woods, is for the remainder of Walsh's term, which expires Dec. 31, 2014.

Application forms are available in the superintendent's office at 389 St. Clair and on the district website at gpschools.org. Letters and resumes must be submitted to Lois Valente, secretary of the board, no later than 4 p.m. Friday, April 12.

The successful candidate will take office

immediately.

March meeting

At its March 25 regular meeting, the board of education approved several agenda action items. They included:

- Revisions to the curriculum for world language program;
- Bids to remodel restrooms at Mason (phase I) and Richard (phase I) elementary schools and Grosse Pointe South High School (phase III);
- Continued contract with the Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency Head Start program at Poupard Elementary School for the 2013-2014 school year; and

- Revisions to board policies 3130, 3131, 3139 and 3220.

The board also voted to table approving district goals until the April 22 regular meeting.

Students learn about robotics



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St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School fourth grade technology students, from left, Robert Williams, Sarah Hackett, Nicholas Lundberg, Elena Zakolski and David Watt stand in front of the U-D Jesuit RoboCubs robotics team pit booth.

The fourth grade technology class from St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School attended the 2013 Detroit FIRST Robotics District Competition Friday, March 15, at Center Line High School, as guests of the Grosse Pointe Gearheads team.

Gearheads is a joint robotics team of students from Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South high schools.

As guests of the Gearheads, the technol-

ogy students had access to the pit area, where they saw the displays and work areas of the more than 40 teams participating.

They also collected swag, or pins, from the teams, which is a major part of the FIRST Robotics experience.

Students weren't the only ones benefiting from the trip. While there, St. Clare chaplains participated as well, learning about getting students involved in LEGO leagues.

FASHION: 'We are extremely grateful to our sponsors'

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said Cynthia Sohn, Mothers' Club president. "We expect about 500 people to attend."

The annual fundraiser supports classroom enrichment, college scholarships and historic preservation projects at South.

"We are extremely grateful to our sponsors for their generous support of this event," Sohn said.

Sponsors include: Vintage Wine Company, major benefactor; and Beaumont Spirit of Women, St. John Providence Health System, and Ferrara Dermatology Skin and Laser Clinic, all community partnership sponsors.

Corporate Fleet Services Inc. is the program sponsor and Michigan Neurology Institute P.C. sponsors tickets for the raffle, which includes prizes such as a Neiman Marcus beauty class for eight women, four cases of Francis Ford Coppola

wine, a table for 10 for Tony and Tina's Wedding at Andiamo's, a sterling silver and peridot necklace from edmund t. AHEE Jewelers and an iPad mini.

Edwin Paul does hair and make-up designs, while South's choir, band and orchestra provides the afternoon's entertainment.

Catering is courtesy of Mirage Banquet and Catering.

Attendees also have opportunities to shop at vendors Small Favors, Flowers by Gabrielle, Wink, Pretty Paper, F and H For the Home, Salon 76, School Store and Calendar Girl.

Benefit tickets are \$40. Sponsorships and program ad space also are still available for businesses or individuals.

For more information on the event or to become a sponsor, contact Mollie Sterr at (313) 712-6437 or mollie@walshshfg.com, or Michelle Giorgio at (313) 549-0187 or mmgiorgio@aol.com.

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PASTOR'S CORNER By Rev. Fred Harms

I hurt Daddy

A couple of days ago our 2-year-old grandson, Liam, announced to his father, "I hurt Daddy."

"Daddy, I hurt."

It was the cry of a child not quite understanding the cause of illness and pain but seeking out the source of where comfort could be obtained.

That innocent and very real cry for help, reminds me of the cries and laments of the psalmists. These were real people, directing their praise, laments and thanksgivings to the Lord God. And the cries often had the connotation of a child addressing a loving parent. Jesus even used the example of "Abba" meaning "Daddy" when communicating in prayer to the Lord God.

Since Psalm 30 is the designated psalm for this coming Sunday, I will use it as an example of how we can identify with the cries for help and look to the source of healing and hope that the Lord God wants to provide.

Psalm 30 is a hymn of thanksgiving for deliverance from a grave experience. The trauma of the circumstance experienced was sufficiently grave as to being almost to the point of death.

However, the psalmist remembers God is present even in the midst of dire circumstances. The Lord God responded to his cries and to the dark hour of need by reaching out with healing.

The psalm recounts a Job-like life, which at the beginning was secure with prosperity and comfort, but then suddenly changed with the onset of calamity. Not

being able to participate in the worshipping community nor being able to join in the activities that characterize the life of the living, the psalmist felt isolated and cut-off. From that isolation, the psalmist cries out to the only real source of hope left, the Lord God.

A key verse in the psalm comes in the middle: "Weeping sends the night, but joy comes in the morning." There may very well be many dark nights that we will experience and endure, but we can be confident of God's presence and healing power as the ultimate word.

This is the message of Easter. The boulder was removed from the tomb and the grave was empty. The message was "Jesus is not here; He is risen." In what seemed to be a hopelessly dark night, joy indeed came with the Easter morning light.

The presence of a parent won't always change the circumstances of the hurting child, but the loving presence can transform circumstances it cannot change.

The gift of our faith and of our God is the truth of Immanuel, God-with-us, a consistently loving relationship through all that is ever changing.

In Psalm 30, we see our own frailties, sorrows, fears, bargaining, relief and rejoicing, the whole gamut of emotions. And it is God who wraps us in arms of love, as the faithful, loving, comforting, saving parent that God is.

Rev. Harms is senior pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Playing games



Below, as part of their community service during the Lenten season, young Grosse Pointe Memorial Church members played games with Judson Center children. Kathy Hardoin, left, tossed all three bean bags into the board's openings. Amelia Fly was helping with the game.

Left, Charlie Kaess, far left, tries his hand at miniature golf with some direction from volunteer Darlene Sulad.

CHURCH EVENTS

Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical breakfast begins with coffee at 6:45 a.m. Friday, April 12, at the 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, the Rev. Peter C. Smith of Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church. The event ends at 8:15 a.m. Men of all faiths can attend.

For more information, call Dick Strowger at (313) 881-9806.

Christ Church

Christ Church's adult forum hosts Wayne State University history professor and Christ Church member Eric Ash who discusses "Life After Henry VIII: the mid-

Tudor Crisis" from 10:10 to 11 a.m. Sunday, April 14. He discusses the period after King Henry VIII's death, when England and its church were governed by his children, Edward VI and Mary I, during which the Church of England experienced upheaval and how these years shaped the Anglican Church.

First English

Peace Circle of The Women of the Church at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsor a Home2Home sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 20, in The Luther Center, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Members and the community can rent a table, or more, for \$25 each to sell anything. Further, spaces are available

in the Gathering Area for the big ticket market and costs the seller \$3 per item. In addition, outside parking spaces can be rented at \$25 each for selling items such as furniture, outdoor equipment or an automobile. Adding an 8-foot table costs an additional \$5. All rent proceeds benefit the church.

Tables must be reserved and paid for in advance of April 20. Big ticket market items may be paid in advance or on the day of the sale. There is no additional charge for table removal from inside spaces, but sellers are responsible for removal of their sale items immediately following the close of sale. Sellers are responsible for packaging materials and change.

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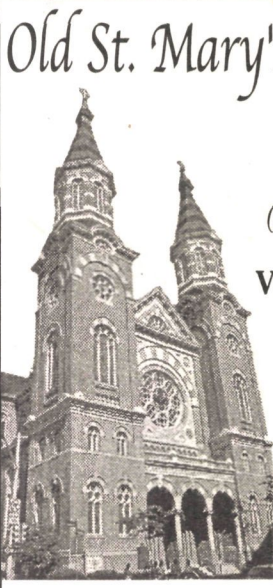
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OBITUARIES

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.

Paula Abraham

Former Grosse Pointe resident Paula Abraham, nee Wade, passed away Thursday, April 4, 2013, after a short illness. She was 77.

She was born May 22, 1935, to Thomas H. and Pauline (nee Paye) Wade of the City of Grosse Pointe and graduated high school in 1953 from St. Paul Catholic School in Grosse Pointe Farms.

While in high school, she volunteered at Bon Secours Hospital as a candy stripper and received her registered nursing degree from Bon Secours Hospital in Baltimore. She continued to pursue her education at Merrimack College in North Andover, Mass., earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology. She went on to receive a Master of Arts degree in psychology and counseling at Assumption College in Worcester, Mass.

She met her beloved husband, John, while working at Lawrence General Hospital and Bon Secours Hospital in the twin cities of Lawrence/Methuen, Mass. They moved initially to Montreal, Quebec, Canada, eventually settling in Aurora, Ontario, Canada.

Mrs. Abraham is survived by her husband, John; son, Christopher (Lisa); daughter, Paula Marie (James); grandchildren, Hazel and Leo Repo Martell Abraham and Saige and Jayde Ayotte; sister, Mary Martocci of Burlingame, Calif., and brother, John Wade (Grace) of Grosse Pointe Farms, as well as many

nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents; sisters, Margaret Wade and Eleanor Keith (Don); brother, Tom Wade (Nancy); and brother-in-law, John Martocci.

Irene Dzul

Longtime Grosse Pointe resident Irene Dzul, 88, passed away Friday, March 29, 2013, at home with family members by her side.

She was born April 16, 1924, to Joseph and Julia Blichar in Ternopil, Poland, now part of Ukraine. She completed high school in Ternopil and started working at a pharmacy.

In 1944, she, her brother and parents joined the thousands of refugees fleeing west from the advancing Red Army. She spent the postwar years with her family and other refugees at a camp in Salzburg, Austria, and, at the same time, studied pharmacy at the University of Graz.

In 1949, she traveled by ship across the Atlantic to New York City and then came by train to Detroit. She was reacquainted with a young doctor, Paul Dzul, a classmate from Ternopil high school. They were married in 1951. Their first child, Andrew, was born in 1953 and their second, George, was born in 1955. The family moved to Grosse Pointe in 1956.

Mrs. Dzul was active in many Ukrainian social and cultural organizations, especially the Ukrainian Women's League.

She is survived by her husband, Paul; son,

Andrew; daughters-in-law, Christina and Lena and grandchildren, Maria, Stephen, Elizabeth, Max and Paul.

Mrs. Dzul was predeceased by her son, George, in 2010.

Ruth Ann McKinnon

Ruth Ann McKinnon, nee Merrick, passed away, Sunday, March 31, 2013, in Williamsburg. She was 72.

She was born July 23, 1940, in Providence Hospital in Detroit.

She was a loving wife, sister, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

Mrs. McKinnon is survived by her husband of 52 years, Ronald William McKinnon; children, Kim Foss (Guy Sr.), Kevin McKinnon (Kari) and Margaret Holden; grandchildren, Guy Foss Jr., Andrew Foss (Theresa), Brandon Legendre, Krystal Legendre, Garrett Foss, Joshua Holden (Cassie), Shelby Nightingale (Matthew), Sahra McKinnon, Megan McKinnon and Noah McKinnon; and three great-grandchildren.

She also is survived by her sister, Peggy Merrick. Mrs. McKinnon retired in 1999 from MCN Corp. after many years of service.

Donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation at jdrf.org.

David Rentschler

Grosse Pointe resident David Rentschler died Thursday, March 14, 2013. He was 79.

Born June 2, 1933, in Cleveland to Carl and Grace Rentschler, he graduated from Detroit University School in 1952 and the University of Michigan in 1957. He was proud to have earned two varsity letters in football at U-M for the 1955 and 1956 seasons.

Mr. Rentschler served as an elder of Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church in Detroit where he was married in June 1958. After serving as a lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force, he returned to Michigan and started his



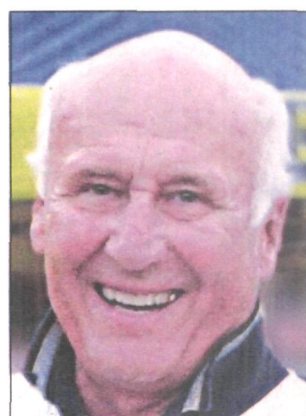
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business career at National Bank of Detroit. In 1973, he purchased the Wm. Beyster Co., a lumber and millwork firm in Detroit. He owned and operated Beyster until the building was sold in 2008 and at age 75, started his retirement.

Mr. Rentschler was active in the community and served in many capacities within The U of M Club of Greater Detroit, The Varsity M Club, the Golf Association of Michigan, the Senior Men's Golf Association, the Lochmoor Club and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He spent many hours coaching Little League teams, most especially Red Barons football and took great pleasure in working with young people. In recent years, he looked forward to working with school children at the Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church Tutoring Tree.

His family said he was an exceptional man, a leader among his peers, respected by his many friends for his unwavering loyalty and integrity, a dedicated family man and a superb husband. Mr. Rentschler is survived by his loving wife, Dianne; family, Douglas (Leslie), Amy Rentschler Hyde (Albert) and Brian; grandchildren, Lauren Rentschler, Charles and Samuel Hyde and Eve and Alex Breitmeyer; brother, Donald (Esther) and sister, Susan Reiff (Allan).

A memorial service will be held at 3:30 p.m. Monday, April 22, at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 Jefferson Ave., Detroit. The family will receive visitors at 2 p.m.

Donations may be made to Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625

Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48214-2977 or The University of Michigan Club of Greater Detroit Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 970684, Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

Gladys "Pinky" McNelis

Grosse Pointe resident Gladys "Pinky" McNelis, 86, formerly of Trenton, passed away Wednesday March 27, 2013.

She was born Oct. 2, 1926, in Bakerton, Pa., to William and Bertha (nee Selby) Wiseman. She graduated from Pennsylvania State University, which is where she met her husband, James. The couple married June 27, 1949, in Hastings, Pa.

Mrs. McNelis was formerly with Coldwell Banker Realty of Trenton. She enjoyed spending time with the Grand Marais Garden Club, the Presbyterian Women's Mission Sewing Group, the Grosse Pointe Garden Club, and was a dedicated Detroit Tigers fan.

Mrs. McNelis is survived by her beloved husband of 63 years, James; sons, James, Christopher, Scott (Kathy), Philip (Julia) and Michael; grandchildren, Michael, Staci, Kyle, James and William and brother, William Wiseman of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

A memorial service is planned for a later date.

Virginia Ann Sendelbach

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Virginia Ann Sendelbach, 86, died Friday, March 22, 2013, at The Village of East Harbor in Chesterfield Township.

She was born Oct. 6, 1926, in Toledo, Ohio, to Charles and Gertrude Shinnars and graduated in 1943 from Maumee High School in Maumee, Ohio. She married Louis Sendelbach and together they raised four children.

Mrs. Sendelbach has many interests and hobbies including sewing, painting, sculpting, singing, gardening and golfing. She also enjoyed volunteering.

She was a member of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association and St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church where she was a member of the Voices of Joy choir, the Quilting Society and The Altar Society. She volunteered at Bon Secours Hospital at the front desk for more than 25 years.

Mrs. Sendelbach is survived by her daughters, Tara Kathleen Shrodes, Susan Sendelbach and Maura Malloy; son, Louis E. Sendelbach Jr. and grandson, Dennis P. Malloy.

She was predeceased by her husband, Louis E. Sendelbach Ph.D.; parents



James Meininger D.D.S.

and sister, Rosemary Semersky.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 20, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. at the church. Interment will be in the Columbarium at St. Paul's.

Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org or the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research at michaeljfox.org.

James A. Meininger D.D.S.

James A. Meininger D.D.S., 68, died Friday, Jan. 18, 2013, in Clearwater, Fla.

He was born and raised in Grosse Pointe and attended St. Joan of Arc and Austin Catholic Prep High School. He also attended the University of Michigan where he earned three engineering degrees and went on to earn a doctor of dental surgery degree. It was in Ann Arbor that he met his wife, Sharon. They were lifelong Wolverines. He loved trees and the sea and sailed in several Mackinac races. He also enjoyed a good round of golf.

Dr. Meininger was particularly proud of his deep Grosse Pointe roots. The Meininger family emigrated from Germany in 1830 and became farmers in what was Grosse Pointe Township. The Meininger farm was where Defer Elementary School is now located. They were also original parishioners of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church. He was related to the Trombly, Poupard, Alter and Allard families, as well as former Michigan Gov. Alexander Groesbeck. He also had two aunts who taught at the Cook Schoolhouse.

Dr. Meininger is survived by his wife, Sharon (Allan) Meininger of Clearwater; sisters, Judith Meininger Cudini of Grosse Pointe Farms and Diane Meininger Gillett (John) of Naples, Fla. and nephews, Robert Cudini, Steven Meininger and Thomas Meininger.

He was predeceased by his parents Eva (nee Sanders) and Milton A. Meininger Sr.; brother, Dr. Milton A. Meininger Jr. and his brother-in-law, A. Mario Cudini.

Private services were held in Clearwater.

John Battice Ford III

John Battice Ford III, 88, of Grosse Pointe Farms, died Monday, Dec. 31, 2012, at his home in Vero Beach, Florida.

A memorial service celebrating Mr. Ford's life will take place at 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 13, at Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.



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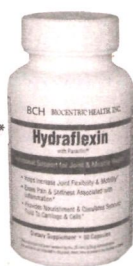
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Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Harbor

With an eye toward lake levels continuing their downward trend, and to ensure boaters safe access to and from Lake St. Clair, plans are well underway to dredge the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Harbor.

The Great Lakes haven't reached their record lows — yet — but they're getting close.

At the end of March, Lake St. Clair was more than a foot (14.4 inches)

lower than a year ago, and the long-term Great Lakes trend of less precipitation and winter ice cover and greater evaporation means lower lake levels for the foreseeable future.

Over its 99-year history, the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club has weathered lower — and higher — lake levels and has always met the challenge. Lake St. Clair's record high set in 1986

was 4 feet higher than today. While today's lake level is low, it would have to fall another two feet to reach the record low set in 1934.

As it was 80 years ago, the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club board is committed to providing boaters safe access to and from the lake. Again this year, the board has contracted to dredge Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Harbor with no additional cost to the

members. The dredging project is on top of the just completed harbor renovations, which included the installation of five 95-foot boat wells.

Grosse Pointe Yacht Club members continue to enjoy excellent harbor amenities while keeping the cost of the boat wells down. This is made possible through wise stewardship by the board and club management.

Rated once again a

"Platinum Club" of America, the club provides all the traditional amenities of a classic yacht club, while keeping pace with 21st century lifestyles and standards.

In an elegant, yet comfortable setting, overlooking beautiful Lake St. Clair, the club is the Detroit area's most prestigious and widely recognized yacht club.

Recreational activities include boating, sailing,

swimming, bowling, clay and heated platform tennis courts, and a variety of other sports-oriented activities. The club's social calendar is varied, stimulating and festive for members of all ages.

The club has numerous dining and meeting rooms and can meet any culinary need, featuring an outstanding wine cellar and specializing in privately-catered events.

DNR reminds boaters about law, safety classes

The arrival of spring, and start of April, signals another boating season for boaters on Lake St. Clair and other waterways.

With the start of the season, the Michigan Department of Resources reminds those planning to operate a watercraft this year to take a boating safety course.

"Spring is a great time to get your boating safety class in, so you start the summer boating season with safety requirements fresh in your mind," said Lt. Andrew Turner, boating law administrator of the DNR's Law Enforcement Division. "We encourage anyone who plans on operating a watercraft in Michigan to take a boating safety course."

Boating safety requirements in Michigan are as follows according to the DNR:

◆ Those born on or after July 1, 1996, are required to have a boater's safety certificate to operate a motorboat.

Those younger than 16 years of age also require adult supervision;

◆ Persons younger than 14 years of age may not legally operate a personal water craft;

◆ Those 14 and 15 years of age may operate a PWC legally only if they have obtained a boating safety certificate and if he or she is accompanied on board by his or her parent or legal guardian or by a person at least 21 years of age who has been designated by the parent or legal guardian, or he or she is operating or riding the PWC at a distance of not more than 100 feet from his or her parent or guardian or from a person at least 21 years old who has been designated by the parent or guardian;

◆ Those at least 16 years of age and born after Dec. 31, 1978, may operate a PWC legally only if they have obtained a boating safety certificate; and

◆ Those born on or



before Dec. 31, 1978, may operate a PWC legally without restrictions.

◆ To access the class list, visit the DNR boating website at michigan.gov/boating.

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Update paper and electronic charts

The Alliance for Safe Navigation suggests updated paper charts — coupled with updated electronic charts — are the best approach to safe navigation.

Using old charts can lead to expensive collisions and groundings.

According to recent ASN research, 25 percent of boaters reported running aground in the past five years. Statistics published by the U.S. Coast Guard indicate groundings and collisions with fixed and submerged objects caused nearly \$11 million in property damage in 2011. And that's just from reported incidents. Industry experts say the actual number is much higher.

Lake St. Clair and Great Lake water levels continue to be below average. Record low water levels were set on lakes Michigan and Huron in January.

Navigating with up-to-date charts is often the only way boaters can stay aware of changes and plan for them.

Keeping up with change

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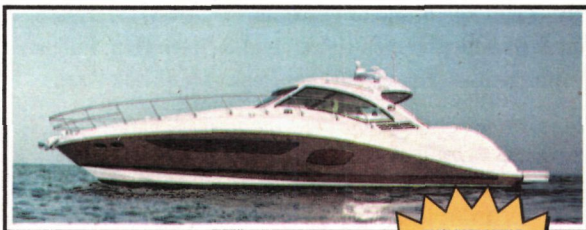
to our waterways and make them available to the boating public.

Electronic chart producers have implemented a variety of ways for boaters to receive updated information. For example, most digital chart manufacturers offer inexpensive updates either annually or semiannually by providing replacement chart cards, dealer-direct updating or downloads from the manufacturer's website.

Up-to-date navigation

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Conserving fuel on the water

Motorboat drivers can take steps to save money on fuel.

Yamaha Marine Group offers these tips to boaters looking to cut fuel costs:

◆ Don't rock the boat. Among passengers, water tanks, coolers, gear and full fuel tanks, boats can become heavier than boat owners expect.

Extra weight makes motors work harder, reducing their fuel efficiency.

When heading out, take only what is needed, and keep weight evenly distributed.

◆ Perform basic maintenance on the outboard. A well-maintained outboard burns less fuel

than a neglected one. Even oil can play a role in fuel economy. Fresh oil reduces friction — making less work for the engine.

◆ Use the right propeller. Many boaters troubled by poor performance can blame an ill-fitting propeller.

"Our customer service representatives deal with performance and fuel-consumption issues on a daily basis," said Steve Friedrich, Yamaha Marine Group technical service manager. "Choices in propeller specifications — pitch, diameter, blade shape —



are most often based upon best predictions of how customers will use

their boats. The best way to ensure economy and performance is to prop the boat for the normal load and boating conditions."

To pick the right propeller, figure out what is usually carried. How many people? How much equipment? Calculate your boat's usual weight, and give the number to the boat dealer.

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charts — and the confidence that comes with them — should be an essential item on every boater's checklist. Accurate charts, when used correctly, help keep boaters in the channel and away from dangers.

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FOR THE BIRDS By Rosann Kovalcik

Lake St. Clair in 'early spring'



For those of us who reside near Lake St. Clair, our first mental image of the lake may be one of sailboats and white, fluffy clouds. Yet Lake St. Clair in the winter has an interesting persona as well.

The water may be there in the form of ice shards pointing to the sky. What is below the water is a reflection of what can be seen above.

Vegetation may persist in the shallow water, which is why we see Canada geese and mute swans upended as they reach to feed. If the shallow part of the lake is frozen over, the geese will move where the water remains open — Belle Isle perhaps. Mallards are also vegetarians and sometimes can be found close to shore as well, ice dependant.

Lake St. Clair is well known for its diversity of fish and protein available for diving ducks. For them, as long as the water remains open, they are able to dive after smaller fish and eat mussels they are able to reach.

A diving duck has legs set farther back on its body to allow efficiency when propelling itself underwater. Unlike dabbling ducks, diving ducks usually run along the surface of the water

before becoming airborne.

If you watch the lake, you can see these rafts of birds deciding to relocate and staying low above the water as they "run" for altitude.

Most commonly, we can see large groups of canvasbacks and red-headed ducks on Lake St. Clair. There are smaller groups of bufflehead, scaup, goldeneye and mergansers. The numbers of these ducks is a good reflection on the health of the lake which supports the reproductive success of fish.

This is the time of year these ducks start to think about the mating season ahead. For them, April will mark their departure toward places further north. I love to think about bufflehead with their fat, round black and white bodies peering out of the nest hole of a northern flicker, created by the woodpecker the year before.

Fat and round is exactly what another bird is looking for this time of year. It is a little known fact bald eagles are fully capable of capturing ducks. So the bounty eagles see on the lake makes for a perfect stopover site for them as they proceed to places further north to nest. February is the prime time for their migration and this year was no exception.

I received a phone call from Curtis, one of the regulars on the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Bird Walks. Curtis was at the Ford House doing

a little birding on his own with friend Ed, another regular on the bird walks. The phone call I received from him on a Saturday morning was amusing:

"Rosann, this is Curtis. Me and Ed Kerns are out at the Ford house and we are at the clearing just before we go in to have coffee and there are eight immature bald eagles flying over our heads right now. Unbelievable. They are flying and they are jostling around in the air. I've never seen anything like it. Unbelievable."

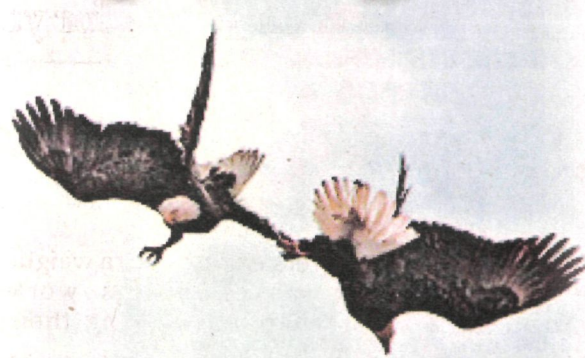
What Curtis had not seen at the time he called, but eventually witnessed that day, was the practicing of the mating ritual between these birds. Two of them had gathered height and locked tal-

ons, tumbling down in somersaults toward the earth.

This display was repeated on March 2 at the Ford House Bird Walk. That was a day I had another call, this time from Ryan, my son, manager at the store and scope carrier for the bird walks: "Hey, it's Ryan. Just getting out of the bird walk. We had seven bald eagles this morning. It was nuts."

Many sightings of bald eagles continued to be reported to the store and we still heard about those birds, at this writing, in the early part of March.

There is a nesting pair in the vicinity of Peche Island Provincial Park, a short distance from our shoreline — an easy flight for a bald eagle looking for prey.



Drive slowly, keep your eyes glancing toward the sky and the water as you make your way along Lake St. Clair and you may be rewarded with the sight of one of these magnificent birds.

Kovalcik is a certified bird-feeding specialist and owner of Wild Birds Unlimited, 20485 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods. Send questions or comments to RosannKovalcik@comcast.net.

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AUTOS By Jenny King

GMC Sierra is well-dressed workaholic



Who knew a brawny work truck, like the 2013

GMC Sierra Denali, would be a pretty nice vehicle for picking up children from school and would actually be fun to drive.

The Denali is the luxury version of the GMC Sierra, a light truck that comes in a variety of trims and configurations. The 1500 can be ordered as Work Truck SL, crew cab and extended cab; XFE; SLE; and SLT. The XFE is available only as a rear-drive truck. The others offer two- and four-wheel drive.

Body styles and configurations include three cab styles — regular, extended and crew — and three cargo box lengths: 5 feet 8 inches, short; 6 feet 6 inches, standard; and 8 feet, long.

The Sierra buyer can choose among several V-8 engines plus a V-6. The big 6.2-liter V-8 features variable valve timing for improved efficiency. And cylinder-deactivating active fuel management is incorporated on 5.3-liter engines. All the engines are mated to automatic transmissions.

GMC said the Sierra offers the industry's best V-8 fuel economy, with up to 22 miles per gallon on the highway for the Sierra XFE and up to 23 mpg on the highway with the Sierra Hybrid.



2013 Sierra Denali

Sierra powertrains provide a maximum payload capacity of 1,937 pounds. And when equipped with the available max trailering package and the 6.2L V-8, the Sierra 1500 can tow up to 10,700 pounds.

Sierra 1500's engine offerings include a 4.3-liter V-6; 4.8-liter V-8; 5.3-liter FlexFuel V-8, with iron engine block; 5.3-liter FlexFuel V-8, with aluminum block; and the 6.2-liter E85-capable V-8, with aluminum block and variable valve timing.

New for 2013 is powertrain grade braking in the normal transmission. It uses engine torque to help slow the vehicle on descents, which helps reduce brake wear. It is featured with the 5.3L and 6.2L engines paired with six-speed transmissions.

The Denali difference

Where does the "Denali" name fit in? Think of it as another word for comfort. It denotes the luxury mod-

el of the Sierra — our test vehicle bore the name on the outside and on the shiny sill plates under the doors.

GMC said the Sierra Denali can be ordered in 2WD and AWD configurations. Its engine is the 403-horsepower 6.2-liter V-8. The rear end features a 9.5-inch rear axle on the 2WD and an 8.6-inch on the AWD. The specially tuned Z60 suspension, four-wheel disc brakes, traction control, skid plates and recovery hooks are standard. Twenty-inch chrome-finish aluminum wheels are standard and are unique to Denali, GMC said.

A special chrome grille, additional chrome trim and body-color bumpers set it apart from other Sierra models. The Denali also offers leather-appointed seats, heated and cooled 12-way power-adjustable front seats and a leather-wrapped, heated steering wheel.

Our Sierra Denali 1500

Crew Cab was equipped with head curtain side air bags, seat-mounted side impact air bags for driver and right-front passenger; Bluetooth for wireless communication, driver-side auto-dimming outside mirrors, remote start, cargo box illumination, rear park assist and an EZ lift/locking tailgate.

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power driver's seat; an all-terrain package with Z71 suspension and 18-inch chrome-clad aluminum wheels; and much more.

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

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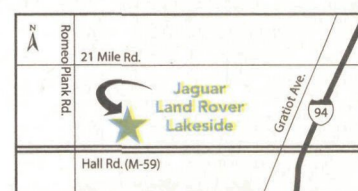


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Tau Beta's 10th annual Spring Market

Fashionable shopping at the War Memorial

Tau Beta would like Grosse Pointers to step into spring with the latest styles.

During its 10th annual "Spring Market," April 25 through 27, at the Grosse Pointe Club, more than 20 specialty boutiques display their fashions in jewelry, clothing and home accents. Proceeds benefit the Children's Center of Detroit.

Get a first-hand glimpse of the specialty items at the preview party and raffle from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25. Tickets are \$65, with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres served. The evening's raffle drawing includes such items as an Ippolita sterling silver necklace, bracelet and earring set, donated by Ahee Jewelers; a Detroit Tigers game in a luxury suite and dinner at Red Crown Restaurant, donated by the Cotton family; a Clara Williams necklace and centerpiece, donated by Clara Williams Company; and a Tory Birch Tote and Riva Flip Flops, donated by Neiman Marcus. Raffle tickets are \$25 or five for



Jenny McLaughlin brings Sarah Oliver handbags to Tau Beta's 10th annual Spring Market.

\$100. New this year and in recognition of the market's 10th anniversary, a special champagne reception is from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25, featuring "An Early Shopping Hour" for patrons who underwrite at Spring Market's Worth Avenue level and buy a preview party ticket. Spring Market shopping days continue from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, April 26, and 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, April 27. Cocktails will be available for purchase from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday and lunch is available during Saturday's shopping hours. Admission is \$5 at the door and the public can attend. Spring Market offers something for everyone



Patsy Gotfredson and Mary Farley attended the 2012 Tau Beta Spring Market held at the Grosse Pointe Club. The event raises money for Children's Hospital.

— women, men and children. Meet the specialty boutique owners in person, including the eight new vendors and 13 returning vendors. New vendors include: ♦ Sissy Pie Originals of Columbus, Ohio, children's clothing; ♦ Jonnie-O of Santa Monica, Calif., men's shirts; ♦ Jewels by Piper of Venice, Calif., vintage lockets; ♦ Beau Bien Fine Foods of Detroit, jams; ♦ Distinguished Manors of Chicago, home and gifts; ♦ Hugh of Detroit, men's gifts; ♦ Julie Vos of New York, N.Y., jewelry; ♦ Pickett's Press, New York, N.Y., stationery and ♦ Melly M of Delray Beach, Fla., dresses. Returning vendors include: ♦ ÉVOCATEUR of Connecticut contemporary cuff bracelets; ♦ Clara Williams Company of Chicago; ♦ Barbara Arnett Cashmere of Plymouth, scarves; ♦ Before & After of St. Louis, Mo., ladies shirts; ♦ Bird Dog Bay of Chicago, men's ties; ♦ Caroline's Cakes of Spartanburg, S.C., cakes; ♦ Little Cottage Designs presents Couture Classics Grosse Pointe Farms, vintage designer goods; ♦ Pearly Vine by Heidi Ackley of New Albany, N.Y., women's clothing; ♦ Pomegranate Seeds of Arlington, Va., linens and tableware; ♦ QBS Designs of Delray Beach, Fla., bags and shoes; ♦ Sarah Oliver Handbags of Sausalito, Calif., handbags and

♦ Smathers & Branson of Bethesda, Md., needle-point belts.

The Grosse Pointe Club is located at 6 Berkshire Place, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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For more information about Spring Market visit preview party/raffle tickets or facebook.com/tbspringmarket or tau-beta.org, click on Spring Market. Tau Beta's e-mail address is: springmarket@taubeta.org.

Wheeling out senior meals

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Meals on Wheels provides nutritious meals to seniors who are shut-ins.

Under the auspices of Services for Older Citizens, volunteers deliver meals and provide Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods seniors with daily safety check and conversation.

Meals are free to the recipients, however, the food and preparation are not free to SOC.

To spotlight the service and help raise awareness and funds, five mayors, a Wayne County commissioner and a city treasurer observed the national Mayors for Meals day March 20. They delivered balanced meals to those who are shut-ins or



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Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor James Farquhar delivers a meal to Roger VanDerkar in observance of the annual Mayors for Meals.

unable to prepare their own meals. The event was held in conjunction with March for Meals Walk, a national campaign.

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From left, City of Grosse Pointe mayor Dale Scrace, Grosse Pointe Woods mayor Robert Novitke, Grosse Pointe Farms mayor James Farquhar, Harper Woods mayor Ken Poynter, Grosse Pointe Park treasurer Jane Blahut, (standing) Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen and Grosse Pointe Shores mayor Ted Kedzierski. They were taking part in the annual Mayors for Meals and delivering a meal to a shut-in through Services for Older Citizens Meals on Wheels program.

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AREA ACTIVITIES

La Societe des
Jardinieres

Members of the La Societe des Jardinieres meet at 10:15 a.m. Thursday, April 11, at Karen Kolp's house to car pool. Members go to the Guardian Building for a tour. There will be a subscription lunch at Sweet Little Sheila's and the group discusses fall and winter meetings' topics.

Questers

The Grosse Pointe Questers meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday, April 12. Sharon De Haven presents "Look and Listen." The hostess is Mary Lamparter. Carol Stephenson and Jill Best are co-hostesses.

La Leche League

The La Leche League, a mother-to-mother

breastfeeding information and support group meets at 10:15 a.m. Friday, April 12, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

For more information, call Jessie at (313) 417-1944 or Jennifer at (313) 821-9196.

Herb society

David Michener, University of Michigan associate curator, discusses the late 1800s through the early 1920s gardens at the 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 13, Grosse Pointe Herb Society meeting at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House.

"This was when colors were understood," he said of what has been dubbed the "Gilded Age."

Gardeners of the time were asking how to integrate color and how what

was and wasn't harmonious, he said.

"This era was definitely different than the preceding years, such as the Victorian age with bold use of color and the Edwardian age which was more subtle," Michener said, but changed again after World War I.

"It changed in the '30s. It was a whole shift of how expensive was it to maintain and estate garden? Who was doing the work? How much money are we spending on the garden?" he said gardeners were asking.

For a reservation, call Mary at (313) 885-5575 or e-mailing Ann at anndoc@comcast.net.

Audubon society

The Grosse Pointe Audubon Society hosts birder and photographer Kevin Sharp at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 15, in the annex behind Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe.

Sharp discusses the South Sea island Fiji.

A social hour begins at 7 p.m. The event is open to the public.

NAMI

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill meets at 7 p.m. Monday, April 15, at Henry Ford Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Parking is free.

Memory screening

Nursing Unlimited, 21131 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, offers memory screenings from

10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, April 16. For an appointment, call (586) 285-0300.

Camera club

The Grosse Pointe Camera Club meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, in Room C-11 Brownell Middle School.

For more information, call (313) 822-7080 or visit grossepointecameraclub.org.

Women's Club

The Grosse Pointe Women's Club meets at noon Wednesday, April 17, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Following lunch, the speaker Tim Hanks discusses "Attracting Birds to Your Backyard." He will have his self-constructed birdhouses for sale.

For guest reservations, call Sue Plath at (313) 884-5081 by Saturday, April 13. The cost is \$10.

For more information, call Peggy Hickey at (313) 407-1842.

Family Center

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods hosts Nancy Piatek and Jeff and Debra Jay from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, at the presentation "Taking Care While Giving Care: Coping with the Challenges of the Sandwich Generation."

Piatek discusses successful solutions for solving stress and the Jays talk about helping people with medication or alcohol misuse.

The event is at Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods, and open to the public.

Caregivers

The Alzheimer's Association - Greater Michigan chapter presents "Creating Confident Caregivers" from 2 to 4

p.m. for six consecutive Wednesdays, beginning April 17, at Christ Church, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.

The free workshop provides caregivers with information, skills and attitudes to manage stress and increase effective caregiving skills. To register, contact Theresa Russo at (248) 996-1053. When calling ask about the free respite care offered for a family member with dementia or memory loss while caregivers attend the series.

Historical society

Author and former St. Clair Shores and Grosse Pointe librarian Arthur Woodford discusses his book, "Tashmoo Park and the Steamer Tashmoo," at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 17, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Woods branch, 20680 Mack. The free event is sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Historical Society.

For more information, contact Michael Skinner at ardmore@peoplepc.com.

Garden club

The Men's and Women's Garden Club of Grosse Pointe meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18, in Brownell Middle School's cafeteria. Barry Barton discusses landscaping design.

The club is taking orders for flats and pots of flowers to be delivered in May. For more information, call (313) 473-8625.

Optimist club

The Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe holds a New Optimists Wanted Wine and Cheese Party from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 18, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Those interested in learning about the club's activities that are held on behalf of the community's youth can attend.

A trial membership is offered to those new to the club for \$30 dues.

Meets are at 7:30 a.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at the War Memorial.

For more information, call the club's president, Christ Thomas, at (313) 330-1293.

Relay for Life

Proceeds from a garage sale, held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 19 and Saturday, April 20, at 21777 McCormick Detroit, benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

Grosse Pointe
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Grosse Pointe Woods residents can dispose of unwanted hazardous materials at the Hazardous Waste Drop-Off event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 20. Items should be taken to the Department of Public Works, 1200 Parkway. A complimentary shredding service is available.

Additionally, tires (limit 10; no rims) and electronics waste will be accepted for disposal.

A valid park pass or a driver's license is required as proof of residency.

Acceptable materials include household cleaners and polishes, expired medications, automobile fluids, solvents, fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, fertilizers, paints and wood preservatives, asbestos-containing materials, fluorescent lights, mercury and other chemicals.

A complete list of acceptable and unacceptable material is available at the Woods City Hall and online at gpwmi.us in the DPW section.

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ASK THE EXPERTS By Amy McKenzie M.D.

Early treatment is key to child's development



Q It seems like my child isn't developing like the other children. My pediatrician says there's nothing to worry about. What should I do?

A Listen to your instincts. Early warning signs include:

- ◆ Sensory issues (when a child strongly dislikes (or craves) touch, sound, sight, and/or smell;
- ◆ Delayed milestones;
- ◆ Limited eye contact or engagement with family members and other children;
- ◆ Lack of pointing;
- ◆ Lack of waving bye-bye and
- ◆ Lack of speech development or regression of speech.

Discuss concerns with your primary care physician who can guide you to local resources. Early treatment is key to your child's success.

Q Doctors just gave my child a diagnosis of autism and I feel hopeless. Is there any hope for my child of a bright future?

A Absolutely! A new study published in the February Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry has shown there is much cause to hope. There are children who lose the diagnosis altogether and many more children who make improvements throughout the years. Families often find a multi-pronged approach utilizing various therapies and treatments (both mainstream and biomedical) are most helpful.

Q How does biomedical treatment for autism work?

A Biomedical therapies stem out of a larger movement called functional medicine. The idea is that diseases are based on various imbalances in the body that develop into cyclical patterns of dysfunction. Physicians trained in a biomedical approach look for areas to support the body, either by giving something that the body needs (vitamins or nutrients), or taking something harmful away (allergens or toxins).

Rather than covering up the problem with medication, the approach is to heal the body from the inside out. Treating chil-

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- ◆ 7 p.m. Amy McKenzie M.D. presents "Hope for Tomorrow: How Biomedical Treatments May Help Children with Developmental Disorders"
- ◆ Barnes Early Childhood Center
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dren using this approach is individualized and requires testing to help guide decision-making. Past experience of what has worked for other families is also a component of treatment.

Q Do you have any success stories to share?

A While practicing family practice medicine as a traditional M.D., I became exposed to the biomedical/functional medicine world due

to delays in my youngest son's development. He was ultimately diagnosed with PDD-NOS (an autism spectrum disorder), and has done very well using a combination of biomedical and traditional therapies. Today, he is in a mainstream classroom and has many friends.

Many other patients also see improvements, like the non-verbal 4-year-old boy we discovered (through testing) had an autoimmune condition that can lead to low levels of folate in the brain. Within three weeks of replacing this nutrient, he started babbling. After several months he is talking in short sentences. Not every child is the same, but an individualized approach to your child's issue, through careful history, partnering with parents and testing, can help your child hope for a brighter future.

McKenzie is a biomedical clinician. Her son has been diagnosed with autism. She is the founder of Spectrum Wellness Center in Clinton Township.

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Signatures can be part of history

Detroit high school graduates John Hancocks are needed.

Between 4 and 8 p.m. Thursday, April 11, at Posterity: A Gallery, 17005 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, any Detroit high school graduate can sign their names and year of graduation on their alma mater's T-shirt. The signed shirts are to be included in a permanent exhibit, said

Michael Williams of Detroit, a Mumford High School graduate.

"The signed shirts will be put in an acrylic showcase," Williams said.

The showcase will travel around the area as "A Collection of Autographs from Proud DPS Alumni" from June through 2015. The exhibit consists of more

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MEALS: Delivery system

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paign calling attention to the local meal program and with the goal of ending senior hunger by 2020. This first meals walk, March 23, saw SOC supporters walk one mile or 2.5 miles.

"This whole process is to remind people of the center that provides services for those who can't get out," said Tim Killeen, Wayne County commissioner, D-Detroit. "We have to keep the community aware. I'm just doing my part."

Grosse Pointe Farms mayor James Farquhar delivered a meal of chicken breast, black-eyed peas, cabbage and a waffle, as well as a sack filled with milk, bread, butter and applesauce to Roger VanDerkar, 98, of the Farms.

"It's a pleasure to welcome you here," VanDerkar said, ushering the mayor into his yellow kitchen.

He said he has lived in the Grosse Pointes for 88 years, moving to Michigan from Idaho when he was 10 years old. VanDerkar has lived in the Farms since 1977 and worked for a subsidiary of National Steel selling furnaces.

"Grosse Pointe is a good place to live," he said.

VanDerkar went on to say he enjoys the meals delivered to him, especially the macaroni and cheese meal.

"It (the Meals on Wheels) assures me of one very substantial meal per day and I look forward to it," VanDerkar said.

"I look forward to visiting the seniors and chatting with them and reacquainting myself with them," said City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Dale Scrace, prior to delivering a meal to a City resident. "SOC provides a great service to our community."

Since 2005, the mayors have taken a morning to spend visiting with seniors at SOC, then delivering a meal to one or two seniors in their cities.



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March 23 found volunteers walking as part of Services for Older Citizens March for Meals Walk to end senior hunger and support the Meals on Wheels program in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

"Mayors are delivering (meals) across the nation," said Heidi Uhlig, SOC's director of volunteer services. "Between 45 and 50 meals a day are (locally) delivered, five days a week. We do holiday meals."

To help offset the cost, SOC received \$21,000 for Meals on Wheels plus \$1,000 grant funding, she added.

The larger amount was received from the Alan Shawn Feinstein Foundation Challenge and a result of SOC mailing requests for donations from the community to specifically support Meals on Wheels. The challenge resulted in SOC getting \$21,910. The grant came from the National Meals on Wheels Association for the March Meals and the Mayors for Meals Campaign.

Nearly half (8,235) of the 20,000 meals supplied by SOC in 2012 are funded by local donors and the Feinstein Foundation.

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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

A taste of vegetarianism



Early spring is the perfect time of year to eat vegetarian. Meals without meat can be totally satisfying when the flavor combination is just right. This week I am pairing (store bought) polenta (firm corn meal) with wilted fresh spinach and Italian cheeses.



PHOTO BY VIRGINIA O. MCCOY

Annie's polenta recipe combines the flavors of fresh spinach and Italian cheeses.

Pan Seared Polenta with Spinach and Italian Cheeses

1 pound log firm polenta
3 tablespoons olive oil, divided
2 - 10 oz. bags baby spinach
4 garlic cloves, finely chopped
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1/2 cup shredded Italian blend cheese
1 1/4 cup toasted pecan pieces
salt and pepper to taste

Cut polenta into 1/2-inch slices and brush each side with a bit of olive oil. Season each side with salt and pepper to taste. Heat a large non-stick skillet over me-

dium to slightly higher heat and sear polenta slices until golden brown, about 5 minutes on each side. Transfer polenta slices to a greased baking dish and place slices side by side.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In same skillet cook spinach, in batches, until just wilted, then transfer to a colander to drain. Heat 2 tablespoons of olive oil in same skillet over medium heat. Add chopped garlic and cook for a few minutes, until garlic is just beginning to brown.

Place drained spinach in a

medium bowl and add olive oil garlic mixture. Toss in Parmesan cheese. Taste and add salt and pepper pleasing your palate. Arrange spinach mixture over polenta slices. Sprinkle shredded Italian blend cheese over spinach then scatter with toasted pecan pieces.

Bake at 350 for 25 to 30 minutes, until the cheese has melted and heated throughout.

I got this idea from Mario Batali (he makes his polenta from scratch). Simple, fresh ingredients layered together. Got leftovers? Fry an egg on top.

T-SHIRT: Signatures needed

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than 35 T-shirts printed with images of Detroit's public schools, the collected signatures, memorabilia and bricks from schools that have been demolished.

"It's a chance to be part of history," he said. To date, Williams said, more than 5,000 Detroit Public high school graduates' autographs have been collected, dating from the 1937 class of Redford High School.

Signatures already collected include attorney Sam Bernstein, a Mumford graduate; businessman Art Van Elslander, a Denby High School graduate; singer Martha Reeves, who graduated from Northeastern High School; and television personality Al Allen, a Mumford grad.

Some of the high schools represented no longer exist including all-girls Detroit Commerce High School — the Fisher Freeway was built on the site when the high school closed in 1965; Goldberg High School and its companion school the all-boys Wilbur Wright High School (Wilbur Wright merged with Phillip Murray High School to become Murray-Wright High School, also now closed.)

While at the signing, graduates can order a \$20 T-shirt in their school's colors. Proceeds fund the traveling T-shirt exhibit.

Signing events turn into mini-reunions when classmates reminisce.

If unable to make the signing event, more information can be found at schoolshirtshop.com.

ACTIVITIES: What's happening

Continued from page 2B

Questions can be directed to the DPW at (313) 343-2460.

Rose society

The Grosse Pointe Rose Society presents a lecture on floral annuals, perennials and roses for 2013 at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 20.

A tour of Eckert's Greenhouse & Perennials, 34075 Ryan, Sterling Heights, is planned. Members meet at the greenhouse. The public can attend.

For more information, visit the Grosse Pointe Rose Society on Facebook.

War Memorial

This month, the Grosse Pointe War Memorial hosts the following:

Middle School Spring Fling Dance — 7:30 to 10 p.m. Friday, April 12. This is open to all students in grades 6 through 8 who reside in or attend school in Grosse Pointe. The cost is \$14, advance sales only. Students also must obtain a \$15 War Memorial ID card. There will be no sales at the door.

Author — Robert Gibbs discusses modern urban planning at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18. He was

Yesterday's headlines

1963

50 years ago this week

◆ **CLUBS STUDY MERGER PLANS:** In a joint announcement of the commodore of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and the president of the Detroit Boat Club, it was revealed representatives of the traditionally famous clubs have been exploring the possible consolidation of the two organizations, to occupy the present G.P.Y.C. facilities.

Upon completion of detailed studies, a proposal, which if acceptable to officials of both groups, will be presented to the two memberships for ratification.

◆ **PARK STUDIES REQUEST TO CLOSE ROAD:** The Park council, decided to await a recommendation from the city planning commission before it determines whether or not to vacate Audubon Road, between Mack and Charlevoix, or to hold a public hearing on the matter.

The closing of that section of Audubon is being sought by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of

Detroit, for the purpose of building an eight-classroom addition to St. Clare of Montefalco School.

1988

25 years ago this week

◆ **BOARD WILL NOT RENEW SPAGNOLI'S CONTRACT:** By a unanimous vote, the school board voted not to renew Deputy Superintendent Joseph Spagnoli's \$70,600 a year contract, which is up in June 1989.

Spagnoli has been under fire since December 1987, when district administrators realized he had written evaluation summaries for the school board. Many of the summaries differed negatively from the evaluations that administrators had signed.

◆ **TREE COUNCIL URGES CITIES TO HIRE, SHARE FORESTER:** The Grosse Pointe Shade Tree Council is urging the councils of the five Pointes to combine forces and hire a forester to battle various problems that plague the area's tree population.

— Compiled by Karen Fontanive

involved with the renaissance of Grosse Pointe Farms' The Hill more than 10 years ago.

The event is sponsored by The Voice of the Village, owners and managers of property in The Village.

Mom-to-Mom Sale — 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 13, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. New and gently used children's clothing, toys, games, books, videos and furniture is sold. Admission is \$2 per person. Strollers are not allowed.

Ballet performance — 8 p.m. Friday, April 19. The War Memorial Corps de Ballet, under the direction of Mary Ellen Cooper, presents a program based on the 12 months of the year. Adult tickets cost \$9 and children's tickets cost \$6.

MotorCities National Heritage Area — 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 23. The guided tour focuses on the region's automotive history, starting with Henry Ford and the Piquette Avenue Plant. Lunch is at Z's Villa followed by a visit to the Detroit Historical Museum. The cost is \$62 and includes all activities, lunch and bus transportation.

Fiction & Playwriting Workshop — 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays, April 24 to May 29. Learn how to produce original works with instructor Thom Record. The cost is \$138 for six weeks or \$143 on day class starts.

Italian Dishes from Tuscany — 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 24. Chef Doug Cordier teaches the preparation of dishes for spring and summer. Students drink Italian regional wines and eat food prepared during the class. The cost is \$48.

To sign up or for more information about classes and events at the War Memorial, call (313) 881-7511.

War Memorial gala

Tickets for the April 26 Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Gala Event can be purchased by calling (313) 881-7511. A VIP reception begins at 6 p.m. in the Alger House for patrons and corporate sponsors, dinner follows.

Entertainment is provided by the Grosse Pointe Theatre members, who perform dances throughout the decades, and the Rick Lieder Band plays music for dancing.

Friend's tickets cost \$125 and patron's tickets cost \$250.

Raffle prizes, such as a pearl and diamond circle brooch, an entertainment package with tickets to a Detroit Symphony Orchestra concert, Gold Cup Races at Detroit Yacht Club and season tickets to Grosse Pointe Theatre, the Henry Ford Museum and all Grosse Pointe War Memorial summer concerts are featured.

There is also a family entertainment package that includes family parties hosted by the Detroit

Historical Museum, Michigan Science Center, Grosse Pointe Theatre, the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House and a performance at The Macomb Center. Raffle tickets cost \$25 per ticket or \$100 for five tickets. They are available for purchase along with gala event tickets.

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teams start season PAGE 2C

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GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

South girls set national records

Grosse Pointe South's high school record of distance relay team of Kelsie Schwartz, Ersula Farrow, Haley Meier and Hannah Meier enjoyed continued success on the national level during the past month.

The quartet lead the nation in the distance medley relay, the 4 x 1 mile relay and the 4 x 800 relay.

At the New Balance Indoor Nationals (NYC) March 9, the girls dominated the field of the top 24 relay teams from around the country in the 4 x 1 mile.

The winning time of 20:02 ranked as the third-fastest time in high school history and ranked South No. 1 in the country.

Two weeks later at the Eastern Michigan University Huron Relays, the South team won the distance medley relay by more than a full minute against the top teams in Michigan.

Their time of 11:35.9 almost broke the national

high school record of 11:35.3 and also put the girls as the No. 1 ranked DMR team in the country.

All this came after the four broke the national 4 x 800 relay record last spring.

South crowned another indoor state meet champion as senior Aubryn Samaroo won the high jump, clearing 5-feet, 4-inches.

Among many other great performances at the Huron Relays was the South 4x200 relay team of Mia Perkins, Christy Ford, Andrea DiCresce and Jasmine Brathwaite who got off to a great season start (1:48).

Brathwaite also added the 60-dash victory from a field of 50 competitors, and running excellent miles were Christina Firl (medalist) and Nicole Keller.

In addition, the 4 x 800 team also medaled and consisted of Alexa Calas, Lily Pendy, Megan Sklarski and Firl.



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEVE ZARANER

Grosse Pointe South's foursome of, from left, Haley Meier, Ersula Farrow, Kelsie Schwartz and Hannah Meier, lead the nation in three track and field distance relay events.

Hockey

NORTH, SOUTH & LIGGETT



PHOTO BY RENEE DIAMOND

Simply the best

Grosse Pointe South girls' hockey team had a strong showing at the Michigan High School Hockey Banquet, hosted by Hockey Weekly Magazine Sunday, March 17. Boys and Girls Michigan Hockey High School All-State honorees were selected by the respective governing coaching associations. South girls' hockey head coach Joe Provenzano was named Coach of the Year, while South senior Anastasia Diamond was selected as Division 1 Most Valuable Goaltender and junior Tenley Shield was selected as Miss Hockey (the second year in a row a South skater has been selected). South honorees above, from left, are, All-State Defenseman Samantha Taylor, Most Valuable Goalie Anastasia Diamond, Coach of the Year Joe Provenzano, Miss Hockey Tenley Shield, and All-Academic Gabby Hartman. Other All-State First Team members were Grosse Pointe North senior Jaci Sherry and earning All-League accolade was South senior Lindsey Makos; while South senior Allison Daudlin made All-State Honorable Mention. All-Academic were Daudlin, Hartman, Meghan Polack, Yasmin Sanders-Fathi and Lauren Schaller. Making All-State Second Team were North seniors Natalie Skorupski and Bryn Moody, and Liggett freshman Olivia Portillo; and other All-State Honorable Mention members were North freshman Elizabeth Gallagher, and Liggett freshman Allison Stapleton and Liggett senior Aria Ganz-Waple. All-League were North freshman Lindsay Gallagher, Liggett senior Ania Dow and Liggett junior Danielle Lorant, while other All-Academic members were North senior Melanie Mermiges, Moody, Ganz-Waple, Liggett senior Hannah Mason and Liggett senior Chandler Warren.

For the boys, North's honorees were Jack Stander, First Team All-State Defense, Division 1; Jeffrey Herron, Second Team All-State Forward, Division 1; Patrick Lane, Academic All-State; and Thomas Coon, Academic All-State; and Liggett's honorees were Lordanthony Grissom, First Team All-State Defense, Division 3; Jacob Soyka, Second Team All-State Forward, Division 3; Cam Marchese, Academic All-State; and Manny Counsman, Academic All-State.

Around the diamond

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH BASEBALL

Blue Devils work out kinks in Cincy

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' baseball team made its annual trek to Cincinnati last week for six games in three days.

The Blue Devils played the first four games at University of Miami, Ohio, and the final two in Cincy.

They finished 2-4 on the trip and headed home having the chance to get the cobwebs out after a long winter inside.

"It showed we haven't been outside, but we had fun and it was a good chance to play some good baseball teams," head coach Dan Griesbaum said.

In the first game, South had a 3-0 lead, but lost 5-3 to Cincinnati Milford.

Jack Doyle started and pitched the first five innings. He didn't give up a win, while striking out six and giving up only four hits.

Eddie Champane suffered the defeat, giving up five runs on six hits in

his relief outing against a good Milford squad.

Offensively, Carmen Benedetti was 1-for-3 with an RBI, while Colden Gosselin was 2-for-2 with an RBI, and Jimmy Menchl had two hits.

Up next was Birmingham Seaholm. The Blue Devils regrouped and won 10-7, scoring six runs in the sixth inning to prevail.

Zak Moyer had a run-scoring single, while Brett Bigham drove in two runs. Benedetti delivered a pinch-hit, two-run double and the Blue Devils benefited from Seaholm pitchers allowing 11 walks.

Ryan Liagre earned the win, going 3 1/3 innings and giving up four hits.

The following day was a disaster for the Blue Devils, losing 17-2 to Cincinnati Moeller and 14-4 to Cincinnati Oak Hills.

"Our pitchers didn't throw strikes and gave two good teams far too many walks (12 against Moeller and 11 against

Oak Hills)," Griesbaum said. "It wasn't the best day, but the guys rebounded the next day."

Against Moeller, George Fishback had a run-scoring double and Benedetti singled. Doyle also drove in a run with a groundout.

In the Oak Hills game, Benedetti was 2-for-3 with a double and two RBIs and Moyer had two hits. Jacob Yglesias also drove in two runs with two fielder's choice plays.

On the final day of the trip, South lost 3-1 to Cincinnati Edgewood with Benedetti collecting two hits and Fishback driving in one run with a single.

South ended with a 3-2 win over Dublin Coffman.

The Blue Devils had 11 hits as Benedetti was 3-for-3 with an intentional walk. David Wittwer had two hits and two RBIs, while Champane had a run-scoring single.

Doyle earned the win, going the distance. He struck out eight.

LIGGETT SOFTBALL

Knights open with defeat to Cabrini

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's girls' softball team opened its season last week with a tough road game against state power Allen Park Cabrini.

"They're a disciplined team and we didn't play as well as we needed to beat them," head coach

Ted Alpert said.

Liggett lost 7-2 as senior Ashley Tengler pitched well, but suffered the defeat.

Defensively, the Knights turned a double play on a first-and-third play, getting the runner out at first and freshman catcher Anna Majewski tagged out the runner trying to score from third.

Majewski also was one of the hitting stars, blasting a long home run, and senior Courtney Slabaugh hit well.

"We will be OK once we get in the swing of things," Alpert said.

Liggett, 0-1 overall, travels to St. Clair Shores Lakeview for a double-header Saturday, April 13.

Soccer

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

By John McTaggart
Special Writer

"This team is one of the hardest, if not the hardest

"The main thing is to

College update

DePauw defeated 13th-ranked Washington-St.

In addition, Wittwer, a sophomore, has been named the North Coast Athletic Conference Women's Tennis Player of the Week for her performances.

By John McTaggart
Special Writer

What does this translate to?

Fellow Macomb Area Conference Red Division schools, such as Grosse Pointe South and Port Huron Northern, who finished last season as the Division 1 champ and

No. 1 singles player, Ali Scoggin, leads the Norsemen into the 2013 campaign — a campaign that has been stalled somewhat due to chilly

"We had a couple of girls out but everybody there played well," Van Alst said. "We lost 3-5, but it was good just to be able to get out and play outside."

By John McTaggart
Special Writer

A 2-1 victory over L'Anse Creuse North before spring break was

"We're very strong defensively," he said. "And that's going to be a big help to us."

Knights fall

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Knights' other seniors are Ashley Webster, Ariana Castillo

Birmingham Roeper and Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest are improved and will make the MIAC a very good division from top to bottom.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen start fast

By John McTaggart
Special Writer

"We are working for a better scenario this year," Seaman said. "Being average just isn't good enough for me or for Grosse Pointe North. We're expecting much better things this year."

Despite the lopsided

"The regular season is very important, very important," the coach said. "We have a lot of long-standing rivalries with teams like (Detroit) Country Day, (Bloomfield) Cranbrook-Kingswood, Troy, Grosse Pointe South and others. Those are important games. The regular season is very important."

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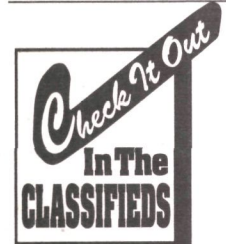
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This is a nice sale featuring a large sectional, bedroom set with king bed and two dressers, leather loveseat, drop front desk, five piece iron outdoor set, long drop leaf table, nice selection of Pewabic tiles, artwork, LeCoultre clock, jewelry, books, art supplies, tools, golf clubs, small drafting table, Kenmore grill, pair Rubbermaid sheds, 1998 Toyota Avalon with 56,000 miles, lots more!

87 Moran, Grosse Pointe Farms Friday and Saturday April 12 and 13 9:00 - 4:00

This sale features sofa with tall back, maroon wing chair, armoire, small chests, men's clothes including Burberry trench coat, beautiful mirror, carpets, bikes, lots more!

Street Numbers honored at 8:30 Friday Check out marciawilkestatesales.com to see some featured items!

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Tips and computer program at: www.sudoku.com

M-3 Thursday 04-11-13

H-4 SOLUTION 04-04-13

DIRECTIONS: Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3 x 3 grid contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats.

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1 Hot tub

4 Physicist's deg.

7 Cut in two

12 Chop

13 Scrooge's cry

14 Crosswise, nautically

15 Historic time

16 Four-line verses

18 Atmosphere

19 Seafood entree

22 Dog bone?

20 Very long time

23 Former frosh

27 Needlefish

29 There

31 Perfect

34 Perspectives

35 With 48-

Across, "Family Feud"

37 Bankroll

38 Oliver Twist's request

39 Clean Air Act org.

41 Send forth

45 Pilfered

47 Inseparable

48 See 35-

Across

52 "Monty Python"

DOWN

1 Wheat bundle

2 Danger

3 Cognizant

4 Cookouts, for short

5 UFO, maybe

6 Guitarist

once wed to

Xavier Cugat

7 Difficult

8 "The

opener

53 Pianist Eubie

54 Young seal

55 Prepared

56 Disrobe

57 Pigeon

58 Attempt

— Daba

Honeymoon"

33 Mess up

36 Abominable

Snowman

37 Reddish brown

40 Tires (out)

42 Wettish

43 Bury

44 Irascible

45 Dance lesson

46 Catch sight of

48 Brady and Brees, for e.

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