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Crown jewel MAR 27 2014

By Joe Warner
 Editor

GROSSE POINTE PARK — What was once a go-to for tune ups and oil changes is now popular for a much different reason.

The historic Standard Oil station at 15301 Kercheval is leading the way in a changing Grosse Pointe Park.

New restaurants, a bakery, a brewery and a bright future mark the business districts near Kercheval and Alter, the border with Detroit.

And Red Crown has experienced a major change in its first year.

Bobby Nahra, a Grosse Pointe Woods and owner/president of Lakeland Banquet & Event Centre, became managing partner with the owners of Red Crown, the Dr. David and Shery Cotton family.

The Cottons have been generous in their business and residential development projects in Grosse Pointe Park. They continue with several new businesses being featured in a Grosse Pointe News series.

Nahra said he has worked with the Cottons on several catering projects in the past. It turned into an "offer of a lifetime."

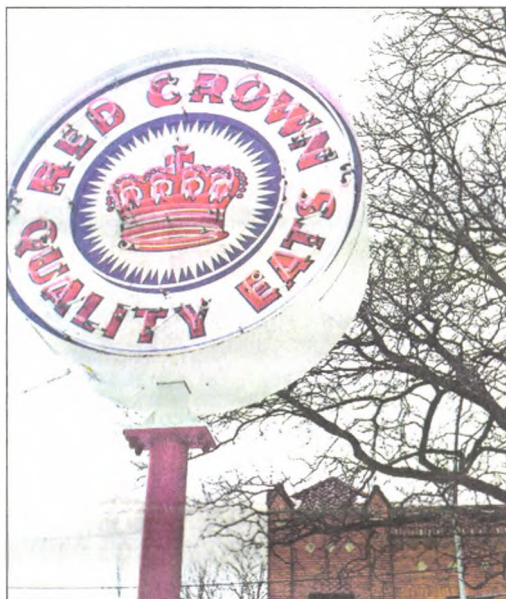
"They've opened a lot of doors for me," Nahra said. "They're an amazing family and I'm honored to be part of this."

Nahra didn't sit still when the shakeup in management came to Red Crown six months after it opened.

"I share their vision of doing things



Red Crown is located at 15301 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park. On warm days and nights, the garage doors open to allow a flow into the community, which features several new restaurants and businesses.



PHOTOS BY JOE WARNER

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Case goes to jury

By Kathy Ryan
 Staff Writer

DETROIT — The fate of Myron Williams, charged with first-degree murder in the death of Grosse Pointe Park resident Sabrina Gianino, lies in the hands of a Wayne County Circuit Court jury.

Wayne County assistant prosecutor Molly Kettler rested her case Tuesday after calling 40 witnesses. Defense attorney Charles Longstreet II also rested his case and did not call any witnesses. However, he did ask the Hon. Ulysses Boykin to issue a direct motion of acquittal based on what he felt was the prosecution's inability to present evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that implicated his client.

"The prosecution has not shown in any way that my client was connected with this murder," he said.

The judge denied the request.

In her closing arguments, Kettler told the jury that Williams was in need of money to feed his addiction to crack and found Gianino a perfect target.

"She was a caring, trusting person, who frequently left the door open,"

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Rivers may swamp mutual aid

By Brad Lindberg
 Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Construction of The Rivers Grosse Pointe senior living complex on Cook Road is having a ripple effect down the street in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Some Shores residents are concerned that, under provisions of the Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods mutual aid agreement, they'll get stuck handling many of the forecast 100 ambulance runs to The Rivers per year.

"That could catch us looking if the phone starts ringing off the hook and (our) guys are running all over town to serve these mutual aid runs," said Shores resident Harry Kurtz.

He's concerned despite supporting The Rivers.

"(It's) an exciting project," Kurtz said. "Some of us may have the benefit of living there some day."

The three-story facility is on a 15-acre site formerly occupied by the Children's Home of Detroit in Grosse Pointe Woods.

The forecasted need for

ambulance runs to The Rivers is complicated by the Woods city council's decision last week to replace its municipal ambulance service with Medstar, a private company, according to Shores representatives.

Even without added demand, Shores medics last year made 1/3 of their 163 runs to other communities under mutual aid.

"There's a lot of issues regarding the decision by Grosse Pointe Woods," said John Schulte, Shores public safety director. "Our fear is they are going to find themselves short, call us in panic and we're going to end up with a patient with less viability than we normally would."

"Medstar makes money off it," Kurtz said. "The Rivers is a commercial enterprise. If they anticipate 100 ambulance runs, we ought to take that into consideration."

"I don't think we would be rendering mutual aid to a commercial enterprise," said Shores Councilman Bruce Bisballe, head of the finance

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Daddy's little girls

The all-Pointes Daddy-Daughter Dance was held March 22 at the Grosse Pointe South High School gym. Above, young girls attending the dance jump for joy. At right, Ham Robichaud enjoys a dance with his granddaughter, Rose Robichaud. More photos, page 4A.



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Shores crime stats show a safe city

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Residents of this suburb were nearly 5 1/2 times less likely last year to be the victim of a major crime than nationally.

The statistic reflects a nosedive in major crime in Grosse Pointe Shores, as summarized in the public safety department's annual report for 2013.

The ratio is established by multiplying the number of major crimes reported last year in the Shores to a rate comparable to a city of 100,000 residents, a standard for determining national averages.

"Grosse Pointe Shores

is a very small community," said John Schulte, public safety director.

On a per-capita basis, the Shores is probably "No. 2 or 3 in the state for the lowest crime rates," he said.

Schulte presented the report during the Tuesday, March 18, city council meeting.

"There isn't a chief in Michigan who wouldn't like to stand at this podium and provide the report I have tonight," he told the mayor and council.

Major crime, categorized by the FBI as Part 1 crimes, dropped last year by half. There were 10 cases, compared with 20 during 2012.

Cases consisted of six burglaries, up from eight

in 2012; and four larcenies, down from 10 the year before.

There were no auto thefts.

"We had one stolen car in the last two years," Schulte said. "These are incredible numbers for a small community that is in proximity to communities that have higher numbers."

Schulte credited the drop "to our commitment to high police visibility, prompt investigations by patrol officers and to our alert residents in recognizing and reporting suspicious behavior in the village," according to the report.

Part 2 crimes, which the FBI categorizes as less serious, increased 25 percent from 2012.

Examples include, but are not limited to:

- ◆ narcotics, 29 cases compared with nine in 2012;
- ◆ drunken driving, 50 versus 43 the prior year;
- ◆ liquor violations,

nine, up from six;

◆ fraud, 12 cases, up from 7; and

◆ stolen property, eight reports compared with none in 2012.

"Part 2 crimes increased slightly because our officers made more arrests, such as drunken driving and public order crimes," Schulte said. "They're investigating things on the street. Nothing is let go."

He expects the figures to increase slightly as officers conduct more street investigations.

"The principle role of the department continues to be proactive and preventive patrol of the community," according to the report. "Eighty percent of personnel are delegated to daily road patrol duty."

Daily duties

The Shores' 17 officers, including the director and three new hires, processed 3,077 calls for service last year.

"Of all cases adjudicated in 2013, we again are proud to announce a 100 percent satisfactory conviction or plea arrangement as outcomes," according to the report.

Officers performed 3,678 individual residence checks for people out of town.

Fire & EMS

Shores officers are triple-trained in police, fire and emergency medical services. Some 13 of the officers are paramedics certified in advanced cardiac life support.

The department made 163 medic runs in 2013, down from 175 in 2012.

"Our response time average is 3.0 minutes," Schulte said. "Our scout car response time is 2.6 minutes on medic runs."

There was one significant fire last year, at a house on Lakeshore, for which the city received its loan mutual aid for fire suppression. Damaged

totalled \$400,000.

"Our average response time, with rigs, is 3 1/2 minutes," Schulte said.

False alarms totaled 21, up from nine in 2012, but less than the five-year average of 23.4.

Officers also responded to 12 mutual aid fire calls and 65 mutual aid runs for police, fire and EMS, according to the report.

Cost recovery

The department recovered \$46,588 during 2013 to repair or replace damaged infrastructure, as provided by the cost recovery ordinance.

Overall collections totaled \$77,368.

"I am pursuing \$20,000 that's outstanding," Schulte said. "It came in late in the year, we haven't recovered it yet. Brett (Smith, head of public works) and I will get him."

The municipal court collected \$171,337 in fines during 2013, according to the report.

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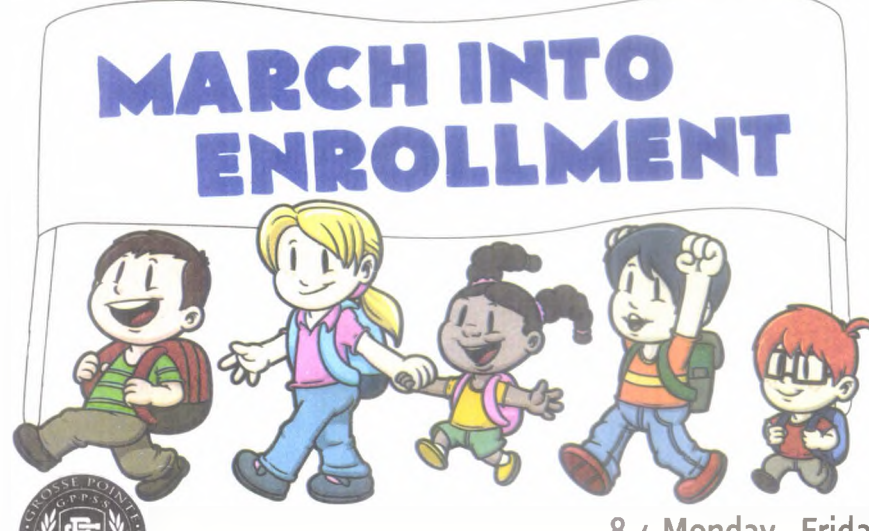
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Meeting

THE GROSSE POINTEES — A public meeting about storm water run-off pollution and phragmites is 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, March 31, at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Shores.

State Rep. Brian Banks, D-Harper Woods, hosts. Admission is free.

Representatives of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the Sierra Club and Clean Water Action are scheduled to participate in a panel discussion and answer questions.



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Royal party

One of the activities during The Family Center's ChariTea Bear Tea Party was story time with Rania Routsis reading to the children, who were encouraged to dress in attire befitting a prince or princess. Below, dressed in her princess dress, Maggie Weiss creates a card to thank her mother for bringing her to the ChariTea Party.



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At left, Andrew Adlhoeh is dressed in his knight's costume. Below, the Assumption Cultural Center was filled with royalty during The Family Center's annual ChariTea Bear's Royal Themed Tea Party Sunday, March 23. Jackie Weidenbach read "Frozen" to, from left, Clodagh Moyles, Ann Lia and Liam Weidenbach.

Board approves Harwood contract

By Joe Warner
Editor

A contract for Superintendent Tom Harwood was approved by the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education Monday.

The one-year pact was approved 5-1, with board member Lois Valente dissenting.

Harwood, who came under fire for the failed tech bond proposal in February, was happy to receive the vote by the board.

"I appreciate the opportunity to extend my work in the Grosse Pointe Public School System and to serve the needs of our students, staff and community," Harwood said. "As we work collaboratively to continuously improve our schools, the focus will be on establishing an environment of success for each and every student. I work forward to providing the necessary leadership that will move our district forward by enhancing our quality programs where we provide a positive educational experience for all students."

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Shores street issues showing up

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — With homage to the community's agricultural past, Brett Smith has a long row to hoe to put the streets in shape for spring.

"Potholes are showing up fast and our roads are a mess," said Smith, public works director. "They're not as beautiful as we like in Grosse Pointe Shores."

Winterlong cold temperatures and the freeze-thaw cycle of approaching spring continue to undermine and buckle roadways.

North and South Duval got hit hard this winter. So did Willow

Tree, Smith said. "We will spend extra time on those streets as soon as we get the opportunity," he said.

Public works crews are so busy filing holes with cold patch, their response to pothole complaints is delayed.

"We'll get you on a list and taken care of generally within a day or two," he told residents.

The street sweeper, a harbinger of warm weather among denizens of the public works department, is ready to roll.

"As soon as we can get snow off the curbs, we'll get that street sweeper out," Smith said.

Board looks at epipens in schools

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Grosse Pointe's board of education is reviewing a policy that would allow epinephrine auto-injectors to be available in all of the district's school, with staff in each building trained to use them.

Commonly referred to as epipens, the devices are used in the event of an allergic reaction when it appears the victim is going into anaphylactic shock. Common causes in school are peanut allergies or reactions to bee stings.

The policy, done in accordance with Public Act 187, takes effect July 1. It states, "Beginning

with the start of the 2014-2015 school year, each school building in the District shall have at least two employees at the school who have been trained in the administration of epinephrine auto-injection."

The policy states, "Each school building in the district shall possess and maintain at least two epinephrine auto-injectors. The epinephrine auto-injectors shall be stored in a secure location and in accordance with manufacturers' instructions for the preservation of the medication."

The policy also states that the district will obtain and fill prescriptions for the device in

order to ensure at least two devices are available in each of the district's 13 schools. The proposed policy states that the epipen may be administered to a student believed to be in anaphylactic shock, whether the student has a prescription on file with the school or not.

Board member Tom Jakubiec questioned whether a policy was in place that would allow for quick replacement of

a device once it was used, and was assured administration would take the proper steps to ensure two devices are in each building at any given time.

In accordance with Public Act 187, a school employee who "in good faith administers an epinephrine auto-injection to a pupil" cannot be held liable.

The Board will vote on adoption of the policy at its April 28 meeting.

Week Ahead

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

◆ The Grosse Pointe Historical Society holds a preview and sale of donated items for its estate sale from 6 to 8 p.m. at 322 Fisher, Grosse Pointe Farms. Admission costs \$15.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

◆ The Grosse Pointe Historical Society's estate sale is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

◆ The Friends of the Grosse Pointe Library hold a "Books, Bags and Bagels" from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Woods branch during which attendees can buy a purse.
◆ Grosse Pointe North and South high school graduates and Grosse Pointe High School graduates can sign a T-shirt specific to their alma mater from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at El's Boutique, 17110 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe.
◆ The Grosse Pointe Historical Society's estate sale is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 31

◆ Amy Haimerl is the speaker at the 12:10 p.m. meeting of Rotary of Grosse Pointe. Haimerl is the Entrepreneurship Editor at Crain's Detroit

Business. Lunch costs \$15 and the public can attend.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

◆ The Grosse Pointe Garden Center Inc. sponsors the annual Sue Abbott lecture on floral design at 7:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

◆ League of Women Voters and the Grosse Pointe War Memorial hold a panel discussion about Michigan's public education. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Chamber of Commerce

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce presents "The Power of WordPress" from 8 to 9 a.m. Thursday, April 10, at Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms.

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Cops come to rescue

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — An elderly couple got lost on Lakeshore and missed their trip to Georgia, but received some southern hospitality anyway.

"My husband and I were on our way to the Grosse Pointe War Memorial to catch a bus to go on a field trip," said Mary Anne Sizer, in her 80s, from Harrison Township.

It was about 2 a.m. Sunday, March 16, dark and freezing.

The charter bus was scheduled to depart the War Memorial and meet a red-eye flight at Detroit Metropolitan Airport to Savannah, Ga.

"We made a wrong turn and ended up at the bottom of a hill behind a big mansion being built on Lakeshore," Sizer said. "We got down behind the mansion and mired in ice and snow that you would not believe."

Unable to drive or walk

out, they called 911.

"The two of us trying to walk on that ice was like penguins in the zoo," Sizer said.

Grosse Pointe Farms Officer Richard Rosati arrived.

"It was so icy, he slid down the hill," Sizer said.

Sgt. John Bruno and Officer Veronica Cashion arrived next.

"We tried to shovel them out," Cashion said. "It wasn't working. There was no traction. We ordered a tow truck to pull them out."

"We couldn't even walk," Sizer said. "Two fellas virtually had to carry us."

Bruno and Cashion returned to patrol.

"One man stayed with us, Officer Rosati," Sizer said.

The ordeal ended at about 5 a.m.

"I want to tell you how wonderful your Grosse Pointe Farms policemen are," Sizer said. "They were so caring."

"Every time I hear something like that, it

makes my day, month and year," said Dan Jensen, public safety director.

"We get quite a few of those. It makes me proud that I have that caliber of officers."

"Officer Rosati couldn't have been more helpful," Sizer said.

"We were happy to do it," Rosati said.

Bruno was part of squad receiving an award recently for catching two car thieves and recovering the vehicle within an hour of it being stolen.

Rosati and fellow officers earned a department citation for catching a man breaking into a parked car, then finding his accomplice.

Cashion organizes Shop With a Cop, in which uniformed officers accompany special needs children on a department store Christmas shopping spree.

"We're going to do it every year until they tell me to stop," Cashion said. "I plan on making it bigger this year."



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Dance, dance, dance

At top, Francis Charbonneau Jr. took to the dance floor with his daughter, Elise, during the annual Grosse Pointe Daddy Daughter dance. Above left, Samantha Martin of Grosse Pointe Park gets a kiss from her father. Above right,

Tassie promoted in Shores

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Nearly two decades of accomplishment earned a public safety officer a promotion this month to sergeant.

"This is a fine officer who is being rewarded for a lot of fine work," said John Schulte, public safety director of Grosse Pointe Shores.

Schulte promoted PSO James Tassie, a 17 1/2-year veteran and paramedic, to sergeant on Tuesday, March 18.

"I'm very proud of Jim," Schulte said.

Attending the ceremony were Tassie's wife, Carol; daughter, Erin; and mother, Donna.

Schulte praised Tassie for his caring attitude.

"Jim always takes the opportunity and time to

stop and talk with a resident, especially a child or a senior," Schulte said.

Schulte witnessed Tassie's compassion on medic runs.

"I believe that Jim takes extra time to speak with seniors because he knows that his contact may be the only contact they have with another individual that day, or maybe that week. It is upon this type of service that this department was built."

Tassie has a do-more-than-is-expected-of-you attitude.

He advised young patrolmen to "treat people with the same respect you would want to be treated with."

He added, "You can never stop learning. It makes you a better officer."

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Response seconds count

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — To Dr. Raymond Rahi, seconds count more than dollars when it comes to quick ambulance response.

"The difference between 2.8 and 3 minutes may sound miniscule in the big scheme of things," said Rahi, a physician from Grosse Pointe Shores. "But, when you're talking about critical life saving events, like heart attacks and strokes, that time differential is the difference between a life being saved and a life being lost."

Rahi doubts the payoff of the city trying to save money by contracting it's emergency medical services to a private ambulance company.

Shores officers are triple-trained as lawmen, fire fighters and emergency medical care.

Thirteen officers are paramedics certified in advanced life support.

The rest are emergency medical technicians.

"Paramedics are trained to the highest level of pre-hospital care and can provide immediate intervention for sick and injured patients, including administering medications and providing lifesaving procedures," according to the public safety department annual report for 2013.

"Service from our officers who are triple-trained goes well beyond any service any hospital or independent company can offer," Rahi told the city council Tuesday, March 18. "I have elderly parents in the Shores and I'm not getting any younger. I express my willingness to pay whatever it takes to maintain that service because it's critical to each resident."

Members of the Blue Ribbon Operations Committee, a nine-member group of volunteer residents assigned to give a fresh perspective on municipal efficiencies, suggested last week that the city could reduce costs by getting out of the emergency care business, as have Grosse Pointe City, Farms and Woods.

"This isn't just about money," said John Booth, a committee member presenting its findings. "We felt we should (invite) Beaumont, Grosse Pointe and St. John (Hospital and Medical Center) to specify the best ambulance service for this town in terms of healthcare they need, rather than just assuming the past is the right way to do it."

"The ambulance issue

is touchy," said Mayor Ted Kedzierski.

Shores medics made 163 runs last year, according to John Schulte, public safety director.

"Our response time average is 3.0 minutes," he said. "Our scout car response time is 2.6 minutes on medic runs."

Out-sourcing could reduce municipal expenses, according to the committee, by:

- ◆ the cost of an ambulance,
- ◆ \$8,000 per public safety officer by eliminating medical training and
- ◆ allowing the department to operate with two less officers.

Committee members determined the city faces \$600,000 in long-term budget items for which it lacks funds, Booth said.

The disparity is too great to be fixed by "tweaking" operations, Booth said. "We've got to change them."

Kedzierski opposes service cuts.

"Sometimes I think we need to add service levels," he said.

"I don't think you have the flexibility in the budget to do that," Booth said.

Rahi maintained support for triple-trained officers.

"No company could ever know where the homes are and know the backgrounds of the residents the way our own people do," he said.

"You just heard it from an expert," said resident Harry Kurtz. "We don't need Beaumont Hospital to tell us how we should run our ambulance service."

AID:

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committee.

If Shores medics handle runs on behalf of Medstar, Bisballe said he expects to "collect market rate" for services rendered.

"We can be assured of

one thing: Priority one is our community — first, foremost and last," Bisballe said. "They can wait. We're going first."

"We may find ourselves with less mutual aid runs," Schulte said. "We're not sure how that's going to shake out yet."

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DTE under fire Public Safety Reports

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

The name says it all.

A citizens' group, called Fix Circuit 1481, has been formed in the Woods with the goal of pressuring DTE Energy to once and for all fix the problems that affect the electrical operating system known as Circuit 1481.

The circuit has been the cause for years of ongoing electrical problems to residents living in an area bordered by Mack, Vernier, Marter Road and Brys. Power outages, some lasting as long as a week, have been the norm in the area. Despite assurances by DTE Energy officials that the problem is being addressed, residents believe otherwise.

That is why several residents and business owners in the area have come together to form Fix Circuit 1481. The goal, according to Woods city councilman Kevin Ketels, is to "organize and advocate on behalf of improvements to Circuit 1481."

Ketels, along with Dan Curis, the owner of the Big Boy restaurant at Mack and Vernier, believe a focused effort is needed. "This is an effort to reduce or eliminate the chronic power outages plaguing our area," Ketels said. Plans call to lobby the governor, state legislators and regulatory authorities.

The meeting is 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 1, at the Big Boy restaurant, 20710 Mack.

For additional information, call Shannon Mach, (313) 886-5286.

City of Grosse Pointe

Nothing

No new reports.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Farms

Drugs

Drug charges capped the traffic stop of a 40-year-old Detroit man on westbound Mack near Kerby shortly after 8 p.m. Friday, March 21.

A patrolman pulled him over for operating a white 2005 Cadillac with an improperly attached license plate.

"(The) plate was mounted inside the vehicle behind the driver-side headrest," said the officer. "The plate was fraudulently altered by hand."

A search of the vehicle revealed 14 Vicodin pills without a prescription

and an Airsoft CO2 pistol.

"(He) said he carries his pistol for protection, as he is a bartender in Detroit and fears leaving the car after hours," said the officer.

Refuses test

A drunken driving arrest resulted from the roadside investigation of a 47-year-old Farms man at 2:10 a.m. Friday, March 21, for allegedly violating a "No turn on red" prohibition at the intersection of Kerby and Beaupre.

A patrolman tailed him to the area after seeing him make an illegal U-turn on Kercheval near the Hill while operating a black 2010 Lexus GX460, the officer said.

The man refused to take a preliminary breath test to determine his blood alcohol level, so officers obtained a search warrant for his blood to be drawn at a hospital for testing at a crime lab.

—Brad Lindberg

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

Grosse Pointe Shores

Drunk

At 2:19 a.m. Saturday, March 22, a 27-year-old Harrison Township woman was pulled over on northbound Lakeshore near Stillmeadow Lane for speeding 50 mph.

Officers arrested her for drunken driving.

She had a .106 percent blood alcohol level, they said.

Bloodshot

A 31-year-old St. Clair Shores man with watery, bloodshot eyes refused to take a Breathalyzer test during a drunken driving investigation at 8:54 p.m. Monday, March 17, on southbound Lakeshore at Moross in Grosse Pointe Farms, according to police.

A Grosse Pointe Shores patrolman monitoring traffic on Lakeshore near the St. Clair Shores border reported the suspect operating a 2013 Ford Escape at 45 mph and weaving between lanes, sometimes straddling the center line.

Officers charged him with operating a motor vehicle while impaired. They took him to a hospital for his blood to be sampled for alcohol content.

Harrumph

A Harper Woods man, 33, resents being arrested last week for driving drunk.

"(He) stated that if we got shot and came into his emergency room, he would make us wait," according to a public safety officer.

At 2:28 a.m. Sunday, March 16, a patrolman pulled him over on Lakeshore near North Edgewood Drive.

Officers said he had a flushed face, bloodshot eyes and a .143 percent blood alcohol level.

"(He) refused to cooperate with any of the booking paperwork and would not answer any questions," an officer reported.

He also struggled with authorities while being taken to a hospital for blood to be drawn for testing of alcohol content, officers said.

—Brad Lindberg
Report information

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

Grosse Pointe Woods

Hold on to your purse

A 79-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms resident was shopping at the Kroger store on Mack at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, and placed her purse in the shopping cart. When she checked out, she discovered her wallet was missing. Police remind shoppers to never put purses in a shopping cart and to keep them with you at all times.

Suspicion paid off

A contractor called police at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, to report a black Jeep was parked in the driveway of a house on Aline he knew was vacant. When police arrived and interviewed the driver, he said he was just waiting for a resident from Aline. But when police asked for identification, he had none, particularly a driver's license. He was taken into custody and was found to have several outstanding warrants out of Detroit, Harper Woods and Mason.

—Kathy Ryan

Report information on these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods public safety at (313) 343-2400.

Grosse Pointe Park

Didn't think it strange

Apparently a witness did not find it strange when a U-Haul van backed into a driveway of a house in the 1300 block of Lakepointe at 4 a.m. Saturday, March 22 and two men entered the house. The house is currently vacant, but is being remodeled and when the contractor returned to the house, he found the furnace, the hot water tank, kitchen cabinets and several tools missing. Police are reviewing surveillance video from a nearby business.

—Kathy Ryan

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Season's greetings

Ah, spring. And with it comes potholes, which Nathan Mikula and Sal Marinello of the Grosse Pointe Woods Department of Public Works battle on Goethe near Brys.



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Back on board

It appears school board trustee Tom Jacubiec is having a case of buyer's remorse and is taking back his announcement of resignation.

Jakubiec announced in December, 2013 that he was not going to run for re-election in 2014, and would be "transitioning" off the board by April, 2014. But at Monday night's school board, he said he is rethinking that decision.

"I'll be staying on the board until June, through the school year," he announced at the end of the meeting when board members are invited to make comments about district events. "And I'll probably be staying until the end of the year."

He gave no reason as to why he changed his mind.

Jacubiec is up for re-election in November, but gave no indication if he will run again for his seat.

JURY:

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Kettler told the jury. "She was especially vulnerable to his attack. She was smaller than he is. Besides being alone, she had a lot to drink and had also taken valium. He could quickly and easily overpower her, take her items and get out to get gone to get what he needed that night, the crack cocaine pipe."

He couldn't leave Sabrina alive, Kettler told the jury, because she could identify him.

"She was enjoying a quiet evening at home. There's nothing wrong with having a few drinks in your own home. She posted to Facebook. She had flats of pansies waiting to be planted."

Williams, Kettler said, killed her then walked a short distance to his crack dealer's house on Alter Road, where he traded her laptop for \$30 and some crack and left her cellphone and her iPod.

"His own wife," Kettler said, "testified that she saw the defendant sitting on the end of their bed,

sweating and bug-eyed, just the way he always looked when he used crack."

Williams, Kettler continued, also had in his wallet an Abercrombie and Fitch gift card that had belonged to Gianino, and cited his efforts to get his wallet back from the Wayne County Jail property room.

"That wallet is the smoking gun," Kettler said.

She also told the jury to not judge many of the witnesses who testified, describing them as "dope men and fences," but who also assisted the police in apprehending Williams.

"Even people who live on the edge of the law have certain boundaries of what's right and what's wrong," she said.

In his closing argument, defense attorney Charles Longstreet II told the jury the prosecution had not proved beyond a reasonable doubt that his client killed Gianino.

"They haven't shown you thing," Longstreet said. "They brought a lot of speculation, a lot of guesses. Nothing they have shows he committed murder."

Longstreet also reminded the jurors that no DNA or fingerprints from his client were found at the scene.

Longstreet also told the jurors that the police failed to treat Gianino's boyfriend as a suspect.

"What I showed you about (the boyfriend) is what the prosecution showed you about my client," he said. "He could be innocent, but the police could be wrong. That night, he stopped here, he stopped there. He went to the bar, he had tools that matched circular contusions on her skull. Show me where my client had something that could have caused those wounds."

Longstreet said there are a lot of unanswered questions in this case, and the prosecution did not prove their case "beyond a reasonable doubt."

"And that's the principle you must remember. 'Might have done it' is not enough."

Closing arguments came after over two weeks of testimony from 40 witnesses. Several witnesses testified that Williams, who lived next door to Gianino on

Wayburn, had in his possession items belonging to the victim within hours of the murder. But while the prosecution made a strong case against Williams, offering evidence he was in possession of Gianino's cellphone and laptop computer, experts from the Michigan State Police crime labs testified that neither fingerprints nor DNA from Williams were found at the scene or on Gianino's body.

One of the strongest lines of questioning from Longstreet toward officers from the Grosse Pointe Park police centered on a rubber mallet found in the car belonging to Gianino's boyfriend who lived with her in the flat on Wayburn.

Longstreet asked why the mallet was never tested for fingerprints or DNA and also questioned Wayne County Medical Examiner Francisco Diaz if injuries found on Gianino would be consistent with blows from such a hammer.

Diaz acknowledged that such a tool could have been used and was consistent with contusions found on Gianino's skull.

In earlier testimony, police said that they had found the mallet in a search of the boyfriend's car, but he said it was kept in the car and was used when changing a tire.

Diaz had performed the autopsy on Gianino, and ruled her death a homicide caused by strangulation and blunt force trauma to the head. Diaz also said there were no signs of sexual assault

and Gianino's body evidenced no sign of defensive wounds.

Williams faces three counts, including first-degree murder, felony murder and unarmed robbery. If convicted of first degree murder, he faces life in prison without parole.

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OUR VIEW

Shores lost two gentlemen

Two Grosse Pointe Shores residents with a passion for family, business and for decades, the NFL, have died this month.

William Clay Ford Sr., 88, died March 9 due to pneumonia. Mr. Ford was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Edsel B. Ford's four children. He served Ford Motor Co. for 57 years as an employee and board member. He retired and was named director emeritus on May 12, 2005.

Mr. Ford had numerous associations outside of Ford. He became president of the Detroit Lions in 1961 and purchased the team in November 1963. He served as chairman until his death.

In recognition of his support, the Henry Ford Hospital named its sports treatment and research facility the William Clay Ford Center for Athletic Medicine, and the University of Michigan named its outdoor tennis courts in his honor. He was the largest donor in history at the Henry Ford Museum.

Mr. Ford is survived by his wife of 66 years, Martha Firestone Ford; daughters Martha Ford Morse (Peter), Sheila Ford Hamp (Steven) and Elizabeth Ford Kontulis (Charles); son William Clay Ford Jr. (Lisa); 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

At a recent meeting, Grosse Pointe Shores Mayor Ted Kedzierski said he hopes to issue a special proclamation honoring the memory of Mr. Ford.

"As everyone knows, Mr. Ford was an extremely charitable, giving man who has greatly benefited this city as well as the entire Grosse Pointe community," Kedzierski said.

He'll issue the proclamation upon the Ford family's consent, he said.

He's deserving. In sports circles, Mr. Ford was known as a great owner, loyal to the city, the team's fans, his players and staff.

While he no doubt shared the frustration in the lack of a Super Bowl win, he did things the right way. And he cared.

On Tuesday, just a small trip down Lakeshore, news spread of another local businessman and NFL team owner passing.

Ralph Wilson, 95, died at his Grosse Pointe Shores home.

According to the New York Times, Mr. Wilson's Ralph C. Wilson Industries included interests in insurance, television stations, highway construction, oil and gas drilling and automotive parts.

He once owned a small stake in the Detroit Lions before he founded the Buffalo Bills as an original member of the American Football League in 1960, according to the New York Times.

The community lost two of its greatest supporters and proud Grosse Pointers. Two gentlemen. Their legacies here and around the NFL will live on forever.

St. Clare auction

St. Clare PTO Auction 2014, "We Light the Way" will be held Saturday, April 5.

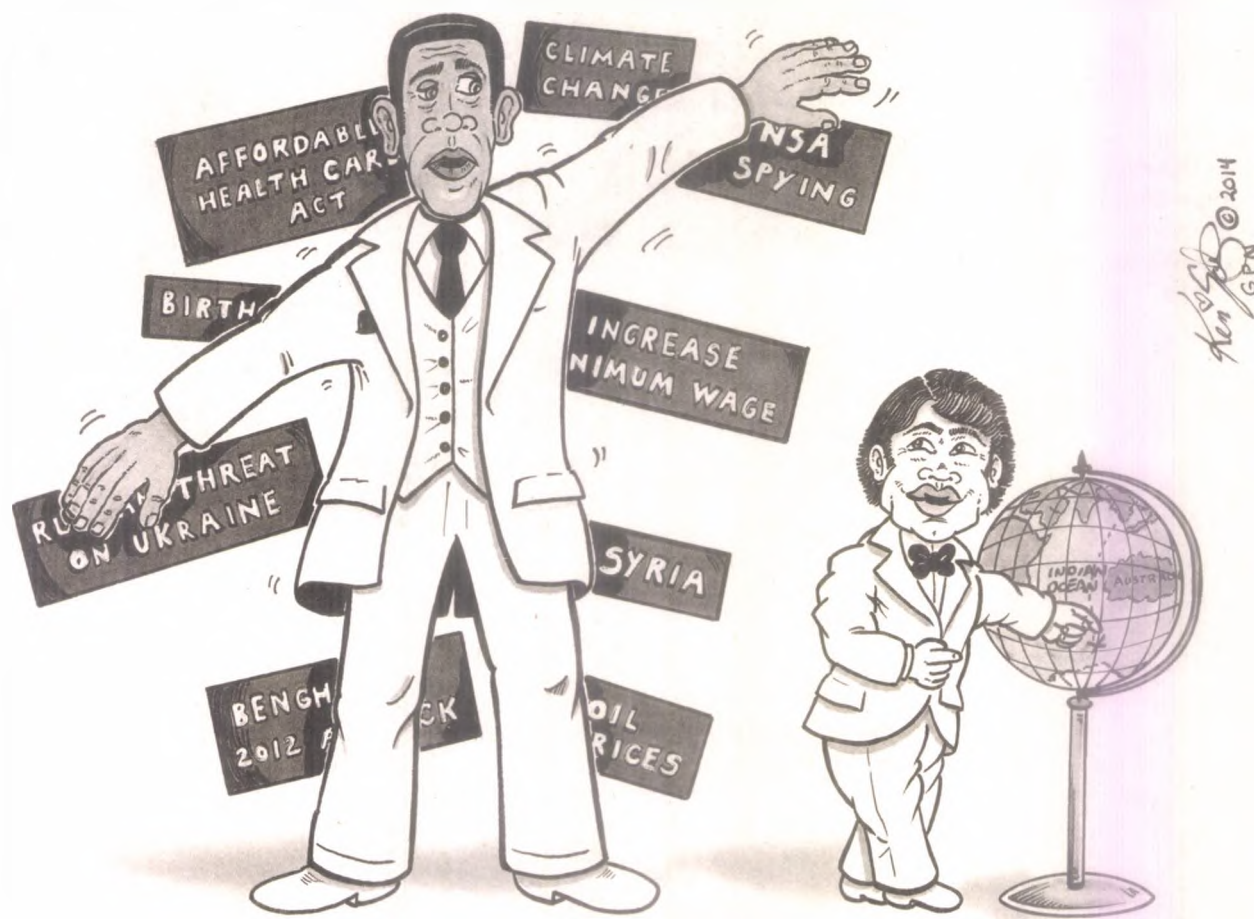
The event features auctioneers Charlie Langton and M.L. Elrick of Fox 2 News.

Tickets are \$45 before April 5 and \$50 at the door. An invitation and printable RSVP form is available at the website stclareschool.net and more information is available by calling (313) 647-5100 or e-mail scm@stclareschool.net.

A complete list of sponsors, auction items, donor forms and basket themes are also available on the school's site.

The silent auction starts at 6 p.m. with a strolling supper. Live auction is at 8:45 p.m. and the event supports St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic School.

KEN SCHOP



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Woods street repair

To the Editor:
Ducking taxpayer input, Grosse Pointe Woods' mayor and council in a March 3 committee of the whole meeting agreed again to ask voters for \$10 million to repair and replace many of the city's residential streets. They'll put it on the ballot Aug. 5.

Asking residents again to approve a bond proposal calling for a whopping \$10 million for 10 years windfall is more evidence of how out of touch our elected representatives can be. Less than 18 months ago, Woods voters clob-

bered an identical \$10 million roads ballot proposal.

If they must, why not make their bond request a reasonable \$3 million for three years and present a firm plan to show our residents city hall is serious about fixing roads and not just asking for more cash to steer to other pet projects, as they have done with general fund roads money in the past?

It is imperative this time the Woods mayor and council hold serious public hearings before they go to the voters, not charades like the raucous, no-questions-allowed "informational" gatherings they conducted in 2012.

Settling all the details in the Grosse Pointe Woods Committee of the Whole meetings, that observers are tacitly discouraged to attend, is unacceptable.

It's obvious our roads need repairs. Road repairs long have been a low priority for a mayor and council that continue to waste and misdirect money budgeted for fixes.

If they use the first \$3 million wisely, they can always come back for more. Which they will anyway.

PINKOS HOWLE
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Grosse Pointe Woods

City progress

To the Editor:
It looks like the City of Grosse Pointe has had a change of heart.

Just a few years ago, the mayor sent out a questionnaire asking voters how they wanted to deal with falling tax revenues. One answer was loud and clear: Cut costs by consolidating the public safety units with the other Grosse

Pointes.

A reasonable solution solidly in-line with a new wave of thinking going on in cities everywhere. To its credit, the City took action. And recently it made some real progress, consolidating services with Grosse Pointe Park.

But hold on. That forward-looking plan has now taken a back seat to another one. Something called a "separate tax assessment to fund public safety independently of other city operations."

A creative and mind-clouding concept for sure. But peel off the fancy name and it looks mighty like just another tax.

The City promises a meeting soon to discuss this new/old direction. I hope the mayor and council will explain why Plan A — saving money through consolidation — has suddenly become Plan B.

In other words, why aren't we pushing ahead, building on the success we already have? Just asking.

BOB KRAUS
City of Grosse Pointe

GUEST OPINION

Michigan on balanced list

After 16 consecutive years at or near the top of the outbound list, Michigan appeared in the balanced category for 2013. Those are the key findings from United Van Lines' 37th Annual Migration Study, which tracks the states the company's customers move to and from during the course of the year.

The study found Oregon is the top moving destination of 2013, with 61 percent of moves to the state inbound ones.

Michigan had claimed the top outbound spot from 2006-2009. And according to United Van Lines' 25th Annual Migration Study, "Michigan remained outbound, 58.2 percent, as it has been every year of the survey."

The District of Columbia, 57 percent inbound, fell to the number five position on the inbound list after five consecutive years as the top moving destination. New additions to the 2013 top inbound list include South Dakota, 57 percent; Texas, 56 percent; and Colorado, 55 percent.

"As the nation's largest household goods mover, United's shipment data illustrates national state-

'Despite having an unemployment rate higher than the national average, home sales and home prices are up showing an increased demand for housing, the state's per capita income is up, and automakers in Detroit have rebounded and are hiring.'

— Michael Stoll, economist, professor and chair of the Department of Public Policy at the University of California

to-state migration trends," said Carl Walter, vice president of United Van Lines. "We've been tracking the number of inbound and outbound domestic moves for nearly 40 years, and through our study are able to identify the states that are attracting or losing residents."

"Business incentives, industrial growth and relatively lower costs of living are attracting jobs and people to the Southeastern and Western states such as South Dakota, Colorado and Texas," said Michael Stoll, economist, professor and chair of the Department of Public Policy at the University of California, Los Angeles. "We're also seeing continued migration to the Pacific Northwest as young professionals and retirees are drawn to

amenities including public transit, green space and the local arts and entertainment scene."

United has tracked migration patterns annually on a state-by-state basis since 1977. For 2013, the study is based on household moves handled by United within the 48 contiguous states and Washington, D.C.

United classifies states as "high inbound" if 55 percent or more of the moves are going into a state, "high outbound" if 55 percent or more moves were coming out of a state, or "balanced" if the difference of inbound and outbound is negligible.

The top inbound states (including Washington, D.C.) of 2013 were: Oregon, South Carolina, North Carolina, District of Columbia, South Dakota, Nevada, Texas

and Colorado.

The top outbound states for 2013 were: New Jersey, Illinois, New York, West Virginia, Connecticut, Utah, Kentucky, Massachusetts and New Mexico.

New Jersey, 64 percent, continued to top the high outbound list claiming the top spot for three out of the past four years.

The Great Lake State has entered what United Van Lines calls its "Balanced" category — states that gained approximately the same number of residents as those who left. Those states include Nebraska, Tennessee, Iowa, Alabama, Louisiana and Indiana. Michigan appeared on the balanced list for the first time since 1997.

"After 16 years with a migration deficit, Michigan has joined the balanced category due to improvement in its economy over the past two years," said Stoll. "Despite having an unemployment rate higher than the national average, home sales and home prices are up showing an increased demand for housing, the state's per capita income is up, and automakers in Detroit have rebounded and are hiring."

— United Van Lines

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City shares services

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Mutual aid is heading toward a one-way street in the wrong direction, according to a critique of municipal operations.

"Of 11 house fires we fought last year, 10 of them were outside the city limits," said John Booth, presenting the Grosse Pointe Shores Blue Ribbon Operation Committee's final report. "Of ambulance runs, 1/3 were outside city limits." Based on statistics the committee obtained from the Shores public safety department for 2013, the Grosse Pointe-Harper Woods mutual aid pact is out of balance.

"We are providing a lot of support to communities around us at no charge," Booth said.

Neither he nor the committee opposes providing mutual aid. It's a matter of giving it.

"The question is mutual aid for free and whether there ought to be some minimal charge for services we provide," Booth said.

The nine-member, volunteer committee spent more than a year researching municipal operations to provide the city council a fresh perspective on efficiencies.

"Council should consider implementing a rule of reimbursement, whereby the actual costs to the village of aid to other municipalities is billed to that community," according to the report. "There is substantial disparity between the significant mutual aid that the village provides to other communities compared to the amount of mutual aid our city receives from those communities."

On the other hand, being on the receiving end of mutual aid is of great benefit to the Shores and

its four-man shifts of public safety officers, according to Shores Chief John Schulte.

"We are the smallest kid on the block," said Schulte, former assistant public safety director of Grosse Pointe Park. "We are the most needy of the mutual aid, as it presents itself."

The Shores single major fire last year, on Lakeshore, triggered three alarms.

"Grosse Pointe Woods and Farms provided us with tremendous service," Schulte said.

"It's not a one-way street," said Councilwoman Kay Felt told Booth.

"No, it's not a one-way street," Booth said. "But, we're unbalanced at the moment."

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Grosse Pointe Shores Mayor Ted Kedzierski hopes to issue a special proclamation honoring the memory of William Clay Ford.

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— Brad Lindberg



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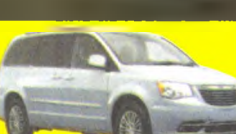
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Park Grill, at 15102 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park, reopened March 24, after an eight month renovation and expansion project. Mira Kokoski and her son, Adi Kokoski, are family ownership and chefs. More on Park Grill in next week's Grosse Pointe News.

Committee member: 'Tackle the problems that got us here'

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — City leaders and their home-grown consultants agree on the core municipal principles of preparing for the future while maintaining existing services.

Likewise, sustainability can't be obtained by tax increases, heavy debt and deferred infrastructure investment.

"When you look at the financials, you see a very well-run city that's done a lot to improve its current accounts," said John Booth, of the Grosse Pointe Shores citizens Blue Ribbon Operations Committee. "But, we still haven't tackled the problems that got us here."

Booth presented the committee's report on improving Shores efficiencies to the city council Tuesday, March 18.

"The one financial piece that's missing is a capital budget going forward," said Booth, com-

mittee secretary.

Other committee members are Chairman Alan Broad, First Chair Mary Anne LaHood; members Elizabeth Eldridge, Cheryl Holm, Connie Houin, Dr. Quresh Khairullah, John Renick and Marlena Stahl. Councilman Dan Schulte served as council liaison.

The Shores needs a long-range plan to replace its aging infrastructure, such as roads and sewers, without boosting taxes or issuing bonds, according to the committee.

"The way budgets have been balanced in the past is we've cut capital spending to the bone," Booth said.

"We'll incorporate some comments from the Blue Ribbon Committee, specifically related to the capital improvements fund," said Councilman Bruce Bisballe, head of the financial committee.

That's not to say infra-

structure improvements have been ignored.

"We know where stand in terms of our sewers, water lines and streets," Bisballe said. "We have a long-term plan in place for that. The recommendation about capital planning is welcome."

Committee members benchmarked the Shores with comparable communities in Southeast Michigan.

"We have the fourth highest cost of government per resident," Booth said. "Given the way we operate in this town, it seems reasonably staffed the way it is, unless you want to change the way you operate, which is another story."

Other findings are:

◆ "We have the second highest millage in this area," Booth said. "That's an issue."

◆ "We took on a lot of debt," he said. "Our debts are double the next highest Grosse Pointe community. We're well over

\$6,000 per resident, which is about \$20,000 per household."

The pension fund is more than 90 percent funded, which is good news.

"The retiree medical fund, on the other hand, is in bad shape," Booth said. "It's less than 20 percent funded."

Other good findings: "We have an improved credit rating," Booth said. "Property tax (revenues) are beginning to go up, which is good."

Other bad findings: The municipal harbor is cash flow negative.

"It needs to be supported by outside sources," Booth said.

He added, "The challenge becomes how to come up with the several hundred thousand dollars that are not in the budgets to take care of these long-term needs. That's where you get into trade-offs. We may need to look to more shared services as a way to get costs down."

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right," Nahra said. "I've made some very drastic changes. We've changed the menu, our presentation and our portions. We've added steaks and fish. We've listened to what people want. I'm a good listener."

Red Crown revamped its menu and added a Sunday brunch.

Chef specials early this

week included portobello mushrooms, mussels, clams and shrimp, woodgrilled Scottish salmon, lobster ravioli and a brisket and pulled pork pot pie.

"We do everything from scratch and we do it right. We care about what our customers want and think."

Nahra said he spends as much time as he can with his team and the customers, making sure every experience is good. "I've inherited a great

staff," Nahra said. "Most important, it takes a village to run a business. And we have a great town here."

A new menu is launching this month, a sign Nahra will keep it moving. The switch to summer wines will follow, along with some additional seafood and healthy options.

"We'll change our wine list, too," Nahra said. "Dr. Cotton got me into wine collecting and we'll be rotating our list,

bringing in some other restaurants don't have.

As with the Cottons, Nahra also supports the community, serving on several boards and committees.

"We want to make an impact, leave a footprint," Nahra said. "We'll work together and leave our mark on Grosse Pointe."

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Detroit's Goodwill in good hands

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit is in good hands with Lorna Utley at its helm.

Since her appointment as CEO nearly seven years ago, the nonprofit organization has increased its avenues of revenue sources and reduced its federal government funding dependency. Recently, Utley was given the top Goodwill award.

The organization is a little better off than other Goodwill organizations around the world because it is connected to the auto industry, said Utley, who lives in Grosse Pointe Woods.

"We are different because much of our revenue is earned," she said of how the local Goodwill budget is supported.

Once 60 percent of the budget was dependent on federal government grants. Under Utley's guidance, the nonprofit has reduced that number by half. Now only 30 percent of its multi-million dollar budget is federally supported. Utley said she finds this, as well as seeing the organization grow and serve more people, quite rewarding.

"We do have good programs. We work with the developmentally disabled. We are very diverse from the revenue standpoint," she said.

For her endeavors, Utley has been chosen from 165 Goodwill CEOs worldwide to receive the Matthews Entrepreneurial



Lorna G. Utley, CEO of Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit.

Award from Goodwill Industries International.

The award is based on her "demonstrating the entrepreneurial spirit in the development of new market revenues and jobs for people with barriers to employment," a press release said.

It went on to say under her leadership, despite a recession, Greater Detroit Goodwill grew.

The Greater Detroit Goodwill umbrella includes the donated goods stores dotting Wayne, Livingston and Macomb counties and parts of Oakland and Washtenaw counties.

Goodwill's younger clients are working at Ben & Jerry's in the Compuware Building. Adults are lending hands at DTE, Clean Downtown and Goodwill's Green Works Inc. Contracts with these firms provide both funds for the nonprofit and employees' wages,

on average \$11 an hour, she said.

The Clean Downtown program supplies staff to pick up litter, remove graffiti, sweep and provide landscape maintenance in downtown Detroit.

Green Works occupies a 96,000 square foot recycling facility in Detroit in tandem with DTE. Here workers are stripping and recycling copper and steel from equipment DTE has replaced, whether the equipment was outdated or storm damaged. These wires and transformers or underground cables would routinely have been sent to a landfill.

"We sell it (the recovered materials) on the open market and share the profit with DTE," she said. "It's repurposed and keeps it out of the landfill. We have been doing this for many years."

Goodwill also offers basic instructional programs, such as learning how to write a resume, interview and dress for the interview.

Of the youth training program, Utley said, the at-risk youth have few opportunities to learn the skills of how to find a job.

Last year, 13,000 clients were touched by Goodwill whether it was a "light touch" with clients learning to write a resume or a "heavy touch" in which clients are enrolled in a 16-week training program, she said. The placement number Utley cited for 2013, was 1,275 in which people were earning a competitive wage at a full- or part-time job with a retention of 60 to 180



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Porscha Hunter is an employee of Goodwill's Green Works Inc., a program creating jobs for Goodwill trainees and providing industrial recycling.

days.

Utley joined Goodwill in 2007 after 28 years in General Motor's human resources department. She was hired as the vice president of philanthropy then moved into the CEO spot in October 2007.

She sees her accomplishments on which the award is based as "Being able to see it thrive, grow and serve more people. We hold our own and won't grow heavily dependent on government resources."

Goodwill's resale shops located throughout the metro area are well known. Not as well known might be that Goodwill provides man power for cleaning Detroit's streets and, Utley said, Goodwill offers suppliers the man power to

make parts or assembly such things as safety kits and license plates.

"This is great work experience," she said. "Additionally, it is working with the auto companies. We have been with Ford for over 80 years."

She goes on to say Goodwill's mission is to help those who are employment challenged, to train them and assist them in finding employment opportunities.

"They don't have a past work history. No work identification or experience," she said.

In conclusion, said Utley, who holds both bachelor's and master's degrees from Purdue University, "I want this one (Goodwill) to be a good strong presence in metro Detroit."

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AREA ACTIVITIES

BNI

Business Network International meets at 7 a.m. Friday, March 28, at Assumption Cultural Center.

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For more information, call Olga Tecos at (313) 423-0087.

Signatures needed

Graduates and current students of Grosse Pointe North and South high schools can sign a T-shirt specific to their alma mater from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 29, at El's Boutique, 17110 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe.

Detroit public and parochial high school

graduates can also sign their schools' T-shirts at El's.

There is also a Grosse Pointe T-shirt that can be signed by residents.

Metro Detroit malls will display the T-shirts later this year, after which the shirts are to be donated to the Detroit Historical Museum.

SOC

Services for Older Citizens is partnering with the national March for Meals campaign with its own March for Meals walk, Saturday, March 29, at SOC.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the walk is at 10 a.m.

Participants can walk either one mile or 2.5 miles in Grosse Pointe

Farms.

All pledges benefit the senior citizen meals program.

For more information, contact Heidi Uhlig at huhlig@socservices.org or at (313) 882-9600.

Camera club

The Grosse Pointe Camera Club meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, at Brownell Middle School. For more information, call Mike Florian at (313) 822-7080 or visit grossepointecameraclub.org.

Garden club

Windmill Pointe Garden Club's Wednesday, April 2, meeting is at Amira

Soheim's house with Judith LeBeau serving as co-hostess. Mary Glassco presents the program on lavender.

Garden Center

The Grosse Pointe Garden Center Inc. sponsors the annual Sue Abbott lecture on floral design Wednesday, April 2, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Registration is at 7 p.m. and the program begins at 7:30 p.m.

Cindy Hicks of the Scarlet Poppy presents "Designing a Significant Table," inspired by the gardens of Mrs. Russell Alger Jr.

Admission is free. Reservations can be made by calling (313) 881-7511, ext. 206 or by visiting gpgardenctr@warmemorial.org by March 31.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Munoz - Waigand

Ed and Sharon Munoz of Berkley and Rick and Mary Heeren of Westerville, Ohio, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Cassandra Munoz, to Christopher Waigand, son of Martin R. Waigand of Chicago, J. Kimberly Jones of the City of Grosse Pointe and John Francis of Grosse Pointe Farms. A 2015 wedding is planned.

Miss Munoz earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications from Michigan State University and Bachelor of Health Sciences and Master of Occupational Therapy degrees from Wayne State University. She is an occupational therapist with RehabCare in San Francisco.

Mr. Waigand earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in advertising from MSU and is a senior copywriter with DraftFCB San Francisco.

Stanley - Butzi

Samuel and Virginia Stanley of Grosse Pointe Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Tara Stanley, to Gregory Butzi, son of Paul and Paula Butzi of Carnation, Wash. A June wedding is planned.

Miss Stanley earned a Bachelor of Science degree in brain and cognitive science from University of Rochester, N.Y.

Mr. Butzi earned a master's degree in computer science from University of Rochester, N.Y., and is with Matasano's Security, Mountainview, Calif.

Winiarski - Stefani

Stan and Linda Winiarski of Macomb Township have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Winiarski, to Anthony Stefani, son of Steven and Patsy Stefani



Christopher Waigand and Cassandra Munoz

of Grosse Pointe Shores. An August wedding is planned.

Miss Winiarski earned a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education and a master's degree in technology.

Mr. Stefani earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Michigan State University, a juris doctor degree from the University of Detroit and a LLM finance degree from Wayne State University. He is corporate counsel with Saga Communications, Grosse Pointe Farms.



Gregory Butzi and Tara Stanley



Jennifer Winiarski and Anthony Stefani

WEDDING

Ruggeri - McKinley

Ashlee Ruggeri of Grosse Pointe Farms and Brock McKinley of Denver were married Oct. 26, 2013, in the Royal Park Hotel located in Rochester.

Kerry and Debi Ruggeri of Grosse Pointe Farms are the bride's parents. William McKinley and Lynda Larsen of Denver are the groom's parents.

Kevin Singleton officiated at the ceremony held in the hotel's glass conservatory and the reception immediately followed.

The bride wore a Monique Lhuillier ivory, embroidered, lace and orchidea satin strapless gown with an asymmetrical draped corset bodice. The tulle ball gown skirt was enhanced with cascading Chantilly lace. She wore Maria Elena pearl and crystal earrings, bracelet and headpiece and carried a handmade cabbage rosette bouquet.

Dino Ruggeri of Grosse Pointe Farms served as his sister's man of honor. Chewie and Lucy McKinley served as the couple's dogs of honor.

Bridesmaids were the bride's cousins Dominique Nemeth of Canton and Victoria Carrion of Grosse Pointe Woods; childhood friend Tina Miserendino of Chicago; girlfriends Jenna Evola and Micaela Reardon, both of Grosse Pointe; and sorority sister Krystal Minarick of Rochester Hills.

Junior bridesmaids were the bride's cousin, Ava Ritchie of Kalamazoo and Ava Ferguson of Lake Orion, a friend's daughter.

Evelia Messenger of Grosse Pointe Park was the flower girl. Her mother is the bride's friend.

Attendants wore Lynn Lugo double ruffled charcoal gray silk shantung dresses with a scoop neckline, set-in waistband and floor length tulip skirt. They carried gray satin ribbon wrapped hand-tied bouquets of ivory and yellow dahlias with yellow oncidiums and mini calla lilies.

Andrea Boedecker of Chicago served as the groom's best lady.

Ushers and groomsmen were the groom's childhood friend, Charles Shively of Denver; the bride's cousin Mario



Dr. and Mrs. Brock McKinley

Ruggeri of St. Clair Shores; and the groom's friends, Nick Pollard of Denver, Kyle Thorsrud of Rockwood, Jon Bonnet of Trenton and Ben Simonton of Berkley.

The ring bearer, Colin French of Bloomfield Hills, is the bride's cousin.

The bride's mother chose a Yoly Munoz navy gown with English net lace and accented with Swavorski crystals. She wore crystal and blue stone earrings and carried a navy satin ribbon wrapped mini bouquet of ivory roses, white mini calla lilies accented with crystals.

Karl Messenger read the scripture for the ceremony and Stacy Mason was the soloist.

The Jerry Ross Band provided the evening's entertainment.

The bride earned Bachelor of Science degrees in health and wellness and registered nursing from Oakland University and is pursuing a Master of Science degree in nurse practitioner also from Oakland.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration and a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from University of Colorado. He is a resident in oral and maxillofacial surgery with Detroit Medical Center.

The couple took a wedding trip to The Excellence Resort in Punta Cana, Mexico, and resides in Grosse Pointe Farms.

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CEO named

Jean Meyer is the president and chief executive officer for St. John Providence Health System.

Meyer has been serving as interim president and CEO since Patricia Maryland was promoted to Ascension Health's

president of health care operations and chief operating officer in June. "After a thorough, six month executive search for a new leader, I am thrilled to announce that Jean Meyer will lead St. John Providence, the largest Ministry in Ascension Health," Maryland said. "As a thoughtful and dedicated leader who always views hospital operations through the eyes of a caregiver, it was clear Jean was the right choice for St. John Providence. I have personally known and worked alongside Jean for more than 10 years and I respect her drive, determination and compassion."

Meyer joined St. John Providence in 2008, and served as senior vice president and chief nursing officer, Providence Park Hospital president and president of acute care operations for the health system. A resident of Northville, Meyer began her career in health care as an oncology nurse.

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A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Natural pairing — nachos and basketball viewing



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A new twist on an old favorite when watching basketball.

March "Madness" is in full swing. It's practically a religion.

Ironically, since it falls smack in the middle of Lent. Basketball watching parties leading up to the

big night is a reason to serve nachos. The following recipe is a step or two away from what you are used to when you think about nachos. Kettle style chips instead of tortilla chips. A creamy white sauce instead of cheddar and a sprinkle of crumbled blue cheese will take these nachos straight to the final four. Really.

March Madness Nachos

(adapted from Cap City Diner)

1 1/2 cups heavy cream
3 garlic cloves, minced then smashed to a paste
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

salt and pepper to taste
1 - 13 oz. bag kettle style chips (regular or lower fat)
1 - 4 oz. container crumbles blue cheese
1 tablespoon chopped scallions, red onion or chives
Combine heavy cream and garlic in a sauce pan and bring to a simmer over medium heat. Cook on a low boil (simmer) for about 13 minutes, allowing cream to thicken. Stir often. Don't walk away or your cream will boil over. Trust me.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Remove from heat and stir in the Parmesan cheese. Taste sauce and season with salt and pep-

per to your liking. Place a pile of chips in a bake dish and drizzle the sauce all over. Scatter crumbled blue cheese over top.

Bake nachos at 400 degrees for 5 to 10 minutes (depending on your oven), until blue cheese melts.

Remove from oven and top with scallions.

The cheese combination makes these tasty nachos worth the calories. No sal-



sa necessary. You will definitely want to double the recipe for this sauce. Cap City Diner is located in Columbus, Ohio. Sorry Buckeyes.

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League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe, in partnership with the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, co-hosts a panel discussion, "A Community Panel Discussion on Public Education in Michigan," at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 3, at the War Memorial.

Panel members Amber Toth DeLind, outreach director for the Center for Michigan; Audrey Spalding, director of edu-

cation policy at the Mackinac Center for Public Policy; and Casandra Ulbrich, vice president of the State Board of Education, discuss education at the free meeting which is open to the public.

For more information, visit grossepointe.mi.lwvnet.org.

Grosse Pointe Woods

The Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center sponsors a trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts Tuesday, April 8. The

day includes round-trip transportation aboard a luxury motor coach. The fare costs \$7 for Grosse Pointe Woods residents and non-residents pay \$9.

The bus leaves the community center at 9 a.m. and returns around 3:30 p.m. Registration deadline is April 1 and can be done at the community center or by calling (313) 343-2408.

"Much Ado About Nothing" is the featured film for Lunch and a Movie Tuesday, April 15, at the community center.

Writer and director Joss Whedon provides a modern retelling of

Shakespeare's comedy about two pairs of lovers with different takes on romance and a way with words.

Lunch is served at noon with the movie following.

Reservations must be in by April 8. Woods residents pay \$9 and non-residents pay \$11. Call the aforementioned number to make a reservation.

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PASTOR'S CORNER By Roger Skully

Springtime reflections

Spring appears to be coming after a rather difficult winter. We all look forward to the spring holidays, Passover and Easter, the harbingers of new life and revitalization.

Passover is an essential holiday for Jews, and also for Christians, as the dates of Passover are used to fix the date of Easter. Also, the Last Supper was, many believe, the Passover meal at which Jesus says that the wine is his blood and the bread is his body.

Both faiths recognize this holiday involves the concept of a sacrifice to the Lord on behalf of the people. Also, in synagogues, this is the time of year the Book of Leviticus is read, and it articulates in great detail the sacrifices that are required of His people. The matzo, or unleavened bread, is called the Korban Pesach.

Korban is the Hebrew word for sacrifice or offering. The Hebrew letters KRB, are the grammatical root of the word, means to "draw close" or to literally come close to God by offering him an offering or sacrifice that is pleasing to Him. Hence, the matzo is the offering to God for the Passover meal.

Passover also celebrates the exodus from Egypt by the Hebrews who were enslaved there.

The Torah (five books of Moses) makes it clear a lamb was roasted and eaten as a part of this festival. This ritual was in existence even before they had left Egypt. The story explains the unleavened bread was taken with them, because of their haste to leave, it did not have time to rise. It is interesting to note the Haggadah (the book of the story of the Passover which is used at Passover meals) refers to the matzo as the "poor bread" consumed by slaves and poor people who did not use leavening.

The matzo is the offering at the Passover dinner. There is also a plate of symbols which contains a shank bone in remembrance of the sheep was slaughtered and eaten as part of the an-

cient festival.

Offerings of animals, produce and even human sacrifice were common throughout the world.

In the Book of Genesis, the Lord asks Abraham to offer up his son, Isaac, as an offering. This story, called the "akadah" or binding of Isaac, is read each year during the high holy days. At the last moment, He stays the knife and a ram is offered in his stead. This marks the end of human sacrifice among the Hebrews and the substitution of animals on the altar in the temple. This type of sacrifice was common among the peoples surrounding the Hebrews in the Holy Land. It also, unfortunately, appears to be a part of religious ritual around the entire world. The offering of animals continued until the destruction of the temple in the year 70 of the common era by the Romans.

At the same time, the Pharisees and other prophets were questioning the sacrificial rite and suggesting prayer and charity were equally pleasing to the Lord. Or in the words of the prophet Micah: "to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God."

In modern times, prayer and charity are substituted for earlier offering. Most people today abhor the idea or practice of animal sacrifice. But the concept of an offering to our Lord is still imbedded in our religious heritage, e.g. the reading in the prayer book of the offerings and in the Christian tradition the taking of the Eucharist.

We celebrate the Passover and Easter knowing our prayers and ritual are truly a "korban," a way for us to draw nearer to our creator. The acts give us the sense of closeness to God we desire with these holidays.

A happy Passover and Easter to all in our community, country and the world. Amen and Amen.

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

CHURCH EVENTS

free. A reception to meet the chorus follows.

Ecumenical breakfast

Don Lett, Christian author and publisher and Woodside Bible Church deacon, is the 7 a.m. Friday, March 28, speaker at the men's ecumenical breakfast, held at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Presbyterian Church. The cost is \$6.

For more information, call (313) 882-5330.

Star of the Sea

Our Lady Star of the Sea hosts a Lenten Friday fish fry from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 28, at the Parish Center, corner of Morningside and Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Adults pay \$10 and children pay \$5.

St. Ambrose

St. Ambrose Catholic Church holds a Lenten buffet dinner from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 29, at the church, 15020 Hampton, Grosse Pointe Park. Adults pay \$15 and

children pay \$10.

Carry-out service is available by calling (313) 822-1594.

First English

"The Parable of the Ten Maidens" is the topic of the 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday, March 30, services at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

"Parable of the Talents" is the topic for the Lenten services at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 2.

A Lenten buffet follows the morning service and a supper precedes the evening service.

The Open Door Series at First English presents musical group, The Grunyons, at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 6.

The nearly two dozen singers croon popular favorites in an eight-part vocal jazz style.

Adult tickets at the door cost \$10 and \$7 for seniors and students 12 and over; children are

St. Michael's

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts pianist Kimberly Maes at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 6, at the Music in the Woods concert.

Maes has a Bachelor of Music degree in piano performance and a Master of Music degree in piano pedagogy from Oakland University.

An at-will donation of \$10 is accepted.

St. Paul

The Detroit Lutheran Singers premiere the commissioned piece, "Create in Me," by K. Lee Scott at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 6, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 22915 Greater Mack, St. Clair Shores.

Other works include J.S. Bach's cantata, "Jesu, Meine Freude" and Dan Forrest's "in paradisum..."

Tickets cost \$15 and can be purchased at the door.

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of Vision support group meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 2, at the institute, 15415 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park.

For more information, call Nancy Pilorget at (313) 824-4710, ext. 225.

Beaumont Hospital

Beaumont Health

System hosts a baby fair from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at Barnes Early Childhood Center, 20090 Morningside, Grosse Pointe Woods.

The fair includes mini-classes, informational and interactive displays. The classes cover topics of how to make baby food, choking relief in infants and children, comfort measures in labor, infant massage and care.

Displays include breast feeding equipment, chil-

dren's toys and clothing and libraries and county health departments.

For more information, call Beaumont's Parenting program at (248) 898-3230.

Beaumont hosts a three-part speaker series addressing arthritis from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays, April 2, 9 and 16, in the hospital.

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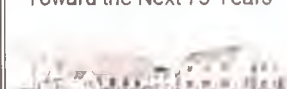
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OBITUARIES

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

Anthony Gaeton Arnone

Anthony Gaeton Arnone, 61, of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away peacefully Friday, March 21, 2014, with his family by his side, after a six-year battle with renal cancer.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 38 years, Debra; three adoring children, Joseph, Paul and Elizabeth Reno (James); mother, Lillian, and siblings, Lawrence (Antoinette), Paul (Monica), Alphonse (Debra) and Mary Arnone. His first grandchild is expected in April.

He was predeceased by his father, Joseph.

Born Nov. 11, 1952, in Detroit, Mr. Arnone was raised in Grosse Pointe Park and graduated from Austin Catholic High School, where he thrived in academics and theater. During high school and college he helped run the family business, Capital Poultry, which still operates in Detroit's Eastern Market.

Mr. Arnone earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Detroit, graduating cum laude in 1974. He then earned a Juris Doctor degree from Detroit College of Law in 1977, and began his 35-year legal career at the firm now known as Kitch, Drutchas, Wagner, Sherbrook and Valitutti, where he became a shareholder.

He was a trial attorney in the fields of medical malpractice defense and firearm products liability defense. He argued before the Michigan Court of Appeals, U.S. District Court, Michigan Supreme Court and U.S. Supreme Court. His legal career took him all over the world, representing a multitude of doctors and hospitals.

After dating since age 16, he and Debra married in 1975 at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Park. Soon after, the couple moved their young family to Grosse Pointe Park and later Grosse Pointe Woods.

Mr. Arnone traveled to numerous exotic locations, making a lifetime of memories with family and friends on each trip. An avid Detroit Red Wings fan, he traveled to Washington, D.C. to watch the Red Wings win the 1998 Stanley Cup.

In addition to family, work and travel, Mr. Arnone loved restoring classic cars with his son and friends. Over the years Arnone restored all

types of cars from Ferrari to Mercedes to Cadillac. He was also a black belt in Tae Kwan Do. He carried on a favorite family tradition of making wine with the help of friends and family.

He will be deeply missed by his family, colleagues and lifelong friends.

A funeral Mass was held March 27 at St. Clare of Montefalco.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Charles Skowron M.D.

Grosse Pointe Park resident Charles Anthony Ralph Skowron M.D., 94, passed away Friday, March 28, 2013.

He was born May 5, 1918, in Philadelphia, to Anthony and Veronica (nee Bernotas) Skowron and grew up in Collingswood, N.J. He received his undergraduate degree from Villanova University in 1939 and earned a medical degree from Georgetown University in 1942. After early graduation due to World War II, he served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps.

After his internship at Philadelphia General Hospital, Dr. Skowron entered the U.S. Army Medical Corps in the 94th Infantry Division. He was on active duty from January 1944 through May 1946, earning a Bronze Star Medal and a Purple Heart. He continued his military career serving as an active member of the Aerospace Medical Division of Delaware Air National Guard from August 1962 to May 1982.

Dr. Skowron received his graduate medical training in surgery at the University of Pennsylvania from October 1950 to May 1951, followed by a residency in surgery at St. Joseph's Hospital in Lancaster, Pa., from July 1951 to June 1954, and specialized in thoracic surgery at the Overholt Thoracic Clinic in Boston from January 1955 to January 1957. He set up practice in Wilmington, Del., in 1957. He found industrial medicine intriguing and switched specialties joining Chrysler Corporation in Detroit in 1965. He retired from Chrysler in May 1983. After retirement, he practiced medicine at the Mayberry Clinic in Detroit working until 1993.

He met the love of his life, Betty Jayne Skowron, at Children's Hospital in Washington, D.C. The romance endured WWII while she served in the

Naval Nurse Corps stationed at the Philadelphia Navy Hospital and Dr. Skowron served in Europe. After the war, the couple married and had five children, eventually settling in Grosse Pointe Park.

"Doc" was active in the Knights of Columbus at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, the American Legion Fred W. Beaudry Post 126, and Senior Men's Club of Grosse Pointe.

Family and friends will remember him as a gentle, considerate person with integrity who loved his family and his country, traveling, photography, and the news.

Dr. Skowron is survived by his children, Elizabeth Blair (Dean), CharylAnn Maas (William), Sharon Goldsby (Christopher), Charles Skowron (Kevin Sterns) and Mary Elizabeth Savage (Mark); eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his wife of 65 years; his parents; brothers, Anthony and Ralph, and his granddaughter, Kathryn Goldsby.

As was their wish, Dr. Skowron and his wife, Betty, both having served in WWII, will be interred next to each other at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly.

Family and friends will pay their last respects at 1 p.m., Friday, April 4, at the cemetery, 4200 Belford Road, Holly.

George W. McHugh

George W. McHugh, 90, died Friday, March 21, 2014.

He was the beloved husband of Norma; dear father of David McHugh and Tom McHugh (Mary Lee) and loving grandfather of Max, Claire, Kelly and Shane.

Mr. McHugh was born in Boston and graduated from Boston University, where he was coxswain for the rowing team and won an NCAA championship.

Mr. McHugh belonged to the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Veterans Club and the Friends of Detroit Rowing Club, meeting at the Detroit Boat Club. He loved being out on the water, whether in a rowing shell, on a racing yacht or in a duck blind. He enjoyed racing and recreational sailing on Lake St. Clair and in Florida. He took part as a crew member in numerous Port Huron to Mackinac races. He also enjoyed coaching Babe Ruth baseball in the Grosse Pointes.

Friends tickets cost \$125 and include dinner, dancing and valet parking.

The gala celebrates the history of the Italian Renaissance mansion, once the home of entrepreneur Russell Alger III and his family. Gala proceeds benefit the Alger House's preservation, specifically the restoration of the dining room plaster relief ceiling. Black-tie is optional. Gatsby-inspired attire is encouraged. Tickets can be purchased by calling the War Memorial at (313) 881-7511. Corporate and individual sponsorships, starting at \$1,000, are also available. For more information on sponsorships, call Kathy Schutter at (313) 881-7511.



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George W. McHugh



Marian Spreyer Rudnick



Elizabeth Parsons Mee



Ruby Ellen Thorwaldsen



Neil F. Urban

For many years Mr. McHugh would hunt ducks with his sons and his friends on Harsens Island. He was also a proud World War II veteran. He enlisted on his 18th birthday in 1942, just 60 days after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He served in Britain in the U.S. Army Air Forces as a mechanic repairing B-17 bombers. Visitation has been held. Donations may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Share a memory at ahpeters.com.

Marian Spreyer Rudnick

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Marian Spreyer Rudnick, 95, died Monday, March 10, 2014.

Born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, Mrs. Rudnick worked many years as an executive assistant at The Ruth, Ross and Ryan Advertising Agency in Chicago, where she assisted celebrities including Jack Benny, Bob Hope and Gene Autry.

Mrs. Rudnick enjoyed reading and traveling, especially to Florence, Italy, for its arts and culture, and learning about and knowing women who thrived in predominantly male careers.

She also enjoyed antiquing and was a member of the Detroit Boat Club. An animal lover, she had a special affinity for cats, dogs and wildlife.

Mrs. Rudnick is survived by her daughter, Rhonda Rudnick; sons, John Rudnick and Gregory Rudnick (Marilyn); grandchildren, Catherine Furuki (Victor) and Stephen Woodward (Sarah) and great-grandchildren, Kaylee and Morgan.

She was predeceased by her husband, George A. Rudnick and her brother, Frank Spreyer.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 29, at St. Clare of Montefalco Church, 1401 Whittier,

Grosse Pointe Park. Visitation begins at 9:30 at the church.

Donations may be made to Sanctuary for Senior Dogs, P.O. Box 609054, Cleveland, OH 44109, or to St. Clare of Montefalco School scholarship fund, 16231 Charlevoix St., Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

Elizabeth Ann Parsons Mee

Elizabeth Ann Parsons Mee, 44, of Yale, passed away Saturday, March 22, 2014, after a three-year battle with breast cancer.

She was born and raised in Harper Woods and attended Grosse Pointe North High School. She graduated from Walsh College and worked as an information technology support analyst.

Mrs. Mee attended Colonial Woods Missionary Church in Port Huron, and was involved in numerous community outreach programs. She also was involved with several faith healing groups during her fight with cancer.

Mrs. Mee is survived by her beloved husband, John Mee; loving parents, William and Virginia Parsons; children, Gene, Annie, Sarah, Evelyn and Karen; sister, Karen Shehadeh (Sam); brother, Greg Parsons (Jodi), and parents-in-law, Richard and Kathleen Mee.

She also is survived by many nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles, cousins, in-laws and friends.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 28, at Kaatz Funeral Directors, 71235 Memphis Ridge Road, Richmond.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 29, at the funeral home with the Rev. Phil Whetstone, senior pastor of Colonial Woods Missionary Church, officiating. Visitation begins at 10 a.m.

Donations may be sent to the family care of Kaatz Funeral Directors, 71235 Memphis Ridge Road, Richmond, MI 48097.

Ruby Ellen Thorwaldsen

Ruby Ellen Thorwaldsen, 84, wife of Stanley Edwin Thorwaldsen, died Wednesday, March 19, 2014.

Born in Battle Creek, she was the daughter of Howard Paul and Anna Gladys Knight Keagle.

Mrs. Thorwaldsen was a retired nurse and a member of Tryon Presbyterian Church. She volunteered at St. Luke's Hospital Thrift Shop for many years and was a Master Gardener.

In addition to her husband of 60 years, Mrs. Thorwaldsen is survived by her daughters, Jan Thorwaldsen Mixer of Greer, S.C., and Gwen Ellen Thorwaldsen Wedel of Augusta, and granddaughters, Jennifer and Sarah Mixer and Hilary and Ellen Wedel.

A memorial service will be held at a future date.

Donations may be made to Agape Hospice Foundation, 1060 Boiling Springs Road, Spartanburg, S.C. 29303.

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Neil F. Urban

City of Grosse Pointe resident Neil F. Urban, 78, died Thursday, Feb. 20, 2014.

He was the beloved husband of Wilma; loving father of Christina Minnie (Trevor) and Michael; much loved grandpa of Christian, Kate and Simon; dearest brother of Lois Johnson (Roy) and Linda Heining (Frank); dearest brother-in-law of Linda Kaufman and proud uncle of six nieces and nephews.

He will be deeply missed.

A memorial gathering will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Friday, May 2, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial Alger House, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, with an Honor Guard at 1 p.m. Light refreshments will be available.

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dietician is the final guest speaker.

To register for the free lectures, call Ashley Morgan at (248) 530-5037 or visit amorgan@arthritits.org.

Library

Poetry workshops, with Kelly Fordon, are from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. Tuesdays, April 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6 and 13 at the Grosse Pointe Public Library, Ewald branch, 15175 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. Bring poems for review. All levels of writers can attend.

◆ Books on the Lake \$35 tickets are on sale at

Central Library. The event begins at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 10, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Authors speaking are Rhoda Janzen, Dennis Lehane and Gloria Whelan.

War Memorial

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial hosts "Great Gatsby Gala" Saturday, April 26. A VIP reception begins at 6 p.m. and friend ticket holders can enter at 7 p.m.

Patron tickets cost \$250 and include the VIP reception, live music, hors d'oeuvres, dinner and dancing. Ticket holders can have their picture taken beside period cars to be parked on the premises.

The Great Gatsby Gala Committee is co-chaired by Valerie Moran and Diane Zedan. Committee members include: Suzy Berschback, Susan M. Davies, Pat Duerr, Patty Gmeiner, Cyndee Harrison, Anne Jennings, Linda Lloyd, Beline Obeid, John Prost, Theresa Selvaggio, Schutter and Deborah Thompson.

What's ahead

To celebrate spring, the War Memorial invites moms and those who love them to the Mom-2-Mom Sale. Those who enjoy the arts and sciences of puppetry can enroll in a new program from the Detroit Institute of Arts. Early enrollment for summer camps and children's programs is encouraged.

The summer theatre camp performs "Fame, Jr." For more information, call (313) 881-7511.

Coming up:

Mom 2 Mom Sale — 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 5. New and gently used children's clothing, toys, games, books, videos and furniture. Admission is \$2. No strollers are allowed.

Puppet Art — 10:30 a.m. to noon Thursday, April 10. This program, by the DIA Speakers Bureau, details the museum's collection of puppets and marionettes. The cost is \$18 per person.

Other programs beginning in the days ahead include adult ballet, Mondays April 7 through June 9 and Tuesdays, April 8 through June 3;

an introduction to ballroom dancing, Thursdays, April 10 through June 5; cardiomax, Mondays, April 7 through June 23 and Thursdays, April 10 through June 26; fencing, Mondays, April 7 through June 9; intro to archery, Wednesdays, April 2 through June 4; Iyengar yoga, Thursdays, April 3 through June 5; MAT5 for beginners, Wednesdays, April 9 through June 18; morning yoga, Thursdays, April 3 through June 5; watercolor painting, Tuesdays, April 8 through June 10; working from the figure, Wednesdays, April 9 through June 11; Zumba fitness Tuesdays, April 8 through June 24, Wednesdays, April 9 through June 25 and Fridays, April 11 through June 27.

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Balconi is a writer who worked in public relations. She can be reached at michelle@mbwriter.com.

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Empty bowls

The Hexter family of Grosse Pointe Park, Ryan, Tricia, Madeline, Colin and Craig, deliberated over which hand-painted bowls to choose to be filled with soup during Assumption Cultural Center's March 16 Empty Bowls 2014 fundraiser.



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Irish celebration

A traditional Irish menu, corned beef, cabbage and potatoes, was served during Services for Older Citizens St. Patrick's Day celebration last week.

City of Grosse Pointe, Michigan

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of the Grosse Pointe City Code, that a meeting will be held on Monday, April 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Council Chambers at 17147 Maumee Ave., Grosse Pointe, MI...

The proposed site plan may be viewed at City Hall located at 17147 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, MI, Mon.-Fri. 8:30 am to 5 pm, 313-885-5800.

Public comment is welcome. If you are unable to attend the meeting, written comments will be accepted until 12:00 noon on April 11, 2014.

Julie E. Arthurs, City Clerk

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Knights go for 2nd straight title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

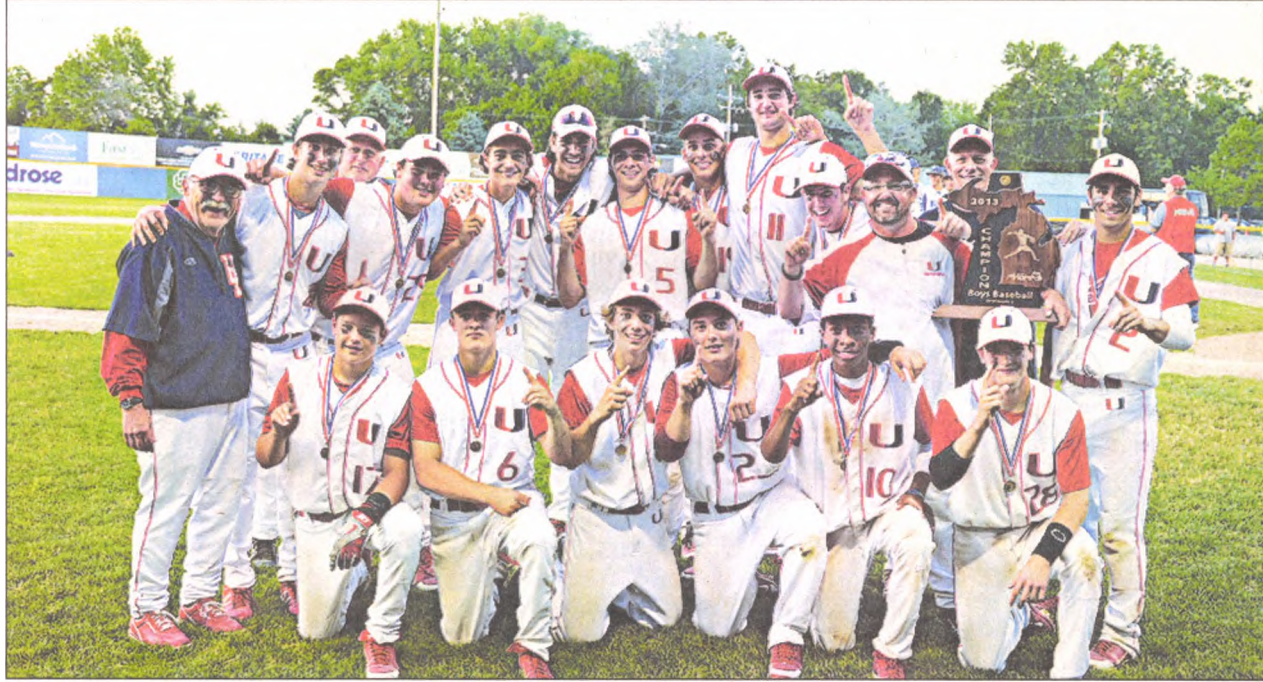
University Liggett boys' baseball team returns to the diamond in 2014 as defending Division 4 state champions.

The Knights also won the D4 title in 2011 with a 31-4 record, plus made the championship game in 2012, but lost.

Can they make it back to the big stage for a fourth straight time? They moved up to Division 3 and a potential roadblock is three-time state champ Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

"This is a great test for this program, moving up to D3," head coach Dan Cimini said. "We have a nice team and it would be great to face Bishop Foley in the state playoffs. It would be a big challenge and a great game."

"We have a long way to go before that could even happen and we're excited to get going. We have a



FILE PHOTO

Can the Liggett boys' baseball team win a second straight state championship? Last year it was Division 4, but this spring it would be in Division 3.

lot of depth and guys fighting for spots."

Leading the way are seniors Anthony Simon, Adam Fiema, Patrick Broder, Cole Zingas and Ian Clark.

Other returning players are juniors Robert

Kaiser, Jacob Smith and All-State shortstop Nick Azar, plus sophomores Sean Fannon, Joseph Cipriano and Matthew Gushee.

Newcomers to the team are senior John George, junior David

Newman, and freshmen Connor McCarron, Gehrig Anglin, Teddy Wujek and Jackson Walkowiak.

The Knights are the favorites to once again win the Michigan Independent Athletic

Conference. As usual, the league's teams are good and it includes Ann Arbor Greenhills, Sterling Heights Parkway Christian, Lutheran Westland, Novi Franklin Road Christian and Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

"This division is tough from top to bottom, which makes every game tough," Cimini said. "It's not going to be easy to repeat as MIAC champs, but it will make us a better team with an improved league."

Cimini drew up a tough non-league schedule which includes L'Anse Creuse, Detroit Western International, Utica, Armada, Royal Oak Shrine, Blissfield, U-D Jesuit, Novi Detroit Catholic Central, Warren Woods-Tower, Dakota and Brother Rice.

A glaring exception on the schedule is the absence of Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South.

It's the first time in a decade the Knights will not play their city rivals.

"We love playing North and South and it's too bad they are not on our schedule," Cimini said. "But, we worry about the teams on our schedule and trying to win another state title."

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen will battle

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Gone are nine seniors from the 2013 Grosse Pointe North boys' baseball team.

Despite the high number of graduates, head coach Frank Sumbera still has a talented team this season.

Leading the charge are seniors Sal Ciaravino, who pitches and plays a stellar shortstop, and Jacob Zacharias, pitches and plays outfield, and junior Dan Robinson, the highly talented center-fielder.

Other returners are Malik Bruton, Alex

Huguenin, Max Haring and Andrew Lock.

Others on the varsity squad are Ben Borland, Nick Mazzola, Tommy Burke, Marquis Harper, Troy Williams, Tristin Richardson, David Gerlach, Adam Roach, Max Kolinski and Michael Sacchetti.

"I like the athleticism of our kids, especially up the middle with a good catcher, good pitchers, good middle infield and Danny (Robinson) in center," Sumbera said. "We will hold our own."

The Norsemen had a solid season in 2013, finishing 21-12 overall. The season ended with a 6-2

loss to city rival Grosse Pointe South in the state district playoffs.

They had a second-place finish at 7-3 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division. St. Clair won it at 8-2 and Romeo also finished 7-3.

Joining North, St. Clair and Romeo in the division are Utica Ford, L'Anse Creuse and Warren Mott.

"Our division is tough and all the teams present a challenge," Sumbera said. "We have plenty of pitching, which will help when we play 15 division games. This will be a fun season for all of us."

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Vets must play well

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Dan Griesbaum lost eight seniors from last year's Division 1 regional finalists.

"We lost some great kids, but we have a lot of guys ready to step in and fill those roles," Griesbaum said.

Some of those who are ready to step in and lead the Blue Devils are seniors Zachary Moyer, Colden Gosselin, James Menchl, Richie Kish, Brett Bigham, Ron Williams and Andrew Eaton.

Others to watch are juniors Zach Thalgott, Ryan Liagre and James Fishback.

The offense won't have the big home run hitters, but it will have a lot of players who put the bat

on the ball and make things happen.

The big question is can the Blue Devils get consistent, solid pitching?

At the moment, it's up to Kish and Fishback to lead the staff, while Eaton and Menchl will get plenty of innings.

One problem last year was the propensity of the Blue Devil pitchers to issue too many walks.

If they can throw strikes, the defense will pick up the ball and make the plays.

South has a new division format where they play a three-game series against each team, playing the foe Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week for a total of 15 games.

South is in the division with five very tough foes, Macomb Dakota, Sterling Heights

Stevenson, Utica Eisenhower, L'Anse Creuse North and Chippewa Valley.

On top of the slew of division games, Griesbaum scheduled non-leaguers against Port Huron Northern, Birmingham Brother Rice, U-D Jesuit, Grosse Pointe North, St. Clair Shores Lakeview, L'Anse Creuse, St. Clair, Detroit Western International, Warren Cousino, Detroit Country Day, Romeo, Warren DeLaSalle, Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, Rochester Hills Stoney Creek and Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

One noticeable team absent from the 2014 slate is city rival University Liggett. Cousino took its place in the annual Grosse Pointe Invitational, joining North and Country Day.

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Softball

LIGGETT

Offense to lead Knights in 2014

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

What can fans expect from the University Liggett girls' softball team this season?

Last year, the Knights, 27-5, made it to the Division 4 Final Four in Battle Creek, losing to Ubyly in the semifinals.

Leading the team were graduates Ashley Tengler, Amber Baldwin, Courtney Slabaugh and Julia DeRoo. Those four were the heart and soul of the team and their shoes have to be filled by returning veterans if the Knights are to repeat the success.

Head coach Ted Alpert's senior leaders this spring are Angelia Evangelista and Emma Nicholas.

They have plenty of support from veterans, juniors Taylor Slayton, Zareen Minwalla and Kacie Wuthrich, plus sophomores Anna

Majewski, Emily Kanakry, Lucy Mott and Kayla Strong.

Newcomers to the team are freshmen Emily Miserendino, Sarah Galbenski and Sasha Jovanovski, as well as sophomore Sam Allen.

Alpert's biggest question is pitching. Kanakry steps into the No. 1 role occupied by Tengler a year ago. She is coming off an injury, but will she be ready for the season opener the first week of April?

Minwalla will see plenty of innings on the mound. She has worked hard this winter to prepare for her extended role.

If the Knights get good pitching, they will win a lot of games because the offense is solid. Every returning player is a good hitter and the team should score plenty of runs.

Defensively, Majewski has improved her throw-

ing behind the plate and look for her to throw out a lot of girls attempting to steal.

Wuthrich takes over at third base, moving from the outfield, and Nicholas is a returning All-State shortstop.

Liggett is once again the favorites to win the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference. The Knights won it last year without losing a game. In fact, they blew out nearly every foe.

Can they repeat? They should since the offense provides plenty of run support and the pitching should overpower the weaker teams in the MIAC.

"We will get plenty of competition in our division," Alpert said. "Huron Valley Lutheran returns its entire starting nine and Lutheran Northwest is well-coached. We have a target on our back after not losing a game in the divi-



Liggett junior Taylor Slayton, hitting, is one veteran head coach Ted Alpert is counting on to lead the Knights this season.

sion last season. Everyone will bring their best against us and our girls can't take any team lightly."

Alpert scheduled a tough non-league slate. It consists of Southfield

Lathrup, Allen Park Cabrini, St. Clair Shores Lakeview, Strong Tower, Chippewa Valley, Crosswell-Lexington and Detroit Country Day.

In addition, the Knights compete in the Tri-City

Tournament, Birch Run Tournament and Midland Tournament.

"We have a nice, tough schedule to get us ready for the state playoffs," Alpert said. "We can't wait to get started."

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Smith is back

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Ron Smith is back at the helm of Grosse Pointe North girls' softball team after a one-year hiatus.

He is anxious to get back on the field and lead the Norsemen through a challenging 2014 schedule.

"Things are going well and the girls are getting ready for what we hope is a good season," Smith said. "It's getting a little tedious practicing indoors, but eventually we will get outside on the field and enjoy the spring season."

Last year under Claire Cannon, the Norsemen struggled with an inexperienced squad, which won only six games.

The Norsemen are leaning on senior leaders Emily Always, pitcher and first base, and Izzy Kirck, shortstop. Always is the No. 1 pitcher and Kirck set a single-season stolen base record last year at North, swiping 39 bases, and she plays a good shortstop.



FILE PHOTO

North senior Emily Always is the Norsemen's No. 1 pitcher and she hopes to lead the Norsemen to a better record than in 2013.

The other senior on the squad is newcomer, Money Harvin, and the four juniors on the varsity are Nicole Haggerty, a returning player, as well as newcomers from the junior varsity Makenna

Holman, Malene Smith and Olivia Angott.

Sophomores Sarah Cherry, Nadia Goolsby and Liz Grumeretz also return and are being counted on to produce this season.

The Norsemen still play in the Macomb Area Conference White Division, which is going to be tough from top to bottom this spring. Joining North are Chippewa Valley, Utica, Port Huron Northern, St. Clair Shores Lakeview, L'Anse Creuse North and St. Clair Shores Lake Shore.

"Our division is very competitive and it will make our girls better softball players by the end of the season," Smith said. "Our schedule, for the most part, is a challenge. The girls will be ready for the state playoffs."

In non-league games, the Norsemen face Fraser, Marine City, L'Anse Creuse, Macomb Dakota, Warren Woods-Tower, Rochester Hills Stoney Creek and city rival Grosse Pointe South.

They also compete in the Michigan Stars Tournament the first weekend in May, as well as Hit for Heroes one-day tournament and Anchor Bay Invitational toward the end of May.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils field best team in a decade

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

For the first time in several years, the Grosse Pointe South girls' softball team is poised to make some noise.

The Blue Devils lost only a couple of seniors from last year's team, which struggled to win only nine games.

They have a new head coach, Bill Fleming, who was promoted after spending the past few seasons coaching the junior varsity program.

"This is a great group of student-athletes who are working hard to attain the goals we set," Fleming said. "I like our pitching, speed and the way we hit the ball. We will be able to do different things on offense we couldn't do the last couple of years."

Leading the team are returning senior captains Christy Tech and Megan Fleming, as well as junior captain Katie Kish.

Other returning players are senior Molly Clextan; juniors Eliza Bourke, Ashley Borowicz and Cam Zihlman; and sophomore Claire Young.

Newcomers to the Blue Devils' varsity squad are junior Andie Anger, sophomore Christina Ambroz and freshman Emma St. John.

"The girls really enjoy working hard and we will win as a team," Fleming said. "We want to build this program up to where it is competitive every year and I think we're on the right path with this group of student-athletes."

One thing the Blue Devils should have is a potent offense, a better defense and very good pitching. For the first time in years, this team has the potential to win a lot of games and compete in the post-season.

The Blue Devils finished in the middle of the pack in the Macomb Area Conference Gold Division last year at 6-6. Port Huron won the division for a second straight season and it has only lost two division games during the title run.

Port Huron is the team to beat, but South has the players to push the Big Reds off the top of the hill.

Other division foes are Sterling Heights, Madison Heights Lamphere, Warren

Fitzgerald, Warren Mott and Center Line, which could also make some noise in the standings.

South has never won a division title in softball. It is the only sport at the school to never win a division crown.

Fleming put together a tough schedule, which includes non-league games against Fraser, Roseville, Harper Woods Chandler Park Academy, Warren Woods-Tower, Detroit Country Day, L'Anse Creuse North, Marine City, Armada, Chippewa Valley and city rival Grosse Pointe North.

In addition, they compete in the Detroit Renaissance Tournament and Ann Arbor Skyline Tournament.

"We will see Dundee, the Division 3 state champ, at Renaissance, and some west-side squads at Skyline," Fleming said. "It will be good to play different teams and we also face some teams in the MAC divisions above us, so the girls will play a very challenging schedule."

South is scheduled to open its season Tuesday, April 1, at MAC cross-over Roseville.



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South junior Eliza Bourke looks to have a solid season at the plate and behind the plate as the Blue Devils' starting catcher.

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Soccer

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Girls ready to win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls' soccer team has a new-look this season, thanks to the departure of several seniors from last year.

Despite the loss of so many seniors, head coach Skipper Mukhtar still has a solid varsity team, which should better last springs .500 (11-11-2) record.

"We should be OK heading into the season," Mukhtar said. "We have a lot of girls with soccer experience and we get back one of the state's top players, which helps us."

Leading the way for the Norsemen are seniors Katelyn Kohler, Andi Held, Chrisoula Pitses, Phoebe Dodge and Emily Mulier.

The Norsemen has a large group of returning juniors, including Elise Paglino, Ryane Pangborn, Simone Bendix, Alisha Quain, Olivia Ritchie and Lexi Ciaramitaro.

Another junior, Justine Lynn, is back with the team after missing last year due to playing with her club team.

She verbally committed to play women's soccer at the University of Indiana.

"Justine is, in my opinion, one of the top five players in the state and



FILE PHOTO

North junior Justine Lynn is back with the Norsemen after a one-year hiatus. She is one of the best players in the state.

it's great to have her back with the high school team," Mukhtar said.

Another returning player is sophomore goalkeeper Emily McPharlin. She is one of the top goalies in the Macomb Area Conference, despite being an underclassman.

North is looking to improve on last year's 3-7 (fourth place) finish in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division. The defending champ, Utica Eisenhower, and city rival Grosse Pointe South are the favorites, according to Mukhtar.

"Our goal is to finish in the top half of the division and we can do it with a team effort," he said.

Other teams in the Red Division are Utica Ford, Chippewa Valley and Sterling Heights

Stevenson.

In non-league action, North faces Anchor Bay, Macomb Dakota, St. Clair Shores Lakeview, Rochester Adams, Detroit Country Day and Warren Cousino.

The Norsemen also compete in the Ladywood and Traverse City invitations the last weekend of March and first weekend in May.

Not only will North battle South for a league title, but a state district crown, as well. Lakeview hosts the district, which includes North, South, Detroit Cass Technical, Detroit Western International, Eastpointe East Detroit and Roseville.

Grosse Pointe North is to compete in the Livonia Ladywood Invitational Saturday, March 29.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils field veteran lineup

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

This could be the season Grosse Pointe South girls' soccer team reaches the pinnacle and captures a Division 1 state championship.

Head coach Gene Harkins fields one of the best squads he has coached during his long tenure with the Blue Devils' program.

"We are ready for a good season," Harkins said. "This is one of our best chances to go all the way and play for a state title. We have a lot of firepower returning and good players in the back-field."

The Blue Devils finished 14-7-1 last spring, losing 1-0 to Anchor Bay in a regional semifinal game.

"We were disappointed with our finish last year and the girls don't want that to happen this year," Harkins said. "We have a lot of girls who play high-level club soccer, which should help us be very competitive this year."

The Blue Devils have a big group of seniors, including Olivia Withers, Dee Dee Burns, Emily Rubens, Sydney Calhoun, Kathy Collins, Ellie Zak, Dani Manning, Annika Nixon, Mary Weipert, Carly Ventimiglia, Franny Weber, Dani Ventimiglia and Cathy Caputo.

Other varsity players are juniors Sophie Hanna, Abby Reisen, Tori



FILE PHOTO

South senior Dani Manning is an All-State player who hopes to help the Blue Devils win a state championship.

McShane and Cydney Webb, as well as sophomores Margaret Sohn and Madison Vallan.

South should make a serious run at winning a Macomb Area Conference Red Division title this spring. Last season, the Blue Devils finished second at 7-2-1. Utica Eisenhower won it with a 9-0-1 mark and is once again solid across the board.

The other division foes are Grosse Pointe North, Utica Ford, Chippewa Valley and Sterling Heights Stevenson.

In addition to playing 10 tough division contests, the Blue Devils face a slew of very good non-league foes, including L'Anse Creuse North, St. Clair Shores Lakeview, Anchor Bay, Pontiac

Notre Dame Prep, Rochester Hills Stoney Creek, Troy Athens, Troy and Detroit Country Day.

"We have one of the toughest schedules in the state and it will prepare us for the state playoffs," Harkins said. "We're excited to start the season and hopefully it starts on time."

LIGGETT

Knights have ton of seniors

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

For the first time in several years, head coach David Dwaihy has a University Liggett girls' soccer team dominated by seniors.

"It's nice to have such a seasoned group of soccer players who are anxious to play this spring," Dwaihy said.

The Knights are coming off a very successful 2013 season. They won a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference title and a district championship.

Their season ended with a regional loss to Clarkston Everest Academy, which went on to make the Division 4 state title game. The Knights finished 13-5-1 and 9-1 in the MIAC.

"Despite the poor weather and field conditions, we managed to get a look at everyone at try-outs and formed the team," Dwaihy said. "Now, we hope for a little cooperation from the weather so we can get outside, practice hard and start the season."

Leading the Knights are seniors Sarah Edmonds, Gabrielle Coello, Hannah Hodges, Caitlin deRuiter, Kaitlyn Vreeken, Ania Dow and Danielle Lorant.

Juniors on the varsity are Haley Neuenfeldt, Courtney deRuiter, Autumn Buysse, Pasha Vreeken and Carina Ghafari, while Madison Jerome and Elle Withers are the two sophomores on the squad.

Neuenfeldt hurt her knee, but hopes to be back soon.



FILE PHOTO

Liggett senior Danielle Lorant, left, and the Knights try to win another district championship.

Newcomers are seniors Natalie Caramagno and Jacqueline Diggs, and freshmen Kara Francis, Maddie Wu and Rebecca Lohman.

"Our team chemistry should be very good and that goes a long way on the playing field," Dwaihy said.

The Knights field a strong offense to go with a solid defense and two great goalkeepers, Caitlin deRuiter and Francis.

Dwaihy has the luxury of using one in net and the other as forward.

The Knights are in for 10 battles in division play, thanks to solid teams from Birmingham Roper, Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, Ann Arbor Greenhills, Plymouth Christian and Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

To make it even more

of a challenge, most of these games will be on the road since that part of Liggett's athletic fields are being torn up and redone as part of a huge project to improve the facilities on Cook Road.

"This is going to be an interesting season with some extra bus trips, but I know the girls will battle in every one of them," Dwaihy said. "Our schedule is tough, but we like that because it gets us ready for the state playoffs."

In non-league action, the Knights face Royal Oak Shrine, Summer Sports Academy, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood, Detroit Country Day and Marine City Cardinal Mooney.

Liggett is supposed to start its season with a home game at 5 p.m. Monday, April 7, against Shrine.

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Tennis

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Team aims for title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls' tennis team heads into the 2014 season ranked No. 1.

The Blue Devils, under long-time head coach Mark Sobieralski, had an all-underclassmen squad a year ago and finished third in the Division 1 state finals.

They also finished second to rival Port Huron Northern in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division. The loss to the Huskies was a bitter pill to swallow since they had to travel to PHN for a second straight season.

The calendar moves ahead 12 months and it's South ranked No. 1 and PHN ranked No. 6 in the preseason polls.

"This is one of the best teams I've ever coached in my 33 years," Sobieralski said. "The girls have worked extremely hard in the off-season and I've never seen a group of girls play so much tennis in order to get better."

"They want to be a great team and our goal is to win the division title, a regional title and ultimately a state title. The girls will give it their best shot, but there is some good competition challenging us."

The last time the Blue Devils won a state title was 2008 when the Chupa sisters dominated the courts.

This season it's a solid collection of talent, which has the mind-set to play not just as individuals, but as a team since every flight is important in the grand scheme of things.



FILE PHOTO

Two of South's three captains are, seniors Samantha Perry, left, and Sydney Keller, right.

"We are a family here at South tennis and our No. 4 doubles players are just as important as our No. 1 singles," Sobieralski said. "Everyone needs to give their best effort and we get that from the girls on this team."

Playing singles this season are seniors Samantha Perry (captain) and Brooke Willard (assistant captain); and sophomores Madeleine Flournoy and newcomer Raven Neely, a sophomore.

Doubles players are senior Sydney Keller (assistant captain); juniors Maggie Sweeney, Ruth Hayden, Angelica Kalogeridis, Morgane Flournoy, Jennifer Moy and Kelly Beardslee; and freshman Madeleine Paolucci.

All the girls play tennis all year and compete in junior tournaments throughout the summer. They are primed to make a serious run at the state championship.

Assistant coach Dennis Royal gives the Blue Devils a top-notch coach to help with singles, while Sobieralski concentrates on doubles.

"Dennis is like having two head coaches in this program," Sobieralski said. "He is a wonderful coach and great with the girls. His presence makes us a better team."

South is anxious to get started. The big matches on the schedule include the dual with Port Huron Northern Monday, April 28, at home, plus home matches against a loaded Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood squad Monday, April 7, at home, and at No. 2 ranked Bloomfield Hills Monday, May 5.

The Blue Devils' other division foes are Grosse Pointe North, Utica Eisenhower and St. Clair. In addition, they face Northville, Troy, University Liggett, Troy Athens and Novi in dual matches.

The Blue Devils also compete in the Allen Park Invitational, Brighton Quad, Traverse City Central Quad, Ann Arbor Pioneer Quad, Romeo Invitational and Holly Invitational.

South hosts a regional tournament Thursday, May 15, and the state finals are set for Friday, May 30, and Saturday, May 31.

Grosse Pointe South opens its season competing in the Allen Park Invitational Saturday, March 29.

"Rain, snow or shine, we will get in this tournament, which is great for the girls," Sobieralski said. "The girls face some tough competition right off the bat and it will get them in the focus mode. I'm glad we can play outdoors, if it is nice, or indoors if it rains or even snows."

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen hope to find winning spirit

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

A stronger, deeper Grosse Pointe North girls' tennis team awaits its challenging 2014 schedule.

Head coach John VanAlst loaded the Norsemen's slate with a dozen top-rated teams in the state and he knows the stiff competition makes his players better as the regionals approach.

"We are going to have a lot of fun this season and I can see the smiles on the girls' faces already at practice," VanAlst said.

VanAlst gets the most out of his players and he challenges them to improve each and every match.

He doesn't know who is playing singles or doubles, but those decisions were made the week of March 17.

The Norsemen, looking to improve on last year's 2-6-1 overall and 0-3-1 division mark, lean on returning players Patricia Bajis, Dayle Maas, Jayla Hubbard, Kayla Gallant, Deanna Hanley, Katelyn Carroll, Valentina Izzi, Anu Subramanian and Sydney Allor to lead the way.

Newcomers to the varsity squad are Lauren Lesha, Christina Raffail, Chrissy Panagos, Courtney Berns and exchange student Stephanie Loukanova.

"I know the girls will have a lot of fun on the courts and they challenge themselves to push and get better," VanAlst



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

North's Valentina Izzi is a returning player head coach John VanAlst is counting on to produce

said.

The Norsemen compete in one of the state's toughest leagues, the Macomb Area Conference Red Division, with Port Huron Northern, St. Clair, Utica Eisenhower, Warren Cousino and city rival Grosse Pointe South.

"Our division is loaded with Northern, a good St. Clair team and maybe the No. 1 team in the state, South," VanAlst said. "I know the girls will play hard in every match and we will see what happens."

In non-league action, the Norsemen face Fenton, North Farmington, Allen Park, Grosse Ile, St. Clair

Shores Lakeview, Birmingham Marian and Birmingham Seaholm.

In addition, they compete in the Mason Tournament and ULS Tournament before hosting a Division 2 regional tournament Friday, May 16.

In the regional are Detroit East English Village Prep Academy, Detroit Mumford, Detroit Osborn, Detroit Renaissance, Detroit Western International, Hamtramck, Port Huron, St. Clair Shores Lakeview and Warren Woods-Tower.

The D2 state finals are set for Friday, May 30, and Saturday, May 31, at Holland.

LIGGETT

Knights ready for very nice season

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The young University Liggett girls' tennis team takes to the courts under the tutelage of head coach Cathy Hackenberger.

The energetic coach started several underclassmen in her varsity lineup a year ago and the experience should pay dividends this spring.

"After graduating six varsity team members last year, we will be looking to our JV squad to produce the next crop of varsity players," Hackenberger said. "We also have a few freshman tennis players that have a

good chance of making either varsity or JV."

Returning to the courts are singles players Sabrina Ajjour, Mara Hillyer and Sara Anthony, who each played well in the regional tournament and won matches.

Ajjour beat Clawson's Allison Steinbach, while Hillyer defeated Clawson's Haley Ammons and Anthony beat Clarkston Everest Academy's Ariana Gronow.

Jane Ninivaggi played No. 2 doubles and made it to the championship match with 2013 graduate Katherine Woodward. Ninivaggi has enjoyed a solid athletic year and

looks to continue it this spring.

Caroline Eckrich, Ellene Bricolas, Rita Sidhu and Rayna Patel also return.

The Knights hope to improve on their 19th-place finish in last year's Division 4 state tournament. In the regionals, they finished second.

This season's schedule includes home matches against Warren Cousino, Royal Oak Shrine, Grosse Pointe North, Detroit Cass Tech, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, St. Clair, Grosse Ile and Frankel Jewish Academy.

They travel to Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central, Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Ile, Almont, Ann Arbor Greenhills, Richmond, Academy of the Sacred Heart and Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

"We are back in the Almont regionals, which gives us a fighting chance to make states, but it will be a growth year for the team, overall," Hackenberger said. "We are fortunate to have Bart Bronk, a ULS administrator and excellent tennis coach, join the varsity staff."

"This will help gear up the girls quickly to close the experience gap that was lost with our six graduated players."

Liggett is scheduled to begin its season Tuesday, April 1, against Cousino.

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Golf

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils shoot for spot in finals

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys' golf team is ready to back up last year's solid run through the state playoffs, which ended with a ninth-place finish in the Division 1 finals at Forest Akers West.

Head coach Robert McIntyre and the Blue Devils tied with Rochester Adams with a score of 629 in the two-day event.

Five seniors are gone, but most of the underclassmen are back and they are juniors Reis Becker, Henry Buzolits and David Szymanski, and sophomore Jonathan Theros.

Szymanski, Theros and Reis Becker competed in the state finals tournament, so they can use that experience to help them be the Blue Devils' leaders this spring.

South won last year's district tournament with

a 311 and was third in the regional tournament with a 317.

"There are a large number of players seeking a spot on this team," McIntyre said. "I am estimating more than 25 will try out (typical year). It's going to be very competitive."

"The weather is really not helping the tryouts. Our tryouts are always done on a course, but the weather is not helping. Not at all."

Through a lot of hard work in the off-season, the golfers are ready to hit the links (when the snow finally melts) and win back the Macomb Area Conference Red Division title they lost to Utica Eisenhower a year ago.

The Blue Devils have a shot to win the division, but Eisenhower will once again field a strong team. Other division foes are Utica Ford, Romeo and Grosse Pointe North.

"We go out and play our best and see what happens," McIntyre said. "I want the guys to be smart on the course and use their skills."

Other than the eight division dual matches, the Blue Devils compete in the Port Huron Elks Tournament April 15, the Traverse City Golf Invitational April 25 and 26, Port Huron Invitational April 29, the Bedford Valley Invitational May 10, the East Lansing Classic May 17 and the Division Tournament May 16.

The Blue Devils are busy this spring and will have plenty of matches under their belt before competing in the district tournament Thursday, May 22.

If the weather cooperates and the course is ready, Grosse Pointe South opens its season Thursday, April 3, against Eisenhower at Cherry Creek Golf Club.

College signings

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Going to St. Louis

Grosse Pointe South senior Danielle Manning, center, signed a letter-of-intent to compete for Saint Louis University's women's soccer team under head coach Katie Shields. The Billikens finished 6-10-3 overall this fall and 5-2-1 in the Atlantic 10 Conference. Saint Louis University is a private research university with campuses in St. Louis, Missouri, and Madrid, Spain, and courses available globally online through the School for Professional Studies. Manning is an All-State soccer player for South and its head coach, Gene Harkins. Joining Manning during her signing were parents, father, Stephen Manning, left, and mother, Anita Manning, right.

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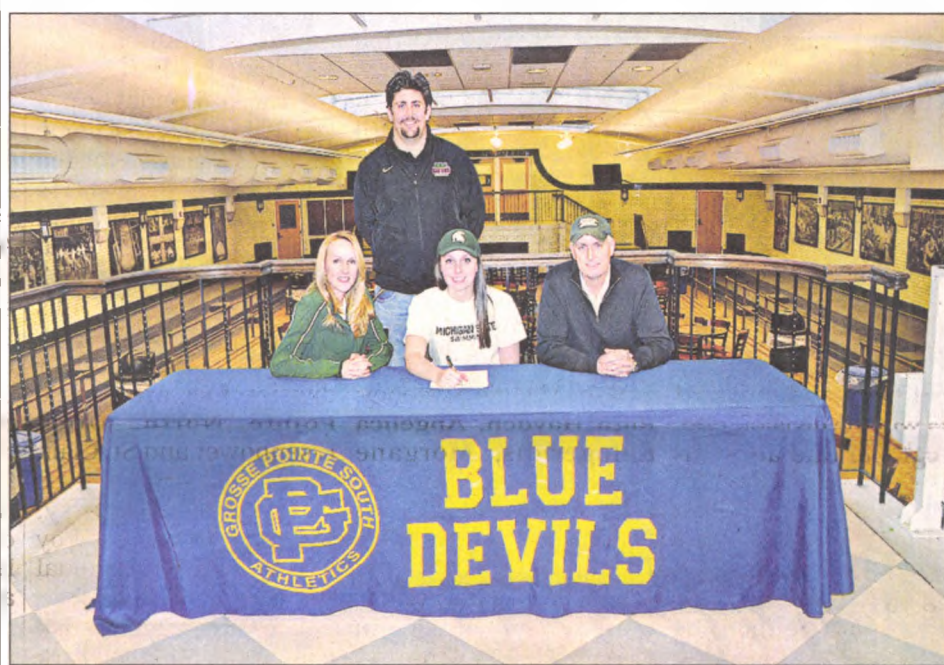


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Sparty

Grosse Pointe South senior Cassandra Morse, seated center, is headed to Michigan State University to swim for head coach Matt Gianiodis and the Spartans. Morse is an All-State swimmer for the Blue Devils and is anxious to compete in the Big Ten against some of the nation's top programs. Joining Morse during her signing were Gators coach John Fodell, standing; along with parents, mom, Frances Morse, left, and father, Shane, right.

LIGGETT

Knights led by group of juniors

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett boys' golf team is coming off a successful 2013 campaign under head coach Dan Sullivan.

The Knights performed well in the regular season in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference and then backed it up with a fifth-place finish in a Division 4 district tournament.

All five of the Knights' scorers were sophomores and all five are back this season.

The five are Stephen Campau, Paul Sidhu, Luke Soyka, Thomas

Peracchio and Josh Soyka. Campau, Sidhu and Luke Soyka are the captains.

"We are hoping to build on last year's team that qualified for the state tournament for the first time in six years," Sullivan said.

The Knights stormed through the regional tournament, making the state finals with a third-place finish, just one stroke behind runner-up Lutheran Northwest.

"Tryouts begin March 31 (hopefully) with four newcomers that will hopefully add depth to the team," Sullivan

added. "We open the season April 15, against perennial state powerhouse, Oakland Christian, and play our first 18-hole tournament for the MIAC Saturday, April 26, at the Polo Fields East in Ann Arbor."

The other MIAC teams are Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, Ann Arbor Greenhills, Bloomfield Hills Roeper and Plymouth Christian.

The Knights finished 15th in the state finals a year ago.

They were grouped with several other teams which finished within 10 strokes of each other.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

New head coach brings wealth of knowledge to table

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North boys' golf team has a new head coach, Peter Kingsley.

He replaces Brian Stackpoole, who led the Norsemen to a ton of success during his several years at the helm.

Kingsley brings a wealth of golf knowledge to the program.

"I'm looking forward to the season, whenever it starts due to the rough weather," Kingsley said. "We have a lot of good kids who are consistent golfers."

"I want to help them with the little things it takes on a golf course to shoot lower scores, including their mental aspect to the game. Each shot has a purpose and I want them to be aware of

this."

The Norsemen finished in the middle of the pack last season and made the regional tournament after finishing fourth in the districts.

They ended the season with a seventh-place finish in the regionals.

Coming back and leading the team are two who competed in the districts and regionals, senior Tom Vismara and sophomore J.P. Navetta.

Joining them are seniors Carter Bock, Eddie Nepi and Chase Wujek, and juniors Jack Muschong, Nick Lucchese, Charlie Annus and Daniel Sosnowski.

The squad heads into the 2014 season with high aspirations, but definitely the underdog in the highly competitive Macomb Area Conference Red

Division, with defending champ Utica Eisenhower and Grosse Pointe South fielding top-10 teams.

"Our division is pretty tough from top to bottom," Kingsley said. "This should be a fun season and interesting to see how it all plays out when we finally get on the course."

Grosse Pointe South is the favorite, with defending champ Utica Eisenhower giving chase. North, Romeo and Utica Ford round out the teams in the MAC Red Division.

The Norsemen play each team twice and in non-league action, they compete in the Desmond Cup April 14, the Wayne County Invitational May 5, and East Lansing Classic May 17.

The division tournament is May 16.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH



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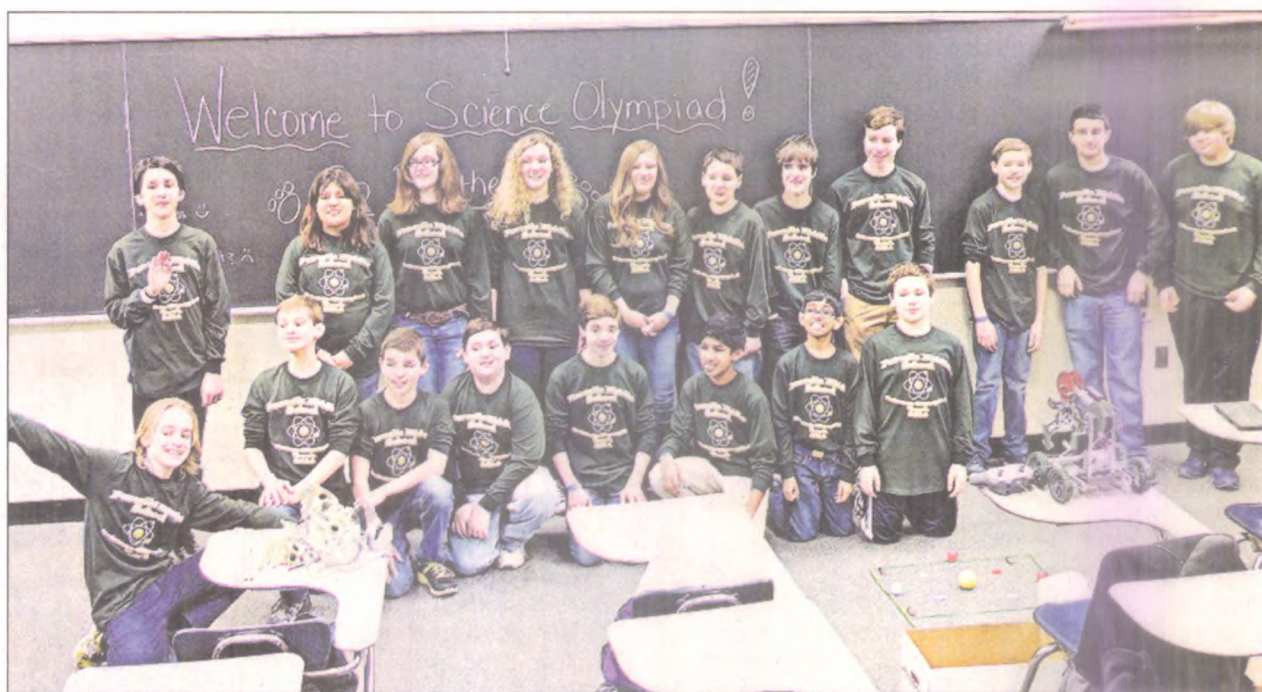
Headed to Trinity

Grosse Pointe South senior Grace Metry, center, is going to play college volleyball for Trinity College and head coach Jennifer Bowman. Trinity was 15-12 this season. Trinity College is a private, liberal arts college in Hartford, Connecticut. Founded in 1823, it is the second-oldest college in the state of Connecticut after Yale University. Coeducational since 1969, the college enrolls 2,300 students. Joining Metry during her signing ceremony were parents, mother, Nancy, left; and father, Jeff, right.

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Recycling event set March 29

An annual recycling program will be held this Saturday, March 29, from 9 a.m. to noon. The Grosse Pointe Public School System hosts the electronic recycling program behind Brownell Middle School. Free will donations will go to local green programming. This recycling event is part of the district's larger Green School initiative. Every GPPSS school applies and earns some level of "green" status through the Michigan Green School Program. Points are earned for participation in various activities. For example, this spring, the district also will host the annual Lights Out event the Tuesday after Spring Break, April 29. This is done around Earth Day each year to remind people that even little actions like turning off classroom and office overhead lights when safe to do so can make a big difference.



Superhero 5K run

Be a hero and come decked out as your favorite superhero. S.A.V.E. A Life 5K/1 mile run is a race that circles the neighborhoods of Grosse Pointe Woods. The event begins 8 a.m. Saturday, May 3. The costume contest is followed by the 1 mile run and the start of the 5K run/walk. The second annual race is sponsored by Grosse Pointe North's S.A.V.E. Club (Students Against Violations of the Environment). The goal of the event is to increase awareness of the connection between human health and environmental pollution. All proceeds of the race will go to the Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation, which promotes leukemia research and the Moross Greenway Project, which plants Michigan native trees and wildflowers to create a sustainable landscape on Detroit's eastside. Last year, more than \$11,000 was raised to combat childhood cancer. This year's goal is \$15,000. To sign up, visit signmeup.com/site/online-event-registration/97516.

Dearborn competition

Last weekend, the Parcels Science Olympiad team traveled to the University of Michigan Dearborn to compete in the 30th annual Wayne-Monroe Regional Science Olympiad tournament. This year's team of 20 seventh-graders prepared for and participated in more than a dozen events at the tournament, with several competitors finishing in the top 10 in their events. Coaches Chris Maison and Alex Gulyas said they are proud of the students' efforts and their representation of Grosse Pointe schools.

The survey says ...

The Grosse Pointe Public School System has launched a technology and budget planning survey. It's an opportunity for the district to gather community feedback and allow for citizens to express ideas, concerns and judgments about the school system programs and services. The survey is specifically for input regarding technology and finances. In April, the district will release the annual Community Satisfaction Survey. All individual responses will remain confidential, but summary results will be shared publicly and used for planning. The tech survey is open until 4 p.m. Thursday, April 3. Visit surveymonkey.com/s/GPPSSTechPlanningSurvey.

New record set

What have University Liggett students been doing over their two-week spring break? For Liggett Middle School student Alexis Wenger, she spent last week breaking a national swimming record. Wenger made history March 19 at the Orlando YMCA Aquatic Center by breaking the national age group (13-14) record in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:00:98. The previous record stood for 16 years. Wenger was in Orlando competing in the 2014 NCSA Junior National Championships. She swims with the Grosse Pointe Gators swim club.



The 5th and 6th grade forensic team at St. Paul Catholic School finished second in league competition Feb. 8.

St. Paul forensic team 2nd

St. Paul Catholic School's 5th and 6th grade forensic team took second place at the Eastside Catholic School Forensic League Competition Feb. 8. The event was hosted by St. Paul and each school could field up to a 29-member team. The program builds speaking skills, confidence and leadership qualities in participants. Individual results include:
 Three firsts: Tommy Daudlin and Victoria Gardey.
 Two firsts, one second: Natalie Boehmer, Elizabeth Stapleton, Lauren Colina, Diona Johnson, Evelyn Karustis and Hope Whitney.
 One first, two seconds: Mirella Villani, Frannie O'Shea and Maria Haddad.
 One first, one second: Joseph Romanelli, Rayanna Dilworth, Jessica Meyers and Dominic Dulac.
 One first, one second, one third: Josie VanBerkum and John McShane.
 One first: Brian Fraser and Annie Reid.
 Three seconds: Kristin Williamson.
 Two seconds: Ryan English.
 Two second, one third: Dominic Lucido.
 One second, two thirds: Tom O'Donnell.
 One second, one third: Caitlin Rionda, Henry Shields, J.P. Silva.
 Two thirds: Max Backer and Madeline Campbell.
 One third: Ian Campbell.
 Best overall in category:
 First place, storytelling: Tommy Daudlin.
 First place, prose: Victoria Gardey.
 Second place, poetry: Natalie Boehmer.
 Second place, multiple reading: Elizabeth Stapleton, Lauren Colina, Diona Johnson, Evelyn Karustis and Hope Whitney.
 Second place, duo: Frannie O'Shea and Maria Haddad.
 Coaches are Paula Vokal and Beth Reilly.

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Raffle on

Liggett's Lower School students recently celebrated the start of the school's Spring Raffle with a special lunch and kickoff party. The raffle, which runs through May 17, is a longtime tradition at the school. This year's grand prize is a 2-year lease on a 2014 Jeep Wrangler Sport Unlimited, courtesy of Ray Laethem Motor Village. Proceeds from the raffle go toward programs, academic initiatives, technology and more. To purchase tickets, contact Katie Durno at (313) 884-4444, ext. 414 or kdurno@uls.com.