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Accused pickpocket, Jeffrey Darnell Jones II, at the defendant's table. Grosse Pointe Farms PSO Matthew Hurner, left, and Detective Bryan Ford handle paperwork in the case.

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Man with cane whacks pickpocket

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — A 72-year-old man used his cane to beat back a 250-pound alleged pickpocket last week outside the front entrance to a building on the Hill.

Police converging on the central business district quickly arrested the suspect, a 23-year-old Eastpointe man.

They said he shares the criminal bent of Charles Dickens's Artful

Dodger, but none of the literary character's stealth and dexterity.

"This guy's no Jack-be-nimble," said Detective Lt. Richard Rosati.

The suspect, Jeffrey Darnell Jones II, was arraigned Friday, March 28, in Grosse Pointe Farms Municipal Court for attempted larceny from a person.

"This is a felony," said Judge Matthew Rumora. "It carries up to five years in the state prison."

The day before, at

11:36 a.m., Thursday, March 27, dispatchers received a 911 call about someone trying to rob an elderly man at 131 Kercheval.

The building contains a bank branch and medical offices at the corner of Muir.

"(The victim) stated he observed the suspect on foot in front of him 'lingering near the building,'" said Officer Traci Johnson, among the first

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Woods disputes Shores' concerns

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — City officials are anxious to clear up any misconceptions residents and those in adjacent communities may have over the privatization of the Woods' ambulance service.

On Friday, March 28, Medstar Ambulance took over the city's emergency medical service, which had been handled by city employees. The move to privatization is estimated to save the city \$400,000 in the first year.

The change was not without controversy. At the March 21, city council meeting, a standing room only crowd expressed anger over the move, and while the city expected some opposition from residents, it was surprised with the reaction of some city officials from Grosse Pointe Shores.

The Shores, along with all the other Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods, participate in a mutual aid agreement, begun in 1956, which provides assistance to other cities as needed during police, fire and emergency medical runs. It was that mutual aid pact that had some Shores residents and officials expressing concerns mutual aid calls would jeopardize their access to the Shores ambulance and paramedics.

On the contrary, said Woods City Administrator Skip Fincham.

"The privatization of our EMS will ensure that does not happen," Fincham said. "In fact, I agree with Shores Public Safety director John Schulte's statement in the Grosse Pointe News last week where he was quoted as saying, 'We may find ourselves with less mutual aid runs.'"

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Briefly spring

Spring made a short visit on Monday, prompting Dennis Deemer and his 22-month-old daughter, Rebekah, to visit Patterson Park in Grosse Pointe Park for some bubble chasing. Temperatures were in the upper 50s for two days early in the week.



Jury: Williams guilty of murder

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

DETROIT — Myron Williams was found guilty of the murder of Grosse Pointe Park resident Sabrina Gianino.

A jury in Wayne County Circuit Court deliberated about five hours before returning the verdict at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, March 27.

Williams, 44, was found guilty on three counts, including felony murder, murder in the second degree and unarmed robbery. The charge of felony murder carries a sentence of mandatory life in prison without parole.

Gianino was found dead shortly after midnight May 16, 2013, in a flat on Wayburn. The cause of death was strangulation and blunt force trauma to the head.

Williams lived next door to Gianino at the time of the murder and was arrested May 18, after it was determined he had traded several items belonging to the victim for crack cocaine.

Gianino's mother, who was in the courtroom every day of the three-week trial, wept as the decision was read, but declined to comment on the verdict.

Following the verdict,

Grosse Pointe Park police detective Michael Narduzzi said justice was served.

"The jury did a great job and got it right," he said. "But nobody wins in this case. This was very much a team effort, and justice was served."

Williams' attorney, Charles Longstreet II, said his client will appeal. Judge Ulysses Boykin set sentencing for Tuesday, April 8.

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Keeping the view

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — A curtain of weeds could close the shoreline, visually land locking the community from the natural feature with which it is most identified, Lake St. Clair.

"That is a threat to us," said Helen Bai, chair of the Grosse Pointe Shores beautification commission.

She's warning about the spread of phragmites, a wetland plant that doesn't share.

"Come to Harsens Island and you'll see what happens," said Bob Williams, director of the Stewart Farm Ecology Center on the island and host of workshops about getting rid of the pest. "People are losing views of the water. That is the biggest reason people in Clay Township are treating phragmites."

Phragmites have toe-holds on accretion above Pier Park, at the foot of Moross in the Farms and below the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club in the Shores.

The largest concentration is out of public view behind houses on Lakeshore above Vernier in the Shores.

"Even though many of us are concerned about

how this plant comes in and takes away the native ecosystem, the public is generally more concerned about views, recreation and reductions in property values because of this," Williams said.

Eradicating phragmites often requires permission from the state Department of Environmental Quality.

Applying for a permit is heavy on paperwork.

Despite an effective fight against phragmites being a multi-year commitment, permit applications must be resubmitted annually from scratch.

Bai supports a permit lasting three years, as proposed at a recent meeting she attended of representatives of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

"It's a lot to ask for a new permit every single year," Bai said. "Year two and three would be a renewal."

"That makes sense," said Shane Reeside, manager of the Farms, about to begin the second year of a three-year fight against a 1/4-mile stretch of phragmites near the municipal park.

"We received a DEQ permit last fall and did a herbicide application," Reeside said. "We've reduced the spread. We

scheduled another controlled burn in April. It keeps growth down to help maintain views of the lake."

Phragmites threaten more than aesthetics.

"DNR and SEMCOG representatives emphasized the tremendous negative economic impact phragmites is having on Southeast Michigan," Bai said.

"Properties on Harsens Island with phragmites don't sell as well," Williams said.

Phragmites are an invasive weed from Eurasia.

"Over there, they have more than 100 insects that use it as food stock," Williams said. "So, we have a plant that basically does not have any predators."

Mary Anne LaHood, a Shores resident, is trying to rid phragmites from bottom land she owns below the yacht club.

"I applaud Mary Anne LaHood for taking care of phragmites," Bai said. "If that would get out of hand, that would start southbound."

Fight the good fight

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

The first question for people preparing to fight phragmites is whether to get a state permit.

"It depends," said Bob Williams, director of the Stewart Farm Ecology Center on Harsens Island.

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College night

Grosse Pointe's schools held their annual college night at North High School March 18. Representatives from many colleges were on hand to talk to students and parents about future options. At top, Kalie Pettet-Ryan speaks with Katherine Palagano, an admissions counselor for Lake Erie College in Cleveland. Pettet-Ryan is looking for schools that have equestrian studies. Above, Rachel Brooks with her dad, David, talks to Marlo Staples of Mt. Holyoke College. Brooks is a sophomore at Grosse Pointe South and wants to get a jump on the decision she faces next year.

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There was standing room only at the “2014: How Far Have We Come? Race and Diversity Issues in the Grosse Pointes” community meeting. Below, from left, Craig Fahle, Ken Eatherly and Marie Anderson were panel members. Below right, other panelists, from left, Grosse Pointe North High School student Tyra Dubose, Grosse Pointe South High School parent Je Donna Dinges, Monteith Elementary School parent Ginseng Grey, North student Michael Sacchetti and Maire Elementary School teacher Emily Rennpage.

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Grosse Pointe South High School graduate Craig Fahle holds his 1985 yearbook. Its cover has an illustration of the Confederate flag.



Ed Egnatios, former director of the Grosse Pointe Interfaith Center for Racial Justice, discussed the ups and downs in schools and how they are making strides in justice. At left, the Rev. Marcia Farrow addresses the audience.

Diversity forum at Unitarian church

There was standing room only March 20, at the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, as Grosse Pointers gathered to discuss race and diversity in their cities. It has been nearly 50 years since civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. spoke at Grosse Pointe South High School and a few months since Grosse Pointe Park public safety officers and its department were faced with allegations of

being insensitive to a mentally disabled black man. A panel of parents, elementary teachers and a Grosse Pointe North High School students Michael Sacchetti and Tyra Dubose discussed the atmosphere in the schools and the cities. Sacchetti said he hadn't witnessed fights or conflicts and noted the diversity club helped students learn acceptance and conflict reso-

lution. Dubose said she felt comfortable in the school. She admitted there were cliques, but no one felt left out. Both Sacchetti and Dubose were panel members, along with Ken Eatherly and Marie Anderson. Monteith Elementary School parent and panel member, Ginseng Grey said the school's diversity club celebrated differences and acceptance. It was much the same at Maire Elementary School, said teacher Emily Rennpage, teaching the students how to

accept everyone. Craig Fahle, the evening's moderator, added there is more ground to cover because the audience had indicated some issues are left unaddressed. “Why are our arms linked when our hearts are not,” asked the Rev. Marcia Farrow of Grace United Church of Christ. “We all have a vested interest in each other and we all want the same thing on both sides of Mack. We have to embrace our differences and also our sameness.”

— By Renee Landuyt

Shores agrees to county pact

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — In the ounce of prevention department, city officials increased the odds of getting a pound of cure by enrolling in a hazard response program administered by the county. The Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan is intended to reduce risks by identifying hazards specific to a community. By participating, Grosse Pointe Shores officials qualified the city for “technical assistance and potential funding” from the state and Federal Emergency Management Administration in case of a major calamity, according to a letter by Timothy

McGillivray, director of Wayne County Homeland Security and Emergency Management. Shores officials enrolled the city on Tuesday, March 18, by passing a resolution adopting the county's plan. “This is a boiler plate document that makes us eligible for FEMA relief,” said Brett Smith, head of public works. “Grosse Pointe Shores has to opt in the plan to avail itself of those funds,” added Brian Renaud, city attorney. The Shores received federal money to clean up after a big wind storm in the summer of 1987, Smith said. “We also got FEMA dollars for a snowstorm,” he said.

Savings with a cost

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — A proposal to save public safety expenses by authorizing less officer overtime comes with costs of its own. Although savings from less overtime are projected at \$100,000 per year, the policy would sometimes leave the city one fewer officer per shift and no one at City of Grosse Pointe headquarters. Given that public safety ranks have already been cut by two officers and dispatching is contracted to Grosse Pointe Park, there's not much more restructuring possible without cutting additional officers, according to Peter Dame, manager of the City. Current staffing is four officers per shift. Three officers are on patrol. The fourth stays the sta-

tion, handling walk-in reports, chores and ready to drive the fire truck. “One option is to change the call-in policy for overtime,” Dame said. “If a person called in sick, or when a short-term disability occurs, a person would not be called in for overtime unless that particular shift fell below a minimum of three (officers).” “We are only talking about when someone calls in sick,” said Stephen Poloni, public safety director. With only three officers per shift, all on road patrol, department headquarters would be empty. “It would have to be decided to have a part-time employee work the desk or leave the desk unattended and direct residents to city hall, or even move the court staff back to the public safety department window during the business day,” Dame said.

The Week Ahead

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

◆ The emergency siren test is at 1 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 7

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

◆ Grosse Pointe Public Library presents the Great Michigan Read book discussion on Steve Luxenberg's book, “Annie's Ghosts,” from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Woods branch. To register, visit gp.lib.mi.us or call (313) 343-2072.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

◆ Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce hosts a lecture on the “The Power of Word Press” from 8 to 9 a.m. at Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms. Chamber members pay \$15 and non-members pay \$20. For a reservation, call (313) 881-4722. ◆ Grosse Pointe North Parents Club holds a 6 p.m. fashion show, dinner, raffle and silent auction at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. For tickets and information, visit gpschools.shorewires.net. Click onto North and the fashion show, “Sail Into Spring,” appears on the left. ◆ The Alliance Française de Grosse Pointe hosts Ioanna Kohler at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. She gives her perspective about Marcel Proust, in French. Members attend free; non-members pay \$5.

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Jeff Maci receives an award from Elizabeth Foro, manager of the Harper Woods Taco Bell. Maci has worked there 25 years. Maci, a Grosse Pointe North graduate, has participated in the Special Olympics as a swimmer, bowler and softball player. As a Boy Scout, he earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Maci lives in St. Clair Shores.

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Davis threatens Shores with suit

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — An avenging activist, claiming urban officials are more likely to be condemned for malfeasance than suburban counterparts, seeks to even things out by targeting a pigeon on the Grosse Pointe Shores city council.

"It's easy for individuals to pounce upon elected officials from Detroit and other urban enclaves, but it's interesting to see how individuals turn a deaf ear when it impacts some suburban officials," said Robert Davis, director of Citizens United Against Corrupt Government.

Davis threatens legal action if the Shores council doesn't dump Councilman Dan Schulte.

In September of last year, Schulte began a one-year sentence of probation resulting from pleading "no contest" in City of Grosse Pointe Municipal Court to the charge of domestic violence and "guilty" to attempted obstruction of police.

Both are misdemean-

ors.

Davis claims in a March 24 letter to the Shores that Schulte vacated his right to hold elected office by "pleading 'guilty' to a crime where he could have been sentenced to state prison" and, therefore, "by definition, was 'convicted' of an 'infamous crime.'"

The claim is supported by state statute and case law, Davis said.

"I want the law applied equally to everyone," he said. "Mr. Schulte has had nearly six months to adhere to the law and resign, without having had legal proceedings initiated to seek his removal."

All of this boggles Shores officials.

"We have yet to figure out why this is of any relevance to Robert Davis," said Mark Wollenweber, city manager.

"We're going to review it by the city attorney to determine the basis of the letter," said Mayor Ted Kedzierski.

Schulte is seeking ethical higher ground.

"Where is the newsworthy story here?" said Schulte, responding by e-mail to telephone inter-

view requests. "This sounds like tabloid gossip, not the content of a solid community newspaper."

Davis is infamous in his own right.

He is an organizer for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees union in Detroit.

He's such a prolific government watchdog litigant that the federal judge handling Detroit's bankruptcy warned him to use discretion, according to numerous media reports.

Davis also is accused of stealing from Highland Park public schools while serving on its board.

"Did you ask about Mr. Robert Davis being charged with the theft of \$125,000 from the Highland Park School District?" Schulte said in his e-mail.

"I was indicted two years ago," Davis said.

In his letter, Davis bolstered demands for Schulte's dismissal by quoting from state law MCL 201.3(5):

"Every office shall become vacant, on the happening of any of the following events, before

the expiration of the term of such office: His conviction of any infamous crime."

"An 'infamous crime,'" Davis wrote, "for purposes of the vacancy statute, means any crime punishable by imprisonment."

It doesn't matter that Schulte's criminal record will be cleared if he completes probation, Davis said.

"Although Mr. Schulte was sentenced to probation, he plead guilty to an 'infamous' crime because the crime was punishable with incarceration," Davis said.

Shores attorney Brian Renaud disagrees.

"I don't believe there's been a conviction, because the guilty pleas are taken under advisement," Renaud said. "Pending compliance with the terms of probation, they'll be dismissed and disappear."

Soon after Schulte's arrest for domestic violence in August, his second such arrest in 2013, the city council removed him as mayor pro tem.

Also that month, the

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Lifesaving awards to three in Shores

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — It's good news, in a way, that lifesaving awards are rare.

Three Grosse Pointe Shores patrolmen — Lt. Ken Werenski, an emergency medical technician; and paramedics Sgt. Ron Coste and Sgt. James Tassie — received lifesaving awards this

month for their actions at the foot of Clairview on the afternoon of Sunday, May 19, 2013.

A female witness reportedly told police at the time that the victim had been sitting on the breakwall and fell in.

"With no hesitation, the officers entered the 50-degree water and, with the assistance of an individual on a Jet Ski,

the victim was brought to safety," said John Schulte, Shore public safety director. "I am proud of their bravery, dedication and commitment to the job."

"(I) found her breathing, but unconscious, being held out of the water by a male (on the Jet Ski) who was providing assistance," according to an initial incident report by Coste.

Shores officers performed advanced life support until Grosse Pointe Woods medics took her to a hospital in an ambulance.

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Public Safety Reports

City of Grosse Pointe

Tested anyway

A drunken driving suspect refused to take a roadside preliminary breath test during a traffic stop at 2:19 a.m. Sunday, March 30.

Officers responded by obtaining a search warrant for his blood to be drawn at a hospital for testing of alcohol content.

The suspect, a 50-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man, was pulled over for weaving a black 2014 Lincoln on eastbound Jefferson from Fisher to Cadieux.

A family member posted his \$500 bond at 4 a.m., according to police.

Sidewalk sale

Police are looking for two male juveniles, estimated to be 10 and 15 years old, accused of trying to sell a stolen iPhone on the Mack sidewalk near St. Clair.

The unknown youths were reported to police at about 1:45 p.m. Saturday, March 29.

One suspect wore a gray striped coat; the other a black coat, according to police.

The phone reportedly belongs to a Livonia resident.

Car entered I

Someone stole a \$400 iPhone from an unlocked vehicle parked curbside at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, on Roosevelt Place.

The female victim discovered the theft upon returning from a walk at 7:35 p.m.

Although there are no known suspects, the victim suspects the thief to be a man she saw walking on Roosevelt Place.

He seemed "out of place" and was "loitering by cars down the road," she told police.

Car entered II

At 11:09 a.m. Monday, March 24, a male resident reported a bottle of Norco prescription pills stolen from his 1999 Jeep, parked in the 17100 block of Waterloo between 9 and 10 a.m.

"He believes the car was left unlocked," said a public safety officer.

—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

Favorite son

A 15-year-old boy from Grosse Pointe Park threw up in the backseat of a police cruiser while being taken from Grosse Pointe South High School to headquarters and again, in a bucket, during booking on alcohol charges.

School officials called police to campus at 7:32 p.m. Saturday, March 29, upon finding the boy apparently drunk in a

bathroom.

"He repeatedly denied drinking, but slurred as he spoke," said an officer.

The youth had a .129 percent blood alcohol level, police said.

"(He) was shown the results, but continued to deny drinking," said an officer.

Police released him to his parents.

"They were apologetic for their son's behavior and promised significant parental discipline," said an officer.

Can't count

A 40-year-old female motorist from the City of Grosse Pointe failed roadside sobriety tests last week, resulting in her arrest for drunken driving.

A public safety officer pulled her over near the foot of Provencal at 12:53 a.m. Thursday, March 27, for speeding a silver 2012 Kia on eastbound Lakeshore starting near Fisher.

"The vehicle was traveling at a steady rate between 48 and 50 mph," said the officer. "(I) activated emergency lights, to which (the) driver sped up, slowed down, then sped up again before turning onto northbound Provencal."

While speaking with the woman, the officer smelled intoxicants on her breath.

"(She) appeared confused (and) had red, glassy eyes," said the arresting officer.

Asked to choose a number between 21 and 19, she reportedly answered, "28."

She refused to take a preliminary breath test, so officers arranged for vials of her blood to be drawn for testing of alcohol content, they said.

The officer cited her for drunken driving, speeding, not having proof of motor vehicle insurance and refusing to take a preliminary breath test.

Heroin

Warm weather can't come soon enough for a 29-year-old male commercial salt truck driver

from Carleton.

He admitted possessing heroin upon being pulled over on eastbound Mack near Oxford in Grosse Pointe Woods at 12:51 a.m. Wednesday, March 26, for an equipment malfunction.

An officer monitoring traffic on Mack near Lexington, near the Woods border, noticed the man's white 2012 Ford DRW Super Duty pickup had a broken taillight.

The man explained he'd recently spread road salt in a church parking lot, police said.

He appeared nervous, had constricted pupils and shook, said an officer.

A search of the truck revealed three packages of heroin weighing a combined .7 grams, three syringes containing suspected heroin residue and a spoon with burn marks and suspected heroin residue, according to police.

The man reportedly admitted taking heroin and Vicodin.

Charges include driving under the influence of drugs, possession of heroin and possession of narcotics paraphernalia.

Two-timer

It's the second time around for a 61-year-old man from Grosse Pointe Woods man, according to police.

He was arrested the second time for drunken driving at 8:39 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, according to police.

A witness using a cell phone alerted officers to the man driving a black 2006 Saab 93 erratically on eastbound Mack from Moross.

A Farms officer stopped the suspect at the intersection of Torrey, across from Grosse Pointe Woods city hall.

Vomit covered the Saab's driver-side door and the man's shirt, said the officer.

"(He) acted as if he was unsure of any vomit and tried to deny the existence of the vomit," said the patrolman.

The man had a .129

percent blood alcohol content, police said.

Car found

The driver of vehicle, that records indicated was stolen nine years ago, had the bad luck to be the subject of a traffic stop by a patrolman trained in vehicle inspections.

At 11:57 a.m. Monday, March 24, the officer stopped the woman, 31, of Detroit, for making an illegal turn in a construction zone on Mack and Gateshead.

The patrolman noticed discrepancies among identification tabs and stickers on the woman's 2000 Pontiac Grand Prix.

"One of the rosette rivets that should have been holding the vehicle identification plate to the vehicle was missing," said the officer.

She faces a charge of receiving and concealing a stolen vehicle.

Car damaged

A man living on Handy believes a BB pellet caused a chip in his car's windshield.

The damaged happened shortly after he parked in his driveway at 11:30 p.m. Saturday, March 22.

He was preparing to exit the car when he heard a loud noise. He discovered the chip the next day.

Drugs & drunk

Police found 1.5 grams of marijuana in the pocket of a 20-year-old Detroit man during a traffic investigation on westbound Mack near Hillcrest at 8:55 p.m. Sunday, March 23.

A patrolman pulled him over for operating a silver 2004 Saturn Ion without activated headlights.

Officers arrested him and drove his 22-year-old female passenger home to Detroit.

They said she was too drunk to drive.

—Brad Lindberg
Report information about these or other crimes to the Grosse

Pointe Farms Public Safety Department at (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Fast drunk

A 24-year-old man from Loveland, Ohio, was arrested for drunken driving shortly after being pulled over for speeding a 2005 Chrysler convertible 63 mph on northbound Lakeshore at 2:03 a.m. Saturday, March 29.

Upon being stopped on Vernier near city hall, he failed a series of field sobriety tests and registered a .168 percent blood alcohol level, according to police.

Coconut tequila

A woman with a sweet tooth for coconut tequila was arrested for violating alcohol and drug laws while operating a motor vehicle.

During a traffic stop on southbound Lakeshore near Lake Shore Lane at 3:39 a.m. Sunday, March 23, a patrolman searching the 47-year-old Detroit resident's 2007 Dodge Nitro reportedly found an open bottle of tequila and 5.4 grams of marijuana.

Drunken driving

A 53-year-old man from Grosse Pointe Woods was arrested at 1:33 a.m. Sunday, March 23, for being drunk while driving a 2014 Mercedes Benz E350 on southbound Lakeshore near Willison.

He had a .17 percent blood alcohol level, police said.

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Caregiver suspected

A caregiver is suspected in the theft of money from a house on Glen Arbor Lane. According to police, the family filed a report on Monday, March 31, after they discovered an envelope containing cash missing from a cabinet. They reported a caregiver, hired through a local agency, left work early one day and has not returned. Police continue to investigate.

—Kathy Ryan
Report information on this or other crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods public safety at (313) 343-2400.

Grosse Pointe Park

Car recovered

A 2014 Ford Fusion, reported taken during the early morning hours of Monday, March 31, from the 1300 block of Lakepointe, was recovered by the Detroit Police Department. A window had been smashed.

Car damaged

A customer of a business at Fairfax and Beaconsfield parked a Chrysler Town and Country van in the parking lot at 2 p.m. Friday, March 28. When she returned five minutes later, the rear window was shattered and the driver's side mirror was damaged. Nothing was reported missing from the van.

—Kathy Ryan
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Bring spring

City of Grosse Pointe resident Dave Upmeyer takes advantage of the spring-like weather Monday to trim back the decorative grasses at his house in the 600 block of Washington.

FIGHT:

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He also hosts workshops about eradicating the invasive weed. Treatment involves a sequence of chemical applications, cutting and burning.

"If you're going to spray (chemicals) on or over water, you need a permit," Williams said. "If phragmites are above the high water mark, you wouldn't need a permit."

Sometimes, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires a permit to cut phragmites, but not in areas the plant is growing in Grosse Pointe, he said.

"Treatment consists of putting the proper chem-

ical on at the right times of year and using the right procedure so you're not damaging other plants and animal life," Williams said. "When it gets to the point where you have only a few stalks coming up, you can hand treat them instead of spraying and keep it under control."

The objective is to kill the root system.

"The root system is about 80 percent of the plant," Williams said.

Treatment usually begins by cutting down the plant before April 15 or near July 15.

"We don't do it between April 15 and July 15 because of nesting birds," Williams said.

For more information, visit Williams' website, phragmites.org.

City touts Taurus cruiser

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — The city's newest police car is Ford Taurus costing \$15,535.

"It's a used vehicle, a backup car for our police and chief," said Ted Kedzierski, mayor of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Four of the public

safety department's six cruiser are beyond their projected 36-month service life.

Three are only three months past due. One, a 2009 Ford Crown Victoria, has been in service 60 months, or 2/3 longer than planned.

A 1986 Ford fire engine is two years shy of its 30-year span, while the city's second pumper, built in 1995, is 19 years old.

The municipal ambulance is seven years into its 20-year projected service life.

A 2006 Harley-Davidson motorcycle, used for traffic patrols, is expected to remain in service until 2026.

All Shores public safety vehicles, other than the motorcycle, are Ford products.

— Brad Lindberg

CANE:

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officers on scene.

As the man turned to open the door, Jones allegedly reached into the man's front pocket and tried to take his wallet.

"The victim struck the suspect with his cane and (the) suspect backed away, saying, 'I was just kidding,'" Johnson said.

The man, of Harper Woods, entered the bank and asked for help, prompting the 911 call.

Lt. Jack Patterson and City of Grosse Pointe Officer Greg Burks caught Jones one block away on McMillan just north of Kercheval.

"From the time of the call to the time the suspect being in custody was six minutes," Patterson said. "A pick-pocket is a first in my 31 years (with the Farms)."

"We used to get them a lot in Eastern Market when I worked for Detroit," said Rosati.

"We don't get them much around here." Officers took Jones to headquarters.

"The victim positively identified him," said Detective Bryan Ford during the arraignment.

"Jones admitted to me that he did attempt to take the victim's wallet from his pocket."

Security video from the office building supports the charge, police said.

"Jones was there for a doctor appointment and,

he told me, was waiting for a ride home," Ford said. "I believe that to be true. But, whatever the reason he committed that act, I'm still not sure."

Rumora entered a plea of not guilty on Jones' behalf.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for noon Wednesday, April 9.

Jones said he lives with his mother and younger brother. He quit high school half way through 11th grade.

"It was too difficult," he told Rumora.

His intermittent

employment history includes working two days last month at a tire store, he said.

"I think it was a cash job," Ford said.

Jones has no documented criminal record, police said.

"The only thing on his history is an outstanding traffic warrant out of Detroit," Ford said.

When setting bond, Rumora considered the alleged victim's age, the "broad daylight" nature of the alleged crime and Jones' failure to comply with a court-ordered hearing on a Detroit traf-

fic offense.

Rumora set bond at \$5,000 cash surety, meaning Jones must post the entire amount to avoid detention in the Wayne County Jail until the preliminary hearing.

Ford guided Jones through paperwork to apply for a court-appointed defense lawyer.

"Sign right there," Ford said, wrapping up the process.

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OUR VIEW

Progress is making, well, progress

There are updates galore in and around St. John Hospital and Medical Center. Next week, we'll publish an interview with Dave Brooks, the medical center's CEO marking his first anniversary there. Along with other stories and photos of businesses - new and updated, next week's Grosse Pointe News will feature information about a new open-air market planned for Kercheval in Grosse Pointe Park.

Update

Charles Burke, featured in the Feb. 13 edition of the Grosse Pointe News, joined the Grosse Pointe War Memorial as its new president and CEO. The story, correctly at the time, said Burke lived in West Bloomfield with his wife and two children. They have since sold their house in West Bloomfield and found a house in Grosse Pointe Park. Burke said he and his wife agree Grosse Pointe's schools will be perfect for their children. Welcome to town!

Spring clean

The Moross Greenway Project seeks volunteers for its second annual Moross Spring Clean-Up at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 12. Slated for clean-up are the eight islands on Moross Road between St. John Hospital and Medical Center and the I-94 service drive. It is this same area that is included in the project's re-landscaping and reforestation plan. Interested volunteers should gather at Salem Memorial Church's parking lot on Moross for instructions and supplies. Bring gloves and wear boots. For more information, call (313) 919-0790. Drivers along Moross Road can expect to see improvements this spring. Local businesses have donated their products and services to ensure the islands are well groomed, as funds are being raised by Moross Greenway to launch the re-landscaping project.

The Moross Greenway Project has contracted for additional lawn mowings supplementing those done by Wayne County. The project is undergoing a fundraising campaign to raise nearly \$600,000 for the planting of trees, shrubs and perennials that includes native plants and an irrigation system. Tax-deductible contributions can be made on the secure website at moross-greenway.org or by sending a check to 155 West congress, Suite 200, Detroit, MI 48226.

Bashara continues

The Bob Bashara case continues in court Friday, April 4. Coverage will continue between papers at grossepointenews.com. Any breaking news, along with additional items not in this newspaper can be found on the website. When last week's verdict of the Myron Williams murder case was announced in court, a story was posted on Thursday, between issues of the Grosse Pointe News.

Correction

A letter to the editor in last week's paper had multiple errors in the signature portion. The letter should have listed Nancy Hames, Lisa Pinkos Howle, Joe Sucher and Pete Waldmeir as the authors of the letter. We apologize for our errors.

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Monster attacks local yacht club

Witnesses reported April 1 that a towering sea monster rose from Lake St. Clair and approached the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. No injuries or damages were reported.



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@grossepointe-news.com.

Blinders on To the Editor:

It's really too bad the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education is not listening to the constituents. For months now, unprecedented large numbers of residents have been attending the board meetings and speaking out. With the exception of some school employees, the overwhelming majority have been unhappy

with superintendent Dr. Thomas Harwood's performance. I don't know why they have such blinders on. Even losing the technology bond by such a landslide has not opened their eyes to what the public thinks of the current leadership. Possibly overwhelming "No" votes on the millages in November will make them listen. MARLENE E. PIERCE Grosse Pointe Park

GUEST OPINION By Bob St. John

Wilson was a man among men



One of the true gentlemen and pioneers of professional football, Ralph Wilson Jr., died last week at age 95. Wilson died at his Grosse Pointe Shores home with his wife, Mary Wilson, and children at his side. Buffalo Bills president Russ Brandon announced at the NFL annual meeting Tuesday, March 25, "I speak for everyone within the Bills organization when I say that we are all suffering a deep and profound sadness with the passing of our Hall of Fame owner Mr. Wilson. We have lost our founder, our mentor, our friend, and this is a very difficult time for us all. "Mr. Wilson had a relentless passion, a deep love for his Buffalo Bills, the City of Buffalo and the National Football League. He also loved the Bills fans and all of the people of Western New York who embraced the

Bills." NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell also said in a statement, "Ralph Wilson was a driving force in developing pro football into America's most popular sport. He loved the game and took a chance on a start-up league in 1960 as a founding owner of the American Football League. He brought his beloved Bills to western New York and his commitment to the team's role in the community set a standard for the NFL. "As a trusted advisor to his fellow league owners and the commissioner, Ralph always brought a principled and common-sense approach to issues. His lifelong loyalty to the game was instrumental in his richly deserved induction into the Pro Football Hall of fame. We are grateful for his many contributions to the NFL and offer our heartfelt sympathy to the Wilson family." I had the pleasure of interviewing Wilson a couple of weeks before he was inducted into the Professional Football Hall of Fame in 2009. For me, it was a memorable interview. I am a football fan and

to get the opportunity to speak with a football pioneer about the sport we love was truly something I will never forget. It was fun talking about some of the National Football League's best-ever players who played for Buffalo like Bruce Smith, Andre Reed, Thurman Thomas and Jim Kelly, as well as O.J. Simpson and the early Buffalo Bills teams of the 1960s and '70s. The love of the game poured out of every word. He was proud of the men who played for his team and he loved the fact fans in New York who filled the stadium every Sunday to watch the Bills. Those Super Bowl teams of the early '90s were great, but he had the same admiration for his players and fans during the lean seasons. He wanted to put the best possible team on the field each and every season for the Bills' fans. Wilson was the founder and owner of the Buffalo Bills, as well as the American Football League, the league, which merged with the NFL in 1970. Under his leadership, the Bills won two AFL titles in 1964 and 1965, and

made it to four consecutive Super Bowls from 1991 to 1994. He was born in Columbus, Oct. 17, 1918, and was a World War II Navy veteran. He was a college graduate, University of Virginia, and a huge pro football fan. Wilson is the second long-time owner to die in March. Detroit Lions owner William Clay Ford Sr. died March 9 in Grosse Pointe Shores and was 88. Ford was the youngest child of Edsel Ford and last surviving grandchild of Henry Ford. He was a Yale graduate and served in the U.S. Navy Air Corps during World War II. On Nov. 22, 1963, Ford purchased a controlling interest in the Detroit Lions from previous owners, Edwin Anderson and Lyle Fife for \$4.5 million. The duo of Wilson and Ford were beloved by their players and coaches. Despite both franchises experiencing a long history of losing seasons, they were loyal owners and admired for their love of the game. Both will be missed by the Grosse Pointe community, as well as football fans around the country.

I SAY By Diane Morelli

A newborn's day in the life

My daughter and son-in-law, Gina and Erik, are new parents having had their first child, Hunter, March 21. A very happy, wonderful day for the entire family. And the new family of three is happy at home today. In the early afternoon of March 25, while working to help put the St. Clair Shores Connection and Grosse Pointe News newspapers "to bed," two texts came through my iPhone from Gina in short versions stating: "Going to

hospital to admit baby, very jaundice—I can't talk. Will let you know, please pray. Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Beaumont Children's Hospital - Royal Oak." My quick text back, after saying a heart-felt prayer, was: "Your sister had jaundice." Her response was: "This is severe, he could die. Admitted to NICU." I texted "He'll be fine." I said another prayer and called my 82-year-old mother, who I think is a saint, and asked her to pray for Hunter. I know he'll be fine, I told her, but Gina

wanted prayers. By intuition I knew he'd be fine—I was happy all week. I knew my intuition would have affected my feelings days ago. And I reassured myself that intuition has been proven many times and is strong—even to the point where my children call me at the last minute before boarding an airplane. After work and before I left for Beaumont, I texted her "Can I bring you and Erik anything?" I asked the receptionist at Beaumont to tell Gina I was there. And, after the receptionist knew I was

Hunter's maternal grandmother, I told her maybe my daughter doesn't want to see anyone, but tell her that would be OK and I was there in the waiting room. Soon Gina walked into the reception area, and I was happy to see her. She asked if I wanted to see Hunter. Hunter was in the incubator basking in the warmth of the blue lights used for phototherapy. He liked being there and looked so comfortable, as if back in his mother's womb. He wore a gauze-

Park warns of DTE scam

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Businesses and residents alike are being warned of the newest scam meant to separate people from their hard-earned money.

According to Chief of Police David Hiller, his department has received reports from two businesses in the past week saying they have been contacted by people claiming to be from DTE

Energy. The caller informs the business the power will be shut off unless a past due payment is sent immediately via a prepaid debit card.

"This is not the way DTE works," Hiller said. "Do not send any money, and report the call to the police."

A business in Grosse Pointe Woods reported a similar call last month.

Hiller said DTE officials are aware of the scam.

"Don't ever give out a

credit card number or a password or PIN to anyone over the phone," Hiller warned.

He also reported another recent incident, directed at a Park resident.

The resident had received a letter allegedly from Publisher's Clearing House, telling the resident he had won a prize, but had to wire money to collect his prize. When the victim went to a local drug store to wire the money, an alert employee

became concerned and notified police.

Hiller said another scam that regularly shows up is one where someone receives a call from an alleged representative of the Internal Revenue Service, demanding "past due" taxes.

"None of these organizations call people demanding money be wired to them," Hiller said. "The best advice I can give is to hang up and notify police."

Hot dogs on summer menu

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Hot dogs are on the menu this summer at the Osius Park.

As part of enhancing the lakeside municipal park, National Coney Island is contracted to provide concession service.

"There's a lot of details that need to be worked out," said Grosse Pointe Shores Councilman Robert Barrette Jr., head of the parks and harbor committee. "We're trying to make this cost neutral so it doesn't cost the city any money."

Food will be prepared in a tent provided by the

city. "National Coney Island's willing to step up and put some equipment in place," Barrette said. "We have to find a place for a tent. They will take care of everything else."

Commercial food service at the park, the first in recent memory, is part of Mayor Ted Kedzierski's plan to enhance municipal recreational facilities and activities.

"We're planning our first fishing rodeo tournament with prizes," he said.

There also are openings on the newly-established Fun Committee, Kedzierski said. Members volunteer to plan recreational activities.

I SAY:

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like covering over his eyes that had a lined drawing of sunglasses on it. He looked like Joe Cool, basking in the sun on the beach. And for the first time, I saw him smile. I softly sang a few songs to him including "A Hunting We Will Go." Gina saw that I was happy.

I asked Gina if anyone else had come to see Hunter. She said no because they didn't want anyone to come. I told her I didn't know about that. She looked tired. I told her I remember when a nurse told me my first-born daughter had jaundice and I might not be able to take her home from the hospital with me — an awful, unbearable thought. Gina told me she didn't like to hear any of the babies crying. I understood that and told her I remember feeling awful when, as a new mother, I heard the often televised Ethiopian babies crying. She told me how she worried about Hunter's jaundice. I was happy to reassure her he would be fine.

As I was leaving, Erik came through the doors that were under surveillance. And in our quick passing — as in not to be disturbed and for me to not be disturbing — I knew I had to say something to him that was short, powerful and uplifting. "Hunter is so comfortable," I said. "A little too comfortable," he said. I quickly answered "yeah, he thinks he's back in the womb." Erik's face looked a little softer and I saw a little twinkle in his eye. He turned the corner and what seemed to be minutes was only seconds as those doors were just then closing in before me — I scurried through.

I left contented I had come to see them and Gina and Erik saw I was happy, knowing Hunter would be fine. God bless all new mothers, fathers and babies — grandmas, too.

Council will stick to 10 set objectives

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Council goals for the next two years focus on finances.

Of 10 objectives agreed to at this month's council meeting, seven directly relate to enhancing municipal revenue or reducing expenses.

Three within that category address employee contracts, innovative funding of public safety and dealing with ongoing retiree healthcare costs that currently total \$500,000 to \$600,000 per year alone.

A separate goal whittles away at deferred maintenance of city infrastructure, implemented in recent years due to reduced revenues and growing expenses.

Two other objectives are improved communication with residents, especially about the

automated municipal parking system.

"These are all important," said Councilman Andrew Turnbull. "How we prioritize them isn't necessarily crucial."

"Every two years, we set priorities for our staff," said Mayor Dale Scrace.

"Goals provide broad guidance to the budget as a tool to accomplish the council's objectives," said City Manager Peter Dame.

Goals established by the City of Grosse Pointe council on Monday, March 17, are, categorized by priority:

Top

◆ By May, develop options to balance long-term public safety costs with city financial resources without cutting essential service levels.

Find and implement a new funding source to repair roads.

High

◆ Reach affordable employment contracts with city employees.

◆ Improve communication about city services and in response to customer inquiries.

◆ Address the cost of retiree healthcare.

The rest

◆ Support continued public and private investment in the Village.

◆ Spur development of the large vacant lot on St. Clair south of Kercheval in the Village, the site of a canceled senior living facility.

◆ Reinvest in municipal buildings and facilities having deferred maintenance.

◆ Implement zoning on the south end of Fisher to accommodate potential redevelopment.

◆ Promote customer service in the municipal parking system.

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While a facility similar to the Rivers experiences about 100 ambulance calls a year, many of those are non-emergency calls, such as transporting a patient to a local hospital and back for tests.

"Those non-emergency transport requests will not be handled by our in-house Medstar ambulance," Fincham said. "Just as private ambulance companies handle non-emergency transport for the Sunrise properties, a private ambulance will handle those non-

emergency transport calls at the Rivers."

According to Fincham, rather than "swamping" the Shores with mutual aid calls, the privatization will actually result in fewer mutual aid calls, not only for the Rivers, but for all Woods residents.

He explained that Medstar, a major ambulance company, keeps several ambulances in the immediate area because of the proximity to St. John Hospital and Medical Center, and when the dedicated Woods ambulance is called out onto a run, another Medstar ambulance moves into the area, standing by if another call comes in.

Which is exactly what happened last week on Medstar's first day on the job.

"Last Friday Medstar started working in the Woods," he said. "During the first shift, we had two overlapping runs. Under our old system, mutual aid would have been requested. Under the new system, our dedicated in-house ambulance responded to the first call for service and before they were clear of the call, another call came in. A second Medstar ambulance responded and handled that run. Their response time was two minutes on the second call. We did not have to call and deplete our mutual aid neighbor's resources."

Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Director John Schulte said he is not concerned with the Shores being pressed into service too often.

"More than likely, based on the back up Mr. Fincham has described

that will be provided by Medstar, I anticipate our mutual aid runs may actually decline," Schulte said.

Just as with the former city-run ambulance service, the Woods' Medstar ambulance and crew will be housed at the Woods fire station and staffed with two full-time paramedics, working a 24-hour shift.

"Medstar has assured us that the Woods' ambulance will be staffed with a dedicated crew, meaning they will quickly become familiar with our community and residents," Fincham said. "They will not be rotating different individuals through here."

Woods Public Safety Director Andrew Pazuchowski said he will be meeting with his counterparts from the other Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods to discuss the new Medstar service. He also had high praise for the effectiveness of the mutual aid pact.

"If we didn't depend on each other, we would all be forced to hire additional employees," he noted.

Pazuchowski and Fincham also said they would be happy to meet

with any resident, be they from the Woods or the Shores, to address any concerns they may have regarding either the mutual aid pact or the Medstar Ambulance service.

DAVIS:

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council discussed grounds for removing a colleague from office.

Justification is provided in Section 3.11 of the city charter:

- ◆ incapacity to perform duties of the office,
- ◆ willful neglect of duty or
- ◆ willful malfeasance or misfeasance of duty.

Grounds include "conviction of a felony," Renaud said at the time.

"The city council, in rendering its decision last year to not move forward with removal proceedings, acted within its charter," Renaud said this week.

The mayor thereafter effectively stripped Schulte of his committee assignments, except for appointing him liaison to the tree board.

"I've had enough abuse here," Schulte said in February. "I've been pulled off almost every

committee I've served on."

Davis said the statute cited in his letter supersedes the city charter.

"State law applies to all public offices in Michigan," he said.

Davis gave the city a 48-hour deadline upon receipt of the letter to comply.

"I would hate to have this issue litigated, which would lead to potentially damaging and embarrassing press for your city," he wrote.

On the other hand, Davis doesn't advocate the expulsion from office of first-term state Rep. Brian Banks, D-Harper Woods, convicted eight times between 1998 and 2004 for check and credit card fraud in southeast Michigan.

"When Mr. Banks, as I understand it, got into his legal issues, he was not an elected official," Davis said. "Mr. Banks has not, to the best of my knowledge, been convicted of anything while he's served as a state representative."

Editor's note:

Due to limited space this week, our series on business growth in the Pointes continues in next week's issue.

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The book "The Michigan Eco-Traveler," by journalist Sally Barber, takes an environmentally conscious look at exploring outdoor attractions around the Great Lakes state.

The book is for a "new and growing breed of travelers" who travel with the intention of minimizing the ecological footprint they leave behind. The book has nine chapters, with sections that include features on sustainable kayaking, and the most eco-friendly lodging options in the state.

"I wanted to show travelers that they can make a positive impact while they're enjoying the outdoors," said Barber, a life-long Michigan resident.

This is Barber's third Michigan-centric book, following "Myths and Mysteries of Michigan" and "The Insiders' Guide to Michigan's Traverse Bay Region." The inspiration for the book came from a current lack of resources about eco-friendly traveling, she said.

"When it comes to sustainability, nobody was focusing on the travelers and the tourists themselves," she said.

Barber said the goal of the book is to highlight the state's environmentally friendly outdoor activities while making people aware of the ecological impact of their decisions at their favorite vacation spots.



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Providing for the birds

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

There is no doubt. It's been a long, hard winter and the march toward spring has been delayed by at least three weeks.

If the freezing temperatures and snow have been hard on humans, think how difficult the winter of 2014 has been on the 15 bird species that winter in Michigan.

Finding food and water has been hard on cardinals, black-capped chickadees, white-breasted nuthatches, downy woodpeckers, mourning doves, American goldfinches, blue jays, the tufted titmouse and house sparrows, among others, because the natural food and water sources have been covered with snow and ice.

"This is the time of year when our resident birds are looked upon with empathy and respect," said resident bird expert and certified bird feeding specialist Rosann Kovalcik. "(They are) braving the cold of winter instead of choosing migration. Resident birds that don't typically leave have run out of resources because the grasses are covered."

They are in dire straits so humans have given them a hand by providing a mixture of seeds, suet



Juncos experienced difficulty finding a natural source of food, grass seeds, because so much was covered with snow.

and heated bird baths used not only for drinking but for preening.

"The numbers of feathers that a bird has increases in the colder months by as much as 30 percent, adding to their ability to keep out the cold," she said. "Smaller birds have more feathers per unit of body weight than larger birds. The lower legs and feet of birds are tendinous as opposed to having fleshy parts exposed as in mammals. Therefore, there is no heat loss from that area. A birds' bill is made of horn similar to our fingernails and does not suffer heat loss either."

"Birds use their metabolism to produce heat and run a hotter engine in the



Red-tailed hawk

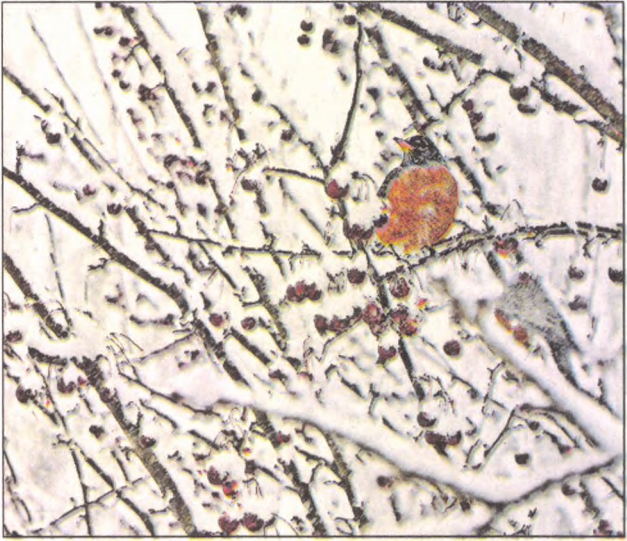
winter than in summer months. They produce this additional heat by consuming more food — up to 20 times more on a winter day than during warmer months."

Growing additional feathers, molting and growing new feathers takes a lot of energy, therefore, birds must keep feathers conditioned by preening for warmth, flexibility and to be waterproof.

"Birds must keep feathers in good condition. Barbels are at the end of each feather and (birds) must unlock each. It's a matter of strength so they can fly," Kovalcik said.

She went on to say birds do shiver, but not for the reasons humans shiver.

"During the daytime, a bird may shiver, with this muscular energy producing heat. Another adaptation to cold is some birds' ability to store seeds in a



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Some robins winter in Michigan and enjoyed the leftover fruit on trees, stocked bird feeders and heated bird baths.

crop, an enlargement of the esophagus. This food is used during the night to maintain higher metabolism, especially finches," she said.

As the migration of birds begins and birds, such as turkey vultures, humming birds and the great blue heron, stop to rest, they compete with resident birds for resources.

"Birds are programmed by the day (light) length. That's what prompts them to migrate. They will start to come. They take it a day at time. They sense a storm or air pressure and will stop. They will come from South American and progress through North America. It will be slower but there is the urge to migrate," Kovalcik said.

Migrating birds will now compete for what can be found, which isn't

much, since the resident birds have stripped what food was available and not covered with snow.

Along with the purchased feed and water, residents can attract and help birds with landscaping to provide both shelter and natural food.

For example, evergreens provide both shelter and seeds. Plants such as cone flowers, asters and golden rod have seeds for birds while holly and dogwood provide fruit for birds.

Another example, is the serviceberry shrub that has a spring fruit high in lipid sugar that is specifically helpful to birds.

"Plants must be specific to the area," she said.

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AREA ACTIVITIES

Library

The Friends of the Library classic book lecture hosts Gregg Crane from 7 to 8:45 p.m. Thursday, April 3, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Ewald branch. He discusses Emily Dickinson's poetry.

◆ A teen poetry slam is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, April 14, at the Ewald branch. Local po-

et Tom Budday facilitates an evening of competitive poetry performances from Grosse Pointe teens. Prizes to the top three poets are awarded.

◆ The Friends of the Library host author Ron Rademacher at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, at the Woods branch.

His presentation, "Ten Michigan Destinations

You Might Have Missed," is on Michigan's back roads and unique destinations. He is an author of four books about road trips and out of the way places in Michigan.

Garden club

The Grosse Pointe Shores Garden Club meets for lunch at noon Friday, April 4. The 1 p.m.

program is on the Greening of Detroit.

For more information and reservations, call (313) 822-2274.

BNI

Business Network International meets at 7 a.m. Friday, April 4, at Assumption Cultural Center.

Members provide referrals on services they have hired.

For more information, call Olga Tecos at (313) 432-0087.

NAMI

The National Alliance on Mentally Ill meets at 7 p.m. Monday, April 7, at Henry Ford Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

For more information, call Barb (313) 886-8004.

Friends of Vision

Friends of Vision, a low vision support group, meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, April 7, at the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, 15415 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

The support group also

meets from 1 to 2:15 p.m. Monday, April 7, at St. Lucy's, 23401 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores.

For more information, call Nancy Pilorget at (9313) 824-4710, ext. 225.

Optimist

Grosse Pointe Lakeshore Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 9, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

For more information, call Dave Hohlfeldt at (313) 268-8743.

des Jardinieres

The La Societe des Jardinieres meets at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 10, at the United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms. Design artist Carol Reed gives a tour of the church's stained glass windows and altar paraments.

A luncheon, hosted by member Phyllis Kerslake at her house, follows the tour.

SOC

Services for Older Citizens hosts a TED Talks at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, April 10, with Dan Pink, who discusses "The Surprising Science of Motivation."

◆ Acting for stage and screen classes are from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, April 16 through May 21. The cost is \$50 and the class size is limited.

Through exercises and character development, students learn how to prepare for an audition and interact with others on stage or in front of a camera. Upon completion of the class each student receives a DVD and a one-on-one video feedback with the instructor, Harry Burkey. For more information, call Burkey at (313) 885-1393.

◆ SOC Singers rehearse from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning May 7. Experience is not necessary. No auditions are held. Brian Foos, director of music at Our Lady Star of the Sea, is the director. The fee is \$25. For more information, call (313) 882-9600.

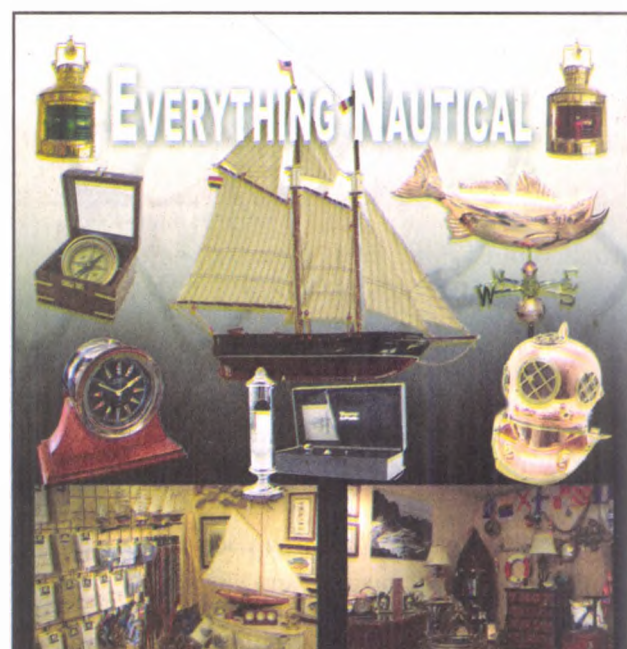
League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe meets at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 10, at the Unitarian Church's annex building, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe. Members are to come to a consensus on questions to be posed at the League of Women Voters Michigan conference.

LocalMotionGreen

LocalMotionGreen@Ecology Center hosts a workshop to discuss green cosmetics from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 10, at the Neighborhood Club, 17150 Waterloo, City of Grosse Pointe.

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Annual meeting

The Grosse Pointe Garden Center's annual meeting included the election of officers. Standing from left, corresponding secretary Marion Vesely, vice president of membership Barb Perez, vice president of programs Robin Heller, recording secretary Adrienne Gregory, and assistant treasurer Dennis Janowski. Seated from left, president Jean Azar and treasurer Sarah Flynn.



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By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Twice as nice when twice baked

New potatoes are among my favorite. Small and tender with red skin or white.

This week I twice baked some new potatoes with fresh herbs and a sour cream drizzle. Yummy.

Twice Baked New Potatoes

(adapted from BBC Good Food)

3 lbs. new potatoes (red or white)
2 to 3 tablespoons olive oil

2 to 3 teaspoons fresh chopped herbs (rosemary, thyme or parsley)
salt and pepper to taste
1/4 cup sour cream
2 tablespoons heavy cream (or 1/2 and 1/2)
1 tablespoon chopped fresh chives

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Place washed potatoes on a bake sheet and bake at 300 for two hours. Remove from oven, cool a bit then toss potatoes with two tablespoons of olive oil, fresh chopped herbs and season with salt and pepper. Tightly arrange potatoes in a baking dish that is slightly to small. Use a small metal spatula to smash potatoes into a single layer fit.

You can prepare potatoes to this point a day in advance.

Raise oven temperature to 400 degrees. Bake potatoes at 400 for 35 to 40 minutes.

Meanwhile, whisk together sour cream with heavy cream. Taste and season with salt and pepper.

Remove potatoes and drizzle with a bit more olive oil, then drizzle sour cream mixture over potatoes and scatter chopped chives over top.

I made these potatoes once using fresh thyme and the other with fresh rosemary. Both were delicious. Really.

These tasty potatoes will pair nicely with ham or lamb.



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Twice-baked potatoes make a good side with ham or lamb.

Theatre opens 'Les Miserables' May 4

Grosse Pointe Theatre closes its 66th season with 14 performances of "Les Miserables."

The May 4 through 25 performance are at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Fries Auditorium.

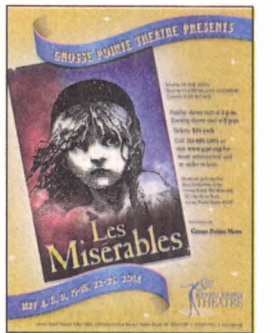
Sundays, May 4 and 18, performances begin at 2 and 7 p.m. Performances on May 8, 15, 16, 17, 22 and 23 begin at 8 p.m. Other 2 p.m. performances are May 11 and May 25. The curtain rises at 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday, May 24.

Based on the novel by Victor Hugo during 19-century France, with music by Claude-Michel Schönberg and lyrics by Alain Boublil, "Les Miserables" is a story about the survival of the human spirit and the search for hope, love and kind-

ness during hardship and desperation.

Grosse Pointe Theatre's cast of 60, from metro Detroit, sings such songs as "At the End of the Day," "I Dreamed a Dream," "Master of the House," "Do You Hear the People Sing," "On My Own," "Bring Him Home" and "One Day More."

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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.

William Henry Meredith II

Former Grosse Pointe Woods resident William Henry Meredith II, 81, died Wednesday, March 12, 2014.

He was born in Detroit to Nelson Lear and Jean (nee Doherty) Meredith and graduated from Hillsdale College in 1955. He retired as a salesman from Prime Metals in 2002.

Mr. Meredith was an active parishioner of St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Grosse Pointe Woods for more than 50 years. He most recently served on the church's property committee. He also was proud of his service on the Grosse Pointe Woods Tree Commission.

He enjoyed friendships with his Delta Tau Delta fraternity brothers, last lunching with several of them in Florida March 7. His family described Mr. Meredith as fun loving and family oriented with the ability to develop lifelong friendships. He had a love of the water,

including sailing, power boats and fishing. He loved participating in the Grosse Pointe Woods Perch Derby with his grandchildren.

Mr. Meredith is survived by his wife, Win (nee Welch) Meredith; son, William Henry Meredith III (Sandra); daughters, Stacey Lewis (Robert) and Catherine Walsh (Patrick); grandchildren, Jonathan and Joshua Fischer, Samantha Hill (Russell), James Meredith (Alaina) and Brady Walsh, and great-grandchildren, Addison and Nora Hill.

He also is survived by his brother, Bruce Meredith (Ida).

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 or the American Cancer Society at donate.cancer.org.

James Wilson Draper

Grosse Pointe Farms resident James Wilson Draper, 87, died Sunday, March 30, 2014.

He was born Dec. 26, 1926, in Detroit, to Kenneth Draper and Dorothy Wilson Draper. Mr. Draper's parents were longtime Detroiters, having descended from pioneer Detroit families of the 18th century. He was the direct descendant of James "The Puritan" Draper, who emigrated from the West Riding of Yorkshire, England, to Roxbury, Mass., in 1646.

Mr. Draper attended schools in Detroit and Ridgeway, Ontario, Canada, where he lived for several years during the 1930s.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, stationed in the Pacific. He was honorably discharged in 1946 as an electrician's mate, first class.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan in 1949 and law degrees from the University of Michigan Law School in 1951.



William H. Meredith II



James Wilson Draper



Richard Paul Clarke

Mr. Draper joined the law firm Dykema, Jones, and Wheat, now Dykema Gossett, in Detroit in 1951. He retired from the firm in 1998. In his legal career, he specialized in real estate law, particularly multi-family housing, property syndication and industrial and commercial construction. He served as general counsel to the Michigan Savings and Loan Association during the 1970s and was a charter member in the American College of Real Estate Lawyers. He served as chair of the Real Property Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan and as chair of the Michigan Real Estate Standards Board for 10 years. He also performed pro bono work, often on behalf of indigent parties.

Mr. Draper had a variety of real estate and business interests in Detroit and Michigan, including ownership of the Hotel St. Regis in Detroit during the 1970s.

He was an active supporter of the Boy Scouts of America and was awarded the organization's highest honor, the Silver Beaver, in 1971.

He was a member of numerous groups and clubs, including Country Club of Detroit, Detroit Club, Detroit Boat Club, Indian River Country Club, Racquet Club of Detroit and the Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe. He was an enthusiastic member of the Grosse Pointe Geezers and regularly attended their lunches during his last years.

Mr. Draper enjoyed golf, travel, fine wine, family events and jigsaw puzzles. He spent winters in Stuart, Fla., where he and his wife kept a home for more than 30 years.

Mr. Draper is survived by his children, Catherine Ann Draper (Michael Clain); Julie Draper Fazekas (Frank), Martha Alice Draper (Douglas

Grossman) and James Patrick Draper; grandchildren, Elizabeth, David and Jesse Clain and Frank Fazekas III.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 60 years, Alice Patricia, "Pat," and sisters, Patricia Draper Holley Fireman and Marjorie Draper.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 3, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. Prayers are at 7 p.m.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 4, at the funeral home. Visitation begins at 10 a.m.

Donations may be made to the Salvation Army at salvationarmyusa.org or Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

Richard Paul Clarke

Richard Paul Clarke passed away Saturday, March 29, 2014, after a four-month battle with cancer.

Born in 1938 to Richard and Ellen Clarke, of Dunmanway, Ireland, he was a lifelong Grosse Pointer attending both St. Paul and Grosse Pointe High schools. After graduation, he joined the U.S. Army and served in the 82nd Airborne.

Mr. Clarke loved the water and as a young man coached the St. Paul School swim team, was a lifeguard and taught swimming at the Farms Pier and, as a merchant marine, worked the Great Lakes freighter, "Cleveland Cliffs." As an adult, he swam in the masters swim program and was often found behind the Grosse Pointe City Norbs' starting blocks, as a timer/cheerleader/coach for summer swim meets.

Mr. Clarke, known as Dick to family and friends,

was a police officer in Detroit for a short time and was recruited to the City of Grosse Pointe as a patrolman. He completed a bachelor's degree in criminal justice at Wayne State University during his tenure with the City. In addition, he was selected to attend the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va.

Mr. Clarke retired as Deputy Director of Public Safety. He enjoyed coordinating the Grosse Pointe Thanksgiving Parade for many years and often could be seen leading the parade. After retirement, he was elected to city council and served four years as a councilman for the City of Grosse Pointe.

Mr. Clarke enjoyed playing euchre and golf, swimming and bowling. He also enjoyed barbecuing and was often referred to by family as a grill master. His latest adventure was acting as a lighthouse keeper on Lake Michigan's Old Mission Peninsula.

Mr. Clark is survived by his wife, Kathleen Brennan Clarke; sons, Dick Clarke (Eileen) and Christopher Clarke, and grandchildren, Ronan, Quinn and Erin Clarke.

He also is survived by his siblings, Joan Clarke Vermeulen (William) and Joseph Clarke (Dolores).

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers, Eugene (Judy), Robert (Ann) and Tucker (Clare).

Visitation will be held from 2 to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 3, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday, April 4, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

Donations may be made to the Capuchins, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

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Ralph C. Wilson, Jr.

Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. was respected by all who knew him. He was the ultimate sportsman and a man of integrity and resolve. As the founding and only owner of the Buffalo Bills, his love and commitment to the game of football and the National Football League was unsurpassed. He was well-regarded as the "conscience of the NFL" due to his unwavering commitment to speak his mind with the best interests of both at heart.

He will be remembered for his indelible sense of humor and unwavering passion for life, business and people. He was larger than life, yet he was the everyday man who cared about the person, not what they had.

Born in Columbus, Ohio on October 17, 1918,

Mr. Wilson moved to Detroit with his family as a 2 year old. He graduated from the University of Virginia and later attended law school at the University of Michigan, before enlisting in the Navy during World War II. He earned his commission within a year and served aboard minesweepers in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters.

Following his service, Mr. Wilson joined his father in the insurance business. Throughout his lifetime, Mr. Wilson owned and operated businesses in a variety of industries. Forever the entrepreneur, he enjoyed success in the areas of manufacturing, oil and gas, real estate, horse racing and breeding, television, trucking, and concrete paving, among others. He was loved by all who worked with and for him and never tired of growing and building companies.

His passion for professional football led to him becoming a stockholder in the Detroit Lions as a minority owner shortly before he purchased the Buffalo franchise in 1959. He selected Buffalo as the home of his fledgling franchise on October 28, 1959 and six weeks later named the team the "Buffalo Bills." His teams enjoyed many triumphs on the field, but what he valued the most was his relationships with the players, coaches and team administrators.

In 2009, his professional football career came full circle as the charismatic leader of the Bills was bestowed the highest honor in the NFL with his induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame while his team, along with the American Football League, celebrated its 50th Anniversary. (Pro Football Hall of Fame Ralph C. Wilson, Jr.)

Mr. Wilson's legacy is established firmly not only in his contributions to the game of football, but certainly as well in his countless charitable endeavors over the years. Investing predominately in both the Detroit and Buffalo communities. Mr. Wilson's mission was to make a tangible, positive impact in people's lives, from the very young to the very old. In 2003, he was honored with the prestigious Seymour Knox III Humanitarian Award and in 2007 he was named the Outstanding Philanthropist of the Year by the WNY Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. Also in 2007, he and his wife, Mary, were named the Philanthropists of the Year by the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County.

His love for football has been well documented but he also had a deep love for the sport of tennis and was an avid tennis fan and player for many years. Playing with his wife, Mary, they held two international mixed doubles titles. In addition, he and his partners, Gardnar Mulloy and Bob Sherman, won international 80 and 85 and over titles in both the European Doubles and Austrian Doubles Championship tournaments.

Mr. Wilson maintained a permanent residence in Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan. He is survived by his beloved wife, Mary; daughters, Christy and Edith (known as Dee Dee), as well as many beloved relatives, including his niece, Mary Owen. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Linda Bogdan.

Funeral services will be held privately in Detroit for the family later this week. Opportunities for those in the Bills organization and around the NFL to remember and celebrate Mr. Wilson's life are being planned for a future date, to be determined, and will be communicated at the appropriate time.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his memory to: The Hospice Foundation of Western New York, The Alzheimer's Association Greater Michigan Chapter and to St. John Hospital Medical Center in support of the Wilson Telemonitoring Program. Share a memory at: www.verheyden.org



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By Rev. Ben Van Arragon

The beginning of wisdom

If the Old Testament proverbs present the practical wisdom of God's wisest people, the Psalms provide the theological foundation for that wisdom.

Walter Brueggemann states the Psalms extol the virtues of an orderly universe and the one who created and orders it. The Psalms argue, again and again, the heart of wisdom lies in knowing the heart of God the Creator.

Brueggemann writes, "[The psalms] are expressions of creation faith. They affirm that the world is a well-ordered, reliable and life-giving system, because God has ordained it that way and continues to preside effectively over the process. At the same time, there is a profound trust in the daily working of that system and profound gratitude to God for making it so. Creation here is not a theory about how the world came to be... It is rather an affirmation that God's faithfulness and goodness are experienced as generosity, continuity, and regularity." (The Message of the Psalms, p. 26)

As such, wisdom (from a biblical perspective) is not leveraging one's strength or savvy to secure one's own best future. Instead it is living moment-by-moment in step with God — relying on God's provision, and submitting to God's guidance.

Reliance on God yields two benefits: first, an abiding sense of peace and gratitude based on God's goodness and faithfulness; second, a shift in focus away from individual priorities (personal prosperity and self-identification) to God's priorities for all of creation.

Brueggemann adds: "The Psalms assert that the creation finally is committed to and will serve the Creator. The Psalms... are anticipatory of what surely will be." (Psalms, p. 28)

The narrative arch of the Bible resolves in the restoration of the way the world was meant to be. A renewed earth in which every creature has enough. A renewed creation in which people are reconciled to each other, the natural world, and God.

The history and trajectory of American culture attests to the fact a society governed by self-interest eventually unravels. God persistently corrects his people's worst instinct — namely, to live only for self. And God compassionately redirects our attention to the needs of our families, communities, cities and world. True wisdom aligns our hearts with the heart of God — a God whose priority is reconciliation; redemption; and restoration. As Psalm 111 states, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

Arragon is the minister of First Christian Reformed Church of Detroit. More of his writing can be found at benvanarragon.blogspot.com.

CHURCH EVENTS

St. Ambrose

St. Ambrose Catholic Church holds a Lenten buffet from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, April 4. Adults pay \$15 and children's meals cost \$10. Carry-out service is available by calling (313) 822-1594.

Star of the Sea

Our Lady Star of the Sea hosts a Lenten Friday fish fry from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 4, at the Parish Center, corner of Morningside and Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Adult meals cost \$10 and children's meals cost \$5.

First English

The Open Door Series

at First English presents The Grunions at 4 p.m., Sunday, April 6, in the sanctuary.

The nearly two dozen singers sing popular songs in an eight-part vocal jazz style. The Grunions organization is a close harmony a capella male singing group which has been entertaining for benefits and parties in the Detroit area for 65 years.

The group was formed in 1949 by Yale Whiffenpoof graduates who wished to continue their singing experiences.

General admission tickets cost \$10 and students and seniors pay \$7. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

◆ "The Last Judgment" is the topic of the 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday, April 6,



Kimberly Maes

services.

"The Anointing of Bethany" is the topic for the 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Lenten services, Wednesday, April 9.

A buffet lunch is served after the morning service and a supper precedes the evening service.

St. Michael's

Pianist Kimberly Maes performs at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 6, at the Music in the Woods series

held at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods. An at-will donation of \$10 is accepted.

Christ Church

Christ Church Grosse Pointe's choir of Men and Girls sings at the 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 6, Evensong service.

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

Local art teacher illustrates children's book

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

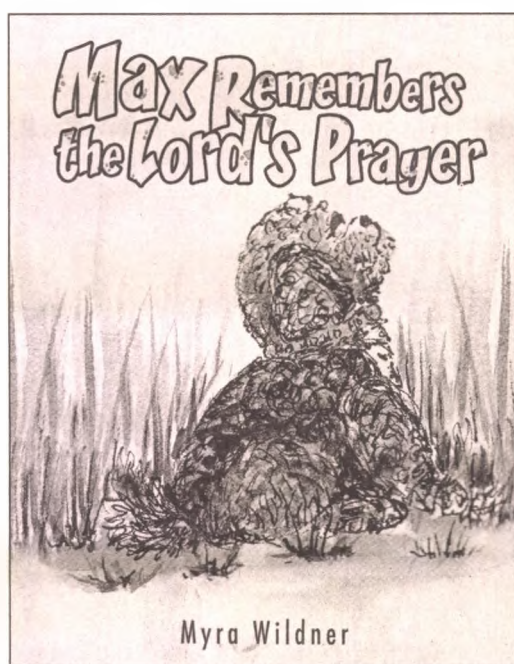
Grosse Pointe Farms teacher and artist Susan Capizzo illustrated the children's book "Max Remembers the Lord's Prayer," written by Myra Wildner of Clinton Township.

"Myra contacted me from a friend of mine," Capizzo said, "who is a neighbor in Clinton Township. She was looking for an illustrator. I have illustrated other books."

The author and artist met in the fall to discuss the book that tells the true story of a toy poodle, Max, who is lost for five days on Harsens Island.

During the ensuing days, Max remembers sections of the Lord's prayer and the reader learns how each segment helps him survive.

"I thought it was a sweet story and was inspired to do the illus-



Grosse Pointe Farms resident Susan Capizzo illustrated "Max Remembers the Lord's Prayer."

trations," Capizzo said. "Together, we broke down the story into sections for the pictures to be developed."

"Before we knew it, the story was complete with Max finally being found."

Capizzo, Regina High School's art teacher, used water colors for the cover and inside illustrations.

She said she fills her extra time doing art now that her three children are in college. She also illustrated a series of three chapter books, "The Good Eggs."

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Maryanne Domenic Pardon

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Maryanne Domenic Pardon, 77, died Saturday, March 15, 2014.

She was born in Detroit to James and Wilhelmina Domenic and graduated from the University of Michigan. She was a registered nurse and during a 30-year career worked at the University of Michigan

Medical Center and St. John and Bon Secours hospitals.

Mrs. Pardon was a long-time volunteer for Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society. She enjoyed her garden and her dogs.

Mrs. Pardon is survived by her sons, Scott and John (Elizabeth) and grandchildren, Domenic and Willa.

A memorial service will be held at a future date.

Donations may be made to Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society, 296 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.



Maryanne Pardon

New vendors at Tau Beta's 11th Spring Market, opening April 10

See some of the latest spring styles and trends at Tau Beta's 11th annual Spring Market April 10 through 12 at the Grosse Pointe Club, 6 Berkshire Place, Grosse Pointe Farms. More than 20 specialty boutiques from across the country display their fashions ranging from jewelry, clothing and home accents, with all proceeds benefitting 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 p.m. Thursday, April 10. Tickets to the preview party cost \$65. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres are served. A raffle drawing is held at the preview party.

Items include an Ippolita sterling silver necklace, bracelet and earring set, donated by ahee Jewelers; a Detroit Tigers game in luxury suite and dinner at Red Crown Restaurant, donated by the Cotton family; a designer Neiman Marcus package; an original oil painting by Chris Wardwell; a MacKenzie-Childs parchment check ottoman donated by Patty

and Atanis Illitch in cooperation with Little Foxes; and a spa package donated by Spa Renaissance. Raffle tickets are \$25 each, or five for \$100.

Spring market shopping days are 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, April 11, and 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 12. The Spring Market cafe is open during shopping hours.

Admission to market days is \$5 at the door.

Some new 2014 vendors include:

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2014 spring previews

TRACK & FIELD

South girls look to win title No. 4

Grosse Pointe South's track and field teams are once again poised to enjoy a fruitful spring.

Even with the graduation of state and national record holders Hannah and Haley Meier (Duke) and All-State performers Aubryn Samaroo (Brown), Christina Firl (Columbia) and Mia Perkins (Alabama), the Grosse Pointe South girls' track team is on target for another banner year.

With 118 girls on the team, depth will not be an issue.

"Team depth has always been our signature," head coach Steve Zaranek said.

"We don't struggle to fill the 17 events with quality young ladies. We simply work on finding the right fit for everyone on the team."

Last year marked the third consecutive Division 1 state championship for the Blue Devils. During the past three seasons, the Blue Devils broke school and MAC league records in just about every event, along with numerous all-time state and even national records.

South was constantly ranked as Michigan's No.



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South's Ersula Farrow is an All-State runner who should excel this spring for the Blue Devils' track and field team.

1 track team and also ranked in the nation's top five. While not at that level this year, the Blue Devils are primed to compete at the highest state level.

The Macomb Area Conference Red Division

is loaded with talent. Last year, Macomb Dakota finished just behind South at the Division 1 finals in fourth place and returns most of their top athletes.

"Dakota will be a huge challenge, once again,

this year," Zaranek said. "Our meet last year was a classic with the outcome determined by the final event."

South won the meet and has a 6-year dual meet win streak in place.

"This year will be no different - Dakota is the team to beat in the MAC Red," Zaranek said.

South's other goals include winning its sixth straight state regional title. The girls have raced to 18 state regional titles in the past 21 years.

Leading the way for the Blue Devils are two of Michigan's finest - junior Ersula Farrow and senior Jasmine Brathwaite. Farrow is currently ranked the No. 2 high school half miler (800 meters) in the nation and Brathwaite is coming off a multiple all-state performance at last year's state finals in the 100 dash and sprint relays.

"Ersula and Jazz have enormous talent and have worked hard all winter long," Zaranek said. "They are ready to perform at the next level."

Farrow is surrounded by several of the Blue Devils' finest distance runners in school history. "We are blessed, year

after year, with very hard working distance runners, which include sophomore Anna Piccione, juniors Mary Spencer and Megan Sklarski, and seniors Alexa Calas and Kelsie Schwartz," Zaranek said. "Freshman Kamryn Leonard will add to South's distance depth."

Brathwaite is also in good company. South is again solid in the sprints, as she is joined by sophomore Kayli Johnson and juniors Christy Ford and Elise Grever.

Grever also joins Tamira McCoy-Motton to give the team great depth in the high jump. Johnson also pulls double duty as South's No. 1 returning shot putter.

South also returns a veteran group of pole vaulters in seniors Hannah Adams, Lisa Conley and Janey Degnan. In the hurdles, junior Spencer Graczyk will be joined by sister Kendall in both the 100 and 300 hurdles.

"We look forward to an exciting and competitive season," Zaranek said. "We will go after our league and state regional titles again this year. We will attempt to get into the top five, out of the 150

Division 1 teams, at the state finals.

"Most importantly, we will continue our traditions of being great teammates, working harder than anyone, and having lots of fun along the way."

As for the boys, head coach Werner Schienke is counting on a plethora of returning runners to lead the team through a rigorous MAC Red Division slate.

Some of the top potential seniors could be Elondo Moore, Jacob Knuth, Josh Gray, Andrew Barbish, Brett Kotas, Charlie Warren and Jordan Spratt, while underclassmen Estafano Lopez, Michael Gates, Jalen Cook were solid in field events.

The Blue Devils finished 2-3 in the division a year ago. Can they move to the .500 mark or even contend for the dual meet title in 2014?

The Blue Devils' competitors are Grosse Pointe North, Romeo, Macomb Dakota, Utica Eisenhower and Sterling Heights Stevenson.

The boys' schedule includes the five division meets, as well as two invitationals, the league meet and regional meet.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Boys aim for repeat

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North track and field program has been rock solid for decades.

The Norsemen have been able to send more than their share of competitors to the state finals and the trend will continue this spring.

The boys' squad, under head coach Frank Tymrak, are the defending regional champion.

They hope to make it two in a row, thanks to having 40 returning athletes, including senior captains Alex Brady, Justin Clayton, Donovan Holmes, John Kusch, Tod Long, Kyle Moton and Makai Polk, and junior captain Tim Herd.

Other returning seniors are Michael Bakowski, Anthony Cafagna, Justin Clayton, Anthony Corrado, Martice Dunlap, Jamal Hawkins, John Paul Heinemann, Bryce Johnson, Pearce Reickert and Ted Supal.

"Overall, we are a young team and our message will be to compete and look to improve on your last best performance," Tymrak said.



FILE PHOTO

Grosse Pointe North's boys' track and field team hopes to celebrate a second straight regional title about 8 p.m. Friday, May 16.

mance," Tymrak said.

The Norsemen compete in the tough Macomb Area Conference Red Division, with Utica Eisenhower, Sterling Heights Stevenson, Grosse Pointe South, Macomb Dakota and Romeo.

Last year they finished 2-3 in the division.

In other meets, the team runs in the Huron Relays, Macomb Indoor Track, Dakota 9/10 Invite, Anchor Bay Relays, Harold Arft Invitational, Dakota Invitational and GPN 9/10 meet.

The regional meet is Friday, May 16, at South and the state finals is set for Saturday, May 31.

The girls finished 3-2 in the MAC Red last year

and had a few competitors make the Division 1 state finals.

Head coach Bruce Bentley and assistants Diane Montgomery and Liz Michaels get the most out of their athletes.

They practice hard and are highly competitive in each meet.

Returning this season are seniors Jenna Belote, Marie Bourke, Breanna Cockran, Meagan Curran, Madie Gafa, Mary Hryciuk, La'Shanay Mack, Julia Rustmann, Sarah Rustmann and Natalie Schaefer.

The Norsemen have talented runners, including in the distance events with the Rustmann sisters and Schaefer.

The squad also has a larger squad and depth, which will help them win meets in the tough MAC Red.

The girls run the same meets as the boys.

Joining North in its regional meet are Detroit Cass Technical, Detroit East English Village, Detroit Martin Luther King, Detroit Pershing, Detroit Southeastern, Detroit Western International, Eastpointe East Detroit, Roseville, St. Clair Shores Lake Shore, St. Clair Shores Lakeview, Warren Woods-Tower, Warren Cousino, Warren DeLaSalle (boys only) and host Grosse Pointe South.

The first home meet is Wednesday, April 16.

LIGGETT

Numbers up at Liggett

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett track and field program is slowly building steam.

This year, the girls had 13 sign up and the boys had 22 under head coach Lindsay Bachman.

The Knights made a lot of progress last year as they sent a few representatives to the Division 4 state finals.

Can more make it this spring?

For the girls, the leaders are juniors Paris Burton, Marissa Kaminski and Charlotte Richardson, while the sophomores are Taylor Clancy, Megan DesMadryl and Julie Zehetmair.

Freshmen are Erica Boswell, Jasmine Dickens, Amelia Doetsch, Tinsley Glenn, Rebecca Lohman, Emma Shell and Emma Streberger.

The boys have a few seniors, Shawn Fair, Lordanthony Grissom and Darryl Lewis, and the juniors are Mason Dempsey, Anthony Garvey, Will Gilbert, Noah LaMagno, Andrew Lohman and William Loner.

The sophomores are Patrick Bernas, Isaiah Hines-Bailey, Hiram Jakson and Trevor Jones, and the freshmen are Nick Brusilow, Sam Brusilow, Charles Caine,

Christian deRuiter, T.J. Dulac, Jaren English, Nick Rivera, George Thanasas and Andrew Wu.

The Knights held their own in a regional meet and several improved their times or distances in field events.

The teams compete in a handful of meets, mostly against teams in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. The Knights' schedule is light in April, but is busy in May.

The regional meet is Friday, May 16, and the MIAC meet is Tuesday, May 20. Joining Liggett at the regional meet are Birmingham Roeper, Plymouth Christian Academy, Detroit Cristo Rey, Detroit Allen Academy, Detroit Loyola, Detroit Marvin L. Winans Academy, Harper Woods HEART Academy, Melvindale Academy for Business and Tech, Novi Franklin Road Christian, Royal Oak Shrine, Southfield Christian, Sterling Heights Parkway Christian, Taylor Trillium Academy, Westland Huron Valley Lutheran and host Lutheran Westland.

Upcoming for Liggett is its first meet of the season, the Shrine Open, Saturday, April 5, at Livonia Ladywood High School.

They run again Thursday, April 17.

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Boys lacrosse

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen improved

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys' lacrosse team is ready for better results in the second year of head coach Mark Seppala's tutelage.

"We have several experienced players coming back, which will help us be more cohesive as a team," Seppala said. "We are looking forward to a better season than last year. However, the pre-season was a little rough with the weather and field conditions keeping us inside. It's not easy to practice inside, but everyone is in the same boat, so you have to make the best of it."

Leading the pack of returning seniors are Mitchell Stapleton (attack), Chene Frontiera (attack), Mike Murray (middie), Julian Makowski (defense) and Patrick Turnbull

(defense).

Junior Peter Lundy is a long-stick middie who provides a scoring presence at that position, and the Norsemen's goalkeepers are seniors Rhys Williams (injured in the first game of the season) and Shane Mlynarek.

The Norsemen finished 8-11 last season, and 3-7 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division competing against Utica Eisenhower, Grosse Pointe South, Romeo, L'Anse Creuse and L'Anse Creuse North.

The Norsemen look to finish .500 this season in the division as South and Eisenhower are once again picked to battle for the title, won by Ike.

Other than the 10 division games, the Norsemen face DeLaSalle, Stoney Creek, Rochester Adams, Cousino, Rochester, Brother Rice's "Orange" squad and University



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

North's Mike Murray, center, is crunched during the Norsemen's home opener against Cousino March 24.

Liggett. In addition, the Norsemen host the No. 5 team in the Catholic League standings in a game Friday, May 9.

North was scheduled to begin its season March 19 and 20, but poor weather and field conditions forced the contests against DeLaSalle and

Stoney Creek to be postponed. In addition, a home game against Rochster was postponed due to the weather.

North did play a couple of games, losing 11-7 to Rochester Adams and beating Cousino 16-0.

Grosse Pointe North is 1-1 overall.

LIGGETT

Knights ready to win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Things are looking bright for the University Liggett boys' lacrosse team under second-year head coach Bill Brusilow.

The Knights played well at times last year, but playing a tough schedule against big Class A schools made it rough ride.

Through hard work and experience, the Knights look better on paper and the schedule helps as Brusilow dropped the big teams and added schools their size.

"It makes more sense for us to play schools on this side of town, our city rivals and schools our size enrollment-wise," Brusilow said. "Add to the fact we have a lot of returning players should make this a nice season." Leading the way are

senior captains T.J. Stevenson, James Jurcak and Chris Buhler. Joining the returning scorers is senior Vince Scarfone, as well as sophomores Harrison Wujek and Alex Minanov.

Others to watch on attack are senior middies Tommy Fair and Tony Giorgio.

The starting goalkeeper is sophomore John Elmer and his backup is junior Angelo Tolias.

The Knights' schedule contains city rivals Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South, plus St. Clair United, Dearborn Divine Child, Madison Heights Bishop Foley, Warren Cousino, Ann Arbor Greenhills, Royal Oak Shrine, Grosse Ile, Port Huron, Detroit Southeastern, L'Anse Creuse North and Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils led by vets

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys' lacrosse team is ready to display the talents it takes to be a good team this spring.

Head coach Don Wolford returns a lot of skilled players from last year's 11-7 squad which lost to Troy Athens in a regional quarterfinal game.

"I like the look of the roster and the talented guys we have back," Wolford said before his Blue Devils began the

season against Detroit Country Day.

The Blue Devils are loaded with seniors, including Andrew Cornwall, John Denison, Caleb Cimmarrusti, Karstan Minanov, Breck Hansen, Stuart Daudlin, Sam Wilkinson, Archer Hauck, Graham Bromwell, Andrew Hyde, John Whitney and Andrew Wright.

Underclassmen on last year's varsity were James Norris, Robert Stewart, Jared Brush, Aidan Hubbell, Scott Brooks, Gerald Coyle,

Robert Carroll and Joseph Diehl.

The Blue Devils finished second in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division last spring, behind Utica Eisenhower. Both should sit atop the division standings this season, but South has the edge in talent and is the slight favorite to win the title.

In the opener against Country Day, South lost 13-5 in a game which was closer than the final score indicated.

Denison scored two goals to lead the Blue

Devils, while Hyde, Cornwall and sophomore Michael Coyle tallied a goal apiece.

Grosse Pointe South dropped to 0-3 after losing tough home contests to Birmingham, 10-8, and Haslett-Williamston, 10-9.

Wright scored three goals to lead South, and Hyde tallied at the 9:50 mark to give the home team its final lead, 8-7.

After that, Birmingham scored the final three goals to win and keep South winless.

It was another tight outcome with Haslett-Williamston, and another tough finish.

BASEBALL

Cimini hosts academy

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Long-time head coach Dan Cimini announces the beginning of his Dan Cimini Baseball Academy.

The academy is dedicated to creating an atmosphere where athletes of all ages and skill levels can learn fundamentals, discipline, dedication and respect for the game of baseball.

"We educate, motivate and inspire student-athletes to build foundations for success on and off the field," Cimini said. "I want the student-athletes to feel good about learn-

ing what is the right and wrong way to hit, catch and throw on the baseball or softball diamond."

It starts as children and if children aren't taught the right way, they will struggle trying to catch-up to their teammates who are hitting singles and doubles and not hitting weak grounders because they are rolling their hands at the plate.

Or their throw from third base sails over the first baseman's head because they weren't set up right when fielding a ground ball and the throwing mechanics were wrong.

Cimini, who enters his 11th season as the head coach of University Liggett boys' varsity baseball team, thoroughly understands the fundamentals of baseball. His players do the right thing on the field and they improve through their four years under his tutelage.

The DC Baseball Academy provides individual, group and team instruction to help players meet their full potential and reach their short and long term goals.

"I want to see kids do the right thing on the field and feel good about the way they play the game," Cimini said.

Cimini uses an indoor and outdoor facility. For details, call Cimini at (313) 600-7502.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 3, 2014

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held February 19, 2014.
- 2) To open the Public Hearing on the Continuation of a Special Assessment District.
- 3) To close the Public Hearing on the Continuation of a Special Assessment District.
- 4) To open the Public Hearing on the 2014 Community Development Block Grant.
- 5) To close the Public Hearing on the 2014 Community Development Block Grant.
- 6) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 102230 through 102334 in the amount of \$517,630.74 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment to Alter Collision in the amount of \$6,163.23 for the repair of one of our scout cars. (3) Approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$35,030.50 for sidewalk salting and snow removal in various residential and commercial areas of the City. (4) Approve payment to Anderson, Eckstein & Westrick, Inc. in the amount of \$20,053.60 for professional services during the month of February 2014 for the following projects: SRF FCIPP, #180-117; SRF Open Cut Repairs, #180-119 and the SRF SCIPP Repairs, #180-118. (5) Approve payment in the amount of \$12,426.28 to Grosse Pointe Woods for the City's pro-rata portion of the operating and maintenance of the Torrey Road Pump Station for the period July 2013 through December 2013. (6) Approve payment to Statewide Security Transport in the amount of \$6,947.50 for prisoner lodging and maintenance for the month of January 2014. (7) Approve the request from the Shamrock Cab Company for taxicab licenses covering the cabs listed on the attached application for 2014.
- 2) To adopt the attached resolutions to continue a special assessment district in the City of Harper Woods.
- 3) Adopt the 2014 Community Development Block Grant Program as follows: Administration, \$8,500; Housing Rehab, \$20,000; Street Improvements, \$58,410; Census Tract 5516 (Kelly Rd.) Pointe Area Assisted Transit Svc., \$13,000 (Senior/Handicapped Transportation); TOTAL \$99,910.
- 4) To accept the proposal dated February 10, 2014 submitted by Plante and Moran for auditing services in the amount of \$39,270.00 for 2013, with Federal Program single audit in the amount of \$6,250.00 for the first federal program and \$2,000.00 for each subsequent federal program and further to authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement.
- 5) Approve payment to Wayne County in the amount of \$258,862.75 for the operation and maintenance of the Milk River Drain for the first quarter and 258,862.75 for the second quarter of FY14, for a total of \$517,725.50.
- 6) To Oppose the Transfer of Reserves from Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund (DTRF) to the Wayne County General Fund and further to direct the City Clerk to forward a copy of this to the Wayne County Executive and Commissioner urging the continuance of the DTRF.
- 7) To Approve the Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and the Amendments to the Refuse Disposal Contract and authorize the Mayor to sign the amendments.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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Do You Have A Great Recipe?
A favorite dish that you prepare for family parties? Share it with your neighbors!

Submit your favorite recipe to be published in our Simply Homemade cookbook. Please email your favorites to avis@grossepointenews.com

The Cookbook will be published on May 8, 2014 in the Grosse Pointe News (313)882-3500

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 17147 MAUMEE AVENUE GROSSE POINTE, MICHIGAN 48230

Please take notice that the City of Grosse Pointe Council will be holding a Public Hearing on Monday, April 14, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of obtaining public input and comment on a Special Assessment District to Defray the Costs to Continue the Maintenance and Operation of Police and Fire Protection for the City of Grosse Pointe.

The estimate of the costs and expenses of the police and fire motor vehicles, apparatus, equipment, housing and police and fire protection to be defrayed by an annual levy on the lands and premises within the special assessment district is \$3,006,228.

It is proposed that the special assessment district shall consist of all of the lands and premises within the municipal boundaries of the City of Grosse Pointe.

Residents who are unable to attend the hearing may submit written comments prior to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 11, 2014, to the City Offices, 17147 Maumee Avenue, Grosse Pointe, Michigan, 48230. Telephone (313) 885-5800.

Julie E. Arthurs
City Clerk

GPN: 04/03/14

Girls lacrosse

LIGGETT

ULS grad leads

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Abby McIntyre takes over the University Liggett girls' lacrosse team and inherits a roster stacked with potential.

"I'm excited to return to coach at the school I graduated from and coach with the woman who coached me, Biffy Fowley," McIntyre said.

The Knights struggled to a 3-9-1 record a year ago, beating Dexter 9-8, Rochester 11-10 and Dexter again in the first-round of the state playoffs, 12-8.

Their season ended with a 19-5 loss to



FILE PHOTO

Liggett junior Olivia Wujek, left, is one of the Knights' top scoring threats this season.

Farmington Hills Mercy in the second-round of the playoffs.

Leading the list of top returning players are Rosemarie DeRoo, Keara Crook, Olivia Wujek, Jacqueline Kopicki, Madeleine Moroun, Mackenzie Lukas, Maranda Saigh, Meg Shannon and Allison Stapleton.

The Knights' schedule is tough and consists of two games each against Warren Regina and Dexter, plus single contests against Grosse Pointe North, Cranbrook-Kingswood, Lake Orion, Grosse Pointe South, Farmington Hills Harrison, Detroit Country Day, Rochester and Troy Athens.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Valentine takes over

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

First-year head coach Alycsa Valentine steps into the perfect situation.

The University of Detroit Mercy graduate and lacrosse player brings her wealth of knowledge of the game to South where the players should benefit.

The Blue Devils enjoyed some success in 2013, but a regional first-round loss to Troy put a damper on the ending.

Several players competed in the fall season and played throughout the winter.

The extra playing is evident as the Blue Devils appear in much better position to win a lot of

games this spring with Valentine at the helm.

Leading the way for the Blue Devils is last year's top scorer, Bridgette Champane. She will get plenty of help from fellow middies Julia Gough, Kathryn Williamson, Gigi Pendolino, Ryley Kerik, Elizabeth Rauh, Marylise Reiber, Margaret Brennan and Mia Doyon.

At attack are Margaret Reilly, Trina Giorgio, Julia Fox, Megan Gall, Carson Dennis and Emma Baer, while the defensive players are Tara McClanaghan, Kathleen McGill, Caroline Smith, Emily Mlynarek, Jennifer Vernet and Claire Fisher.

Manning the goal are

Zoie Uznis and Shannon Novak.

The Blue Devils have a tough schedule, with Oxford, Ann Arbor Skyline, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Farmington Hills Mercy, Brighton, Detroit Country Day, Canton, Birmingham Marian, University Liggett, Grosse Pointe North, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood, Academy of the Sacred Heart, Birmingham United and Troy on it.

Valentine's head-coaching debut was a successful one as Grosse Pointe South pounded visiting Oxford 20-3 on a cold, windy Saturday afternoon in March.

Grosse Pointe South is 1-0 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Sims takes the lead

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Chris Sims takes over as head coach of Grosse Pointe North girls' lacrosse team for long-time head man Bill Seaman.

Seaman built the Norsemen's program and spent 16 years at the helm before announcing his retirement after last year's season.

Sims played for Seaman at North and then in college. She has been the junior varsity coach for several years, but now takes over the varsity program.

"I'm excited for this opportunity to coach

these girls I've coached at the lower levels," Sims said. "The girls are a little tired of practicing inside due to the poor weather, but eventually we will be outside and ready for a good season."

The team finished 9-5 last year, ending with a 17-5 loss to Troy in a state playoff game.

Last year's underclassmen were Caroline Bock, Alison Fly, Madison Vens, Kristin Kaled, Susan Tomasi, Devyn LaValley, Emily Huguenin, Lindsay Ireland, Camille Makowski, Brigitte Smith, Caitlin Gaitley, Angela Scapini, Gabrielle Shimko and Dana O'Donnell.

Lending a hand are long-time assistant Larry VanOverbeke and Lauren Nixon, who also played for Seaman a few years ago. Sims has a good staff in place to help the Norsemen stay competitive on a state level.

The Norsemen's schedule includes home games against Canton, Rochester Adams, Warren Regina, University Liggett, Livonia Ladywood and Birmingham Marian, as well as road games against Lake Orion, Farmington, Detroit Country Day, North Farmington, Grosse Pointe South, Troy and Ann Arbor Skyline.

Soccer

NORTH & SOUTH



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Cold openers

Grosse Pointe North senior Chrisoula Pitses and her teammates started the season last week with a 5-0 home loss to Anchor Bay. With game temperatures in the low 30s, the Norsemen were frozen out by the Tars, who made the regional championship game last spring. Grosse Pointe North is 0-1. Grosse Pointe South's girls' soccer team opened the season with a scoreless tie against visiting L'Anse Creuse North. Two nights later, the host Blue Devils played better and beat St. Clair Shores Lakeview, 4-0. Junior captain Cydney Webb opened the scoring with a goal just 95 seconds into the game. Senior Carly Ventimiglia had the assist. At the 25:33 mark of the first half, senior captain Franny Weber scored, with senior Kathy Collins drawing the assist. In the second half, Collins scored both goals, with senior Emily Rubens assisting the first one. The second tally came on a penalty kick. Grosse Pointe South is 1-0-1 overall.

Tennis

NORTH & SOUTH

North, South clutch

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South girls' tennis teams enjoyed successful season debuts last week.

Wimbledon was the host of the Norsemen's 5-3 win over Fenton.

Head coach John VanAlst and his Norsemen split the four singles matches, but won 3-of-4 doubles matches to win the season opener.

Leading the way for the doubles teams was the No. 1 duo of senior Dayle Maas and sophomore Sydnie Allor, who beat Sydney Phipps and Ashley Beardon 3-6, 6-3, 10-6.

Senior Jayla Hubbard and sophomore Anu Subramaniam beat Sylee Kirin and Abbey Rachor 6-2, 2-6, 10-4 at No. 2 doubles, and the No. 4 doubles squad of seniors Chrissy Panagos and Courtney Berns defeated Rachel Anderson and Kate Lewondowski 6-3,

6-3.

The Norsemen's No. 3 doubles team of juniors Katelyn Carroll and Deanna Hanley lost 6-3, 6-1 to Katy Wantz and Kendra Praedel.

At singles, junior Stephanie Loukanova beat Jose Fogoth 6-1, 6-4 at the No. 2 flight, and sophomore Lauren Lesha came away with a 6-0, 6-4 victory over Hannah Horton at No. 3 singles.

The No. 1 singles player, senior Patricia Bajis, lost 6-1, 6-0, to Madison Ballard, and freshman Christina Rafaill lost 6-4, 6-1 to Cordine Beemer at No. 4 singles.

Grosse Pointe North is 1-0 overall.

Grosse Pointe South won the Allen Park Invitational at Grosse Ile Tennis Club.

South finished with 20 points, followed by Clarkston with 16, Grosse Ile with 11 and Allen Park with 1. South and Clarkston are ranked No. 1 and 2, respective,

Division 1, while Grosse Ile is ranked No. 1 in Division 4 heading into the regular season.

Winning their flights were sophomore Raven Neely at No. 1 singles, and doubles teams of senior Sydney Keller and junior Morgane Flournoy (No. 2), juniors Angelica Kalogeridis and Jennifer Moy (No. 3) and juniors Ginny Hayden and Kelly Beardslee (No. 4).

All the winners finished 3-0 in their matches, and Neely truly dominated her three foes, winning each match 8-0 in the pro set style of scoring due to playing indoors.

The other four flights finished 2-1, including the No. 1 doubles squad of senior Samantha Perry and junior Maggie Sweeney.

At singles, sophomore Madie Flournoy was at No. 2, senior Brooke Willard at No. 3 and freshman Maddie Paolucci at No. 4.

South's last state title came in 2012.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 17, 2014

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present except Councilman Charles Flanagan.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To excuse Councilman Flannagan from tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment.
- 2) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held March 3, 2014 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held February 26, 2014 and the Ordinance Committee meeting held March 3, 2014.
- 3) To open the Public Hearing on the levying of a 12.5 mill assessment to defray the costs to continue the maintenance of police and fire protection.
- 4) To close the Public Hearing on the levying of a 12.5 mill assessment to defray the costs to continue the maintenance of police and fire protection.
- 5) That the Regular City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, May 19, 2014 be cancelled.
- 6) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 102335 through 102447 in the amount of \$776,245.61 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve the purchase of eight (8) computers and five (5) monitors from Dell in the amount of \$9,936.87 as outlined in the attached quote from our IT provider, Visicom and further that competitive bidding be waived as Visicom is able to obtain special pricing and warranties on our behalf. (3) Approve payment to HD Supply Waterworks, Ltd. in the amount of \$7,161.29 for the purchase of water main/stop box repair supplies. (4) Approve payment to Guardian Sewers in the amount of \$7,300.00 for their assistance with several water main breaks. (5) Approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$14,161.60 for sidewalk salting and snow removal in various residential and commercial areas of the City. (6) Approve payment to WCA Assessing in the amount of \$9,691.19 for the contractual assessing services performed during the month of February 2014. (7) Approve the appointments of Ms. Ernestine Lyons to the Planning Commission for an unexpired term ending in January 2015, Mr. John Szymanski to the Planning Commission for an expired term ending in January 2017, Kenneth Poynter and John Szymanski to the Brownfield Authority with terms expiring January 2016, and Leslie Frank and Laura Stowell to the Brownfield Authority with terms expiring January 2015 and Randolph Skotarczyk to the Brownfield Authority with a term expiring January 2017.
- 2) To direct the City Assessor to spread the assessment levy of 12.5 mills on the taxable value of all lands and premises within the municipal boundaries of the City of Harper Woods to defray the costs to continue maintenance and operations of police and fire (9 mills for police and 3.5 for fire).
- 3) To approve payment to Fontana Construction Inc., in the amount of \$212,534.74 for Progress Payment No. 5 on the 2012 SRF Sanitary Sewer Repairs, Open Cut Sanitary Repairs, Contract No. 3, #180-119.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, City Clerk

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City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

NOTICE OF PROPOSED HEARING
AND
PROPOSED STATEMENT
OF
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT OBJECTIVES

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, April 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. by the City Council at the City Municipal Office, 15115 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230, for review of Community Development Block Grant.

The following activities are proposed for programming of 2014 funding under the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Sewer Repairs	\$28,822.18
Senior Services (SOC)	10,126.86
Joint Grosse Pointe Senior Housing Rehabilitation (SOC)	10,126.86
Administration	5,900.00

TOTAL \$54,975.90

Jane M. Blahut,
Clerk

4C | SCHOOLS

North excels at weekend festival

Grosse Pointe North High School was represented extremely well at MSBOA State Solo and Ensemble Festival held at Farmington Harrison High School. Students performed solos and ensembles for professional adjudicators and were given a rating of 1-5 based on the quality of their performance. Students were judged on the overall execution of their performance, including technique, intonation, ensemble, tone, and dynamics.

All students performing at the state festival received a superior 1st place medal at the district festival held in January.

The following students received 2nd division medals for an excellent performance: Sarah Schade, Brian Almeria (violin duet); Michael Bylski (trumpet solo); Max Yoshida (trumpet solo); Gabby Tatum, McKenna Holman, Sam Hicks (flute trio); Lauren-Elise Brush (flute solo).

The following students received a 1st division medal for a superior performance: Adam Schreck (saxophone solo);

Grace Sexton (piano solo); Nathan Doss (horn solo); LaSean Patton (violin solo); Duncan Ragland (viola solo);

Michael Bylski, Bobby McGovern, Max Yoshida (trumpet trio); Nathan Doss, Joey Lawnicki,

Steven Licari, Max Yoshida, Bobby McGovern (brass quintet); Lindsey Hoshaw (viola solo); Amber Giesekeing, Annie Thoits, Jenna VanMarter, Emily Truss (woodwind ensemble); Nick Koester, Andrew Sharon (marimba duet); Francesca Florance (harp solo); John Cobau, Joey Cobau (violin/clarinet Duet); Kayla Luteran (viola solo); Trey Burke, Chloe Bigwood, Katherine MacDonald (clarinet trio); Gina Peruzzi (violin solo); William Fishwick (cello solo);

Isabella Cubillejo, Emily Hoshaw (violin duet); Pearce Reickert, Josh Marck, Michael Bylski, Aidan Reickert, Adrian Carmer, Nathan Doss, Katelyn Kohler, Harrison Campion, Conner Blaine, Andres Hensley, Daniel Wyrick, Joey Lawnicki (brass choir); Isabella Cubillejo, Brian Almeria, Kate Freeman, Matt Stander, Sarah Schade, Emily Hoshaw, Michael Sacchetti, Mark Koester, Susan Hartzell, Joey Cobau, Kayla Luteran, Sarah Luteran, Duncan Ragland, Lindsey Hoshaw, Melina Glusac, Tess Kolp, Margaret Martinez, William Fischwick, William Lorenz, Alex Eklund (chamber strings ensemble).



Above, violin/clarinet duet Joey Cobau and John Cobau. Above right, the woodwind quartet of Anne Thoits, Amber Giesekeing, Emily Truss and Jenna VanMarter.

North superior at State

Grosse Pointe North High School musicians achieved superior, excellent and good ratings at the recent State Solo and Ensemble competition.

North had 15 soloists and five small ensembles representing the school at March 21 and 22 competition at Walled Lake Central High School. All North's soloists and

ensemble received superlative ratings from Michigan School Vocal Music Association judges. Each was required to sing two songs, one in a foreign language, and sight-read a short piece of music.

Soloists received two superior ratings, 12 excellent ratings and a good rating.

The ensemble, Pointe Chorale, was given a superior rating for the second consecutive year.

The Choraliers, Norsemen, AcaFella and CounterPointe each earned an excellent rating.

The North choirs perform their Spring Broadway concert at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday,

May 16 and 17, in the Performing Arts Center. Tickets are sold at the door or in advance at Wild Birds Unlimited.

Director Ben Henri and accompanist Cheryl Faba said they were proud of the students and all their hard work.

Schools from 10 counties in southeast Michigan participated in this event.

City of **Grosse Pointe Woods**, Michigan

NOTICE TO BIDDERS – DOUBLE SHREDDED BROWN HARDWOOD MULCH AND INJECTION OF MULCH IN LANDSCAPE BEDS THROUGHOUT THE CITY Sealed bids will be received by the City at the office of the City Clerk, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, until 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 15, 2014, at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing Double Shredded Brown Hardwood Mulch and Injection of Mulch in Landscape Beds throughout the City. Copies of specifications and bid sheets may be obtained from the City Clerk. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any irregularities in the bidding and to accept any proposals it deems to be in the best interest of the City.

Lisa Kay Hathaway
City Clerk

G.P.N.: 4/3/2014

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Special show

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Recycle event changed

Due to inclement weather, the district-wide electronics recycling event has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 5.

It will still be from 9 a.m. to noon, behind Brownell Middle School, 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Rain and snow and low temperatures would have decreased both community involvement and the volunteer efforts of our young Green Team members.

More information regarding Green Team events will be available at the recycling event.