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**Week ahead**

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**SATURDAY, AUG. 30**

◆ Join Kerby Elementary student Maggie Wright from 12:30 to 1 p.m. in the Farms Pier Park as she walks to raise money for the Warm Hearts Foundation, which provides funds to dig wells in south African countries.

**SUNDAY, AUG. 31**

◆ Grosse Pointe South High School Jazz Band will perform at 4:15 p.m. at Campus Martius, Detroit.

**MONDAY, SEPT. 1**

Labor Day

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 3**

◆ Grosse Pointe Public School System opens its doors to students.

**Five seek school board seats**

By Beth Quinn  
 Staff Writer

During the Nov. 4 election, Grosse Pointe voters will decide from five candidates who will fill two Grosse Pointe Board of Education positions.

One incumbent and four candidates will vie for the two seats held by board members Ahmed Ismail and Angela Kennedy, whose terms expire December 2008.

Ismail, 55, of Grosse Pointe Woods, is seeking reelection. Kennedy is not.

"It's time to move on," Kennedy said. "I want to devote more time to my family."

Ismail will be challenged by Christopher Cornwall, 45; Terrill Newnan, 57; Darryl Miller, 55; all of Grosse Pointe Farms; and Judith Gafa, 47, of Grosse Pointe Woods.

The newly elected trustees will serve four-year terms, starting January 2009.

This is the first time the school board election will be held during a major election.

"I think we will have a good turnout, since it's during a presidential election," said Chris Fenton, assistant superintendent of schools.

"It should be very interesting."

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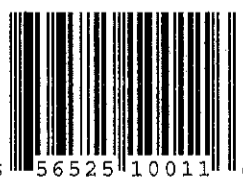


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**Stuffed shirts**

Above, Grosse Pointe Audiology's scarecrow on Mack depicts a couple dealing with a man who is hard of hearing. Scarecrows like this pair can be seen at 29 other locations throughout the Grosse Pointes. At left, is the Sunrise Assisted Living's entry. The stuffed lawn and garden figures will be auctioned off during the Victory in the Pointes celebration at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6 at the Northern Trust building, 120 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Grosse Pointers will be casting their votes for their favorite scarecrow in the categories of Traditional Harvest, Whimsical, and Celebrity. Other weekend activities include the North versus South football game at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, at North, preceded by a Tailgate Taste Fest from 5 to 7 p.m. On Sept. 6, merchants will on Lakeshore, Mack and Kercheval will have sales, the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House hosts a Football Family Fun and the Let's Crow Party begins at 7 p.m.



**Block Party features family fun**

Grosse Pointe's Greatest Block Party hits the streets Sept. 13-14. The family event will attract more than 10,000 people to Kercheval between St. Clair and Cadieux. The

weekend is presented by Henry Ford Cottage Hospital and Pointe Fitness & Training Center.

Several events are planned, including the Taste of Grosse

Pointe 2008, which will feature menu specialties from Bogart's Café, City Kitchen, Dylan's Raw Bar & Grille, Golden Dragon, Janet's Lunch, Jet's Pizza, Sinbad's at the River, Steve's Backroom, Sunrise Sunset Saloon at Trattoria Andiamo. Dessert specialties will be served up by Cold Stone Creamery, Sanders Chocolate & Ice Cream Shop, The Cheesecake Shoppe and Just Delicious.

The Taste of Grosse Pointe is presented by Village Ace Home & Hardware and Merrill Lynch. Hours will be 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14.

Another option is the Hospitality Area, presented by the Grosse Pointe News. Right in the heart of the Block Party, dining, entertainment and beverages will be available. Beverage tents are sponsored by Wayne County Community College District and the Grosse Pointe Times.

Art on the Block, a juried art

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Grosse Pointe's Greatest Block Party will draw thousands to The Village Sept. 13 and 14. Among the family options will be the Taste of Grosse Pointe, Children's Activities, continuous music and entertainment on a main stage and beverage tents with a hospitality area.

**School house dedication**

Event 118 years in the making includes picnic and music

By Kathy Ryan  
 Staff Writer

It's an event that's 118 years in the making.

The official ribbon cutting for the historic Cook School House in Grosse Pointe Woods is at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7 and the public may take part in the celebration.

In addition to the ribbon cutting, the city will unveil the official historical marker awarded to the site by the state of Michigan.

"We had dreamed of owning this building for years," said Grosse Pointe Woods Historical Commission Chairwoman Mary Kay Ferry, "but never actually thought we could."

"When it first went up for sale, we watched it carefully. Then when it didn't sell, the owner, Marc Alan, determined

that the land might be more valuable without the schoolhouse and decided to donate the building to the city.

"We're delighted with the result. It's been a huge project and we're glad to have it finally get to this point."

The circa 1890 building with its distinctive clock was for years a fixture on Mack Avenue near Lochmoor. It served as a one-room school house until 1922 and later a church, a house and most recently, an office building.

Once moved to Ghesquire Park two years ago, historical commission members and city employees put in countless hours to restore it to its original schoolhouse design. A foundation was built, a new front porch installed and the exterior repainted in its original schoolhouse red.

City employee Matt Crook rebuilt the cupola that housed the school bell, taking great pains to duplicate the original,

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**GROSSE POINTE SHORES**

**Water tower site studied**

By Brad Lindberg  
 Staff Writer

Mariners on Lake St. Clair pass navigation lights the way motorists on Lakeshore Drive do telephone poles.

Yet, it's unlikely either will need to update their charts and road maps to show a water tower disguised as a lighthouse at Osius Park.

The Grosse Pointe Shores council this month downgraded the idea of erecting a water tower at the lakeside park, favoring instead to study placement inland behind the public

works garage at the Village Hall complex.

The choice was on board with the interests that resident Brian Gerahgy voiced during the overflow council meeting.

"As a boater, the lighthouse would be confusing," he said. "People would think it is broken."

Village trustees are studying construction of a 1 million gallon water storage facility to ensure steady water pressure at non-inflated prices.

The preliminary site selec-

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**POINTER OF INTEREST**

*'It made me mature and prioritize what is important in life.'*

**Sarah McPharlin**



**Home:** Grosse Pointe Woods

**Age:** 18

**Family:** Father, Jim; mother, Dianne; sisters, Katie and Emily

**Claim to fame:** 12-year-old heart transplant recipient

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## Yesterday's headlines



FROM THE AUG. 28, 1958 ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

## 1958: They can't wait for school

Ferry Elementary School students Virginia Ambrose, second grade, and her sister, Mary Alice, kindergarten, stop by to ask custodian Arthur Colby when school starts. The girls, daughters of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Ambrose of Roslyn Road, appeared to be eagerly awaiting the day when classes begin in the Grosse Pointe Public Schools.

## 1958

50 years ago this week

### ◆ SCHOOL OPENS SEPT. 4

Approximately 10,300 students will begin classes when school opens next week, up by about 500 from the prior year.

Seventy-seven new full-time teachers and staff members were hired. Most of the hires replace retiring teachers or those who left the district.

About 20 new staff members were needed to take care of the increased enrollment.

### ◆ NEW POLIO CASES REPORTED

Two new cases of infantile paralysis reported during the week brought the total for this season in the Grosse Pointe — Harper Woods Health District to four.

Four cases were reported at the same time last year.

### ◆ WOODS EXPLAINS BUILDING FUND

A clearer picture of the monies "found" by the Grosse Pointe Woods city comptroller and city auditors and transferred to the Woods' Municipal Improvement fund was disclosed at a recent meeting.

According to public records, approximately \$214,000 is in the fund to date, excluding \$50,000 in interest from bonds and bank savings accumulated over the past five years. The money is expected to be transferred to the improvement fund at a later date by the council.

The balance of the \$308,000 is allocated for other city uses, but can be transferred to the improvement fund if the city council so desires.

## 1983

25 years ago this week

### ◆ TEACHERS THREATEN STRIKE

Calling the school board's position at this year's bargaining table "troublesome and regressive," Grosse Pointe Public School System teachers union president Curt Lange said if an agreement is not reached by Aug. 31, the system's 500 teachers will strike.

### ◆ SHOTS FIRED

A 38-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods man is undergoing psychiatric evaluation at an area hospital after firing one round from a .45 caliber seven-shot automatic handgun at a person he imagined was breaking into his garage.

Police were called to a South Renaud home on a breaking and entering attempt.

According to reports, as officers were leaving their car, they heard a gunshot from the rear of the house and saw a man standing in the kitchen holding a handgun. The man said he saw someone trying to break into his garage. Police checked the door and found no signs of tampering.

Police took the man's guns for safekeeping including 34 assorted firearms, ammunition and clips, 18 assorted knives and a hatchet.

## 1998

10 years ago this week

### ◆ TOT LOT OPENS

The Grosse Pointe Rotary Tot-Lot at Elworthy Field in the City of Grosse Pointe opened officially this week during a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

### ◆ WEATHER ALERT TOWER

A weather siren ordered by Grosse Pointe Shores in April has finally arrived and should be up and running early next month.

The unit will be mounted inconspicuously on a 50-foot pole in the Village Hall complex and used to warn residents of severe thunderstorms, tornadoes and civil defense purposes.

### ◆ FARMS COPS GET A CROOK

A video camera in an office building on the Hill did the trick as Grosse Pointe Farms police arrested a Harper Woods maintenance worker, who stole as much as \$600 from the office over the last few weeks.

## 2003

Five years ago this week

### ◆ WOODS COUNCIL INCUMBENT SICS COPS ON FOE

Grosse Pointe Woods City Councilman Thomas Fahrner asked police to investigate two petitions on the checkout counter at Oxford Beverage. Fahrner believed the petitions violated state liquor laws banning political advertising in liquor establishments.

One petition supported the city council campaign of Darryl Spicher, the store's owner. The other requested the council issue a liquor license so a Woods restaurant could apply to serve beer and wine.

While Spicher believed Fahrner's actions were politically motivated, Fahrner denied the accusation.

### ◆ MOTORCYCLIST ASSAULTED

Police are reviewing the videotape of at least three assailants ganging up on a passing motorcyclist in a parking lot behind a store on the corner of Mack and Ridgeman in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The victim, a 56-year-old Shores resident had cuts and abrasions on his head and face.

Grosse Pointe Farms officers arrested three Grosse Pointe men ages 17 to 19 involved in the beating.

— By Karen Fontanive



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# 'A child with a smile' goal of St. Jude walk

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

Marissa Nichols just wants to help.

The 14-year old Regina High School freshman also wants to emulate her great-grandmother who passed away in December, 2007. Upon her death, she requested donations be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and now Marissa wants to help the charity even more.

The young Grosse Pointe Woods resident, with the help of her family and friends, organized the Grosse Pointe Charity Walk and Fundraiser for the Memphis, Tenn. hospital renown for its work with children with cancer and other life threatening diseases.

Scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 14, registration begins at 10 a.m. at the Grosse Pointe Shores Park at Lakeshore and Vernier.

The route takes walkers down Lakeshore through Grosse Pointe Farms and back along Lakeshore to the Shores park. A free lunch provided by



PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

With the goal being to "send a child home with a smile," Marissa Nichols, right, has put together the first annual Grosse Pointe Charity Walk and Fundraiser to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Helping Nichols are, from left, Andrew Hastings, Patrick Hastings, J.J. Lundy and Sue Hastings, Lauren Annas, Michelle Nichols and Nichols.

National Coney Island and activities for the children follow.

"I wanted to help and I love children," Marissa explained.

"This just seemed like a great way raise money for a great

cause and we hope to have some fun along the way."

Marissa's parents, Michelle and Robert Nichols, are serving as event chairmen. Roger and Carol Abiragi and family, along with Michael Liddane and Jeanne Lizza are the co-chairs.

Marissa's sister, Alexis, 16, assisted with some of the "heavy lifting," including putting together fliers, stuffing envelopes and distributing walk information.

"I'm happy to help in any way I can," said Alexis. "I'm proud of what Marissa has put together and my family has really enjoyed being a part of it."

Entry fees are \$25 for adults; \$15 for children 11 to 18; and \$5 for children 10 and under. Walkers will receive a T-shirt the day of the walk.

Participants are encouraged to solicit sponsors and donations.

Envelopes for this purpose will be included in the entry packets available at Sine and Monaghan GMAC Real Estate, 18412 Mack, Grosse Pointe Farms; Champs Restaurant, 20515 Mack,

Grosse Pointe Woods; Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Office, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods; and Speedi Photo, 20229 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Pre-registration is encouraged, but walkers may register the morning of the walk.

Marissa's hope is the Grosse Pointe community steps up to help the charity's wish to "send them home with a smile" come true.

"We hope everyone picks up a registration packet and joins us," she said. "It's going to be a great day."

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital was founded by the late Comedian Danny Thomas. It is an internationally recognized research and treatment center for children with catastrophic diseases, but is renown for never turning away a child whose family could not afford treatment.

With the average cost for treating a child with acute lymphoblastic leukemia being \$546,000 and a bone marrow transplant costing more than \$300,000, donations are needed.

## GROSSE POINTE PARK

# Park council puts bite in pit bull ban

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

Though some believe there are no bad dogs, just bad owners, the Grosse Pointe Park City Council is taking no chances.

At its Aug. 25 meeting, members approved a new ordinance that covers both dogs and the people who own them.

Designed to give the public safety department the leverage and discretion it needs to deal with dangerous dogs, the ordinance bans any breed commonly referred to as a "pit bull." Included are any bull terrier breeds, Staffordshire bull terriers, American Staffordshire bull terriers, American pit bull terriers and

any mixed breed dog that has the appearance or characteristics of a pit bull.

The ordinance also clearly defines a "dangerous dog" and the penalties for keeping one. A dog is considered dangerous if it "causes injury to a person or domestic animal, chases or menaces a person or domestic animal in an aggressive manner, or acts in a highly aggressive manner within a fenced or enclosed area, and appears to a reasonable person able to jump over or escape."

Also, any dog running free picked up by the police or animal control two or more times in a 12-month period can be considered dangerous and the owner will be fined.

The ordinance also sets minimum requirements for own-

ing a dog in Grosse Pointe Park that include licensing the dog with the city, keeping it on a leash or in a secured area at all times when outdoors, and cleaning up any droppings left by the dog in public areas.

"Ninety-nine percent of the pet owners have wonderful pets and don't present a problem," said Councilman Dan Clark.

"We have tailored this ordinance to cover irresponsible pet owners and the animals who pose a clear and present danger to the citizens of Grosse Pointe Park."

The ordinance takes effect immediately and dogs currently living in the city are not excused from the ban. That does-

n't mean that pit bulls must be out of town by sundown, either.

According to Public Safety Director Chief David Hiller, the city can't simply go into homes and remove the animals.

"We will work with the city attorney on the best way to enact this," he said. "One of the first ways will be through the licensing process. All dog licenses must be renewed in December and we won't renew a license for a pit bull. By not having a licensed dog, the owner will be in violation of the ordinance and that will give us a starting point for removing the dog."

"Of course, if the dog is running loose or is shown to be a threat under the ordinance, we

can take the necessary steps now to remove the dog."

Several residents spoke at the meeting welcoming the ban on pit bulls and urging the council to approve the ordinance.

"I'm very concerned for the well-being of my own dogs because of a pit bull on my block," said one resident. "Those dogs have some wires crossed. They just can't be trusted."

Another resident, while praising the ordinance, expressed concern for the public safety officers that have to enforce it.

"Those dogs can be vicious and I'm worried about what our officers might face," she told the council. "We may want

to think of providing them with the auxiliary items they might need for their own safety."

According to Hiller, the department is ready.

"It was the police department that pushed for this ordinance," he said. "And while it bans pit bulls, it also gives us discretion in dealing with other dog problems. It gives us the flexibility we needed."

It also might give residents a good night's sleep, since the ordinance allows officers to ticket the owners of dogs that habitually bark, yelp or howl.

Violations carry a graduated fine schedule that tops off at \$500 and/or 90 days in jail.

Several cities have similar bans on pit bull breeds, including Grosse Pointe Woods.

# Park officers take up torch for Special Olympics run

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

There are 750 miles of black-top between the Grosse Pointes and Copper Harbor at the tip of the Upper Peninsula.

For Grosse Pointe Park police officers and long distance runners, Lt. John Kretzschmar and Officer Brent Merlington, that road will be paved with the support of thousands of Special Olympians from across the state. The two men will participate again this year in the Law Enforcement Torch Run beginning Monday, Sept. 8, and continuing non-stop through Friday, Sept. 12.

This is the 27th year for the five-day race that begins in Copper Harbor, winds through the Upper Peninsula, across the Mackinac Bridge and down through the Lower Peninsula. The runners are scheduled to reach downtown Detroit Friday morning, crossing over into Grosse Pointe Park between noon and 1 p.m.

A runner and an official police escort will join the race as it heads through the Pointes via Lakeshore Drive. It then moves through St. Clair Shores and up to Sterling Heights, where the race ends at the Fraternal Order of Police Hall that afternoon.

"Yeah, it's a long way," said Kretzschmar with a laugh. "And we run rain or shine, and when it rains in the Upper Peninsula in September, it's cold."

"We begin to start looking for pharmacies along the way and load up on items to help with sore muscles. It really starts to hit you about the third day, when you start feeling the burn."



Last year was the first time John Kretzschmar and Brent Merlington participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.

Kretzschmar and Merlington are members of the Fraternal Order of Police team that includes officers from Sterling Heights. They join a team each from the Michigan Department of Corrections and the Michigan State Police.

Each six-member team takes turns running 30 mile stretches, with each member doing a five-mile segment. A motor home follows the runners and serves as race headquarters, kitchen and makeshift dorm for the runners.

"By mid-week it starts getting that locker room smell," Kretzschmar said.

Throughout the race, the motor home and runners are shadowed by law enforcement escorts from local communities. Along the way, Special Olympians and their families turn out to cheer them on.

"We receive a tremendous re-

sponse along the route," he said. "Especially in the Upper Peninsula, the whole town turns out to welcome us."

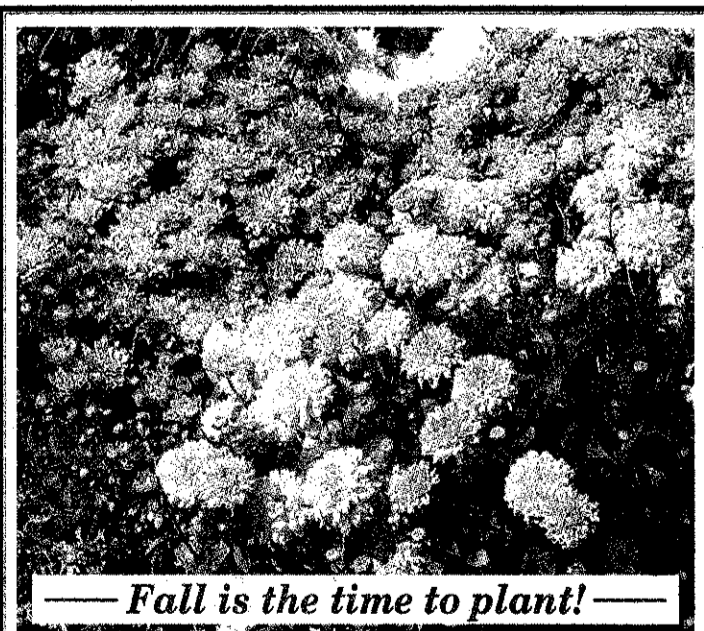
This relay is just one way Grosse Pointe Park public safety officers support Special Olympics. Every year, with the encouragement of the department, officers donate their time to local and state Special Olympic competitions.

"By the end of the race, I'm exhausted, but I know it's for such a great cause," Kretzschmar said. "I'm going to keep doing it as long as I can."

The Torch Run is designed

to raise awareness and funding for Special Olympics. Checks made out to Special Olympics and sent to Kretzschmar or Merlington at

the Grosse Pointe Park Police Department, 15115 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230, will be forwarded to the organization.



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## POINTER OF INTEREST

**Sarah McPharlin** received a heart transplant at age 12. While life as she knew it changed dramatically, she persevered and conquered. Now, nearly seven years later, she is heading off to college.

# Woods' teen heart beats on

By Karen Fontanive  
Staff Writer

Starting college was the furthest thought from her mind seven years ago when then 11-year-old Sarah McPharlin was laying in a hospital bed in Children's Hospital of Michigan.

But one heart transplant and many operations later, that's all that's on the minds of she and her family as the Grosse Pointe Woods resident begins her freshman year at Michigan State University.

On July 17, 2001 Sarah and her mom, Dianne, went for a swim at Lake Front Park. Sarah's older sister, Katie, was a lifeguard there.

"I felt a little tired and had a headache," remembers Sarah. "I told Katie and she said to tell mom. I told her I thought I'd feel better if I put my head in the cool water."

Sarah doesn't remember much after that. She passed out and was taken to St. John Hospital and Medical Center only to be transferred to Children's Hospital of Michigan. There it was determined a virus had attacked her heart.

For two months Sarah was hooked to life support machines that acted as her heart.

On Oct. 22, 2001, when Sarah was 12 years old, she received a new heart.

"I had to learn how to swallow, eat, talk, process and how

to write again," she said.

As Sarah says matter of factly, "It made me mature and prioritize what is important in life."

A host of issues have kept Sarah in and out of the hospital over the years. A pacemaker is needed to keep her heart functioning properly and an adverse reaction to anti-rejection medication caused her to have seizures, which ultimately resulted in brain surgery. But through it all, she has persevered.

She isn't just a heart transplant survivor, she is a heart transplant thriver — and now finds herself starting life at MSU.

As mom Dianne says, "You can be handed crummy stuff and react negatively or you can have crummy stuff happen and put a positive spin on things."

Sarah has definitely made the best of what she was handed. Even though she spent most of her sixth grade year in the hospital, Sarah rejoined her class in the spring of 2002 and graduated on time this past June from Grosse Pointe North High School.

A onetime prolific soccer player — she was one of the few who won best defensive player at a MSU soccer camp tournament the week before the incident at the pool — she was back on the soccer field 10 months after her heart transplant. Her travel A soccer team saved her spot.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Sarah McPharlin's room is packed and ready to be transported to Michigan State University, where the 18-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident begins her studies toward a nursing degree. McPharlin received a heart transplant seven years ago.

McPharlin is an advocate for organ donation and helps support the cause by participating in the Transplant Games. The games are held in the United States every two years, internationally every other. Two years ago, she earned a gold medal in the 18 and under age group in tennis; this summer she earned a silver medal.



As a freshman at North, Sarah competed in basketball and soccer, but an incident on the soccer field broke her pacemaker. "We almost lost her," said Dianne. So contact sports were verboten.

Instead of giving up, Sarah found other sports — swimming, cross country and tennis.

As a senior, Sarah competed at the state tennis finals. She and her doubles partner, Kristen Sheridan, were the only North tennis players to make it to the quarterfinals.

For the past several years, Sarah has participated in the National Transplant Games held every other year in the United States. Participants include transplant recipients, donors and donor families. It is an emotional time for all — both happy and sad, she said.

"Just being there for the opening and closing ceremonies is moving," said Sarah. "Transplanted athletes, donor families and living donors all together in one place for the same cause."

In 2006, the games were in Louisville, Ky. Sarah earned a gold medal in the 18 and under tennis bracket. This year, in

Pittsburgh, she earned a silver medal in the 19 and up category.

In addition to her sports accomplishments, Sarah's academic achievements are also impressive.

While at North, she spent four years as a class senator, an elected position. She was in WILLOW and served as a branch leader for meetings for three years and a member of the Valkyries, who serve the school community at school sponsored functions.

Last summer Sarah was chosen as a People to People Ambassador and traveled to Italy, France and Greece.

"We tell her she can handle this on her own. We tell her not to act as though she is fragile, but to be aware of it," said Dianne. "It's a huge obstacle, but she got around it and there's great quality of life."

Sarah appreciates all she has.

"I am the lucky one. There are tons of other people who haven't been given a chance. Nineteen people die each day waiting for a transplant."

To that end, Sarah promotes organ donation and is open to helping others struggling with some of the same medical issues she did and still does. She continues to help others. She mentors children and their parents at Children's Hospital, has given many an inspirational speech and has served as a counselor at Michitanki — the University of Michigan's Transplant Camp.

As she heads off to study for a career in nursing, Sarah knows her responsibilities include more than just getting good grades and preparing for a future career.

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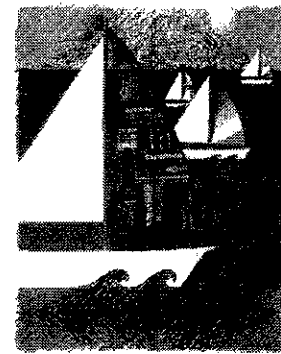
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## Discover Mack

The Grosse Pointe Business & Professional Association of Mack Avenue, along with the City of Grosse Pointe Woods and the Grosse Pointe News present Discover Mack Avenue Days Wednesday, Sept. 3 through Saturday, Sept. 6. A special kick-off event Thursday, Sept. 4 runs through the early evening where members will showcase their store's merchandise and offer free samples and giveaways. Family games will also be a part of the festivities. The city sponsors a live concert by Fifth Avenue from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4 on city hall's front lawn.

## Outing helps fund programs Holden Club

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan's Holden Club will present its fund-raising Golf Classic Monday, Sept. 22, at the Country Club of Detroit. The James & Lynelle Holden Club, located at Schoenherr near Eight Mile, serves more than 1,000 kids annually. The club is open after school and on Saturdays, along with school holidays and breaks. The club had an average of 220 kids a day during the summer.

"They have such a good time, it's tough to get them out of here once they're here," said Club Director Jim Randels. The golf outing will be a scramble format with registration and lunch at 11:30 a.m. The 18-hole outing begins at 1 p.m. and ends with a strolling dinner at 5:30 p.m. "The Grosse Pointe community has been very supportive of the club and we appreciate that," said Nick Papadas, direc-

tor of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan. "The Pointes help sponsor many of the programs here." The major sponsor for the event is Fishbone's. For sponsorship, reservations and more information about the golf outing, call (313) 372-9550 or e-mail jrاندلس@bgcsm.org. See next week's Grosse Pointe News for more information about the Holden Club and its programs.

## PARTY: Family fun scheduled

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fair along Kercheval between Notre Dame and Cadieux, will feature handmade craftwork and fine art. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 13, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14. Art on the Block is presented by Big

Boy and produced by Rainy Day Art & Framing Co. Children's activities will include moonwalks, face painting, balloons, games, costumed characters, magic by The Amazing Mr. Clark, Canine Pet Parade and much more for youngsters. The activities are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 13, and from noon to 5 p.m. Sept. 14. The Saturday Night Dance Party, sponsored by Citi Smith Barney, will be from 7 to 10 p.m. and features party band The Sun Messengers.

### Volunteer!

The Grosse Pointe Village Association is seeking volunteers for Grosse Pointe's Greatest Block Party that takes place in The Village Sept. 13-14. Volunteers are needed to help make the celebration even better. Volunteer assignments include beverage tent servers, ambassadors, security monitors and help with general cleanup duties. Volunteers are asked to work in 3 to 4 hours shifts. Call (313) 886-7474 to volunteer. The Association is also seeking qualified artists to participate in the first-ever Art on the Block. The juried art fair has space for up to 40 artists. The non-refundable registration and booth fee is \$100. Interested artists should contact Lisa Amari at (313) 881-6305.

On both days, the Block Party will feature continuous live entertainment on a stage at the corner of Kercheval and St. Clair, presented by Beaumont Grosse Pointe. Sweet Adelines Shoreline Sound Chorus, Grosse Pointe Theatre, DJ Jason Parent, Motor City Street Band, McDonald-Carey Trio, Tom Sanders' Detroit Jazz All Stars, Ben Steele and His Bare Hands with special guest Steve Whelan and Sheila Landis, Rick Matle and Friends will perform on the stage. Village stores and businesses will host special promotions, including a treasure hunt that will feature the grand prize of Mikimoto 18k yellow gold pearl and diamond earrings as a grand prize. The earrings, courtesy of Edmund T. Ahee Jewelers, are valued at \$1,500. The Grosse Pointe News will feature more about Grosse Pointe's Greatest Block Party in upcoming issues. For more information, call the Grosse Pointe Village Association at (313) 886-7474.

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## TOWER: Countering rate increase

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tion at the DPW yard, nicknamed the "pig pen," allows engineers to perform a more detailed and realistic cost analysis. Trustees will use the data to determine if the project is reasonable, according to village President Dr. James Cooper.

"This represents a tremendous undertaking and opportunity," he said. "Locations under ground (or) on private land in another community have been ruled out for excessive expense, lack of permission or other reasons."

In relative terms, the proposed tower behind the DPW garage is more of an above-ground tank. Renderings show the 40-foot-tall structure hunkered under the bordering tree line, not perched 120 feet on top of a pipe as could have been possible. The tank itself is enclosed by a circular brick structure, not fashioned in the style of a teed-up golf ball.

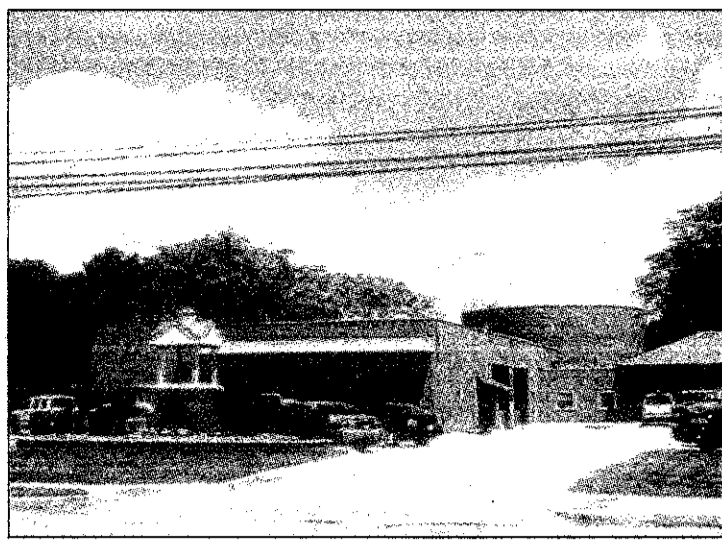
### Objectives

Shores officials stressed that the project is conjectural, albeit desirable, with the front-running prospective location in the pig pen even more so.

Last week's decision, however, was the council's latest step during months of incremental planning for how to counter double-digit percentage water rate increases from the village's water supplier, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. Shores officials have been exploring ways to withdraw from Detroit's 1,079-square-mile, 126-community system, or to at least rejigger the suburb's water infrastructure to offset the way Detroit computes water rate hikes.

A plan initiated in 2003 by Shores Trustee Dr. Brian Hunt to establish a separate suburban water filtration system swept up numerous Macomb and Oakland county communities. Enthusiasm dried up when an engineering analysis pegged the project's cost at more than \$1 billion.

Hunt and his colleagues figure they can achieve a comparable goal at much less expense by either hooking up to



the Grosse Pointe Farms filtration plant, building a storage tank or both.

A water tank is being investigated for two reasons:

◆ Detroit sets rates based on peak-period usage. Therefore, a tank could be filled during off-peak periods, such as nighttime, and water from it used during periods of heavy demand, such as around sunup.

◆ Whether or not the village joins with the Farms, a tank in the Shores would help pressurize the entire system to fight fires.

A storage tank would provide water during emergencies, such as a few years ago when a multi-state power outage interrupted water service throughout the Detroit metropolitan area.

"Grosse Pointe Shores was fortunate," said Tom Biehl, executive vice president of the Shores' consulting engineers, Hubble, Roth & Clark. "You're at the low end of the Detroit system, but you maintained pressures. Communities at the outer end of the system were at zero pressure because there was no backup generator available. Whether you stay with Detroit or go, we want pumps. If you stay with Detroit

*This represents a tremendous undertaking and opportunity.*

DR. JAMES COOPER,  
Village president

and it goes down again, you'd have water in that tower to be used until it runs out, which might get you through a couple of days."

A one million gallon tank and surrounding structure standing 40 feet tall and 75 feet in diameter in the DPW storage yard would have a base price of \$2,610,000, according to an early analysis by HRC.

By comparison, facilities of equal capacity and dimension

at Osius Park would cost more, primarily due to extra work needed to prepare the construction sites. Unlike solid ground at the pig pen, much of the park is fill material obtained during construction of the I-94 expressway. Park grounds also have a higher water table than locations farther inland.

A tower in the park's southeast corner, bordering the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, would cost \$2,960,000, according to the analysis. Likewise, a tower in the park's northeast area, next to a private residence, would cost at least \$3 million.

Tanks disguised as lighthouses at the park locations would each cost about \$3.7 million.

### Shots across bow

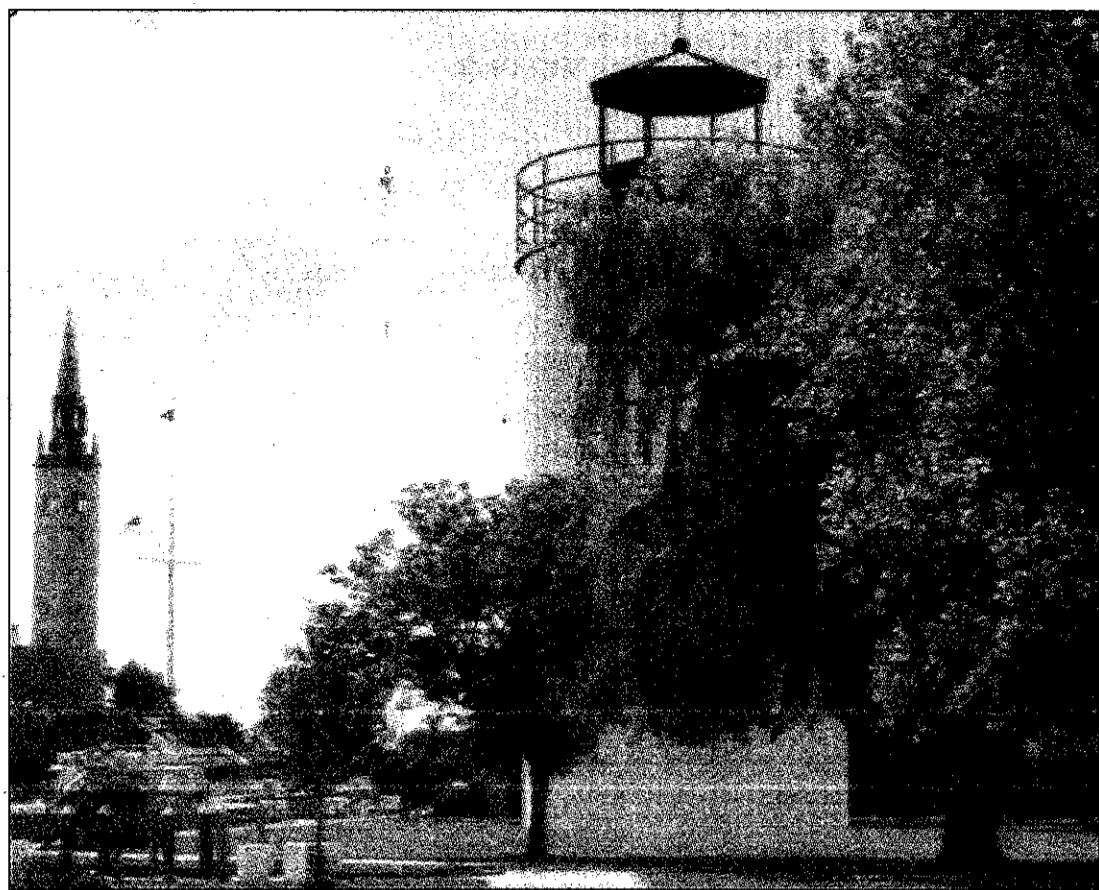
An officer of the yacht club and a lawyer retained by the neighboring resident — Ralph Wilson, owner of the Buffalo Bills — have appeared before the council in opposition to their clubmates or client having a water tank next door.

So have homeowners on streets near the municipal complex. Houses on Michaux Court, Regal Lane, lower Vernier and Hawthorne would border a tank built at the DPW site. In most of those cases, however, the tank would be distanced from residential neighborhoods by a soccer field and trees.

Twenty residents or their representatives spoke at last Tuesday night's council meeting. Many more attended. Extra chairs and a video screen were set up in Village Hall in anticipation of accommodating the excess. Many opinions and questions echoed those expressed at last month's meeting.

"I'll see it from my front window," said Vernier resident Ron D'Agnes. "What's that going to do to my property values?"

He wants the tank put in the park.



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Grosse Pointe Shores officials say a brick-enclosed 40-foot-tall above ground water tank blends in well behind the public works garage. Not so for an 80-foot tower disguised as a lighthouse at Osius Park near the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

John L. Booth II, a Lakeshore resident who was instrumental nearly 10 years ago in defeating plans to expand the yacht club, foresees problems whether a tank is built in the park or near city hall. In a letter to the council, Booth urged its members to improve relations with Detroit without incurring high costs of joining the Farms:

"Locating the facility in the park is contrary to the park master plan and invites litigation from both the Yacht Club and Mr. Wilson to enjoin construction or be viewed as an expensive partial condemnation due to the adverse impact on

surrounding property values. Locating a water storage facility on village office property invites the same problem as the park from all adjoining landowners."

Resident Mark Rusch said locating a tank in the already-developed DPW yard would have "no negative impact on property values."

He said, "Typically, (with) properties that butt up against an open field, the issue is noise and kids playing (rather) than having something physically there."

"If there was not a DPW there, or a fire station or police

station, and all of a sudden you put something there, it possibly could have an impact."

Farms officials are planning \$5 million in upgrades to the filtration plant on Moross whether the Shores and Woods hook onto it or not.

If the Shores and Woods join in, the cost of plant expansion — the Woods needs one, too — would cost about \$25 million, according to Farms City Manager Shane Reeside.

Of that amount, the Shores and Woods each would pay at least \$4 million with the final breakdown to be determined.

The Grosse Pointe Skating Club is proud to announce they are celebrating their 35th Anniversary!

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## EDITORIAL

## Fall sports season arrives

The fall sports season began a week ago for several of the area high school teams.



It is my job as sports editor of this publication to give you, the readers, as much information as possible week to week about the athletic teams at the three high schools, Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett School.

In this issue, I offer you a fall sports preview that covers every varsity team. I take an in-depth look into the players who will shine this fall and others who will help the high school squads make news.

Leading these fine athletic squads are at:

## North:

- ◆ Frank Sumnera, football;
- ◆ Dan Quinn, boys cross country;
- ◆ Scott Cooper, girls cross country;
- ◆ Jennifer Nadeau, girls field hockey;
- ◆ Brian Stackpole, girls golf;
- ◆ Chip Stencil, boys soccer;
- ◆ Mike O'Connor, girls swimming;
- ◆ Drew Mascarin, boys tennis; and
- ◆ Kim Lockhart, girls volleyball.

## South:

- ◆ Tim Brandon, football;
- ◆ Tom Wise, boys cross country;
- ◆ Steve Zaranek, girls cross country;
- ◆ Meg Atwood, girls field hockey;
- ◆ James Cooper, girls golf;
- ◆ Gene Harkins, boys soccer;
- ◆ Todd Briggs, girls swimming;
- ◆ Tom Berschback, boys tennis; and
- ◆ Ryan Welser, girls volleyball.

## ULS:

- ◆ Tamara Fobare, girls field hockey;
- ◆ David Backhurst, boys soccer;
- ◆ Chuck Wright, boys tennis; and
- ◆ Dan Sullivan, girls volleyball.

It is my job to bring the complete sports package to Grosse Pointers. It's important to cover each team with the passion that will make each high school proud.

I get a lot of support from athletic directors Michelle Hicks at ULS, Carmen Kennedy at North and Brandon Slone at South. Whenever I need information for a story pertaining to one of their sports teams, they are Johnny on the spot.

They understand the importance of giving the student-athletes a few moments in the spotlight.

Some of the athletes you read about this fall and throughout the school year will advance to play college athletics.

I will let you know who they are and which teams reach and maybe even win state championships.

Other integral members of my sports staff are photographers Bob Bruce, Renato Jamett and Will Harrah.

Bruce has been shooting sports in the area for more than 15 years. He is a familiar face to some. But that will change in a hurry as he covers dozens of events this year.

Jamett and Harrah live in the Grosse Pointes. Jamett has mainly photographed events and athletes at ULS, but his role will expand this fall and throughout the 2008-09 school year.

Harrah is a Grosse Pointe South graduate and works with his father, Ed, photographing sporting events as well as filming games for local viewers.

Please feel free to say hello to Bruce, Jamett and Harrah. They're ultimate professionals who I heavily count on to bring quality images to my sports pages.

I welcome readers to come up to say hello when I'm covering events at the area schools.

## Ode to Ron

ULS made a recent addition to its staff, hiring Grosse Pointer Ron Bernas as the public relations director.

I mention this because he was my editor at The Connection newspaper, as well as the assistant editor of the Grosse Pointe News when I was a young reporter right out of college.

I owe Bernas a big thanks for helping me become a better sports reporter by offering constructive criticism of my work. He wanted me not just to cover my beat, but be the best writer I could be.

It was this support that helped my passion for sports turn into quality reporting for The Connection newspaper. Unfortunately, Bernas left the paper to work at a daily publication, but I was still

## KEN SCHOP



able to keep in contact with him through the past several years.

To Bernas: Thanks for helping me become the writer I am today.

Maybe one day I can mentor a young reporter who has a passion for his job.

— Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

## There's still a lot to learn about underage drinking

## GUEST OPINION

By Thomas M. Greaney

*After the numbers showed that teens traveling with a designated driver drank up to five times more alcohol, beer companies suddenly became outspoken proponents of designated drivers.*

**K**nowledge dispels ignorance. And when it comes to underage drinking and other drug use, we as a society are astonishingly and shamefully ignorant. Efforts by the media and public officials to enlighten residents are critical to breaking this woeful lack of awareness.

The sky is falling on our teens and young adults and there is plenty of responsibility to go around: From permissive parents who think it's better to have their teens drink at home than risk drunk driving, to colleges and universities turning a blind eye to ever-increasing binge drinking on campuses and at local bars.

If Americans knew that 13,000 "teens" and teens take their first drink of alcohol every day, could we no longer be blind to the epidemic in our midst? If more teens were aware that regular marijuana use at age 15 or younger makes one susceptible to a range of mental health issues from major depression to schizophrenia, would pot be the substance of choice for many teens?

If parents and grandparents, whose medicine cabinets are chock full of narcotic pain medicine and other addictive prescription medications such as sleeping aids — understood how teens steal these meds to get high and sell them to peers, would the felony theft continue? Don't be fooled. There is no silver bullet for the addiction issues we face. It will take education and nationwide zero-tolerance laws with automatic license revocation for teens, who drive after drinking or using drugs. Let's advocate a police presence, armed with Breathalyzers, outside bars at closing time. And a government crackdown on beer and liquor advertising that targets children and minimizes the deleterious effects of these legal anesthetics. Let's see through the smoke screen of the alcohol-industry lobby. Advertising that purports support for "responsible drinking" and designated drivers is a farce.

The pandering of the industry reached new heights more than 20 years ago, when research provided a sudden boon of increased consumption. After the numbers showed teens traveling with a designated driver drank up to five times more alcohol, beer companies suddenly became outspoken proponents of designated drivers.

There is more to consider: According to the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse, alcohol misuse cost America \$220 billion in 2005, more than the cost of cancer of \$196 billion and the tab for obesity at \$133 billion. The center's research also indicates that teens who drank regularly at age 15 and younger were four times more likely to become alcohol dependent than those who waited until age 21 to drink.

Most worrisome is that 26 percent of underage drinkers are abusing or dependent on alcohol, a figure three times that of the adult population. The alcohol industry does not want us to know that 13,000 to 17,000 persons are slaughtered on our highways and back roads each year at the hands of drunken and drugged drivers just out to "have a good time."

With the back to school season upon us, let's all redouble our efforts to address the scourge that alcohol and other substance abuse represents. School may be in session but we have much more to learn.

Thomas M. Greaney is a drug and alcohol counselor in Westerly, R.I. and a writer for the Providence Journal.

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## LETTERS

The Grosse Pointe News welcomes your letters to the editor. All letters should be typed, double-spaced, signed and limited to 250 words. Longer letters may be edited for length and all letters may be edited for content. We reserve the right to refuse any letter. Include a daytime phone number for verification or questions. The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday. Letters to the Editor can be e-mailed to [jwarner@grossepointenews.com](mailto:jwarner@grossepointenews.com).

## Thank you Assumption

## To the Editor:

John Mortenson said, "Education brings hope and with hope, you can do anything."

It is this quote that inspired me to journey out into the world and take a chance on change.

After 23 years as director of Assumption Nursery School and Toddler Center, I am welcoming a new focus in my life that aligns with my personal and professional growth.

I am spreading my wings to work with children less fortunate, some of whom have special needs.

I truly believe I can inspire them by sharing my knowledge, love and patience and instill a sense of hope for success in their future.

I want to thank the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, executive board, Parish Council, Eastpointe Committee and Administrator for their trust, support and guidance over the years.

The dedication of the school's amazingly talented and professional staff is one that will be remembered for their love, creativity and guidance shared with the children, parents and each other.

Also to the thousands of parents, grandparents and children who have enriched my life the past two decades, thank you for sharing a part of your life with me.

Moving forward, I take with me many cherished memories of laughter, innocence, growth and joy.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve in a vibrant and caring community.

THERESA SWALEC  
Former director  
of the Assumption Nursery  
School  
and Toddler Center

2. Before you sign any contract to live in any facility, ask your attorney to look it over. Look for hidden, unreasonable clauses like, "We must have 30 days notice before discharge can occur or you will be billed one month's fees." Or, what if your loved one is very ill and must enter a hospital unexpectedly? Or, what if you are dissatisfied with the care that she is receiving? According to some contracts, you will have to pay up to \$7000 extra dollars because you didn't give the facility the written and timely notice.

3. Beware of words like, "We reserve the right to make increases with 30 days notice." Some long-term care facilities increase the monthly rates five times a year, giving 30-day notices each time.

4. If you place your loved one in an unlicensed care facility, they can be discharged for any reason. In the long run, you might be better off placing your loved one in a facility that has a license. With every licensed facility come more safeguards. When placing someone you love, protection is essential.

ANN KRAEMER  
Ombudsman  
Citizen for Better Care  
Grosse Pointe Park

## Thanks for the support

## To the Editor:

On behalf of all the parents, students and the whole "production team" at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School — thank you.

Thank you for supporting our production this year of Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" with your coverage in the Grosse Pointe News.

Our attendance for this play was the best ever.

We had two sold out performances on Friday and Saturday nights with 858 in attendance and 316 at our Thursday night performance.

Your coverage helped to create excitement and expose the creativity and talent of these children to almost 1,200 people.

In summary, the music was fabulous, the students were enchanting, the audience was terrific and the support from you, specifically, was fabulous.

So we say to you, for supporting the arts, for supporting a school in your backyard, Bravo! Bravo!

LORRIE PECK  
Grosse Pointe Park

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I SAY By Rob St. John

# Birth of second child brings new challenges



In a matter of moments, my life has been turned upside down, thanks to a small package that came into the world weighing 6 pounds, 1 ounce, and measuring in at 18 inches in length. This new bundle of joy is my daughter, Addison Raquel, born July 30, 2008.

This is the second daughter for my wife, Heather, and I. Our other daughter, as many know by reading several of my columns, is Emma Raquel.

I know a lot of families have more than one child and this is routine for many mothers and fathers. However, my wife and I were pretty content with just

Emma.

She was our life for the last nine years. We watched her grow into a wonderful young lady, doing well in school and performing above the norm in athletics.

Life was on easy street the past few years. Emma could get herself up and get ready, feed herself and do the other everyday activities we take for granted. It was off to school and then off to ice skating practice and/or softball practice.

While Emma was in school, I am at work and Heather works. We, as a family, had a nice routine.

Early in January, we found out we were going to have a baby. It was shocking news since we weren't planning on having a second child.

My wife and I decided not to tell anyone about the pregnancy until this news sunk in. It

took a while, but we finally came to reality and told our families.

Of course, the news was like hitting a brick wall for Emma. It was an emotional time for my daughter, as well as my wife and I. Emma's world went from quiet and content to, "What have you done to me!"

To Emma's credit, she gathered her emotions and grew into the role of being a big sister.

When Addison was born, Emma immediately shined in her new role. She has been a fantastic big sister, changing diapers, as well as helping dress her little sister and even feeding her a bottle when called upon.

Emma has taken Addison's arrival better than my wife and me.

It's been a tough go with the frequent night-time feedings. Heather is taking maternity leave, but that still doesn't mat-

ter when we get up when Addison cries at 10:30 p.m., midnight, 3 a.m. and then again at 5:30 a.m.

I have been able to get more sleep than Heather, who is feeding Addison at all times of the night.

I have been getting up with Heather to change Addison's diapers, but I get the luxury of going back to bed while she feeds our daughter's hungry tummy.

I go off to the newspaper in the morning, sleep deprived and definitely not bright eyed and bushy tailed. For me, not getting a continuous amount of sleep has been the hardest part.

My wife concurs. She will be going to work in a few weeks; so I hope she can get some big-time sleep in the next dozen or so nights.

I really didn't think Addison's arrival would be that

difficult. Emma was pretty easy to take care of when she was an infant since she didn't have her days and nights mixed up.

Little Addison has no trouble sleeping throughout the day and she is up usually three times each night. Once in a great while she will actually sleep for a few hours before waking up to eat.

I know patience is key because Addison will get her days and nights straightened out and my wife and I will get more sleep.

My wife is the one who needs the sleep; so hopefully she is napping during the afternoons when Addison is napping, dreaming of lollipops or when the next time she will eat.

Being the father of two surely has been interesting. Getting out of the house to run a simple errand now takes twice as long

as it should and washing a separate load of baby clothes with special detergent also adds time to each day.

I wouldn't change it for the world because Addison is great. Emma is a fantastic big sister, and my wife glows with the beauty of motherhood. It's a great feeling to watch Addison sleep, watching her smile and seeing her turn her head toward my wife and Emma when they talk to her.

Those are things that money can't buy.

I'm lucky because our families have helped out whenever asked and I'm thankful for the help.

Despite yawning a few more times than I should each day, I still can't say enough good things about being a father for a second time.

Heather, Emma and Addison, thanks for being great!

STREETWISE By Renee Landuyt

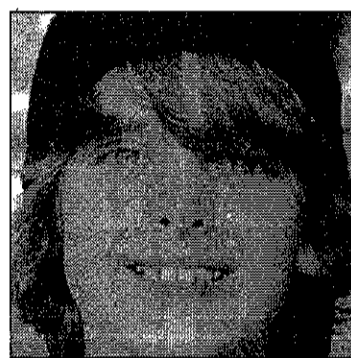
## Are you excited to go back to school, yes or no, and why?

If you have a question you would like asked, drop us a note at 96 Kercheval on The Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 or email to editor@grossepointenews.com



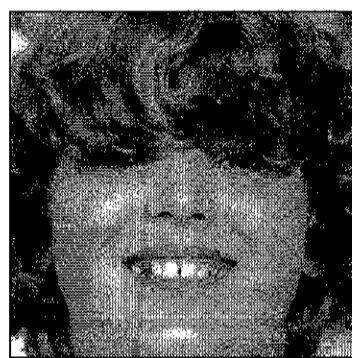
'I want to go to school because I like it and I learn things and it makes me smarter.'

JUSTIN STOCKWELL  
Grosse Pointe Park



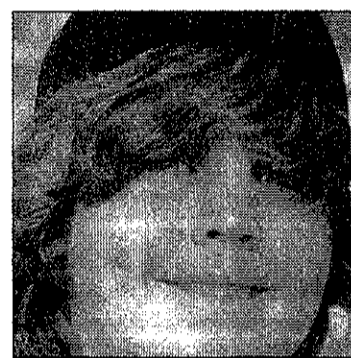
'I am sort of excited because I heard that the fourth grade teachers are really nice.'

CARTER TERANES  
Grosse Pointe Park



'I am not excited to go back to school because I don't like the strict schedule. I would prefer to skateboard all day.'

ETHAN TERANES  
Grosse Pointe Park



'I am excited to go to school because it is my first year in middle school.'

REX STOCKWELL  
Grosse Pointe Park



'I am excited to go back to school because I just moved to Grosse Pointe this summer and I am starting the 6th grade.'

MORGAN TOWNS  
City of Grosse Pointe

FYI By Ben Burns

# Are Heinz 57's on the road to extinction?



In olden days when you got a puppy — usually from a friend or a neighbor — it was more than likely a mixed breed mutt you might proudly describe as a Heinz 57.

The reference is to that Pennsylvania company boasting since as far back as the 19th century that it made 57 sauces and products.

They actually made more than 60 at the time, but 5 and 7 were the lucky numbers of Mr. Heinz and his wife. The company now makes more than 1,000 products.

The idea of a Heinz 57 is your newly acquired canine friend had an unknown ancestry of various breeds.

Nowadays kennel owners are deliberately creating mixed breeds hoping to bring out the best traits of each parent. They call them designer dogs. For example labradoodles are a mix of labradors and poodles and goldendoodles are a mix of golden retrievers and poodles. Most are not among the 150 or so breeds recognized by the American Kennel Club.

But the miracle of Desoxyribo Nucleic Acid (DNA) which helps identify innocent and guilty parties in crime investigations has seemingly spelled doom for the Heinz 57. Smart marketers can now test your doggy pal and give what they claim to be the best scientific evidence available of Fido's ancestry for about \$175.

So to satisfy his curiosity about his dog, Mosa, short for Alamosa a city in southern Colorado, my son, James, an '01 South grad, put up the bucks. His adoption agency pooch billed as an Australian shepherd was tested by Wisdom Panel MX Mixed Breed Analysis, which claims



Mosa

to be the most comprehensive such service in the market.

A few weeks later the blood test results came back.

Mosa, as far as mixed breed dogs are concerned, was in the top 15 percent most genetically

unique. The test measures on three levels of prevalence for genetic indicators from more than 130 of the most common dog breeds found in the U.S. There is most prevalent, somewhat prevalent, and trace

amounts.

So for example, a first generation Golden Doodle with pure-bred parents should have golden retriever and poodle show up under "Most Prevalent." Of course, who knows just how "pure" either parent is, so there is always a chance for trace breeds to show up as well.

Mosa didn't fit either of the most prevalent or somewhat prevalent categories

All they found were trace amounts of the following breeds: cardigan Welsh corgi, a foxy, stubby-legged little dog; dalmatian, a tall, white pooch with black spots; German shepherd, brown, large, straight ears and black saddle; great dane, huge, various colors, naturally floppy ears; and Tibetan spaniel, a pug-faced, bushy tailed, small dog. Try to conjure up a picture of a dog with that mix in its background.

Mosa is a 70 pound brown, short-haired dog, with a pointed nose, slightly lopped ears and a white-tipped, somewhat feathered tail that curls over his back.

He likes to swim and sit on the back of a recliner like a cat. He jumps hurdles, runs fast and is highly energetic. He looks as much like the preceding list of dogs or an Australian shepherd as I do.

So since there is a movement afoot to try to get the American Kennel Club to recognize labradoodles as a distinct breed, I would suggest we push to recognize the Heinz 57 as a distinct breed and Mosa can be the model.

Speaking of new breeds, a blogger named Susan, who owns the Spotts Grooming Parlor in Northeast Ohio and runs the Healthy Dog Internet site, has these suggestions for cross-bred canines:

Blabador, a cross between a bloodhound and a Labrador, creating a dog that barks incessantly; Commute, a cross between a collie and a malamute that travels to work; Collapso, a cross between a collie and a

Lhasa Apso, that folds up for easy transport; Derriere, a cross between a deerhound and a terrier that's true to the end; and a Terribull, a cross between a bulldog and a terrier that makes awful mistakes.

### Good Bye

I want to thank each of you who have shared your stories with me in the FYI column over the past eight years. Whatever modest success the FYI column could claim was based on the positive, interesting and sometimes humorous things that Grosse Pointers are doing in their everyday lives.

I got to interview students, soldiers, poets, painters, musicians, journalists, volunteers, authors, athletes, fishermen

and just everyday folks doing their jobs and helping to make the Pointes a better places to live.

After more than 400 columns over the past eight years I am moving on to other writing projects, other venues. These are exciting revolutionary times for journalism and I want to explore some of the ways it is evolving.

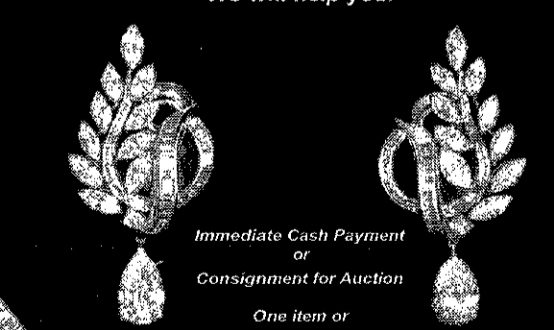
My wife, Beverly, and I are not leaving town so I expect we'll still run into many of you in the Village, the Park, on the Hill, at the library or at the local watering holes. In the meantime, if you want to reach me my e-mail remains the same: burnsben@comcast.net.

May the good Lord bless and keep you.

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## DETROIT GRAND PRIX

## Buhl sets his sights

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

There's no "I" in team, and even though the dictionary won't bear it out, there's no "I" in auto racing, either.

For all its technology and horsepower, motorsports is all about people. Individuals working together for a common goal. Teammates.

"Continuity and respect are key ingredients of success," said Robbie Buhl, back in his hometown of Grosse Pointe Farms to race Sunday, Aug. 31 in the Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix.

Buhl co-owns Dreyer & Reinbold Racing. The team has about two dozen employees, including three drivers, engineers, mechanics, fabricators, tire specialists and a slew of sponsors and business partners. Operations are based out of what resembles a pair of lunch counter-clean airplane hangars in Carmel, Ind., just north of Indianapolis and a short drive to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Auto racing is part sport, entertainment, business, science and art. Successful teammates work together even when apart.

"The crew chief, engineer and driver have to have trust and confidence," Buhl said. "They have to know what each other is thinking. It's a huge part of the extra edge and momentum in the sport."

The ultimate accord that can come from such a tight relationship occurred last year when Buhl's former driver, Sarah Fisher, married her former D&R crew chief, Andy O'Gara. The couple now work together at Sarah Fisher Racing.

Since 2004, when Buhl retired from driving to concentrate full time on management



PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

## Robbie Buhl, on pit row during practice.

and race strategy, Dreyer & Reinbold's stable of primary drivers changed each year. So did many of the behind-the-scenes players, from top to bottom. Turnover fogged institutional memory, meaning that every year the team was starting closer from scratch than otherwise.

"Trust and confidence the guys have doesn't happen overnight," Buhl said.

To continue Buhl's analogy, dawn came in 2007. Buddy

Rice, the 2004 Indy 500 winner and straight-talking hot rod enthusiast from Phoenix, joined the team. He and his engineer stayed for this year, too.

At the beginning of the 2007 season, when Rice in the No. 15 car was getting to know his teammates, he finished the first six races near the bottom 25 percent of the field. This year, during the same six races, he finished just inside the top half.

Rice finished last year's Indy 500 in 25th place. This year, he

## DETROIT GRAND PRIX

## Let's go racin'

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

The Belle Isle Grand Prix track is an executioner of race cars.

It's tight and twisty. There are few runoff areas where a sliding speedster can skid to a stop without first smashing into a two-foot-thick cement wall.

The Belle Isle track on which the Indy Racing League competes Sunday, Aug. 31 has little room for error but lots of space for second guessing.

"The racetrack from a driver's standpoint is very challenging," said Robbie Buhl, a Grosse Pointe Farms native, former Indy car driver and now team owner.

Buhl likes the circuit. He tamed it in 1995 with an Indy Lights win from the track-record pole.

"It's narrow, it's fast," Buhl said. "There are bumpy sections. It's incredibly tough to pass."

The course has been revised slightly since Buhl's days behind the wheel, but it still consists of public roads measuring

2.9 miles long. Of that distance, 14 turns combine for 64 percent of the length.

"Anytime you're on a temporary road circuit, there's no room for error," Buhl said.

The best way for a driver to avoid a wreck on Belle Isle is to start the race in front and leave congestion behind.

"Qualifying is incredibly important, as well as how well you get in and out of the pits," Buhl said. "Those are opportunities for when and where you can gain track position."

This is the second consecutive year the IRL will hold the Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix on the Raceway at Belle Isle Park.

Belle Isle last year gobbled up four cars, including one driven by Buhl's then-driver, Sarah Fisher, and pole-sitter Helio Castroneves of Penske Racing. The mechanical mortality rate accounted for 22 percent of the field. Tony Kanaan won the race at an average speed of 83 mph.

The Detroit event has become Buhl's homecoming during an 18-race IRL season centered around the marquee

Indianapolis 500. Other races range from Florida and upstate New York to Japan and Australia.

"It was always great racing eight miles from where I grew up," Buhl said. "There's nowhere prettier. Remember last year? What a wonderful weekend that was, right on the river with Detroit in the background. They had a good fan-friendly and family atmosphere."

Buhl drove in the IRL from 1996 to 2004. He retired from the cockpit in 2004 and co-owns Dreyer & Reinbold Racing, based in Indianapolis.

The team employs three drivers:

◆ Buddy Rice (car No. 15) from Phoenix, 2004 Indianapolis 500 winner, with more than \$6.2 million in winnings up to the start of this year.

◆ Milka Duno (car No. 23), from Venezuela, 2007 second-place finisher in the 24 Hours of Daytona, and

◆ Townsend Bell, from San Francisco, 10th-place finisher in this year's Indy 500. Bell isn't entered in the Detroit race.

led eight laps of the race and finished eighth.

"It's something they can continue to build on," Buhl said.

By saying "continue" to build, Buhl is saying the process never ends.

"We keep doing what we have to do to improve our competitiveness," Buhl said. "We can't do it in one fell swoop. We've made personnel additions to the team since the Indianapolis 500 to keep competitive day in and day out."

Consistency is key.

"You have to consistently have solid performances," Buhl said.

This year the team added drivers Milka Duno and Townsend Bell. Sometimes they both join Rice in the same event. Mostly, Duno and Bell trade off driving the No. 23 car. Rice enters every race.

"We'd love to keep building on the program we have with Buddy, Townsend and Milka and have all three of those guys back next year," Buhl said. "But, you really don't know. All of our contracts are year-long contracts, but we'd like to build with the personnel we have, if there's good synergy."

Planning for next season

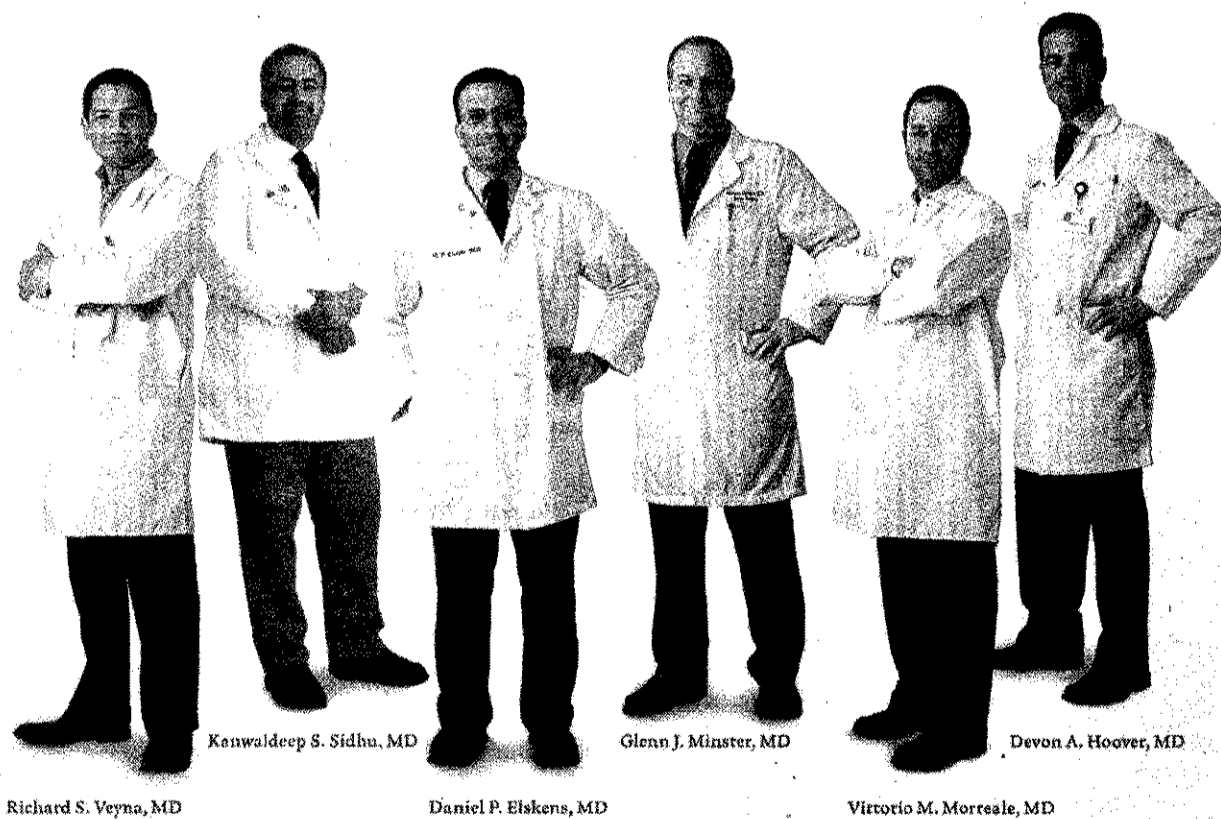
and years beyond is under way.

"As you get into winter, you pick projects, like wind tunnel testing to shaker rig time (which tests suspension dynamics) to shock testing," Buhl said. "You put together a wish list and prioritize from there."

It's a process of capturing opportunities and chipping away obstacles.

"You have to do that over time; pick the right personalities and grow the team," Buhl said. "We have some pretty good relationships with guys on our team, but we're still tweaking our recipe as we go forward."

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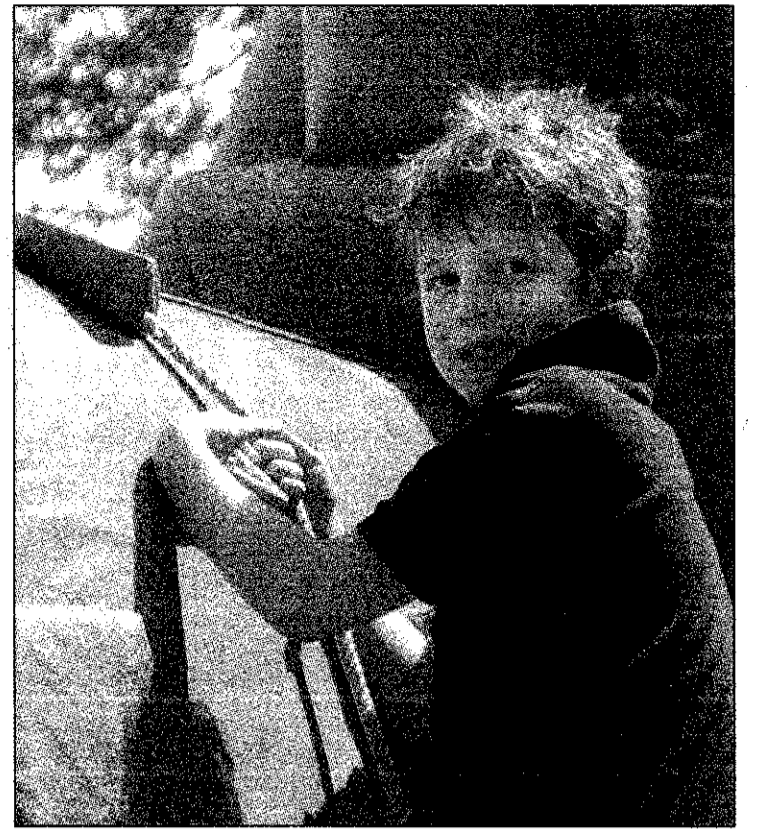
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## City fiesta

Fun and games ruled last weekend during the Family Fiesta at City of Grosse Pointe Neff Park. Among the action was: top left, Christian Potts, 3, bouncing in the Moonwalk.; bottom left, Ian Foy, 5, plays with a ball. Left, Emma Rooney, 10, laughing her way through the potato sack race. Above, Jimmy Burton, 6, having fun. The fiesta was capped by an outdoor showing of "Cars."

## DEDICATION: Schoolhouse holds history

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which over the years served as home to raccoons and assorted critters.

And there had definitely been bats in the belfry.

"It was disgusting," Crook recalled.

The new cupola was placed atop the schoolhouse in August, 2007, along with its original bell. Once the new roof was on, work began on the interior.

Modern elements the teachers and students from the turn of the 20th century would have enjoyed, including heating and cooling systems and indoor plumbing have been added.

The official dedication doesn't mean the project is finished, Ferry said.

"While the exterior and main room is nearly complete, we still have several ongoing pro-

jects. We still need to complete the back room, and we have a 'wish list' of items that we're seeking donations for, including attic insulation, window shutters, an alarm system and light fixtures.

"We also would like to have the hardwood floors refinished and we would love an antique podium."

Plans now call for the building to be used for various public meetings, including those of the historical commission, whose members hope to use it as a living history museum. Their plan is to hold "classes" for school children in the same manner as students were educated in the early 1900's.

"This is so important for our heritage, it's a part of our history that needed to be preserved for future generations," Ferry said. "We couldn't be more pleased."

The ceremonies begin at 2 p.m., followed by live entertainment provided by the Sun Messengers band at 3 p.m. Food will be available for purchase, but guests may bring picnic fare.

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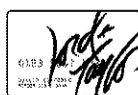
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## Getting ready for high school

By Beth Quinn  
 Staff Writer

In less than one week, legions of high school freshmen will be trying to find their way to their classrooms under the scrutiny of upperclassmen.

For most, freshmen registration gives them a chance to become familiar with their new school before the year begins. They get their schedules and textbooks, obtain information about clubs, check out their lockers and reconnect with friends.

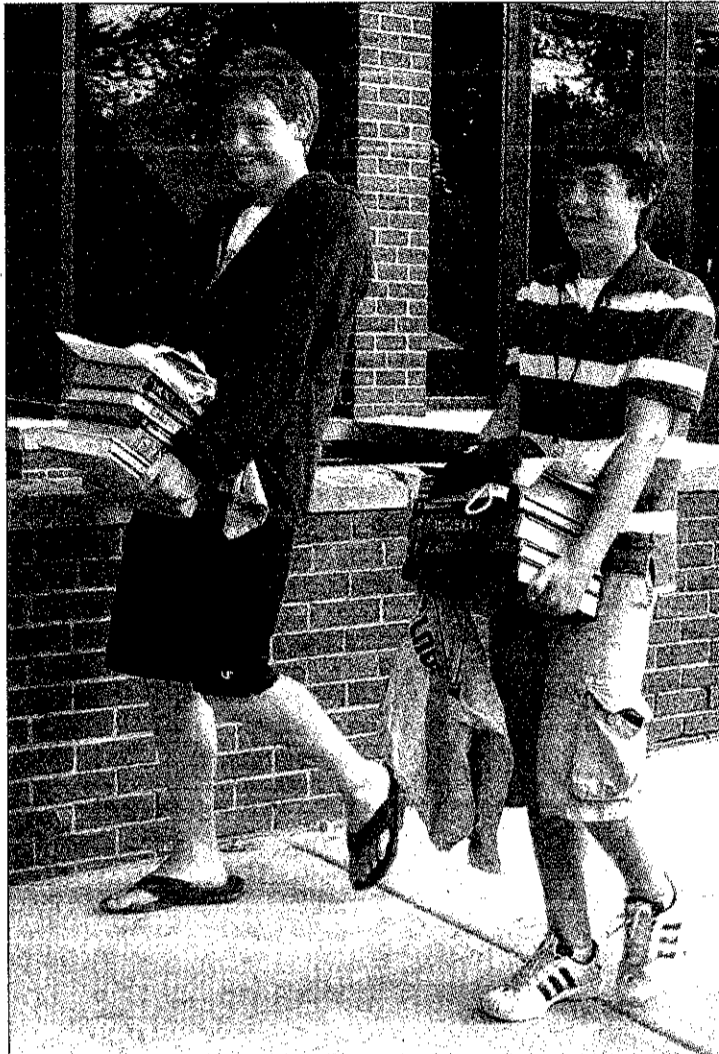
During Grosse Pointe South's registration, the ninth-graders waited patiently in line to enter the school's S-building. Some parents accompanied their child. Most students went with a friend or two.

The underclassmen were generally very quiet as they weaved their way from station to station handing in the appropriate form, many with checks stapled to them.

"They seem a little nervous," said Sue Sattelmeyer, a parent who volunteered at Grosse Pointe South High School's registration.

After getting their school identification cards clipped to lanyards, many stopped to compare their photographs with friends.

There was mixed reaction to the school's requirement that



students wear their lanyards around their necks all day.

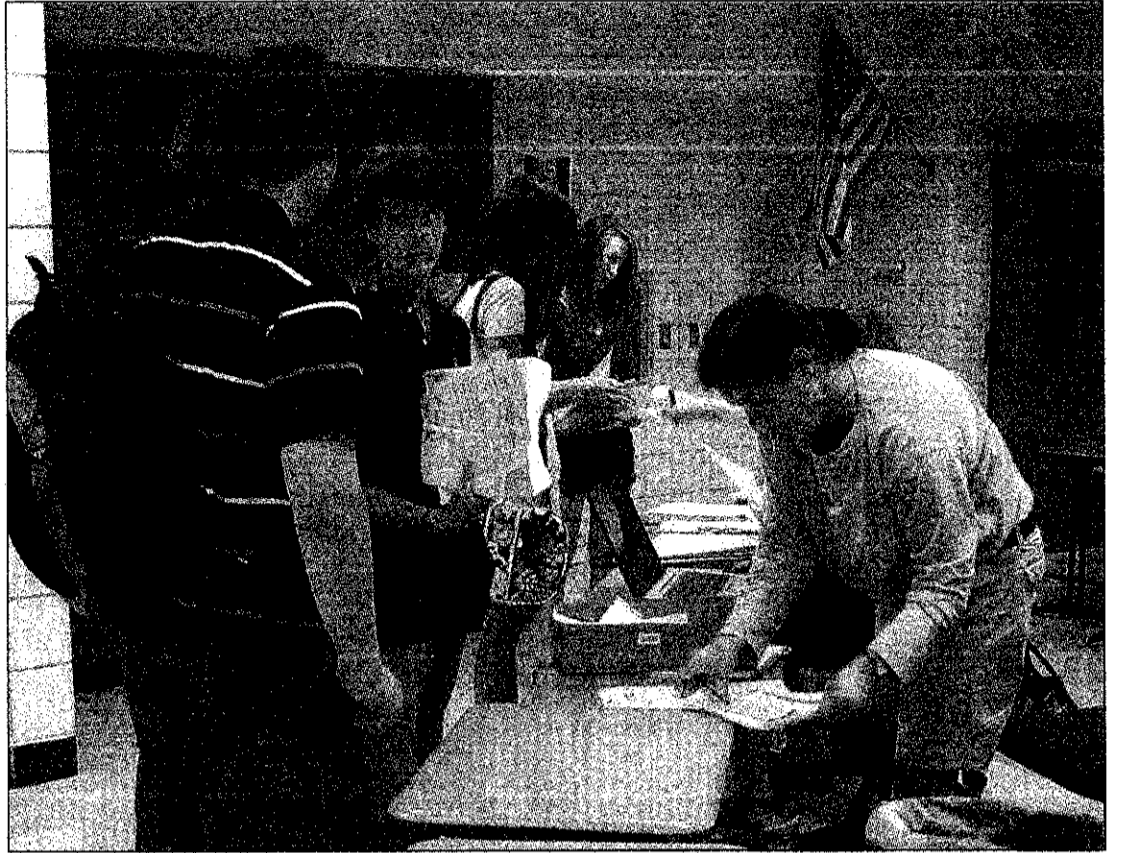
"I really don't like wearing lanyards," said Thomas Hoffman. "I find them to be annoying."

However, his friend, Martin

Voelker, thought it was a good idea.

"It is an easy way to tell who belongs in the school," Voelker said. "I don't think I'll lose mine."

In a very narrow hallway,



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Grosse Pointe South High School parent volunteer Michelle Hartman, above, helps a group of freshmen during the school's registration. After registering for their classes, freshmen Joezam Pardo and Jack Schulte try to find an unlocked door into the school so they can put their books in their lockers.

there was a long stretch of decorated tables manned by upperclassmen trying to get the freshman to sign up for various clubs, including Amnesty International, Model United Nations, cheerleading and the Spanish club.

"I remember everyone was trying to get your attention. It was really confusing," said sophomore Jazmine Upshaw, who was working at the cheerleading table.

The library, where the freshmen got their textbooks, was

the final stop. Only a few had a backpack, so most were trying to carry the cumbersome stack and find their way to their lockers.

It was the first among many challenges they will face in the upcoming year.

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## Sounds of summer

On Thursday, Aug. 14, the Crazy 5, part of Grosse Pointe South High School's Pointe Singers, helped kick off the beginning of the Woodward Dream Cruise by singing in the Detroit Opera House's Cadillac Café. The singers are, from the left, David Krueger, Greg Pappas, Mike Gilbert, Brad Menchl and Mack Stern. The boys sang a set of three songs — "Fun, Fun, Fun," "Grease Lightning" and "In My Room." Their performance was part of the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy's private reception celebrating the Dream Cruise and was sponsored by the Motor Cities Historical Committee. Earlier in the day, the Pointe Singers sang the National Anthem at Comerica Park to open the Tigers game against the Toronto Blue Jays. The singers, led by Ellen Bowen, sang in front of 41,306 people attending the game.

## Adams Award winners

By Beth Quinn  
Staff Writer

During Parcels Middle School's promotion ceremony last June, students Leena Raza and Valerie Ahee were presented with the Fred W. Adams Award.

This is the 17th year the award has been given to two graduating eighth graders in memory of Adams, a former member of the Grosse Pointe Public School System's board of education.

Earlier in the year, the eighth grade teachers nominated 11 eighth graders as candidates for the award. In addition to Raza and Ahee, they were Kimberly Morawski, Ed Surmont, Tristan Mora, Amy

Cooper, Maura Griffith, Alexandra Krawetz, Danielle Haggerty, Jaclyn Gabel and Sarah Sherer.

The nominees fulfilled the award's criteria by demonstrating leadership in school and/or the community, concern for others, a renaissance spirit and a commitment to educational pursuits.

During the selection process, the students submitted an application and were interviewed by a group of eighth-grade teachers. The two with the highest score were the winners.

Adam's daughter, Martha Jane Adams of Massachusetts, was at the ceremony to present the plaques to Ahee and Raza.

## Prevent identity theft of college students

Identity theft is the fastest growing crime in America, and recent studies indicate college students are prime targets for identity fraud.

Security expert Steven Domenikos offers suggestions to help college students prevent ID theft even before heading back to school.

Students should be careful to whom they give their Social Security numbers. Domeniko recommends students ask their school not to use their Social Security number as a college ID number.

He warns about text message offers, many of which come from unsecure sources. He recommends calling one's cell phone provider to opt out of this marketing feature.

MySpace and Facebook: Yes, social networking is fun, but sharing personal information can damage your identity. Watch out: although you are prompted to provide your full name, date of birth, addresses for both home and campus, class schedules and phone numbers, never give any personal information on un-

cured sites. This information can be gathered to obtain access to your personal accounts.

Stolen laptops are another vehicle to obtain personal information about an individual.

Over the last six months one out of four data breaches have happened in colleges and universities by stealing laptops at the registrar's office. Always make sure your laptop is password protected at all times. Purchasing a security cable can prevent your laptop from being removed from a station-

ary object without knowing the assigned password. The good thing is, if someone were to rip out the cable without the password, all your information is automatically removed.

Engraving your laptop is another option. Cell Phones: Never store identifying names, companies or login information on your cell phone. If you lose your cell phone, this information can be easily extracted from your SIM card and be used to access your personal information.

## PRIDE OF THE POINTE

The following students received semester honors for spring 2008 at Central Michigan University: Hilary T. Brodhead of the City of Grosse Pointe; Emily G. Bassett, Jodi H. Austin, Johnathan Heldt Austin, Alyssa Kristen Benedetti and Michael Steven Veda, all of Grosse Pointe Farms; Tylor M. Clor of Grosse Pointe

Shores; and Grosse Pointe Woods residents Janelle D. Addy, Daniel John Bogosian, Elissa M. Bogosian, Ashley L. Rogers and Alexa L. Sanfemio.

John Dahlinger of Grosse Pointe Park received academic honors for the semester that ended May 2008 at Ferris State University.

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## DETROIT GRAND PRIX

# Swinging the deal

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**SPEEDWAY, Ind.** — When Buddy Rice led eight laps early in this year's Indianapolis 500, it was hidi-ho daddy-o for his car's main sponsor, RollCoater.

Don't know RollCoater, the experts in metal substrates, finishes and the coil-coating process? Not many people do. They're not expected to.

Not even the quarter-million speed freaks howling in grandstands as Rice blurred around the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

While Rice was heading to an eighth-place finish for his car owner and Grosse Pointe Farms native Robbie Buhl, the marketing strategists at RollCoater were at the speedway to chase a totally different customer.

"Our company's name on a car in Turn 2 isn't going to prompt a fan to buy our product," said Ben Markham, RollCoater senior director of key accounts. "We're into painted steel. We're not going to sell any more painted steel by having our name on the car. We're going to get more sales through relationship building."

"Once we get potential clients to the track, they get hooked pretty quickly," Markham said. "I have closed 100 percent of the deals where I get people at the track. One hundred percent closure rate. If I get them here, they're mine."

Townsend Bell's army-green and fluorescent-orange William Rast-sponsored car, another in Buhl's stable, was fast but ugly. Butt ugly. So fast but ugly it was cool. Fugly cool. Think Mike Jagger.

On qualifying day, Bell stunned everyone except himself by waiting out a rain squall and storming Fugly to a 12th place starting spot. He finished the race in 10th, beating former Indy winner Dan Wheldon and fan favorite Danica Patrick.

A lot of those speed freaks in the stands knew about Bell's main sponsor, William Rast. The hep, high-end casual clothing line is designed by Bell's pal, Justin Timberlake.

"William Rast is a lifestyle brand," said Colin Dyne, CEO of People's Liberation, makers of William Rast. "We're trying to get a broader reach into the fan base. We think the Indy car base is our demographic."

Barrel-chested and uncompromising, Dyne was promoted to his new job last year to focus on marketing initiatives and brand strategy.

"Racing is an elite sport, especially Indy car racing," Dyne said in the pits the morning of race day. "That's why we're here. The other side is, we like to go racing."

One team. Two cars. Two sponsors. Opposite marketing strategies. Both win. Ain't racin' grand?

An army marches on its stomach. Race cars run on money.

Buhl, who grew up in Grosse Pointe Farms, retired from racing four years ago to concentrate on running his team, Dreyer & Reinbold Racing, with co-owner Dennis Reinbold, an Indianapolis auto dealer.

It was a bittersweet decision for the popular driver and business school graduate.

"The top thing I liked to do was drive a race car," Buhl said. "But I don't do that anymore, so I love the business."

And what a pricey business it is.

"It takes between \$5 million to \$10 million per year to run an Indy car team," said Kasey Coler, IRL manager of business affairs, headquartered across the street from the Speedway in Speedway, Ind.

When Coler says \$5 million,

he means \$5 million per car.

Multiple-car teams like Buhl's — he has three drivers — can save money through economies of scale, but racing is still a high-dollar deal.

The IRL this year began easing the pain by spreading the wealth.

"We've tried to even the playing field," Coler said. "If you've committed to running the full Indy Car season in 2007, the Indy Car Series qualifies a payment to you of \$1.2 million. It helps."

There's also a \$300,000 cash reward for starting the Indy 500. Plus, each race pays \$35,000 down to \$10,000 for finishing first through fifth place.

"Do the math backwards," Coler said. "If it's a \$5 million program, and you already have \$1.2 million taken care of, it starts to work out more efficiently."

Money-wise, Indy cars are like the talking flower in "Little Shop of Horrors": "Feed me. I'm hungry."

Sponsors can be called upon to dish out nourishing meals.

Buhl spends a lot of time away from race tracks recruiting sponsors.

"No complaints," he said.

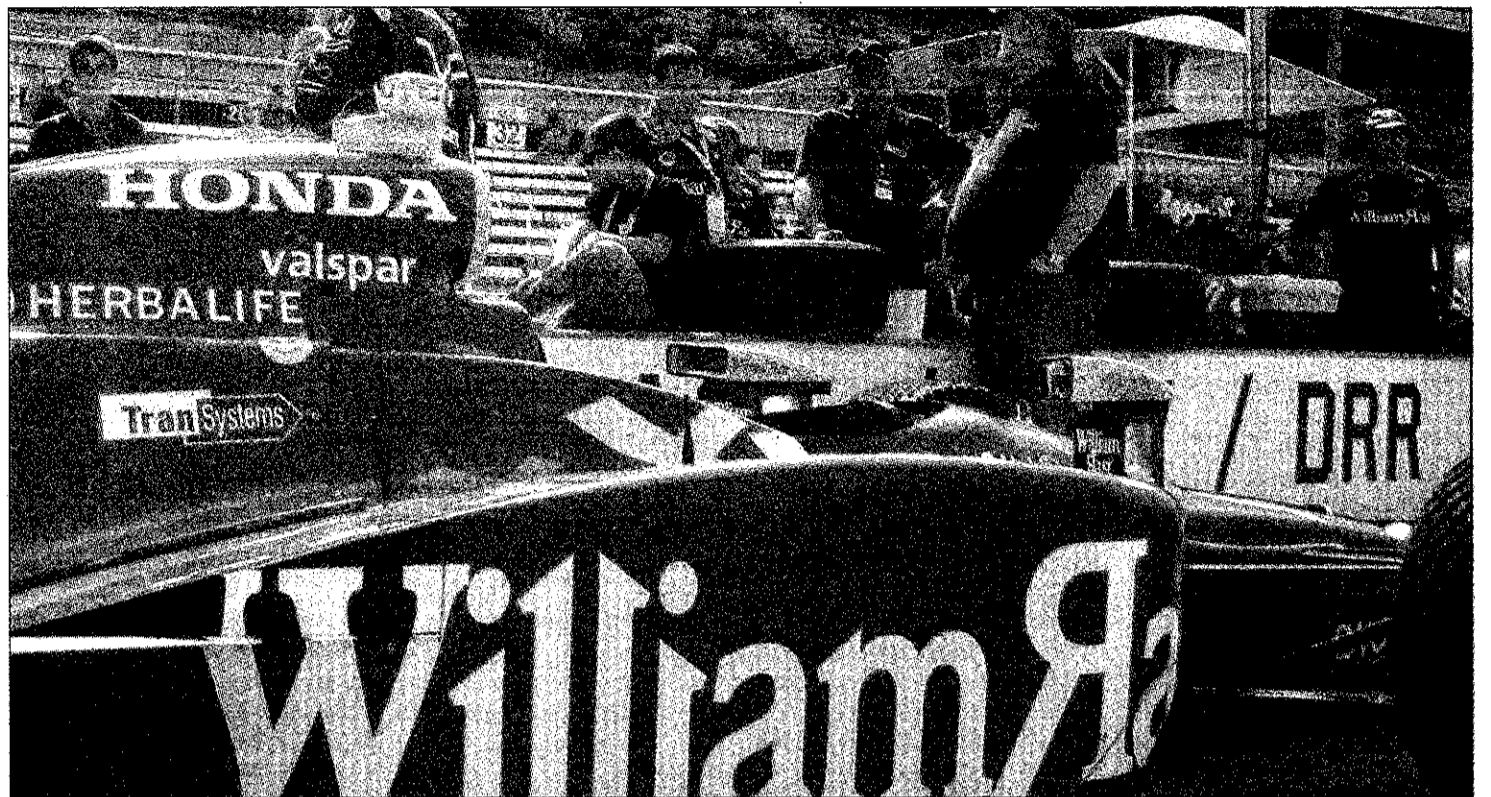
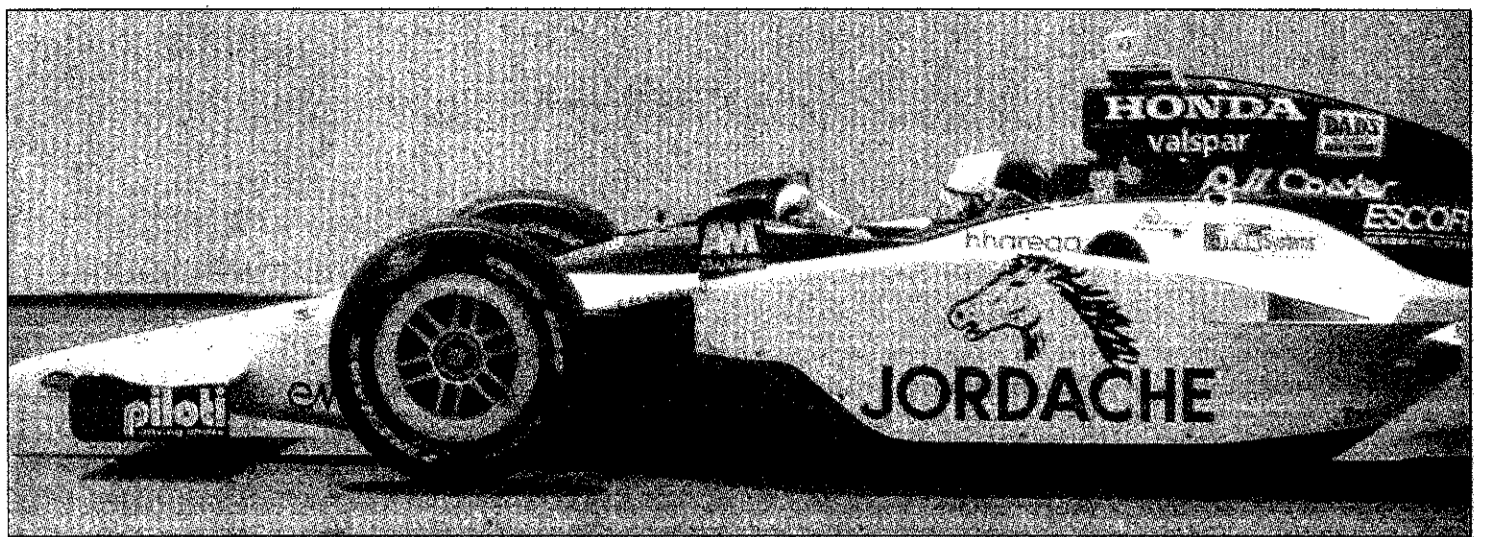
There are as many reasons to sponsor a race car as there are sponsors and race cars.

"The approaches you take to sponsorship depends upon your company, the markets you are trying to reach and the type of company you are," said Robert Villegas Jr., CEO of New Century Marketing Concepts (i-sponsor.com) in Indianapolis.

The sports marketing company helps develop sponsorships for sports teams and entertainers.

Villegas said racing sponsorships are great signage opportunities for consumer companies.

"It builds brand equity by



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Buddy Rice's race car, top, is more than a rolling billboard to sponsors, RollCoater and Dad's Root Beer. Colin Dyne, above, leaning on the tire atop pit wall, is part of the scene as the William Rast-sponsored race car is readied in the pits the morning of the Indianapolis 500.

having your logo looked at by many people," Villegas said. "They're looking at you at the track and, if you happen to be a top-running car, they're looking at you on television."

In that sense, race cars are akin to rolling billboards.

"The more people who see that billboard, the more brand equity you build," Villegas said. "The car is a running billboard. It gets the sponsor's image on television and is going to be seen each lap by 300,000 people depending upon the race."

Both exposures build equity.

"The difference between a billboard and a race car is you have a great deal more excitement associated with the race car," Villegas said.

Sponsors of winning cars can go down in history.

"If the car wins a race, it's going to be forever associated with that sponsor," Villegas said. "Subsequent articles, pic-

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# OBITUARIES

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## Helene Eagan

Grosse Pointe Farms resident Helene Eagan, 83, died Thursday, Aug. 21, 2008, after a sudden illness.

Mrs. Eagan was born July 1, 1925 in Riga, Latvia to Longins and Olga Firsovs. She met the love of her life, Paul A. Eagan, while he was stationed overseas. They were married Nov. 15, 1947 in Wurzburg, Germany. Mr. Eagan died Sept. 9, 1996.

Mrs. Eagan was a devoted wife, mother and community volunteer. While her daughters were growing up, she was a Brownie and Girl Scout leader.

She was involved in the arts, volunteering for many years as a staff-aide at The Detroit Institute of Arts.

As a member of the Junior Women's Association for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, one of her favorite tasks was picking up the featured artists at the airport and utilizing her knowledge of foreign languages to make them welcome to our city.

She was a member of the League of Women Voters and hosted meetings in her home.

Mrs. Eagan was a longtime member of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, where her husband served as commodore in 1980. She enjoyed sailing, making several cruises around the Great Lakes.

She also enjoyed the company of many friends at GPYC and was always the life of the party.

Mrs. Eagan enjoyed gardening, in particular studying and growing herbs. She was a longtime member of The Herb Society of America and in 1999, served as chair of the Grosse Pointe unit. She was an active worker at the unit's gardens. She loved to travel to the annual conferences, meeting people and learning something new about herbs.

Mrs. Eagan is survived by

her daughters, Barbara (Peter) Olivere of Arlington, Va. and Elizabeth of Edmond, Okla.; and granddaughters, Catherine Olivere and Elizabeth Olivere-Malmstedt, both of Seattle, Wash. She also is survived by her sister, Vicki Robson of Auckland, New Zealand.

Funeral services were held Aug. 27 at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. Interment will be in Edmond, Okla.

Donations may be made to The Herb Society of America, 9019 Kirtland-Chardon Road, Kirtland, OH 44094.

## Ruth M. Hurley

Ruth Marie Hurley, 92, of Grosse Pointe Farms, formerly of Warren, died Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2008 at Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe from complications of congestive heart failure.

She was born April 11, 1916 in Hazen, Ark. to John A. and Ellen A. (nee Johnson) King. She married Lemoyne D. Hurley Feb. 12, 1942 in Blytheville, Ark.

After World War II, the couple moved to Michigan and in 1951 they built their home in what was then known as Van Dyke Township, now part of Warren.

Following her husband's death in 1989, she remained a resident of Warren until 1999, when she moved to Grosse Pointe Farms to live with her son.

Mrs. Hurley was a homemaker. She had few luxuries while growing up in rural Arkansas during the Great Depression. However, she appreciated pretty things and became an avid collector of antique linens, jewelry and glassware in the latter years of her life.

Mrs. Hurley is survived by her daughter, Doris L. (Glenn) Hill of Richmond, Ky.; and

sons, Preston R. Hurley of Harvey, La. and William C. Hurley of Grosse Pointe Farms; and grandchildren, Jeffrey (Sharon) Ohler of Versailles, Ky., Patrick (Melissa) Ohler of Richmond, Ky., Christian (Suzanne) Hurley of Roseville, Jason (Stacey) Hurley of Macomb and Melissa Hurley of Warren.

She also is survived by great-grandsons, Joseph Ohler and Jeremy Hurley; step great-granddaughter, Stephanie Ohler; and two nieces.

Mrs. Hurley was predeceased by her parents; her husband; and her brother, William Fletcher King. There were 36 cousins in Mrs. Hurley's generation on the maternal side of her family. She is believed to have been the last survivor of that group.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Ford Funeral Home in Centerline. Cremation has taken place.

## Lida Holmes Mattman

Lida Holmes Mattman, age 96, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2008.

She was born July 31, 1912, in Denver, Colo. to Lillie and Eureka Holmes. She received her Master of Arts in virology from the University of Kansas and her Ph.D. from Yale University.

She married Dr. Paul Mattman and resided in Indian Village, Detroit, where she taught at Wayne State University for more than 30 years and retired with honors as professor emerita.

Mrs. Mattman was a noted researcher and speaker, featured at medical conferences all over the world. Her book, "Cell Wall Deficient Forms," is in its third edition. In 2005 she was inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame.



Helene Eagan



Lida Holmes Mattman



Mahie A. Skaff

## Mahie A. Skaff

Mahie A. Skaff, 84, passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2008, in Beaumont Hospital-Grosse Pointe after a long illness.

Born in Cyprus, she traveled to Lebanon in her teens to enter nursing school at the American University of Beirut. There she met and married Dr. Michel A. Skaff. They were married for 27 years until his untimely passing in 1971.

She is survived by her daughters, Vicky (Eduardo) Afif, Lily (Nabil) Tawile, Nellie (Renaud) Guibert de Bruët and Mariana Skaff; and her son, George Skaff.

Her pride and joy were her 10 grandchildren, Frederick, George, Christina (Keith McVane) and Philip Afif; Viviane (Rodney Fakhoury) and Jean-Michel Tawile (Susan), Nicholas (Jennifer), Christophe (Solenne), Jacques and André (Nadja) Guibert de Bruët; and seven great-grandchildren, Caitlin, Elizabeth, Daniel, Quentin, Candice, Simon and Vincent.

Mrs. Skaff was active socially. She was twice president of the Grosse Pointe Symphony Society and president of the Wayne County Medical Society Auxiliary. She also was a member of the Alliance Française of Grosse Pointe, the Grosse Pointe Women's Club, The Pointers, the Theater Arts Club and the Detroit Symphony Society.

She was on the board of the Friends of Wayne State University Medical School where she helped implement scholarships for medical stu-



Patti Lynn Sulfridge

dents. She also belonged to the Occupational Medical Auxiliary.

Mrs. Skaff was a member of the American Red Cross and a member of the Bon Secours Assistance League (group X). She volunteered for many years at Bon Secours Hospital as a Grey Lady and then at the gift shop.

Mrs. Skaff loved to play bridge and was an accomplished player, belonging to several bridge clubs.

She will be greatly missed by her family and friends who loved her very much.

Funeral arrangements were handled by A.H. Peters Funeral Home with church services at St. George Orthodox Church, in Troy.

Memorial donations may be made to St. George Orthodox Church, 210 Maple Rd. Troy, MI 48083.

## Patti Lynn Sulfridge

Patti Lynn Sulfridge, nee Scofield, 49, a resident of Wheaton, Ill., died at home on Friday, Aug. 22, 2008.

She was born Oct. 26, 1958 in Flint and was raised in Grand Blanc and Fenton, graduating from Fenton High School.

Mrs. Sulfridge earned a Bachelor of Arts in business administration from Anderson University in Indiana in 1980. She worked as an accountant for General Motors and later for EDS in the Detroit area.

On May 25, 1985 she married David Lee Sulfridge at the West Court Street Church of God in Flint. After living in Lowell, Mass., Chatham, N.J. and Grosse Pointe, the couple moved to Wheaton in 1993.

She was devoted to her family and passionately supported her children in their athletic activities. She volunteered at Washington Grade School in the English As A Second Language program.

Mrs. Sulfridge is survived by her husband, David Lee Sulfridge; children, Steven and Susie; her mother, Betty (Jim Kleckner) Scofield of Swartz Creek; her father, Mike (Sherry) Scofield of Florida; siblings, David (Krystal) Scofield of Otisville and Connie (Dennis) Winston of Goodrich; and nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her grandparents, John and Viola May, Doris and Seth Scofield and Marjorie and Ed Rasmussen.

A memorial service was held Aug. 26 at Wheaton Bible Church in West Chicago.

Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society, 1801 Meyers Rd., Suite 100, Oak Brook Terrace, IL 60181 or the Lance Armstrong Foundation, National Mail Processing center, P.O. Box 6003, Albert Lea, MN 56007-6603.

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# Drop-top Mini close to perfect

By Jenny King  
Special Writer

**F**irst, the good news. The BMW Mini Cooper S convertible is at least as much fun as the oft-mentioned barrel of monkeys.

Then, the bad news. An early August press release from across the pond in Oxford, England announced the last Mini convertible "of this generation" had been built and sold. The busy Mini lines will henceforth be devoted to turning out Mini coupes and the newer, longer Mini Clubman.

Well, if interested, perhaps Mini dealers still have a couple of the drop tops in inventory. Or there may be a few on pre-owned lots.

For the past four years, the Mini convertible has been built in England with three engine types. The bestselling of them has been the 115-horsepower Mini Cooper convertible, followed by the Mini Cooper S convertible with its 170-horsepower and the 90-horsepower Mini One convertible, according to Mini. The Mini One is not available in our market.

The "S" following the Cooper indicates a Mini's 172-horsepower 1.6-liter four-cylinder engine has the advantage of turbocharging, which will take you onto the freeway with neck-snapping speed, should you need it.

Think of the "S" as in snap or surge. It also means more dollars to the bottom line.

The normally aspirated 1.6-liter may be less powerful, but it is rated with a top speed of 126 mph.

The turbo-charged engine translates into zero to 60 mph acceleration in 6.7 seconds and a top speed of 139 mph. The

naturally aspirated engine in the Cooper, also 1.6 liters, features variable valve control and accelerates this agile two-door athlete to 60 mph in 8.5 seconds with, top speed of 126 mph.

The Mini Cooper and the Mini Cooper S both come standard with a six-speed manual transmission. Both models can be ordered with an optional six-speed automatic transmission. The test car had the latter.

Some driving snobs — present company included — have sniffed at the idea of a clutchless manual set up alongside the automatic transmission. Here, it's a \$1,250 option that actually adds some fun to driving this four-passenger, front-drive coupe.

You can shift up by pulling a silver paddle on the steering wheel spoke and shift down by pushing a paddle. The downshift is quite dramatic and might save you a few thimblefuls of gasoline, if you tend to race to the edge of an intersection before stepping on the brake.

In the fuel economy arena, the car did quite well. The EPA numbers for the Mini Cooper S convertible are 19 miles per gallon in the city and 29 mpg on the highway.

A gentleman at a local filling station cast an admiring eye on the Mini and asked about its efficiency. We stretched the truth a little and answered "around 30 miles per gallon."

Like fancy wheels? The Mini Cooper convertible comes standard with 15-inch light alloy wheels. The Mini Cooper convertible may be equipped with optional 16-inch light alloy wheels in one of two designs; mounted with run-flat performance tires either as a stand-alone option or as part of the Sport package.



In spite of its size, the Mini convertible easily accommodates three passengers plus a person-size piece of luggage, which was brought on board with the top down. Inside the trunk is room for two more valises.

The Mini Cooper S convertible comes standard with 16-inch wheels. Optional sport wheels and tires include a set of 17-inch wheels in one of three designs.

Poor visibility for the anxious driver may be the only thing — apart from its diminutive size here in truckland — that detracts from the pleasures of driving the 2008 BMW Mini Cooper S convertible.

We've been fortunate enough to drive a couple of little fellows in beautiful summer weather, so often the top is down. How things are on a typically gloomy, dark and wet day in the middle of a Michigan winter we cannot predict. One bright spot: Heated seats are available.

The cloth top, so easily folded half-way or entirely down, blocks a lot of over the shoulder sight, so important when changing lanes or backing up. The outside mirrors are not huge but seem adequate.

Along with cunningly designed switches and levers in the Mini cockpit, there's a very practical stick-out beverage holder. It bears a tiny warning circle: no martini, wine or champagne glasses here, please.

Mini convertible prices start at around \$22,600; the Mini Cooper S for 2008 weighs in at just more than \$26,000. A much touted sidewalk package — at \$4,000 — comprises 17-inch wheels, dynamic stability control, foglights, Xenon head-

lights, automatic air conditioning and a Harman-Kardon sound system.


There were some storage features we neglected to explore. With the top up, the lower rear edge can be unlatched from inside the cargo area, Mini says. This allows the rear edge to swing up 35 degrees to increase the size of the rear opening, allowing large items to pass into the cargo area. Split rear folding seats increase interior hauling space.

With the top in the up position, trunk capacity is 5.8 cubic feet. And even with the top down, the trunk provides 4.2 cubic feet of luggage space, Mini says. With the rear seats folded down, the cargo capacity is increased to 21.3 cubic

feet. The maximum load capacity is 771 pounds. While the top is down, the rear seatbacks are lockable in their upright position, so luggage in the trunk is protected from theft.

With the top lowered, the rear parcel shelf acts as a shield for the rear glass window to protect it from possible damage by cargo in the trunk. The top has a safety feature so it will not lower unless the rear parcel shelf is properly installed.

With the top in the up position, the parcel shelf visually secures the rear cargo area, so valuables can be stowed out of sight. The cargo shelf can be easily taken out when maximum cargo space is needed, according to Mini.



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**AUTOS** By Jenny King

The Escape, Highlander and Mariner hybrids offer new features and technologies, strengthening their claim as America's most fuel-efficient and environmentally friendly SUVs.

# Hybrid SUVs offer good size range



There's lots of talk in the auto industry and among consumers about the future of big vehicles like full-size seven and eight passenger sport utilities.

People with large families and those who for whatever reason need room for more than four or five passengers might like the idea of downsizing into a vehicle that is easier to park, easier to keep clean and less of a strain on the budget at the gas pump than the giant SUVs.

Except for special outings, we'd guess most owners of big vehicles seldom fill them to capacity. It's commonplace to see one or two persons aboard a full-sized tooling down the street.

Hence, a long-winded introduction to the idea of a mid-size "crossover" that can accommodate up to seven people, especially if riders assigned to the third-row are kids or smaller adults.

Here's a look at three 2009 hybrid models with plenty of room for four, but with belts and space for five.

## Toyota's Highlander

Toyota redesigned its Highlander crossover for the 2008 model year, adding an optional third row seat and offering its electric-gas hybrid

synergy system as an alternative to the standard gasoline powered 270 horsepower 3.5-liter V-6.

The EPA fuel economy estimates for the Camry-based utility vehicle average 27 miles per gallon in the city and 25 mpg on the highway.

This super-functional vehicle does take some getting used to. For example, you'll need to remove the cargo cover behind the second row of seats to pull up the back of the two-person third row, with its clever fold-flat headrests.

Then, of course, you must find some place to store that cargo cover — and remember where you stashed it.

There are a number of well-thought-out design features that, once you have mastered their locations and purposes, should add significantly to the usefulness and enjoyment of this crossover.

The second row seats will individually fold forward and relatively flat, which when the third row is stowed, opens a wonderful storage area with or without some of the second row available for a passenger.

Latches located in the rear cargo area will fold those second row seats for you, eliminating the need to run back and forth.

The well-appointed test Highlander appeared to be about as "loaded" as is possible: From four-wheel drive to the DVD rear-seat entertainment system to satellite radio and a navigation system with wireless phone capability.

The suggested retail price of



Mariner is Mercury's version of the Ford Escape, a smaller SUV available with a fuel saving gasoline-electric hybrid system. For 2009, Mariner and Escape get a new 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine for both hybrid and gasoline-only models.

the Highlander Ltd. Hybrid with four-wheel drive was \$39,950. The extras ran the total to an eye-opening \$48,163. Itemized, some of the optional equipment included \$1,780 for the DVD system; \$2,655 for the navigation system with a CD player and multiple speakers and the wireless phone capability; \$785 for a rear air conditioning system with vents for the second and third rows, and \$850 for a big, power moonroof with sunshade.

It would appear that you can pick and choose among these added features and you're not required to order a giant package.

A family member with two small children and an aging mid-size SUV was very inter-

ested in the Highlander Hybrid for its third row of seats and possibly for the hybrid system. An Arizona resident, she was very pleased with the rear compartment air conditioning, since sun and heat are major concerns in that part of the country.

An exclamation point lighted on the instrument panel and we wrongly assumed we were stressing out the hybrid system on a hot summer afternoon after the Highlander had been turned on to cool the interior. Toyota's Mona Richard said it signaled an open window on the rear tailgate and had nothing to do with the hybrid synergy system.

"The hybrid system does not in any way affect the air conditioning or even the heating system in the vehicle," she added.

## Escape and Mariner

Hybrid versions of Escape and Mariner saw combined sales up approximately 10 percent last year, Ford said.

One reason surely is the practical design of these smaller SUVs. They are easy to board; there's ample storage in the wide open cargo section; visibility for the driver is excellent, and the little truck is just plain nice to have around.

The availability of a gasoline-electric hybrid system is icing on the cake.

For 2009, the Hybrid models will use the new base 2.5-liter I-4 engine designed to run on the Atkinson combustion cycle. A new engine processor was designed to improve transitions between gas and electric vehicle mode.

The hybrid models also feature a new powertrain damping system to reduce vibrations and feedback to the driver and other vehicle occupants, Ford said.

The Hybrids' braking system has been refined to bring a more seamless transition from an electric regenerative braking system to a traditional braking operation. A new brake pedal sensor is at the heart of the improvements, Ford said.

With the introduction of the 2009 models, the Ford Escape Hybrid adds a new model, the Escape Limited Hybrid. Along with its gas counterpart, the Escape Limited Hybrid features upgrades including 16-inch, six-spoke bright machined aluminum wheels and exterior chrome accents; a standard AM-FM/six-CD changer; chrome and ebony interior touches, and a conve-

nience package with ambient lighting, heated front leather seating surfaces, a power moonroof and retractable cargo area cover.

Our test car, the 2009 Mercury Mariner Hybrid with front-wheel drive, included the same "limited" items in its premium package, \$3,595; plus a power moonroof, \$795.

The base price for the 2009 Mariner Hybrid with front drive was \$28,750. No EPA fuel economy estimates were included on the sticker.

The 2009 Escape and Mariner can boast improved "sustainability" with the addition of new comfort-designed seats. The seats include soy-based foam that substitutes for petroleum-based products to conserve limited resources and reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, Ford said.

Eco-friendly seat fabrics are made from post-industrial 100 percent recycled materials in the Escape models.

For those who prefer gasoline-only powerplants, the 2009 Ford Escape and Mercury Mariner offer a new, 171 horsepower, 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine with intake variable cam timing.

Ford reports the new engine is expected to gain 1 mpg in both city and highway fuel economy when equipped with the new six-speed transmission compared to the previous model's smaller displacement 2.3-liter engine and four-speed automatic.

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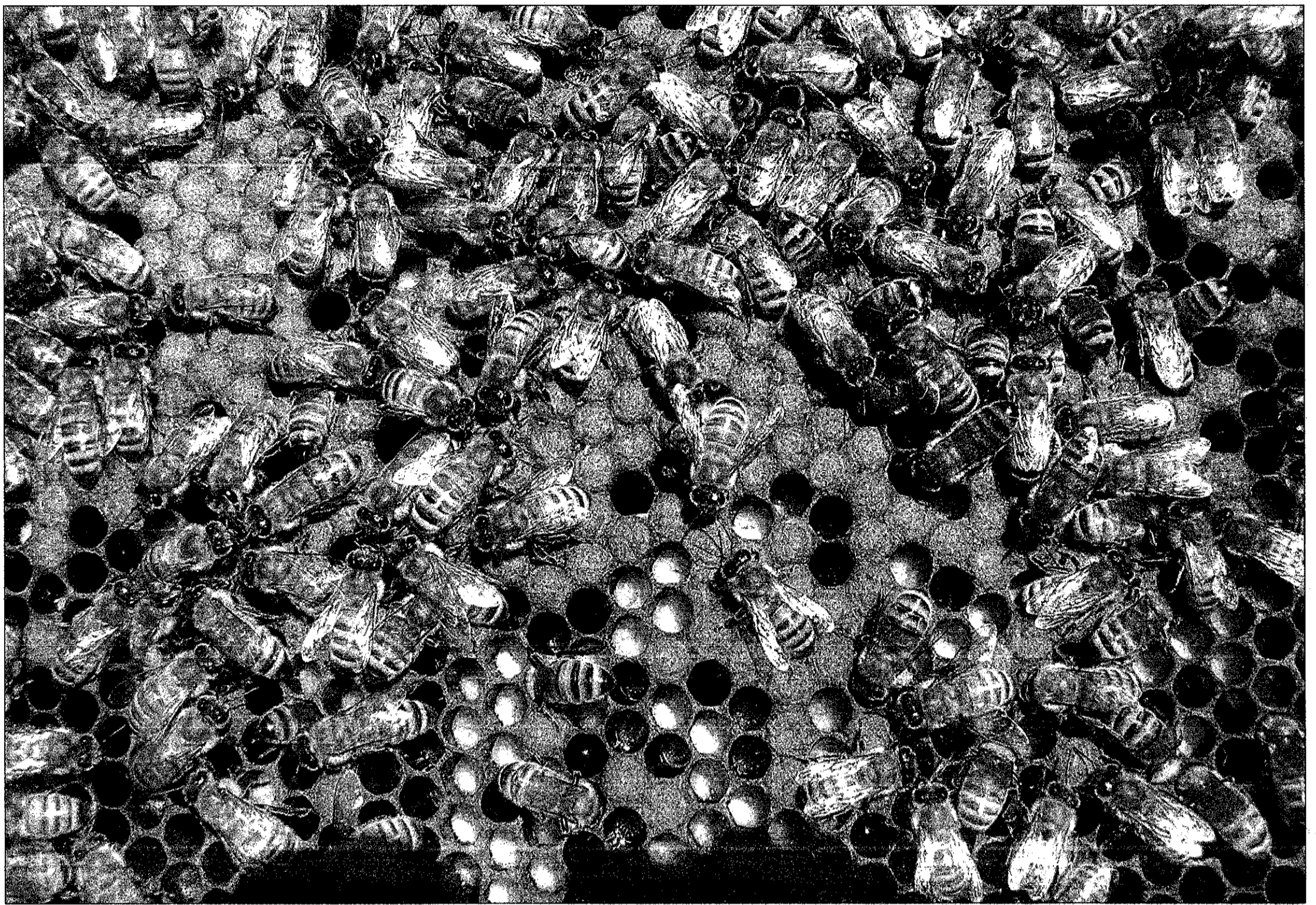


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Worker bees are busy filling the honeycomb with honey. The white spots are larvae laid by the queen.

## How sweet it is

By Beth Quinn  
Staff Writer

For the last six years, Grosse Pointe Park residents Carol and Don Ragan have been actively involved in one of the world's oldest professions — beekeeping.

What started as an interest of Carol's quickly morphed into the couple's avocation.

"I thought it would be really cute to have a few beehives," Carol said. "I thought it would be fun to pick out the different colors to paint the boxes."

However, Don had bigger plans. When Carol was away on a trip, he and a friend took their own to a bee supplier in Ohio, where he bought 400 beehives.

"That's a lot of bees; lots of boxes," Don said.

It took four trips to transport the entire purchase back to Michigan in what Don describes as a "Sanford and Son's type of truck."

While the Ragans have two beehives at their home on Windmill Point, they now have a professional apiary on their 260-acre farm coincidentally named Windmill Hill Farm, in Crosswell.

They bought the farm in November 2000 as a place for Don to hunt deer, but soon the couple wanted to do more with it.

Though the Ragan's are retired — he's a physicist and she's a nurse, they have more energy than people years younger. They were looking for something to satisfy Don's intellectual curiosity and Carol's nurturing nature.

"Carol and I looked around for livestock," Don said, "but we found cattle are too time consuming and require lots of feed. Chickens are disgusting."

Carol wanted to get a few lambs after experiencing the lambing season in England

during a trip in which she walked across the country to celebrate her 60th birthday.

"The little lambs were fun and very, very cute. They truly do hop across the fields on all fours," she said as she demonstrated the springing action with four of her fingers.

However, Carol quickly nixed the idea when Don, once again, envisioned bigger plans.

"She was horrified when I said, 'We can fatten them up and butcher them,'" Don said.

The Ragans found that beekeeping was a good fit. They liked that bees feed and forage for themselves.

"It's like having gold fish," Don said "You have to pay some attention to them, but they are fairly easy."

Since beekeeping doesn't mandate the Ragans to be on a strict schedule, it is very well suited to their lifestyle.

"Bees are very forgiving of time and attention which allows us to travel," Don said. "Even with crops, you are on their time schedule."

This is especially convenient in the winter when bees are dormant and require no maintenance. That's when the Ragan's spend a few weeks in the Bahamas, where Don does some consulting work.

The Ragans also discovered that Michigan is an ideal environment for beekeeping.

"It's not too hot and it has plenty of flowering plants," Don said. "Southern states are too hot and do not have much floral favorites and colder states might have too many evergreens."

Don suggests scanning the farm to see the acres upon acres of wild flowers.

"There's hundreds of flowers — goldenrod, Queen Anne's lace," he said. "There's a plethora of flowers."

Similar to hops for beer or grapes for wine, the nectar of

different plants creates the honey's flavor, Don explains.

"For instance, buckwheat makes a very strong, dark honey; clover makes a very light, very sweet, very mild honey," he said.

However, beekeeping, like any industry, does have its challenges, Don said.

Last winter many of the Ragan's colonies died in their hives. They sent the carcasses to a laboratory for analysis that determined Varroa mites, a parasite originally from China, destroyed the bees.

The Ragans are taking precautionary measures by applying two different miticides this fall to prevent the mites from attacking the colonies this winter.

"One of goals was to raise bees without chemicals," Don said. "We thought we could get away without chemicals last year, but you can't afford to lose all your hives."

He added that chemicals are safe if used properly in the off-season.

"They will only be used by us when the bees are not collecting honey," Don said.

The demise of the Ragan's colonies is different from Colony Collapse Disorder, which has recently been reported in the national news.

According to Don, the bees with CCD get sick and fly away from the hive. They abruptly disappeared whereas his bees died in the hive. The disorder seems to be confined to the South and Southwest.

"Luckily, there have not been any reported cases in northern states," he said. "Perhaps it's because we live in a colder climate."

However, no one knows for sure what causes colony collapse, he added.

"The source is unknown."

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Don Ragan opens a super, a man-made beehive, to show how the eight frames are hung vertically. The bees use the frames to create a honeycomb.

## BEES: Busy doing their work

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There's lots of conjecture," the scientist said.

He noted that in many CCD cases the colonies are owned by commercial pollinator's who rent them out for crop pollination. They are trucked hundreds of miles, crisscrossing the country in one season.

"Putting bees on a semi-truck is very stressful for them," Don said. "There is a rule of thumb that 10 percent of the colony will die every time it is transported. Some commercial pollinators transport the colony multiple times within a matter of weeks. One beekeeper transported the same colonies from Michigan to Florida then to California and to Idaho."

Because the Ragans lost more than 80 percent of their bees last winter, this year they have been trying to build their colonies. They bought 250 queen bees from vendors in the South and California.

In a colony, the queen is the sole breeding female. She shares the hive with a few thousand males called drones whose sole purpose is to mate with the queen. There is also a large population sterile female "worker" bees that find food. All the drones and the worker bees are the queen's offspring.

The queen mates early in her three years of life and is impregnated by six to 8 drones.

The mating process, called swarming, takes place about a mile or two away from the hive, Don said.

The queen lays approximately 1,000 to 1,500 eggs a day, according to Don. By mid-summer the hive might have between 30,000 to 50,000 bees.

"That's a lot of bees," Carol said.

She noted that a lot of bees are needed to make honey.

"Each bee will harvest 1/8 teaspoon of honey," Carol said. "They live for three weeks and will die of exhaustion from collecting the nectar."

It's a short ATV ride from the Ragans' barn to the bee nursery. It is an open field stacked with dozens of man-made hives which are a series

of stacked topless and bottomless boxes. The boxes, called supers, hold hanging frames in, which bees build up the wax honeycomb to raise the baby bees, called the brood, and to store honey.

There is a faint buzzing noise can be heard and a subtle honey aroma around the nursery.

Despite being surrounded by thousands of bees buzzing around, there is very little threat of being stung.

"While collecting honey, they are not interested in stinging any one, they are busy doing their work," Don said. "Honey bees are not aggressive. Most of the time people get stung by wasps which are very aggressive."

During the spring, the Ragans are also busy getting prepared for the upcoming summer. They fix up the supers; add the new queens and try to build up the colony.

During the summer, the Ragans maintain the supers, monitor the colonies and keep track of their queens.

They return to their Park home one day each week so Don can participate in a local sailing regatta.

"While he's doing that, I mow the lawn and doing other things that remind me I have a real home," Carol said.

The Ragans are busiest with their beekeeping duties during the two-week harvest in mid-August.

"Relatively, it's an intense two weeks," Don said.

In the past, the Ragans have enlisted the help of family and friends to process the honey from nearly 1,000 supers. This year they have the help of a 20-year-old intern, Rob Fifer of Evanston, Ill., who has been living on their farm this summer.

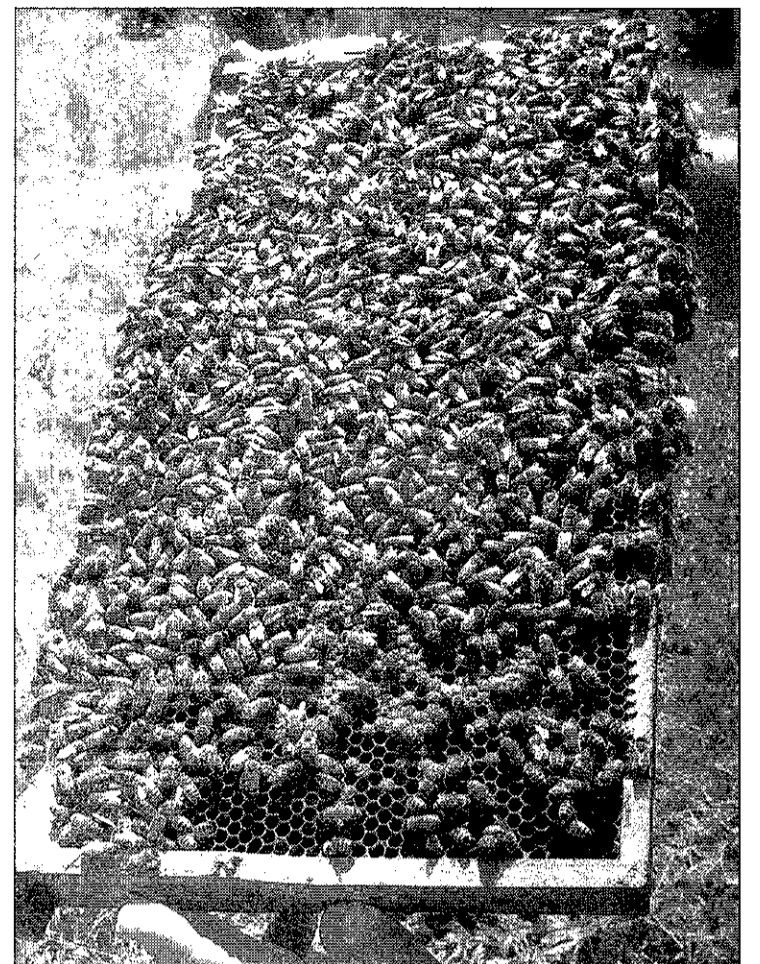
During the harvest, they take turns operating an ex-

tractor machine that scrapes the honey off 28 frames at a time.

"Nine thousand of those little suckers go through there every year," Carol said.



Carol Ragan attaches a label, designed by her husband, to a plastic container filled with their honey.



Don Ragan checks a beehive frame to make sure the queen is present and the colony is healthy.



The Ragans purchased 250 queens to build up their bee colonies after they lost most of them to Varroa mites last winter. Don checks to see if any queens have recently hatched.

The newly extracted honey then flows through two vertical tubes, which the Ragans refer to as the Oompa-Loompa tubes, to a huge stainless steel separation tank.

The honey sits in the vat for three or four days during which the heavy honey sinks to the bottom and the lighter-weight impurities float to the top.

Once the separation occurs, the Ragans pour the honey from a spigot at the bottom of the vat into 5-gallon pails.

At the end of the harvest, Carol, who is a good foot shorter than her husband, climbs barefoot into and cleans out the tanks filled with sludge.

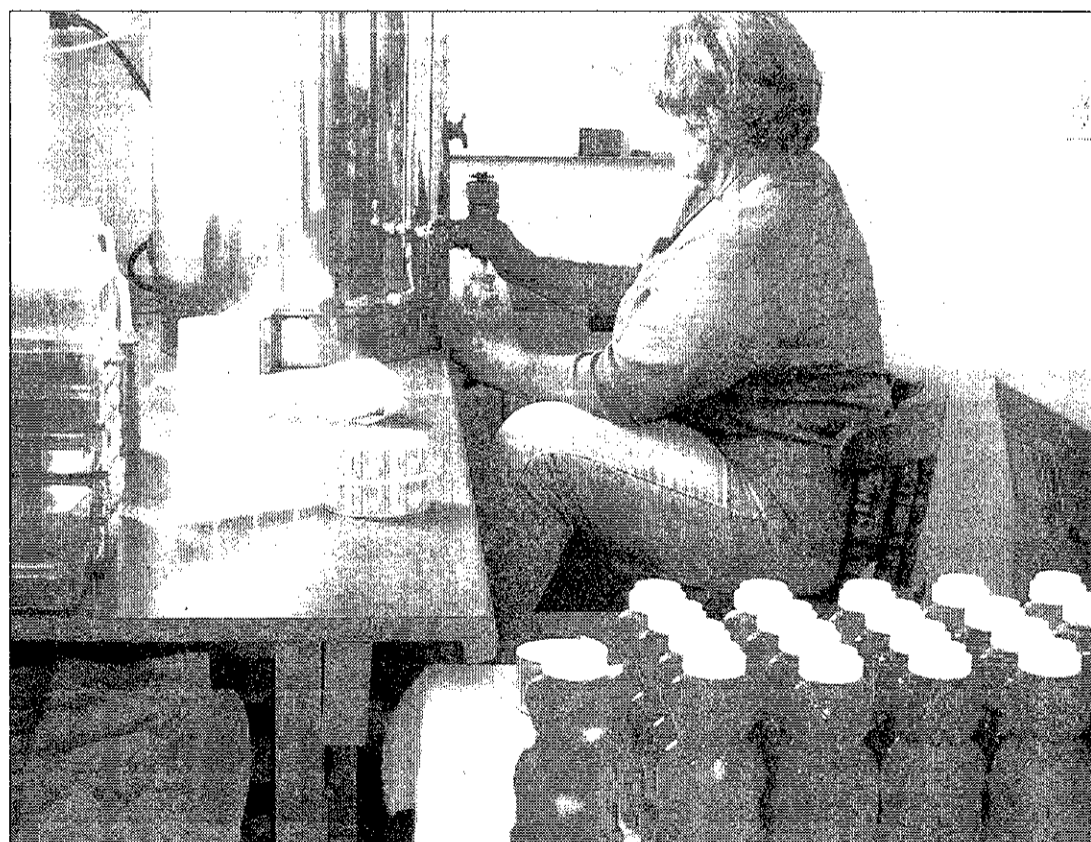
She said she doesn't mind at all. In fact, she claims the

sludge is great for exfoliation. "My hands and feet come out nice and soft," Carol said; "It does wonders on the calluses on my feet."

After the separation process is completed, the honey is ready to be packaged, labeled and sold.

The Ragans sell the honey in 5-gallon containers to commercial customers ranging from other beekeepers in the wholesale business to middle eastern restaurants.

The honey also is sold to consumers in bear-shaped containers under the label Windmill Hill Farm Natural Raw Wildflower Honey locally at Mulier's Market in the Park and Ronnie's Quality Meats at Eastern Market or online at windmillhillfarm.com.



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During the middle of August, the Ragans are busy harvesting honey. After it is extracted from the honeycomb and separated from impurities, Carol Ragan pours the honey into bear-shaped plastic containers to be sold at local markets.

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# WEDDINGS

## Gallagher - Walker

Kelli Elizabeth Gallagher, daughter of Patrick and Christine Gallagher of Augusta married Jesse Paul Walker, son of Thomas and Suzanne Walker, formerly of Grosse Pointe Park, on March 29, 2008 at Gull Lake Bible Church in Hickory Corners.

The Rev. Gary Cantrell officiated at the 4 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception at Eesley Place in Plainwell.

The maid of honor was Lisa Gallagher, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Cristin Perks, Angela Hittle, Laura Phillips, and the groom's sister, Kerrie Walker.

The best man was the groom's friend, Christopher D'Angelo of Grosse Pointe. Groomsmen were Michael

Foreman, Evan Weber, Andrew Schlitz and Jeffrey Tornblom.

The bride is a graduate of Western Michigan University and is an elementary teacher for the Michigan City (Indiana) Area Schools.

The groom, also a graduate of Western Michigan University, is a pharmaceutical sales specialist with Astra Zeneca.

The couple honeymooned in St. Martin. They live in Kentwood.

## Presson - Marston

Michelle Christine Presson, daughter of Thomas and Nancy Colitsas of Plainsboro, N.J., married Christopher Michael Marston, son of Col. Michael and Diane Marston of



Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Paul Walker

Grosse Pointe Farms, on June 28, 2008, in the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Alexandria, Va.

Dr. Larry Hayward officiated at the 1 p.m. ceremony, which was followed by a reception in the church.

The bride wore an antique



Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Michael Marston

white backless silk gown with beaded detail on the straps. She carried a bouquet of blue hyacinths, white lisianthus and bachelor's buttons tied with a blue sheer ribbon.

Michaela Robinson, the groom's sister of Alexandria, Va., was the matron of honor.

She wore a cornflower blue silk shantung strapless dress and carried a bouquet similar to the bride's, tied with a white sheer ribbon.

The flower girls were the bride's daughter, Abigail Presson of Alexandria, Va.; the bride's niece, Isabella Colitsas of West Windsor, N.J.; and Logan Robinson of Alexandria, Va. They wore white strapless dresses with a blue satin sash. Their bouquets were gerbera daisies tied with blue and white gingham ribbon.

The bride's brother, James Colitsas of West Windsor, was the best man.

Ushers were the groom's friends, Garry Malphrus and David Jones, both of Alexandria; and the groom's brother-in-law Robert Robinson, of Alexandria, Va.

The bride's nephew, Tommy Colitsas of West Windsor, N.J. and the groom's nephew, Davis Robinson of Alexandria, Va. were the ring bearers.

The bride's mother wore a

midnight blue dress and jacket with a blue bachelor's button and white lisianthus corsage.

The groom's mother chose a peach dress with a blue bachelor's button and a white lisianthus corsage.

Scripture readers were Brenda Hankins and Anne Gavin, friends of the bride and groom.

The bride earned a bachelor's degree from Mount Holyoke College and a juris doctorate from the William and Mary School Law. She is the chief of staff for U.S. Rep. Michele Bachmann.

The groom earned a bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College and a juris doctorate degree from Georgetown University School of Law. He is the acting assistant secretary at the U.S. Department of Education.

The couple plan a December honeymoon to Hawaii and a shorter one at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Washington, D.C. The couples live in Alexandria, Va.

# ENGAGEMENT

## Culos — Hakerem

John and Midge Culos of Harper Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Megan Elizabeth Culos, to Jason Jay Hakerem, son of Jay and Linda Hakerem of Miami, Fla. A January, in Atlanta, Ga., wedding is planned.

Culos earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from the University of Dayton in 2001 and a Master of Science degree in accounting, tax consulting from the University of Virginia in 2002.

Hakerem earned Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in accounting from the University of Florida in 1997.



Megan Elizabeth Culos and Jason Jay Hakerem



## The Savannah readers

Three generations of Janutol/Grego women traveled to Savannah, Ga. They took time out from shopping to read the Grosse Pointe News. Reading the paper, from left, Eleanor Janutol, Emily Reenpage, Louise Eisenbrey, Anne Janutol, Lauren Janutol, Angela Aufemburge, Anne Walker, Betsy Faulman and Judy Grego. When you travel, take along a copy of the Grosse Pointe News and have a photo taken of yourself in front of a local landmark. Send the picture, along with a few words to: The Grosse Pointe News Reader, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to editor@grossepointenews.com. Your picture will appear in an upcoming issue.

# PRIDE OF THE POINTES

Courtney Alexander McRill has been inducted into the Honors College at Michigan State University and named to the Dean's List for the spring semester 2008. McRill, son of Lannie and Sherry McRill, Grosse Pointe Park, is a 2007 South graduate.

Scott M. Somerset has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army after successfully completing the ROTC program and graduating with a bachelor's degree from

Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va. Somerset, a 2001 Grosse Pointe North graduate, is the son of J. Scott and Elizabeth Somerset of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Kyle Martin Karwowski, son of Mike and Diana Karwowski of Grosse Pointe Woods, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in urban and regional planning from Michigan State University in May. He was on the Dean's List for the spring 2008 semester.

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## Fontonne's White Christmas Ball planning is under way

The Fontbonne Auxiliary's 50-50 annual White Christmas Ball Kick-off luncheon was chaired by Gloria Clark and hosted by Mary Ann Van Elslander.

Victoria Keys of St. Clair Shores is the chair 2008 White Christmas Ball. Mado and Dr. Kim K. Lie of Grosse Pointe are this year's honorary chairs.

The theme of the Friday, Dec. 12 event is "La Vie Parisienne" and will be at the Ritz Carlton, Dearborn. The ball's proceeds will benefit the Lymphoma Clinic and Research Center.

Dr. Ayad Al-Katib, medical director of oncology and section chief of hematology at St. John Medical Hospital and

Medical Center, is regarded nationally and internationally as one of the leading physicians in the field of lymphoma and related disease. He would like to create a personalized lymphoma care center at the hospital.

For more information about the ball, call the Fontbonne office at (313) 343-3675.



Victoria Keys, Mary Ann Van Elslander, JoAnn Miller and Gloria Clark are working on the 2008 White Christmas Ball.

## Doctor elected to society

Dr. Murali Guthikonda, chairman of the Department of Neurological Surgery at Detroit Receiving Hospital, was recently elected to the Society of Neurological Surgeons.

Founded in 1919, the organization, also known as the "Senior Society," is the American Society of leaders in neurosurgical residency education and the oldest neurosurgical society in the world. Membership is limited to 200 active members that include academic department chairmen, residency program directors and other key academic practitioners.



Dr. Murali Guthikonda

The society is charged with developing the field of neurosurgical surgery and education, insuring patients with nervous system disorders receive the highest possible care and sup-

porting research in the neurosciences.

Membership in the Society of Neurological Surgeons is one of the highest honors a neurosurgeon can receive. Nationally, eight neurosurgeons were elected this year.

"I am very proud of this achievement," Guthikonda said. "It is an honor for me and for our department to be part of such an elite group."

Guthikonda was also recently promoted as the L. Murray Thomas professor and chairman, honoring Dr. L. Murray Thomas, former chairman. He also serves as program director of the neurosurgery residency.

HEALTH COLUMN By David Lorelli, M.D.

## Leg pain may not be part of aging process

There are tens of thousands of people in the United States who can't sleep at night, walk their dog around the block, or stand for even a few minutes without severe leg pain.

Some people attribute it to getting older and something they must endure. Others are fearful of what treatment would entail. But with advances made in modern medicine over the last decade, there may be options increased mobility and independence.

Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD) is a hardening of the arteries in the legs. Most people are aware of the arterial disease in the heart, but fewer realize the same kind of plaque can block blood flow to the legs, causing numbness and tingling, coldness, ulcers, sores and significant pain. The most common symptom of PAD is called claudication, which is leg pain that occurs when walking or exercising and disappears when the person stops the activity.

The first step is diagnosis. The Vascular Laboratory at St. John Hospital and Medical Center offers a full spectrum of testing for vascular disease, which includes PAD. Because these patients have limited mobility, the department is located on the first floor of the Van Elslander Pavilion, within a short distance of the entrance.

The Vascular Lab, located within the Diagnostic Imaging department, gets outpatients in right away, either that same day or the next one. Testing for PAD can be ordered by any physician.

There are several different tests that can be used to diagnose PAD, including a Doppler study, ankle-brachial index, duplex ultrasound, magnetic resonance angiography and computer tomography (CT) angiography. All are available at the hospital, and are simple and painless for the patient.

Of patients who have blockages, the majority can be treated through minimally invasive techniques available at the hospital. Much like a heart



Christina Finazzo, vascular tech (seated) checks for blockages in a patient's leg, with help from Dr. David Lorelli and vascular tech Lisa Rankel.

catheterization, patients are awake during the procedure, with only medication to relax them. The physician, who could be an interventional radiologist, cardiologist, or vascular surgeon, inserts a small catheter into either the femoral artery (groin) or the brachial artery (crease of the elbow). Then, he or she injects dye into the artery to locate the blockages.

Once the level of blockage is determined, the problem can be fixed with either a balloon or a stent. A balloon angioplasty is a simple device that expands the artery so that the blockages can be flushed out. A stent is like a piece of wire mesh that holds the artery open.

Not everyone needs a stent with this procedure.

Just like cardiac disease, blockages can reoccur. Patients need to commit to a changed lifestyle and regular exercise regimen. For many patients, the procedure gives

them a new lease on life, and renewed opportunities for an active, pain-free lifestyle.

If you're over 50, have a family history of diabetes, high cholesterol, or stroke, and have trouble walking because of cramping or tiredness in your legs, talk to your doctor. If you're inactive, overweight, or smoke, changing these lifestyle issues will help significantly.

PAD issues are usually chronic and develop over time. By being proactive and talking to your doctor about the issue, you could increase your ability to walk and remain active and independent into your senior years.

David Lorelli, M.D., a vascular surgeon, is medical director of the St. John Hospital and Medical Center Vascular Laboratory. He has specialty training in minimally invasive procedures for the treatment of Peripheral Arterial Disease as well as open vascular surgery. For more information, call 888-440-7325.

# Family to observe mother's 100th birthday

By Ann L. Fouty  
Features Editor

Family is the most important thing in Anita Pugliesi's life and opera holds the second position.

And there is nothing more important in the Pugliesi family's life than their mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, who will observe her 100th birthday with a family gathering.

"I had a good life with my husband. I have wonderful children," said the, Grosse Pointe Woods resident.

"The boys are wonderful. They are crazy about her," said daughter Nini Galbo, with whom Pugliesi lives.

The two are talking about Pugliesi's three children, Angelo, Frank and Galbo.

It's evident by the look on Pugliesi's face how crazy she is about her family when Galbo names the grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Angelo has a son, Ben, and a granddaughter, Bianca.

Frank has three children, Anita, Ben and Paul, and a

granddaughter, Zoe.

Nina has three sons, John, Ben and Tony, and the grandchildren are Anthony Vincenzo, Antonella, Ann Marie, Vincent and Jimmy.

Pugliesi was born Sept. 1, 1908 in Alcamo, Italy, the oldest of three siblings — two brothers and a sister. When Pugliesi was five, the family followed her father to Detroit, where he established a grocery business in the Russell and Monroe area and later in the Whittier/Kelly area.

A student at St. Mary's High School, the 14-year-old Pugliesi met her future husband, Benedetto, through mutual friends. He was 11 years her senior.

During the next seven years, Benedetto established his medical practice, waiting for Anita to turn 21. On April 10, 1929, the couple married in the newly built St. Clare de Montefalco. For 58 years, they lived and raised a family on Buckingham Road in the Park. She said she remembers moving into her home when the Pointes strip farms had yet to give way to

subdivisions and paved roads.

Pugliesi focused on her family and supporting her husband who was affiliated with St. Mary's Hospital and later St. John Hospital, as he put two of his brothers and their two sons through medical school in Italy.

Galbo said her mother was a wonderful cook, whose specialty is pasta dishes.

"She is an excellent cook," said daughter-in-law Eleanor, "and has passed down many of her family recipes to her children and grandchildren."

Pugliesi was a founder of the Society of the Holy Family Church Women's Auxiliary at the hospital (St. Mary's) and a founder of the Italian Professional Society and its auxiliary. She was active in the Mother's Club at Sacred Heart Convent.

The couple traveled worldwide, returning to Italy to visit relatives, including Benedetto's mother and four brothers.

"He came as a visitor and stayed," Pugliesi said of her husband.

Pugliesi's second interest is



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Anita Pugliesi will observe her 100th birthday on Sept. 1.

the opera.

"I was 11 years old when I saw my first opera, 'Rigoletto,'" she said.

Her favorite composer is Verdi and she loves "La

Boheme" and "La Travata"

said of hearing the music. And no, she doesn't sing along. Florida is her winter respite but Grosse Pointe Woods is her home because her family is here.

"It makes me feel good," she

SENIOR SCENE By Ruth Cain

## Top foods to promote good health in seniors



Environmental Nutrition newsletter has identified the 15 undisputed winners of foods rich in vitamins, minerals, fiber, antioxidants and other nutrients regarded as essential to a good diet.

I love the adjectives they use and how they describe their wonderful properties that don't necessarily make them sound appetizing.

The No. 1 winner is the amazing avocado. Ounce for ounce, the newsletter says, avocados contain more blood pressure-lowering potassium than bananas. They are also rich in monounsaturated fats, and cholesterol-lowering beta-sitosterol and cancer-pro-

tection glutathione, along with vitamin E, folate, vitamin B6 and fiber.

(There are several words used in describing these properties new to me. The automatic speller on my computer keeps underlining these words in red. Apparently it doesn't know them either.)

Second on the list are brain-boosting blueberries. These little blue marvels are the antioxidant leaders; plump with nearly 4 grams of fiber per cup and a good dose of vitamin C. They also have cancer protective elagic acid and may boost brain health and vision.

In third place is anti-cancer Brazil nuts. This hearty tree nut is a "trigger food" that may cause cancer cells to self-destruct. It's a super source of selenium, a promising anti-cancer trace mineral that also promotes DNA repair and boosts immunity. Just two medium nuts contain enough

selenium to perhaps reduce prostate, colon and lung cancers.

Fourth on the list is broccoli. Eating it is an easy way to ingest two potent cancer-blockers that modify natural estrogens into less damaging forms and increase the activity of enzymes that fight carcinogens. The magazine recommends three servings a week of broccoli or its cruciferous cousins.

Up next is butternut squash. While really a fruit, it's an exceptional source of beta-carotene, the antioxidant the body converts to vitamin A. It is also an overlooked source of bone-building calcium.

Sixth place goes to edamame, a tasty green soybean that is one of the oldest snack foods and one of the most beneficial. It helps lower bad cholesterol, prevents colon cancer and strengthens bones. Available in natural

foods markets, just steam and pop the beans out of their pods.

Seventh is fabulous flaxseed. The tiny, nutty-flavored seeds are a good source of omega-3 fatty acids and lignans, which may block hormone-related cancers. They pack plenty of protein and fiber, too. Sprinkle one or two tablespoons of ground flaxseed into yogurt, cereals, salads, soups and into batters.

All eyes are on kale which comes in eighth. This leafy green tops the vegetable list in antioxidant power, with lutein and zeaxanthin protecting against age-related eye diseases. Eat kale often as well as collards, spinach and turnip greens.

Ninth is the high-flying kiwi fruit, named for New Zealand's flightless kiwi bird. These fuzzy fruits (berries, actually) fly to the top of the list as the most nutrient-dense fruits of all. Two have more

potassium than a banana, twice the vitamin C and fiber of a small orange, plus folate, magnesium, Vitamin E, copper and lutein.

Lentils love your heart and come in 10th place. They are loaded with beta protective nutrients including folate and fiber. Their nine grams of protein per half cup and iron make them a good meat substitute too. Unlike their bean cousins, lentils are easy to prepare and cook up in 15 to 20 minutes.

The last five foods and their descriptions sound suspiciously like those of the old snake-oil salesmen. But this newsletter is a respected source of nutritional advice so here they are: Onions, quinos, sardines, tomatoes and yogurt.

I will share the description of sardines, however, because it is the first food on the list that I truly love. Sardines are No. 1 in the magazine's fish

pick for their exceptional omega-3 fatty acids that decrease blood clotting, prevent heart arrhythmias and combat inflammation. They are low in mercury, so you can safely eat them three to four times a week.

Oops, tomatoes taste good too. Cooked or processed, tomatoes are your very best source of cancer-fighting lycopenes, the nutrient that battles prostate cancer. New research shows it may offer women cancer and bone protection, too.

Enjoy spaghetti sauce, tomato soup, or pizza. Adding a touch of fat, like olive oil, increases absorption.

Well, there you are folks. Note that there are a lot of "may offers," or "promises of" with regard to their benefits, but there is probably little danger in trying any of these foods.

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## Tips for planning a 'senior road trip'

More Americans 65 and older are now on the road more than ever before, since working and retiring seniors continue to drive for business and pleasure.

"Boomers grew up with the concept of the great American road trip, so it's no surprise that as they become seniors they're motoring more than their parents probably did at the same age," says Barry Glick of Traffic.com.

"Plus, with their emphasis on health and fighting off old age by remaining active, boomers with a little money and time on their hands are rediscovering the pleasures of driving."

Experts say driving skills inevitably change as one ages. With care and caution, older drivers can adapt to their changing abilities and driving privileges.

If planning a road trip, make sure the vehicle maintenance is up to date. Pay special attention to common problems that can cause roadside breakdowns, such as coolant systems and tire integrity. The vehicle should be serviced before taking it on a long trip.

Have hearing and vision regularly checked — at least twice a year. Those who wear glasses should avoid taking a long driving trip within the first few weeks of getting a

new pair. Time is needed to adjust to how the new prescription affects vision. Be sure to be well rested, not just the night before the trip but for several days prior. Check with a doctor or pharmacist to determine if any medications you're taking might cause fatigue or impair driving.

Avoid high traffic hours and locales where commuters fill the roads. Drive during quieter road times and avoid times when visibility is naturally poorer. Plan to get on the road after the morning rush ends — typically 9 a.m. in most urban areas — and wrap up the day's travels just before the evening rush starts — around 4 p.m.

Preplan the route and use resources such as Traffic.com to get the most up-to-date traffic information on the course of travel. Give a planned route and schedule to a family member or friend who'll be staying home. Agree to regular check in times so that someone will always know where you are and how your trip is progressing.

Avoid driving alone whenever possible. Sharing the journey with another driver can help avoid driving fatigue. Caravanning with one or more other vehicles also enhances the road trip experience and provides a back-up vehicle in case of emergency.



## The Windmill readers

Bob and Sally Werenskis and Tom and Karen Srigley passed the time on the flight with the Nomads travel club to The Netherlands and Belgium with The Grosse Pointe News. They visited the Keukenhof Gardens and the windmill in Willemstad. When you travel, take along a copy of the Grosse Pointe News and have a photo taken of yourself in front of a local landmark. Send the picture, along with a few words to: The Grosse Pointe News Reader, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to editor@grossepointe-news.com. Your picture will appear in an upcoming issue.

# Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings concert series

This year's Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings 27th season includes nine concerts of both timeless favorites and contemporary masterpieces.

The season opens with "Novemberfest" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9 at First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham. The concert features works by Vaughan Williams and Bach as well as a new commission by composer Paul Richards, associate professor of composition at the University of Florida.

The two annual "Holiday Brass" concerts feature the choirs of Grosse Pointe South and Bloomfield Hills Andover

high schools joined by the DCWS brass and conducted by Scott Boerma, director of the University of Michigan Marching Band.

Performances are at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 at Christ Church Cranbrook and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14 at Christ Church Grosse Pointe.

The season continues with "Fun and Games" showcasing DCWS woodwind players and features works ranging from Mozart, to Orff, to Peter Schickele (also known as P.D.Q. Bach). Taking place at Birmingham Unitarian Church at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, this performance will be

repeated at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 1 at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit.

Switching gears for the arrival of spring, "String Sundae" spotlights the DCWS string players. Two quintets — one by Dvorák and one by Mozart — are features well as a new piece for trombone, voice and strings by composer Eric Ewazen.

Performances are at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 29 at Birmingham Unitarian Church; and 3 p.m. Sunday, April 5 at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church. "Schubert and Spice" follows at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 26

at First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham.

The concert includes a performance of Schubert's Octet in F Major, a premier from Italian composer Massimo Lauricella and a work by Telemann, featuring DSO horn player Corbin Wagner on the hand horn.

A 2:15 p.m. preview will precede the performance and features Wagner in a discussion about this unusual instrument.

The final concert is at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 20 at the Seligman Center as part of the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival.

In addition to its subscrip-

tion concerts, DCWS also presents a six-concert series of eclectic performances, entitled Nightnotes, at 8:30 p.m. Fridays at Hagopian World of Rugs, 850 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham.

The Nightnotes schedule is as follows:

◆ Sept. 19 — In Recital: Philip Dikeman, flute, with Michele Cooker, piano

◆ Oct. 17 — All in the Family: the Gamar Duo with mother-daughter team Debra Fayroian, cello and Adrienne Rönmark, violin

◆ Jan. 9 — Alvin Waddles Trio

◆ Jan. 30 — Oboe Trio with

Donald Baker, Sally Pituch and Stephanie Shapiro

◆ March 13 — In Recital: Marcus Schoon, bassoon & saxophone

◆ May 8 — Golden Rain Percussion Ensemble featuring World Music.

Tickets to the subscription and Nightnotes series may be ordered on the DCWS Web site, detroit-chamberwinds.org, or by calling the DCWS office at (248) 559-2095.

Season ticket prices range from \$60 to \$160 with discounts offered for students and senior citizens.

For more information, visit detroit-chamberwinds.org.

## Submissions needed for DIA photo contest

There's only a few days left before the Detroit Institute of Art's Detroit's Sacred Places photo contest Sept. 3 deadline.

The contest, posted on flickr, an online photo-sharing Web site, is being held in conjunction with the museum's Kenro Izu: Sacred Places exhibition. Entrants may submit one unmodified photograph that captures the interpretation of "Sacred Detroit," accompanied by a statement no more than 100 words.

Izu, a practicing Buddhist, is renowned for his photographs of the ancient temples in Angkor, Cambodia. In addition to images of familiar sites such as the pyramids of Giza in Egypt and the large statues on Easter Island, Sacred Places also includes photographs of less well-known sites in Syria, Jordan, Scotland and New Mexico.

Izu also shot Buddhist and Hindu sites in India, the Himalayas, Cambodia, Burma, Indonesia, Thailand and China, which comprise the majority of images in this exhibition. Many of these locations, featured in the more than 50 black and white images, are now endangered due to neglect, environmental challenges, or overexposure to human contact.

A full list of contest rules is on the Detroit's Sacred Places at flickr group.

The top prize is a signed copy of Izu's book, "Light Over Sacred Places of Asia," two

### Lecture

Who: Kenro Izu  
Date: Sept. 14  
Time: 2 to 3 p.m.  
Where: DIA lecture hall

front row seats to hear Izu speak about his work at the DIA Sept. 14 and admission for two to a post-lecture strolling supper. The winner will be contacted Sept. 8.

Exhibition curators and contest judges Nancy Barr and Amelia Chau, as well as Kyohei Abe, professor of photography at the College for Creative Studies, are reviewing and commenting on a selection of the submissions in a blog at dia.

The Kenro Izu: Sacred Places exhibition, which will remain on display through Oct. 12, is the inaugural exhibition in the museum's newly refurbished Albert and Peggy de Salle Gallery of Photography.

A lecture and book signing with Izu is planned from 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14 in the DIA lecture hall.

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

## Easy recipe for Labor Day menu



I'm not cooking on Labor Day. I'm drinking! Fancy lemonade to be exact. A combination of fresh lemon juice, simple syrup and vodka will give the cook in your life a much needed break from the kitchen. A club soda topper lifts this lemonade to new heights.

### Fancy Labor Day Lemonade

(makes one drink)

1 oz. fresh lemon juice  
3/4 oz. simple syrup (recipe follows)  
1 1/2 oz. vodka  
ice cubes  
3 oz. club soda  
fresh mint for garnish  
Combine the lemon juice, simple syrup and vodka in a

tall Collins glass.

Stir well.

Add ice to fill the glass.

Top with club soda and garnish with a sprig of fresh mint and a wedge of lemon.

For a sweeter presentation, rim the glass with sugar before you begin.

Simple syrup is a combination of water and sugar in equal parts.

To prepare, bring the water to a quick boil, remove from heat then slowly add the sugar, stirring until it is completely



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Add this refreshing lemonade to your Labor Day menu.

dissolved. Cool to room temperature. Transfer to a bottle and store in the refrigerator.

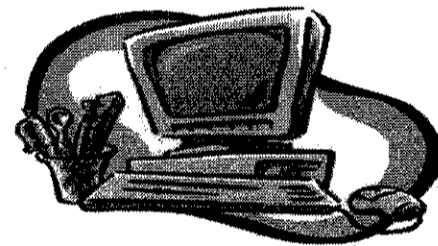
Hold the vodka and this tasty recipe for homemade lemon-

ade is perfect for kids. Substitute lime juice if you wish or gin (if you're brave!).

Sit back, kick back this Labor Day. I am.

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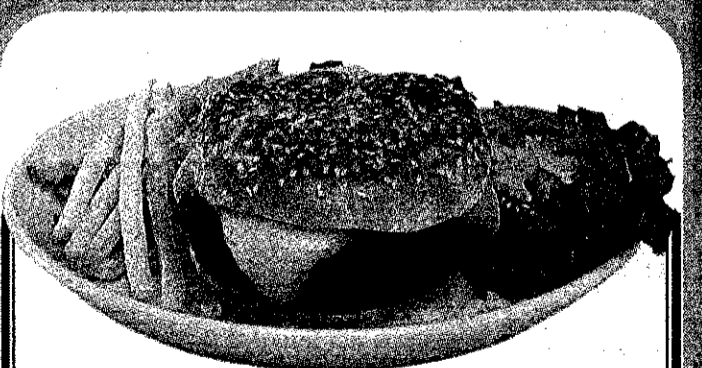
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DOWN TO EARTH By Kathleen Peabody

# Gardeners, landscapers working together



**W**e finally did it. The grass is gone from our front yard. Well, most of it. We needed to leave some for the lawn mowing person in our family to cut. The green grass, all two rows of it, is now part of a design rather than a green expanse taking up the whole front yard.

The interesting part of the story, besides going from blah to WOW is bringing a landscape designer and gardener together on one project.

Some may know, I don't claim garden design as one of my attributes. I know what grows well, where and what I like, but my husband has a better vision of the result. In our case, he had the idea of a second pathway, this one heading from porch to sidewalk. But neither of us chose to do the labor.

We both knew that connecting already existing beds and mulching the yard would take care of the shade and high rooting habits of the non-native 'Crimson King' Norway maple that's getting larger every moment. While it would not have been our choice for an urban tree, we also would-

## What's going on

Herb Society of America, Grosse Pointe Unit meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10 at the Grosse Pointe Academy. The group will begin planning its 25th anniversary events to be celebrated in 2009. All are welcome.

n't think of taking down a healthy tree. Maple roots spread highly around the tree to the drip line, sucking moisture from anything around it, including the lawn. They really do best in the forest.

Enter landscape designer Greg Davis. Recommended by a friend in the green business, Davis arrived on time, started the project on time and finished on time. Rather than saying he'd return later with a plan, he took an hour to draw it right there. And, he included preliminary prices.

Davis' plan incorporated our ideas and those of his own. As mentioned, we are pleased with the result and the process was interesting from a gardener's perspective.

If you are a gardener, here are some suggestions for working with a landscaper. And, landscapers, you might take note as well:

1. Have some idea of how you envision the finished product. In our case, the existing pathway was put in almost 10 years ago and the pavers had faded. Davis knew to place a few in the new area to blend the colors. This made both paths look similar.

2. Have an open discussion before work begins. Discuss who brings what knowledge to the project.

3. Choose a theme and tell the landscaper. Is it to be formal or maybe a cottage garden? Do you prefer natives? If there's a tree to be planted, do you want it to grow with the family or simply be ornamental? Do you need space for children or pets to play?

4. If you admire another landscape, show the landscaper. Davis got a good feel for our taste by checking out our backyard. You might share a photo or magazine page.

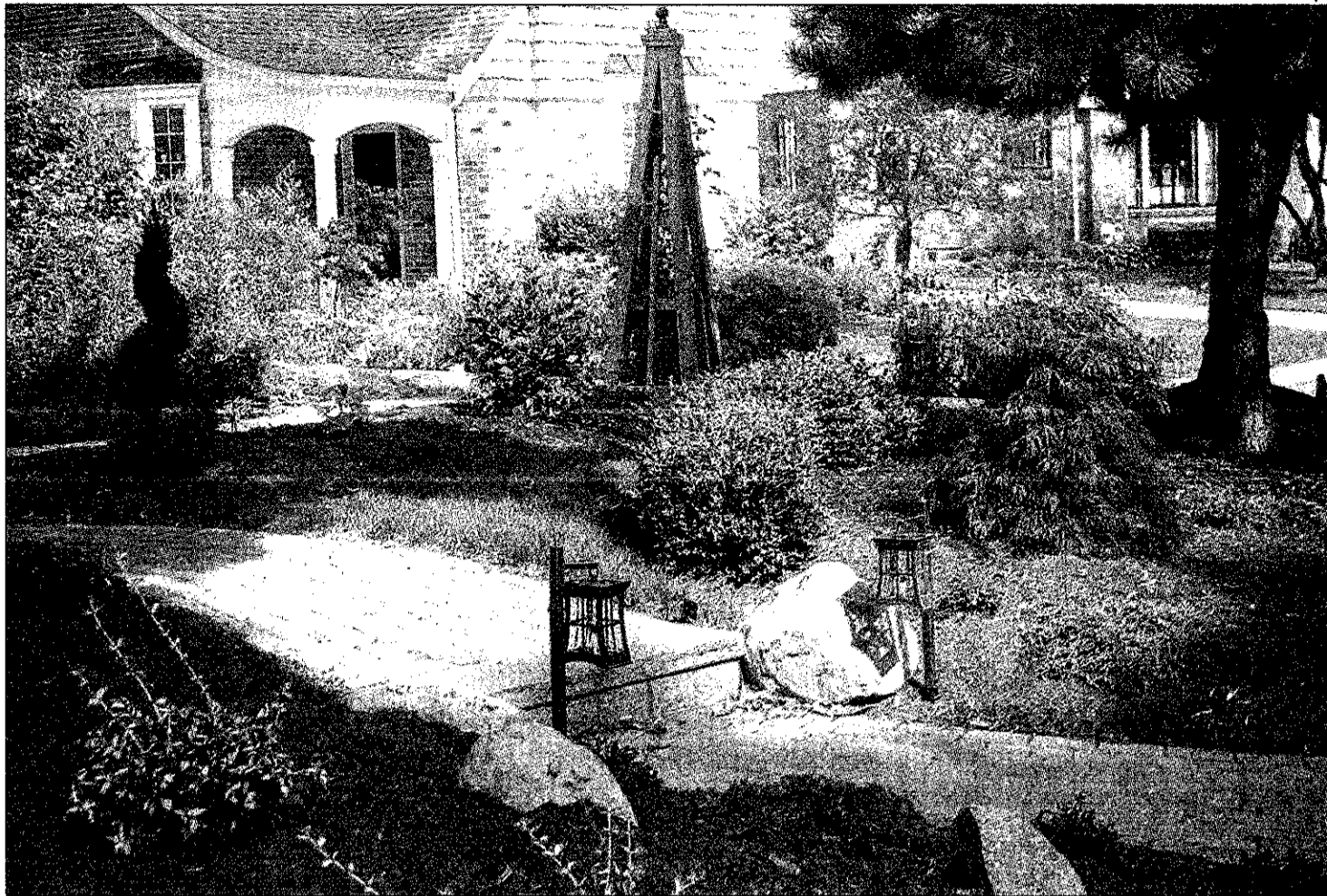


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Use the expertise of both gardeners and landscapers to go from blah to WOW!

5. If you garden organically, mention it. It will make a difference in some of the plants. If you intend to plant herbs or edible plants nearby, you won't want pesticides or herbicides sprayed there or near where children and pets play.

6. If you're choosy about plants, work with the landscaper to find your own. The landscaper should be open enough to invite you to her nursery or direct you to a Web site to find the varieties you prefer.

7. If you think you know more than the landscaper about certain subjects, make

the information known. Landscapers are not necessarily gardeners and vice versa. Everyone has their field of expertise.

8. If you want to be there when the work is done — and what gardener wouldn't — say so.

9. Have a dollar figure in mind. If it can't all be done in one year, work with the landscaper to determine what's most important today.

10. If you have something specific in mind, get referrals. An example might be the installation of a pond. Don't let the landscaper use you as a

guinea pig, unless you choose that route. If it's a retaining wall you want, find someone who has done them and doesn't hesitate showing them off.

Think about the project at hand and decide whether you need a gardener or a landscaper. A gardener can help plan your landscape but may not be able to handle everything.

A landscaper, on the other hand, can do paver pathways, put in large rocks and some of the larger work. In some cases, it's all semantics with gardeners and landscapers accomplishing many of the

same jobs. Decide what type of person you want near your plants.

In our case, garden art was another piece of the puzzle. The obelisk created by my husband for the clematis to climb adds a wonderful touch to the space.

And with all the lawn pulled up, I have more space to grow plants.

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## Running for glory

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GIRLS SWIMMING

# South, North ready to make waves in '08

## South finally has pool to call home

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls swim team will be the first to call the school's new multi-million dollar natatorium home.

Construction of the pool and multi-purpose gymnasium began in May 2007. In the next week, the project will be complete.

"The girls are excited to be the first team at South to use the pool," said South head coach Todd Briggs. "We will be able to finally have a home-pool advantage, which this program hasn't had in more than two decades."

South stopped hosting dual meets in 1978. That pool was still used by students, but not by the school's competitive girls and boys swim teams.

While the facility is nearing its finish, Briggs' squad has been using the City of Grosse Pointe's pool to practice.

"I have to thank the City for allowing us to use its pool," Briggs said. "We have been us-

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Head coach Todd Briggs entering his fifth season at the helm, always has something motivational to say to his Lady Blue Devils swim team, which is why they're one of the best in the state.

PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

## North has all-state swimmers

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls swim team has been practicing hard in anticipation of another solid season under long-time head coach Mike O'Connor.

"The girls do work very hard, but I wish we had more numbers," O'Connor said. "We will hold our own this season competing with a very tough schedule."

Senior Jenny Rusch returns as one of the Lady Norsemen's top swimmers. She should qualify for the state finals in the 50- and 100-yard freestyles.

Rusch and her teammates Caitlin Mathews, senior; Maresa Leto, junior; and Jackie Shea, junior; earned All-State honors a year ago finishing seventh in the 200-freestyle relay in the state finals.

Other seniors on the squad are Allison Meier, Christine Sattler, Jenna Simon and Ellen Vigliotti.

As a team in 2007, the Lady Norsemen finished 3-1 in the Macomb Area Conference Red

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North's Jenny Rusch, left, and Jenna Simon are team captains for the swim squad and dive team, respectively.

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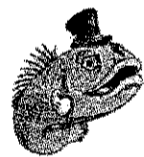


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## BOYS SOCCER

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

# Soccer team hopes balance paves way

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

A little of this and a little of that could lead to big dividends for Grosse Pointe South's boys soccer team in 2008.

Head coach Gene Harkins has a squad that will have no trouble scoring goals.

It's the defense that has to be consistent.

"We have a good group of guys that have worked hard this summer to prepare for this season," Harkins said. "We're in position to have a nice season if everyone does their job on the field."

Harkins has 10 seniors on the squad, including captains Mike Cunningham, Austen Brooks and Greg Posada.

Another top upperclassman is senior Brian Auty, who will be counted on to provide scoring.

"I like the senior leadership of the squad," Harkins said. "The guys know they have to work hard because our schedule is pretty tough."

The addition of Brooks helps. He was injured and missed last season.

"Having Austen on the field really makes our offense better," Harkins said. "He scored the game-winning goal against DeLaSalle two years ago in the playoffs."

"It's nice to have him back on the field."

Other seniors are James Boettcher, Klejdi Cano, Steven Haberkorn, Marsen Kocllari, Justin Grobbel and Chris Thomas.

The juniors on Harkins' team are Matthew Buslepp, Adam Llorens, Nick Faiver, Zach Franchett, Sergey Gorny, Brian McGhee, Jason Nabor, Jan Osborn, Mathew Temrowski and Mikael Temrowski.

Sophomores Fred Shields and Fred Webber are the youngest players on Harkins'



The Blue Devils' chances at winning a division title start with solid goaltending by senior Greg Posada.



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Grosse Pointe South's soccer captains are, from left, Greg Posada, Mike Cunningham and Austen Brooks.

varsity team.

Winning games with a high-powered offense should be something this Blue Devils team can do in most games.

Utica is the team to beat in the Macomb Area Conference White Division, but South should be right there in the end.

"Utica is a strong team and it should be once again this season," Harkins said. "We will give it our best shot. We have to play good soccer at both ends of the field to win."

Other leagues foes are St. Clair Shores Lakeview, Macomb Dakota, Henry Ford

II, Fraser and Romeo.

In nonleague action, the Blue Devils face Utica Stevenson, rival Grosse Pointe North, Utica Eisenhower, Chippewa Valley and Warren Mott.

Harkins' squad opened its season Monday, Aug. 18, beating visiting Chippewa Valley 4-3 behind two Auty goals. Brooks and Buslepp also scored.

The Blue Devils scored their four goals in the opening half. Buslepp scored the season's first tally just 7:39 into the first half, converting a pass from Auty.

Chippewa Valley tied it at the

31:25 mark, but Auty's first goal at the 26:04 mark gave South another one-goal lead, 2-1.

The Big Reds needed only 25 seconds to tie it 2-2. For a third time, the Blue Devils took a one goal advantage as Brooks scored at the 13:45 mark.

Auty's second tally with 7:46 left in the first half gave the home team a 4-2 lead.

The Big Reds made it close with a goal at the 7:46 mark of the second half, but that would be the game's final tally.

In other action, South edged Warren Mott 2-1, improving to 2-0 overall.

## UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

## ULS strong

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

University Liggett School's boys soccer team is looking for bigger and better things in 2008.

Head coach David Backhurst is optimistic his Knights can indeed better last season's squad that finished 15-4-1 and was ranked No. 5 in the final Division IV poll.

"We're strong in every position from forward to goalie, but light on numbers," Backhurst said. "We truly can't afford any injuries."

The Knights have junior Mark Ghafari in net. It's his second year as the starting goalkeeper. He attended several goalie camps and has improved his skills.

In front of Ghafari are juniors Rory Deane, Joey Shannon and Jim Palmer, and sophomore Dominic Jamett.

Sophomore Carl Ghafari is a defensive midfielder and at midfield are senior Andrew Callewaert, junior Noah Saganski and sophomore Joseph Simon.

On attack are junior Dan Zukas and senior Jack Fisher, who scored 20 goals last year, including several crucial goals that either tied the game or gave the Knights the lead.

"Jack has a nose for scoring big goals," Backhurst said. "We're counting on Jack scoring a few more goals, but he will have help."

Defense and goaltending are the team's strengths, according to Backhurst.

The team finished third in the Metro Conference behind Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood and Macomb

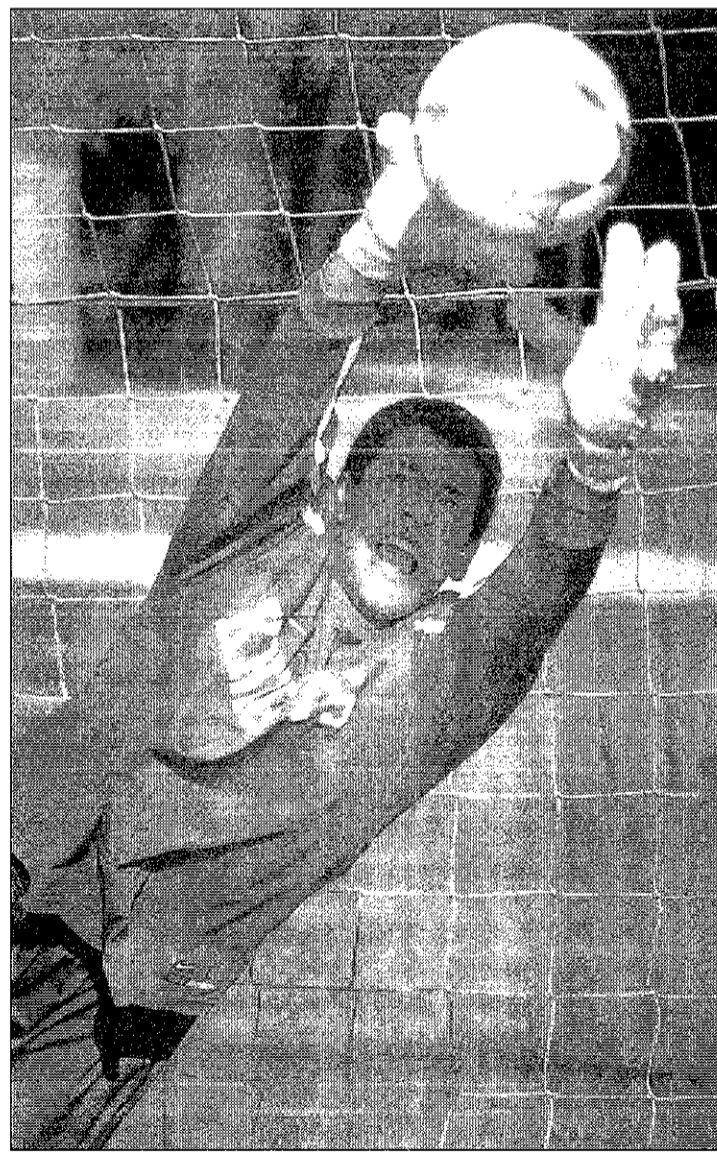


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University Liggett School goalkeeper Mark Ghafari will have to make some nice saves this season to help ULS battle for a conference crown.

Lutheran North.

The Cranes and Mustangs are once again poised to battle for the conference crown, but don't count out the Knights.

"We have a good group of players who will play hard, which I think will help us contend for the league crown," Backhurst said.

Other squads in the Metro Conference are Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, Lutheran Westland, Livonia Clarenceville, Harper Woods and Hamtramck.

The conference tournament is slated to start Thursday, Oct.

2 and the final is Thursday, Oct. 9.

The Knights' nonconference schedule consists of Royal Oak Shrine, Sterling Heights Parkway Christian, Ann Arbor Greenhills, Lake Fenton, Warren Macomb Christian and Southfield Christian.

"Our schedule is always competitive," Backhurst said. "It gets us prepared for the state playoffs."

ULS opened its season with a home game Tuesday, Aug. 26.

Those results will be in the first issue of September.

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## Norsemen counting on veterans in '08

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Head coach Chip Stencil knows his Grosse Pointe North boys soccer team will be put to the test this season.

The Norsemen play in the rugged Macomb Area Conference Red Division with Utica Eisenhower, Utica Ford, Sterling Heights Stevenson, Anchor Bay and Chippewa Valley.

"All of our division games will be battles," Stencil said. "We play the bigger programs in the area, but that will only make us a better team."

"We're a very motivated bunch this season and I know we will be OK."

Senior captains Kyle Neveux, James Graney and Brett Reardon are the team leaders, who will have to step it up if the Norsemen are to challenge for division and district titles.

Senior defenseman Jordan Sharon is steady in front of senior goalkeepers Alex Kirles and Charlie Cullen, who both will get playing time in 2008.

"I have a ton of confidence in both Alex and Charlie; so both will get playing time this fall," Stencil said.

"They are steady in net, which makes it easier to put one or the other in net without missing a beat."

Also watch for Rich Carron, Tony Cassano, Mike Koski and Aaron Lechner to play a lot for Stencil.

The Norsemen host Grosse Pointe South Friday, Sept. 12, in a nonleague contest, and they opened the 2008 season last week, playing three nonleague games.

"The guys practiced hard and it was nice to get going again," Stencil said. "We had our good moments in two of the games, but overall I can see we need to get the offense going."

North won its season opener, 3-0, over Fraser, and followed that with a 3-1 victory over host Warren Cousino. The Norsemen also dropped a 3-0 decision to host Romeo to stand 2-1 overall.

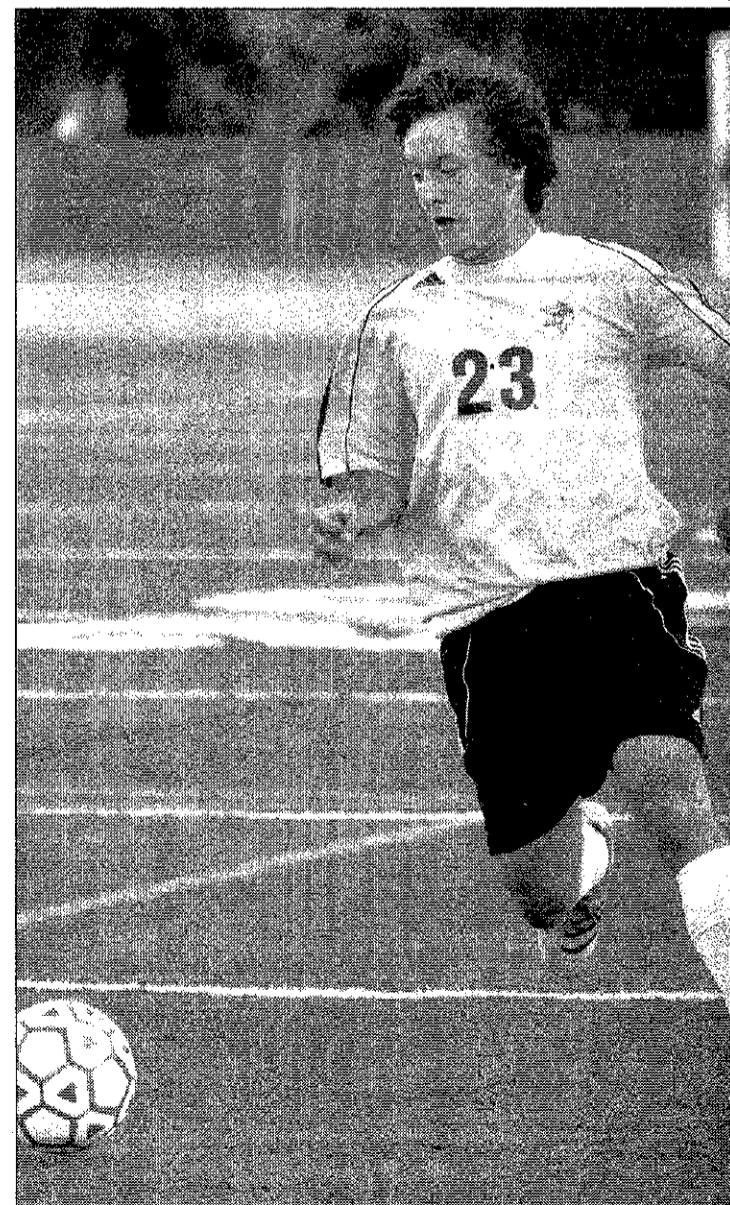


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Tony Cassano, No. 23, is ready for a successful season for the Grosse Pointe North's boys soccer team.



## GIRLS GOLF

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

# Lady Blue Devils off to fast start in 2008

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

This could be one of those special seasons for Grosse Pointe South's girls golf squad.

Head coach Jim Cooper has several returning players, who are posting consistent scores in the 70s and 80s, plus a newcomer who is also shooting scores in the 70s.

"I know the players are excited about the season and it has gone well thus far," Cooper said. "The players put in a lot of time over the summer to im-

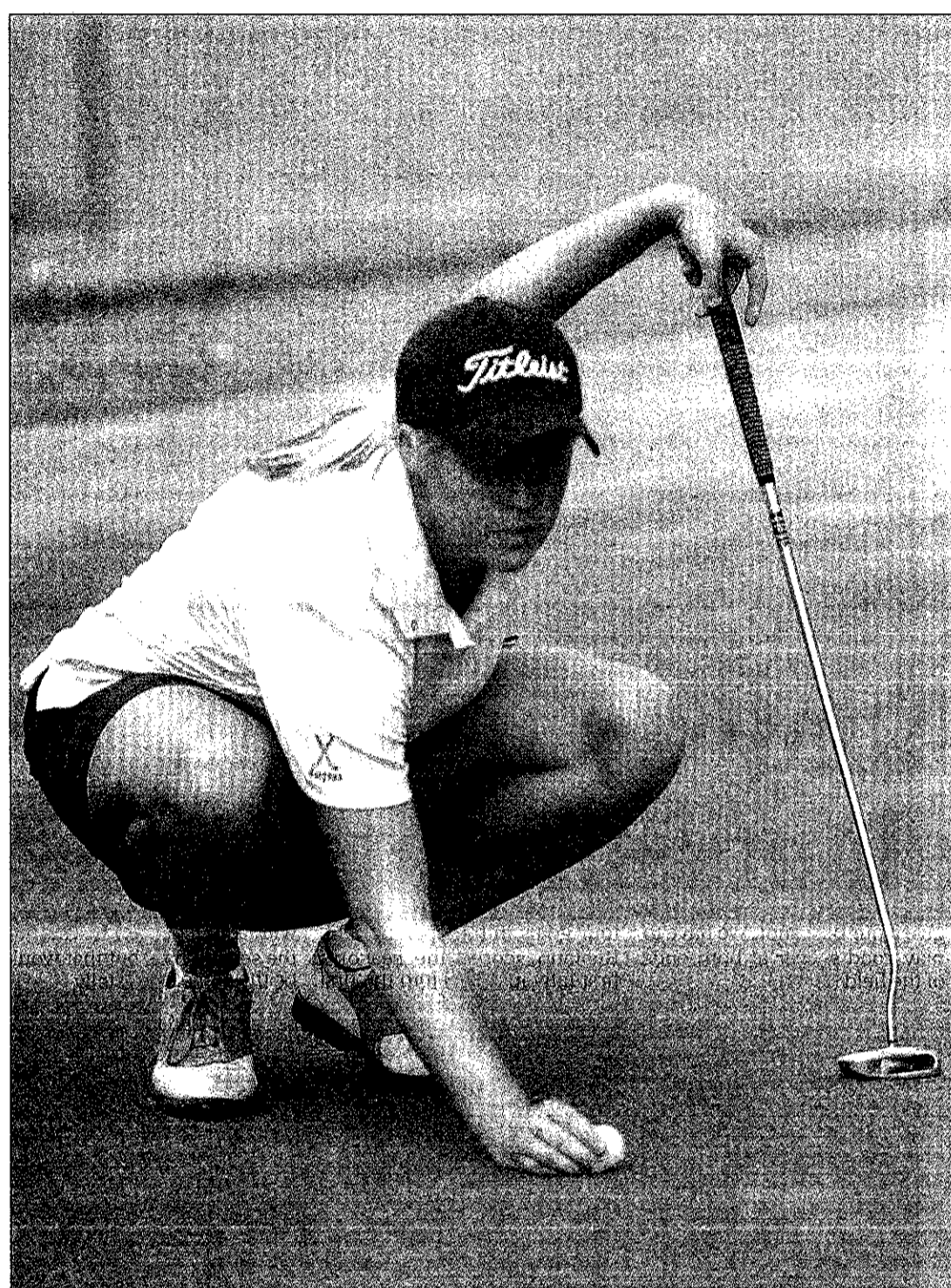
prove themselves individually. This includes Ferris State/Michigan State golf camps and summer junior tour events. It is nice to see when hard work pays dividends, because in golf that is not always the case.

"Since the day after regionals last year and in the ensuing 10 months, all of the returning members constantly stopped by my classroom chatting about the up coming season. We are a tight-knit team and each player comes in exhausted after every event we play.

The effort put forth, both mentally and physically, is done out of pride and respect for the game. But also because they feel they owe it to their best friends, their teammates.

"We are having fun and enjoying our time together. My hope is that years from now, they will look back on their experience on the GPS girls golf team and recognize that the time we spent together was special."

"This squad is looking outstanding," said assistant coach Chris Bouda. "Our girls played



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The Lady Blue Devils pose after winning their first two Red Division matches against Chippewa Valley and Romeo. Team members are, from left, Charlotte Park, Kelsey Burgess, Killeen Lang, E.A. Kennedy and Ella Pandy. Carey Farley is not pictured, but has been a factor in the team's early season success. Pictured left is Burgess sizing up a putt during the Lady Blue Devils Red Division matches.

a lot of golf competing in tournaments throughout the summer. The dedication shows."

Seniors Kelsey Burgess, Charlotte Park and Killeen Lang join juniors Carey Farley and E.A. Kennedy as returning varsity golfers.

Added to the mix is freshman Ella Pandy, who gives the Lady Blue Devils a potential No. 1 golfer.

"The girls have confidence they can post low scores, which they have already done in our tournaments," Bouda said.

Port Huron Northern has given South a true test in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division through the years and should be good again in 2008.

The Lady Blue Devils other division foes are Grosse Pointe North, Utica Stevenson, Chippewa Valley, Romeo and Utica Eisenhower. Their home course is Plumbrook Golf

Club.

The team opened its season with the Traverse City Central Tournament, which was held Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 13 and 14, at Grand Traverse Resort.

They finished sixth overall and fourth in Division I.

The next day, Aug. 15, the Lady Blue Devils won the Traverse City West Shootout at Mistwood Golf Course.

They also won the Bedford Invitational Monday, Aug. 18, posting a school-record 323 as Pandy shot a 78 and Park had a 79. Other scorers were Burgess with an 81, Lang with an 85, Farley with an 87 and Kennedy with a 94.

"The team chemistry is great; so they don't care which four post the top scores in each match," Bouda said. "They just want to play good golf in every match and win as much as possible."

In other action, the Lady Blue Devils tied their new school record score of 323 while winning the North Farmington Invitational at Glen Oaks Golf Club.

South finished 45 strokes ahead of second-place Farmington Hills Mercy and 53 strokes ahead of third-place Milford.

All five scorers finished in the top 10. Park had a 76 to lead the team, followed by Lang with an 80, Farley with an 81, Pandy with an 86 and Burgess with an 87.

The Lady Blue Devils also began their dual match slate last week, beating Chippewa Valley and Romeo, 157-196 and 157-249, improving to 2-0 in the Red Division.

Burgess and Lang each shot a 38, while Claire Boyle had a 39. Park and Pandy each had a 42 and Kennedy rounded out the scorers with a 49.

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

# Team ready to move in the right direction

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The good thing about a new season is renewed optimism.

Grosse Pointe North girls varsity golf head coach Brian Stackpoole understands that first hand after his Lady Norsemen failed to win a dual match in 2007.

"We had a very young and inexperienced squad last year that struggled to learn the game," Stackpoole. "A majority of the girls are back and they have improved a lot in the off-season."

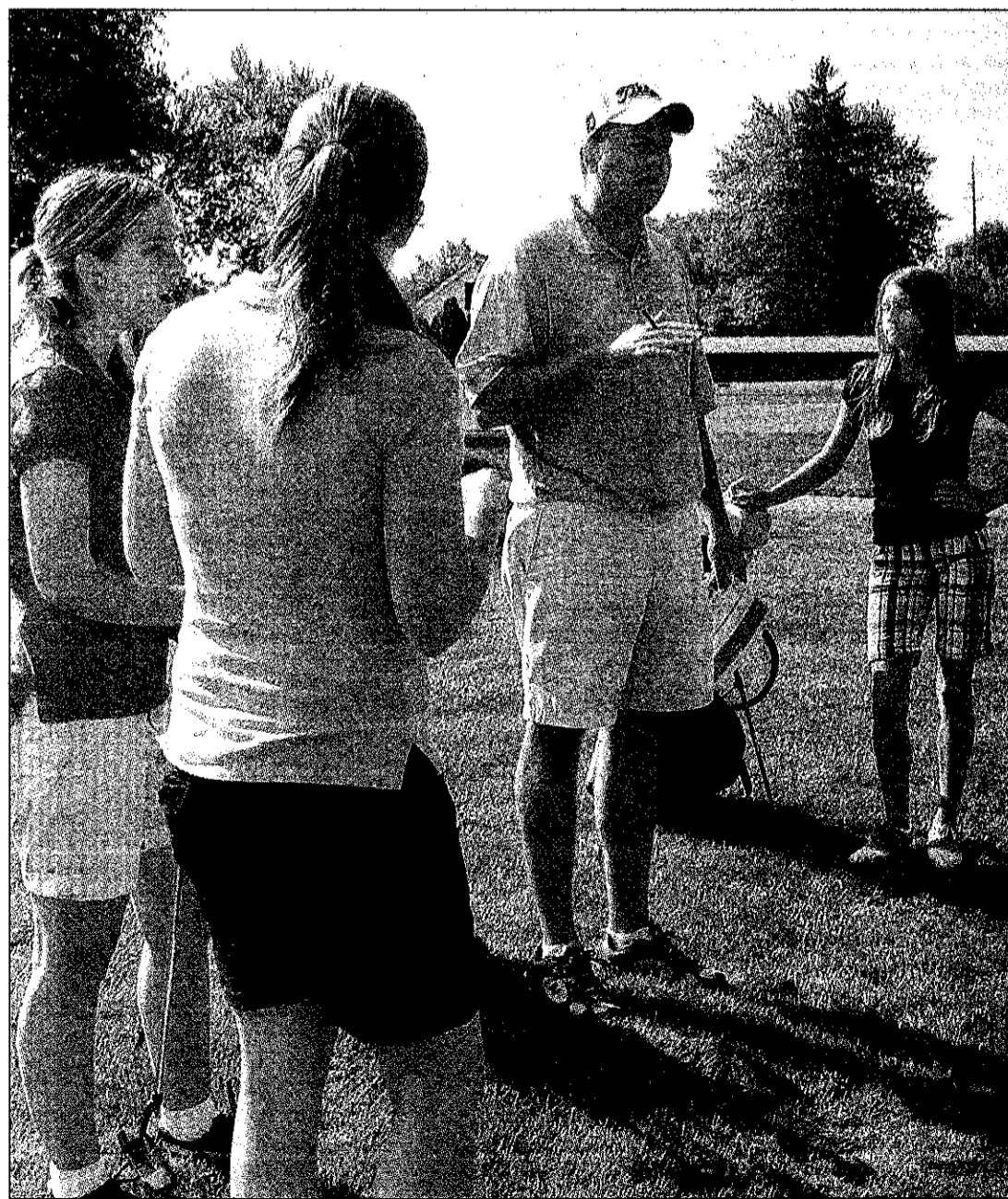
Senior captains Adrianna Badalamenti and Dana Koepple are the leaders Stackpoole needs to step up and shoot low rounds this fall.

Others who are being counted on to step it up are sophomore Caitlin O'Shea and newcomer sophomore Courtney Wickham. Others who are shooting better rounds are sophomores Rachel Neveux, Gabrielle Rizzo and Brittany Rizzo, as well as juniors Carey Stapleton and Emily Doyal.

"We're excited about our potential after beating Chippewa Valley last week," Stackpoole said.

The Lady Norsemen lost their season opener, 172-221, to Port Huron Northern. However, they came back to even their record at 1-1 by defeating Chippewa Valley 199-205.

North's other Macomb Area Conference Red Division foes are Romeo, Eisenhower, Stevenson and rival South.



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Brian Stackpoole, center, is the head coach for Grosse Pointe North's girls varsity golf team. Senior Dana Koepple, left, is one of the captains for North's golf team, which will compete in the MAC Red division this fall.

## BOYS TENNIS

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## Coach expects players to improve play

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Head coach Drew Mascarin is optimistic his Grosse Pointe North boys tennis team can put its game into high gear this fall. "We should do pretty well since we have most of our players returning from a team that finished ninth in the state finals a year ago," Mascarin said.

The Norsemen's top singles players are Doug Zade, David Ryda, Dean Butts and Joe Scott.

Butts played on the team's No. 1 doubles squad a year ago, but Mascarin moved him to No. 3 singles for 2008.

Kevin Zak and David Adelman occupy the No. 1 doubles slot.

"We have players with experience," Mascarin said. "We feel good about our chances to compete in our division and regional. Our goal is to get back to the state finals and better than a ninth-place finish."

The Norsemen will need the experience to compete in the rugged Macomb Area Conference Red Division with Port Huron Northern, Utica Stevenson, St. Clair, Utica Eisenhower and arch rival Grosse Pointe South.

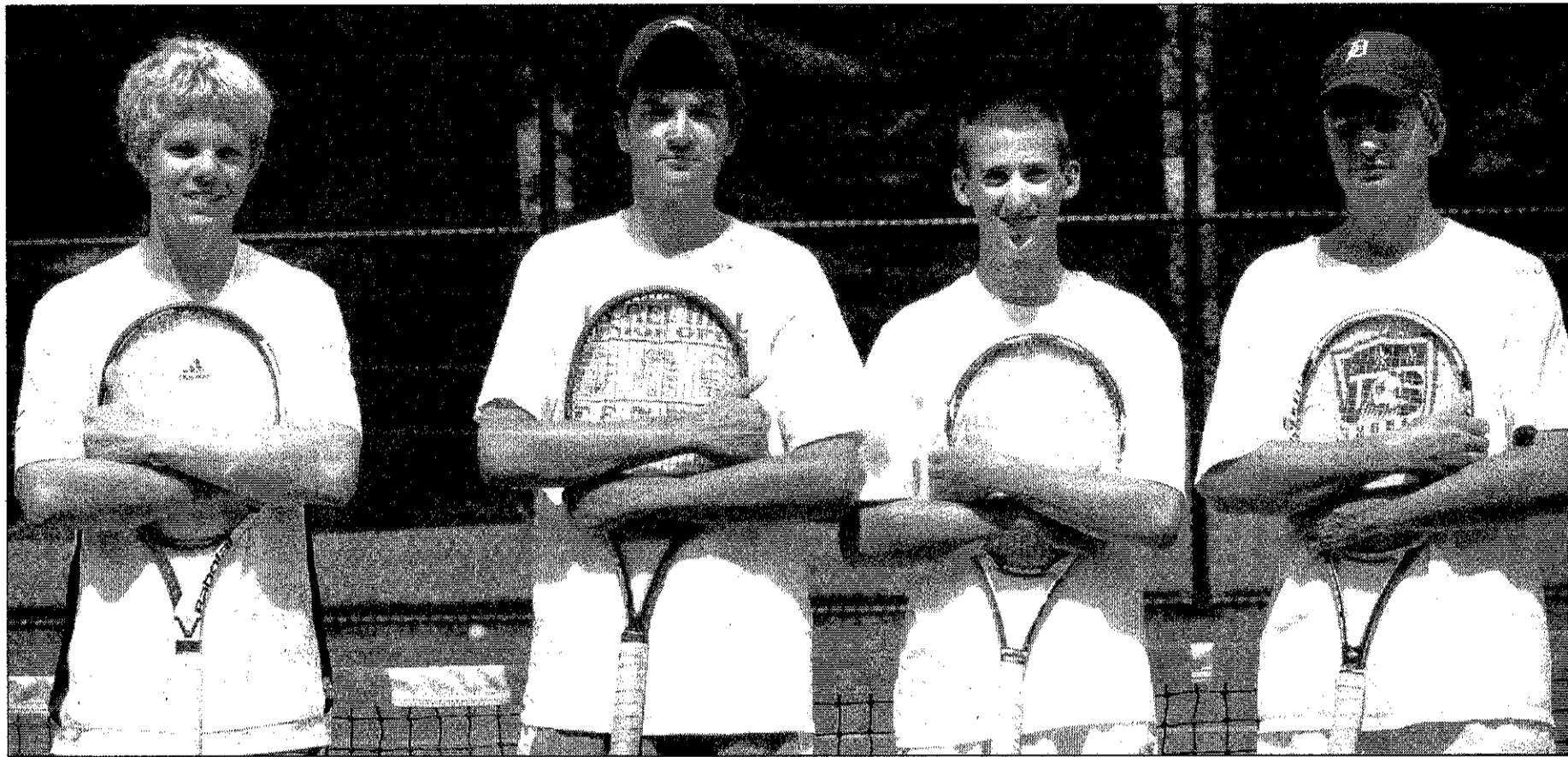


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Grosse Pointe North's boys tennis players, from left, junior Joe Scott, sophomore Doug Zade, senior David Ryda, and junior Dean Butts are ready to help the team contend for a division title.

In nonleague matches, North faces Grosse Ile, Ann Arbor Greenhills, U-D Jesuit, Birmingham Groves and city rival University Liggett School.

In addition, the squad competes in several invitational, including hosting one Saturday, Sept. 6, which includes seven of the top-ranked teams in last

year's final standings. "This tournament is full of powerhouse teams that we will see at the end of the year in the state finals," Mascarin said.

"There will be some great tennis played at this invitational." North opened its season last week, finishing second in the Okemos Tournament. It was

the first time North has beaten state power Okemos in years. "It was a nice way to start the season," Mascarin said. "We need to continue the fine play."

## UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

## Team has 'Wright' stuff

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School boys tennis team is ready for action with a roster loaded with six experienced seniors.

"We have our seniors, but we also have a lot of underclassmen in the program," head coach Chuck Wright said. "We will play some good tennis against every opponent, win or lose."

The Knights' top singles players are junior Skippy Faber, No. 1; senior Billy Costello, No. 2; senior Aziz Jan, No. 3; and sophomore Garrett Redding, No. 4.

Playing No. 1 doubles are senior Drew Amato and freshman Peter Eckrich and at No. 2 doubles are seniors Mike McLaughlin and Andrew Malaski.

Seniors Christian Redding and Blake Chouinard are the No. 3 doubles and the No. 4 doubles team is sophomores George Park and Ian Quinlan.

Other players who will get to compete are freshman Austin Pettipren, singles; and junior Matt Stanley and freshman Robert Stanley, doubles.

"These kids have a lot of po-

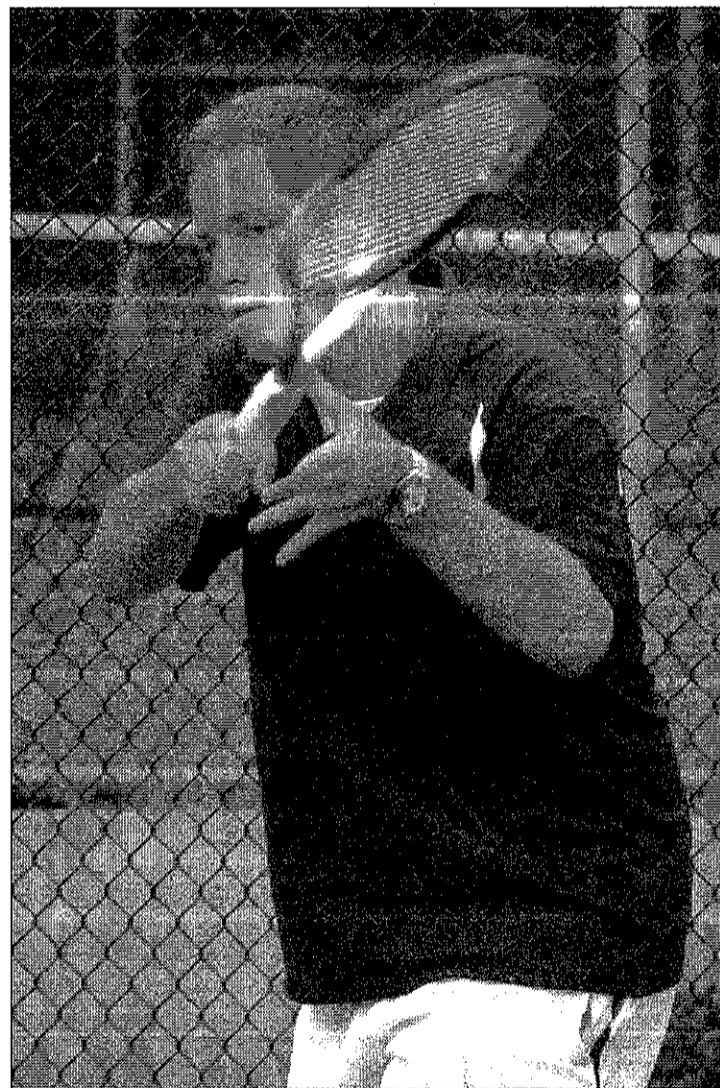


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Skippy Faber will play No. 1 singles for the University Liggett School boys tennis team this season.

tential," Wright said. "We will work hard in practice and play some very good opponents, which will help our guys improve throughout the year so they're ready for the regional."

The Knights' schedule includes some of the state's toughest opponents, including Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Pointe North, East Grand Rapids, Ann Arbor Greenhills and Bloomfield Hills

Cranbrook Kingswood.

Wright's squad opened its 2008 campaign last week, beating Dearborn Fordson and losing to Grosse Pointe South.

"The guys played some good tennis against both teams," Wright said. "We fared better this time around against South than a year ago. We love playing South because the competition helps our guys improve their game."

In the victory, Faber and Costello won 6-1, 6-3 and 6-1, 6-0 at No. 1 and No. 2 singles, respectively.

Jan and Redding also won in straight sets, taking a 6-4, 6-2 and 6-3, 6-4 decision, respectively.

Amato and Eckrich won a tight match, 6-4, 7-5, at No. 1 doubles, while the No. 2 doubles team of McLaughlin and Malaski dropped the opening set, 6-2, but came back to win the next two sets, 6-4, 6-0.

"My assistant coach, Ken Rychwalski, gave the guys a little pep talk between the second and third sets, telling them to hit the ball at their feet when they come to the net," Wright said. "The talk worked."

Redding and Chouinard won 6-3, 6-1 at No. 3 doubles and the No. 4 doubles team of Park and Quinlan won 6-1, 6-2.

The Knights stand 1-1 overall.

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## South tennis sets sights on state finals

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Head coach Tom Berschback and his Grosse Pointe South boys tennis program has been a model of consistency.

The Blue Devils have won dual meet and regional championships in recent years as well as finished in the top 10 at the state finals.

Ann Arbor Pioneer and Birmingham Brother Rice have dominated the state finals during the past decade.

Berschback's squad has been close to those state powers and this season will offer more success.

"We're doing well and we should be a competitive squad," Berschback said. "The guys are really excited to start the season."

The team has set its sights on

trying to upset defending Macomb Area Conference Red Division champ Port Huron Northern and win a regional title.

The Blue Devils four singles slots should go to senior Alex Parker, No. 1; senior Kevin Jones, No. 2; sophomore Matt Keane, No. 3; and sophomore John Willard, No. 4.

Parker earned All-State Honorable Mention last season. Berschback said Parker hopes to earn All-State First Team this season and touted Jones as a team leader.

Senior Matt Halso and junior Rob Montgomery are at No. 1 doubles, while senior Reid Dixon and sophomore Charlie Miller will occupy the No. 2 doubles flight.

At No. 3 doubles is senior Caleb Neumeyer and his partner hasn't been determined, according to Berschback.

Others who will compete in the doubles flights are junior Weston Kalogeridis, senior Adam Brewster, sophomore Max Galvin and junior Brandon Grams.

The Blue Devils, pegged to battle Port Huron Northern at the top of the Red Division will also face St. Clair, Utica Eisenhower, Grosse Pointe North and Sterling Heights in division action.

In addition, their tough schedule includes dual matches against University Liggett School, Birmingham Detroit Country Day, Novi Detroit Catholic Central, Ann Arbor Huron and Brother Rice.

The squad will also compete in several tournaments before hosting the Red Division Tournament Tuesday, Sept. 30.

The Blue Devils began their season last week, beating city rival ULS to go 1-0 overall.

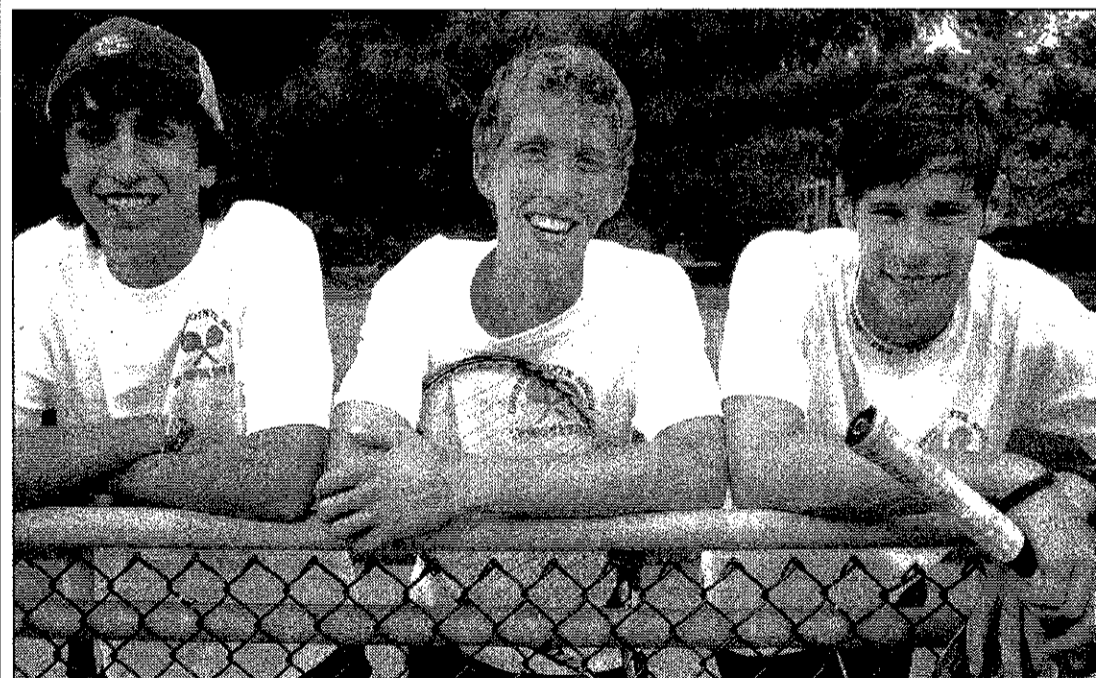


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Grosse Pointe South's team captains for 2008 are seniors, from left, Alex Parker, Kevin Jones and Matt Halso.

## ALBION COLLEGE

## Grosse Pointers shine at Albion

Albion College football coach Craig Rundle announced 113 student-athletes will suit up for the Britons this fall.

Among the players are Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South graduates Spencer Channell and J.C. Cruse.

Channell, the son of Larry and Mariann Channell, is a senior; while Cruse, the son of Jeffrey and Annette Cruse, is a sophomore.

Albion's women's cross country team, under head coach Hayden Smith, has 18 runners on the roster, including Emily McLaughlin and

Erica Meier, graduates of Grosse Pointe South and Grosse Pointe North, respectively.

McLaughlin, the daughter of William McLaughlin and Suzanne Antonelli, is a sophomore, while Meier, the daughter of Timothy and Amy Meier, is a junior.

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## GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY

## UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

# Lady Knights thinking success for 2008

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The University Liggett School girls field hockey team lost several seniors from last year's standout season.

Head coach Tamara Fobare doesn't have the squad experience, but has several returning players who should shine in 2008.

"We have a good group of players who will be competitive," Fobare said. "We have some good seniors who will be our team leaders. We also have a nice core of underclassmen who will be good players for us."

Seniors Whitney Baubie, Danielle Masi, Charlotte Waldmeir and Janaya Gripper, plus juniors Natalie Boll and Ai Yamasaki understand their roles are to be leaders.

Junior Paige Counsman played on the junior varsity in 2007, but she will be one of the Lady Knights' most explosive offensive scorers this fall. Another player who will be counted on to provide a boost is Tori Jovanowski.

What gives the Lady Knights

an edge each game is the solid defense provided by Waldmeir and the outstanding goalkeeping of Gripper.

The girls who played on the junior varsity last fall bring a winning attitude to the varsity because they were undefeated in 2007.

Fobare's squad was upset in last year's playoffs by host Grosse Pointe South. That is plenty of motivation for the returning players to use to get the motor running in high gear again.

"There will be a period of adjustment as the new girls get used to playing with our veterans, but overall we're expecting good things this fall," Fobare said.

As always, the Lady Knights' schedule is tough with Ann Arbor Pioneer, Birmingham Detroit Country Day, Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart, Birmingham Marian, Farmington Hills Mercy and Grand Rapids Forest Hills. Fobare's squad will also face city rival Grosse Pointe North, Ottawa Hills, Dearborn Edsel Ford and the Washtenaw Whippets.



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University Liggett School seniors, from left, Whitney Baubie, Danielle Masi, Janaya Gripper, Charlotte Waldmeir and Tori Jovanowski are ready to lead the Lady Knights to another successful season.

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

# Lady Norsemen ready for opponents in '08

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Slowly, but surely, the Grosse Pointe North girls field hockey team is gaining momentum.

This season, the Lady Norsemen have the potential to not only be a good team, but be one of the state's best in Division IV.

Head coach Cheri O'Donnell switched positions with junior varsity coach Jennifer Nadeau for this season after O'Donnell recently gave birth to a daughter.

"I'm going to be around the team, but not as much so I can take care of my daughter," O'Donnell said. "Jennifer is more of the head coach this fall, which is great for the girls."

Look for senior forwards Alexa Quinlan and Alexa Lucchese to score lots of goals this season, as well as sophomore Katherine Case.

"We're going with more offensive motion, which we think will create more scoring opportunities," Nadeau said. "We

have a ton of talent back and we're in great physical, as well as mental shape, heading into the season."

Freshman Sam Langer adds another scorer to the lineup to go with senior veterans Sarah Hilu, Annie Bryk and Alyssa Zizio.

Sophomore goalkeeper Nicole Strickland is also returning and she is ready for a stellar year.

"We're excited to start the

season, especially after playing so well in a recent tournament," Nadeau said.

The Lady Norsemen's offensive forces will be tested by a tough schedule that includes city rivals University Liggett School and Grosse Pointe South, plus Ann Arbor Greenhills, Ann Arbor Skyline,

Birmingham Detroit Country Day, Forest Hills, Farmington and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

Other teams on the slate are Saline and Novi.

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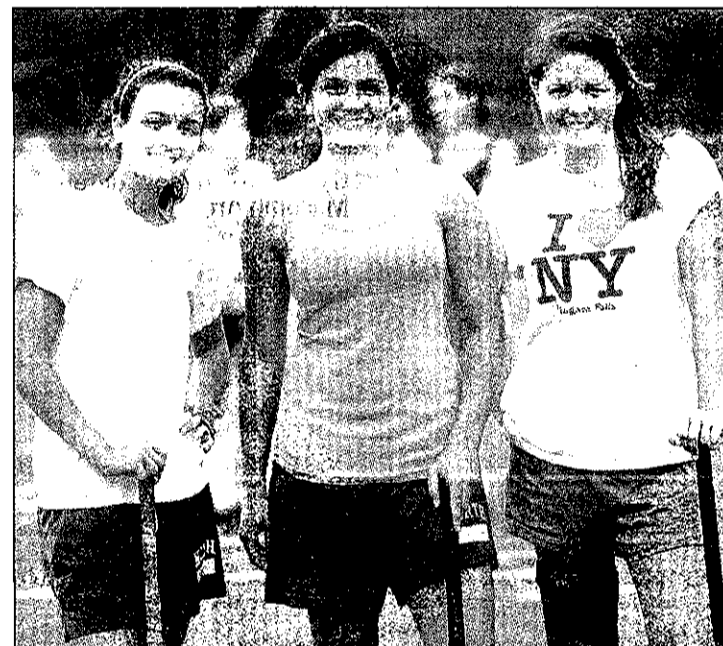


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North's team captains for the 2008 season are, from left, Alexa Lucchese, Sarah Hilu and Alyssa Zizio, all seniors.

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

# Ladies ready for success

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's field hockey team is gearing up for what hopefully is another successful season.

Head coach Meg Atwood has several returning players to lean on as the Lady Blue Devils look to start fresh after losing 1-0 to eventual state champion Ann Arbor Pioneer in last year's state playoffs.

The 2008 Lady Blue Devils will be led by seniors Sophia Oliotta, Rachel Colletta, Emily Fennell, Christine Greiner, Karlee Humphry, Lisa Martin, Jana Peters, Julia Poirier and Julia Schneider.

Underclassmen are juniors Sara Becker, Kathryn Cumpata, Maiya Dempsey, Hanna Doyle, Sarah Gilbride, Margaert Miller, Whitney Miller and Jaclyn Onstwedder; and sophomores Nora Beierwaltes, Christine Daudlin, Andrea Marshall, Shelby Stone and Julie Wittwer.

The Lady Blue Devils compete in Division I of the Michigan Girls High School Field Hockey League, along with Ann Arbor Pioneer, Ann Arbor Huron, Birmingham Marian and Ann Arbor Greenhills.

Teams in Division 2 are Bloomfield Hills Academy of

the Sacred Heart, University Liggett School, Farmington Hills Mercy, Birmingham Detroit Country Day and the Washtenaw Whippets.

Division 3 teams are Livonia Ladywood, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood, Dearborn Edsel Ford, East Grand Rapids and Dearborn.

The teams in Division 4 are Grosse Pointe North, Saline, Ann Arbor Skyline, Farmington, East Grand Rapids Forest Hills and Novi.

The Lady Blue Devils opened their 2008 season earlier this week.

Those results will be in the Sept. 4 issue.



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Grosse Pointe South girls varsity field hockey coach Meg Atwood, center, has put her girls through a tough preseason schedule to get them ready for the season.

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## GROSSE POINTE NORTH BOYS

## Boys on their mark for '08

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys cross-country team has 29 returning competitors among its 41-members for head coach Dan Quinn.

"We're excited about our potential this season," Quinn said. "We have a lot of depth. It's going to be interesting to see who steps up and fills our team."

The Norsemen are led by senior captains Matt VanEgmond, Mark Balle and Andrew Charnesky.

Others to watch are senior Paul Joseph and junior David Padalino.

Last year, the Norsemen finished third in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division behind arch rival Grosse Pointe South and Utica Eisenhower.

The other division foes are Macomb Dakota, Utica Stevenson, L'Anse Creuse North and Utica.

"South, in my opinion, is the team to beat, but I think we can be right there if our kids continue to work hard," Quinn said. "We're looking to get back to the state meet after missing it last year."

North has been a model of consistency during the past two decades, making the finals 80 percent of the time. In addition, the Norsemen have won four state championships in 1973, '75 and '76 under Tom Gauerke and 1982 under Dave McEvers.

"We have a lot of tradition here at North and I would like to keep it going this season," Quinn said. "We ran well at our noscored meet at Brother Rice, which was a nice way to start our season."

North's first division jamboree is slated for Tuesday, Sept. 9, at Wolcott Mill Park in Romeo.

Quinn's squad officially began its season last week, competing in the Brother Rice Time Trial against Birmingham Brother Rice, Farmington Hills Harrison, Southfield Christian, Waterford Mott and Dearborn Fordson at Mashbanks Park in West Bloomfield.

Joseph was the Norsemen's top finisher, placing 11th with a time of 19:35.

Other top performers were Charnesky with a time of 20:26, Balle with a time of 19:36, Padalino with a time of 20:23, David MacKool with a time of 23:37, Forest Carmer with a time of 22:08, Mike Seago with a time of 23:01, Pokladek with a time of 23:25 and Kyle Lacey with a time of 22:29.

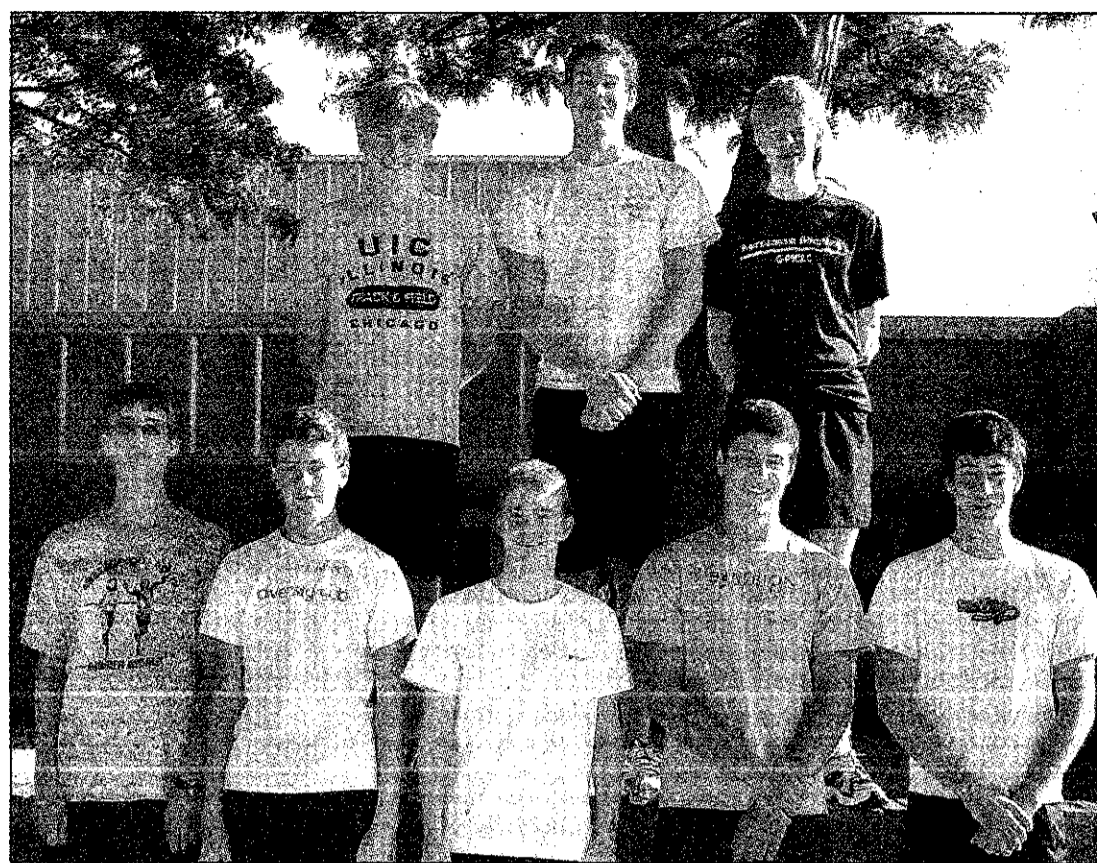


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Grosse Pointe North's team captains for the boys cross-country team are, starting with back row from left, Mark Balle, Andrew Charnesky, Matt VanEgmond, Chris Pokladek, Paul Schreiber, David Denison, Paul Joseph and Alex Kopacka.

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH BOYS

## Seniors to pave path to success

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Consistency is the word when it comes to Grosse Pointe South boys cross country.

Head coach Tom Wise is confident his Blue Devils can win a third straight Macomb Area Conference Red Division dual meet title and make an unprecedented 17th consecutive trip to the state finals.

"The kids work hard in the off season, which translates into winning," Wise said. "We're counting on six returning seniors to be our team leaders and I'm looking for several others to step up and run well enough to make the varsity squad."

Senior Edwin Gay leads the Blue Devils. He ran the program's second fastest time and Wise believes he can break the

school record this fall.

Other top seniors are Jack Davies, Dan Holley, Mike Bellovich, Daniel Dixon and Colin Nugent.

"This senior-oriented team is confident," Wise said. "They feel they worked hard enough to beat the teams on our schedule."

Arch rival Grosse Pointe North and Utica Eisenhower should give South a run for its money in the Red division. Other foes are Macomb Dakota, L'Anse Creuse North, Sterling Heights Stevenson and Utica.

Wise also has his runners competing in several top-notch invitationals at DeLaSalle, Algonac, Novi Detroit Catholic Central and Oxford.

Through it all, Wise expects his Blue Devils to be competing in the state finals Saturday, Nov. 1, at MIS.

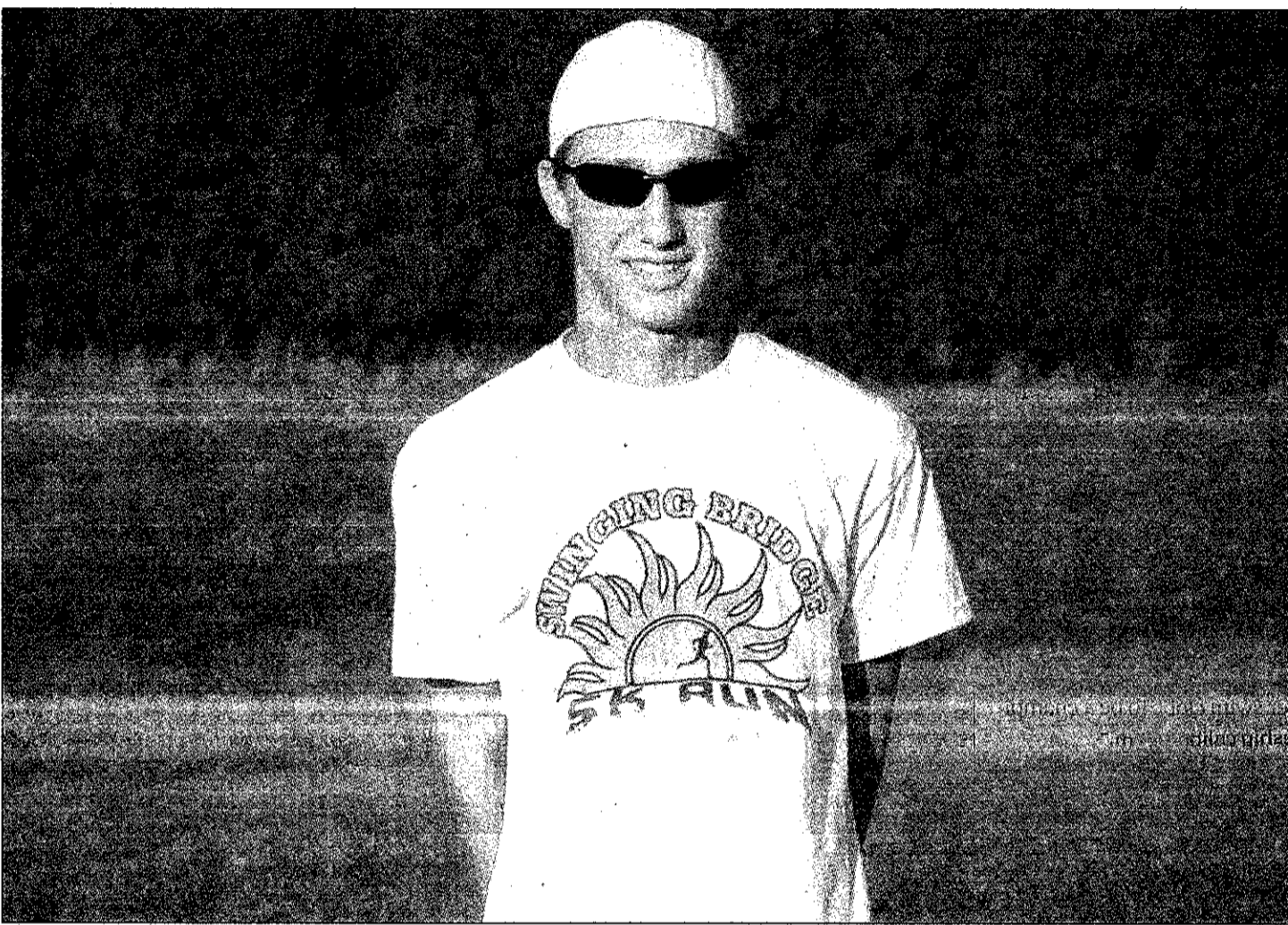


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Grosse Pointe South senior Edwin Gay is one of the top runners in the state and is a returning captain.

## G.P. SOUTH GIRLS

## Program on a roll

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls cross-country team keeps on motoring around the ranks of the most consistent squads in the state under head coach Steve Zaranek.

"We graduated three of our top four girls, but that doesn't mean we don't have anyone to fill those voids," Zaranek said.

Juniors Katie Steen and Katie Lanza, sophomore Natalie Gay and senior Ellen Muniga should be the Lady Blue Devils' top performers in 2008.

Freshmen Kelly Langton and Ivana Kakos as well as sophomore Margaret



PHOTO BY ED HARRAH

Grosse Pointe South's girls cross country team is running toward a shot at another division and regional championship.

Levasseur are also ready to step in and contribute, Zaranek said.

Once again, the Lady Blue Devils will battle Utica Stevenson for the top spot in

the Macomb Area Conference Red division. One of those two squads have won the Red Division dual meet championship every year it has been contested.

"I don't see anything changing because Stevenson will once again be a strong team," Zaranek said. "North is also competitive, too."

Other teams in the Red division

are Macomb Dakota, L'Anse Creuse North and Utica.

Other meets on the slate are invitationals at Algonac, Novi Detroit Catholic Central and

Oxford.

The team's ultimate goal, however, is to win a regional title and make it to the state finals for a 29th consecutive year.

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH GIRLS

## Experience guides squad

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

After graduating 25 seniors from his 2007 team, head coach Scott Cooper was a little worried about the depth of his Lady Norsemen girls cross country team this fall.

"It was nice to see our numbers at 60 girls," Cooper said. "We have a good core of experienced runners who will lead this team and a nice group of newcomers who have a lot of promise."

The Lady Norsemen's top

returning runners are seniors Francesca Bruno and Becca Gimpert, juniors Xyanya Wright-Servais and Haley Abessinio, and sophomores Kailey Sickmiller, Cristina Bruno and Rachel Gimpert.

Others to watch for are sophomore Rachel Brock, who ran more than 200 miles this summer and improved her time dramatically, and freshman Katy VanEgmond, who brings experience to the squad thanks to competing for St. Joan of Arc.

"We have some wonderful

kids on this team who work hard," Cooper said. "We're aiming for another successful season."

North competes in the Macomb Area Conference Red division with Macomb Dakota, Utica Eisenhower, L'Anse Creuse North, Utica and favored Grosse Pointe South and Sterling Heights Stevenson.

"Stevenson and South continue to produce great runners; so I would have to make the teams to beat in our Red Division," Cooper said.



PHOTO BY WILL HARRAH

The 2008 Grosse Pointe North girls cross country team is ready for a fruitful season.

## GPS SWIM: Squad aims for top 10

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ing it for 15 years, but the girls will finally be able to use the new South pool to practice. It's an exciting time for South swimming."

Briggs has 75 girls on the squad. He enters his fifth season at the helm and slowly but surely his program has improved.

"I have seen the girls get better and that is great to see as a coach," Briggs said. "We have some high hopes entering the season."

"We want to win all of our dual meets and place in the state finals, which we can do because we have strong senior leadership and dedication."

Assistant coach Kim Truza began with the program when Briggs came aboard. She has seen the steady improvement. "The girls are working hard



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Three of South's five captains are, from left, Jackie Stevens, Kendall Effinger and Emma Baker.

toward a team goal and each has individual goals they work at," Truza said.

The Lady Blue Devils are led by senior captains Kendall Effinger, Jackie Stevens, Jeanne Frisby, Emma Baker and Michelle Champane.

"The captains have already

made a statement with the team," Briggs said. "They're dedication is rubbing off on the younger girls, which will help this program get better."

"We cheer each other to do well in every event, which really makes us a strong team," Baker said. "We want as many of us as possible to get state cuts."

"We had a great year last season and are looking to equal or beat our results," Briggs added.

Last season, the Lady Blue Devils were ranked No. 16 in the nation for schools with enrollment between 1,401 and 1,900, which is the fourth year in a row it has been ranked in the top 20.

The squad was 8-2 in dual meets, which made it 35 straight winning seasons. They were also Macomb Area Conference Red Division dual meet and division meet champions for a seventh consecutive season.

Other returning all-conference swimmers are juniors Molly DeWald, Tori Bruce, Nora Oliver, Kacey Murphy

and Ellen Henrichs. Junior Lindsey Phillips and Abby Constant will also do well this season.

Watch out for freshmen Ali DeLoof and Megan Brooks, who should make their mark this fall.

DeWald set a school record in the 100-breaststroke last season, posting a time of 1:06.25.

South is the favorite to win the Red with rival Grosse Pointe North and Utica Eisenhower offering stiff challenges.

The Lady Blue Devils open their 2008 season at 6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 4, at home against Fraser.

If the new pool is ready, the meet will be at South. If the pool isn't ready, the meet will be held at Grosse Pointe North.

South will also host the annual Grosse Pointe Relays at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, outdoors at the City of Grosse Pointe pool.

"This is the only swim meet in the country held outside," Briggs said.

## GPN SWIM: Can team battle in Red?

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division and 7-5 overall in dual meets.

"We could finish either second or third in the Red Division," O'Connor said. "South is strong and deep and Eisenhower has good teams every year. We will be competitive. That is for sure."

O'Connor guided North to the 1999 state championship. Since then, the top spot has gone to Ann Arbor Pioneer. "Pioneer has a great feeder program (Club Wolverine) to help rebuild his program year after year," O'Connor said. "We need that commitment at our summer swim clubs to be a championship caliber team."

North finished 14th in the Division II state finals in 2007.

The Lady Norsemen's schedule is tough. It contains a season-opening meet at Farmington Hills Harrison, plus other dual meets against Livonia Stevenson, Romeo, Livonia Churchill, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Ann Arbor Huron and Farmington Hills Mercy.

In Red Division meets, the Lady Norsemen face South,

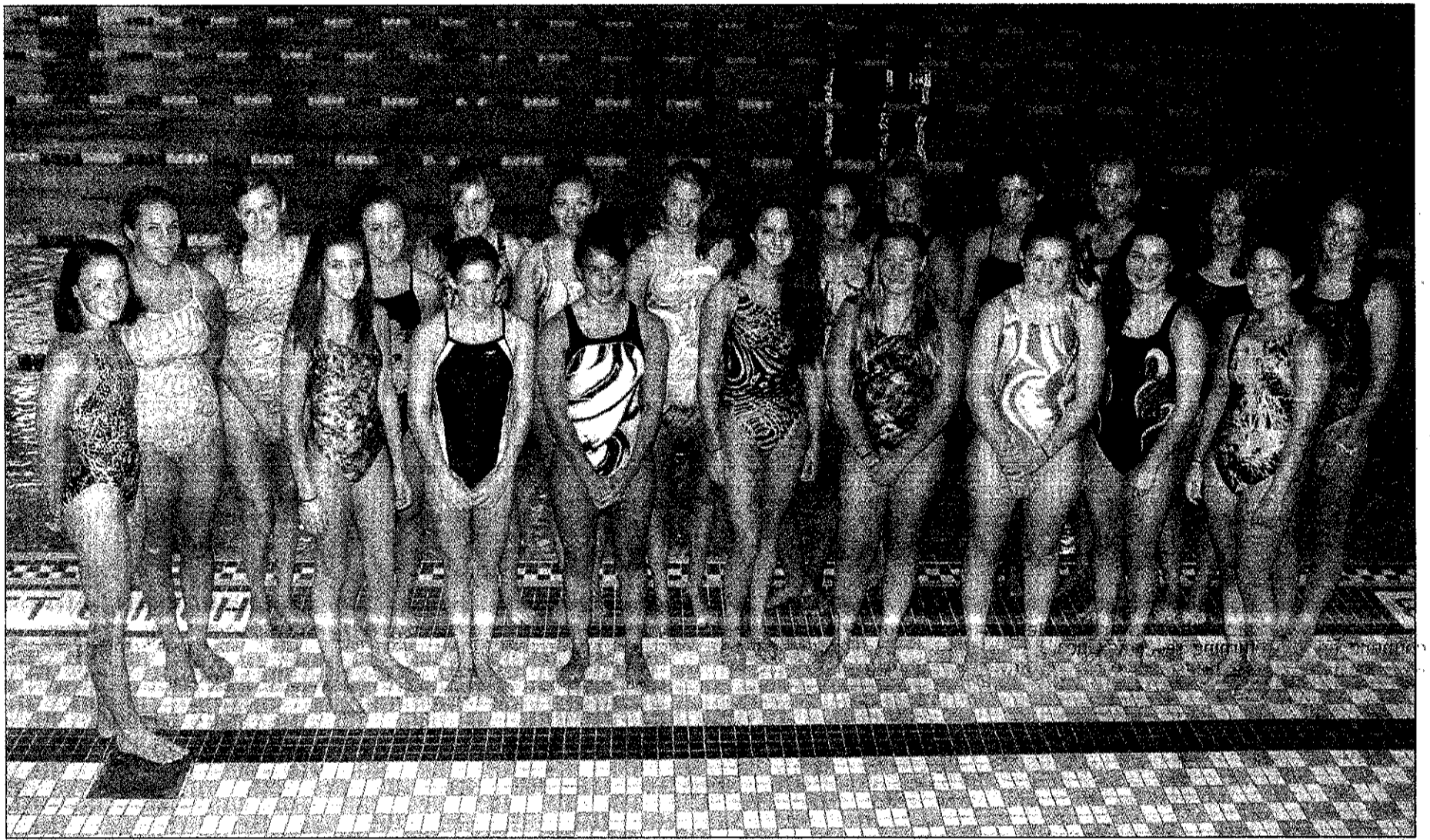


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Grosse Pointe North's girls swim team competes in the Macomb Area Conference Red division.

Eisenhower, Chippewa Valley and Utica Ford. "We like chal-

lenges and our schedule is a challenge," O'Connor said. "It

makes our girls swim better." North opened its season at

Harrison Tuesday, Aug. 26. Those results will be in

the Grosse Pointe News Sept. 4 issue.

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

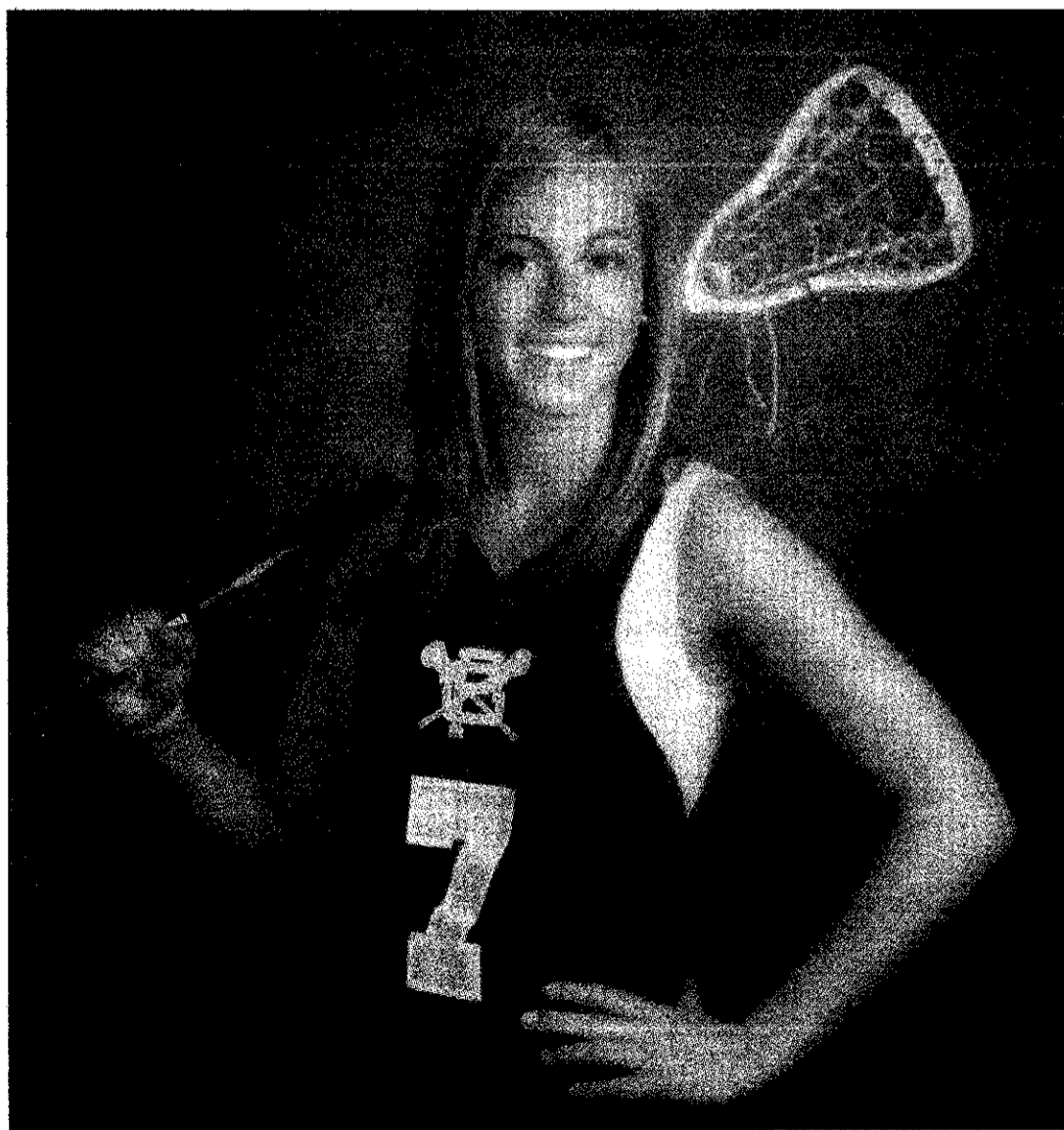


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## Headed out east

Grosse Pointe South 2008 graduate Ashley Thibodeau earned First Team All-State honors for a third year in a row during the girls' lacrosse season in the spring. She was also the recipient in May of the John S. Thursby Award for the best female athlete of the year at South. Thibodeau was a member of the high school's varsity cross-country and girls ice hockey teams. She is a freshman at Boston College.

## CITY OF GROSSE POINTE



PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVE MITCHELL

## A watchful eye

City of Grosse Pointe resident Dave Mitchell, far right, was one of several bicyclists who gathered on the south side of Belle Isle Friday, May 23, to camp out in anticipation of the following day's Wolverine 200 and Inline skating events. The following morning, the club riders enjoyed a day with temperatures in the high 50s and low 60s. Mitchell, a member of the Michigan Emergency Response Team, joined to survey the course and make sure it was ready to go. MERT has operated as a non-profit support group at sporting events for more than 20 years. Mitchell is also race director of the Friendship Run/Walk held Sept. 21. This fundraiser helps local Lions clubs and Bethany Lutheran School.









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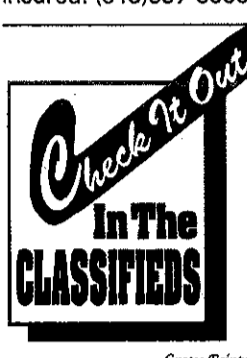
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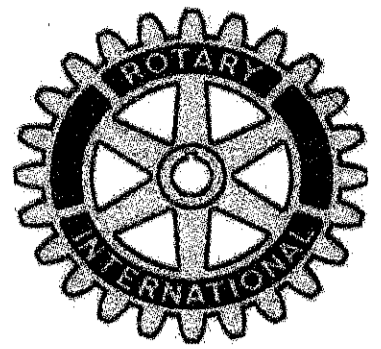
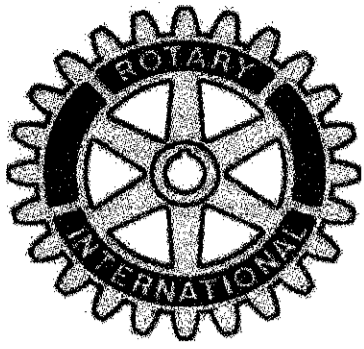


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**T-Shirt Size: Large \_\_\_\_\_ Extra Large \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Event: 10K Run \_\_\_\_\_ 5K Run \_\_\_\_\_**  
**5 K Walk \_\_\_\_\_ 5K Wheelchair \_\_\_\_\_**

VITALS	
Sex	M ___ F ___
Age Day of Race	
14 & less	30 - 34
15 - 19	35 - 39
20 - 24	40 - 44
25 - 29	45 - 49
50 - 54	55 - 59
Master (60+)	

**ENTRY FEES:**

**Before September 1, 2007 \$20.00**  
**After Sept. 1 & Race Day \$25.00**

**Sorry, I can't race this year. Donation enclosed.**

**TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Make Checks Payable and Return to:**

**Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Foundation  
 P.O. Box 36964, Grosse Pointe, MI 48236  
 Race Director: Bill Lacey 800-299-5007**

**"Family Fitness Fun: One mile timed race, one mile stroll along the lake, moonwalk, and children's races. For information visit [www.familycenterweb.org](http://www.familycenterweb.org) or call The Family Center @ 313-432-3832**

**CHIP INFORMATION (check one of the following) NOTE: ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST WEAR A CHIP TO BE SCORED**

I own my ChampionChip®. my chip number is: \_\_\_\_\_

I will be using a rental chip on race day and understand I will be assessed a \$30 fee if I do not return my chip at the finish.

**Waiver of Liability**

I, the undersigned, acknowledge, agree and understand that utilizing City of Grosse Pointe Farms roadways and surrounding park areas is hazardous and may result in injury to me or others. Further, in consideration of the permission to be given to utilize these facilities and premises, I agree: to assume all risks of injury incurred or suffered while on and/or upon the premises of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms;

to release and agree not to sue Grosse Pointe Rotary - Sunrise, its agents, servants, associates, employees or anyone connected with the Grosse Pointe Run for any claims, damages, costs or cause of action which I may in the future have as a result of injuries or damages sustained or incurred while on and/or upon the premises of the City of Grosse Pointe Farms.

**I HAVE READ THE ABOVE TERMS OF THIS RELEASE. I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THEM.**

**I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE RELEASE OF CLAIMS FOR INJURY:**

**Signature of Participant (parent if under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**