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## Group asks for answers

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTE** — A group of residents is trying to match municipal rental records with public school enrollment files to expose border jumpers taking classes in the district illegally.

"We feel the cities can put pressure on the school board to make sure it's following through with

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## State champs

Grosse Pointe South girls' hockey team captains, from left, Eliza Bourke, Libby Erickson, Abby Carrier and Ellie Flom, hold the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 1 state championship trophy after playing a heart-pumping, nail-biting one-goal game against city rival and defending champion University Liggett School last weekend at Eddie Edgar Ice Arena in Livonia. For results and photos, see page 1C.

PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

## A labor of love

By Joe Warner  
Editor

**DETROIT** — They're called partner mornings and they're intense. Dozens of local business people have made their way to the Nevada campus of Cornerstone Schools.

It's a sunny Friday morning and the energy at 8 a.m. March 6, is amazing.

A string orchestra of students performs, even more sing in a choir. Cornerstone's President and CEO, Ernestine Sanders is smiling as she explains the morning schedule.

The best and brightest at Detroit's charter school near 7



PHOTOS BY JOE WARNER

**John Nicholson** of Grosse Pointe Farms talks with a student during a recent partner morning. Nicholson and his wife Suzanne have been longtime mentors to the Cornerstone program.

Mile and Van Dyke are ready to shine.

Business partners, some with the school since partner mornings began, are ready to go. Partners are assigned a student and they head to the classrooms.

Kindergarten students work on a project - this day's about magnets - with their partner. A class of eighth graders explains their science projects. Another class talks about God. Another about a visit to Western Michigan University the day before.

These students are gifted in a program built by its founding chair, Clark Durant of Grosse Pointe Farms.

Durant is quick to attribute success to the staff he's assembled, including Sanders who is in her 21st year with Cornerstone. He points to teachers, support staff and the students for their desire to achieve.

Starting as a program for students through middle school, this year celebrates Cornerstone's first graduating class. There are 14 graduating students. All have been accepted a

See LOVE, page 9A

## Fincham plans to retire

By John McTaggart  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — After more than four decades of service to the Grosse Pointe community Woods City Administrator Skip Fincham is retiring.

Fincham notified Mayor Robert Novitke and the rest of the city council in late February, but didn't make it public until recently.

"I wanted to give them enough notice to properly plan, advertise and go through the process of hiring a new city administrator," Fincham said. "There has not been a specific date for my separation of employment at this point, but I anticipate it will be sometime in late July or August."

At a committee of the whole meeting before the city council meeting Monday, March 16, the council decided to begin the search for Fincham's replacement with a trio of ads placed within organizations such as the Michigan Municipal League, National

See RETIRE, page 7A

## Superintendent forums wind down

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

Armed with recommendations from focus groups as to the qualities desired in a new leader, consultants from SCHOOL EXEC CONNECT will now begin in earnest the search for a new school superintendent.

Focus groups have been held for the past two weeks with participants ranging from school administrators to civic leaders to senior citizens. SEC consultants admit attendance at the groups has not been high, but they have been

able to get a feeling for the qualities those involved with the Grosse Pointe schools are looking for in a new leader.

SEC consultants Dave Peterson and Larry Lobert sought input at the focus groups on several points. Among them are: what do people consider the strengths of a the Grosse Pointe school system, what are the traits and skillsets they desire in a superintendent, what are the greatest challenges facing the district and what should the new superintendent focus on with his or her first day on the job.

At a recent focus group held for resi-

dents, attendees cited committed teachers and staff and a community highly committed to quality education as the top strengths of the system. However, that doesn't mean the new superintendent won't have to address several issues facing the system, including declining enrollment and closing the achievement gap.

"We can't rest on our laurels anymore," one resident noted.

"The new superintendent needs to ensure that every child is achieving,"

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## Adore Eclectic Interiors

Adore Eclectic Interiors celebrated its grand opening in March with the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce. Adore is a new and upscale consignment furniture and home furnishings store located at 20725 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Woods. Above, from left, are design consultant Amy Hicks, Irish Girls' Nest owner Michelle Kiernan, design consultant Kathryn Salisbury, Adore owner Marleen Prater, Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Robert Novitke, design consultant Erin Wilde, design consultant Melissa Pappas and Woods City Administrator Skip Fincham. For more information call (313) 649-2175.

## Valade honored by police

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — K-9 Duke seemed to channel his namesake Duke Ellington's upbeat tune, "You Dirty Dog," when barking support of Gretchen Carhartt Valade's receipt of the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department's Community Service Award for 2014.

Valade is voluntarily funding the K-9 program through her Dirty Dog

Jazz Cafe on the Hill for 10 years, Duke's anticipated working life. "He's the cutest dog I ever saw," Valade said. "I get along with him beautifully."

"We're really grateful to Gretchen," said Dan Jensen, Farms public safety director.

He awarded Valade a plaque Monday, March 9. She said she'll take it home for a while and then, maybe, hang it in the cafe.

Duke, a nearly 1 1/2-year-old German

shepherd from Germany, was certified in July as a police patrol dog.

He's trained in narcotics detection, tracking, evidence searching and apprehension.

During 2014, he and his handler, Officer Tim Harris, conducted:

- ◆ 15 narcotics cases,
- ◆ five tracks,
- ◆ two building searches,
- ◆ one narcotics search with the special response team and
- ◆ two public demonstrations.

## Next Dabble in Farms May 30

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — The next Dabble in the Farms street party on the Hill is Saturday, May 30.

It's the fourth edition of the Dabble, which producers say is fun, showcases the central commercial district, including restaurants, and raises money for a participating non-profit.

"This year, we plan to dabble with the layout a little," said Jason Dritsan, of Liquid Events, a special events company producing events in the Farms and other metro Detroit communities.

Live music, previously staged in a temporary tent in the municipal parking lot next to Richard Elementary School, will be set up for

an open-air performance.

"We have temporarily contracted the national recording artists, Fruition, a bluegrass band from Portland, Ore.," Dritsan said.

The new set-up faces Kercheval to reduce noise spilling into residential neighborhoods.

Also new this year, food is provided by a half dozen self-contained food trucks licensed by the health department, Dritsan said.

Volunteers from Camp Casey, a nonprofit organization providing horseback rides to child cancer patients, are being recruited to serve alcohol.

Grosse Pointe Farms officials approved the event on municipal property according to the same conditions govern-

ing prior Dabbles.

- Organizers must:
- ◆ pay a \$500 rental fee to use the parking lot,
  - ◆ provide proof of an insurance policy and agreement protecting the city from liability and
  - ◆ reimburse the Farms "for all personnel costs."

Attendance at last summer's Dabble neared 1,500. Tickets last year cost around \$40.

No one reported public safety issues regarding prior Dabbles, according to Dan Jensen, Farms public safety director.

"It's a very well run event," he said. "All people are usually out of there by 10:15 p.m. They have a great security staff."

"The Hill Association provided a letter of approval for this event once again," Dritsan said.



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## Business partnership

The Grosse Pointe Public School System community luncheon, with Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe as a partner, was supported by dozens of business people and officials March 5. Above, Sharon Maier of the Beaumont Foundation and Mary Fodell, founder and director of Full Circle, talk for a moment before the lunch.

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## D.C. update

Freshman Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence held a coffee meeting at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Thursday, March 12. The legislative update was presented to a few dozen district residents and local officials. The event was sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce and the Grosse Pointe News. Lawrence, the former longtime mayor of Southfield, discussed several issues including the economy, immigration, her district and more.



Lawrence enjoys conversation with Grosse Pointe Shores Councilwoman Kay Felt at an hour-long forum last week.

PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

## Beaumont project goes forward

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Sounding like a mother tired of advancing allowance to a free-spending child, Councilwoman Jean Weipert guardedly granted plans to construct a two-story medical office building on the development-prone campus of Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe.

"I've reached the limit," she told hospital executives Monday, March 16.

Councilman John Stempfle went further.

He cast the lone, minority vote against construction, which a majority of six council members approved to start in August for a grand opening at the end of summer 2016.

Beaumont is in league on the development with Grosse Pointe Medical Office Building, a limited liability company that operates comparable facilities elsewhere.

The rectangular building, measuring 521 feet along Cadieux from just

below the main entrance halfway to Jefferson, meets the same 41-foot setback and the 35-foot height limit if houses were built there.

Medical and physicians' offices are slated for the ground and second floors.

Outpatient services fill the basement, freeing space in the main hospital for an additional 20 private in-patient rooms.

New offices will generate a 2 to 3 percent traffic increase around campus, according to an engineering study.

Parking isn't an issue, as Beaumont is providing more than city codes require.

"I need that building," said hospital President Rick Swaine.

It forestalls adding a "bed tower" to the main hospital structure.

"I can almost assure you that 10 years from now, there won't be a bed tower," Swaine said. "The cost and disruption of trying to build a bed tower would be enormous."

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## The Week Ahead

### THURSDAY, MARCH 19

◆ Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of "Don't Dress for Dinner" opens at 8 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. For tickets, costing \$18, visit gpt.org.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 20

◆ First day of spring.  
◆ Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of "Don't Dress for Dinner" begins at 8 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.  
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### SATURDAY, MARCH 21

◆ A free eat healthy, be active workshop is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the

Neighborhood Club Recreation and Wellness Center. Lunch is served. To register, call (313) 885-4600.

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### MONDAY, MARCH 23

◆ Grosse Pointe Park city council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 24

◆ Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Business Before Hours is from 8 to 9 a.m. at Cornwall Bakery, 15215 Kercheval,

Grosse Pointe Park.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 26

◆ The Grosse Pointe Library Board meets at 7 p.m. in the Woods branch, 20680 Mack. The agenda is available at gp.lib.mi.us.

◆ Grosse Pointe North High School choir performs their "Great Works Concert, Music from

Choral Festival" at 7 p.m. at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. Adult tickets cost \$10, student and senior ticket price is \$5. Gold Cards are accepted. Tickets are available at Wild Birds Unlimited on Mack or at the door. Call (313) 516-7122 or visitgpnorthchoirs.org.

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# Park resident honored to lead national board

Marwan Abouljoud, M.D., director of the Henry Ford Transplant Institute, has been elected to serve as a Director on the American Board of Surgery. The independent, nonprofit organization provides and maintains board certification for surgeons, currently certifying about 30,000 surgeons in



Dr. Marwan Abouljoud

the United States. About 40 active surgeons serve as volunteers on the board. Nominated by his peers, Dr. Abouljoud will serve for six years, beginning July 1. "This is especially meaningful for me, given the joy I derive from surgery, the work we do and the difference we make at Henry Ford Health

System," Dr. Abouljoud says about the honor. "I know such opportunities do not occur in a vacuum, nor does personal growth or accomplishments. My teams are the best I know." A renowned liver transplant surgeon, Dr. Abouljoud has been on staff at Henry Ford Hospital since 1994. He serves as Chief Medical Officer of the Henry Ford Medical Group, one of the nation's largest and most experienced group practices, with more than 1,200 physicians and researchers in more than 40 specialties. Dr. Abouljoud is a member of the

public policy committee for the American Medical Group and serves on the board of directors and is a Region 10 Councillor for the United Network for Organ Sharing, among numerous other professional affiliations. He is also an associate professor at the Wayne State University School of Medicine. Dr. Abouljoud earned his medical degree at the American University of Beirut Faculty of Medicine in 1985 and master's degree in Medical Management at Carnegie Mellon University in 2013. The 54-year-old father of three lives with his wife in Grosse Pointe Park.

## Toro likes change

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — Mark Wollenweber rues not patenting a new brake assembly his public works mechanic suggested for Toro work carts. "It was adopted by Toro on new vehicles," said Wollenweber, manager of Grosse Pointe Shores. The innovation prevents road salt from infiltrating exposed pistons, which activate calipers, on the four-wheeled cart's disc brakes. "On freshly salted roads, a mixture of salt and water got between the piston and bore of the caliper and corroded it," said Scott DeGeer, mechanic. Eventually, brake pis-

tons stopped retracting. "The brake would drag," DeGeer said. "You'd have a smoking brake and non-functioning cart." Problems got so bad on the city's two carts, DeGeer had to rebuild their calipers. "I went to Toro with the problem and recommended putting dust boots, or seals, on the pistons," DeGeer said. "They sent over a couple of engineers." The change was made by the next model year. "They had their manufacturer redesign the caliper by engraving a little groove to put on a dust boot and protect the piston as it extends," DeGeer said. "When it retracts, nothing can get in there."

## Libraries adapt to times

By John McTaggart  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTE** — Today, information is no more than a click of a mouse or a swipe of a touchscreen tablet away. Despite advances in technology, however, there is still something magical about a visit to the library. "There will always be something you can't get anywhere else," Grosse Pointe Public Library patron Cindy Marian-Cline said. "There's something about coming here and doing research or utilizing some of the features they offer here. You can't replace that with an iPad or smartphone. You just can't do it." Marian-Cline visited the Woods branch to help her niece with a school project, but she is a regular at each of the GPPL's three branches, she said. "I grew up loving the library system," she said. "I still do."

Branches are located in the Woods, Farms and Park. Along with research and print books, modern libraries offer much more to patrons, Woods branch coordinator Pat McClary said. "It's more than what traditional libraries offer. We're very proud of the programs we offer for children, and for people of all ages," McClary said. "Our libraries here in the Grosse Pointes are very good, and can offer so much to residents." Books still line the shelves of each of the three branches, but technology certainly has a place in each facility. "I use the eLibrary all the time," Wayne State University student DeAndre Cook said. "I'll download a magazine between classes or I've even downloaded an entire book electronically. It's kind of crazy, but it's a really nice feature they (library) offers. It's very convenient. Still,

I come here to study all the time. It's a good environment for that kind of thing, too." The GPPL offers dozens of magazine titles, eAudiobooks, music and books through digital downloads. "It's not the library I remember as a child," Marian-Cline said. "But that's good I think. They have to be more than a traditional library. They have to keep up with the times. They do a great job in that respect here." Keeping up with the times also means becoming a hub for the community. Offering events, workshops, programs and other community-centered activities is a big part of what makes the GPPL such popular destination for residents. "We have a very full calendar of events and programs," McClary said. "We try and make them as relevant and fun as we can and most also have a learning component to

them." The programs range from Dog Day Afternoons, where elementary-school aged children read aloud to a dog, to learning archery, teen poverty slams, a visit from Lou's Pet Shop, mommy pop-ins, book discussion groups and more. "There is really something for everybody," McClary said. "We're here to enrich the community with everything the library offers residents." For more information on the GPPL visit gp.lib.mi.us.

## Move saves money

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — Medics are tapping laptops to streamline record keeping and end redundant work. "Currently on medic runs, our paramedics convey the patient to the hospital and hand-write a run sheet," said John Schulte, public safety director in Grosse Pointe Shores. Medics file the document at the emergency room, return to headquarters, type the handwritten data into computer files and upload it to the state. "This represents a duplication of effort and keeps our officers out of service for 30 to 40 minutes," Schulte said. A streamlined system is scheduled to start March 1. Schulte anticipates his officers' typewritten reports to be "far more comprehensive and legible."

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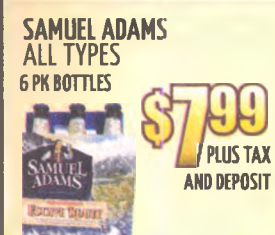
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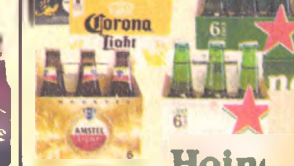
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cross-checking,” said Diane Karabetsos, of the Residents for Residency Committee and past school board candidate. “There’s no way you can cross-check all those kids if you don’t know who the renters are.”

Since the 2010-11 academic year, Grosse Pointe Public Schools officials conducted or sanctioned 246 residency tips leading to the expulsion of 207 students, according to figures on the district website.

Because investigations are specialized tasks involving legal risk, they’re now contracted to a private agency.

“This way, we can prove to the public we hired an investigator to check it out,” said Christian Fenton, Grosse Pointe deputy superintendent for business and operations. “We kick students out when we find evidence of them not being here legally.”

Costly

Expulsions cost the district state education funding, based on enrollment tallied shortly after the start of fall and winter semesters.

“If you remove 200 people, that would cost them \$3 million,” Karabetsos said.

The loss doesn’t dissuade investigators, Fenton said.

“If that were true, why would we kick out kids before the count day?” he said. “We kick them out before the count day in the fall and we kick them out before the count day in February.”

Some students are expelled after count days.

“We are not looking aside because of count dates,” Fenton said. “I’ve never said let’s wait so we can get the money. Never.”

Karabetsos, of Grosse Pointe Woods, has multiple reasons to value the integrity of Grosse Pointe public schools.

Her five sons went through the system. She helps fund it through taxes. As a real estate agent, her livelihood par-

tially depends on the link between the district’s reputation and high property values.

“We want to make sure the schools stay good,” Karabetsos said.

Legal standing

District investigators strain suspected illegals through a collator of federal and state laws allowing many definitions of legitimate residency.

“A child doesn’t not have to live in the district,” said Fenton. “Only one of his or her parents do.”

The district website, gpschools.org, summarizes eight scenarios letting students enroll in the district.

“They can reside with another family member or friend,” Fenton said. “A student who is kicked out of a rental unit can say they’re homeless. If a person declares themselves homeless, it doesn’t matter where they live, we have to educate them.”

Karabetsos said the committee, which she said has involved nearly 100 people over the past four years, isn’t against renters, whose residency is harder to verify than homeowners.

“We’re targeting people that are cheating,” she said. “Rentals are one of the loops where you can’t tell.”

Hence efforts to analyze municipal rental files.

Crosscheck

Farms officials this month rejected Karabetsos’ request under the Freedom of Information Act for the home addresses of landlords, names of tenants and lease expiration dates.

“The balance of the information was withheld under the statutory exemption based upon a clearly unwarranted

invasion of personal privacy,” said William Burgess, Farms city attorney.

Neither has the committee received information sought from Grosse Pointe Park, Karabetsos said.

“We’re probably going to appeal those to court,” she said.

She didn’t ask for information from the Shores, which has few rentals, the City or Woods.

Her goal includes exposing multiple families illegally occupying dwellings zoned for single families.

Loophole

Fenton’s private eyes can be thwarted by the same scam because zoning laws aren’t district purview.

“If they say a child’s living on a piece of property and I find them living there, I don’t have jurisdiction over that,” Fenton said. “The same thing if a resident has declared their homestead somewhere else. It’s up to the city to enforce zoning requirements.”

Karabetsos understands why people outside the district want their children to benefit from a Grosse Pointe education.

“It’s not about the children,” Karabetsos said. “It’s about parents teaching children to lie and cheat.”

Ante up

The legal and moral thing for such parents to do is establish valid residency in the district.

“The Pointes are very affordable,” Karabetsos said. “There are rentals in the Park for \$700. But, to be driven in from St. Clair Shores, Detroit or wherever is against the law.”

She also wants the district to abide by its closed status.

“If residents want an open district, they need to vote on that,” Karabetsos said. “If it’s a closed district, the school board needs to do its job and so do the cities.”

Harwood accepts job in Kalamazoo

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

Monday night’s Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education meeting was Tom Harwood’s last as superintendent.

He announced he would be leaving within the next two weeks to become deputy superintendent of the Kalamazoo Regional Educational Services Agency.

Board president Judy Gafa thanked Harwood for his years of service to the district.

“Through all the years you have been here and in all the roles you have served, your dedication to the students of this district has shown through every day,” she said. “We wish you the best of luck in your new endeavor.”

Harwood gave a brief statement, citing the professionalism of district staff at all levels, beginning with district custodians and school secretaries.

“Our custodians have always made sure that our old buildings look their best,” he said. He also praised school secre-

taries for bringing excitement and pride to their jobs and the technology staff for doing an outstanding job with a skeletal staff.

He also thanked teachers.

“Every day in every classroom, we have done so much with all of our students,” he said. “Our teachers are incredible.” He recognized principals for their strong leadership and management skills, as well as the district’s administrative team and Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services, Dr. Jon Dean.

Harwood was visibly moved when he thanked Chris Fenton, deputy superintendent for business and operations.

“You have been a great colleague and friend,” he said.

Harwood thanked the board for a gift Gafa had presented to him.

He also thanked his family and said he is looking forward to his new position in Kalamazoo.

Harwood will begin his duties with Kalamazoo RESA mid-April.

Site lists criteria

**THE GROSSE POINTE** — The following conditions qualify students to enroll in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

The information comes from the “frequently asked questions” section of the district website, gpschools.org.

Access the section under the site’s “prospective families” option and, subsequently, “enrollment.”

Also included are a telephone number, (313) 432-3083, and a link to the district to submit

anonymously tips to school officials about students suspected of enrolling illegally.

Question: What students are eligible to enroll in Grosse Pointe public schools?

Answer: The following categories of students may legally attend our schools under state or federal law.

1. A student who lives with one or both parents or legal guardians in a home they own or rent in the district. In this scenario, the residence must be the parent/guardian’s

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primary legal domicile and they must actually live in the home. Merely owning or renting a home in the district, but not living in it, is not sufficient to establish residency.

2. A student who does not live in the district, but whose parent or full legal guardian lives within the district (even if the student does not live with that parent or guardian).

3. A student who lives with a parent or full legal guardian who lives with another person in the district. In other words, the parent or legal guardian does not own or rent his or her residence, but lives with another, and the student lives with them.

4. A student whose parent or legal guardian, residing outside the district, is unable to provide a suitable home for the student and who places the student in the home of a relative of the student within the district

for the purposes of securing a suitable home for the child and not for an educational purpose.

5. A student who is placed in a licensed foster home within the district boundaries.

6. A student who is homeless.

7. A non-resident student attending special education programs hosted by GPPSS under Public Act 18.

8. Certain children of active duty members of the United States armed services.

Question: Some of these exceptions appear quite lenient. Why would the district adopt such standards for enrollment eligibility?

Answer: All these categories are rooted in either state or federal law. As a public school system we are obligated to comply.

Fincham said. "I plan on spending more time with my wife, children and grandchildren and hopefully do some traveling as well."

Fincham served in the Woods as director of public safety and city administrator. He was director of public safety and assistant city administrator for the City of Grosse Pointe.

"I want the residents and the mayors and councils I have had the privilege of serving to know that I am most grateful for the opportunity I have been given to work in such a wonderful Grosse Pointe community," he said. "The Grosse Pointes are truly wonderful communities, and I will certainly miss working with the many friends I have made over these last 42 years."

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League of Cities and the International City/County Management Association.

The hope is to have a candidate in place by the summer.

Fincham informed the council he would do whatever was asked of him to help the new administrator settle in.

"I am certainly willing to work with our mayor and council in order to make as smooth a transition as possible," Fincham said.

The decision to retire was not an easy one.

"Believe me, I have had mixed feelings and emotions over this decision, but I know the time is right to start the next chapter in my life,"

## Galat new sergeant

By John McTaggart  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — The public safety department in the Woods has a new sergeant, Walter Galat.

Galat was promoted to the position at the city council's Monday, March 16, meeting in front of family and friends.

"It's a huge honor," Galat said. "I'm very happy about being able to do this here."

Galat has been with the department for more than 13 years, and has an extensive list of training and experience.

"He has a very extensive and colorful training background," Public Safety Director Bruce Smith said. "I'm very



PHOTO BY JOHN MCTAGGART

Walter Galat, the newest sergeant in the Woods, receives his pin from his wife, Andrea.

impressed."

As a sergeant, Galat said his duties will be different. "The role is different," he said. "You're responsible for overseeing critical change, but they're welcomed changes."

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The deadline to sponsor one of the GP Benches is fast approaching.

Monday, March 30, is the last day for sponsors to submit their applications to be part of the event, and individuals, businesses and organizations are encouraged by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce to take part in this unique public art exhibit.

This year's exhibit features larger-than-life butterfly benches decorated by local artists and displayed throughout the Grosse Pointes during the summer months.

With two sponsorship levels available, a Monarch level for \$5,000 and a Caterpillar level for \$2,500, there's opportunity to take part in the exhibit.

Sponsors are entitled to an unfinished bench with their choice of artist who be commissioned by the chamber foundation to decorate the bench. Sponsors also select the location to display the bench during public exhibition.

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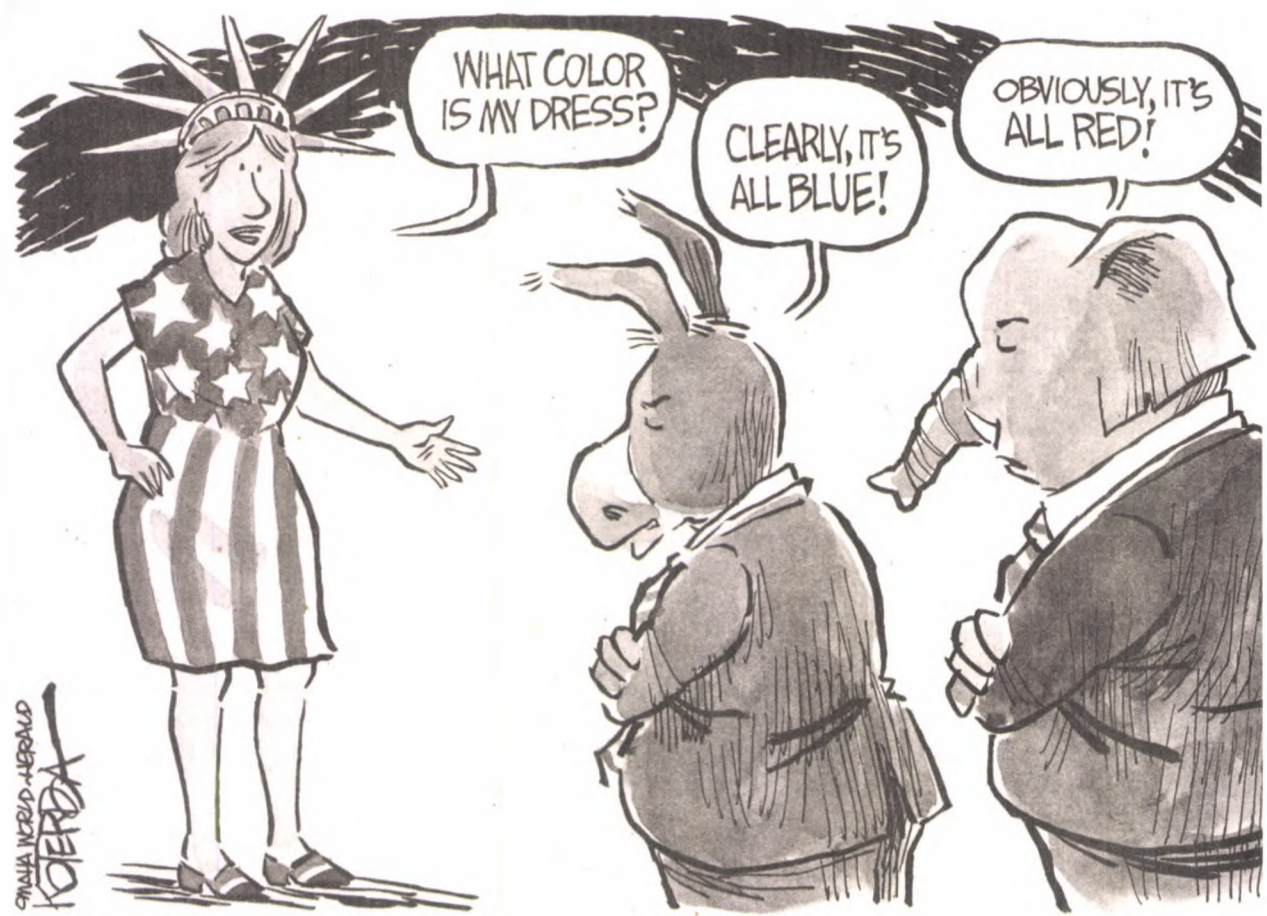
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SUNSHINE WEEK

MPA honors two for their work

The Michigan Press Association is honoring State Senator Tonya Schuitmaker (R-Lawton) and State Representative Peter Pettalia (R-Presque Isle) for their support of sunshine and transparency in government at all levels.

Both have been stalwart supporters of the public's right to know during their legislative careers. They have worked closely with the MPA public policy team to help improve open government in Michigan.

MPA is pleased to announce these awards during the national celebration of Sunshine Week March 15-21. This award recognizes Michigan legislators who have made a significant contribution to the

cause of furthering open government.

Schuitmaker and Pettalia are receiving the award based on their support of last year's FOIA reforms and their ongoing understanding of the importance public notices in newspapers play in keeping Michigan's citizens informed about the activities of their government. These actions directly support the MPA charge of defending free speech, promoting an open and responsive government and the fostering of an informed citizenry.

Both have set a standard all those in government should emulate.

"The MPA Sunshine Award is presented to legislators who champion good open govern-

ment and understand the role the newspaper plays in watching government

and informing the people." Said MPA Public Policy Committee Chair Dirk Milliman. "Last year's winners, Rep. Tom McMillin and Rep. (now Sen.) Mike Shirkey were instrumental in pushing changes to Michigan's Freedom of Information Act through the legislature and into law. This year's winners, Rep. Peter Pettalia and Sen. Tonya Schuitmaker embody those same beliefs -- transparency in government, the rights of the people to know what their government is doing and a robust free press as a cornerstone to democracy, on both the local and state level. We applaud them for their

efforts and their leadership in helping educate and move others in that same direction."

We appreciate the tough jobs our council and board members have in the Grosse Pointes - at the municipalities and the public schools.

Technology has changed the way some have done business and we'll highlight some of those changes in the coming weeks.

We take seriously our charge to fight for open government and we'll continue to do so, locally and in supporting the MPA's efforts in Lansing.

Stay tuned to the Grosse Pointe News for more. We're proud to be celebrating 75 years in business here.

ISAY By Joe Warner

Who misses winter around here?

We seemed to cruise through December and January. A nice pile of snow, some cold nights - and then February.

The National Weather Service claims February saw an average high of 15

degrees. Fifteen.

So, I don't know anyone who misses that weather. And this week we were teased with a day of 60-plus? Just one day?

Now that the majority of snow, except for the

dirty piles at the end of parking lots, has melted away, we'll share a couple more photos of some pretty cool stuff when there was snow.

And then we're done. Start working on the

boat. Get ready to be in the garden. We're getting rid of winter. Starting now.

Thanks to those who gave us the following, captured by staff photographer Renee Landuyt.

Fowl weather friend

Pun intended for snowman and duck team guarding a house along Kerby in Grosse Pointe Farms.



Two more on Yorkshire

Grosse Pointe Park resident Matt Scheutze is known for his snow creations around his Yorkshire house. At left, an Easter Island statue replica. At right, the Space Shuttle. Schuetze enjoyed good packing snow right before the warm temperatures hit. In the photo above, his daughter, Sophie, strikes the pose.

## LOVE:

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college or a university. In a city where 41 percent of eighth graders graduate, Cornerstone's number is north of 95 percent.

Grosse Pointe Farms resident John Nicholson, who with his, Suzanne, have been partners with Cornerstone for 25 years. John Nicholson serves as chairman of the board for the Cornerstone program, which serves more than 2,400 students.

Clark and I have been friends for 40 years, plus," John Nicholson said. "The partner program helps develop the character and growth of the students."

Lynn Wood, also a resident of the Farms, said attending her first partner morning years ago had her coming back for more.

"These children are challenged academically and spiritually," Wood said. "I really believe in Cornerstone. This program has become a model for schools in other cities."

For the founder, teaching goes far beyond the books. Respect abounds as students mingle with business partners. A firm handshake, a look in the eyes. Even from the kindergarten students.

"Our core idea here is love," Durant said. "Giving of one's self to allow another to have a



better life. Really trying to live the gospel and learn from our mistakes. It's a commitment from everybody and it's rewarding."

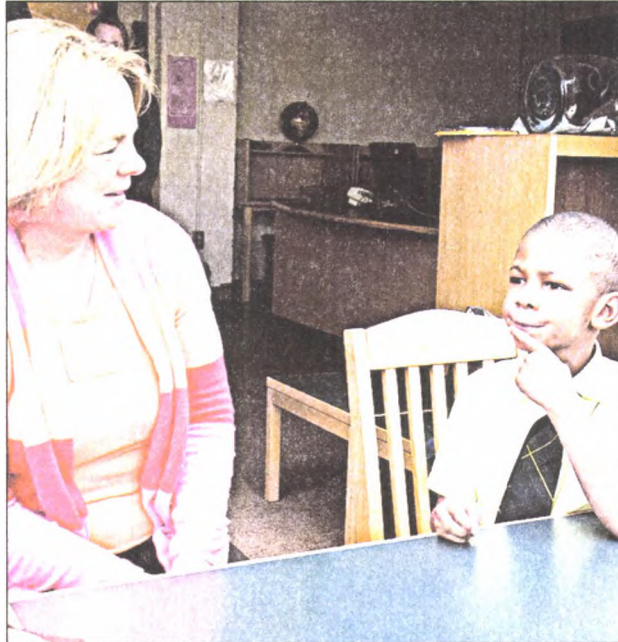
Sanders said the energy from partner mornings last until the next one.

"This means so much to us and to the students especially," she said. "What an amazing morning."

Durant said he appreciates the business partnerships throughout Detroit, the Pointes and other metro communities.

"It's a team effort," he said. "We couldn't do it without the help of so many."

For more information about Cornerstone Schools and its programs, visit [cornerstoneschools.org](http://cornerstoneschools.org).



PHOTOS BY JOE WARNER

At top, the choir at Cornerstone Schools performs for the partner morning partners Friday, March 6. Above, Grosse Pointe Farms resident Lynn Wood enjoys post-classroom project discussion with Nyaire Madlock-Stewart, a 6 1/2 year old kindergarten student whose favorite school subject is math.

## PROJECT:

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mous. But, I can never tell you never. I don't know what happens 20 years down the road."

Beaumont occupies a 3.39-acre block bordered on three sides by residential roads Cadieux, Maumee and Notre Dame.

The southern border, Jefferson, is a major transportation artery.

Stempfle is concerned the hospital is growing too much.

"Isn't enough enough already?" he asked. "I'm concerned it's getting too big for this small community."

Of 16 citizens addressing the council, 10 opposed the proposal for risking increased motor vehicle traffic and noise.

"We want to protect the ambiance of the neighborhood," said Mary Catherine Ashley, a nearby homeowner.

Six speakers, all physicians affiliated with Beaumont, supported the construction, primarily for increasing residents' access to quality healthcare.

Councilman Chris Walsh countered claims by critics living near the hospital that expansion benefits the neighborhood at large, but harms

them.

"We're all part of the neighborhood," Walsh said.

He praised Beaumont for adding value to the community in terms of medical services for aging residents, municipal tax revenue and support of community activities.

The new building is expected to generate \$60,000 to \$70,000 per year in additional property taxes, according to a report by Peter Dame, city manager.

Some 84 Beaumont employees live in the City, Stempfle said. They're among 48 percent of the hospital's employees living in the Grosse Pointe area.

Beaumont has contributed more than \$500,000 to Pointe charities, school programs and special events, according to an impact statement provided by its business partners.

"We have a first-class healthcare provider looking to make a major investment," said Councilman Andrew Turnbull.

"We have to keep the entire community in mind."

"But for the sake of that hospital, my mom and dad wouldn't be here," said Councilman Donald Parthum Jr. "To say it doesn't benefit the community — I can't understand that."

## GALAT:

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cal incidents and public safety officers. That responsibility falls on you as a sergeant. You have to be able to take charge

and be able to handle that kind of responsibility."

Galat also said the ability to make quick decisions is a necessary requirement for the position.

"You have to be able to think on your feet, for

sure," Galat said.

Galat made a point to thank his family for their support.

"My family has been so supportive," he said. "They're understanding and I know if I need anything they're going to be

there for me. I wouldn't be able to do what I do without that kind of support."

With the promotion official, Galat takes his place among the six sergeants on staff in the department.

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# NEWS II

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## Two cities, one love for horses

When this winter's bitter cold temperatures left the horses of Detroit's Mounted Police Division unable to work or exercise, the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club stepped up to provide warm indoor accommodations for the animals.

It's the most recent example of how communities in metro Detroit support one another

when needs arise.

"We patrol on horseback all year round, but some weather is just too extreme," said Sgt. Erik Eide, who trains the horses used by the mounted police. "With the bitter cold, snow and ice, we were limited in how much outdoor activity and exercise we could give our horses."

Eide mentioned his



concerns to Catherine Govan, executive director of the Detroit Public Safety Foundation, which advocates on behalf of all Detroit public safety officers and departments. A few phone calls later, the hardworking horses had access to a warm exercise facility — with a newly installed roof.

"Our decision was, essentially, immediate," said Kathleen Gallagher, president of the board of directors of the Grosse

Pointe Hunt Club. "We know how much these horses do for the people of Detroit, our neighbors, and we were pleased to launch a partnership that can help them stretch their legs during the winter months. It is an honor to build such strong community ties between the cities of Grosse Pointe and Detroit."

According to Eide, the partnership has been a lifesaver.

"Being able to ride inside in softer sand and getting the horses the kind of exercise they need is a huge plus for them — and for us," Eide said. "The horses hate being inside their stalls just as much as we hate being cooped up during the winter months."



PHOTOS BY DOUG ASHLEY

The Grosse Pointe Hunt Club extended a helping hand to the Detroit Police Department during February. Standing with officers in the bottom left photo is Hunt Club Barn Manager Maggie Yash.



pressures forced the division's closure a decade ago, Mayor Dave Bing and the Detroit Public Safety Foundation were able to provide the support necessary to re-establish it in 2009.

"The mounted police are an important part of our city's heritage," said Jim Nicholson, chairman of the Detroit Public Safety Foundation. "Our officers and horses are out 365 days a year — weather permitting —

maintaining a familiar presence in downtown and midtown areas. When there are concerts, sporting events, and other activities anywhere in the city, the mounted police will be there. It means a lot to the mounted division in particular, and Detroit in general, that we have community neighbors like the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club who are willing to extend their helping hand."

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Grosse Pointe Farms

Drunken speeding

At 3:19 a.m. Sunday, March 15, a New Hampshire man, 41, reportedly denied drinking prior to driving a 2015 Dodge Charger 66 mph on westbound Mack. He smelled of alcohol and, during a roadside investigation in the 900 block of southbound Lincoln, failed sobriety tests, according to police. At headquarters, he registered a .12 percent blood alcohol level, reported the arresting officer.

Third offense

A patrolman arrested a 32-year-old man from Kentucky at 3:08 a.m. Saturday, March 14, for driving drunk the wrong way on Fisher between Ridge and Kercheval. He denied drinking, but failed a series of field sobriety tests and registered a .15 percent blood alcohol level, according to the officer. The man's record features two drunken driving arrests in Kentucky, according to police.

Comes and goes

During the evening of

Public Safety Reports

Friday, March 13, customs officers at the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel detained a 32-year-old Detroit man on an outstanding warrant from the Farms. He was wanted for failing to appear in municipal court on a drunken driving charge. Farms officers picked him up in Detroit, processed him at headquarters and turned him over to Dearborn police on two unspecified warrants.

Armed (ex?)student

A student bearing firearms in a photograph on twitter is removed from Grosse Pointe South High School until further notice, according to police and school officials. South administrators learned of the posting from an anonymous source, they told a public safety officer at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 12. An assistant principal and counselor requested the officer on campus regarding a "situation" with the 18-year-old male from Grosse Pointe Park.

He reportedly appeared in two photos holding what appeared to be a pistol and shotgun. The images were posted on his twitter account until removed three weeks ago, reported the officer. "At the request of the complainant, (I) stood by while the suspect's locker and his person, with consent, were searched with negative result for weapons," said the officer. There was no arrest. "The school will continue their investigation in this matter," said the officer. "(The) suspect was sent home from school."

Over limit

A woman driving a 2011 Dodge Avenger without lights at 2:31 a.m. Tuesday, March 10, was arrested for drunken driving on westbound Mack near the intersection of East Warren. Her blood alcohol level measured .13 percent, according to the arresting officer. — Brad Lindberg Report information about these or other crimes to the Grosse

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

Grosse Pointe Shores Temp tagged

Bad luck came late for a 19-year-old Southfield man. He squeaked through Friday the 13th only to be arrested at 1:13 a.m. Saturday, March 14, for driving a 2001 Pontiac Aztek illegally in the Shores. A patrolman pulled him over for driving without headlights at speeds up to 11 mph over the limit on southbound Lakeshore near Fontana Lane. The man had a temporary driving permit. He was released on \$300 bond.

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

City of Grosse Pointe

Handicap violation

For the second time in two weeks, a patrolman

75-year-old Detroit man. "(I) advised her it was illegal to use a placard issued to someone else," said the officer. He cited the woman, then released her to Grosse Pointe Park police on an outstanding traffic warrant.

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Judge serves lesson

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — A 22-year-old woman's past is so bleak all she has left is the future.

"I have screwed up in the past quite a bit," said Brittany Lynn Eden, in Grosse Pointe Farms Municipal Court Wednesday, March 4. She faced sentencing

for drunken driving and marijuana possession. "It says you've been in 'rebellion mode your whole life,'" Judge Matthew Rumora told Eden, reciting a pre-sen-

tencing report. The report advised Rumora not to waste time nor trust putting Eden on probation for drunken

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BOOSTS:

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- ♦ burglary unchanged: 20,20
- ♦ car theft up 29 percent: 9,7;
- ♦ larceny up 62 percent: 89,55;
- ♦ malicious destruction of property up 4 percent: 25,26;
- ♦ robbery unchanged: 4,4,and
- ♦ major violent crime unchanged,4,4.

There hasn't been a successful break-in of a business in the Farms since two cases reported in 2011.

Fire division

Farms firefighters conducted 104 fire runs last year, a slight decrease from the year before. The biggest fire in the Farms during 2014 was at a house on Lee Gate Lane.

Fire losses for the year reached nearly \$1.2 million, up from \$195,000 in 2013.

Some 53 percent of fire runs were false alarms. Twenty runs were of a non-fire nature.

Of 16 fires, four were mutual aid to other cities. "We responded to some bad ones in Harper Woods," Jensen said.

Likewise, the Farms received mutual aid 11 times.

Traffic wrecks

The Farms' half of the intersection of Mack and Moross accounted for six traffic collisions last year, the most of any intersection in the city.

No other intersection had more than two wrecks.

Of 47 total crashes last year, one resulted in a personal injury.

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# Councilman declares no police zone

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — Councilman Dan Schulte, stripped of mayor pro tem status following his arrest at home in 2013 for domestic violence, referred to the incident, to which he pleaded no contest, last week when banning public safety officers from his property unless invited.

He's mad because a patrolman Monday night, March 2, contacted him at home in person about a neighbor's barking dog complaint.

"Does this mean I am going to get a police visit every time my dog barks?" Schulte wrote the following afternoon in an e-mail to the public safety director, mayor, council, city manager and clerk.

Again the next day at 12:05 p.m. Wednesday, March, 4, Schulte sent another e-mail to the same group reporting solicitors on his block "at this very minute, without any problem."

He contrasted the situation to a few years ago, when, campaigning for council door-to-door, a patrolman questioned him.

"It astounds me the way this council is so willing to tolerate and abide by the same corrupt practices endorsed by the council it replaced," Schulte wrote. "This city needs to be investigated by a higher authority in a major way."

Late afternoon the next day, Thursday, March 5, Schulte issued an e-mail complaining about a dog barking on Roslyn.

"When one dog barks, others bark back, which is probably what happened the other night," he wrote in an e-mail to director John Schulte (no relation) and copied to the mayor, council and clerk. "Due to the abusive, unprofessional and dishonest way I was treated by GPS officers in 2013, my respect for the police officers in this city died."

He underlined the following:

"Going forward, I do not want Grosse Pointe Shores police to set foot on my property or come to my door unless requested to do so by me."

He concluded, "If a dog is barking, put in some ear plugs, turn up the TV, or go jump in the lake. If I can tolerate a neighbor's dog barking all day without making it a police issue, so can others. Have a nice day."

Director Schulte responded Sunday, March 8:

"As always, the Public Safety Department stands ready to serve you and any resident who requests our services."

The Grosse Pointe News obtained the e-mails through a Freedom of Information Act request.

# Road program begins soon

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Last year's approval of a municipal road millage starts paying off soon.

An expanded resurfacing program begins in early April with the total reconstruction of a quarter-mile section of Chalfonte, among the roughest in the City of Grosse Pointe.

"We're waiting for the frost laws to be lifted," said Gary Huvaere, public service director.

Frost laws ban heavy trucks from roads during the spring freeze-thaw cycle to reduce the likelihood of damaging pavement.

The job was contracted in February to F.D.M. Contracting for \$694,522.

A separate bid award this week to Pro-Line Asphalt for \$433,348 provides for resurfacing portions of five more roads:

- ◆ Washington from St. Paul to Kercheval,
- ◆ Charles Street from Rivard to Roosevelt,
- ◆ Rivard Boulevard from Maumee to St. Paul,
- ◆ Notre Dame from Waterloo to Charlevoix and
- ◆ Neff from Charlevoix to Mack.

Work starts later this spring.

"Once we have a pre-construction meeting with the contractor in the next couple of weeks, we will have a start date and schedule of streets to be paved," Huvaere said.

Construction ranges from replacing the top 3 1/2 inches of Washington and Charles to 1 1/2 inches from the others.

"They'll mill the tops top first, then replace curbs and repave," Huvaere said.

Pro-Line's low bid beat six competitors wanting up to \$127,000 more for the job.

The bid also is \$30,000 less than expected, according Huvaere.

"The rest of the road budget for this year will be used to provide the match for the Kercheval project, from Cadieux to Neff, to be bid by the state," Huvaere said.

This flurry of work is funded by a special 15-year, 2.5-mill assessment voters approved last August by a 60:40 margin.

The millage translates into \$330 additional taxes for the average city dwelling and raises a total \$825,000 annually, more than triple the \$250,000 otherwise available for road repairs, according to city officials.

It will take the full life of the millage to improve the city's 20.74 miles of roads to good or excellent condition, as rated on a scale of 1 to 10 by state-approved standards.

Some 56 percent of roads in the City rate between 5 and 7, according to an analysis last winter by Patrick Phelan, of Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, the city's consulting engineers.

Nearly 33 percent of the city roads rate 1 to 4.

Only 12 percent are in the 8 to 10 range.

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# Marina opening is a sign

By John McTaggart  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — The marina at

Windmill Pointe Park is near opening, with April 15 as is the official date, but Parks and Recreation

said the phones are already ringing off the hook with those interested in wells.

"We're getting lots of phone calls regarding the marina. I mean lots," Solomon said. "Right now, we have about 300 people on the waiting list in total. We do have some open wells, but it's a matter of fitting the boats into the actual wells."

The Marina management is more about fitting pieces of a puzzle together, Solomon said.

"The marina is really like a puzzle," Solomon said. "Not only are you looking at the boat size and the size of the well, but you're also looking at the depth of the water for that well. All of that factors in and all of it plays a role in just what boat goes where."

When boaters request a well from the marina, the order in which they signed up is a factor, but not every boat fits into every well.

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## Bad business for phone thief

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — A man with an entrepreneurial bent got too free with his enterprise last week and wound up arrested for receiving and concealing stolen property.

The 24-year-old suspect, Aaron Delvone Davis, Detroit, was arraigned Thursday, March 12, in

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## Tax-season crimes up

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTES** — Hardly a week goes by this time of year without a Grosse Pointe resident reporting tax-related identity theft.

There's little local police can do about it. Statutes outlining IRS fraud place identity theft

investigations with federal authorities.

"You can file and affidavit with the IRS," said Detective Christopher Lee of the City of Grosse Pointe public safety department. "They don't provide us information regarding these cases. We have no search warrant or subpoena powers to obtain

information."

Identity theft happened March 14 to a man living on Cloverly in the Shores and March 2 to a couple on Cranston Lane in the Farms.

Someone either filed a tax return in their names or tried to in efforts to steal refunds.

They're victims in the same, mitten-shaped

pod.

Michigan ranks sixth nationally for identity theft complaints, according to the Federal Trade Commission's 2014 Consumer Sentinel Data Book.

The majority of cases involve benefits, utilities and credit card fraud.

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## JUDGE:

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driving.

"Probation will just 'set you up for defeat,'" Rumora read. "I don't think I've ever seen that before."

Farms police arrested Eden, an itinerant resident and probationer of the metro region, last October.

She pleaded guilty in January to the Farms charges while facing others in nearby jurisdictions.

Rumora delayed sentencing until she was evaluated for rehabilitation or relapse into criminal activity.

Eden's attorney, Larry Schulman, urged Rumora to disregard the dour sentencing recommendation.

"She's had quite a history," said Schulman, a

former Wayne County assistant prosecuting attorney. "However, this offense occurred back in October. Since that time, she spent time in jail. She also spent a period of time homeless, but has worked hard to get all of these cases back on track."

Eden is in counseling, attends out-patient substance abuse sessions and goes to Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, Schulman said.

"She's paying all of her court costs," he told Rumora. "I'm asking the court to take a chance, again, too."

Rumora typically tests a defendant's sincerity during pointed questioning prior to imposing sentence.

"How old are you?" he asked Eden.

"Twenty two," she answered.

"Isn't it time you grew up?" he said.

"I hope so," Eden said. Rumora learned she's looking for employment. In the meantime, Eden volunteers at an animal shelter.

"It kind of gives me something to do so I'm not getting restless," she said. "I've had a job at a vet before. Honestly, all the gory stuff — I don't know if I can handle it. The lady made it clear that if I do good with it, there's a possibility for me to get a job there. This is something I would consider doing the rest of my life. So, I'm hoping it's pretty promising."

Eden used to live in Warren.

Now, she's welcomed back tenuously by her mother in St. Clair Shores.

Her mother is wary until Eden proves herself worthy.

"She's like, we'll let you stay here, but, it's not permanent right now,"

## MARINA:

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open wells even though there's a waiting list. "There might not be boats that fit into the wells we have available at the time," Solomon said.

With more than 250 wells comprising the marina at Windmill Pointe, the success of the marina is impressive compared to some municipalities in the area who struggle to fill the slips.

"We're a real boating community," Solomon said.

"We haven't really raised our prices in six or seven years and we have a place where people can come down, sit on their boat and really enjoy the whole experience."

Enhancements to the marina's Wi-Fi is one example of the type of experience boaters can get at the marina.

"We have people who come down and actually work off of their boat," she said. "They come down and sit on the boat while their kids are taking tennis or swim lessons. That, and the marina is right in their

backyard so to speak. People can bike or walk down to their boats. I think all of this plays a part in why it's such a successful thing for us."

There are many amenities as well, Solomon said.

"We've got electricity, a

pool, the Wi-Fi, lots of things that make it a place people want to be," Solomon said. "We also have the Grosse Pointe Sail Club. They really encourage boating."

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# Drug free, deservingly

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Detective John Walko sought the role of youth officer as a way of returning wayward youngsters to lives of productivity and self-respect. To fight juvenile substance abuse, Walko last year developed a program within the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety department offering offenders alternatives to jail. “The goal is to rehabilitate young people, not lock them up,” Walko said. “The program has met

with great success and overwhelming approval from parents,” said Dan Jensen, department director. Walko’s initiative earned him a Director’s Merit Award, presented Monday, March 9. His program’s no cake walk for youths and their families. “They’re on the hook with me for months,” Walko said. Offenders get individual attention. “We need degrees of consequence and levels of help that match the level of addiction,” Walko said. Techniques involve

drug education, personal and group therapy, faith-based activities and volunteer opportunities. “To beat addiction, you have to give into something greater,” Walko said. He’s in league with several like-minded organizations, including the Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods. He works closest with Catherine Zatkoff, a Grosse Pointe South High School counselor and former Macomb County Juvenile Court probation officer. She’s also in private practice in St. Clair Shores.

“John and I want to help,” Zatkoff said. “We want people to feel comfortable coming forward if they think their child has a problem so we can stamp it out, let them move on and live a happy life.” Two main things draw young people to drugs, according to Walko. “One is peer pressure, that need to belong,” he said. “Then, there’s someone who wants to escape. Those are tougher to reach.” The attraction to drugs often is deadly. “This year alone, five or six former South students passed away from drugs

or alcohol,” Zatkoff said. Big killers these days are prescription drugs and heroin. “Kids see people taking medication all the time,” Zatkoff said. “There’s a pill for everything and kids think it’s safe.” “Young people think they’re invincible,” Walko said. Economics makes heroin a drug of opportunity. “Heroin is cheaper, \$10 for a pack of heroin versus \$20 for an Oxycodone pill,” Zatkoff said. “Kids have no idea what drugs are doing to their brains.” Part of the rehabilitation program helps youths and parents develop skills against relapse. “Walko can provide parents and school officials with reliable, low-cost drug testing kits used

by police nationally at no expense to the city,” Jensen said. “If your kid’s on drugs, call me. I want to save them,” Walko said. “They’re experimenting. And they’re dying.” Zatkoff gets good results from group therapy, where the need to belong is a positive motivation. “Kids do really well in group,” she said. They nourish each other. “The energy that comes from a group is tremendous — the encouragement that they can stay clean and don’t have to be high to have fun,” Zatkoff said. For more information, call Detective John Walko at (313) 885-2100, or counselor Catherine Zatkoff at (586) 382-7306.

# May the force be with us

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Mayor James Farquhar puts his trust in the 45-member public safety department. “We have a great force,” he said. “They’re out there everyday putting their lives on the line.” On Monday, March 9, Farquhar gave commendations to 20 of the department’s officers and dispatchers, plus a member of the 21-strong civilian volunteer reserves, for their actions during 2014. Some recipients, including the medal of valor winner and those earning unit awards for large-group actions, are, have been or will be

reported in separate articles. Following are individual or small-group award recipients and the actions for which they won praise. ♦ Citation: Reserve Officer Teddy Roney Jr. The actions of Roney, a member of the citizen volunteer reserves, Jan. 16, are among the reasons he earned the job recently of public safety communications and inmate security officer. While off duty from the reserves, he assisted during a medical emergency on Kercheval. A man, 56, had stopped breathing and was in cardiac arrest in the presence of his wife and 9-year-old child. “Roney took charge of a chaotic scene filled

with a large group of bystanders before Farms officers arrived, which allowed responding officers to concentrate on the victim,” said Dan Jensen, public safety director. “Roney then assisted with crowd control and traffic, allowing the ambulance and scout cars to transport without delay.” ♦ Citation: Detective Bryan Ford. Crimewise, the year 2012 ended in the Farms almost the way 2013 began, with a man entering businesses on the Hill to steal women’s wallets. Almost — because during the second attempt the intended victim scared him off. Ford’s investigation of the scene yielded a dis-

carded glove. He sent it to the state police crime lab for DNA analysis. A year later, findings incriminated a man recently imprisoned near Traverse City for another offense. “Ford traveled to Traverse City, obtaining a confession,” Jensen said. “Ford’s dedication to duty, thoroughness and perseverance in this case is to be commended.” ♦ Commendation: Sgt. John Bruno and Office rThomas Dionne. Bruno and Dionne combined forces Feb. 10 to arrest three men for breaking into a car parked behind a market on Mack. The officers used their experience to intercept the men hiding in a vehicle parked behind another business on the Detroit side of Mack


close to Moross, the site of a similar incident a week prior. “Knowing the routes and crime patterns of the suspects, both officers were able to cease another weekly crime spree from these criminals,” said Jensen. ♦ Commendation: Detective Lt. Richard Rosati and Detective Bryan Ford. Within hours of a bank robbery on the Hill Oct. 29, Rosati and Ford utilized forensic evidence and security video to track down a cab driver suspected of committing the crime. “The suspect had done time for bank robbery years ago,” Jensen said. Surveillance, interrogation and follow-up searches of the suspect’s property and telephone records sealed the case and illuminated the likelihood of two additional suspects. “Aggressive investigation by these detectives resulted in the arrest of a

bank robbery suspect on the same day as the robbery, provided clues to two other bank robberies and uncovered an insurance scam involving a stolen car,” Jensen said. ♦ Citation: Dispatcher Judy Chauvin. The formal job title of Farms public safety dispatchers is Communications and Inmate Security officer because they handle more than radio and telephone communications. They also interact with prisoners in the department’s two lockups. On Oct. 10, Chauvin noticed an incarcerated male with his shirt tied around his neck trying to hang himself. Chauvin alerted Sgt. Antonino Trupiano, who physically took control of the situation. Medics took the man to a hospital for a psychiatric evaluation. “Chauvin’s attention to her duties stopped the prisoner from hanging himself” Jensen said.

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Grosse Pointe Farms Municipal Court. He’s accused of trying to sell a stolen cell phone back to its owner, a Grosse Pointe Park man, for \$100 or else. “He didn’t think he did anything wrong,” said Detective Lt. Richard Rosati. “He said he was doing the victim a service by returning his phone. But, once Davis said he wouldn’t give it back unless (the victim) paid him, (Davis) converted it to his own.” The difference of

opinion thus far cost Davis nearly three days in a Farms holding cell and \$750 bond. The victim reported losing his iPhone 5 Monday, March 9, at a bar in downtown Detroit. At 9:46 p.m., the victim’s friend, of the City of Grosse Pointe, received a text message, “Somebody lost and (sic) iPhone?,” from someone offering to meet at Mack and Moross and return the phone for \$100. “(The friend and owner) communicated with the suspect through text messages to work out a money deal to

receive the phone back,” reported Officer George Bloomfield. The victim and friend contacted Farms police. “The suspect made it clear that if (the victim) did not pay up, he would not get his phone back,” Bloomfield said. Numerous officers staked out the area. They converged when Davis drove up at 11:55 p.m. in a silver 2006 Pontiac Grand Prix. Officers searching him found a .45 caliber Glock pistol with a round in the chamber. He’s licensed to carry a concealed weapon, police said, and isn’t facing a firearms charge.

## TAX:

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But, tax cheats do enough to rate the Detroit-Warren-Dearborn statistical area sixth worse in the nation for identity theft. Blame data breaches for much of it, according to John Breyault, a vice president of the National Consumers League. “Without reforms in

Washington to better protect consumers’ data, high identity theft rates could become the new normal for consumers in Michigan and around the country,” he said in a release. Breyault offered the following tips to reduce the risk of identity theft. He admits they’re not foolproof, but they’re better than nothing. ♦ Resist opening suspicious links or attachments in e-mails, text messages and Internet

sites. They can contain malware to hijack your computer and steal personal data. ♦ File taxes early to elbow out johnny-come-lately cheats. ♦ Create unique passwords using a combination of letters, numbers and symbols. ♦ Review your credit reports regularly. IRS form 14039 is an identity theft affidavit. It may be downloaded from [irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f14039.pdf](http://irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f14039.pdf).

## Right place, right time

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — A criminal doesn’t have much chance of getting away when up against eight members of the public safety department, as a young male thief learned Aug. 8. A civilian witness reported him stealing a radar detector from a parked truck and running across Mack into Detroit. At Grosse Pointe Farms

headquarters, dispatchers Judy Chauvin and Donald Dewey kept the witness on the telephone while, in the field, five officers closed in to find the suspect hiding in a restaurant on the Detroit side of Mack. “The suspect ran at Officer (Thomas) Dionne hoping to barge through him, but to no avail,” said Dan Jensen, director of public safety. “Dionne took the suspect head-on

and tackled him to the floor.” On Monday, March 9, Jensen awarded the following officers department Commendation/Citations: Detective Lt. Richard Rosati, Sgt. Antonino Trupiano; officers Keith Colombo, Vincent Finn, Paul Reygaert and Thomas Dionne; and dispatchers Donald Dewey and Judy Chauvin. — Brad Lindberg

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St. Michael's Thrift Store employee Joan Bock, left, gives change to customer Carol Roszka of Grosse Pointe Woods.



Neighborhood Thrift store employee Sandy MacKenzie wears bunny ears as she sets up the Easter and spring display.

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## It's a clean sweep

By Ann L. Fouty  
Community Editor

The decision has been made to declutter.

The stuff that needs to go out the door is more than Junior's preschool macaroni project and the suit with the stain on the lapel. It's the deflated basketballs, the stacks of 10-year-old receipts, the magazines you promised to go through five years ago. It's the clothes worn in high school and the shelving units coated with an inch of dust and 15 spider-webs.

It's time to go.

There are at least four locations accepting items for recycling. Reusable items stay out of landfills and someone can use unwanted items.

The Neighborhood Club Thrift Store, 17670 Mack, City of Grosse Pointe, accepts any clothing in good condition, preferably the present season because they have little room to store off season items, said store manager Sarah Schwartz.

Today, the thrift store has spring and Easter clothing and small household goods.

"We don't accept ripped or stained clothing," she said.

The store is filled with clothing for babies through adults, both men and women, as well as jewelry, linens, silver, shoes, books, dishware and decorative items. Many items are high end and have never been worn, as noted by the original sale tags still attached.

Donations are accepted from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Receipts are given for tax purposes.

"Capuchin Services receives some of our hard goods," Schwartz said, "electrical items like lamps and small appliances, which we can't sell for liability reasons. Central States Used Clothing receives clothing or hard good items that are not suitable for second-hand wear or use. These items are recycled in the U.S. and overseas, which provides jobs and merchandise for poorer parts of the world."



St. Michael's Thrift Shop co-manager Rosemary Berger looks over merchandise before hanging it out.



Neighborhood Club Thrift Store Manager Sarah Schwartz makes sure items are checked three times before going onto the sales floor.

The thrift store was established nearly 90 years ago by the club's founding board president Mrs. Russell A. Alger.

Habitat for Humanity's ReStore, 17181 Mack, Detroit, will take in gently used home and office furniture, new or gently used carpet, horizontal window blinds, appliances, bathroom fixtures, lighting products, tools and paint, among others.

"Donations can be new or used, but all items must be in

good repair and in salable condition," said Tara Franey, director of fund development.

"Habitat Metro ReStores also offer deconstruction services," she said. "Deconstruction/salvage is a cost-effective way to strip usable materials out of homes and buildings. These materials are then recycled and reused in the community rather than tossed into landfills. Our insured crew is capable of both small and large jobs, including

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Donations can be made between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information, visit metro-restores.org or call (313) 884-6000. Receipts are given for tax purposes.

Both St. Michael's Little Thrift Shop, 20475 Sunningdale Park, Grosse Pointe Woods, and Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church Resale Shop, 17150 Maumee, City of Grosse Pointe, are run totally by volunteers to provide a service to the community and proceeds for outreach.

According to Margo Bishop, a volunteer and chairwoman of St. Michael's resale shop, proceeds are given to Crossroads of Michigan, special church projects and \$1,600 a month directly to the church.

Unitarian church members tutor in a Detroit elementary school and some thrift shop proceeds send those children to summer camp, as well as provide holiday baskets for their families.

A lengthy list of charities are the beneficiaries of proceeds from St. Michael's thrift shop, including Alternative for Girls, Crossroads, Mariners Inn, Turning Point, Macomb County Jail Ministries, Gleaner's Food Bank and the Episcopal Relief and Development.

St. Michael's is both a consignment shop, with customers receiving 60 percent of the sale price, and a donation drop-off site.

"We never know what we will get but it's convenient and parking is close to the store," Deborah Cooper said of the shop that opened in 1958.

The Unitarian resale shop, Bishop said, takes women's and men's clothing, books, bedding, home accessories, pots and pans, small tools and linens on a 50/50 consignment, as well as donations. Seasonal donations come with a wide range of labels from Brooks

Brothers to Macy's. The store is open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday.

St. Michael's thrift shop accepts donations from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays and receipts are given for tax purposes. It is open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday and Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

### Hoarding, collecting and clutter

When the job is more than spring cleaning, different solutions need to be sought.

There is a definite difference between hoarding, collection and clutter, said Ron Samarian M.D. and chief of psychiatry for Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.

Clutter is common to just about everyone, whether it is in the garage, basement, drawers, closets or counters. Removing stacks of bills, magazines and catalogs from counters and unclogging closets can be done because there is no emotional attachment to the goods.

Hoarding and collecting are on another plane.

Hoarding is a pathological persistent need to not discard possessions and it impacts interpersonal relationships, he said. Whereas a collection is themed, a value can be explained and that value can be seen by others, "hoarding is to sustain a mess," Samarian said. "Hoarding is a spectrum illness."

Items are stacked with no rhyme or reason, not necessarily in containers and "life can be seriously compromised."

It takes the support of family members to clean out the mass of whatever has been stacked throughout the living space. The decision of cleaning out is taken away from the hoarder because these items are seen as an extension of themselves, he said.

"It's better for the family to step away. I tell them I can play

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## Financial Tips For New Parents



Suzanne Antonelli, CFP®  
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Starting a family is a huge time and financial commitment. The greatest gifts you can give your children are love, a happy and safe home, and security. We all strive for financial security and to achieve that goal requires diligence, planning, and common sense. Obviously, the earlier you start planning the greater chance for success

and prosperity. My tips for new parents:

### Set a Budget You Can Live With

Setting a budget is the cornerstone to your security. Best case scenario is being able to create a budget that allows you to live on one salary; the worst case is living paycheck to paycheck. Examine your spending habits. Are you spending a great deal of money with nothing to show for it? Where can you cut expenses? Find creative ways to have fun without breaking the bank. The envelope system, although old fashioned, is still one of the best budgeting tools. Create spending envelopes for monthly expenses that vary and are not necessities or could be trimmed:

clothing, entertainment, groceries, etc. When the envelope is empty your spending in that category is done for the month.

### Start Saving

Life is full of surprises. When you don't have the resources to pay for unexpected expenses (replacing a home appliance, car repairs, medical deductibles, etc.) it causes stress and likely arguments. The industry rule of thumb is to have 6 to 12 months of monthly living expenses in your emergency fund. This can take some time to build, be patient and diligent.

### Get Life Insurance

Insurance is for a catastrophic life event. A couple with two working spouses can likely survive

if one spouse should die unexpectedly, but a couple with a child results in devastating consequences. Not only is the remaining parent responsible for all of the childcare, but also the financial support. Protect your child and your spouse from having to sell the family home and drastically reducing their standard of living. Term life insurance for a young and healthy individual is the most affordable life insurance product. Determining how much life insurance you need as a new parent is a function of need and affordability. Generally a good starting point is paying off the mortgage and putting your child through college.

### Put an Estate Plan in Place

Estate planning is for all ages and is one of the most important steps you can take to protect yourself and your family. At a bare minimum you need a Will and Health Care and Financial Durable Powers of Attorney. The Will is important for choosing a guardian for your child if something should happen to both parents; you want to decide who will raise your child, do not leave it up to the court. You can also stipulate in your Will that your child receives their inheritance over a period of time, rather than a lump sum when they turn 18.

### Start Saving For College

Paying for college should not be put off, the longer the money has to grow the more you can harness the

power of compounding. If you contribute to the MESP, Michigan's 529 Plan ([www.misaves.com](http://www.misaves.com)), you can deduct up to \$5,000 from your state income tax (\$10,000 for a married couple) and the funds grow free of federal and state income taxes. When you withdraw funds for qualified higher education expenses there are no taxes due.

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# AREA ACTIVITIES

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**Audubon society**  
Birds in flight is the 2 p.m. Sunday, March 22, lecture given by Grosse Pointe Audubon Society President Bill Rapai at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Adult admission is \$7 and children's tickets are \$6.

To register, call (313) 881-7511 or visit [gpwminfo@warmemorial.org](mailto:gpwminfo@warmemorial.org). A live flight demonstration and two raptors will be featured.

**War Memorial**  
Craft beer expert Kimberly Bricker is featured at the pale ale and India pale tasting class from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 20, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. She explains the ale differences, varieties, hops, ingredients and offers a beer sampling. The cost is \$30. For a reservation, call (313) 332-4074 or visit

[itgpcwarmemorial.org](http://itgpcwarmemorial.org).  
**Toastmasters**

Northeastern Toastmasters meet at 7 p.m. Monday, March 23, at the Grosse Pointe Public Library Ewald branch. The goal of the club is to help people learn to speak comfortably before an audience. For more information, call Wendy Bradley at (313) 884-1184 or Ron or Marcia Pikelek at (313) 884-4201.

**Senior men's club**  
The Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe luncheon is at 11 a.m., Tuesday, March 24, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. The cost is \$10. The guest speaker is John McMurray, broadcast meteorologist for WJR radio 760 AM and WJRT-TV Flint, and president of Commercial Weather Services Inc., Flint. He will share stories from his 40-plus year career in meteorology and broadcasting.

Men, retired or past 55 years of age, from any community, can attend. Jackets are suggested to be worn. For tickets or information, call SMCGP president Charlie Rutherford, (313) 885-1823.

**Pointes for Peace**  
Pointes for Peace hosts a community forum, "Children and Violence," at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 26, at the Grosse

Pointe Public Library, Ewald branch. Michelle Zaydlin, research assistant at the University of Michigan Child Violence and Trauma Laboratory, leads the conversation about the effects of trauma on young children with the hope of raising awareness about the vital importance of keeping children safe from violence. She offers information on the psychological and physical effects of violence on children, available programs and services to treat children and families who have been exposed to violence and how communities can reduce violence in children's lives. Pointes for Peace is a community-based group committed to educating for conflict resolution and other strategies to work for peace on local, national and international levels. Membership is free and the public can attend. For more information call Carol Bendure at (313) 882-7732, e-mail [pointesforpeace@yahoo.com](mailto:pointesforpeace@yahoo.com), or visit [pointesforpeace.org](http://pointesforpeace.org).

## AAUW seeks book donations

The Grosse Pointe Michigan Branch of the American Association of University Women is on a quest for unwanted books for its 51st Annual Used Book Sale May 20 through 23. Collection barrels will be in place April 6 through May 2 at the Kroger store, Marter and Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, 6 a.m. to midnight, every day; Grosse Pointe Woods City Hall Community Center, 20025 Mack, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; and at CVS, 17120 Kercheval in the Village, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day. Collection barrels will be removed late on May 2. The book sale is in The Luther Center at First

English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, May 20 through May 22, and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 23. Friday and Saturday offer special deals. Parking is free. Traditionally thousands of books are unpacked, sorted into categories and arranged on tables. The sale offers nearly 30 different categories of fiction and non-fiction, children's, how-to and cookbooks, rare books, autographed books and assorted collectors' items. "All members come together to work on this Grosse Pointe Branch project sorting and marking; and our women depend upon the community to support the sale," says used book sale co-chairwoman Sandy Stanley of Grosse Pointe Farms. The sale raises funds for college scholarships and to further the branch national and international scholarship endowments. The GP MI AAUW's mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. The Grosse Pointe Branch of AAUW is the third largest in the state. Membership is available to those who have a degree from an accredited community college, a four-year college or university, a specialized two year program, or to those who hold a degree from a foreign institution recognized by the International Federation of University Women with which AAUW is affiliated. The branch has nearly 125 members from Wayne, Macomb and Oakland counties. The group's address is [aauwgp@comcast.net](mailto:aauwgp@comcast.net).

## Newcomers club reinstated

Grosse Pointe's reinstated Grosse Pointe

Newcomers Club has its first meeting at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club. The Newcomers Club, established in 1947 and disbanded during the economy's downturn, is dedicated to helping new Grosse Pointe residents find other new community members in a low pressure social environment. "Growing up in St. Louis and being completely new to the Grosse Pointe community, I was seeking opportunities to meet others," said Molly Hohlfeldt, one of the founders. "When I found out about newcomers, it sounded like the perfect club to get involved in. After doing a bit of research and finding out in no longer existed, Jeff (Hohlfeldt) and I immediately started brainstorming about possibly bringing it back to the area. "After meeting others who felt the same way we did. It appeared there was a clear need for such an organization. We are thrilled to be starting it up again." The Hohlfeldts and seven other new neighbors met with past GPNC president, Patrick Chesterton, to formally sign the organization into charter. "When my husband, Devin, and I moved to Grosse Pointe, we came here not knowing many people," Nora Ezop said, "and once we met Jeff and Molly at a Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption event, we immediately became friends. "One night we got together and discussed ways the four of us could meet people and the Grosse Pointe Newcomers was reborn. We decided that together we could all bring it back and make a lasting impact on our community." To join the club, a member must have become a Grosse Pointe resident See AREA ACTIVITIES, page 8C

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## DIO has new research director

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"The advances anticipated from merging neurobiology and nano electronics are the dawn of a new field of medicine, led by cochlear implants and visual neuro-prosthetics," said Philip Hessburg M.D., medical director of the institute.

"Greg Auner brings expertise in nanotechnology, which supports this clinical revolution."

Auner remains the director of Smart Seniors and Integrated Microsystems at Wayne



Greg Auner Ph.D.

State University School of Medicine and a professor in the department of surgery and biomedical engineering.

The majority of Auner's research involves biomedical micro systems and nano systems.

He has developed an array of instruments, sensors and micro systems for federal institutions, research institutions and industry. Auner has nearly 30 patents and several pending for bio implants, chemical, biomedical and environmental sensors and micro systems.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Theresa Quinn

# Art therapy can help language skills



**Q** My child has speech delay. Can art therapy be helpful?

**Q** My child won't speak outside of our home. What does an art therapist do to help?

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Quinn is a registered art therapist and licensed marriage and family therapist. For more information, contact Quinn Art Therapy at (248) 933-7029 or quinn

arttherapy@att.net

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## Guidance center earns accreditation

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"This accreditation would not be possible without the outstanding dedication and commitment of our board of directors, clinical and management teams," Sherry E. McRill, president CEO of NEGC.

"I also thank the community partners and funders who support the evidenced-based behavioral and medical ser-

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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.

### Emily Speer Bedford

Emily Speer Bedford, 51, of Naperville, Ill., passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, March 10, 2015.

She was born Oct. 20, 1963, in Detroit. She grew up in Grosse Pointe and was a 1981 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School. She attended Grand Valley State University, followed by a year performing in the United States and Europe with Up With People.

Always fitness conscious, Mrs. Bedford worked as a personal trainer for many years. More recently, she served as an active and dedicated volunteer at Loaves & Fishes Community Services in Naperville, an organization dedicated to ending hunger and empowering lives. She was a member of the Holy Spirit Catholic Community in Naperville. Her family said Mrs. Bedford's zest and love for life influenced those who knew her.

Mrs. Bedford is survived by her beloved husband of 23 years, Paul A. Bedford; children, Blake and Brooke Bedford; mother, Martha; sisters, Suzanne Martin (Wayne) and Lisa Tille (Steve); brother, Rick Speer (Betsy) and 10 nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her father, Richard Speer.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 19, at Holy Spirit Catholic Community, 2003 Hassert Blvd., Naperville.

Donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 208 S. Lasalle St., Suite 1500, Chicago, IL 60604 or at heart.org or Loaves & Fishes Community Services, 1871 High Grove Lane, Naperville, IL 60540 or at loaves-fishes.org.

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### Edith Elsesser

Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Edith Elsesser, 88, passed away peacefully Wednesday, March 11, 2015, at her home.

She was born Edith Richter on June 4, 1926, and attended Grosse Pointe South High School. On Jan. 21, 1950, she married Nick Elsesser. In 1966, she joined Aitken Ormond Insurance Co. as a personal loans insurance agent and was promoted to office manager of the new Grosse Pointe location in 1982. She worked there until retiring in 1997.

Mrs. Elsesser loved the outdoors and animals.

She was an active member of the Deeplands Garden Club and enjoyed her cottage up north in Les Chateau Islands, No. 8.

She will be deeply missed by her friends and acquaintances who fulfilled her life to the very end.

### Walter Lawlis

Longtime Grosse Pointe Woods resident Walter Lawlis, 88, passed away Tuesday, March 10, 2015, from congestive heart failure.

He was a beloved husband, loving father and proud Marine. He served as a sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II and the Korean War.

After his honorable discharge from the military, Mr. Lawlis worked as a tool and die maker, a salesman for the Sterling Dockson Company, and then for most of his career, as a soap salesman at Armour-Dial for 40 years, earning numerous awards for outstanding salesmanship.

He was also a motivational speaker for The Christophers, a Catholic organization that seeks to motivate men and women in all walks of life to bring Judeo-Christian principles to bear on the world around them.



Emily Speer Bedford



Edith Elsesser



Walter Lawlis

Mr. Lawlis was a resident of Grosse Pointe Woods for more than 50 years. He loved playing tennis in the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Tennis Club and was known for a fast and powerful serve.

In 2012, he was honored by Grosse Pointe Woods as a citizen of distinction, having served 10 years as a member of the Senior Citizens Commission.

He was a member of St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, where he sang in their choir and served as a Eucharistic minister.

His family said Mr. Lawlis was known for his friendly personality. He was always striking up conversations with people — even complete strangers — and he would make them feel good about themselves. He would always say because he was a soap salesman, he could only tell clean jokes.

He also loved to make people smile by singing one of his favorite old songs.

Mr. Lawlis is survived by his wife, Mary Ann; children, Patricia Hendricks (Thomas), Karen Mahan (Don),

Maureen Meadows (Gene), Jim Lawlis (Sue), Margaret Lawlis, Peter Lawlis (Shannon), Dan Lawlis (Diane) and Tim Lawlis (Donna); grandchildren, Liz Lawlis, Trish Lawlis, Alex Lawlis, Sammie Lawlis, Conor Lawlis, Gini Lawlis, Sarah Lawlis, Jenna Lawlis, Kelly Mahan and Bridget Mahan.

A special gathering and Mass with military honors was celebrated March 14 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.

### Avalon M. Sass

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Avalon M. Sass, "Lonnie," 93, died Friday, March 13, 2015.

She was the loving wife of Walter, whom she married Aug. 20, 1949. She is survived by her son, Ronald and daughter, Deborah.

Mrs. Sass graduated nursing school in 1947 and worked as a registered nurse at Grace Hospital and St. John Hospital in Detroit for 25 years. She went into private duty nursing, later industrial nursing,



Avalon M. Sass

where she retired in 1986 from Precision Spring Corp.

While her children were growing up, she was recognized as the neighborhood nurse, to whom children on the block with a cut or bruise came for treatment. She was active in her children's activities serving as a den mother in Cub Scouts and troop leader in Brownies and Girl Scouts. She volunteered with Little League, school PTAs, Nursing Sorority Guild and Mt. Zion Lutheran Church.

In her younger years, she enjoyed various sports, including swimming and golf. She was a member of the Otsego Ski Club and a league bowler for "The Little Cafe" in Detroit.

Mrs. Sass was an avid crossword puzzle worker and had to read her "News" or "Free Press" every day. She especially loved to follow the Detroit Tigers.

Mrs. Sass had a passion for dogs. In the 1940s and '50s, she bred and trained Irish setters. She loved to travel and upon high school graduation, took her first cross-country trek to California along old Route 66 in a 1937 Ford Coupe. She later traveled to Europe and the Caribbean. Each August, the family would map out a two-week vacation taking them to a different part of the country. Eventually, they visited all 50 states and most of Canada.

Mrs. Sass possessed a creative artistry especially evident in her porcelain ceramics of figurines of young women in Antebellum gowns and turn-of-the-century dresses. She also created ceramic holiday scenes, vases, candy dishes and serveware.

A funeral service was held March 18 at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Donations may be made to the American Heart Association, Greater Midwest Affiliate, Memorial and Tributes Lockbox, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674, or the Michigan Humane Society, 30300 Telegraph, Suite 220, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.

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## WILLIAM KER MUIR JR.

William Ker Muir Jr. was a professor emeritus of political science at the University of California, Berkeley, where he taught undergraduates and graduates for more than 30 years. He passed away in Berkeley on February 26th.

Sandy, as he was better known throughout his life, was the son of William and Florence (Bodman) Muir. He spent his formative years in their homes in Grosse Pointe and Harbor Point, Michigan. He attended the Detroit University School through eighth grade and then matriculated to Hotchkiss Academy in Lakeville, Connecticut. He graduated from there in 1949.

After Hotchkiss, Muir spent a year as an exchange student at Clifton College in Bristol, England, before entering Yale, where he planned to focus on law and policy and dreamed of going into politics. In 1952 an opportunity presented itself, and Muir had the chance to volunteer in the Michigan gubernatorial campaign of a family friend, Fred Alger. "I enjoyed meeting the local political pros who immersed themselves in politics as a side interest. I loved hearing their stories and was surprised by their intelligence and sophistication."

After graduating from Yale with a B.A., magna cum laude, Muir was prepared to enter the Army but that all changed the following summer when he and his friend, Winkie Booth, spent a hot afternoon at the recently opened Saint Clair Metropark. Both subsequently became violently ill and each was diagnosed with polio. Booth spent much of the next decade in an iron lung before she passed away.

Sandy spent 31 weeks in the hospital before emerging otherwise healthy, but never able to walk naturally again. This put his hopes of becoming a politician seemingly out of reach. Muir's senior essay had been about a working-class neighborhood in New Haven, for which he won the prize for the College's best undergraduate essay on American politics, but more important for Muir was that through the process, he met Herb Kaufman, who was a political science professor and one of the judges. Kaufman, along with Muir's polio doctor, Charles Long, would inspire and challenge him through some of the difficult days ahead, but Muir remained undecided about his career path.

In 1956 Muir enrolled at the University of Michigan Law School and earned a J.D. "I loved law. The profession of law was honorable because it was absolutely vital to the maintenance of civiliza-

tion." Muir began to see himself "educating others in the subject matter of politics and lovingly researching how politicians governed a democracy." He was offered a job teaching at Michigan's Law School and "was utterly happy at it." In 1959, Muir took a job at the firm of Davis Polk Wardell Sunderland & Kiendl in New York.

The following year he married Pauli Wauters in Dearborn, Michigan, and they began what would become a wonderful marriage. Yet, Muir began to realize that practicing law wasn't fulfilling him as much as it should, and he returned to Yale as a graduate student, receiving his Ph.D. in 1965. But, "mildly triggered by economic concerns," Muir went back to practicing law while he moonlighted in politics. He remembers, "I worked for some advertising firms who were promoting three gubernatorial candidates. All three candidates, Rockefeller (New York), Romney (Michigan), and Reagan (California) won." But Muir kept thinking about teaching and since winters in New Haven were tough for someone with his physical limitations, in July 1968 Muir was on his way to Berkeley and to the University of California.

At UC Berkeley, Muir blended all three of his passions — teaching, law, and politics. He taught in the political science department from 1968 through 1998 in the fields of American politics and constitutional law, and served as chair of the department from 1980 to 1983. He was the recipient of both the University of California at Berkeley's Distinguished Teaching Award (1974) and Phi Beta Kappa - Northern California's Excellence in Teaching Award (1992).

An accomplished author, Muir based his books on field work — interviewing, observing, and being taught by people. His publications include Freedom in America; The Bully Pulpit: The Presidential Leadership of Ronald Reagan; Legislature: California's School for Politics; Police: Streetcorner Politicians (Pulitzer Prize nomination, 1977), and Law and Attitude Change (American Political Science Association's Edwin S. Corwin Prize, 1967). Additionally, Muir served as a consultant to the Oakland (CA) Police Department and as a member of the Finance and Commerce Committee staff in the California State Assembly. Muir also

was honored to work as a speechwriter for Vice President George H.W. Bush.

In 2014, the University of California at Berkeley established the William K. (Sandy) Muir Jr. Leadership Award, which supports deserving undergraduate students with an exemplary record of public service. In retrospect, Muir said, "To a greater extent than I would have initially acknowledged, my polio disability had restricted my activities to a narrow path, but it was a path that led to an occupation of observation and reflection, one that gave me total intellectual and moral satisfaction."

A service commemorating Sandy's life was held on Saturday, March 7th, at Newman Hall Holy Spirit Parish at 2700 Dwight Way at College Avenue, Berkeley, California, 94704.

*Although all of the foregoing is, if anything, an understatement, it would have made Sandy very uncomfortable. He always felt that one's deeds should speak for themselves unembellished by any words or description. In reaction to several flowery obituaries he read in the years before his death, he wrote his own version below.*

**William "Sandy" Muir**  
Sandy Muir, 83, died February 26, 2015. Born October 30, 1931, in Detroit, Michigan, he taught political science at UC Berkeley from 1968 and finished his last class in 2012. Recipient of several teaching awards, he also authored five books, the last of which, Freedom in America, was published in 2011. He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Paulette, his two daughters, Kerry and Hattie, three grandchildren, Mac, Jerry and Maggie, and his elder brother, Howie, of Farmington, Connecticut.

Loved dearly by his family and friends and an inspiration to many, he was forever the optimist. He saw the strengths in everyone he met and believed each of us had the ability to make the world a better place. He will be truly missed.

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It is a lofty goal, packing 150,000 meals. Yet, the members of the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church expect that number will be achieved before wrapping up at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 21.

The church asked for 900 volunteers to package meals for Kids Against Hunger. One third of the food is to be used locally; one third internationally and the rest for disaster relief. Each meal packet of dried protein and vegetables can feed six people.

Boy Scout Troop 96 members, chartered out of Memorial Church since 1936, are volunteering both weekends. They arrive at 9 a.m. to unload the trucks of soup supplies, special plastic bags and

boxes that will hold the filled bags.

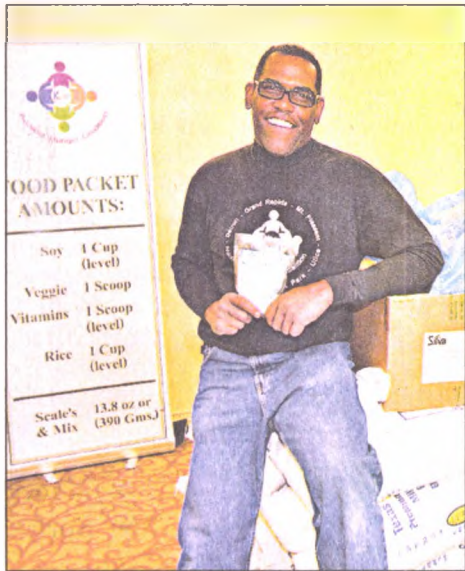
Volunteers pour one cup of high-quality white rice, one cup of crushed soy, one scoop of a six dehydrated vegetables blend and one scoop of 21 vitamins and minerals into plastic bags and seal them. The bags are made of moisture-proof and odor-proof material and has a shelf life of three years.

This is the second year the church has joined in the project. Last year, volunteers packed 10,000 meals. This year's lofty goal of 150,000 was chosen by the church in observance of its 150th anniversary this year. So far 76,000 meals are packed.

Volunteers are still needed. Call (313) 882-5330 for more information.



Five-year-old Patrick Gough and his 7-year-old sister, Elizabeth, scoop the high-quality white rice into packets. They say they volunteer as many places as possible to give back to the community.



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Holding a filled food packet Michael Burwell, Kids Against Hunger Coalition executive director, leans against bags of white rice. Behind him are measurements for each packet.



Rodney Miranne, left, holds a filled food packet at the sealing machine while his grandson, Caleb Charlet, presses the handle.



Boy Scout Teddy Prokop stacks a box filled with food packets with other boxes that will go to hungry people either locally or internationally.

## OBITUARIES: Loved ones remembered

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Carol Marie Korn

### Carol Marie Korn

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident Carol Marie Korn, nee Billing, passed away Thursday, March 12, 2015. She was 85.

Born Aug. 2, 1929, in Anna, Ohio, the youngest of four children of Emory and Marie (nee Woehrle) Billing, she moved from Anna to Rochester in 1968. Mrs. Korn had an antique business that kept her busy for many years. In 2001, she retired and moved to be closer to family, with homes in both Grosse Pointe Park and Avon, Ohio. She was an active member of Services for Older Citizens in Grosse Pointe and enjoyed playing poker with her friends.

Mrs. Korn also was an avid sports fan and especially loved baseball and cheering on her Detroit Tigers. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren. While in Grosse Pointe, she attended Christ the King Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Mrs. Korn is survived by her children, Deborah Peppel (Paul), Randolph Korn, Rebecca Grossett (James) and Kimberly McMorro (Patrick); grandchildren, Samantha Noorman (Mike), Drew Peppel, Patrick Korn (Ashland), Elizabeth Grossett, Jacob Grossett, Taylor McMorro, Cassandra McMorro and Jacqueline McMorro and two great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her parents; brother and two sisters.



Carolyn Quinn

Funeral services were held March 17 in Sidney, Ohio.

Donations may be made to Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

### Carolyn Quinn

Grosse Pointe Park resident Carolyn Quinn, 62, died Friday, March 13, 2015.

Born April 24, 1952, in Rochester, N.Y., to Eleanor Ealy and Carl Cronk, and attended Western Michigan University and Northern Michigan University. She was a teacher's aid in special education with the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

Mrs. Quinn was a Master Gardener, ceramist, animal lover, lover of the outdoors and devoted mother of three. Her family said she embodied selflessness, generosity, compassion and an open heart. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Mrs. Quinn is survived by her daughters, Colleen Quinn and Catherine Quinn; son, Timothy Quinn; sisters, Patricia Fragner and Cathy Marion and brother, Carl Cronk. She was predeceased by her parents.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 23, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to the American Lung Association at lung.org.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

## Empty Bowls

Proceeds from the Empty Bowls soup event March 15 at Assumption Cultural Center were given to Cass Community Social Services. Ceramic bowls were created at Sugar Hill Clay in Detroit specifically for purchase at this event. The evening included sampling a variety of soups donated by local restaurants.

At right, Empty Bowls volunteers Abby Ottenhoff and Kara Semanision, both of Grosse Pointe Park, pack the hand painted bowls purchased by guests.

Bottom right, Kate Duncan and Grace Babiarz of Grosse Pointe Farms, display the bowls they purchased.

Below, from left, Grosse Pointe South seniors, Jimmy Blondell, Carina Bertakis, Alexis Mellos, Jack Warren and Reis Becker look over the bowls available for purchase.

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## PRIDE OF THE POINTES

**Gregory Anthony LaHood** was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2014 semester at Duke University. The 2011 University Liggett School graduate is the son of Alger P. LaHood and Marquita Bedway of the City of Grosse Pointe.

**Kathryn VanEgmond** was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2014 semester at Hillsdale College. The 2012 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School is the daughter of Tom and Jeanne VanEgmond of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Grosse Pointe residents **Allison Francis** and **Kayla Luteran** were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2014 semester at Bowling Green State University.

**Bridget Surmont**, a 2011 graduate of Grosse Pointe North High School, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2014 semester at

Hillsdale College. She is the daughter of Rich and Karen Surmont of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The following area students were named to the Dean's List for the fall 2014 semester at Western Michigan University: **Olivia Jones** and **Jack Kersten**, both of the City of Grosse Pointe; **Matthew Lizza** and **Joseph Simon**, both of Grosse Pointe Farms; **Brittany DeCoster**, **Ryan Ennis**, **Elliott Parcels**, **Cono Voiles** and **Karri Tuuri**, all of Grosse Pointe Park; **Zachary Hanna** and **Kristine Minturn**, both of Grosse Pointe Shores and **Douglas Annas**, **Lauren Annas**, **Elizabeth Bejin**, **Margaret Golia**, **Mikaela Gustine**, **Racquel Harrouk**, **Tess Kolp**, **Lea Kummer**, **Corey Larisey**, **Alyssa Mammen**, **Kelly Mason**, **Lucas McGarvah**, **Jack Stefek** and **Amy Witt**.

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## 6C | CHURCHES

PASTOR'S CORNER By Roger Skully

# Angels are part of ancient and present beliefs

Many people in our culture, and many others, believe in or have stories concerning heavenly inhabitants. They are often referred to as "angels" or as other terminology depending on which scripture, legend or mythology is being used and which time period is being discussed.

They appear in the Bible many times and in the prophetic writings where they are often described in detail. They often take on human form, as in the story of Abraham and the angels who visit him to inform him his wife, Sarah, is going to have a son. In Ezekiel, they are described as having many wings and eyes. In the "Midrashic literature, the legends of the Hebrews," they appear to have specific tasks and disappear after those have been accomplished. This is the observation of Kabbalah (Judaism's mystic writings).

We usually are familiar with such angels and archangels (the superiors of groups of angelic hosts) as Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, etc. In fact, Maimonides, the 12th century physician and scholar, lists a hierarchy of these heavenly beings and lists 10 ranks of inhabitants of heaven. Obviously, these beings have been taken seriously for a long time.

One classification were called the cherubim, winged human figures which were an integral part, and according to some rabbinic opinion, the most important part, of all Hebrew and Jewish sanctuaries. They continued to figure in the temple ritual down to the very end of the Second Temple (70 C.E.).

At least one of them was a feminine figure, thus giving female representation to earliest Jewish worship. It also is apparent from biblical scholarship

these winged creatures existed throughout the ancient Middle East. The origins of the name, Cherub, appear in Syrian, Akkadian, and Babylonian languages as meaning "mighty or blessed" and a means of conveying the prayers of man to G-d as would an intermediary.

According to tradition, in both the desert tabernacle and Jerusalem temple, the only supernatural beings represented were the cherubim. They appear so often we might consider them a religious "leitmotif" of both sanctuaries.

The instructions for the building of the ark in the desert's tabernacle had two cherubim standing on either sides of the ark-cover, separated by its width of one and one-half cubits (about 2 1/4 feet).

They were made of beaten gold and together with the ark cover, formed a single piece of beaten gold. Their faces were turned toward each other and downward toward the ark cover shielded by their outspread wings. They were upon the ark cover; G-d was believed to speak to Moses from between the two cherubim.

Cherubim also appeared on each of the 10 curtains that formed part of the sides of the tabernacle.

In addition, they were depicted on the veil, separating the holy from the most holy. The veil, or curtain, hid the ark and its two cherubim from all eyes, but carried a picture of them reproducing on the outside of what it concealed on the inside. By count there were 12 pairs of cherubim, one on the ark itself and one on the veil, and 10 on the 10 curtains.

Cherubim appear in the Temple of Solomon. In the Holy of Holies, the inner sanctum

containing the Ark of the Covenant, standing about 15 feet high with a wing span of about 30 feet. The vessels of the temple also contain numerous cherubic figures.

In fact, Josephus found their nude depiction (and possible sexual connotation – one apparently male and the other female) to be an embarrassment. He, and Philo, were also concerned Greeks might see these as idols of male and female deities. They originate, or are described, as the "wings of the wind, rider in the clouds, and He is called the Sitter on the Cherubim."

Of course, each generation, commentator and prophet describes them a bit differently and with different aspects. All agree He speaks through them and they are important vehicles for His transport or for giving instructions to Moses and the high priests.

Our fascination with these winged beings continues. They occupy every facet of Western artistic endeavor. A legend says when a Jew returns home from synagogue on the Sabbath, one angel sits on each shoulder to guide him safely home to his family and Sabbath meal. And we receive the Sabbath Queen by singing a song asking her angels to bring peace and blessing.

If you are interested, the literature on winged beings is extensive and interesting.

In welcoming this holy season, it would not be unseemly to ask his angels to bring you peace and health. May you all come in and go out with his peace and his blessings.

Amen and Amen

*Skully is cantor at the Isaac Agree Downtown Synagogue and president of the Grosse Pointe Ministerial Association.*

## CHURCH EVENTS

### Ecumenical breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical breakfast begins with coffee at 7 a.m. Friday, March 20, at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A 7:15 a.m. buffet breakfast is followed by speaker, Faith Fowler whose topic is "Helping the Homeless, Cass Corridor." The meeting adjourns at 8:15 a.m.

Men of all faiths can attend.

For more information, contact the club's president, Eric Lindquist at [grossepointeinterests@comcast.net](mailto:grossepointeinterests@comcast.net) or at (313) 530-8656.

### Star of the Sea

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church holds a fish fry from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 20, at the parish, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods. The cost is \$10 for those 13 years and older and \$5 for children 4 to 12 years old.

There is a take-out menu.

### Christ Church

Christ Church Grosse Pointe Schola choir performs at the 4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22, Evensong service. The public can attend.

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

### St. Paul

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church serves a Lenten dinner at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, of taco stew and corn bread. A 7 p.m. service follows. To register for the dinner, e-mail

[hkorte@stpaulgp.org](mailto:hkorte@stpaulgp.org).

### Assumption

Assumption Cultural Center hosts Grosse Pointe North High School's annual Great Works concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 26. The concert costs \$10.

### First English

Holy Week at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church begins Sunday, March 29, Palm/Passion Sunday. Early service is at 9:30 a.m., and late service is at 11 a.m. Both services include holy communion and the procession of the Palms.

Maundy Thursday worship service with holy communion is at 7 p.m. April 2. Good Friday, April 3, the Veneration of the Cross is presented at 1 p.m. and the traditional Tenebrae service takes place at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 5, has two Easter worship services, at 9 and 11 a.m., with holy communion at each service.

◆ A columbarium has been constructed at the church and the community can purchase a space.

The burial place is inside the narthex's front entrance.

The price for a companion niche, that holds two urns, is \$1,500 payable by Easter Sunday; after Easter the companion niche will cost \$1,800. Single niches are available and will be assigned on a first come-first served basis after patrons have chosen a niche.

The columbarium's dedication will be after Easter.

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Mundy Thursday, 4/2/15  
1 & 7 pm Worship/Holy Communion  
Traditional Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, 4/3/15  
1pm Joint Worship with St. James  
7:30 pm Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday, 4/5/15  
9:30 am Worship/Holy Communion  
Easter Breakfast after service.

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**Holy Week Services, March 29 - April 5**  
Palm Sunday - The Distribution of Palms - Both Services  
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## THE ARTS

### DIA

Some very important puppets, including the iconic Howdy Doody marionette, go on display Friday, March 20, at the Detroit Institute of Arts. VIPs feature some of the oldest and best known puppet personalities on display through Sept. 20.

The collection includes two sets of historic puppets, an 18th-century Venetian *comedia del arte* (art comedy) cast and American colonial era Punch and Judy. Punch and Judy are comedic hand puppets from 18th century New England with ornate theater play-boards and miniature stage props.

Joining them will be Howdy Doody, the famous marionette from the first nationally syndicated American television program, "The Howdy Doody Show." Howdy wears his original cowboy boots and buckskin gloves. He has not been on display at the DIA since 2009, when a U.S. Postal Service stamp was created in his honor.

The DIA is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fridays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. General admission (excludes ticketed exhibitions) is free for Wayne, Oakland and Macomb county residents and DIA members. For others, \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors ages 62+, \$4 for ages 6-17.

For membership information, call (313) 833-7971.

### MOT

The Michigan Opera Theatre stages the opera "Frida" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 27, at the Detroit Institute of Arts Detroit Film Theatre, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. For tickets, call the opera theater's box office at (313) 237-7674 or visit michiganopera.org.

MOT presents the return of Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater for five performances, March 19 through 22.

The company's Detroit repertory includes "Bad Blood," by choreographer Ulysses Dove and "Polish Pieces," an ensemble work by Dutch choreographer Hans van Manen and Ailey's "Revelations." Additional choreography includes Ronald K. Brown's "Four Corners," Christopher Wheeldon's "After the Rain," Bill T. Jones' "D-man in the Waters" and Aszure Barton's "Lift."

As part of the company's outreach in Detroit, teaching artists from New York City are conducting a week long residency with students at Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary-Middle School.

A free dance talk begins one hour prior to each performance. A



**Howdy Doody, Velma Dawson, 1948, wood dough, cloth, leather, wood. ©Detroit Institute of Arts**

master class is available for intermediate/advanced level dancers, ages 14 and older, at 11 a.m. March 21. Pre-registration is required and can be done by e-mailing dance@motopera.org.

Performance ticket prices range from \$25 to \$83 and can be purchased at MichiganOpera.org, by calling (313) 237-7464, or in person at the Detroit Opera House ticket office, 526 Broadway, Detroit.

Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. March 19, 20 and 21 and at 2:30 p.m. March 21 and 22 at the opera house.

### Palmer Woods

Palmer Woods Music in Homes begins its eighth year of presenting classical and world music concerts in historic homes at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 28. The evening features "Classical and Beyond" with violinist Jannina Barefiled Norpoth and pianist Maria Meirelles.

Norpoth is a native of Palmer Woods and earned a bachelor's degree from Manhattan School of Music and a master's degree in violin performance from the Mannes College at New School University.

Meirelles, a native of Brazil, lives in Detroit. She graduated from the Brazilian Conservatory at 13 and earned bachelor's master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Michigan.

An address is provided with ticket purchase which can be done at palmerwoods.org or (313) 891-2514.



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## With a creature in mind

Third place winner in the Grosse Pointe ART Center's Creatures - Real or Imagined show was, at left, Tudi Harwood of the City of Grosse Pointe. She entered an oil on canvas painting titled "A Plucky Roomer." Some 104 pieces were submitted by 61 artists of which 57 pieces by 44 artists were accepted by juror Catherine Peet. Art center director, Coleen Downey, is at right.



At left, Alice Allhof of St. Clair Shores took best of show in the Creatures exhibit at the Grosse Pointe ART Center with her pastel and charcoal "I Spy" offering. The exhibit runs through March 21. The center's director Coleen Downey is at right.



The Creatures - Real or Imagined opened to a full house, including, from left, City of Grosse Pointe residents Scott Brown, Wendy Schmidt, Nina Goebel, Jackie and Mark Brooks. Jack Frakes of Grosse Pointe Park took second place with his clay and found metal creation, "junkyard porcupine."

## Three GP youth in children's opera

Three Grosse Pointe children will perform in Michigan Opera Theatre Children's chorus' "The Very Last Green Thing" at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at the Detroit Opera House.

Melody Balos, Owen Grice and Violet Whitmore perform in the children's opera composed by Cary John Franklin with libretto by



Owen Grice, Melody Balos and Violet Whitmore.

Albano. This family-friendly performance provides a glimpse of a classroom setting in the year 2492. Our "future" students are raised by an android and the planet has become environmentally challenged. A group of children are taken on a rare field trip outside where everyone has to wear protective goggles and masks to deal with the degraded conditions. A shy and obedient member discovers a small, withered plant — the very last green thing on Earth. Classmates confront the truth of their environmental past and the importance of preserving the world around us for generations to come.

Prior to the performances, children and their families can experience Earth Day-related activities in the lobby of the Detroit Opera House starting at 1:30 p.m. Educators from the Michigan Science Center will teach participants ways to "green up" their world. The Greening of Detroit organization offers a seedling planting activity. Other organizations will be on hand providing information to children and parents about how they can get involved in protecting the environment. These organizations include Arts and Scraps, Belle Isle, Cranbrook Institute of Science, Detroit Water Works, Detroit Zoo, Disabled American Veterans, Earthworks, Green Living Science, Greening of Detroit and Michigan Science Center.

Tickets range from \$15 to \$50 and can be purchased at the opera house box office, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, or by calling (313) 237-SING, or online at MichiganOpera.org.

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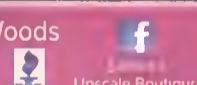
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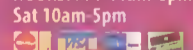
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The annual dues are \$30 per person.

For more information, visit [gpnclub.com](http://gpnclub.com) or visit [gpnclubmembership@gmail.com](mailto:gpnclubmembership@gmail.com).

## Tree sale

The Wayne County Conservation District hosts its annual tree sale through March 27.

Trees available include varieties of maples, oaks, black cherry, hybrid pop-

lar, pines, spruce, fir and arborvitae. Native trees, such as dogwoods, red-buds and high bush cranberry, attract birds and wildlife. Fruit trees include apple (honey-crisp, gala, fuji, McIntosh), Stanley prune-plum, black gold (dark sweet) cherry, Redhaven peach and Bartlett pear. All fruit trees are bare root and average 5 to 7 feet tall. Apples need two varieties for fertilization. Pears are partially self-fertile. All others are self-fertile.

Fruit trees cost \$18 each. Hardwoods, conifers and native trees are sold in bundles of 10, 25 or 50. They cost between \$1 and \$2.50 per tree (or less for higher quantities) and are 1 to 3 feet in height.

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## CLEAN OUT:

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the devil's advocate, put the blame on me," said Sean Lane of how to handle cleaning out what has been amassed when it comes time to explain to the hoarder.

Lane is owner of Clean Up, Clear Out in Grosse Pointe Woods.

It is his job to assess the job and make the decision of:

- ◆ sell,
- ◆ donate,
- ◆ store until a decision is made,
- ◆ move to a new spot or
- ◆ dispose of the items.

This is done, he said, with the family's direction.

Lane said he has a relationship with at least three donation sites, including Habitat for Humanity, St. Vincent de Paul and Second Hand Rose in Roseville.

"I do as much recycling as possible," Lane said.

Clean Up, Clear Out can be reached at (313) 886-3330 or at [info@cleanupclearout.com](mailto:info@cleanupclearout.com).

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Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236. Call the office, at (313) 884-5040 with questions.

## Jewish council

The Grosse Pointe Jewish Council celebrates Passover, Saturday, April 4, at a Family Seder for members and guests.

It is at the Seder, the festive meal, where the retelling of the story of Moses and the Exodus from Egypt also celebrates the importance of religious freedom.

The GPJC strives to preserve and promote the heritage and traditions of the Jewish religion and culture on metro Detroit's east side and to provide an educational and social forum for its members. This includes a Sunday School for students, adult education classes and religious services throughout the year and on the high holidays.

For membership information, call (313) 882-6700.

## Memorial church

Author and marriage counselor Gary Chapman presents a one-day marriage seminar, "The Marriage You've Always Wanted," from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 18, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

Chapman has been a marriage counselor for more than 35 years, is a

senior associate pastor in North Carolina and has been married for more than 45 years.

The seminar begins with a session on healthy honest communications.

In the second session, Chapman helps answer the question, "What should couples do when those exciting feelings of love seem to be long gone?"

Session three is initiating positive change and stressing the value and significance of both partners.

Participants receive advice on how to handle strong disagreements, power struggles and poor decisions.

Session four is "Making Sex a Mutual Joy," reminding couples of God's biblical intention for sex, while addressing common misconceptions and difficulties related to this aspect of marriage.

Finally, he discusses how to share the things that bug you. Learn the art of constructive criticism and the value of a good laugh with your spouse.

Tickets cost \$50 per couple or \$25 for an individual and can be purchased at [cultivatinghealthyfamilies.com](http://cultivatinghealthyfamilies.com) or Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, or at Grace Counseling Center, 20801 Moross, Detroit.

Full-day child care is available for \$20 per child. Lunch costs \$10.

For more information, visit [grace-counseling.org](http://grace-counseling.org) or [gpmchurch.org](http://gpmchurch.org).

## Youth on Stage presents 'Dear Edwina, Jr.'

Grosse Pointe Theatre's Youth on Stage program presents "Dear Edwina, Jr." with performances at 2 p.m. March 28 and 29, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

The musical is about a teenage, would-be advice columnist, Edwina Spoonapple, who tries to help her family and friends with advice, couched as neighborhood theater productions in her garage.

The adult Broadway play opened with a limited run in 2008.

This junior version addresses bullying, self-esteem, sibling rivalry and teenage angst, among other youth problems.

A cast of 44 young actors, representing eight cities, includes Anne Davey, Tristan Davis and Ethan Vernon of the City of Grosse Pointe; Bobby Conlon, Gabrielle Duso, Julia Hartnett, Sophia Hindmarsh, Helga Jansons, Ross Kogel, Marella Piazza, Jake Sachs and Alice Walsh of Grosse Pointe Farms; Avalon Bellamy, Victoria Berger, Natalie Coffey, Alexa Collins, Jayde Davidson, Thuong Delplace, Robert Demir, Dante Deschaine, Matt Jakubowski,

Zach Jakubowski, Caroline Kalmar, Regan Koenig, Laila Panzenhagen, Danielle Vogler and Sophia Weiksnar of Grosse Pointe Park; Emily Widgren of Grosse Pointe Shores; Emily Auld, Maureen Barrett, Emilia Bronk, Aaron Daudert, Dodi Forir, Jenna Gauthier, Melissa Haubert, Mia Mattaliano, Sophie Rochon, Kathleen Skibinski, Joshua Stuckless and Catherine Ramsey of Grosse Pointe Woods; Jordyn Foulkrod and Jerry Xia of Harper Woods; Caroline Bergeron of St. Clair Shores; and Bridget Healy of Roseville.

Grosse Pointe Theatre's 2014-2015 season closes with "The Producers," Mel Brooks and Thomas Meehan musical opens May 10.

The 68th season includes: "Spamalot" in September, "Enchanted April" in November, "White Christmas" in December, "Chess" in January, "Steel Magnolias" in March 2016 and "Hello, Dolly!" in May 2016.



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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

# Focus on early peas



I am a lover of peas — on the side or tossed in dishes. Early (young) peas are among my favorite. Also known as petit pois, this lightly colored variety has a tender skin and a rich, sweet and creamy flavor. This week I'm pairing early peas with brats in a skillet.

This easy to prepare dish will sit nicely with rice or potatoes.

## Sauteed Brats with Early Peas (adapted from Louisiana Cookin')

1 lb. bratwurst links (about 5)  
olive oil, as needed  
2 tablespoons flour  
2 cups chopped onion  
3 to 4 garlic cloves, minced  
3 - 15 oz. cans early peas, drained (not rinsed)  
3 cups water  
2 teaspoons fresh thyme leaves (or 1/4 teaspoon



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Sausage and peas, a perfect spring meal combination.

dried salt and pepper to taste

Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat and add brats. Cook and toss until brats are browned and cooked halfway throughout. Remove from skillet and set aside to cool.

Stir flour into fat rendered in skillet and cook and stir until mixture becomes light brown. (If brats didn't render enough fat, add olive oil to make 2 to 3 tablespoons of "fat.") Add onion and cook and stir for

5 minutes or so. Add garlic and thyme and cook and stir for a few more minutes.

Slice brats into 1 inch pieces and return to skillet along with peas and water. Bring mixture to a boil then lower to a simmer and cook for 35 minutes or so. Taste and season with salt and pepper. Stir in some fresh parsley if you like.

Serve hot over rice or the potato of your choice.

This flavorful dish will feel right at home on your Easter buffet table.



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## GPT's comedy

Siena Hassett, John Leo, Jenni Carmichael Clark, Rick Mason, Kristin Schultes and Michael McDowell-Parker bring "Don't Dress for Dinner" to life on Grosse Pointe War Memorial's stage at 8 pm. March 19 through 21. Tickets cost \$18 and can be purchased at the door, at [gpt.org](http://gpt.org) or at the theater's main office, 315 Fisher, City of Grosse Pointe.

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# Eleanor Lowthian Clay Ford

*Editor's note: Grosse Pointe has been home to some famous and influential women, among them Eleanor Clay Ford. During March, Women's History Month, several of these notable women will be featured.*

Eleanor Lowthian Clay Ford's generosity, honesty and transparency reside in the Ford family descendents, say Ford Estate president Kathleen Mullins and docent Danila Farnsworth.

Both women say, like Eleanor Ford, family members give back to the community by supporting various non profits dedicated to combating hunger, addressing health issues and promoting the arts, including Christ Church Grosse Pointe, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Tau Beta and College for Creative Studies. She also purchased Grosse Pointe Shores Department of Public Safety's uniforms.

"There is not another person that will be able to do what Mrs. Ford has done for Detroit," said Jerome I. Smith, retired chief librarian of the Henry Ford Museum.

The public knew of the millions of dollars she gave to the museum, the symphony and Merrill Palmer Institute.

"But there are many distressed people that she has taken care of financially that no one will ever know about. She was selfless, so understanding and aware of other people's problems and troubles. She was always in the background, lending a hand," he said.

As Eleanor Ford was



FILE PHOTO

Edsel and Eleanor Ford's Grosse Pointe Shores house is modeled after architecture they saw in Cotswold, England.

preparing her will, she told her staff they could stay on and work on the Grosse Pointe Shores estate as long as they wanted, Farnsworth said. Her will also contained a provision for house maintenance so the public could visit.

Prior to her Oct. 19, 1976, death, Eleanor had presents purchased and wrapped for the staff. Farnsworth pointed out this was one more gesture of how much she cared about the people who surrounded her.

Countering the somber story, Farnsworth related a story told by Benson Ford Jr.

She said Benson recalled "Granny" liked daily walks. The grandchildren preferred traveling in their go-carts.

"She liked to walk every day from the house to the garage," Farnsworth said. "The two boys were going fast and saw her (walking). They swerved to avoid her and ended up in the

cove. She went to the berm and said, 'Hey boys. Are you having fun yet?' She had a wonderful time with her grandchildren, but they had to call before coming. There was a certain protocol to follow."

Mullins and Farnsworth agree that from an early age Eleanor was concerned about immigrants coinciding with that of her mother-in-law, Clara Ford.

Mullins explained Eleanor and Clara Ford witnessed how the automotive industry's need for workers was changing the fabric and environment of Detroit. They also saw the importance for women to become self-sufficient.

"Women need to be educated, learning a craft and making it a living. They knew giving a hand up was as important as a hand out," Mullins said.

Eleanor was born June 6, 1896, to William and Eliza Hudson Clay in Detroit. Eleanor's uncle was department store

owner J.L. Hudson and her father was the manager of the store. Her father died in 1908 when she was 12. Eleanor, her sister, Josephine, and their mother moved in with Eliza's bachelor brother, J.L. Hudson, who died in 1912.

In 1901 she was enrolled in Detroit Liggett School. While attending school, the two sisters took dancing and etiquette classes. Dancing remained one of Eleanor's lifelong favorite activities, according to a biographical synopsis provided by the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House staff. By the time she was a high school senior, Eleanor was keeping company with Edsel Ford, who lived four and a half blocks away. Their engagement was announced the day she graduated from Liggett and they married Nov. 1, 1916.

The couple made a home on Iroquois Avenue where Henry II and



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A young Eleanor Ford.

Benson were born, in 1917 and 1919, respectively.

They moved to 7390 E. Jefferson in 1922 where Josephine was born in 1923 and William Clay in 1925.

Having visited England's Cotswold district, the architecture became the inspiration for their Grosse Pointe Shores house which they filled with 18th and 19th century French and English furniture, colonial American silver, Islamic ceramics and

English porcelain. The 60-room house was completed in 1929.

Eleanor Ford donated to hospitals, museums, artistic groups and human service organizations. She was known as "Aunt Ellie" to Frank J. Sladen, headmaster at Liggett, a school her children attended and she donated.

When her husband died, Eleanor continued to live on the 86-acre estate in Lake Township, now Grosse Pointe Shores.

# Dorothy Comstock Riley

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Dorothy Comstock Riley was the first woman appointed to the Michigan Court of Appeals and the first woman Michigan Supreme Court justice.

According to the Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame, into which she was inducted in 1991, Riley's philosophy was, "The way to proceed is to always do the very best you can. Try to make yourself invaluable to the person you work for, and don't bring your problems to the office because that is not what you were hired to do. That formula worked for me, and I believe it can for anyone."

Born Dec. 6, 1924, in Detroit, she graduated from Wayne State



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Dorothy Comstock Riley

to the Wayne County Circuit Court and in 1976, she began her tenure on the state court of appeals.

University in 1946 and was voted homecoming queen. She earned a law degree from WSU in 1949 and entered private practice.

Riley's first judge appointment was the Wayne County Friend of the Court.

In 1972, Gov. William Milliken appointed her

Her appointment to the Michigan's supreme court came in 1982, but she was pushed off the court due to a partisan power move. The voters returned her to the bench in 1985, becoming the first Hispanic woman to be elected to the state supreme court, serving as chief justice from 1987 to 1991. Riley retired in 1997.

In 1998, she founded the Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society as a means of protecting and preserving the legacy of the Michigan Supreme Court, serving as its honorary chair until her death, Oct. 23, 2004, in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Riley and her husband, Wallace D. Riley, had a son, Peter Comstock Riley.

Information from the Grosse Pointe News and the Michigan Women's Historical Center.

# Pointes in history

From the March 18, 1999, Grosse Pointe News issue.

◆ Broadway favorite "Bye Bye Birdie," a rock-n-roll love story with timeless appeal, will be brought to Parcels Middle School stage Thursday through Saturday, March 25 through 27.

◆ In a move that satisfies both environmental concerns and the insatiable demand for summertime electricity, Detroit Edison will convert its Conner Creek Power Plant from coal to natural gas.

◆ Dick Huhn, Grosse Pointe Farms Director of Parks and Recreation, has been juggling a number of projects ranging from the construction of a new hamburger stand to rounding out the playbill for six nights of live music at Pier Park.

◆ The fourth-seeded Thunder used excellent team defense and timely scoring to win the Grosse Pointe Hockey Association Pee Wee B play-off championship last weekend.

◆ Crime rates in Grosse Pointe Park continued to decline in 1998.



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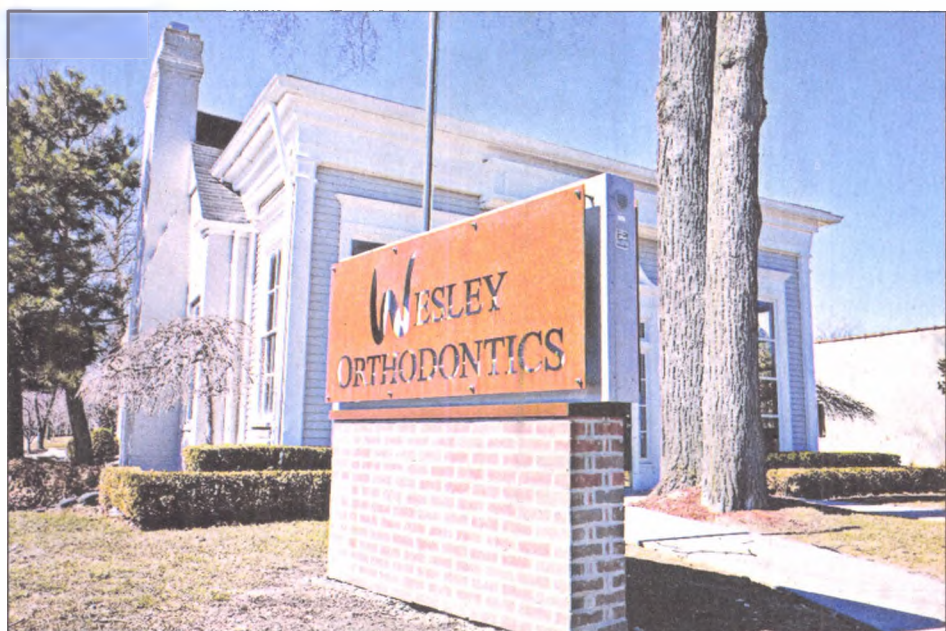
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War Memorial provides lunch to vets

It was icy cold and snowy outside, but inside Detroit's Piquette Square support center and apartment project for homeless veterans, a hot lunch prepared in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial kitchen warmed the souls of 15 residents taking part in a special workshop. REBOOT, a three-week program offered Jan. 26-Feb. 13 through the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, addressed the personal, social and professional issues sur-

rounding the often difficult transition to civilian life. And for those three weeks, Executive Chef Angelo Loria and his staff personally prepared and delivered fantastic lunches to Piquette Square. "It was humbling to see these men and women who served this country and are now struggling," said Loria. "It really felt good to be able to do something. "I got to know some of them personally and their

stories are touching. It was a tremendous honor to help them in some way with life after the military." War Memorial Board of Directors member and Veteran's Committee chair Ed Lazar learned of the program through a contact in the MVAA and immediately wanted to help. "We do a great job of honoring vets at our many events, so providing practical service is the next step in our mission," he said. "We

wanted to feed them. To help them heal and get on their feet again." Lazar participated on the first day to help with lunch and to talk to the group. He told them that, even though he did not serve, his son is currently a Sergeant in the Army and a combat medic. "I'm here to keep a promise to Andrew. As long as he is serving out there, I will serve here at home," he said. Loria and his staff prepared everything from



Fifteen took part in a special three-week workshop titled REBOOT.

Get out and enjoy the Park's parks

By John McTaggart  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — With warmer temperatures comes the start of a lot of work for parks and recreation department crews in the Park. Windmill Pointe and Patterson parks are already starting to spring back to life. "We've started to get the parks ready for spring," Parks and Recreation Director Terry Solomon said. "It's a lot of work to do, but we're excited for the warmer weather." The process begins with cleaning up, Solomon said.

"Jennifer Meldrum is our landscape architect and she does all the gardens for us," Solomon said. "But, she also decorates for us during the holidays. So, right now, her and a couple of her crew have been running around taking all the decorations down. She decorates all the buildings, lots, a lot." Solomon said the ice rink is officially closed as well, meaning the work begins to re-invent the rink for the warmer months. "We're going to be cleaning that out for the fountain," Solomon said. "So that's on the to-do list, too. Lots to be done,

that's for sure." Park resident Claire Dugener was walking with her son, Campbell, Monday, March 16, and said the transformation of the park is a welcomed site. "I love it," Dugener said. "We come to the parks often and love what they have to offer. I know I'm looking forward to being able to be outside in them and not have to have a winter jacket on." Solomon said the work will continue daily. "We're already talking about getting our tennis court ready and the nets up as soon as possible," Solomon said. "The couple 50 degree days we've

been having has got people excited about tennis again, and we want them to be able to come here and play." The parks are open now, but Solomon said there is one date in particular that unofficially signals the start of the spring and summer seasons. "We're open all year," Solomon said. "So there are different dates for things, but April 15 the marina officially opens. When that kind of happens, to me, that's the kick-off for summer. We're open and have things to offer all year, but that's the day for me that sort of starts it all."

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By John McTaggart  
Staff Writer

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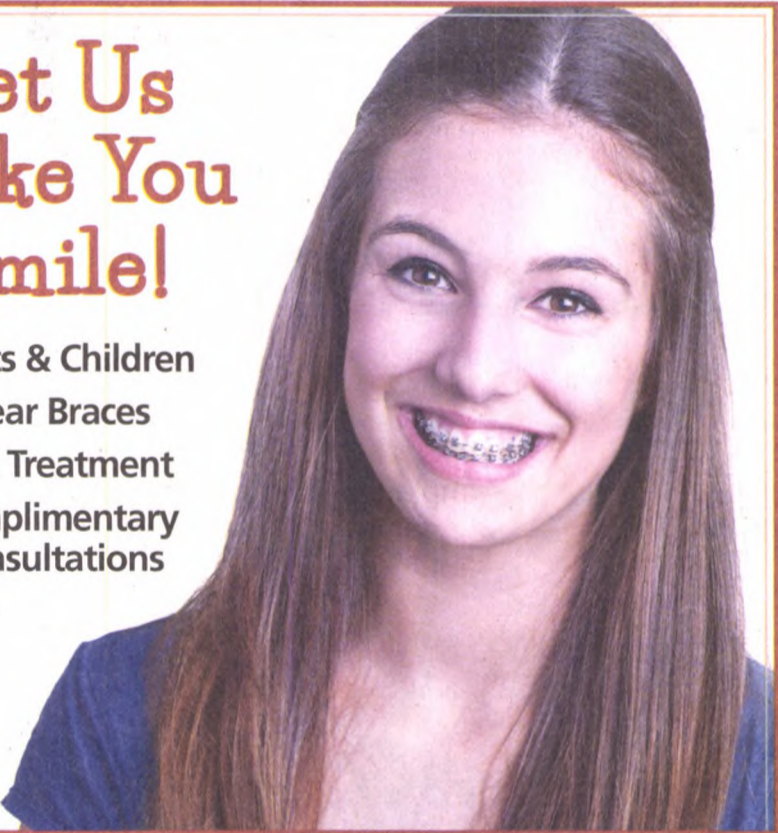
that now calls city hall home. A medication dropbox was delivered to the Woods Monday, March 9. It allows residents to dispose of prescription medications anytime, 24-hours a day, seven days a week. The box is located in the public safety department, and is a safe way to dispose of any medi-

cations with a "no questions asked," policy. City Administrator Skip Fincham said he was approached by Beaumont Hospitals several months ago regarding the project and welcomed the idea. Fincham said the project is widespread, but to date, only the City of Grosse Pointe has the service available to area

residents. The box came at zero cost to the city, Beaumont purchased the dropbox and will also post signage above the box stating which medications are accepted. Once the box is 3/4 full, public safety will arrange for a drop-off time with the Beaumont pharmacy in Grosse Pointe. A public safety officer is required to deliver the contents to the pharmacy. The city will promote the service via language on resident's water bills.

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# Grieving in the Internet age

Charlie Waller loved trick-or-treating, pirates, his kindergarten class, his sister, Esther, and so much more during his all-too-brief life.

He died last December from an inoperable brain tumor that slowly robbed him of his ability to play, to walk and to see — but never his kindness. His parents, John and Abigail, have turned to the Internet to help them harness Charlie's spirit and his kindness by launching a new social media campaign, #CouragetobeKind, in Charlie's honor.

Charlie, a patient in Hospice of Michigan's pediatric program, battled his illness for more than two years, all with the help of family, friends and a supportive care team. Throughout this experience, his parents relied on social media to keep far-flung family and friends informed of their son's condition. Abigail launched a blog where she shared imaginary letters to her son, chronicling their journey.

With help of Abigail's father, they launched the nonprofit Art for Charlie Foundation to raise both awareness and funds for pediatric hospice. Facebook and Twitter accounts were opened to amplify the site and promote its annual art show and sale, as well as this year's statewide pediatric hospice and bereavement support conference.

"Social media has become a strong outlet for public mourning," said Karen Monts, director of grief support service at Hospice of Michigan. "It allows people a medium to express their feelings when experiencing a significant loss, and it also provides an opportunity to ensure the memory of a lost loved one isn't forgotten."

When counseling the bereaved, Monts refers to the Six Tasks of Mourning, as defined by Dr. Alan Wolfelt, grief educator and author of "Healing the Bereaved Child." Monts explained social media can help in achieving each task:

### Task One

The need to acknowledge the reality of the death: When family members hear word of a loved one's death, many immediately turn to social media as they process the news. The reality of someone's passing becomes clear when seeing the details of the death, finality of funeral details and posts of love and support by family and friends.

### Task Two

Need to approach the pain of loss while being supported: Social media not only provides a platform for the bereaved to express pain, but it also gives family and friends

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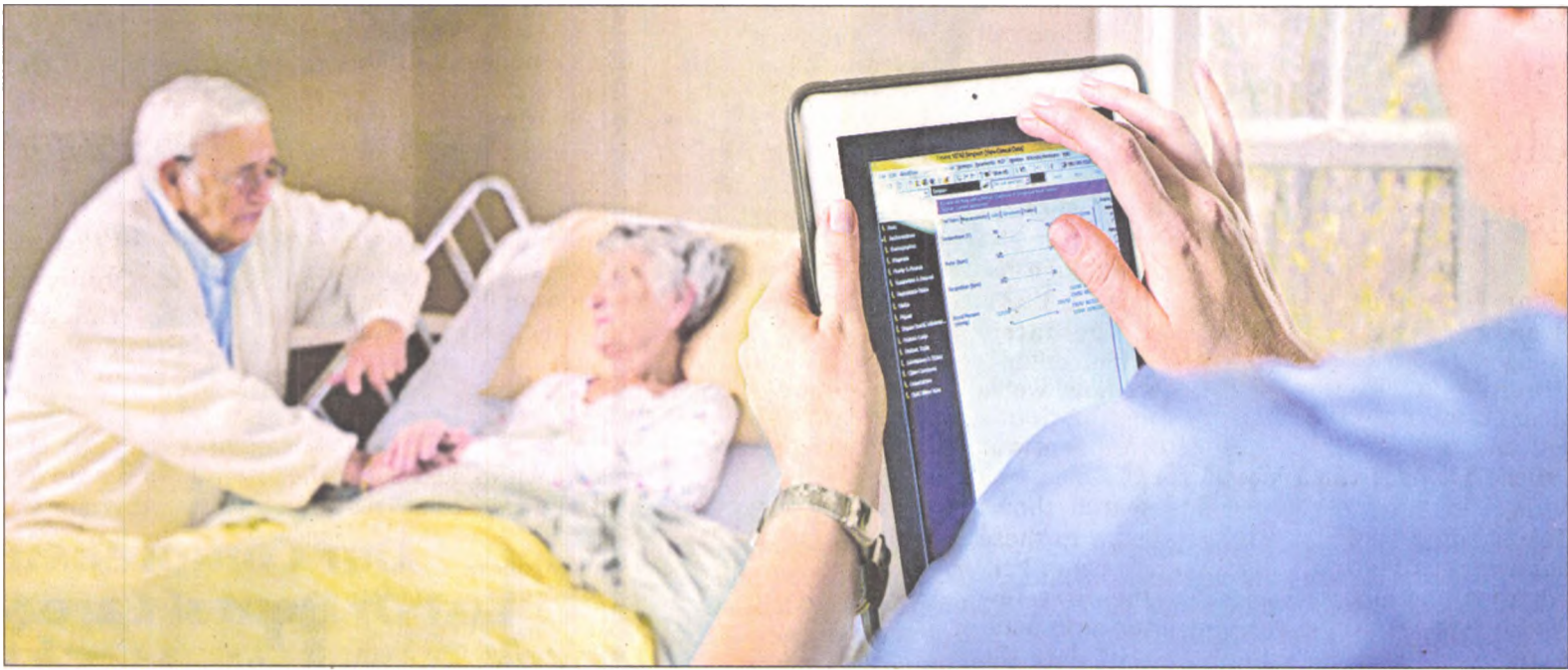
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The pace at which technology is transforming health care is dizzying — and attracting big investors. Venture capital firms annually pump more than \$1 billion into health care information technology, a number that has more than tripled since 2010.

Yet in an age where health care has gone increasingly high tech, hospice and palliative care providers like Hospice of Michigan may be the last great repositories of “high touch” medicine.

“Ours is a different business,” said Dr. Michael Paletta, vice president of medical affairs at Hospice of Michigan. “We are not radiology, we are not vascular imaging — as hospice providers, we do things that are not amenable to scan, image, program or download.

“So much of our practice is still to sit quietly at the bedside listening to the patient’s concerns. While so many other disciplines are running headlong into technology, hospice providers still have to be very connected to ‘high touch’ in this ‘high tech/high touch’



Using an iPad for better medical tracking.

equation. The question remains: How do you blend the two?”

It started with the electronic medical records. Hospice of Michigan has been an early adopter of technology. Paletta traced this starting point to the electronic medical record more than a decade ago. From medication history to current test results, the EMR gather all clinical data and compile it in an easy-to-access electronic form that all members of a patient’s care team can access.

“As time goes on, and more and more organiza-

tions are using them, we almost take EMRs for granted,” Paletta noted. “While their ubiquity is true in the acute-care hospital world, there are still a lot of hospice programs that aren’t using an EMR. This is an example where we are on the leading edge of an EMR at end-of-life care.”

Hospice of Michigan pairs its EMR with Allscripts™, a suite of health care IT services that allow for scheduling, documentation, billing and other services to create an integrated health care record for each patient. When a patient or family member calls into HOM’s round-the-clock telesupport center, a registered nurse can do “instant triage” with a patient’s records and help the family through an af-

ter-hours medical crisis either by providing a solution over the phone or dispatching a nurse.

HOM patients and families also benefit from technology at the bedside.

For the past seven years, nurses and aides have used tablets and other mobile devices at the bedside to schedule, charge and document their work with patients. Training, Paletta said, is critical to success.

“Patients are not uniformly happy about the use of technology in the practice of medicine,” he says. “While we might ooh and ahh over a story that showcases an amazing piece of technology, in the next breath we might complain when our doctor gets out his keyboard during an office visit and

starts typing away without taking a minute to examine us or ask how we feel.

“In this case, the technology is not applied well. If the provider isn’t trained, the use of technology can be dehumanizing.”

HOM continues to evaluate technology to see how advances in the acute-care setting will translate to hospice and palliative care. The organization was among the first hospice providers to debut a mobile app that allows family and friends of patients on its program to stay better connected to the care teams of their loved one — no matter where they live. HOM is now working on the next generation of the app, which will provide more detailed information to

families and be a greater benefit.

Hospice of Michigan recently wrapped up a yearlong pilot program addressing the current nursing shortage by using an experienced delegating nurse who is able to monitor multiple patients from a remote setting and direct the work of certified nursing assistants or technicians already in the home and working with families.

“Through the work of the Hospice of Michigan Institute, we will continue to develop programs that enhance end-of-life care for our patients,” Paletta explained. “Our goal is to harness the power of technology to free our clinical staff to increase the time they spend interacting with patients and families.”

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GERD can lead to serious complications like stricture, Barrett’s esophagus and esophageal cancer. Adenocarcinoma, a type of esophageal cancer, increased more than 600 percent between 1973 and 2006. GERD can cause daily pain, lead to poor sleep, affect food tolerance and limit daily activities.

The new treatment, known as the LINX System, is a FDA-approved device that has shown positive results in a five-year study published by the New England Journal of Medicine. The system is a small, flexible band of magnets enclosed in titanium beads. The magnetic attraction between the beads helps keep a weak esophageal sphincter closed to prevent reflux. It is implanted around the weak sphincter just above the stomach in a minimally invasive procedure that typically takes less than one hour.

“This newest procedure for managing reflux is for select patients who are looking for a minimally invasive procedure that lets them go on a regular diet immediately after the procedure,” said Abdelkader Hawasli M.D., a St John surgeon who is considered a pioneer in minimally invasive procedures. “Additionally, patients using the LINX procedure have no problems with belching which is a common side effect of fundoplication surgery.

GERD patients have a few treatment alternatives. The first line of defense are usually acid suppression drugs that

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Breastfeeding influences immune development

Baby's gut determines role disorders

Henry Ford Hospital researchers say breastfeeding and other factors influence a baby's immune system development and susceptibility to allergies and asthma by what's in their gut.

The striking findings from a series of studies further advance the so-called hygiene hypothesis theory that early childhood exposure to microorganisms affects the immune system's development and onset of allergies, said Christine Cole Johnson Ph.D., chair of Henry Ford's Department of Public Health Sciences and principal research investigator.

The gut microbiome is the collection of microorganisms in the gastrointestinal tract, and the human body has billions of these microbes.

The GI tract contains what scientists often call a bacterial ecosystem. The gut microbiome is known to play an important role in immune system development, and is thought to contribute to a host of diseases like obesity, autoimmune diseases, circulating disorders and pediatric allergies and infection.

"For years now, we've always thought that a sterile environment was not good for babies. "Our research shows why. Exposure to these microorganisms, or bacteria, in the first few months after birth actually help stimulate the immune system," she said.

"The immune system is designed to be exposed to bacteria on a grand scale. If you minimize those exposures, the immune system won't develop optimally."

The studies are being presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology in Houston.

The findings come from Henry Ford's long-

running Wayne County Health, Environment, Allergy and Asthma Longitudinal Study, funded by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, exploring the role of environmental factors and measuring biological markers to understand how allergies and asthma develop early in life.

In six separate studies, researchers sought to evaluate whether breastfeeding and maternal and birth factors had any effect on a baby's gut microbiome and allergic and asthma outcomes.

Using data collected from the WHEALS birth cohort, researchers analyzed stool samples from infants taken at one month and six months after birth. They also looked at whether the gut microbiome impacted the development of regulatory T-cells, or Treg, which are known to regulate the immune system. Highlights:

- ◆ breastfed babies at one month and six months had distinct microbiome compositions compared to non-breast-

fed babies. These distinct compositions may influence immune system development.

- ◆ Breastfed babies at one month were at decreased risk of developing allergies to pets.
- ◆ Asthmatic children who had nighttime coughing or flare-ups had a distinct microbiome composition during the first year of life.

For the first time, gut microbiome composition was shown to be associated with increasing Treg cells

Researchers found a baby's gut microbiome patterns vary by:

- ◆ a mother's race/ethnicity,
- ◆ a baby's gestational age at birth,
- ◆ prenatal and postnatal exposure to tobacco smoke,
- ◆ caesarean section versus vaginal delivery and
- ◆ presence of pets in the home.

Johnson and her team, which includes researchers at George Regents University, University of California-San Francisco and University of

*'Exposure to these microorganisms in the first few months after birth actually help stimulate the immune system.'*

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and the role of environmental factors.

Henry Ford's 2002 study found exposure to dogs or cats in the first year of a baby's life reduced their risk for allergies.

"The research is telling us that exposure to a higher and more diverse burden of environmental bacteria and specific patterns of gut bacteria appear to boost the immune system's protection against allergies and asthma," Johnson said.

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the opportunity to offer words of support, that validates and normalizes their grief.

**Task Three**

Need to remember the person who died: Through blogs, posts and picture sharing, there are countless ways the bereaved can use social media to share memories of their loved ones. Feedback from family and friends also lets the bereaved know those memories are treasured by others.

**Task Four**

Develop a new self-identity: This is often a more challenging task of grief. What role do you play in life now that your loved one is gone? Through open discussion of the deceased life on social media, the bereaved can develop a better understanding of the many roles the deceased played in the lives of others. The bereaved can use that information to determine the new roles they will take on in their own life.

**Task Five**

Searching for meaning in what has happened: When a loved one dies, it may prompt questions regarding the purpose of life and how such a tragic event could happen. Social media allows the bereaved to express their questions, concerns and doubts while providing reassurance as one searches for a new sense of purpose or clarity.

**Task Six**

Experience continued support in future years: Social media provides the perfect medium for the bereaved to share feelings of grief, regard-

less of how long it's been since a loved one died. It might be recognition of a birthday or an anniversary of death, or it could be a simple statement like "Really missing my mom today." Not only does expressing these feelings help the bereaved, but family and friends who see this public expression often respond with encouraging words.

Monts added, in addition to helping cope with grief, social media can simply provide the bereaved with a needed distraction. However, even with all the benefits, she warned there can be negatives to using social media in the grieving process.

"We know people grieve differently," Monts said. "While publically

expressing grief may be helpful to one family member, seeing these reminders on social media may be difficult for a family member who grieves more privately."

While Monts advises people to consider others when expressing grief publicly, she believes the benefits of social media in grieving far outweigh the cons.

For the Waller family, social media continues to be a source of solace and education. The launch of their Courage to be Kind social campaign acknowledges Charlie's gentleness and wisdom in advocating kindness to all. He argued for tolerance for those who were unkind, explaining that some children and adults have to learn to be kind just as they have to learn their ABCs.

The campaign's vision is that it will create a sys-

tem to allow people to report acts of kindness anonymously on social media. To learn more about Charlie's story and #CouragetobeKind visit [artforcharlie.org](http://artforcharlie.org).

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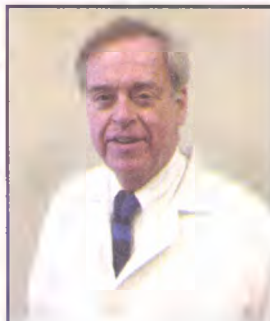
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can lower gastric acid production and relieve symptoms. Some patients opt for endoscopic procedures in which a tube is inserted down the throat and the damaged cells are surgically removed. For those with severe disease, an invasive procedure called a Nissen Fundoplication, a radical gastric ulceration that wraps the stomach around the esophagus.

The clinic study assessed 100 patients with chronic GERD before and after treatment with the LINX System. Of those patients:

- ◆ 92 percent of patients achieved freedom from daily GERD medication,
- ◆ 100 percent of patients achieved significant symptom improvement,
- ◆ 99 percent of patients

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◆ 99 percent of patients eliminated daily sleep disruption due to heartburn and

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In about three weeks patients have a bit of discomfort swallowing as the esophagus scars and begins to heal and tighten up the valve.

## SOC spring activities

Services for Older Citizens, 159 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, offers a variety of programs, lunches, speakers and parties. To register for events, call (313) 882-9600.

**Pizza and Movie** — "Nebraska" — 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 25. The cost is \$4 for both the pizza and movie; or \$2 for the movie only. Reservations are needed.

**Book discussion group** — 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 26. Grosse Pointe Public librarian Cynthia Zurschmiede is the facilitator for the book, "The Good Lord Bird" by James McBride. Call SOC for a reservation.

**Stretching and Strengthening** — 12:30 p.m. Monday, March 30. Heartland Health Care Center - Grosse

Pointe Woods physical therapist Keith Finley discusses the purpose and benefits of stretching and strengthening.

**April Fool's Day Party and Spelling Bee** — 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 1.

**How Integrative Medicine may Help You** — 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 7. Chiropractor Lanny Orr and acupuncturist Ryan Gauthier from Henry Ford Center for Integrative Medicine explain how chiropractic care, acupuncture and massage therapy can help decrease the pain and stiffness of arthritis.

**April birthday celebration** — 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 8. Those with birthdays in April get a piece of cake with a candle, a photo and free lunch.

**East Coast Swing Ball Room**

**Dance class** — 1 to 3 p.m. Monday, April 13. The cost is \$6. Akio Miyamoto is the instructor.

**A Matter of Balance workshop** — 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 14 through May 7. Anita Kanakaris and Nicole Bentley, Detroit Area Agency on Aging, are the facilitators. The cost is \$32. Reservations must be in by April 6.

**Cha Cha Ball Room Dance Class** — 1 to 3 p.m. Monday, April 20.

**Living with Hearing Loss** — 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 21. Lindsay Bauman, an audiologist with Henry Ford-Pierson Clinic, discusses what hearing loss is, how it is caused, how to

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treat it, common misconceptions about hearing loss and hearing aids, and where to get hearing help.

**Home Exercises** — 12:30 p.m. Monday, April 27. Keith Finley talks about exercises that can be done at home, exercises based on lifestyle, how to develop a schedule, setting goals and precautions that need to be taken. He will do a group demonstration of exercise basics.

**Pizza and Movie** — 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 29. Pizza is served and the movie, "100 Foot Journey," follows at 1 p.m. The cost for both lunch and the movie is \$4. To see the movie only, the cost is \$2. Starring Helen Mirren, who is a chilly chef

proprietress of a Michelin-starred French restaurant in southern France. When she gets wind of a culinary immigrant opening an Indian restaurant 100 feet from her own, her icy protests escalate.

**Book Discussion** — 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30. Librarian Zurschmiede leads the discussion on "How the Light Gets In" by Louise Penny.

The story comes from a historical murder case involving the death of the last surviving sister of quintuplets, whose birth and early life prompted a Canadian media frenzy in the mid-20th century. The dead woman has ties to a resident of Three Pines, the idyllic, off-the-grid village outside Montreal where several of Chief Inspector Henri Gamache's previous adventures have been set.

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814 School, Clawson, 48017 (West of Livernois, South of West Maple). Friday March 20, 9am-3pm and Saturday March 21, 9am-3pm. Estate of artist Josephine Chiapelli, many pieces of art framed and unframed, mat board, artist supplies, sofa, end tables, china cabinet, pair of swivel wing chairs, corner booth for kitchen, electric fire place, dressers, large cedar chest, sewing machine, Christmas, pottery, vintage linens, costume jewelry, vintage metal glider, garden decorations. Street numbers honored 8:30am Friday only.

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**Automotive**

**600 CARS**  
**NOTICE** - Auction of impounded/ abandoned vehicles. Pursuant to PA10, an auction will be held March 25, 2015 9:30am at 23060 Industrial Drive, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080 Vehicles available: 1997 Ford 3FALP15POVR105221

2000 Pontiac 1G2WP12KXYF102896  
1997 Chevrolet 1GNDT13W4V2158519

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**ACROSS**

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5 Two-timer  
8 Feathered missile  
12 Playwright  
14 Reverberate  
15 Skilled at painting  
16 Neighborhood  
17 That woman  
18 Look for typos, maybe  
20 Mixed metal  
23 — moss  
24 Harness strap  
25 Badmouthed big-time  
28 Distant  
29 Give a leg up  
30 Deteriorate  
32 Tire  
34 Taj Mahal city  
35 Pay attention  
36 Weapon since 1952  
37 Go back  
40 Festive  
41 Sandwich cookie  
42 Related to "the sum of

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47 Active one  
48 Eternally, to a poet  
49 Catch sight of  
50 Scooted  
51 Penn or Combs

**DOWN**

1 — carte  
2 Craggy peak  
3 Table scrap  
4 Penitentiary  
5 Give as an example  
6 Blackbird  
7 Lessen

8 Inadequate supply  
9 Farm measure  
10 Comical  
11 Frog's cousin  
13 Wan  
19 Right on the map?  
20 "Bow-wow"  
21 Fall faller  
22 Old Italian money  
23 Boastful, perhaps  
25 As one  
26 Therefore  
27 College

quarters  
29 Coffin stand  
31 Bill  
33 Speculation  
34 Bottomless pits  
36 Tresses  
37 Took the bus  
38 Cupid's alias  
39 Second in command, often  
40 Singer Campbell  
43 Eggs  
44 Sock part  
45 A Gershwin brother  
46 100 yrs.

**Solution Time: 21 minutes**

**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★ ★ ★**

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GIRLS HOCKEY

## South claims state championship

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The most storied team in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League history, Grosse Pointe South, added another state championship banner after easing past defending champ University Liggett 2-1 last weekend at Eddie Edgar Ice Arena.

"I thought the girls did a great job defensively, especially during the final period when we knew Liggett would throw everything at us," South co-coach Joe Provenzano said. "We rolled three lines for the most part and I thought our depth wore them down a little, including down the stretch."

Liggett scored first when freshman Olivia Yates poked a loose puck under South junior goaltender Bella Strickler. The goal, assisted by sophomore Kara Francis, was scored early in the first period.

The Knights looked like it would be their game as they dominated play for the first 10 minutes of the period, but the Blue Devils came back to tie it 1-1 when freshman Lauren Kramer scored at the 1:55 mark with junior Emma Frame drawing the only assist.

The shots were 8-7 in favor of the Knights. However, the Blue Devils had a 9-3 advantage in the second period and 8-5 in the third stanza for a total of 24, while the Knights had 16.

The game-winning goal came on the power play and was a perfect center-



PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE

Grosse Pointe South players, coaches and fans celebrate after winning another Division 1 state championship.

ing pass from Kramer to sophomore Carson Dennis, who one-timed it over junior goalie Olivia Portillo's shoulder for a 2-1 lead at the 5:50 mark of the second period.

The Blue Devils had two golden opportunities to add to the lead, but they couldn't get a stick on the puck when it was an inch from the goal line.

Midway through the third period, the Blue Devils seemingly had an open net to fire the puck into and grab a 3-1 lead. However, with her cat-like reflexes, Portillo slid over and snatched the puck out of the air, keeping it a one-goal game.

The Knights had a couple of hard shots on Strickler, but she came up with the big saves to save the day for the Blue Devils.

In the final minute and with an extra attacker

after Portillo skated to the bench, the Knights had 60 seconds to tie the game.

During the 60 seconds, the Blue Devils possessed the puck for 50 of those and fans counted down the final five seconds of the state title victory.

"We weren't at full strength heading into the game health-wise and it affected the way we played," Liggett head coach Cassie Jaeckle said. "It was a great hockey game between the two best teams in the league. We gave it our best shot and I'm proud of the girls for going all out today. It just wasn't our day, even though we played hard."

For South senior captains Libby Erickson, Eliza Bourke, Abby Carrier and Ellie Flom, the championship was the culmination of a couple of years of hard work

leading the team through thick and thin.

Grosse Pointe South finished the season 22-3 and Liggett was 22-4.

South advanced to the finals with another tough 2-1 win.

This time it was over Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood, while Liggett used a three-goal second period to defeat Livonia Ladywood 5-0 in the semifinals.

Francis, back from injury, had a natural hat trick, scoring each of the three second-period goals.

The Knights put two goals on the board in the third period as sophomore Haley Malewicz and junior Allison Stapleton had the honors.

Once again Portillo earned the win between the pipes, posting another shutout.

In its semifinal against



Liggett freshman Olivia Yates scored the Knights' only goal in the championship game against Grosse Pointe South.

Cranbrook-Kingswood, South fell behind 1-0 in the opening period, but tied it at the 6:43 mark of the second period when freshman Ava Russano's backhand from 20 feet away found the far corner to tie it 1-1 heading into the final 15 minutes.

Scoring the game-winning goal was Carrier, who was in front of the net and ready to pounce on a loose puck.

After a scramble behind the net, the puck glided right in front of Cranbrook-Kingswood's goalie Natalie Keoleian, who saw the puck too late as Carrier got her stick on it and sent it to the back of the net at the 9:19 mark of the third period.

After that, the Blue

Devils' defense played strong, as did Strickler, who made a couple of tough saves to thwart any comeback bid.

In the first round of the Division 1 playoffs Monday, March 9, Liggett beat Northville 6-1 behind Stapleton's four goals and Marchin's one goal and one assist, and Grosse Pointe North lost 3-1 to Cranbrook-Kingswood.

Junior Elizabeth Gallagher, from senior Kelly LaBarge and freshman Lindsey Ramsdell, scored the Norsemen's lone goal.

Head coach Joe Lucchese and his Grosse Pointe North team finished its season 13-10-0-1 overall.

SWIMMING

NORTH, SOUTH & LIGGETT

## Montague leads local swimmers at finals

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South took eighth with 126 points and Grosse Pointe North 22nd with 15 points in last weekend's Division 2 boys' swimming and diving championship meet at Holland Aquatic Center.

Birmingham Seaholm easily won the state title, finishing with 393 points. Ann Arbor Skyline was second with 271.5 and Dexter was third with 239.

The Norsemen's two competitors were divers William McNelis and Duncan MacAskill. McNelis was fourth to earn all-state with 399.25 points and MacAskill was 19th with 222.45 points.

The star for the Blue Devils was Jacob Montague, who set a Division 2 state record after winning the 200-



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South's swimming and diving team won another MAC Red Division championship meet title and had eight of its competitors make the Division 2 state championship meet.

yard individual medley with a time of 1:48.30, and a state record in the 100-yard breaststroke,

winning with a time of 54.66.

The old Division 2 record in the 200-IM of

1:48.55 was set in 2010 by Holland's Eric Solis and the old record in the 100-breaststroke was set

in 2013 by Josh Ehrman of Saline.

Another all-state performance was turned in by the Blue Devils' 200-yard medley relay team of Cam Francis, Montague, Devlin Francis and Robby Koueiter, which placed sixth with a time of 1:37.49.

Ethan Briggs was 16th in the IM with a time of 2:03.81 and Erik Romer took home an all-state honor in diving, finishing second with 425.45 points.

The Blue Devils had two competitors finish in the top 16 in the 100-yard butterfly with Devlin Francis taking 11th and Robby Koueiter 13th with times of 53.69 and 54.87. Cam Francis was also in the 100-fly, taking 17th with a time of 54.34 in the preliminaries.

The Blue Devils' 200-yard freestyle relay four-

somed by Montague, Koueiter, Devlin Francis and Cam Francis earned all-state, taking sixth with a time of 1:28.41.

In the 100-yard backstroke, Connor Mallegg was 24th and Briggs 28th with times of 56.37 and 56.66.

In the 400-yard freestyle, South's team of Cam Francis, Koueiter, Briggs and Devlin Francis placed 14th with a time of 3:19.85.

In the Division 3 state title meet at Oakland University, University Liggett's Stephen Lesha placed 36th in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 52.43 and 32nd in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 59.39.

In the team standings, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood won the state title with 430 points, followed by Chelsea with 299.5 and East Grand Rapids with 248.



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Gymnastics

GROSSE POINTE UNITED

Team takes 7th

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe United gymnastics team finished seventh in last weekend's state championship meet at Rockford High School.

Head coach Courtney Hamidi's squad finished with 139.625 points. Rockford won the state title with 147.975 points, followed by Canton with 146.225, Grand Ledge with 141.750, Howell with 140.900, Farmington with 139.875 and Grand Rapids Forest Hills with 139.775.

Grosse Pointe scored 36.200 points on vault, 34.625 on uneven bars, 34.600 on balance beam and 34.200 on floor exercise.

Leading the way for the team was Isabelle Nguyen, who scored 37.775 points, followed by Maria Nguyen with 35.175, Michelle Ellis with 33.225, Jennifer Gmeiner with 24.375,



PHOTO COURTESY OF COURTNEY HAMIDI

Grosse Pointe United gymnasts were all smiles after winning the league title a couple of weeks ago. They rode the momentum to the state finals last weekend.

Rachel Rogers with 16.325, Gyanei Johnson with 15.625 and Chandler McClarty with 7.800.

The four scorers on vault were Isabelle Nguyen with a 9.600, followed by Maria Nguyen with a 9.375, Rogers with an 8.725 and Ellis with an 8.500.

The team was led by Isabelle Nguyen's 9.375 on uneven bars. Gmeiner and Maria Nguyen each scored an 8.700 and Ellis had a 7.850.

On balance beam, Isabelle Nguyen scored a 9.575, while Maria Nguyen had a 9.000. Ellis was third with an

8.225 and McClarty scored a 7.800.

On the final event, the floor exercise, Isabelle Nguyen led the way with a 9.225, followed by Ellis with an 8.650, Johnson with an 8.225 and Maria Nguyen with an 8.100.

Most of the girls return next season.

Baseball

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Registration is ongoing for the Grosse Pointe South 20th annual Baseball Instructional Camp from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, March 21, at the high school gymnasium.

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Campers work on hitting, pitching, infield, outfield, catching and sliding techniques and is open to boys and girls in grades second to eighth.

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Rowing

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Medalists

Beatrice Bearnard of St. Paul Catholic School won the World Indoor Rowing Championships in the Youth-Girls 4 minute event with a final distance of 1,062 meters.

The event was held the first weekend of March and Bearnard's distance bettered the previous mark of 1,011 meters. She is the first area resident to win the World Indoor Rowing Championship.

The 34th World Indoor Rowing Championship, hosted by the CRASH-B Sprints, was held at the Agganis Arena in Boston. There are typically

more than 2,200 entrants from around two-dozen countries racing the 2,000-meter distance.

Her teammate, Sorin Koszyk of Grosse Pointe Park, earned the silver medal in the Lightweight Men's event with a time of 6:23.0, falling to the first-place winner by only 0.5 seconds in the 2,000-meter event.

The students row for the Detroit Boat Club Crew on Belle Isle and Bearnard is coached by Nabil Shurafa and Ryan Kingsley, while Koszyk is coached by Dick Bell and assistant coach David Macon.

FENCING



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Medalists

Sammy and Miranda Freedman, siblings from Grosse Pointe Park, competed in the 2015 Arnold Fencing Classic in Columbus, Ohio, the first weekend of March. The Arnold Fencing Classic is a part of the Arnold Sports Festival, the largest multi-sport festival in the world. The siblings, who fence out of the Renaissance Fencing Club in Troy, each came home with a medal. Sammy took second in the Y10 Men's foil event, while Miranda tied for third in the Y14 Women's foil event.

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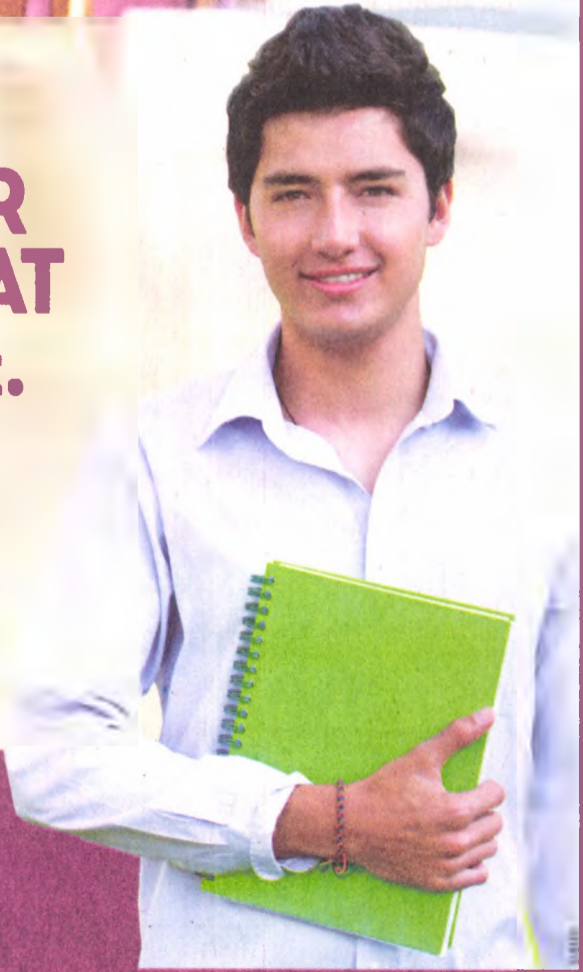
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Boys hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils fall in state semifinal

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys' hockey team was ready for its Division 2 semifinal showdown with top-ranked Birmingham Brother Rice.

Head coach Bobby McKillop and assistant coach Jim Corbett prepared the boys for their chance to take out the Warriors at Compuware Arena last week.

"They're fast in the neutral zone and they are a complete hockey team," McKillop said the day of the game. "They're a hockey powerhouse here in Michigan, but our key is to be who we are and play our style of hockey which got us here. If we can do that, we can win

and move on to the state championship game."

For one period, it was scoreless, but then the Warriors scored three goals in a three-minute span late in the second period before sending South to a 4-0 loss.

The Blue Devils had their chances, but missed on two golden shots, which could have tightened the game heading down the stretch.

Brother Rice added an insurance goal in the third period to win and advance to the state finals, while Grosse Pointe South ended its season 21-5-1 overall.

South advanced to the Final Four after a wild 8-2 quarterfinal win over Romeo at Suburban Ice Arena.

"We really took it right



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

South goaltender Andy Jakub, shown in the Blue Devils' game against University Liggett earlier in the season, played well in his final year of high school hockey.

at Romeo and won a big game," McKillop said. "The offense clicked and

on our part."

Despite playing well, the Blue Devils went into a shell in the third period after the Bulldogs had a player ejected and several other assessed 10-minute misconduct penalties.

The Blue Devils used the multiple power plays to add three more goals to their total, including two by sophomore Jack Flynn and one by senior Zach Kohut.

Assisting Flynn's goals were senior Ian Corbett and sophomore Adam Pitters, and senior Will Sheffer and sophomore Michael French had assists on Kohut's tally.

The Blue Devils scored one goal in the opening period when Corbett scored at the 12:30 mark, assisted by juniors Mac

Cimmarrusti and Will Poplawski.

They jumped all over Romeo in the second period, scoring four goals to take a 5-1 lead.

Pitters scored at the 13:21 mark, assisted by junior Griffin Brooks and Flynn, and Brooks lit the lamp 90 seconds later as Poplawski and Cimmarrusti had assists.

Flynn, who finished with the hat trick, netted his first goal at the 10:37 mark of the second period. Pitters and senior Nikolas Minanov had the assists.

The Blue Devils' first five goals came at even strength.

Senior goalie Andy Jakub earned the win against Romeo and the loss to Brother Rice, which won the title.

More girls hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH



Shining stars

Two of the leaders for Grosse Pointe South during its run to the state title were freshman forward Lauren Kramer, left, and junior goaltender Bella Strickler, right. Kramer assisted on the game-winning goal against University Liggett, while Strickler stopped 15 shots between the pipes. South returns a slew of superstars next season.



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## College night

Dozens of colleges and universities were represented at the annual College Night, held last week at Grosse Pointe South High School. At top, 11th grader Madeline Roeske talks with Diane Couvreur at the Purdue University table. Middle photo, Grosse Pointe North High School junior Olyvia Shimko chats with Alison Wang at the University of Michigan. Above, families and prospective students visit the various college tables in the main gym at South.

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## The Week Ahead Schools

- ◆ **Saturday, March 21** – Maire Faire, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Maire Elementary School is located at 740 Cadieux, City of Grosse Pointe.
- ◆ **Monday, March 23** – Board of education meeting, 7 p.m., Brownell Middle School. Brownell Middle School is located at 260 Chalfonte, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ **Tuesday, March 24** – Blood drive, Richard Elementary School, 2:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Richard Elementary School is located at 176 McKinley, Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ **Wednesday, March 25** – Art Fest, Grosse Pointe South High School, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Grosse Pointe South is located at 11 Grosse Pointe Blvd., Grosse Pointe Farms.
- ◆ **Thursday, March 26** – Art Fest awards, Grosse Pointe South auditorium, 7 p.m.
- ◆ **Thursday, March 26** – Shrek: The Musical, 7 p.m. Brownell Middle School.
- ◆ University Liggett School and Grosse Pointe Academy are on spring break.

## Shrek: The Musical coming to Brownell

What do you get when you cross a hulking ogre with a wise-cracking donkey, a gang of homeless fairy tale characters, a vertically-challenged lord and an odd princess-in-distress? Throw in a lively musical score, and you get Shrek: The Musical.

More than 100 Brownell Middle School students have been hard at work, preparing to bring the beloved tale of Shrek to the stage March 26 and 27.

Under the direction of English teachers Susan Dempsey (director),

Tammy Duffield (producer) and vocal music director Carolyn Gross, this ambitious production brings to life the silly but heartwarming love story of Shrek and Princess Fiona. With all the charm of the original movie, along with numerous uplifting, witty songs and dance numbers, it's sure to be an entertaining evening for audiences of all ages.

Tommy Thams stars as Shrek while Troy Herd is his sidekick, Donkey. The lovely but quirky Fiona is played by Grace Walsh and Emilio Garcia por-

trays the evil Lord Farquaad. Students from all grades round out the cast that numbers more than 100.

"Shrek: The Musical" will be performed at 7 p.m. March 26 and 27 in the Brownell multi-purpose room. Tickets are \$10 (Senior Gold Card honored) and available by contacting Stacey Rogowski at jsjnrogowski@yahoo.com or (586) 495-4563.

## South to host Art Fest

Art Fest, Grosse Pointe South's annual student art show, opens Wednesday, March 25, and runs through Saturday, March 28, in South's multipurpose room.

More than 1,000 pieces of art, from sculpture to photography, pencil drawings to water colors, will be featured. Several of the pieces on exhibit at the show were top prize winners in the Scholastic Art competition. The exhibit runs 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, through Friday, March 27, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 28. The annual art awards presentation will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 26, in the South auditorium. The free exhibit is open to the public.

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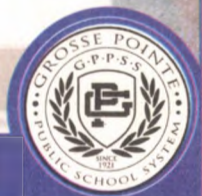
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Brownell Middle School's store, The Stable, named for its bronco school mascot, is managed by counselor Angie Niforos and classroom assistant Alma Reygaert. The Stable is open every day after school and all sales proceeds go back to supporting the students at Brownell. The Stable also sponsors a loose change drive to benefit local charities throughout the year. Every two months a local charity is featured and students donate their loose change into jars located at the registers. This most recent donation The Stable made was to the local charity called Kids on the Go, in the amount of \$200. At right, Austin Wright holds the change jar while Rachel Altland and Devon Krasner ring up student purchases. In line are Emmett Altland and Gigi Niforos donating their spare change while Kathleen Carroll and Conor Dailey wait to pay for their purchase.



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## Dalman has top ACT score

Alexandra Dalman, daughter of Rick and Hiroko Dalman and a junior at Grosse Pointe South, earned a top composite score of 36 on a recent ACT test. Nationally, while the actual number of students earning a composite score of 36 varies from year to year, on average, less than one-tenth of 1 percent of students who take the ACT earn the top score. Among test takers in the high school graduating class of 2014, only 1,407 of nearly 1.85 mil-

lion students earned a composite score of 36.

The ACT consists of tests in English, mathematics, reading and science. Each test is scored on a scale of 1 to 36, and a student's composite score is the average of the four test scores. Some students also take ACT's optional Writing Test, but the score for that test is reported separately and is not included within the ACT composite score.

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## St. Clare students place

St. Clare of Montefalco students recently competed in Farm Bureau Insurance Company's annual essay contest, with the topic being "My Personal Michigan Hero." Grosse Pointe's Farm Bureau agent Nick Edwin joined the top three winners, Kali West (third), Timothy Ward (second) and first place winner Finn Boyle. Boyle's essay will go on to the state competition.

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More than 250 students and staff at Parcels Middle School have signed the Respect pledge.

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Parcells Middle School students are now part of Spread the Word to End the Word, a national movement dedicated to eliminating the word “retarded” and replacing it with a new “R” word, respect.

Lead by the Parcells Peer to Peer staff and students, under the direction of teacher Gina McEveney and Amy Bolzman, the school participated in a lesson on different types of disabilities during advisory classes.

The Peer to Peer program links special needs students with general education classmates who serve as role models and advocates for their special education peers throughout the school year. More importantly, they become friends.

Parcells staff and students participated in the Spread the Word to End the Word program where they learned how hurtful the use of the word “retard” can be to those with developmental disabilities. Students and staff pledged to eliminate the “R” word from their everyday language, and in return, received bracelets inscribed with the phrase, “RESPECT – the new ‘r’ word.”

More than 250 students and staff signed the pledge, and those pledge cards were displayed in a large R in the main hallway. The program also raised \$250 for the P2P program, and those funds will be used to fund future activities for P2P members, including field trips and group parties.

# Gutierrez receives Farm Bureau award

Autumn Gutierrez, a basketball player, senior at Grosse Pointe North, has received the annual local District Scholar-Athlete award from Farm Bureau Insurance of Michigan. In addition to the scholarship, the DeCaussin Agency is also donating \$250 to the athletic department at North.

This is the 26th year Farm Bureau Insurance of Michigan has sponsored scholar-athlete awards.

# Kerby enjoying some Math Madness

While college hoop fans are counting down to the NCAA Final Four, math students at Kerby Elementary School in Grosse Pointe Farms have used their counting skills to advance to the Final Four in the national Math Madness competition sponsored by the national learning system, Think Through Math (TTM).

Students in grade 3 through 5 have been participating in a math challenge where students must complete a set number of math problems every day. Kerby has had 100 percent participation and has advanced through the Math Madness ranks to make it into the Final Four. The competition continues this week, when a national champion will be crowned.

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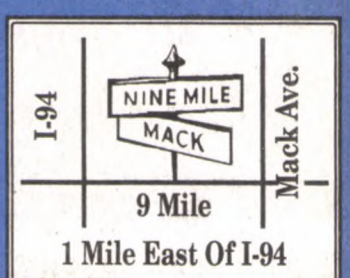
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