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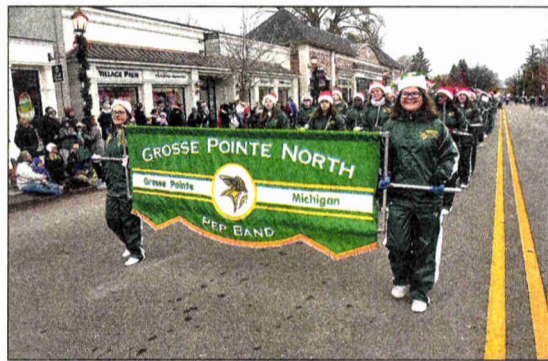
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More than 130 entries were featured in the annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade, which took place Friday, Nov. 25, including Grosse Pointe's Got Talent winner, Donte Spindler, above. Also featured in the parade were perennial favorites the Grosse Pointe North High School Pep Band, right, and the Grosse Pointe South High School Marching Band, below right.



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Clowns were a big hit during the parade.



A Detroit Circus juggler balances a wheelbarrow on his nose.



The Redford Township Unicycle Club participated in the parade.



Melody Balos sings on the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House float. Balos is a sophomore at Grosse Pointe South High School.

## Next up, next year's parade

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**THE GROSSE POINTE** — Punctuated by ho, ho, hos from the guest of honor just off his sleigh at the end of the 41st annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade, the community's top echelon of elected leaders welcomed the holidays.

"On behalf of the citizens of Harper Woods and the Grosse Pointes, this is the key to hearts of children of all ages," said City of Grosse Pointe Mayor Dale Scrace during post-parade festivities Friday, Nov. 25, in his city's downtown Village shopping district on Kercheval.

Santa, standing next to Scrace on a tempo-

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## Sleigh, Rudolph in Park's stable

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — On the same morning Santa Claus received a key to the hearts of children in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods, the mayor of Grosse Pointe Park, Robert Denner, accepted reins to the motorized float on which Santa arrives in the annual Christmas parade.

"It is the honor of Grosse Pointe Park to take care of Santa's sleigh and assure it's in this wonderful parade every year going forward," Denner said within minutes of Santa bringing up the rear of the 41st annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade on Kercheval Friday, Nov. 25.

The Park assumed ownership of the float from the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Parade, a nonprofit organization of volunteers founded more than 10 years ago to provide and main-

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## Missing documents don't line up with city ordinances

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE PARK** — Required records are missing following a fire at a building at Mack and Nottingham during the early morning hours of Sunday, Oct. 30, sending tenants fleeing with only the clothes on their backs. The cause of the fire remains undetermined,

pending a final report from the insurance investigator.

According to city ordinances passed in 2013, the city requires landlord licenses, certificates of occupancy and residential rental unit registrations for all rental properties.

In response to a Freedom of Information Act request filed by the

Grosse Pointe News for those documents, only five documents were released: two certificates of occupancy for two apartments; a certificate of occupancy for Rockefeller's Oyster Bar, a restaurant operating on the first floor of the building; the business license application for Rockefeller's; and a receipt made out to the

owner of Rockefeller's, Jai-Lee Dearing, for the \$50 business license application fee.

No landlord licenses or rental unit registrations were produced by the city, nor were there certificates of occupancy for all apartments occupied at the time of the fire. According to tenants the morning of the fire, four of the seven apartments

were occupied.

According to City Administrator Dale Krajniak, the owner of the building failed to show for an inspection and all apartments "were red tagged Sept. 13, 2016, as we were unable to inspect any unit." Krajniak would not comment if there is a city policy for follow up with property owners who fail

to appear for inspections.

City Ordinance 203, Sec. 13-48 mandates "No person shall lease, rent, let for occupancy or otherwise allow a residential rental unit within the City of Grosse Pointe Park to be occupied without a valid Landlord Business License ...." It also stipulates those landlord

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Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation members include, from left, cochairwoman Hidee Neuenschwander, holiday home hostess Mercedes Kucyk, President Brett Marshall, cochairwoman Fran Solomon and trustees Lynn Kurtz and Anita Penta.

## Brunch, house tour, decor sale

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — Discount tickets for the Holiday Home Tour of decorated houses in Grosse Pointe Shores are sold for \$20 at city hall, 795 Lakeshore, prior to the event.

Tickets increase to \$25 the day of the tour, 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4.

The tour, "Opening Our Doors," is hosted by Shores Improvement Foundation volunteers.

"Four stunning homes beautifully decorated in unique, festive holiday

style are opening their doors," according to a foundation release.

Immediately preceding the tour is a holiday brunch 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lochmoor Club, 1018 Sunningdale, Grosse Pointe Woods. Tickets cost \$40 in advance and \$45 that day.

Day-of tickets are sold at Schroeder Field House, located behind the public works building off Vernier, and at each house on the tour.

Also at the field house,

a Deck Your Halls home decor sale with refreshments is 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 3 and 4.

The foundation is a charitable group of citizens that fund community enhancements.

Recent projects include Schroeder Field House, the splash pad and barbecue grills at Osius Park.

For more information, call city offices at (313) 881-6565, visit [gppshores.mi.gov](http://gppshores.mi.gov) or [foundation.gpsif.org](http://foundation.gpsif.org).



## Open for business

Churchill's Bistro and Cigar Bar, 19271 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosted an official ribbon-cutting event Thursday, Nov. 17. Pictured from left are Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jenny Boettcher, Churchill's managers Jacquelyn Chudy, David Stankovich and Ernest Yeldo, Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Bob Novitke, Churchill's manager Omar Kassab, Woods City Clerk Lisa Hathaway and Chamber Director of Membership Roseanne Horne.

PHOTO BY PAMELA EDWARDS

# Foundations team up on ball field

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE** — Separate municipal and sports foundations are teaming up to privately fund a community enhancement in a manner that could be a game changer.

They're proposing to jointly fund construction of a combined equipment storage building and announcer's booth behind home plate of the big league-sized baseball diamond at Elworthy Field.

Elworthy's cross-pollinating provenance — the property is owned by the public school system, administered by the City of Grosse Pointe and hosts sports teams sanctioned by Little League and others — provides rationale for support from multiple stakeholders.

In this case, the Grosse Pointe Baseball Foundation proposes to donate money to the Grosse Pointe Foundation to sponsor construction of the building.

Municipal and Grosse Pointe public school officials must endorse the proposed building's site

plan.

### New idea

Joint funding is the coming thing, according to John Shook, president of the City Foundation.

"Make it a team effort," he said. "It's more appealing."

Both foundations are registered as tax-deductible, 501(c)(3) charities. The City Foundation dates to 1985. The Baseball Foundation is 10 years old.

### Team effort

"We are agreeing to provide a restricted gift of \$50,000 to the City of Grosse Pointe Foundation upon receiving approval from the City and board of education," John Hoben, president of the Baseball Foundation, wrote to Shook Oct. 17.

Hoben also is a trustee of the City Foundation. The idea rose through the regulatory ranks in a letter Shook wrote to City Manager Peter Dame Oct. 20:

"All bills would be paid through our (City) Foundation. Additional funding needed over the \$50,000 would be assumed by our Foundation. No city

funds would be used, nor is the donor requesting users of the building be asked to contribute. Remaining pledged funds (will be used) to update needed repairs on the existing bathrooms building that we assisted Babe Ruth Baseball in constructing and donating 22 years ago."

The City council touched base with the topic during its meeting Monday, Nov. 14.

"It was referred to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a public hearing to hear input from neighbors and any other interested parties," Dame said.

The meeting is likely to be held in January on a date to be determined.

"After the hearing, the commission will make a recommendation to council," Dame said. "The school board's opinion will be sought before it comes back to council for consideration."

The proposed building measures 18-by-18-feet. It's just more than 13 feet tall and styled in character with comparable structures at the playfield.

Preliminary renderings by Mertz Design, of the City of Grosse Pointe, show a single-story, pitched roof and brick facade. A wall-mounted commemorative plaque hangs above a drinking fountain.

"The storage facility can be used by the other Little League diamonds," Shook said. "It's going to be good looking, not a shack, with landscaping."

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# Corzilius sentenced

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE FARMS** — Good sense came too late in life for 49-year-old David Scott Corzilius, remanded last week to 30 to 60 years in prison for second-degree murder.

He'll be at least 79 when eligible for release. The judge told him, "You have to think about what you've done for the rest of your life, but the thing about that is, you have your life."

Corzilius' victim, Daniel Edward Clancy, 69, of Grosse Pointe Farms, withstood at least five knife wounds to the neck and head, near total blood loss, a cracked skull and swollen brain during an attack and robbery inside and out of his house at 270 Voltaire Place Sunday, March 6, only to die in Harper Hospital nearly two months later, April 27.

"He survived seven weeks, not due to your lack of attempt to kill him, but through his will to live," Julie Wojcicki, Clancy's niece, told Corzilius during a sentencing hearing Tuesday, Nov. 22, in Wayne County Circuit Court.

She stood at a podium normally reserved for prosecuting and defense attorneys in the fifth-floor courtroom of Judge Qiana Denise Lillard.

"In the end, the trauma he had to overcome was too much," Wojcicki said.

Corzilius, a handyman from Warren Clancy hired for day labor, accepted a plea deal for second-degree murder Nov. 7.

Doing so avoided what was expected to be presentations by prosecutors of a confession and graphic evidence during a one-week trial for first-degree murder and mandatory life sentence if convicted.

Wojcicki remembers her uncle, an interior designer, as "kind, gracious, creative, loved by many." He was "unconfrontational, gentle" and one of four brothers; one killed in Vietnam at age 19, another dead at 50 from cancer.

Wojcicki said she visited Clancy at St. John Hospital & Medical Center soon after the attack.

"To see the horrific way my uncle was killed was almost unbearable," she said in a mostly measured voice. "I was told he died six times that night and lost every ounce of blood in his body. The doctor said it was a miracle he survived at all."

Then the kicker: "I believe you will harm someone again if you are let out of prison," Wojcicki told Corzilius.

He stood wearing yellow Wayne County Jail prisoner scrubs and white tennis shoes, his back to her, bowing his head half way, hands together in front, one of his attorneys at his left a few feet in front of the judge's elevated bench, meeting no one's eyes.

"You have shown no regard for the life you took so viciously," Wojcicki continued. "You have made choices in your life that have

brought you to where you are today. Now, you must pay for those choices."

Corzilius is a heroin user diagnosed as bipolar.

His criminal record dates to the 1980s. Lowlights are 11 felonies and multiple "stints" in jail, according to Dominic DeGrazia, a roughly 10-year veteran assistant prosecuting attorney.

"I don't think I've ever seen a confession video like I saw in this case," DeGrazia said. "The defendant was almost cavalier in his attitude about his history of criminality and his tendencies toward violent behavior."

He added, "It's striking that after Mr. Clancy was struggling to survive in the hospital, the defendant told at least four people he wished to finish the job; that he wished he could go to the hospital and make sure Mr. Clancy wouldn't be able to testify. Clearly, the defendant is capable of cold-blooded, brutal behavior. I don't believe the defendant deserves a chance at freedom again."

"David is actually a good person when he's off drugs," countered defense attorney Ali Hammoud. "He is remorseful. He thinks about Mr. Clancy all the time. One of the many reasons he pled guilty was he did not want the family to go through a trial and hear the testimony of their loved one being killed. I'm sure there's going to be better days ahead for Mr. Corzilius. He's got a long time to think about it."

Corzilius said he hadn't planned to address the court but, citing Wojcicki's statement, cleared his throat.

"I couldn't agree with her more," he said. "I really do feel bad about what happened. It should've never happened. I apologize. Hopefully, I can get the help I need from the department of corrections."

"All right, so here's the situation, Mr. Corzilius," said Judge Lillard. "I have the displeasure of watching that lengthy interrogation video where you sat around making misogynistic, racist, sexist — just vile, disgusting comments about even your mother."

"It never gets easy for me to have people stand before me who have pretty much thrown their own lives away and taken the lives of someone who seems to matter a great deal."

She switched focus to Clancy's relatives and about 10 sympathizers in the audience:

"I say this all the time, but if you try to remember the way he lived, as opposed to the way he died, then perhaps that will give you some sense of joy as you reflect upon what he meant to all of you."

Corzilius must pay fees and costs totaling \$33,323.32.

The breakdown is \$68 state costs, a \$130 crime victims fee, \$1,300 court costs and \$31,825.32 res-

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# Santa arrives on fire truck

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — Finally after all these years, Isabella McKeown, 7, met Santa Claus.

She's had close encounters, but no pay dirt until he put his reindeer to pasture and rode a fire truck to Grosse Pointe Shores city hall for the annual Lighting of the Village ceremony Sunday evening, Nov. 27.

"I've never seen him at night," said McKeown, of the Shores. "Once, um, I heard a bump on the roof."

She was first in his lap in a chair beside a Christmas tree in the lobby.

"I asked if he knew my elf's name is Christopher," she said. "He said he didn't know because he has a lot of them."

"This serves as a kick-off to the holiday season, an opportunity for all of us to come together in fellowship and share the joys of this wonderful season, the season of gratitude," said Mayor Ted Kedzierski.

Prior to Santa's arrival,



Wearing her Grosse Pointe Sharks swim team sweatshirt, Isabella McKeown, 7, peppers Santa with questions.

PHOTO BY BRAD LINDBERG

the Our Lady Star of the Sea School choir sang six carols, with emphasis on "Jingle Bells" and Rudolph going down in history "like George Washington."

"Jingle Bells' is my favorite," Santa told the children, some of whom asked about his reindeer.

"They are practicing right now," he said. "As soon as I'm done here, I have two more stops and it's back to the North Pole. The elves will be giving Rudolph a bath. He doesn't like baths. His nose starts glowing like

crazy."

Members of the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation served complimentary hot cocoa. The grounds were already decorated with help from members of the Beautification Advisory Committee.

For a jolly old fat man, Santa gets around.

He was in the 41st annual Grosse Pointe Santa Parade Friday, Nov. 25, and hosts Santa's Village, 17118 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe (next to CVS Pharmacy in the Village)

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 3, 10 and 17, sponsored by St. John Hospital & Medical Center.

"My schedule is very, very busy this time of year," he said. "As soon as I'm done here, I'm off to Wisconsin and Idaho — with the different time zones, I'm able to be in many places at the same time."

Visits double as training missions for his flying reindeer.

"They need to be in perfect condition for the big night," he said.

# Roadwork on the radar

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — Nearing the one-year anniversary of the city earning a AAA bond rating, the highest possible, members of the finance committee aren't dwelling on a recent audit showing the strongest financial position since most of them won office five years ago.

"The finance committee met last week," said Grosse Pointe Shores Councilman Bruce Bisballe, chairman. "We didn't talk about the audit. We didn't talk about the actuarial report. We talked about roads."

The committee and public works Director Brett Smith are mapping a three-year road improvement plan.

"It looks like next year we're going to have a budget of at least \$250,000 for road programs," Bisballe said.

"First, we look at our needs, then figure out how to take care of those needs," Smith said.

The first year's already outlined.

"We're concentrating on the north end of the community," Bisballe said. "Years two and three are still in progress."

"Currently on our radar are Duval, Briarcliff and Ballantyne from Briarcliff to Stillmeadow," said Smith.

Concrete in the area is deteriorating from a roughly 20-year-old sewer separation project.

"Back in the 1990s, when we separated sewers, rather than replacing the whole roadway, we cut out small portions of streets large enough to put pipe in the ground," Smith said. "That has been failing. We're taking care of the worst first."

Winter's freeze-thaw cycle and surface buckling can thwart road repair forecasts.

"Roads that look good today might crumble by spring," Smith said. "A road that's on our radar may be in good shape compared with another

one next spring."

Smith also is evaluating the condition of basins and manholes in prospective roadwork zones.

"We'll access manholes and catch basins to see if they're 100 percent," he said. "I don't want to go back to those streets in

two years to cut them up and repair catch basins."

Meanwhile, the city recently won approval of a \$600,000 state grant to survey and clean the Lakeshore sewer interceptor. Portions of the interceptor are partially blocked by silt and debris, posing risk of backups.

# The Week Ahead

## FRIDAY, DEC. 2

◆ Senior Holiday Social, 1 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack.

## THURSDAY, DEC. 8, TO SUNDAY, DEC. 11

◆ Polar Express tour of lighted homes, 5:30, 6, 6:30, 7 and 7:30 p.m. departure times from the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack.

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# Educating in business, community

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

Ghada Abdallah knows the heartbreak of addiction.

From the loss of a family member to overdose to the interactions she experiences at her business, Park Pharmacy, Abdallah has seen the devastation drug abuse can cause.

And so through her pharmacy and volunteer work, she is devoted to make changes.

"Two years ago, I got involved with the Family Center because they had a drug awareness event at the War Memorial," she said. "I have seen the destruction of families firsthand with the pharmacy and some family members affected by addiction. Firsthand, I know how it feels."

Abdallah helped plan an addiction awareness event with author Sam Quinones, sponsored by the Family Center, and soon after was asked to sit on its board.

At the same time she was elected to the Michigan Pharmacists Association Executive

Board. She's been involved with MPA since she was a student at Wayne State University and currently sits on its Third Party Committee and Community Pharmacy Council. She also is chairwoman of its Workplace Safety Task Force.

"I try to promote awareness of the proper prescribing of controlled substances," she said.

Abdallah is an advocate of Narcan, an injection that counters toxic amounts of narcotics in the body. This summer she worked with SAFE Coalition — which she helped found — to distribute 15 doses of Narcan and train people to use them in Dearborn.

"So much needs to be done there," she said of her hometown.

She's also working with Rep. Anthony Forlini on a House Bill that would allow pharmacists to dispense Narcan without a prescription.

"It's one little Band-Aid on a deep problem we have in the community," she said. "It's just going to save someone's life until they can get into

treatment."

Abdallah joined the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority Board and is a member of the Mental Health Wellness Initiative and Community Health Alliance.

"When I got involved with the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority, it was very eye-opening to see how things work on the inside," she said. "I get to bring my pharmaceutical experience to the table and my experience as a family member who's seen someone come out of addiction and into recovery. I've seen both extremes .... It's been awesome. I'm very thankful I'm able to work with them."

Abdallah, who has four children with her husband, William Akkary, lives in Grosse Pointe Park not far from her business, which celebrates its 10th anniversary this year.

"Park Pharmacy has been under my ownership for 10 years, but there was a Park Pharmacy on Jefferson many, many years ago," she said, adding she struck up a friendship

with one of its original owners, John Gawryk, who eventually not only worked for her part time, but mentored her as well.

While her passion for educating the community — through her business and coalition efforts — is strong, her passion outside of work is her family.

"I opened my own pharmacy so I can have breakfast with my kids and dinner with my family and keep up with what they're doing at school," she said. "My life outside of work is my kids," who attend Wayne State University, Grosse Pointe South High School, Trombly Elementary School and Barnes School.

She plans for her children the same educational opportunities she had growing up.

"I'm the daughter of immigrants, the oldest of seven children," she said, detailing her family's pursuit of the American Dream. Her parents, who are from Lebanon, met in America at a pastry shop where her mother worked. After their children were born, "we knew we were going to

get a college education," Abdallah said. "A lot of people forget that this happens in the U.S. We came here to live the American Dream."

That dream for Abdallah includes not only success in business, but in educating people about the dangers of addiction.

"Everything I do overlaps with each other," she said. "We have to educate people. It's not just us. It's everywhere."

Part of that education includes culture, said Abdallah, who is Muslim.

"Whenever somebody attacks Muslims or Islam, any attack ... is personal for me. There's attitudes out there that condemn entire religions. The prejudices out there are very concerning to me.

"I don't want to see this country become like the country my family fled from because of the corruption .... That would be a huge tragedy for the



Ghada Abdallah

entire world. We are no different than immigrants that came here to Grosse Pointe two or three generations ago from Italy, Germany, Poland, France .... Everyone has a history," she continued. "We all have roots outside of the U.S."

Abdallah said she's grateful for the welcome she's received from the Grosse Pointe community, in business and at home.

"Making all these connections in Grosse Pointe has been the funnest ride I've taken ever," she said. "I'm grateful to all the relationships I've made all these years."

# Woods audit brings good news

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE WOODS** — Santa arrived early for city officials, but instead of his usual red suit and bag full of toys, he was dressed like an accountant and carrying a briefcase containing the

city's annual audit.

Representatives from Plante Moran, the city's auditing firm, met with city council members Monday night and presented the just-completed audit of the city's finances for the 2015-16 fiscal year.

According to the audit, revenues for the city increased \$400,000, while expenses decreased \$900,000 compared to the previous year.

"The city is in sound financial condition," Plante Moran partner Bill Brickey told the council, adding the audit was "very clean," with no "difficulties, disagreements

and no uncorrected misstatements."

The audit showed the general fund balance to be at \$13.2 million, with expenditures shown as \$11.8 million.

The audit showed an increase of \$200,000 in property tax revenues, as well as \$209,000 in reimbursements from the state of Michigan for losses incurred by cities with the phase out of personal property taxes. The city also received \$1.4 million in state revenue-sharing funds.

Brickey said the city's reserve fund, approximately \$5 million, is set at 42 percent of the general

fund. Auditors typically recommend reserves of 10 to 20 percent.

But with all that good news, it wasn't long before the Grinch chimed in with a little bad news.

Like all Michigan cities, Brickey said, the Woods will have to deal with its legacy costs, including pensions and retiree health care. Actual and projected costs, estimated to be millions of dollars, will have to be included in future city balance sheets.

Mayor Robert Novitke said the audit reflected the "due diligence" the

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## Care for the military

The U14 GP Lady Bulldogs travel hockey club spent some "off-ice" time preparing more than 25 care packages for men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces serving abroad or away from home this holiday season. The packages include trail mix, snack bars, Gatorade mix, sewing kits and personal care items. Pictured are, front row, from left, Effie Hodges, Veronica Van Rossen, Erin Murphy, Kendall Zinn, Gabrielle Anusbigian and Natalia Dragovic; second row, Regan Sherry, Carmen Modestino, Skylar MacPhee, Sophie Clemens, Charlotte Thibault and Maisie Fujita. Not pictured are Mallory Burdick, Maddie McKee and Kayla Shearer.

## SENTENCE:

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titution for stolen art, jewelry and more that was destroyed or not recovered.

Corzilius has 42 days from the date of sentencing to appeal.

He approached the bench, signed paperwork and, directed by a bailiff, exited a rear door without a word or glance at his mother and a brother

sitting in the back of the courtroom.

With the judge's "That's it," the 17-minute hearing ended.

Everyone in the courtroom sat or stood still and silent a few seconds before filing out.

"Corzilius'll be nearly 80 years old if he manages to get out at that time," said Farms

Detective Lt. Richard Rosati. "I'm not sure he could do much damage to society after that."

## STABLE:

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tain floats for the parade.

Members of the group are of retirement age and stepping down as stewards.

"I'm pleased to hand it over to some responsible and good people," said John Stevens, Friends founder and former City of Grosse Pointe councilman.

Santa's float debuted in 2005 featuring eight flying reindeer hauling

a sleigh over the Grosse Pointe landscape. Friends added Grosse Pointe Rudolph, complete with blinking red nose, shortly thereafter.

"We had a lot of volunteers that helped us over the years," Stevens said. "I can't list them all. They're great people."

"Your list looks almost as long as mine," Santa told him.

The sleigh is displayed in the Park commercial district on lower Kercheval.

# Audit a breeze; whopping reserves

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

**GROSSE POINTE SHORES** — Municipal auditors tallied the city's highest level of financial reserves of the decade.

"We're in the strongest position we've been in a long time," said Councilman Bruce Bisballe, chairman of the Grosse Pointe Shores finance committee.

"I agree," said Aaron Stevens of Abraham & Gaffney certified public accountants.

Stevens' annual city audit, effective at the end of last fiscal year June 30, found reserves totaling \$1,274,613, an increase of \$191,000 from the year before.

Total reserves represent 25.2 percent of the annual general operating fund, meaning the city could operate for 25 percent of the year on

reserves alone or, more likely, set aside funds for emergencies and to build collateral.

Stevens said the benchmark for municipal rainy day funds is 17 percent of the general fund.

"You're in sound financial condition," he told the city council during an audit presentation Tuesday, Nov. 15.

"Exceeding 25 percent of general fund expenditures — I don't think we've ever done that before," said Mayor Ted Kedzierski, a CPA and member of the finance committee.

Reserves are 10 times greater than when Bisballe and finance committee colleague Councilman Robert Gesell first won election five years ago.

"When we started, it was a whole different story," Gesell said. "We had nothing — \$100,000."

They attribute the turnaround to thinking ahead.

"Have a long-term strategy to budget your planning and stick with it," said Bisballe.

"In the last five years, you steadily increased fund balance," Stevens told the council.

Property taxes represented 73 percent of annual revenue.

Among expenses, public safety led the way with 41 percent of the budget followed by general government (21 percent) and public works (16 percent).

"You had modest increases in both revenues and expenditures, 3.5 percent in revenues and 3.4 percent in expenditures," Stevens told the council.

"The pension fund is over 90 percent funded," Bisballe. "We increased our reserve for capital equipment (by) \$110,000 despite buying a new

dump truck."

## Upswings

A four-year decline in the water and sewer fund ended with a 37.5 percent (\$2,177,233) revenue increase. Reserves are \$775,416.

"That's positive news," Stevens said.

The marina fund continued last year's upswing with a 35 percent (\$268,347) increase.

"But, the total position is still negative," Stevens said. "You have more debt on capital assets than net book value. Depreciation is out-pacing the reduction in debt."

Auditors also praised the city's financial record keeping and accuracy.

"We expressed an unmodified opinion on the primary government financial statements, the highest level of assurance you can receive," Stevens said.

## PARADE:

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rary stage, drew children's attention.

"The boys and girls have all been so good, I'm looking forward to seeing everyone this Christmas," he told them.

"One last thing," Scrace told the crowd left over from lining the 1.25-mile route on

Kercheval during the hour-long parade. "I want you to shop locally. Support our merchants. It doesn't matter what city they're in. Merry Christmas and happy new year."

Representing sister cities were Grosse Pointe Farms Mayor James Farquhar, Grosse Pointe Park Mayor Robert Denner, Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Pro Tem

Art Bryant on behalf of Mayor Robert Novitke, Grosse Pointe Shores Mayor Ted Kedzierski and Harper Woods Mayor Ken Poynter.

The parade is produced by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.

"Special thanks goes to the chamber under the leadership of (Executive Director) Jenny Boettcher," Scrace said.

He also praised grand marshal Beverly Leinweber, organizer of the first parade 41 years ago.

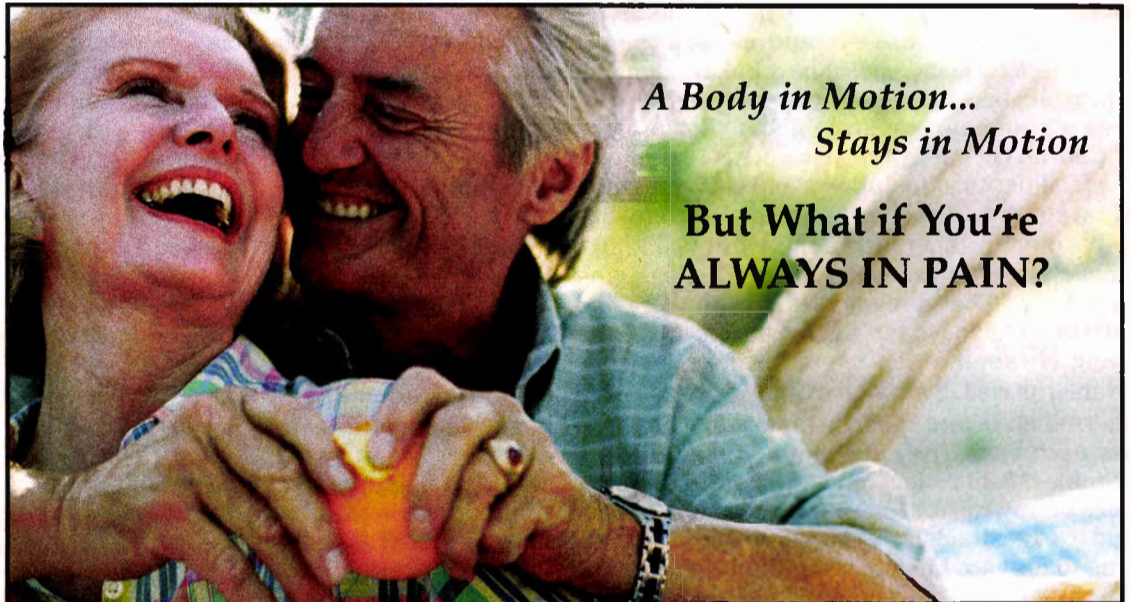
Scrace thanked parade volunteers, participants and, "especially public safety officers and city workers who got us safely through this and made our day special."

Next year's parade is scheduled the day after Thanksgiving.

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## GUEST OPINION

By Yolanda and Charlie Turner

## Many thanks

Many, many thanks to all those who participated in the Crossroads of Michigan pre-Thanksgiving dinner this year. Once again, we were overwhelmed by the outpouring of generosity from family and friends in the Pointes and surrounding areas. On Nov. 20, we served 800 turkey dinners and all the trimmings to hungry men, women and children because of the kindness of hundreds of individuals. Leftover turkey that had been frozen was distributed to our weekday clients Monday. We are deeply grateful for the outpouring of love, time and talent given without hesitation by so many for the sake of those who have so little.

A big thank you to the Grosse Pointe News for printing our letter to the editor requesting donations. And special hugs go out to the classrooms of Taylor Barczyk of Brownell Middle School and Andrea Gruenwald of Parcels Middle School. Both teachers and their students collected turkeys and non-perishables for this project. Their generosity is an inspiration.

Our deep gratitude also goes out to area residents, clubs and organizations. Local scouts donated their time putting together 1,000 cutlery packs; the Parrot Head Club collected turkeys and canned goods; Sweetheart Bakery and Giuseppe's Bakery donated their day-old bread, rolls and pastries; Bank of America is matching employee gifts to our project; Christ Church Grosse Pointe allowed us to use their kitchen facilities to store turkeys and countless individuals went out of their way to spread the word about this dinner, generating donations of all kinds.

We have been sponsoring this pre-Thanksgiving dinner since 1997 and many of the volunteers and supporters involved have been with us from the beginning. However, we always welcome new friends to the ranks as well. Everyone works hard to provide the determination and spirit that make this project a success each year. They cook and donate turkeys, bake cookies, help collect food, offer storage space, donate to defray costs, provide transportation to haul the food to Crossroads' kitchen, show up in the early morning to prepare the meal, stand for hours in our kitchen serving the food and washing dishes and, as always, treat our guests with compassion, dignity and respect.

The number of people requiring the assistance of charitable organizations is great. Real unemployment in Detroit is still above the overall Michigan rate and even those who have minimum wage jobs need a hand-up to make ends meet. Thousands of children under age 18 live in poverty and, right now, among the extreme poor, food is still in dangerously short supply. The waiting rooms at Crossroads' two offices in the city are full every day with people experiencing emergency situations and have nowhere else to turn. Food is by far the most common request. The coming winter will bring with it the promise of

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Marshall Irby took advantage of the weather Sunday, Nov. 27, to string more than 2,500 lights in a tree in his front yard in the 500 block of Pemberton, Grosse Pointe Park. "I do this every year," he said, "and I am always glad when the weather cooperates so I am not freezing while trying to put up the lights."

PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

## LETTERS

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

Not well  
behaved

Our district has made national news twice the past few years for racial harassment by Grosse Pointe South High School students. Moussa Hamka's proactive leadership ensured that, unlike what happened in Royal Oak, Grosse Pointe did not make the news again.

Unfortunately, some parents were not as well behaved as their students. One parent claimed to take offense to his message of unity. She sent a mass email trying to incite parents to attend a school board meeting to publicly call out Hamka. What happened next is a testament to our community. More than 100 residents came to support him. Not one parent or student spoke against him, but many brave students spoke of the impact Hamka has had on their lives. We made the news again, but this time it was for all of the right reasons. Rather than a negative headline, the headlines were instead about the support the community showed.

I'm embarrassed to say a couple of the also-ran school board candidates are continuing to publicly denigrate him. Given the message Hamka delivered to students was also given by countless other educators, it is difficult not to speculate as to why there seems to be such an issue with his words and not the words of others. I hope the school board and superintendent do not indulge this Muslim hunt any longer. Our community is better than this, even if certain individuals are not.

JULIE MOE  
Grosse Pointe Woods

## One body

We are writing to thank Dr. Gary Niehaus for his support of our wonderful Grosse Pointe South High School principal, Moussa Hamka, who has consistently handled conflicts at South with grace and compassion. After the election, Hamka reminded the whole student body they are just that — one body.

Whether some consider it feasible or even

rational to feel fearful following the election, the fact remains many students were concerned. They felt vulnerable because of the rhetoric employed during the campaign. The words are available in the public domain.

Hamka advocated working together. Across the nation people are arguing about the outcome of this election, so it was not irrational for Hamka to assume tensions might arise in school as well.

We are very concerned about the small group of parents who have started campaigning against Hamka.

In what universe is it wrong for a principal to say students should remain united as a school community, stand up for kids who are being targeted and work toward understanding?

Considering the benign nature of Hamka's message, we wonder whether the parents criticizing him have other more sinister motives? They should be aware many in the community share our concern. Other principals in the district made similar announcements following the election, so why are these parents targeting Hamka?

We hope Hamka knows how many people are on his side. He has always treated our children fairly no matter how people treat him.

We are in awe of his unwavering fairness and we applaud him.

KIM CLEXTON  
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## Overshadowed

Wow, so one of our schools — a small school with a diverse population — wins a prestigious Blue Ribbon School award and a small group steals the thunder with a campaign to take down a principal because of a message of safety and unity? That is really sad. We have had far too

many incidents of racism in the news in Grosse Pointe schools. After seeing the rash of ugly behavior at schools in Royal Oak and elsewhere in Michigan, I am thankful Grosse Pointe South High School Principal Moussa Hamka was proactive and shut down any copycats. Kids will see other kids behaving badly on social media and copy them for attention. They are looking to adults to know how to respond and behave during this very divisive time. Instead of vilifying an educator for telling all kids they are safe at school, we should encourage other principals in the district to follow his lead and make sure all of our students get that message.

How sad that a positive message was twisted in a way that has again put a blemish on our community and overshadowed a celebration of our excellent schools.

I think we would all like to have Grosse Pointe be known for better things — like a new Blue Ribbon School, 21st century classrooms and high academic achievement. I hope Dr. Gary Niehaus' message at the school board meeting was heard loud and clear. Thanks to him for standing up for what is best for Grosse Pointe students — and congratulations to Mason Elementary.

CLARE A. PFEIFFER  
Grosse Pointe Woods

## Respect &amp; unity

In this Thanksgiving season, I am grateful for Grosse Pointe South High School Principal Moussa Hamka and Superintendent Gary Niehaus. Post-election, Hamka addressed South with grace, compassion and without drama. He helped students approach divisive times as a learning experience for energized unity. Hamka's address was well received by most students on both sides as a reminder of our living democracy — inclusion of all, with unwavering respect for people and viewpoints.

Also, it was in keeping with the goal expressed in a statewide letter sent Nov. 14, by Brian Whiston, Michigan Superintendents of Schools:

"... at the national level over the past year, we saw the debate go to a new low and that is impacting the actions, demeanor and mood in some of our schools ... We need to cultivate and develop in our students a steadfast respect for all others, inclusive of race, religion, orientation or social-economic standing. We must not let

political rhetoric and actions diminish the positive learning environments we've worked so hard to nourish."

As he often does, Hamka continued this healthy dialogue for our students, who are young citizens in a diverse country and also will be voters in the next election. I'm also grateful to Niehaus for working with a small group of parents who were concerned before actually hearing Hamka's address and handling the situation with respect and transparency. I am hopeful as a community we will continue to find ways to work together with respect and unity going forward.

MAUREEN KRASNER  
Grosse Pointe Farms

## Thank you

On behalf of the Grosse Pointe Woman's Club, I would like to thank the community for assisting to make our annual Scholarship Benefit Luncheon a success. The Nov. 16 event at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial featured a wonderful lunch, fabulous fashion show by Dress Barn of Warren and paper bag auction managed by our dynamic trio of Sherryl Benton, Denise Homuth and Sue Mack.

Our deepest thanks to the following merchants for their kind and generous donations and to the overwhelming number of members who made generous donations:

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The Woman's Club has been in existence 66 years and has always

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# Fort Street Chorale presents Handel's 'Messiah' Dec. 3-4

The Fort Street Chorale and Chamber Orchestra present their 38th annual performances of G. F. Handel's "Messiah," at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, and Sunday, Dec. 4, at Detroit's historic Fort Street Presbyterian Church.

Under the baton of retiring founder Edward Kingins, the chorale has grown from a handful of volunteers to a musically proficient ensemble of more than 60 voices. The annual performances of Handel's beloved oratorio in Fort Street's sanctuary bedecked in holiday splendor have come to signal the beginning of the holiday season for many since the group's first performance

of "Messiah" in 1978. This season's concerts will be conducted by Marilyn Perkins Biery, Fort Street's new director of music/organist and director of the chorale.

"I am thrilled to be conducting this year's 'Messiah' and it is my desire to honor Ed and his legacy as he bids his magnificent ensemble a fond farewell," Biery said.

"Marilyn is a multi-talented musician — a conductor of great repute, nationally known organist, composer and lyricist," Kingins said. "I am happy that the Fort Street Chorale will continue under her talented leadership."

Chorale members, representing a variety of musical and cultural backgrounds from south-eastern Michigan and Canada, are joined for the performances by professional soloists and a chamber orchestra of professional musicians.

Soloists this season include soprano Carol Ambrogio Wood, alto Dorothy Duensing, tenor Pablo Bustos and bass Steven Henrikson. Noted organist and WRCJ-FM host David Wagner joins the orchestra, playing continuo.

Tickets for all performances are \$20 and may be purchased at fortstreet.org or by calling (313) 961-4533. Group rates and patron seating are available.

# Public Safety Reports

## City of Grosse Pointe

### Yawn

No updates to the police blotter since last week's deadline.

— Brad Lindberg  
Report information about crimes to City of Grosse Pointe Public Safety, (313) 886-3200.

## Grosse Pointe Farms

### Wayward package

A man living in the first block of Touraine found a parcel box on his front yard early afternoon Saturday, Nov. 26, containing

eight Halogen light bulbs addressed to a resident one block away on Vendome.

A patrolman completed the delivery.

### Open beer

During a traffic stop at 12:16 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 27, on Mack near Canyon, police cited a Detroit man, 29, for having an open 16-ounce bottle of beer in a motor vehicle.

A patrolman pulled him over for operating a 2007 Ford Taurus in the designated parking lane of westbound Mack and disregarding a mandatory right turn at East Warren.

The man passed field sobriety tests, according to police.

### Bike theft

Another bicycle was reported stolen last week from the campus of Grosse Pointe South High School.

A 15-year-old male student from Grosse Pointe Park said he locked his black Schwinn Rival mountain bike to racks a few minutes after 3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 21. It was gone by 3:50 p.m., he reportedly told police.

Three other students reported thefts since

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## LETTERS:

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raised funds to award two students from Grosse Pointe North and South high schools scholarships each May. This couldn't be accomplished without the kindness of the above businesses and members.

Again, we deeply appreciate the support from this wonderful community.

PAMELA ZIMMER  
Chairwoman and president  
Grosse Pointe Woman's Club

## Unwavering support

I am writing to show my absolute and unwavering support of Principal Moussa Hamka. After reading the announcement he gave to help comfort his students amidst a tumultuous and frightening time for some (some students had already been verbally accosted), I was so proud to have a leader like this in our district. Hamka did what many other leaders in our district and around the nation did to help promote inclusion, diversity and,

most importantly, help students feel safe so they could learn. I watched the entire board meeting and was brought to tears with the overwhelming support of him. I don't know him personally, but he is clearly an asset to the Grosse Pointe Public School System. Everyone, especially those who had been speaking out against him in emails, private meetings and on Facebook, had an opportunity to speak at the board meeting, yet I only heard support for Hamka. Why are those harassing him still being given a platform to

do so? Why were they afraid to speak out at the board meeting? Do we want to retain wonderful, passionate, inspiring teachers and administrators? I know what I want for my children.

LYNNE BEST  
Grosse Pointe Shores

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## THANKS:

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even greater misery for those with inadequate clothing, food and shelter. For the homeless, frostbite is a cruel and constant threat and, for those on meager incomes, heat, lights and water are, too often, luxuries. With this in mind, it is uplifting to see such a giving spirit alive and well among the volunteers who participated in this dinner.

We wish all of our neighbors, friends and family a very blessed and merry Christmas. And, please remember, hunger and the despair of poverty have no season. At any time of the year, consider supporting organizations that serve the poor with financial contributions and donations of food, cold-weather

clothing, hygiene products or a few volunteer hours.

We are honored to have had an opportunity to work with all of those who gave so selflessly to

our Thanksgiving project. Thank you. We really couldn't do it without you.

The Turners are residents of Grosse Pointe Farms.

**In Next Week**  
Look for these news stories & features in next week's Grosse Pointe News



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Cornwall Bakery, Judson Center team up for jobs

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## AUDIT:


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city has maintained through some tough financial times and thanked both residents and employees for their contributions to the soundness of the city and the audit process.

His sentiment was echoed by Brickey who noted the "tremendous effort on your team's part" in ensuring a valid audit process in spite of the departure of city Treasurer DeeAnn Irby just before the audit process began.

Brickey said because of her departure, auditors were required to note an "audit risk," but said he and Kari Shea, the Plante Moran associate involved in the audit, "found no issues."

"The Woods has gone above and beyond what is required," Brickey said.



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**REPORTS:**  
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Oct. 20, of an:

- ◆ unlocked black and gray Motobecane mountain bike worth \$300,
- ◆ unlocked blue, 26-inch Gary Fisher Marlin mountain bike and
- ◆ gray Trek with a red stripe on the top bar.

— Brad Lindberg

Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety, (313) 885-2100.

**Grosse Pointe Woods**

**Handgun missing**

A Prestwick resident

reported to police Sunday, Nov. 27, that his licensed handgun was missing from his house. He told police he is in the process of moving, and suspects someone from the moving company may have taken the weapon. Police continue to investigate.

**Stolen property**

A rash of thefts of lawn objets d'art has struck the Woods. Police report a Hampton resident has been struck twice in the past month, with two items being taken the first time, while the most recent theft, reported Sunday, Nov. 20, involved a heavy concrete circular medallion that had been affixed to the front of

the house and a round colored metal ball. Police report a similar incident occurred on Brys.

— Kathy Ryan

Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety, (313) 343-2400.

**Grosse Pointe Shores**

**Drunken speeding**

A 22-year-old Mount Clemens woman, inves-

tigated at 3:19 for driving a 1998 Honda CRV 13 mph over the speed limit on southbound Lakeshore at Woodland Shore Drive, was arrested for having a .132 percent blood alcohol level and violating two suspensions of her operators license.

Police said the license plate on her Honda was registered to a 2003 Audi.

— Brad Lindberg

Report information about this and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety,

(313) 881-5500.

**Grosse Pointe Park**

**Larceny from auto**

Dancing shoes, gift cards and \$7 in change were taken sometime overnight Friday, Nov. 18, from an unlocked car parked in the 1000 block of Wayburn.

**Ammo taken**

Several rounds of 9 mm ammunition were

reported missing Tuesday, Nov. 22, from a house in the 1200 block of Beaconsfield.

**Porch theft**

A recently delivered package containing a steel wall access door was taken Tuesday, Nov. 22, from a porch in the 1000 block of Nottingham.

— Kathy Ryan

Report information about these and other crimes to Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety, (313) 822-7400.

**MISSING:**

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licenses had to have been applied for within 60 days of the ordinance passage, which was Dec. 9, 2013.

In addition, Sec. 13-49 of the same ordinance requires residential rental unit registrations. In applying for that registration, owners are required to list the address of the unit, the names and addresses of the owner, the number of rental units in each building and the number of bedrooms and the name and date of birth for each tenant in each rental unit. A certificate of occupancy also is required and a copy of the certificate of occupancy is required to be posted in each rental unit.

Without a current certificate of occupancy, it is unlawful for any vacant unit to be rented. Current tenants may be entitled to escrow rent money if an expired certificate of occupancy is not renewed. A certificate of occupancy is good for two years.

Sec. 16-53 of Ordinance

203 requires background checks for all tenants taking occupancy after December 2013. They must include a report from the Federal Bureau of Prisons, a report from the Offender Tracking Information System maintained by the Michigan Department of Corrections and a report from the Michigan Sex Offender Registry and the National Sex Offender Website maintained by the U.S. Department of Justice.

It is not clear from city records who owns the building. Larry Richards is listed as the owner in the business license application filed by Dearing for his restaurant, while Zedan Bros. No. 3 LLC is listed on the certificate of occupancy for Rockefeller's. Zedan Bros. also is listed as the owner on the city's tax records. Those records show the owner in arrears for \$40,000. Taxes have not been paid on the building since 2013.

City Councilman Dan Clark is chairman of the city's Ordinance Review

committee, the body responsible for drafting the tougher rental ordinances in 2013. In response to a request for comment on ordinance enforcement, Clark said he understood the landlord to be in possession of a license and praised the ordinances as effective.

"Our Landlord/Tenant Ordinance was designed to provide the administration with an additional tool to regulate rental units in the community," he wrote in an email. "It requires scheduled inspections and provides progressive sanctions that can lead to the revocation of a landlord's business license. A revocation would prevent a landlord from conducting any further rental business in Grosse Pointe Park. This ordinance has proven to be useful in the city's effort to monitor and protect our rental properties."

Mayor Robert Denner said the city had been taking steps to ensure better enforcement, including hiring a new code enforcement inspec-

tor, but admitted "not all provisions of the ordinances were being adhered to by the building owner."

"The city takes very seriously the compliance with rental unit related ordinances," Denner said in a written statement. "As a normal part of the inspection process, all required documentation was under review and would have been required to be updated. Failure to comply by the owner would trigger the penalties specified in the ordinances. The fire at this building occurred before this city process could be completed."

According to Park Detective Michael Narduzzi, the officer in charge of investigating the case, there has been no determination of what will be done with what remains of the building.

"Obviously nothing can be done until the final report is in," he said. The report, Narduzzi said, is completed but has not been released as of press time. He said he expects the report to be released by the week of Dec. 5.

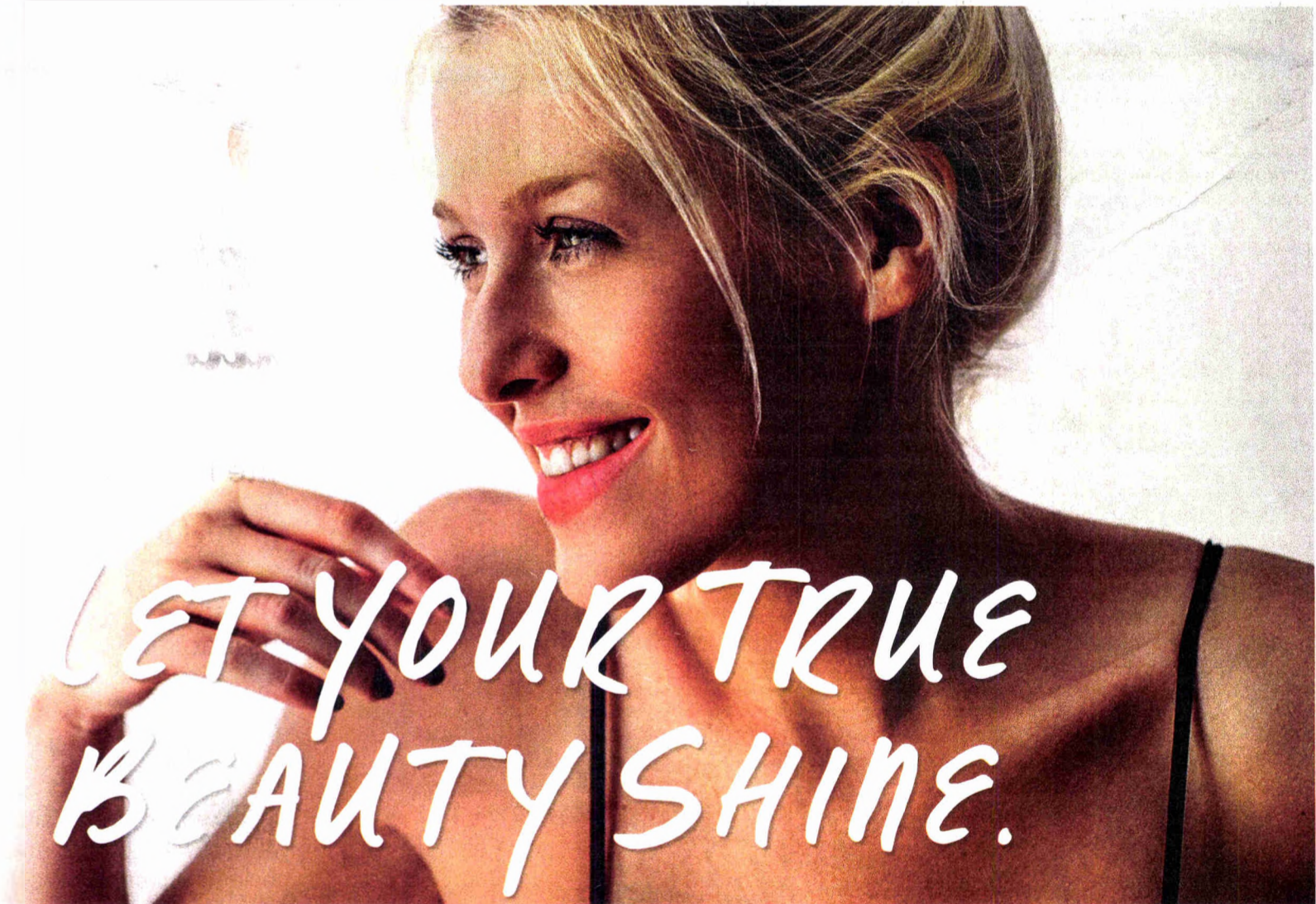
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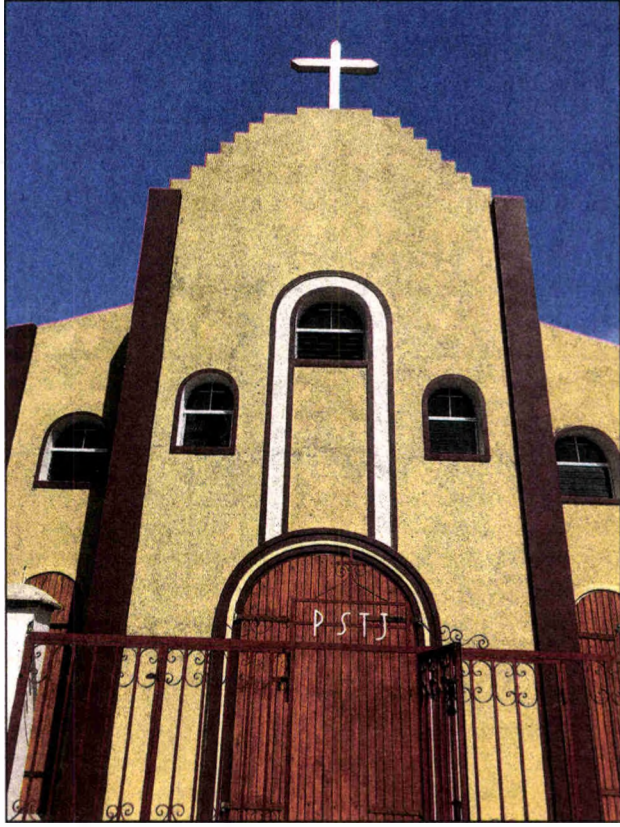
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## HART helping victims in Haiti

For a few days this October, Hurricane Matthew hitting the west side of Haiti dominated national headlines. Hurricane Matthew was responsible for the loss of 1,000 lives; loss of electricity, water and sanitation systems; and the destruction of thousands of homes, schools and other buildings. It wiped out banana plantations, washed out bridges and roads and generated massive piles of debris.

Hurricane victims begged for food, water and shelter. They need medical treatment for their injuries and to cure them of cholera.

In early December, four members at the Grosse Pointe Farms-based group, Haiti and Africa Relief Team Inc., or HART, will go on a reconnaissance mission trip to the areas of Haiti hit hardest by Hurricane Matthew. This team, traveling at their own expense, will report back to the HART board on their assessment of high-priority medical and humanitarian needs. HART will share its assessment of immediate needs to help hurricane victims at a Christmas concert 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10. The annual HART fundraiser Christmas concert, directed by Larry Przybysz, takes place at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Farms.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Morne de l'Hopital's church was rebuilt after a 2010 earthquake.

HART was created in response to an earlier devastating event in Haiti — the 2010 earthquake. Moved by compassion, the Rev. Sama Muma, assistant pastor at St. Paul, and some parishioners with diverse skills, traveled to Haiti to provide medical aid, medical supplies and physical labor. Later in the year, the group formed the nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization HART.

HART focused on Morne de l'Hopital, a poor, small village on a mountain south of Port-

au-Prince with no electricity or running water. In 2010, the only buildings in the village were a school, a rectory and an earthquake-destroyed church. Every summer since 2010, HART continues its medical missions to Morne de l'Hopital.

Beginning each morning of their mission trip with prayer and song to God, HART volunteers deliver babies and treat infections, including the Chikungunya virus, as well as dehydration, cholera, skin rashes, cysts and goiters, saving



Morne de l'Hopital's church served as a shelter for those affected by Hurricane Matthew.

some lives from certain death. HART also provides relief from tooth decay pain, improves eyesight with donated eyeglasses and provides water filters and a clean community water supply. Hearing of HART's arrival every June, the number of Haitians seeking medical attention grew. In 2013, HART rendered medical services to approximately 1,600 patients, which grew to 2,500 patients in 2015 and increased even more in 2016. For more information on HART's mission trips, visit HART's website h-a-r-t.org.

In addition to providing medical aid during its annual mission trips, HART brought hope to Morne de l'Hopital when it responded to a priest's call to rebuild a church

destroyed by the 2010 earthquake. Initially, HART saw this as a request it could not fill — it didn't have the funds. But through an individual's prayer and reflection, vision and passion to rebuild the church was realized through a series of fundraisers from Christmas concerts, bake sales and spaghetti dinners in addition to a few large charitable dona-

tions from families who responded to HART's fundraising efforts. Earlier this year, the earthquake-resistant Sts. Jude and Simon Church was completely rebuilt. Completion of the church couldn't have come at a better time, as people flocked to it for safe refuge during the onslaught of Hurricane Matthew in October. Not only did the rebuilt church provide hope, it also provided a safe refuge from the storm.

HART has minimal administrative expenses, so nearly 100 percent of tax-deductible donations go directly to aid the victims of Hurricane Matthew. Donations to provide immediate aid to hurricane victims in Haiti may be sent to HART, c/o 28 McKinley Place, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236. Donors receive thank-you cards and tax receipts.

### HART Christmas concert

The community is invited to the Haiti and Africa Relief Team's annual Christmas concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free-will offerings are accepted to benefit the victims of Hurricane Matthew. A reception featuring Christmas treats and punch follows the concert. For more information, call (313) 885-8855.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

PAATS Chairman Derrick Kozicki, SOC Executive Director David Dieter and SMART Deputy General Manager Robert Cramer cut the ribbon for the new parking lot at SOC while employees and SMART riders look on.

## SOC celebrates parking lot renovation

Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, celebrated the completion of its much-needed new parking lot with a ribbon-cutting event Friday, Nov. 18.

The project was made possible through a \$150,000 grant from the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation, or SMART, in collaboration with the Michigan Department of Transportation and Federal Transit Administration. Approximately 80 percent of the construction project was provided through an FTA grant. The funds were awarded to Pointe Area Assisted Transportation Services, or PAATS, with SOC as program manager.

PAATS provides more than 21,000 rides annually to seniors and disabled adults in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods, including transportation to doctor's appointments, shop-

ping, employment, errands, social activities and more, enabling individuals to remain independent and involved in their community.

The new parking lot provides a safe surface for clients to navigate, better ADA access and larger parking spaces, making it a safer place for the PAATS buses to serve clients and for all who visit SOC.

The engineering design for the new lot was done by Hubbell, Roth and Clark Inc., and the construction contractor was Best Asphalt.

"Our thanks go out to these companies for their outstanding work," said David Dieter, executive director of SOC. "We also thank our clients for their patience during the process and Cottage/Pierson and the Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Department for their assistance during construction."

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# Judelaires present Christmas concerts

The Judelaires present "Don't Let Christmas Pass You By," directed by Stan Harr and featuring popular holiday favorites, several times this month.

The schedule includes:

- ◆ 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods
- ◆ 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church, 31555 Hoover, Warren
- ◆ 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, Our Lady

Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 467 Fairford, Grosse Pointe Woods

◆ 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 22412 Overlake, St. Clair Shores

◆ 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park

Admission is free, but a freewill offering will be collected.

For more information, email the judelaires@yahoo.com or visit judelaires.com.

# DSO director presents to Women's Connection

Women's Connection of Grosse Pointe meets Thursday, Dec. 8, to hear Caen Thomason-Redus discuss the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. As the DSO's community catalyst and director, Thomason-Redus administers and fundraises for engagement initiatives and performance opportunities for the DSO's mission to be a community-supporting orchestra.

A flutist, he holds music degrees from Rice University and the University of Redlands. He also studied at the University of Michigan and Mozarteum Akademie in Salzburg,

Austria.

The dinner meeting and presentation take place at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The evening begins with a social half hour at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Women's Connection is a woman's networking and support organization dedicated to the enrichment and empowerment of women in their business and personal lives. For reservations, call Jan Baumann at (586) 243-2241 or for information, call Ellie Kaye at (586) 463-2463.

# AREA ACTIVITIES

2:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8. The free concert includes refreshments. Call (586) 779-6111.

## BNI

Business Network International meets 7 a.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call Ryan Marier at (313) 638-7526.

## Ecumenical Breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical Breakfast meets 8 a.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Reservations are not required; all are welcome. Breakfast is \$7. Call (313) 882-5330.

## Questers

The Pear Tree Questers host a Christmas luncheon at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at the Country Club of Detroit, hosted by Marie Brady. Members are treated to an update of club happenings, followed by lunch. Members are invited to bring non-perishable food items to donate for a food drive.

## Grannie Nannies

Grannie Nannies, for grandmothers who babysit their grandchildren, meets 1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at Big Boy Restaurant, 20710 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Call (313) 882-9600.

## Junior League

The Junior League of Detroit's Holiday Jubilee takes place 7 to 11 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at Eastern Market's Shed 3, with VIP hour beginning at 6 p.m. This year's event benefits Cass Community Social Services Tiny Homes. To purchase tickets, visit jldetroit.org.

## Barnes & Noble

Barnes & Noble, 19221 Mack, Detroit, presents "The Polar Express" storytime and activities at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2. Claricha Evans from Focus: HOPE reads to children.

The store hosts "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" and "Memoirs of an Elf," storytime and activities featuring Devin Scillian, at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3. Call (313) 884-5220.

## GPAA

The Grosse Pointe Artists Association presents a wood block printing workshop with Nicole Richards 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3. Students create and print their own holiday cards using this centuries-old technique. All ages are welcome; no experience necessary. Call (313) 881-3454.

## Zumba

Pointe Fitness, 19556 Harper, Harper Woods, hosts Dance and Donate Zumba at 10:15 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3. Cost is \$5 for a one-hour Zumba class led by instructors Jenna Simon and Eddie Elliott. Proceeds benefit St. Jude Children's Hospital. Call (313) 417-9666.

## Blood drive

The American Red Cross hosts a blood drive 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Register at redcrossblood.org.

## NAMI

The National Alliance on Mentally Ill Eastside meets 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5, at Henry Ford Cottage Hospital, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

## SOC

Services for Older Citizens, 158 Ridge, Grosse Pointe Farms, teaches participants to make a basket-woven decorative snowman 12:45 to 2:15 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, with instructor Amy Jorgensen. Cost is \$12 and participation is limited to 12. All supplies are included. Call (313) 882-9600.

## Assumption

Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores, presents a Gentlemen of Swing Christmas concert 1 to

## Community Chorus

The Grosse Pointe Community Chorus presents its 64th annual holiday concert, "Glorious Peace," at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. The chorus will be accompanied by guest instrumentalist, Carl Cafagna. The 60-voice chorus is under the direction of Joseph Palazzolo, with accompanist Ron Pietrantonio. Tickets are \$12 for adults in advance, \$15 at the door, and \$5 for ages 12 and younger. Advance tickets are sold at Moehring-Woods Florist, 20923 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, (313) 882-9732; Do, by hair co, 15227 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park, (313) 822-8080; and Posterity: A Gallery, 17005 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, (313) 884-8105. Visit [grossepointecommunitychorus.org](http://grossepointecommunitychorus.org) or call (313) 882-2482.

## Senior Men

The Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club meets 11 a.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The Dec. 13 program features the Grosse Pointe South High School choir. There is no meeting Dec. 27. Call (313) 550-9661.

## War Memorial

The Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts a holiday cooking class 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15. Cost is \$45. Call (313) 881-7511.

## Woods Community Center

The Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack, offers Crafty Afternoons 1 p.m. one Wednesday each month. Space is limited to 10 participants. Cost is \$7 for residents, \$8 for non-residents. Jan. 11 is "Crystal & Pearl Bracelet." Feb. 8 is "Glass Garden Totem." March 8 is "Rock Painting." Call (313) 343-2408.

## Reunion

The Grosse Pointe North High School class of 1997 hosts its 20-year reunion 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, June 10, at the Bayview Yacht Club. Tickets may be purchased online at [bit.ly/2gedatC](http://bit.ly/2gedatC).



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## Bird-feeding basics for winter

By Rosann Kovalcik  
Guest Writer

As the seasons turn to colder months, some bird species are getting ready to remain through the winter. Cardinals, black-capped chickadees, white-breasted nuthatches, tufted titmice, house finches, downy woodpeckers, hairy woodpeckers and red-bellied woodpeckers are all resident birds that remain in Michigan, expanding their feeding territories in order to find adequate food sources. All of these birds are well loved by those who engage in the hobby.

All of these bird species can be attracted to your yard with the addition of bird feeders stocked with appropriate foods. A blend of seeds high in fat and protein with the main ingredient being sunflower, either in or out of the shell, and adding peanuts and millet is a great place to start. If you want to attract larger bodied birds including cardinals, a hopper feeder with a ledge or a tube feeder with a tray is necessary for them to be able to fit and reach the seed. Suet is the perfect substitute for the insects normally part of the diet of chickadees, nuthatches and woodpeckers. Suet is derived from the fat that surrounds the kidney of cattle. It is rendered, a process that removes impurities and adds shelf life. Extra ingredients may be added, including peanuts and insects for protein. Fruit in suet is especially attractive to the red-bellied woodpeckers. Placed in a suet cage, all of these birds are adept at clinging in order to feed.

Other bird species shift their locations within the United States, those farther north relocating to winter territories in the south. This includes goldfinch, which move from Canada and the mid-states, down to the lower states where they can be seen in the winter only. Blue jays migrate for the most part, with a small number of the population remaining behind in select territories. The same is true of mourning doves. Most of the black-bird species, including red-winged blackbirds, cowbirds and grackles, migrate south. American robins have become accustomed to plentiful food sources in the way of fruit and some remain, hedging their bets they can make it through winter. This strategy works for them if they can survive as they have the first choice of prime breeding territories to offer to the females, which leave the area altogether.

A completely different set of birds arrive for winter, leaving northern

climes for this area as their wintering ground. Most notably, dark-eyed juncos tell of the arrival of fall. The white proso millet in a seed blend is the favorite of the juncos, which are a true sparrow and feed primarily on the ground. This year has been a banner year for red-breasted nuthatches appearing at feeding stations as they settle into a winter territory. The prediction for the arrival of winter finches includes pine siskins, purple finches and common redpolls, based upon the lack of poorly available seed crops in Ontario.

Attracting finches can be accomplished by offering nyjer (thistle), a crop grown in Nigeria and Ethiopia and sterilized before it can be sold in the United States. A tube feeder designed with small holes to dispense the seed is the best way to offer this food. A blend of nyjer with small chips of sunflower is even more attractive to finches and chickadees.

Water is as essential to birds in the winter months as it is in the warmer ones. In fact, some birds visit the yard specifically for this reason alone, notably the American robin. Using a plastic dish with the heating element built into it is the most convenient way to provide a water source. These bird baths are thermostatically controlled and cycle on and off to keep the water at a temperature just above freezing. Another option is the addition of a heating element that can be added to a plastic or metal bird bath. Manufacturers of cement and ceramic bird baths warn against the use of heaters as those types of baths can break if a small crack succumbs to the effect of water freezing within.

One of the major chal-

lenges for those who want to feed the birds is the fact squirrels don't understand the term "bird feeder." If it has seeds or suet, they will help themselves. There are some very effective squirrel-proof feeders on the market made entirely of metal that close with the weight of mammals. If you prefer to use seed in a window feeder or other place mammals can access, safflower seed has a bitter taste to mammals and can be used in those situations. Feeding stations on a pole system with a baffle mounted on the pole to prevent mammals from climbing is another answer. Placement is key, as the set-up needs to be far enough so sideways leaps cannot be accomplished. The baffle top needs to be 5 feet from the ground and all feeders in the zone above that 5-foot limit. Another alternative is to offer seed and suet treated with hot pepper as mammals have more taste buds than birds and are adversely affected, whereas the birds are not.

Planning a habitat for birds in the winter would include an area in your yard or neighboring yard that includes evergreens for shelter. In poor weather conditions and during the night, birds must have these areas for roosting. Some birds use cavities for shelter,

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## The Encore Years: Carolyn Kaczmarek

By Jody McVeigh  
Editor

There's not much that gets Carolyn Kaczmarek down.

The Grosse Pointe Woods resident has battled a bevy of rotten diagnoses — including two bouts with cancer — yet remains not only active, but upbeat.

"Life's been good for me on the whole," Kaczmarek said. "There've been lots of ups and downs, but right now I'm on an up."

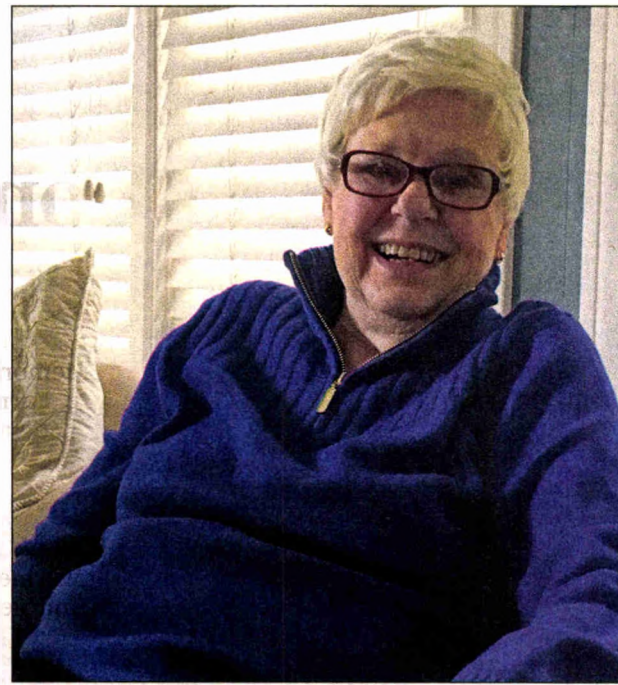
Kaczmarek first was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2003, for which she endured surgery, chemotherapy and radiation.

Earlier this year, she had an MRI for severe back pain and was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer on her spine.

"(It's been) nine months since my surgery to remove as much of the tumor as possible," Kaczmarek said, adding she received additional treatment as well. "Right now, they can't find anything of the tumor."

Of course, good news feels good, but even before learning of it, Kaczmarek displayed an attitude of gratitude for the blessings in her life. The 72-year-old is most grateful for her three sons, two of whom live with her.

"My mobility is not what it was," she said. "I love my sons a great deal. I don't know what I would have done without



Carolyn Kaczmarek

those boys."

Kaczmarek grew up in Detroit and attended Marygrove High School, then graduated Marygrove College with a Bachelor of Science degree in food and nutrition. She worked as a therapeutic dietician at St. John Hospital in the 1960s before hiring on as a congressional staff

assistant for Congressman Lucien Nedzi.

When Nedzi retired in 1981, Kaczmarek got a job as a contract specialist for the Department of Defense.

"I was in base opps. We bought everything from soup to nuts," she said.

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# 4B | SENIOR LIVING

## BIRDS:

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both excavated by themselves or provided in the form of a nest box. If you see the entrance to a cavity, leaving the branch is the best option for the bird. Providing a winter roost box or keeping a functional nest box outside can make all the difference in winter survival for birds.

Many plants bear fruit that persists during the winter and provides natural food sources for birds. Holly berries need to

freeze and thaw a number of times before they become palatable to birds. Insects can be found by birds in many types of plant material. The galls in goldenrods contain an insect that is chiseled out by chickadees or woodpeckers. Sumac seed heads also contain insects birds find nourishing. Many flowers can be left as a food source for winter birds, including coneflowers and all other flowers with a composite seed head. Goldenrod is the favorite food of the native sparrows that spend the winter, including jun-

cos and white-throated sparrows that may call your yard home.

Whatever you choose to do in your yard, the hobby of bird feeding can be a joyful one for you. The added bonus is that resident birds will be healthy at the onset of spring, ready to claim your yard as part of their territory. With that, a new generation of birds can be a welcome addition to look forward to.

Kovalcik is the owner of Wild Birds Unlimited in Grosse Pointe Woods.

## Ring in the holidays with 'senior' style

Senior residents of Grosse Pointe Woods and their guests are invited to celebrate the season at the city's annual Senior Holiday Social 1 to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, featuring food by Marchiori Catering in the Woods Community Center, 20025 Mack Plaza.

The ticket price — \$20 for

Woods residents, \$25 for guests — includes a buffet luncheon, beverages and musical entertainment. The holiday spirit continues with gifts donated by local merchants. Tickets are available at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center.

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## ENCORE:

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"Our unit handled everything from construction to the mariachi band on Spanish-American Heritage Week."

She retired after her first cancer diagnosis and "just kept busy," she said. "Everyone keeps telling me I have a wonderful attitude. I have a wonderful support network — my sons. I have a gentleman friend I've

been dating for 24 years; we're not rushing into anything.

"I don't know what other kind of attitude to have," she continued. "You've got to keep moving on."

Kaczmarek enjoys playing bridge, which she picked up during a train ride to Washington, D.C., when she was 21. She also enjoys knitting, reading, coloring and playing board games. At one time she was an American Cancer Society

volunteer and decorated tables for the Van Elslander Center's Festival of Tables entry.

While she misses cooking, she does some prep work for her sons, who also do the cleaning and laundry at her house.

"And thank God for the Internet," she said. "That's how I'll do my Christmas shopping."

With 13 years between diagnoses, Kaczmarek said she counts on the support of friends, family, neighbors and bridge

partners.

"The word cancer scares the heck out of you," she said, adding her brother died of cancer 17 years ago and her sister was diagnosed shortly after her. "I did everything I could for myself to make it better. Life has been hard for me, but it's not (hard) either .... It's been an interesting run. I try to keep as busy as I possibly physically can."

Kaczmarek, who recently attended her

50th class reunion, attended the "Look Good, Feel Better" program at St. John.

"My wig makes me feel better," she said. "If you look good, you do feel better. I need to feel good about myself. If I don't, people can sense that."

"You just have to keep going," she continued. "I hope I give other people a reason .... Life isn't over (because of diagnosis). I figure I have too much left to do yet."

The Grosse Pointe News, in partnership with Services for Older Citizens, features residents in their "encore years," highlighting the opportunities that come with advanced life experience. Do you know someone who is breaking the stereotypes of aging? Call or email Deb Miller at (313) 649-2104 or [dmiller@socservices.org](mailto:dmiller@socservices.org), or Jody McVeigh at (313) 343-5590 or [jmcveigh@grossepointenews.com](mailto:jmcveigh@grossepointenews.com).

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# 6B | CHURCHES

## CHURCH EVENTS

### Grace

Grace Community Church, 21001 Moross, Detroit, presents "An Evening of Worship Just for Women," to rest, release and refresh, at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2.

### Unitarian

Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maume, City of Grosse Pointe, presents Beyond the Orchestra Pit, a concert showcasing members of the Michigan Opera Theatre Orchestra, at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4. The main work is Schubert's "Octet in F Major." Cost is \$25 at the door, \$20 in advance, \$10 for students. Call (248) 474-8930 or email chambermusic@scarabclub.org.

### First English

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts its 36th annual Carol-a-Long 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, in the Luther Center. Participants are invited to join in singing traditional Christmas carols, as well as sacred and secular songs of the season with the Good News Singers, directed by Robert Foster. Good News Ringers, under the direction of Christina Judson, assist in ringing in the Christmas season. The free event includes self-guided tours of more than 45 decorated Christmas trees, a visit from Santa, punch and cookies. The church presents its third annual Women's

Advent Candlelight Service 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5, featuring an evening reflection and celebration of women. The service is followed by a social hour in the lounge with light refreshments. Attendees also may tour the decorated Christmas trees throughout the facility. All community women are invited. Call (313) 884-5040.

### St. Michael

St. Michael Episcopal Church, 20475 Sunningdale, Grosse Pointe Woods, presents its sixth annual "Sweet Noels" holiday bake sale 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, featuring homemade candies, cookies and other baked goods. The Little Thrift Shop and Christmas Boutique also are open during the sale. Call (313) 884-4820.

### Memorial

Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts "Love is on the Way: Christian Hospitality in the 21st Century," at 10:10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 4. Members of a Hindu temple will speak about their faith tradition. The series continues Sunday, Dec. 11 and 18, when Susan Mozena and the Rev. Peter Henry discuss best practices and biblical basics for hospitality.

The church hosts Frolic class 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, for children from birth to age 3. Christine Kujawski, a pediatric speech pathologist, presents "A Gift from the Heart,"

## PASTOR'S CORNER By Roger Skully

# A reflection on the recent political scene

We live in a complex world. Our sources for information are ubiquitous. We receive news via many sources when we open our smartphones or laptops. Often, we are unable to fact check all of the information thrust at us from news, television and social media. The recent election is a good jumping off place for a plethora of often-questionable input.

It is informative to look at the Code of Jewish Law, the "Shulchan Aruch," for guidance about speech. Rabbi Yosef Caro elucidated this code in the 16th century and it literally means "the set table." It is a handy reference to the 613 mitzvot or commandments in scripture. It relates to all aspects of life, death and everything in between. Jews view actions as more important than belief, the opposite of Christian thought on the subject. In other words, if you do correctly, that's what's important. Belief is secondary and hopefully will come from carrying out the mitzvot. Paul, of course, argues belief is primary and then encourages proper behavior. This difference is crucial to understanding the differences between Jewish and non-Jewish thought. Caro enumerates the laws of what is and is not permitted. There is, of

course, a small section on the use of speech.

Most people are aware of the injunction in the 10 Commandments regarding bearing false witness. This refers to testimony in a court of law. In fact, this transgression of false swearing under oath in court can be a capital offense. But what does the law say about other speech issues?

It is written in Leviticus 19:16, "Do not go about as a gossip among your people, do not stand inactive while the blood of your fellow (neighbor) is shed, I am the Lord."

It is forbidden to tell someone what others have said or done behind his back, if there is even the slightest possibility it may cause ill will. Also, the Hebrew word "gossiper" is related to the word "peddler" because a gossiper goes from person to person and house to house peddling his slander and gossip. (Rashi, 12th century commentary).

Gossiping is a great sin and has been the cause of much bloodshed. "This is why the Torah follows up this commandment by warning against standing aside while someone's blood is shed" (Rambam, Maimonides, 12th century commentary). These injunc-

tions apply even if the information is true.

If one speaks disparagingly of another, even if true, it is slander. We might call this "defamation of character" in today's world. There are many shades of slander. Even if one stays silent about another and says they do not wish to tell, that is slander. Also, speaking of someone's virtues in the presence of their enemies is wrong because it could provoke trouble. If one speaks pretending innocence or jest, that also is slander.

We need to be careful with words. A wise friend likes to say, "Before words are spoken, you are their master; after they are spoken, they are your master." This is a high ethical bar set in a world with too much information present.

A man who slandered went to his rabbi to seek a remedy. The rabbi told him to go home, take a feather pillow and shake out all the feathers, then return for further instructions. He was then told to collect all the feathers and return them to the pillow. We should all speak and listen carefully, with discernment.

*Skully is the cantor at the Isaac Agree Downtown Synagogue.*

### St. Paul on the Lake

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms, presents "An Advent Perspective," 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, and 9 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7. Call (313) 885-8855.

The church also presents "Walk in the Light," a Christmas cantata by Lani Smith, 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, featuring its choirs. A dessert reception follows and a free will offering is collected. Suggested donations are \$10 per person,

\$20 per family. Proceeds benefit the missionary efforts of the Haiti and Africa Relief Team, or HART.

### United Methodist

Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts its annual Cookie Mart 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 10, featuring thousands of homemade cookies and other baked goods. Proceeds support the mission work of United Methodist Women.

### Woods Presbyterian

Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterians Church, 19950 Mack, presents a Christmas Cantata, featuring Marc-Antoine Charpentier's "In nativitate Domini Nostri Jesu Christi canticum," 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 11. Admission is free; the public is welcome. Call (313) 886-4301.

an Advent mission project for families, takes place 12:30 to 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, and includes a potluck lunch, family fellowship and making gift baskets for someone special. Reservations are required by Friday, Dec. 2.

"Living Faith in a Zombie World" continues 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, featuring religious themes and issues of faith paired with episodes of "The Walking Dead."

The church presents a "Star Wars"-themed Christmas pageant at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, followed by a high-

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**ASK THE EXPERTS** By Ryan Schroerlucke

# Keeping neighborhoods safe

**Q:** I've never been quite sure what to do if I notice suspicious activity or witness a crime. Can you please advise?

**A:** Crimes are frequently solved through partnership between the community and its police departments. There are many times a resident will see what they feel is suspicious but fail to report it as they don't want to bother the PD or they worry it may be nothing and cause embarrassment. Nothing could be further from the truth. Police departments encourage community members to actively participate in keeping the neighborhood safe by calling and being a good witness.

If you see a crime in progress, call 911. If possible, and without endangering yourself, continue to monitor the activity. A police dispatcher will ask you a series of questions — they are trained to know what information officers need to respond quickly and safely. Listen carefully for direction from the dispatcher, remain calm, be direct and brief in your answers.



If you call to report a crime or other emergency, you likely will be asked to supply the following:

**Suspects:** Sex, race, height, weight/build, hair, facial features, clothing description and any other distinguishing features (tattoos, scars, glasses, etc.)

**Involved Vehicle:** Make, model, style (2-door, 4-door, SUV, etc.), color, license plate (and state if not Michigan), identifiable marks (body damage, bumper stickers, custom rims, etc.)

Remember, your safety comes first. Don't ever hesitate to call the police department. Keeping an eye on your neighborhood or business is everyone's job. With your help, we can continue to keep our communities safe.

Originally written as a Grosse Pointe Woods Nixle alert by Detective Ryan Schroerlucke of the Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety Department. It has been adapted for use to assist the community in general. Grosse Pointe Woods Public Safety may be reached for an emergency at 911 or (313) 343-2410 for all non-emergency calls.

The Family Center serves as the community's hub for information, resources and referral for families, individuals and professionals. Its mission is to serve the community through programs and resources vital to today's families. As a non-profit organization, it is completely supported by community donations. All gifts are tax-deductible.

To volunteer or contribute, visit [familycenterweb.org](http://familycenterweb.org), call (313) 432-3832, email [info@familycenterweb.org](mailto:info@familycenterweb.org) or write to The Family Center, 20090 Morningside Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

# Healthy Pointe: Parents Who Host Lose the Most

"Parents Who Host Lose The Most: Don't be a party to teenage drinking" is a public awareness campaign to educate parents about the health and safety risks of serving alcohol to teenagers and to increase awareness of and compliance with the Underage Drinking Laws. The campaign encourages parents and the community to send a unified message at prom and graduation time that teen alcohol consumption is unacceptable. It is illegal, unsafe and unhealthy for anyone younger than the age of 21 to drink alcohol. Parents who give alcohol to their teen's friends under any circumstance, even in their own homes, are breaking the law and can be prosecuted. Parents can protect themselves and their teens by following these guidelines when hosting a teen party:

- ◆ Be at home when your teenager has a party,
- ◆ Talk to other parents about not providing alcohol

at youth events and  
◆ Refuse to supply alcohol to teens or allow drinking in your home or property.

Parents play a major role in their teen's choices about alcohol, tobacco or other drugs. The Community Health Alliance and the Grosse Pointe Public School System are partnered on this campaign during homecoming season. Awareness postcards were mailed to the homes of all juniors and seniors, in addition to campaign banners throughout the community to increase awareness.

The Community Health Alliance mission is to enable the entire community to reach its potential by preventing disease and promoting wellness through prevention education and developing solutions for positive health. For additional information, email [communityhealthalliance@gmail.com](mailto:communityhealthalliance@gmail.com).

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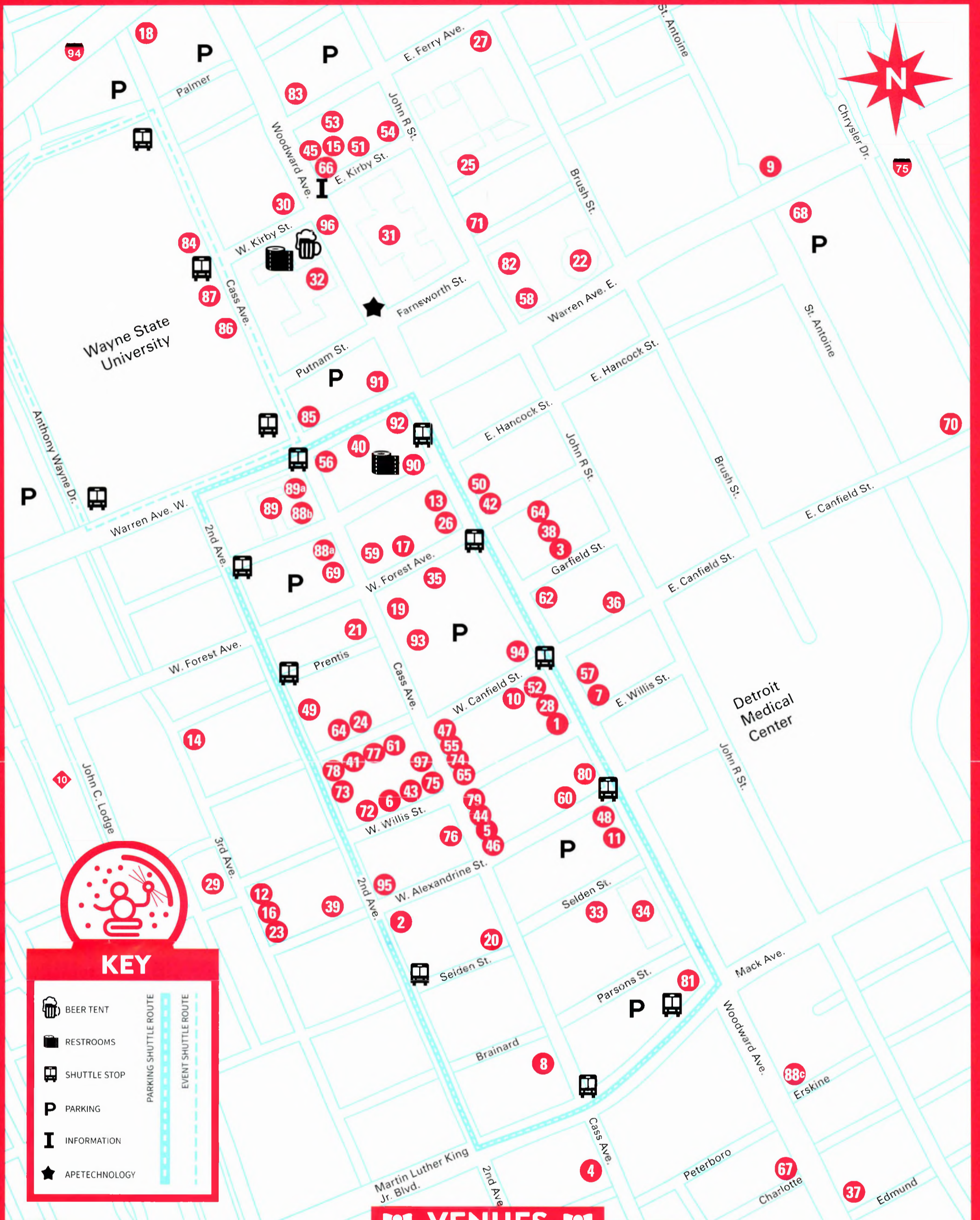
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## VENUES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 29/41 Street Food <i>*New to Noel Night</i></li> <li>2. 3980 Second - Detroit Clothing Circle, Subtrakt &amp; Sfumato</li> <li>3. 71 Garfield - ArtCity - Creative Spaces, Socra Tea, Sharper Visions, Sugar Hill Clay, &amp; Trent Creative</li> <li>4. 8<sup>th</sup> Plato Detroit</li> <li>5. Artloft Midtown</li> <li>6. Avalon International Breads</li> <li>7. AVV Midtown</li> <li>8. Back Alley Bikes, Ocelot Print Shop &amp; Hardcore Detroit</li> <li>9. Bethel A.M.E. Church</li> <li>10. Bikram Yoga Midtown Detroit</li> <li>11. The Block</li> <li>12. Blossoms Midtown <i>*New to Noel Night</i></li> <li>13. Bob's Classic Kicks</li> <li>14. The Bottom Line Coffee House</li> <li>15. Busted Bra Shop</li> <li>16. Cake Ambition <i>*New to Noel Night</i></li> <li>17. Campus Bible Fellowship</li> <li>18. Carhartt <i>*New to Noel Night</i></li> <li>19. Cass Café</li> <li>20. Cass Community United Methodist Church <i>*New to Noel Night</i></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>21. Cass Corridor Commons</li> <li>22. Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History</li> <li>23. Cinema Detroit</li> <li>24. City Bird</li> <li>25. College for Creative Studies</li> <li>26. Detroit Artists Market</li> <li>27. Detroit Association of Women's Clubs</li> <li>28. Detroit Center for Design + Technology <i>*New to Noel Night</i></li> <li>29. Detroit Design Center Gallery</li> <li>30. Detroit Historical Museum</li> <li>31. Detroit Institute of Arts</li> <li>32. Detroit Public Library</li> <li>33. Detroit School of Arts</li> <li>34. Detroit Symphony Orchestra/Max M. &amp; Marjorie S. Fisher Music Center</li> <li>35. Detroit Yoga Lab</li> <li>36. East Canfield After Glow - Black Dress Co. &amp; La Palma</li> <li>37. Ecumenical Theological Seminary</li> <li>38. Elite Couture Boutique <i>*New to Noel Night</i></li> <li>39. El Moore Lodge <i>*New to Noel Night</i></li> <li>40. Epicurus</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>41. Filson <i>*New to Noel Night</i></li> <li>42. First Congregational Church</li> <li>43. Flo Boutique</li> <li>44. Flyball Labs <i>*New to Noel Night</i></li> <li>45. Fourteen East</li> <li>46. Galerie Camille</li> <li>47. Go! Sy Thai</li> <li>48. Great Lakes Coffee Roasting Company</li> <li>49. Green Garage</li> <li>50. Hannan House</li> <li>51. Hellenic Museum of Michigan</li> <li>52. HopCat Detroit <i>*New to Noel Night</i></li> <li>53. The Inn on Ferry Street</li> <li>54. International Institute</li> <li>55. Little High Flyers <i>*New to Noel Night</i></li> <li>56. Mac n' Brewz <i>*New to Noel Night</i></li> <li>57. Majestic Theater Complex</li> <li>58. Michigan Science Center</li> <li>59. Midtown Shangri La</li> <li>60. Mosaic Midtown Church <i>*New to Noel Night</i></li> <li>61. Motor City Brewing Works Warehouse   RunDetroit</li> <li>62. Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit</li> <li>63. Nest</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>64. N'Namdi Center for Contemporary Art</li> <li>65. Nora</li> <li>66. The Park Shelton</li> <li>67. Pho Lucky <i>*New to Noel Night</i></li> <li>68. Plymouth United Church of Christ</li> <li>69. Preservation Detroit</li> <li>70. St. Josaphat Church</li> <li>71. The Scarab Club</li> <li>72. Simone DeSousa Gallery</li> <li>73. The Small Mall on 2nd</li> <li>74. Source Booksellers</li> <li>75. Spiral Collective - Dell Pryor Gallery   Tulani Rose</li> <li>76. Textures by Nefertiti</li> <li>77. Third Man Records <i>*New to Noel Night</i></li> <li>78. Traffic Jam &amp; Snug</li> <li>79. Treat Dreams</li> <li>80. Union Street</li> <li>81. University of Michigan - Detroit Center</li> <li>82. University Prep Science &amp; Math Middle School (UPSM-MS)</li> <li>83. Wayne State University Tierney Alumni Admitted Students Open House <i>*New to Noel Night</i></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>84. Wayne State University Art Department Gallery</li> <li>85. Wayne State University Bookstore</li> <li>86. Wayne State University Libraries</li> <li>87. Wayne State University Walter P. Reuther Library, Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs</li> <li>88. Wayne State University Maggie Allesee Dept. of Theatre and Dance</li> <li>88a. Hilberry Theater</li> <li>88b. Maggie Allesee Dance Theatre</li> <li>88c. Bonstelle Theatre</li> <li>89a. Wayne State University Old Main Planetarium</li> <li>90. Wayne State University Press Warehouse</li> <li>91. Wayne State University Welcome Center</li> <li>92. Wayne State University Woodward/Warren</li> <li>93. WDET 101.9FM Detroit</li> <li>94. The Whitney <i>*New to Noel Night</i></li> <li>95. WILL Leather Goods</li> <li>96. Woodward Avenue Bandstand</li> <li>97. W. Willis Village</li> </ul> |
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- MAKE & TAKE ACTIVITIES**
- \* Back Alley Bikes
  - \* Detroit School of the Arts
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- \* Cake Ambition
- \* Cass Corridor Commons
- \* The Wright Museum
- \* Cinema Detroit
- \* City Bird
- \* Detroit Institute of Arts
- \* Detroit Public Library
- \* First Congregational Church
- \* Hellenic Museum of Michigan
- \* Hilberry Theater
- \* Inn on Ferry Street
- \* Midtown Shangri-La
- \* Park Shelton
- \* Plymouth United Church of Christ
- \* St. Josaphat Church
- \* Source Bookellers
- \* University of Michigan
- \* Detroit Center
- \* UPrep Science & Math Middle School
- \* WDET 101.9 FM
- \* WSU Bookstore
- \* WSU Reuther Library, Archives and Urban Affairs
- \* WSU Tierney Alumni Open House
- \* Woodward Avenue near Bandstand
- \* Warren Corner

**OTHER HOLIDAY ZANINESS**

- \* Back Alley Bikes/Ocelot Printing/Hardcore Detroit
- \* El Moore Lodge
- \* Michigan Science Center
- \* College for Creative Studies
- \* Sugar Hill Clay
- \* 71 Garfield
- \* Charles H. Wright Museum
- \* Preservation Detroit
- \* WILL Leather Goods
- \* WSU Old Main
- \* WSU Welcome Center
- \* Woodward Avenue near Bandstand

**EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES / DEMONSTRATIONS / WORKSHOPS**

- \* Blossoms
- \* College for Creative Studies
- \* Detroit Artists Market
- \* Detroit Institute of Arts
- \* Galerie Camille
- \* Hellenic Museum of Michigan
- \* Majestic Theater
- \* Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit
- \* N'Namdi Center for Contemporary Art
- \* Simone Desousa Gallery
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- \* **LINDI ORTEGA**  
Motor City Brewing Works - Warehouse Loading Dock - 9 pm
- \* **CZECH MARIONETTES**  
Detroit Institute of Arts - Crystal Gallery - 5:15 pm & 7:30 pm
- \* **THORNETTA DAVIS**  
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Majestic Theater - 7 pm-9:30 pm
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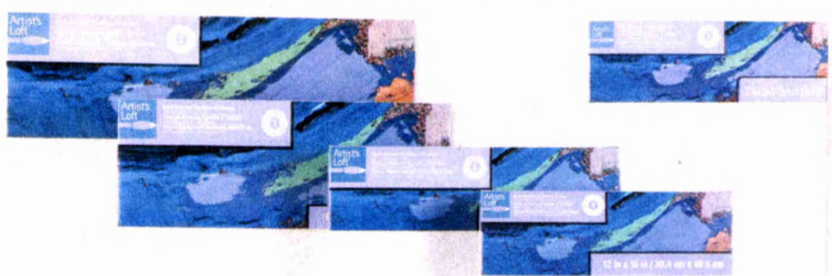


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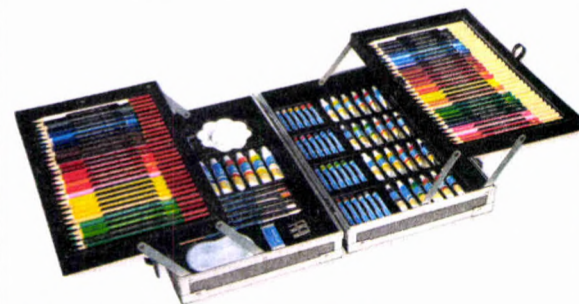
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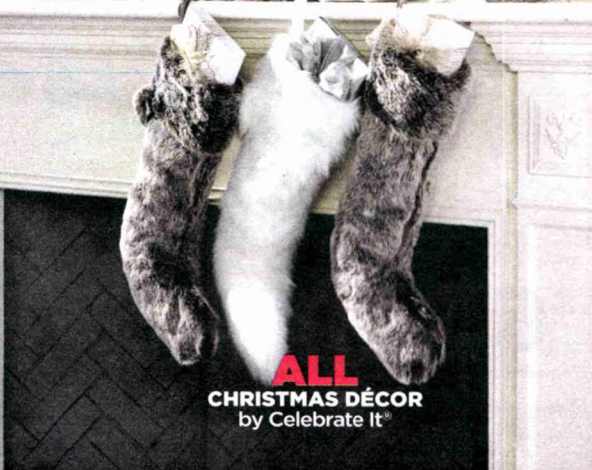


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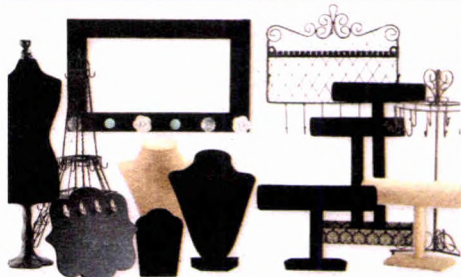
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ICE HOCKEY

## South ices Liggett with sweep

### Blue Devils cruise by Knights

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Two teams at the opposite ends of the spectrum met last week when a youthful University Liggett boys' hockey team hosted city rival and seasoned Grosse Pointe South squad at McCann Ice Arena.

"We need to stick to (Adam) Pitters, who had seven points in his first game, and try to make everyone else beat us," Liggett head coach Mike Hamilton said before the pregame skate.

Pitters had two goals and two assists to help South defeat Liggett 7-1 and improve to 2-0 overall and in the Michigan Metro Hockey League.

"We came out strong in the opening period and played our style of hockey, but then did too much individual stuff and bogged down in the final two periods," South head coach Bobby McKillop said. "I give Liggett credit for playing hard and hanging tough. I need to see more consistency from our team as we get into the season."

The Blue Devils used a four-goal first period to set the tone. Pitters and senior Jack Liagre assisted on senior Jack Flynn's goal to open the scoring at the 10:55 mark of the opening stanza.

Pitters scored at the 4:58 mark, with Flynn assisting, and Flynn scored again 56 seconds later to give the Blue



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

South's Andrew Vyletel, No. 19, battles Liggett's Kester Stefani for the puck during the Blue Devils' win over the Knights at McCann Ice Arena.

Devils a 3-0 lead. Pitters and senior Noah Morris had the assists.

Senior Liam Kavanaugh scored on the power play with only 62 seconds left as Liagre and junior Garrett Bollenbacher had the assists.

That four goal outburst put the Knights on their heels and proved to be too much for the home team to hurdle.

However, Hamilton got his Knights to play better in the next two periods, but they couldn't mount much of a comeback.

South senior Adam Cervone scored two second-period goals as sophomore Andrew Vyletel and Kavanaugh assisted on the first tally and Liagre and junior Alex Strehlke assisted the second.

Pitters scored again at the 8:34 mark of the third

period with Bollenbacher and senior Michael French netting assists.

The Knights got on the board three minutes later when junior Doug Roby scored an unassisted goal.

For the home team, senior Andrew Doppke took the loss in net, while South junior Camden Mills earned the victory to help the team improve to 2-0 in the Michigan Metro Hockey League.

Liggett also played last weekend against host Detroit Country Day and lost 4-2 to drop to 1-2 in the Michigan Metro Hockey League and overall.

Senior Jaron Pangborn, from freshman Zane Demsey, and Demsey, from juniors Sean Detloff and Spencer Stefani, scored the goals in the third period on the power play.

### Balanced scoring lifts South

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

City rivals Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett girls' hockey teams squared off last week at McCann Ice Arena.

The past dozen games have been close contests going to the wire, but this game was all Blue Devils as they beat the Knights 8-1.

"The girls' work ethic is very good and I can see that with their play on the ice," South head coach Chris Booth said. "The girls know their roles and that was evident tonight."

"Shannan McKenna played great on defense, as did Maddie Boyer, and



PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE

South's Addy Hamel skates through the Knights' zone in the Blue Devils' win over their rival.

Hannah Miller was a forward and played well after being on defense her first couple of years. It was a nice team effort

tonight and I have to give Liggett credit because they played us tough."

"We had a bad three-minute stretch in the first and second period, but I thought the girls played pretty well for the most part," Liggett head coach Anna Kuehnlein said. "It was a better all-around effort tonight than the night before. It was nice to see improvement."

The Blue Devils scored three goals in the first period as juniors Lauren Kramer, Miller and Erin Brannagan tallied. Miller and junior Emily Van De Hoeven assisted Kramer's goal.

Brannagan and junior Addy Hamel assisted on Miller's goal, and Kramer drew the lone assist on Brannagan's goal, which came with only 51 seconds left in the first period.

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Liggett's Olivia Yates scored the Knights' goal in the loss to South.



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North's Isabell Welke had a big game in the win, netting a goal and three assists.

## Norsemen net victory

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls' hockey team broke into the win column in style last week, beating Northville 9-1 on home ice.

Head coach Joe Lucchese was hopeful his Norsemen would come out on fire after playing well, but losing their first two games to Plymouth-Canton-Salem and Livonia Ladywood.

"We will get better with each game and I know the girls are working hard in practice," Lucchese said before the game.

Sophomore Isabell Welke lit the lamp at the

8:24 mark of the first period and freshman Darby Pickford scored at the 4:18 mark to give the Norsemen a 2-0 lead.

Pickford assisted on Welke's goal, while junior Natalie Barstys and Welke assisted on Pickford's tally.

The Norsemen pulled away with a three-goal second period as Barstys, sophomore Clare Murphy and sophomore Hannah Martin scored in a five-minute span to make it 5-0.

Senior Erin Haggerty had the lone assist on the first goal of the period, while senior Eve Feldman and Martin assisted on the middle tally. Junior Kyle Banaszewski and

sophomore Lily Gleeson assisted on the third goal.

The Norsemen scored goals nine seconds apart in the third period. Barstys, assisted by Welke, scored at the 10:38 mark, and Banaszewski, assisted by freshman MacKenzie Stockwell and junior Grace Howard, scored at the 10:29 mark.

Northville scored its lone goal at the 7:58 mark, breaking up the shutout bid of junior goalkeeper Erika Benoit.

Freshman Maddy Winsinski scored at the 3:44 mark, assisted by Banaszewski and sophomore Maddie McIntyre. Murphy had the final goal, assisted by

Banaszewski and Welke, just 16 seconds later.

Grosse Pointe North is 1-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 1-2 overall.

Coming up for the Norsemen are home games Tuesday, Dec. 6, and Thursday, Dec. 8, against Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood and Farmington Hills Mercy.

The Norsemen also are preparing to play city rival Grosse Pointe South in the first game of the annual Liggett Tournament Thursday, Dec. 15, at McCann Ice Arena.

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## State rankings

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**Division 1**

1. Brighton, 2-0-0
2. Detroit U-D Jesuit, 2-0-0
3. Novi Catholic Central, 1-3-0
4. Grandville, 3-0-0
5. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood, 4-1-0
6. Lake Orion, 3-0-0
7. Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 1-2-0
8. Rochester United, 1-0-0
9. Howell, 2-0-0
10. Northville, 1-2-0

**Division 2**

1. Hartland, 3-0-0
2. Livonia Stevenson, 3-0-0
3. Brother Rice, 2-1-0
4. Grosse Pointe South, 2-0-0
5. Trenton, 2-2-0
6. Novi, 3-0-0
7. Livonia Churchill, 2-1-0
8. Forest Hills Northern-Eastern, 4-1-0
9. Plymouth, 1-0-0
10. Marquette, 1-0-0

**Division 3**

1. Flint Powers, 2-0-0
2. Grand Rapids Catholic Central, 2-0-0
3. DeLaSalle, 4-0-0
4. Hancock, 2-1-0
5. Sault Ste. Marie, 1-0-0
6. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central, 3-0-0
7. Calumet, 3-0-0
8. Chelsea, 3-0-0
9. Allen Park, 3-0-0
10. East Grand Rapids, 3-1-0

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

# Winter sports should be fun

We said goodbye to the fall sports season when the Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South girls' swimmers and divers competed in the Division 2 state finals.

Now it's time for the winter season, which runs from November through mid March with boys and girls basketball, boys and girls ice hockey, boys swimming, wrestling, gymnastics, figure skating, synchronized swimming and competitive cheer.

Take some time to read my winter sports preview of each varsity team competing at Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett. It's going to be a successful winter season for most of the squads I cover and maybe a few teams can surprise us with a long run in the state playoffs.

These winter athletes should feel fortunate they have excellent coaches leading the way. I can't say enough good things about the men and women leading these student-athletes through a long few months. The cold, snowy conditions add to the season as most of the time you leave your car and it is dark and cold.

You enter the rink or gymnasium for a couple of hours of great displays of athleticism. It's all worth it as fans pay minimal fees to watch teenagers who really care about winning and losing.

I will give Grosse Pointe News readers the most comprehensive cov-

erage of all the teams, complete with photographs taken by my award-winning staff consisting of Bob Bruce, Renato Jamett and Paul Kania.

The highs will outweigh the lows this winter, so sit back and enjoy the winter months while cheering on the Norsemen, Blue Devils and Knights.

### College football

The Thanksgiving weekend gave college football fans some great entertainment. As the college football season heads into the bowl season, it looks like four local Division 1 teams, Western Michigan, Michigan, Eastern Michigan and Central Michigan will play in postseason games.

Western Michigan improved to 12-0 after beating Toledo 55-35 to clinch the Mid-American Conference West Division title. The Broncos play Ohio in the MAC Championship game and a win would almost guarantee them a spot in the Cotton Bowl, played Jan. 2.

What an accomplishment for head coach P.J. Fleck. He took over a program in shambles and turned the Broncos into one of the top 25 teams in the nation in just a few years. Go Broncos and I hope to see them in AT&T Stadium.

Eastern Michigan rose from the ashes to finish 7-5 this season. Its first winning season in quite a while and the Eagles will play in a bowl game. Central Michigan was 6-6 and also will play in a bowl game.

Not bad to have all three state D1 teams from the MAC get the

chance to play in a bowl game. The national television exposure is great for recruiting.

As for Michigan, a 30-27 double-overtime loss to archrival Ohio State left a bad taste in head coach Jim Harbaugh's mouth, as well as all UM fans nationwide.

A fourth down run was clearly stopped short of the first-down marker. It was close, but the ball was behind the line to get the first down, the 15-yard line. However, officials ruled OSU quarterback J.T. Barrett did gain the needed one yard and the drive continued.

On the next play, Curtis Samuel ran 15 yards for the winning touchdown. In the post-game press conference, Harbaugh blasted the refs and he had every right to do that. The officials on the field and then up in the booth who were looking at the replay, played a major factor in the loss.

If the officials got the call right, Michigan wins and plays Wisconsin in the Big Ten Championship game. A win over the Badgers would have put the Wolverines in the four-team national playoff, but instead they are on the outside looking in and need a miracle to get a spot in the College Football Playoff.

As it stands, the Wolverines dropped to 10-2 on the season, but still will play in a major bowl game.

Maybe if quarterback Wilton Speight didn't throw two interceptions, including one returned for a touchdown, the Wolverines would have won in regulation.

—Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

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In the second period, South senior Carson Dennis scored an unassisted goal at the 9:08 mark and Miller tallied again, with Brannagan and Hamel drawing assists at the 7:09 mark.

Kramer, unassisted, and Dennis, from freshman Kelsie Francis and sophomore Anna Mary Moody, scored to give the Blue Devils a 7-0 lead with 2:38 left in the second stanza.

The Knights got on the board when junior Olivia Yates scored with only 33 seconds left in the second.

The Blue Devils scored the only goal in the third period as Brannagan tallied with senior Meghan Ryszewski assisting.

The Knights finally got their offense going in the third period as senior Emma St. John had two shots which were headed into the corner of the net, but South junior goalie Bridget Donaldson made a save on the first shot and the second hit the post.

Liggett played the day before and lost 8-0 to visiting Walled Lake. Freshman Eve Bournias made her debut in net for the Knights.

Coming up for the Blue Devils is a home game at 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, against Livonia Ladywood.

Next for the Knights is a road game at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, against Northville at Eddie Edgar Arena.

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# Students learn globally, connect locally

By Mary Anne Brush  
Staff Writer

Students at Grosse Pointe North and South high schools have learned a few things already this semester in the exploring global issues class, a pilot kicked off this year.

They learned, first of all, "everybody needs A.F.E.W. to live and be sustained," said South junior Ryleigh Carrier. The acronym stands for air, food, energy and water.

North teacher Dan Gilleran and South teacher Crosby Washburne came up with the acronym, "but it's based on the textbook," said Gilleran. "We started with some of the basic foundations."

Students connect global issues with local concerns through the civic engagement component of the class. Examples of internships — coordinated by Alicia Carlisle, director of North and South's service organization, SERVE — include the American Civil Liberties Union, Beaumont Hospital, Grosse Pointe, Big Family of Michigan, Cass Community Social Services, Detroit PAL, Full Circle, Gleaners Community Food Bank,



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North students transport buckets of water from North to Lochmoor Avenue to experience what women and girls across the globe spend over 200 million hours a day doing, traveling an average of 3.7 miles daily.

the Mental Health Initiative, Michigan Science Center, Pregnancy Aid Detroit, the Salvation Army, Services for Older Citizens, St. John Hospital & Medical Center, Vista Maria and Wolverine Human Services.

Following the opening

unit on A.F.E.W., students delved into human rights and civil rights. The second term of the semester-long class will focus on current events. Learning is discussion based and supplemented by guest speakers who present to North and South classes jointly, alternating

between the two schools. Students also write weekly reflections based on class discussions, service experiences or speaker presentations, Washburne said.

Ethan Reeside, a senior at South, said he selected SOC because "I think they make a huge differ-

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MAREN ROESKE,  
Grosse Pointe South junior

ence and I know people who've been helped by (them)."

South senior Daniel Kuhnlein said he chose Beaumont because he wants to go into health and human services. Carrier chose Full Circle after going on a mission trip this summer to Cuba with her church and visiting a disability center, noting the different standards and sense of isolation for people with disabilities there compared to Full Circle.

"It's been eye opening," she said.

"I haven't been heavily involved in this type of thing before," said North junior Peter Garavino. "This is new for me, helping around the community knowing there are places you can support."

South senior Emma Andreasen chose Cass Community Social Services after an inspirational visit by guest speaker the Rev. Faith

Fowler, executive director at Cass. According to Andreasen, the organization addresses issues of poverty and homelessness in unique and creative ways, including building Tiny Homes for low-income people to rent to own after seven years.

"It's a huge step to diminish the homeless population downtown as well as unemployed," Andreasen said.

South senior Joseph Calhoun said his interest in mental health drove him to the Mental Health Initiative, which helps with suicide awareness and substance abuse prevention. He also is helping design a website for SERVE.

Ashley Nihem, also a senior at South, said she "always had the idea of being a therapist and going into social work."

A speaker from Big

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# Grosse Pointe students give thanks

**What were you thankful for this year?**

Spending time with my family.

**Who did you spend Thanksgiving with?**

My cousins, aunt and uncle, grandma, grandpa, mom, dad and brothers.

**What was your favorite part of the day?**

Playing gobble gamble — a family tradition — because I won lots of money.

— Mia Tedesco, fifth-grader at Monteith Elementary School

**What were you thankful for this year?**

The food.

**Who did you spend Thanksgiving with?**

My family.

**What was your favorite part of the day?**

The turkey.

— Ellie DelPlace, sixth-grader at Pierce Middle School

**What were you thankful for this year?**

We just moved here so it's nice to be with friends and family and not have to drive so far.

**Who did you spend Thanksgiving with?**

Grandparents and cousins, parents, two sisters and brother.

**What was your favorite part of the day?**

Not having to drive from Grand Rapids.

— Peter Grobel, sophomore at Grosse Pointe South High School

**What were you thankful for this year?**

I am thankful for all my friends and family around here close to me and the awesome people in Grosse Pointe.

**Who did you spend Thanksgiving with?**

My family — two younger siblings, both sets of grandparents and cousins.

**What was your favorite part of the day?**

Sitting at the table enjoying what we have.

— Lucy Tranchida, eighth-grader at Our Lady Star of the Sea

**What were you thankful for this year?**

I'm thankful for living in the great state of Michigan, having a really great family and really great teachers.

**Who did you spend Thanksgiving with?**

My family of four.

**What was your favorite part of the day?**

Helping to make Thanksgiving dinner.

— Sophia Filipof, eighth-grader at Our Lady Star of the Sea

**What were you thankful for this year?**

My friends, family and the world that I live in and my education that has built the person I am.

**Who did you spend Thanksgiving with?**

My dad and his family of 20 to 30 people.

**What was your favorite part of the day?**

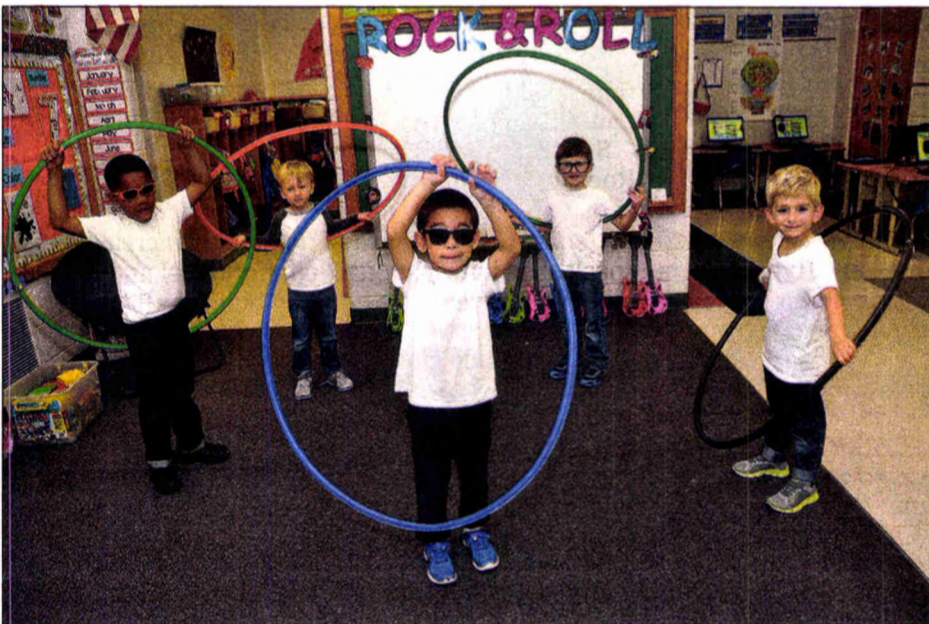
Eating.

— Eric Cueter, sophomore at Grosse Pointe North High School

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## Young 5's celebrate nifty fifties

Students in Poupard Elementary School's Young 5's program celebrated the 50th day of school with the best of the 1950s. Activities included fun with hula hoops, a bubblegum blowing contest and rockin' round the clock to oldies but goodies.



Showing off their 1950s hula hooping skills are, from left, Curtis Thomas, Jack Totin, Anthony Nahas, Andrew Scott and Lukas Bukovec.

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Above, rock 'n rollers, from left, Aaron Broad, Elliott Smith, Oscar Tomezak, Dylan Schoof, Khalil Bell and Michael Trupiano. Left, modeling their '50s attire for the 50th day of school are, from left, teacher Amy Zizelman, Grant Leflore-Johnson, A'Zariyah Williams, Karis Sanders, Christina Hamilton, Regina Fante and Kaleb Matthews.

## District ranked third in state by niche.com

Rankings from Niche were released for 2017 and the Grosse Pointe Public School System and Grosse Pointe schools received high marks across the board on academics, teachers, clubs and activities, college readiness and health and safety.

GPPSS was ranked No. 3 of 518 districts in the state behind Bloomfield Hills Schools and Birmingham Public Schools. It was ranked No. 1 in the categories "best places to teach in Michigan" and "districts with the best teachers in Michigan" out of 439 and 518, respectively.

Grosse Pointe South High School was ranked No. 7 in the state out of 752 high schools and Grosse Pointe North High School was ranked No. 11. Among best teachers, South was ranked No. 1 out of 555 high schools and North was ranked No. 3. Among best high schools for athletics, South was ranked No. 2 out of 525 and North was ranked No. 10.

Brownell Middle School was ranked No. 2 out of 506 public middle schools in the state behind East Hills Middle School in Bloomfield Hills. Brownell ranked No. 1 out of 506 middle schools in best teachers. Pierce Middle School ranked No. 2 out of 506 among public schools with the best teachers in Michigan and No. 14 of the best public middle schools in the state out of 520. Parcels Middle

School was ranked No. 21 in the state and No. 5 for best teachers.

Rankings for GPPSS elementary schools overall in Michigan out of 1,560 schools and best teachers in Michigan out of 1,385 schools are as follows.

◆ Defer Elementary School — No. 10 overall and No. 5 best teachers

◆ Ferry Elementary Schools — No. 8 overall and No. 6 best teachers

◆ Kerby Elementary School — No. 19 overall and No. 8 best teachers

◆ Maire Elementary School — No. 5 overall and No. 1 best teachers

◆ Mason Elementary School — No. 4 overall and No. 3 best teachers (tie)

◆ Monteith Elementary School — No. 6 overall and No. 3 best teachers (tie)

◆ Poupard Elementary School — No. 63 overall and No. 15 best teachers

◆ Richard Elementary School — No. 29 overall and No. 7 best teachers

◆ Trombly Elementary School — No. 7 overall and No. 2 best teachers.

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To find out more, go to niche.com.

— Mary Anne Brush

### City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

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

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, December 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. by the City Council at the Palmer T. Heenan Municipal Center, 15115 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230, for review of Community Development Block Grant.

A second Public Hearing to hear final comments regarding the Program year 2017 Community Development Block Grant Proposed Estimated Budget will be held Administratively on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the first floor conference room of the Palmer T. Heenan Municipal Center, 15115 E. Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

The following activities are proposed for programming of 2017 funding under the Community Development Block Grant Program.

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### City of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan

#### 2016 December Board of Review

The City of Grosse Pointe Park will be conducting the 2016 December Board of Review and will convene in the City Hall at 15115 East Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan 48230.

The regular Board of Review schedule is as follows:

December 13, 2016 @ 9:00 AM

This is a correction Board of Review and will cover all clerical errors and mutual mistakes of fact during the meeting.

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# District recognizes distinguished employees

The Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education recognized 10 employees for service above and beyond their daily roles at the meeting Monday, Nov. 28. Employees represented every level — elementary, middle and high school and schools across the district, as well as the special education department and administration building.

◆ **Andrea Bolton**, a counselor at Pierce Middle School, was nominated by Principal Chris Clark for her initiative with the WEB “Where Everyone Belongs” leadership program. According to Clark, even with a new colleague in the counseling office two years in a row, Bolton went above and beyond, ensuring all Pierce students were provided the best possible schedule. She also established a new transition to the middle school program for incoming sixth-grade students through WEB.

◆ **Karen Cole**, a lead kindergarten teacher at Mason Elementary School, was nominated by Principal Roy Bishop for her child-centered approach in welcoming young learners to Mason and for partnering with her colleagues throughout the building. Bishop said the building engineer attests she is often the last to leave the building; that is her time to prepare learning experiences for her students and help set up her colleagues for success.

◆ **Barbara Davis**, a 29-year veteran teacher at Maire Elementary



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Pictured are distinguished employees, front row from left, **Andrea Bolton**, **Barbara Davis**, **Bryan Peterson**, **Jill Rotole**, **Lisa Sicklesteel**; back row, **Karen Cole**, **Janette High**, **Rebecca Ruth**, **Liz Michaels** and **Ryan Francis**.

School, was nominated by a group of teachers, former students, parents and Principal Sonja Franchett for influencing more than 1,000 students and inspiring their love of learning. Davis is known for the Maire ice cream social and multicultural dessert festival she founded, as well as her dramatic presentations of historical figures in the classroom and her students’ presentations at the district’s technology fair. She also researched several historical educational courses for teachers on the east coast, found scholarship money for colleagues to attend and organized a Build-a-Bear workshop with students to support Heiffer International. In addition to her recognition at the state and national level for her work in social studies, Davis also has

done cross-curricular work with Readers’ Workshop, grade level leadership and teacher mentorship.

◆ Mason teacher **Ryan Francis** was nominated by Principal Roy Bishop. A Galileo Teacher Leader Representative for the district, district fourth-grade math leader and chairman of the K-5 math review committee, Francis also has found time to lead Mason’s One Book, One School Program fair the past five years and help tutor in Mason’s after-school homework club. He has co-sponsored Mason’s service safety team and student council and taken the lead in technology integration training for assistants in the English Language Learners program, as well as staff at Mason and Defer, and at the district’s professional development

days. Francis previously taught at Poupard Elementary School.

◆ **Janette High**, a first-grade teacher at Defer Elementary School for 22 years is, according to Principal Karen Sullivan “plain and simple ... in on every level for Defer.” High even lives in the Defer community and her three daughters are Defer alumni. In everything, from PTO representation to the Back-to-School Night to the Defer volunteer tea to lunch-hour knitting to representing Defer staff in meetings with the superintendent and director of elementary education, High’s “quiet leadership is seen and appreciated. She leads with her heart and is deeply committed to our students,” according to Sullivan.

◆ **Liz Michaels**, a

teacher at Grosse Pointe North High School, was co-nominated with **Rebecca Ruth** by Principal Kate Murray for leading Culture Club, North’s team support system. The Culture Club created and implemented a behavior matrix that teachers shared with students every hour on the first day of school. They also facilitated professional development centered on positively changing student behavior. These efforts have noticeably impacted the learning community and ensured a smooth start to the school year. Ruth has been a science teacher at North for 12 years and a crucial member of the Learning Resource Center team for four. Michaels has been at North six years as a science teacher, cross-country coach and “kid magnet,” according to Murray.

◆ **Bryan Peterson**, who works in the business department at the administration building, was nominated by Claudine Manchester and Deputy Superintendent Lisa Abbey. According to Manchester, “Bryan is always helpful with whatever question I may have and always courteous, professional, prompt, knowledgeable and kind. Bryan makes my job easier and I’m sure he does the same for others. He is a great asset to GPPSS.”

◆ **Jill Rotole**, a special education teacher at Grosse Pointe South High School, was nominated by Deb Teolis and Principal Moussa Hamka as an unsung hero at the

school. She works with students with severe needs including autism spectrum disorder, cognitive impairments along with severe medical conditions. Teolis and Hamka wrote, “Jill is able to connect with her students, many non-verbal, in a way that is astounding to all that have been fortunate enough to witness.” Rotole also makes time outside the school day to connect with parents and often stays late with students who want to be at school a bit longer “as they have found a home within the walls of room 101.”

◆ **Lisa Sicklesteel**, Kerby Elementary School’s secretary, was nominated by Principal Sara Delgado and Kerby staff for her organizational skills. For example, she moved all of Kerby’s paper files onto Google Drive, organizes field trips and monthly child study meetings, schedules lunchtime enrichment and assemblies, orders supplies and keeps the Kerby community in the loop with e-blasts and Twitter alerts. Delgado said the best way to describe Sicklesteel’s influence on Kerby is through a story from a first-grade student. Delgado was having lunch with new students to the building when one asked, “When is the principal going to get here?” Delgado replied, “That’s me. I’m the principal.” The student said, “Oh, OK ... but what about the other principal? You know, the one who sits in the office and does everything.”

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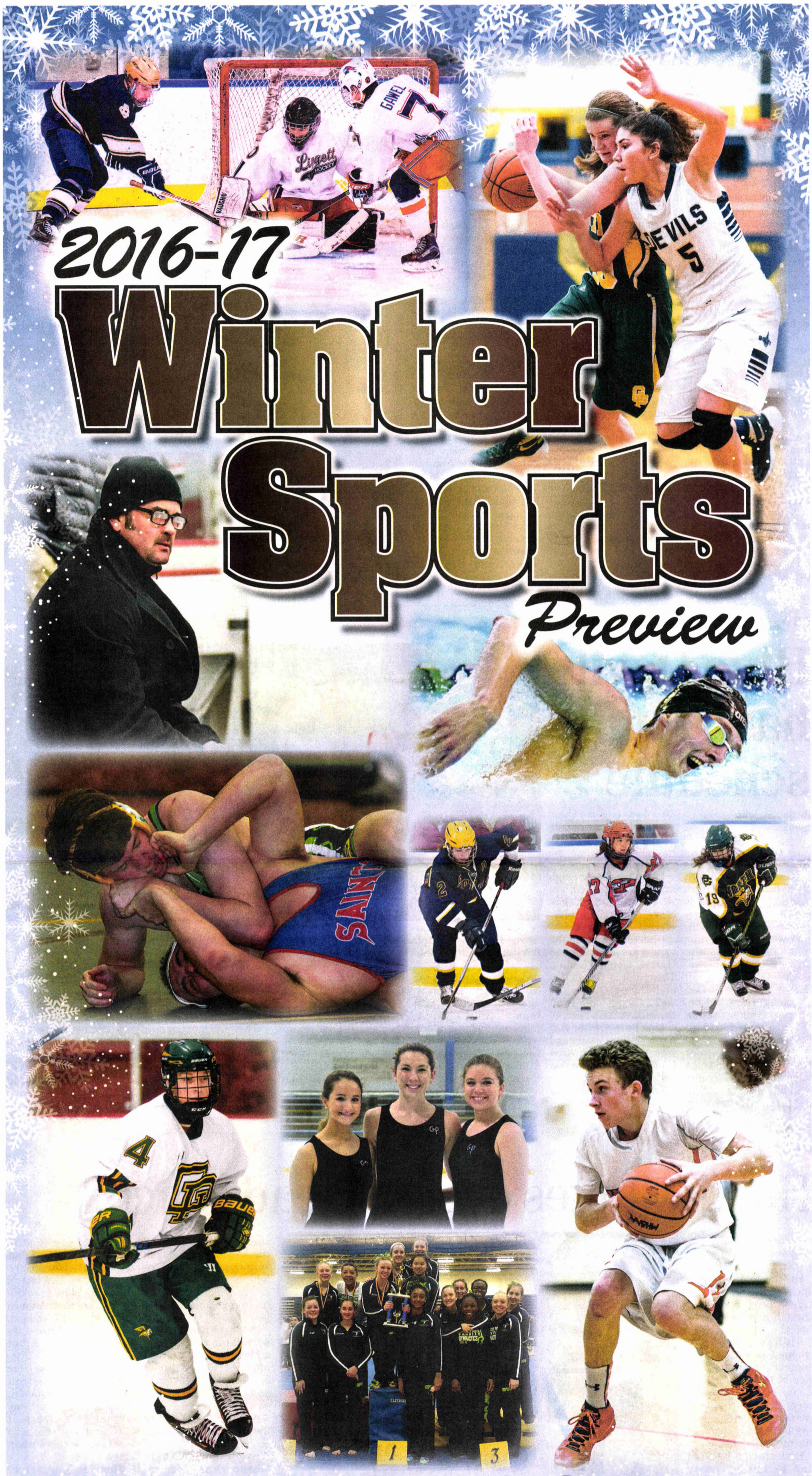
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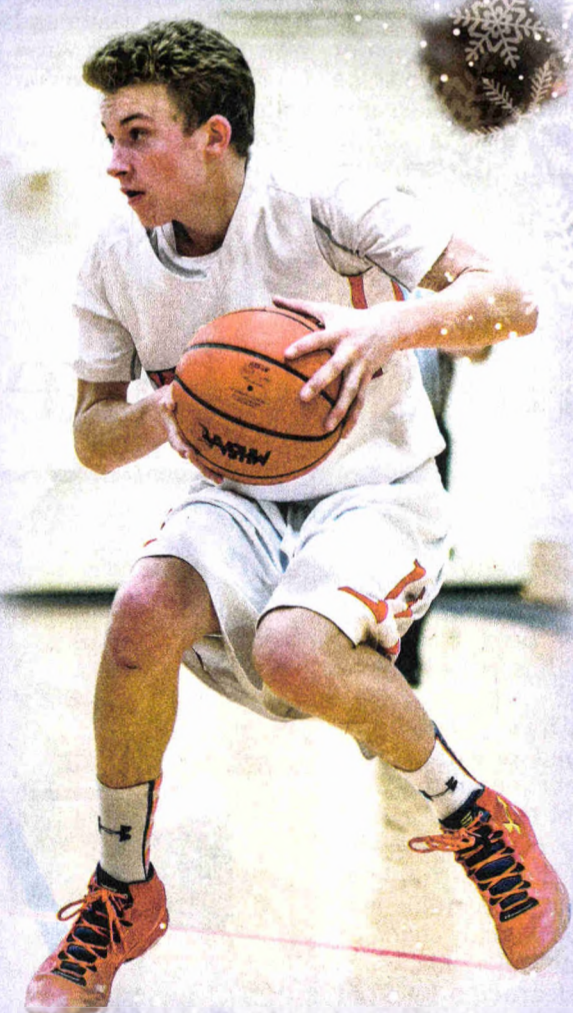
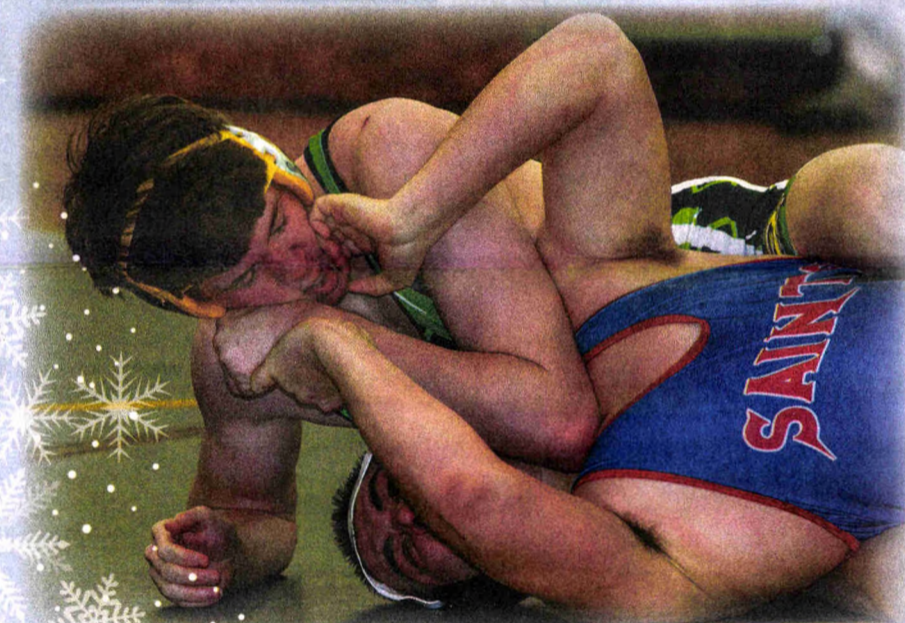
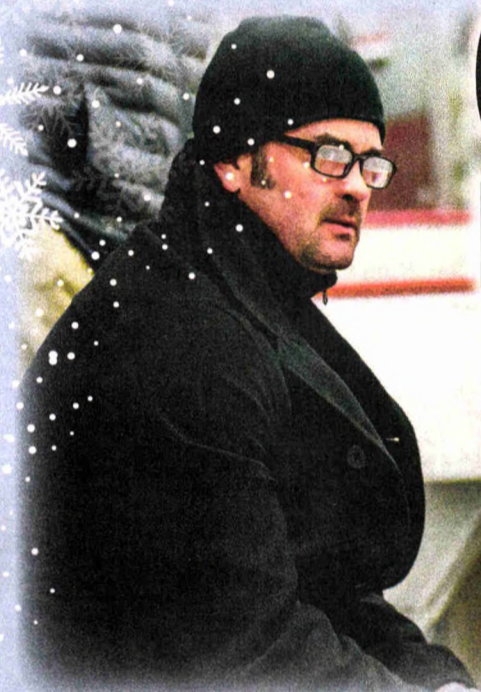
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# Winter Sports Preview



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## Boys basketball

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## Norsemen to give chase in division

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Head coach Ron Kochan's Grosse Pointe North boys' basketball team has a ton of potential this year and this could be his best season in his tenure.

Returning players from last year's 12-10 squad are seniors Steven Levick, Dillon Webb, Sam Cross and Marvin Amerson, and sophomore Ryan Webb.

Levick was All-Conference last season and averaged 15 points and six rebounds per game. At 6-foot, 4-inches, he will be a handful at the guard position.

Webb is healthy and ready to make a presence in the post, as is his brother, Ryan. Cross has improved and Amerson brings a positive pres-

ence and solid worth ethic to the program.

Newcomers to the varsity are senior Petar Ristic, a transfer from Serbia who possesses good passing skills and a high basketball IQ, senior Martes Howard; juniors Tyler Hill, Sheldon Cage, Jarell Stewart, Phil Ross and Hank Zalewski; and sophomore Joey Ayrault.

"This will be the best lineup I've had 1 through 13," Kochan said. "I believe we can rotate 9-10 into our regular rotation. Practice has been really competitive. We have all great kids on this team, which makes my job fun. We believe we can win the league and district and those are two of our goals."

Kochan has the luxury of playing a big lineup or small lineup.

They should be able to

play either a fast-paced or half-court game.

Last season the Norsemen finished 7-5 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division.

They reside in the same division this winter, along with Romeo, Roseville, Warren Mott and Utica Ford.

In non-league games, the Norsemen host Eastpointe East Detroit and Grosse Pointe South, plus travel to St. Clair, Grosse Pointe South and West Bloomfield.

The Norsemen also compete in the regular-season ending MAC Tournament and are in the same district, competing at St. Clair Shores Lake Shore against East Detroit, Lake Shore, Roseville, Warren Woods-Tower and St. Clair Shores Lakeview.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

North's seniors this season are, from left, Sam Cross, Dillon Webb, Marvin Amerson, Steven Levick and Petar Ristic.

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Blue Devils have tough schedule

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Head coach Troy Glasser has given his Grosse Pointe South boys' basketball players a serious challenge this season, navigate a daunting schedule.

However, he has nine returning seniors to lean on — Brennen Buszka, Zane Draper, Noah Davey, Josh Adams, Dan Hessburg, Hank Wilson, Michael Braker, Adrian Iafrate and John Rogowski.

"This is a huge senior class, but we have some talented underclassmen who add a lot of skill to the team," Glasser said.

"We have enjoyed some success the past couple of years and these guys have been with me the entire time.

"We have a very tough schedule, but it will get us ready for a tough challenge in the state playoffs."

Underclassmen on the varsity are juniors Julian Harrel, Cooper Lundh, Theo Niforos, Dan Cullen and Davon Gaines, as well as sophomore Ryan Downey.

The Blue Devils finished 17-4 last winter and won the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division with an 11-1 mark.

This season the Blue Devils moved up two



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointe South's nine seniors are, from left, Dan Hessburg, Michael Braker, Hank Wilson, Adrian Iafrate, Josh Adams, John Rogowski, Zane Draper, Noah Davey and Brennen Buszka.

divisions and play in the MAC Red Division against one of the best teams in Class A, Macomb Dakota, along with Utica Stevenson, Chippewa Valley, L'Anse Creuse North and Utica Eisenhower.

"This should be interesting, but I know we will

battle every night," Glasser said. "Dakota is loaded and could win a state title, and the other teams are good teams from big Class A schools."

In non-league action, the Blue Devils play Woodhaven and Orchard Lake St. Mary's Dec. 6 and Dec. 11 at historic

Calihan Hall, plus play at New Haven, which is a state title contender in Class B.

They also face city rival Grosse Pointe North twice, as well host a holiday tournament Dec. 27 and Dec. 29. South plays Stoney Creek in the first game and then plays

Brother Rice or Plymouth on day two.

They round out the regular season competing against three MAC teams before hosting a district tournament, which includes another Class A power, Detroit East English Village Prep.

## LIGGETT

## Housey takes over as head coach

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

For the first time in a decade, the University Liggett boys' basketball team has a new head coach.

Sidney Johnson stepped down to take another job on the west side of the state and in steps Chris Housey, who spent the past couple of years as the junior varsity basketball coach at Warren DeLaSalle.

He learned a lot from one of the legendary head coaches in the state, Greg Esler.

"I'm ready for this job and I have a great staff to work with," Housey said. "It's going to take some time for all of us to learn a new system, but one thing we emphasize as a staff is playing defense. We can win a lot of games by playing solid defense. "One thing I noticed is



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Liggett's seniors this season are, from left, Jackson Walkowiak, Sam Durno, Evan Marquardt, Devon LaMagno, Amani Tolin and Davey Sekhon.

the guys know what it takes to win state championships. That mentality will help us become a good basketball team."

Look for seniors Jackson Walkowiak, Sam

Durno, Evan Marquardt, Devon LaMagno, Amani Tolin and Davey Sekhon to lead the way.

Juniors Anthony George, Logan King, Des Darby and Casey Scoggin

are on the varsity, as are sophomores Billy Kopicki and Charlie Amine and freshman Nolan Ondersma.

Look for the Knights to push the ball when the

situation calls for it and the squad has a dozen variations of each play, which should confuse defenses if they try to key on stopping one particular play.

"We have a lot of looks we will run and we have athletic guys to run this offense," Housey said. "It is going to be tough to scout us because we run so many looks."

As said, the main theme to the Knights will be defense. Esler's teams through the years have been tough on the defensive end of the court and rebounding is a key.

Housey's junior varsity teams at DeLaSalle have played some of the state's toughest teams, so he has the ability to get his players "up" for the big game.

The Knights will spend one more season in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, which has been ruled by

Southfield Christian in recent years. The other division foes are Plymouth Christian Academy, Novi Franklin Road Christian, Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, Allen Park Inter-City Baptist and Ann Arbor Greenhills.

In non-league play, the Knights face Detroit Cody, Warren Lincoln, Sterling Heights Parkway Christian, Detroit University Prep and Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

They also travel to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood to play in the Metro Conference Tournament Dec. 27 and Dec. 28.

"I like our schedule and it will challenge us before the state playoffs begin," Housey said.

Housey makes his head coaching debut with Liggett Wednesday, Dec. 7, at Cody.

## Girls basketball

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Blue Devils field young, athletic team

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Head coach Kevin Richards understands he has to be patient with his 2016-17 Grosse Pointe South girls' basketball team.

Gone are several graduates and taking the lead this season is one senior, Sayanna Roy, along with two juniors, Grace Foster and Margot Baer. These three are Richards' captains.

"This team reminds me of the one I had my first year as head coach," Richards said. "We had a lot of underclassmen who worked hard and improved. I expect this group to work hard and be a better team with each game. We will get there, I'm confident."

The newcomers to the varsity are juniors Kam Tucker, Natalija Bogoevich, Blair Cullen,



Grosse Pointe South's captains this winter are, from left, Grace Foster, Sayanna Roy and Margot Baer.

Kathryn Leonard and Lauren Toenjes, and sophomores Lily Adams, Maria Hessburg, Savannah Srebernak and Sydney Hall.

The Blue Devils are coming off a less than stellar season which saw them post a 9-14 overall

record and 5-7 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division. South still resides in the MAC Red, which might be the toughest division in the state this season since defending state champ Warren Cousino returns nearly

its entire roster, including Division 1 college recruit Kierra Fletcher, who signed a NLI at Georgia Tech. Macomb Dakota, with Division 1 college recruit Tara Bieniewicz, will be tough, as will Port Huron Northern, which beat Cousino twice last

year.

"Our division is going to be a challenge every night," Richards said. "Every team is good from top to bottom, so our girls better be ready for a battle."

Grosse Pointe North also has its Division 1 college recruit, Julia Ayrault, and Romeo round out the MAC Red Division opposition.

In non-league games, Richards scheduled St. Ignace, Utica Eisenhower, Utica, Utica Ford, Utica Stevenson and Detroit Country Day. In addition, the Blue Devils will play a non-league game at Hoosier Gym to face Knightstown High School. This game is Saturday, Dec. 17.

The Blue Devils have the roster to utilize Richards' fast-break offense and up-tempo, trapping defense. They got away from that style

of play last year and the results weren't great. However, watch them play a fast-paced style this season.

It might take some time for everyone to get on the same page, so watch for the Blue Devils to get into a consistent rhythm in the second half of the season.

South opens the season Saturday, Dec. 3, at St. Ignace.

## College news

Grosse Pointe South alumna Claire DeBoer was recently named the Patriot League's Preseason Player of the Year. She is a two-time All-League selection for the Bucknell Bison.

DeBoer was second in the team in scoring with 518 points and third in the league. The Bison are also the Preseason favorite to win the Patriot League.

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## Youth leads way

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls' basketball team heads into the season with a roster loaded with underclassmen.

Head coach Gary Bennett has the job of being patient as the ladies learn the ins and outs of varsity basketball.

"I'm focused on teaching a lot of fundamentals and improving every individual," Bennett said. "I want us to be competitive and we can get to that point."

Thanks to injuries, the Norsemen are left with nine healthy players, led by senior Katie Snow and sophomore Division 1 college recruit Julia Ayrault.

The only other players who were on varsity last year are sophomores Evelyn Zacharias and Ava Stander.

"We can't afford any injuries or sickness," Bennett said. "Our girls are going to play a lot of minutes."

Newcomers to the team are junior Josie Ciaravino, sophomores



Grosse Pointe North's captains are sophomore Julia Ayrault, left, and senior Katie Snow.

Meghan Gallagher, Maddie Mills, Rachel Sexton and Cari Humphries, and freshmen Cari Humphries and Michelle Bodnariuk.

However, Humphries and Braker will miss the season with knee injuries.

"My goal is to be very patient with the girls," Bennett said.

The Norsemen, which finished 17-6 overall and 7-5 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division last season, are going to need the standouts to up the level of their play this winter.

The MAC Red Division might arguably be the toughest conference in the state as defending state champ Warren Cousino, Macomb

Dakota and Port Huron Northern call home. Cousino and Dakota field Division 1 college recruits, while PHN beat Cousino twice last season and fields a strong team.

North, Grosse Pointe South and Romeo will give chase and might be in the lower three in the division finish, according to preseason rankings.

In non-league action, Bennett scheduled Livonia Ladywood, Chippewa Valley, Sterling Heights, Utica Ford and Warren Regina.

Grosse Pointe North began its season Nov. 29 hosting Ladywood.

Next on the slate is a home game Friday, Dec. 2, against Chippewa Valley.

## LIGGETT

## Knights' numbers low, but energy high

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The 2016-17 University Liggett girls' basketball team is going to have a different look as the program goes through a rebuilding process.

Head coach Omar Ahart has a young and relatively inexperienced team led by senior All-State guard Nia Ahart, who recently signed a NLI to attend Colgate University, sophomore Maria Pas, who played a lot of basketball this off-season, and junior Lauryn Holliday, who also played more basketball.

"We have to be faster since we don't have any height," Ahart said. "We need to use our speed to an advantage."

Newcomers to the program are junior Delaney Bandos, who will play the role 2016 graduate Madison Jerome had, sophomore Siobhan Haggerty, sophomore Madeleine Wujek and junior Maria Thanasas.

"Nia is going to play a different role this year," Ahart said. "She is going to have to be a teacher in practice and score more than in years past. However, we have others who will put the ball in the basket for us and we



Liggett's captain this season is senior Nia Ahart.

will get better with each game."

The Knights won another league and district title last year. Duplicating those accomplishments will be a challenge since the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference is better and the district's top team is Detroit Edison Prep.

"We're going to have fun this year and improving as a team is a priority," Ahart said. "Our goals are to contend for the MIAC and battle in the districts. DEPSA is very good and will be tough to beat, but we will give it a try."

As for the MIAC, Ahart said Novi Franklin Road Christian, Allen Park Inter-City Baptist and Plymouth Christian Academy are good teams. Birmingham Roper and Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest are also in the division.

In non-league games, Ahart scheduled Detroit Communication Media Arts, Warren Lincoln, Farmington Hills Harrison (LBI Tournament Saturday, Dec. 17), Detroit Northwestern and Blissfield in the Roundball Classic Dec. 26 and 27 at DEPSA.



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## Boys hockey

LIGGETT

## Knights feature youthful energy

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The University Liggett boys' hockey team has been a perennial power in Division 3 the past decade, thanks to the dedication of coaches Terry Olson, Robb McInyre and current head man Mike Hamilton.

Last season the Knights had some high-powered seniors, but this winter the team is loaded with underclassmen.

"We have to keep teams in front of us and grind out games because we're

not a high-powered offensive team," Hamilton said. "We have a solid defense in front of (Andrew) Doppke, so I think most of our games will be low scoring. We will see."

The leaders are senior Jaron Pangborn, junior Dylan Paulsell and junior Spencer Stefani. These three have been with Hamilton their entire career and they will lead the way offensively and defensively.

Other seniors are Kester Stefani, George Thanasas and Doppke,

the starting goaltender. Junior Nathan Alcantara is also a goalie, as is sophomore Jacob Rosenberg.

Other juniors are Douglas Roby, Spencer Warezak, Matthew Moroun, Alex Johnson, Mason Campau, Charles Fruehauf and Sean Detloff, while the sophomores are Spencer Lukas, Darcy Huang, Caden Lewandowski, Daniel Bowen, Luther Zinn, Colton Morris and Dace Potas.

Rounding out the roster are freshmen William

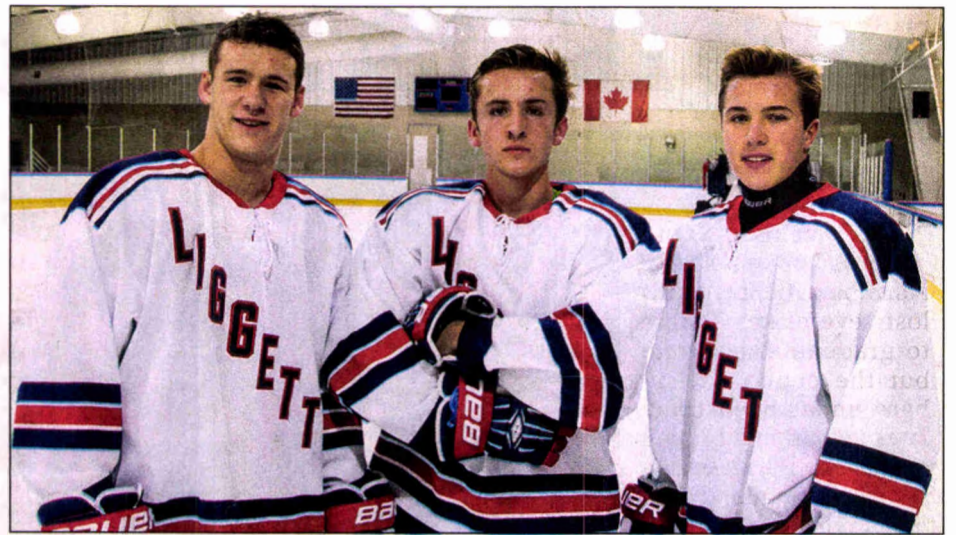


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Liggett's team captains this season are, from left, Jaron Pangborn, Dylan Paulsell and Spencer Stefani.

Nicholson, Harry Durno, Tristan Reilly, Zane Demsey and Townsend Meredith.

The Knights had a solid finish in the Michigan Metro Hockey League last winter. It was the first year of their league affili-

ation after being an independent for a long time.

Their league foes are city rival Grosse Pointe South, Riverview Gabriel Richard, Detroit Country Day, Woodhaven, Dearborn Divine Child, Ann Arbor Gabriel

Richard, Allen Park and Wyandotte Roosevelt.

They play non-league games against Grosse Pointe North and they compete in their own invitational, as well as the Metro Showcase and MIHL Showcase.

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Blue Devils eye ultimate prize

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys' hockey team has lofty expectations this season and the ultimate prize can be had if the players remain focused.

"We have a very good hockey team, but the guys have to play as a team and not individuals," head coach Bobby McKillop said.

Last year the Blue Devils finished 17-7-3 and won the Michigan Metro Hockey League.

The Blue Devils have the talent to win a Division 2 state championship. Team senior captains Adam Pitters, Jack Flynn, Adam Cervone and Jack Liagre are the anchors up front and on the blue line.

Other seniors are Devin Naidow, Markus Minanov, Noah Morris, Liam Kavanaugh, Michael French, Jacob Brauer, Patrick Bourke, Jack Jordan and Jake Fillmore.

Juniors are Alex Strehlke, Giovanni Lutfy, Evan Theros, Scott Miller, Will Frame, Garrett Bollenbacher and Camden Mills.

The sophomores are Conor McKenna, Drew Maccagnone, Andrew Vyletel and Garrett Benoit.

The Blue Devils have a team built on speed, but they have gritty players who fit McKillop's mold. McKillop has carefully crafted the squad to be made of "team" players and not individuals.

He has the luxury of fielding a roster with

upper tier players who came from AAA hockey and a few who can play at the next level.

Are the Blue Devils on par with the perennial state powers like Brother Rice, Catholic Central, St. Mary's and Cranbrook-Kingswood? Time will tell.

Naidow, Mills and Jordan are the goalkeepers.

South is the favorite to win the Michigan Metro Hockey League.

It's foes consist of Riverview Gabriel Richard, Detroit Country Day, Dearborn Divine Child, Allen Park, Wyandotte Roosevelt and city rival University Liggett.

They also play in the MIHL Showcase the first week of February, as well as play each of the nine



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

South's team captains this season are, from left, seniors Adam Cervone, Jack Liagre, Adam Pitters and Jack Flynn.

teams in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League, Grosse Pointe North, Trenton, Novi

Catholic Central, Birmingham Brother Rice, Orchard Lake St. Mary's, Bloomfield Hills

Cranbrook-Kingswood, Port Huron Northern, Warren DeLaSalle and U-D Jesuit.

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## Norsemen's roster loaded with youth

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Head coach Mike Maltese is back for his third year behind the bench of the Grosse Pointe North boys' hockey team.

The Norsemen lost several key seniors to graduation and underclassmen are filling those shoes. The 2016-17 Norsemen will be young, but willing to learn.

"We have some good players who will lead this

team," Maltese said. "I expect us to be a better second-half team once all of our younger players get on the same page."

Junior Austin Albrecht is the captain, while the assistant captains are seniors Nate Robinson,

Brian Moody, Joe Lucchese, Alex Batts and Paul Lucchese.

Other seniors are goalkeeper Brian Wenz and Marko Tomovski.

Juniors are Ryan Rokicki, Brendan Hull, Tom Bowers, J.D. Allor, Evan Kolinski and Thompas Supal; sophomores are Connor Albrecht, Frank Lucido, Chris Lorelli, Julia

McLellan and Kyle Losinski; and freshmen who made the varsity are Evan Berger and Michael Burns.

The Norsemen play in the league's toughest conference, the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League, which boasts Catholic Central, Birmingham Brother Rice, Orchard Lake St. Mary's, U-D Jesuit,

Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood and Trenton, along with Warren DeLaSalle and Port Huron Northern.

In non-league action, Maltese scheduled Macomb Dakota, Utica Eisenhower, Grosse Pointe South, University Liggett, St. Clair Shores Unified, Anchor Bay and Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

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Grosse Pointe North's captain and assistant captains this season are, kneeling from left, Paul Lucchese and Joe Lucchese; and standing from left, Alex Batts, Brian Moody, Austin Albrecht and Nathan Robinson.

## Girls hockey

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## Norsemen have offensive power

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North girls' hockey team lost several key seniors to graduation last year, but the cupboard isn't bare under head coach Joe Lucchese.

Seniors Lia DeCoste and Eve Feldman are the team captains and the assistants are seniors Erin Haggerty and Rachel Stander, as well as juniors Lindsey Ramsdell and Kylee Banaszewski.

Lucchese and assistant coach Alexa Lucchese field a very young squad with only four seniors.

Other juniors are McKenzie Obermok, Grace Howard, Natalie Barstys and Erika Benoit. Obermok and Benoit are goaltenders and will likely share the duties in net.

Sophomores are Hannah Martin, Clare Murphy, Lily Gleeson,



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Grosse Pointe North's captains and assistant captains are, from left, Erin Haggerty, Rachel Stander, Eve Feldman, Kylee Banaszewski and Lindsey Ramsdell. Other captain Lia DeCoste is not pictured.

Maddie McIntyre and Isabell Welke, and freshmen on the squad are Maddy Winsininski, Ruth Fradeneck, MacKenzie Stockwell and Darby

Pickford.

"We have girls who will score goals for us," Lucchese said. "Our biggest thing this year is getting our defense in order.

It will take time for all the girls to come together, but I'm confident we will be a competitive team and play good hockey." The Norsemen com-

pete in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League, along with Grosse Pointe South, University Liggett, defending Division 1

champ Farmington Hills Mercy, defending Division 2 champ Walled Lake, Plymouth-Canton-Salem, Northville, Livonia Ladywood, Skyron (Ann Arbor Skyline and Ann Arbor Huron), Ann Arbor Pioneer, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood, Detroit Country Day, Warren Regina and Bloomfield United.

The Norsemen finished near the .500 mark last season and upset No. 1 seed University Liggett in the first round of the state playoffs. Grosse Pointe South ended their season in the semifinals.

The top eight teams in the regular season standings play in the Division 1 playoffs and the bottom six play in the Division 2 playoffs the first week of March.

The Norsemen have been in the state semifinals or championship game in several consecutive years.

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## New coach excited to lead Blue Devils

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Chris Booth is the third head coach in the history of Grosse Pointe South girls' hockey program, joining Joe Provenzano and Bill Fox.

South is the most successful program in the 20 year history of the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

The Blue Devils made it to the state title game last spring, but a loss to Farmington Hills Mercy spoiled the ending.

"I'm excited for this opportunity," Booth said. "We have a good group of players and a lot of depth. I think we have the best two players in the league in Lauren Kramer and Carson Dennis."

Shannon McKenna joins Kramer and Dennis as the team captains. Their teammates are Meghan Ryszewski, Cailley Paull, Erin Brannagan, Emily Van Der Hoeven, Rosie Williamson, Anna Mary Moody, Alyssa Czech, Maddie Boyer, Madison



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South's team captains this season are veterans, from left, Shannon McKenna, Carson Dennis and Lauren Kramer.

Ryszewski, Kelsie Francis, Nicole Scoglio, Solana Bryson, Lizzy Acheson, Keeley Benz, Hannah Miller, Charlotte Martinez, Natalie Clextion, Maddie Kelly and Bridget Donaldson.

The Blue Devils have

explosive scorers, but can they keep the opposition from getting the quality scoring chances? That will be the key. Donaldson replaces Bella Strickler between the pipes and Kelly is the second goaltender.

South is looking for another solid finish in the league. It's 13 opponents are Mercy, Grosse Pointe North, University Liggett, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood, Livonia Ladywood, Northville, Bloomfield

Hills, Plymouth-Canton-Salem, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Walled Lake, Warren Regina, Detroit Country Day and Skyron (Ann Arbor Skyline and Ann Arbor Huron).

The Blue Devils play several teams in non-

league games, Walled Lake, Mercy, Cranbrook-Kingswood, Grosse Pointe North, University Liggett and Ladywood.

They also compete in the annual Liggett Tournament the weekend before Christmas. They face Grosse Pointe North in one semifinal, while Liggett plays Ladywood in the other semifinal.

"We have a lot of experience on the team, which helps with developing our younger, inexperienced players," Booth said. "Our goal is to win a state championship."

Booth was an assistant coach under Provenzano the past few seasons.

He stepped to the plate this winter to take the top spot.

The team is also scheduled to play some non-league games during the annual Chicago trip, which is the weekend of Jan. 21.

It's been a good opportunity for the girls to expand their camaraderie and for the coaching staff to bring everyone together.

## Figure skating

## GROSSE POINTE UNIFIED

## Ladies ready to begin

The Grosse Pointe Unified figure skating team is back for another season of success under head coach Claire LaDue.

Returning skaters are Grosse Pointe North senior Tyler Clogg, Grosse Pointe North juniors Natalie Barstys, Alyssa Dall, Darcy Graham, Brittinie Hughes and Maria LaRose, and Grosse Pointe North sophomores Katy Millican and Bridget Gagnier. Grosse Pointe South junior Caitlin Miller is also

returning.

Newcomers to the program are Grosse Pointe South's Emilia Zingas and Susan Srodawa, as well as Grosse Pointe North's Lillian Klein and Sophia LaRose.

Last season the "C" squad made the state championships.

"This year we're hoping for more teams to qualify for the state championships and to place higher than last year," LaDue said. "We are excited to have some new freshmen on the teams, some of whom

have several years of competitive history.

"This will help our chances of winning a few more medals in our district and long term goal of advancing all three teams to states.

"Our personal goals are also to have fun with our teammates both on and off the rink."

Team manager Aimee Miller said the program will have three squads this winter and each has a chase to make it to the state competition.

—Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

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**Girls hockey**

**LIGGETT**

# Vets, new coach to lead Knights

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The University Liggett girls' hockey team is under the leadership of first-year head coach Anna Kuehnlein after long-time head coach Cassie Jaeckle stepped down last spring.

Kuehnlein played college hockey, as well as coached several travel teams the past decade. She brings a wealth of hockey knowledge to the program, which should continue to flourish under her tutelage. Her assistants are Nick Gwozdz and Jackie Zarb.

"I want the girls to work hard, have fun playing hockey and improve as a team," Kuehnlein said. "This is a dream job for me and I want to enjoy this opportunity at a great school. I'm fortunate to coach at a school with their own rink. It helps a lot."

It's a relatively new chapter in Knights girls'



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Liggett's team captains this season are, from left, Olivia Yates, Haley Malewicz and Marika Vreeken.

hockey and this version is led by returning senior Kara Francis, Haley Malewicz and Emma Shell; juniors Olivia Yates, Naomi Yoshida, Kate Zinn and Marika Vreeken; and sophomores Abby Doppke and

Lucy Barnowske. Kuehnlein has several talented newcomers to the program, including senior Emma St. John, junior Maddie Hamilton, sophomore Kate Birgbauer and freshman Eve Bournias, the goal-

tender. The Knights will start the season without Francis and Yoshida, who are coming back from injuries.

With 22 players on the roster, half are newcomers and some are new to

the sport. "We will be a better second-half team since it will take the girls some games to get comfortable with their game," Kuehnlein said. "We will work hard in practice to get better."

The Knights won the regular season title in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League last winter, but lost to Grosse Pointe North in the first round of the Division 1 state playoffs.

The league foes other than North are Grosse Pointe South, defending Division 1 state champ Farmington Hills Mercy, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Livonia Ladywood, Plymouth-Canton-Salem, Warren Regina, Detroit Country Day, Bloomfield United, defending Division 2 state champ Walled Lake, Skyron (Ann Arbor Huron and Ann Arbor Skyline) and Northville.

The top eight teams in the final regular season standings play in the Division 1 tournament and the bottom six compete in the Division 2 state tournament the first week of March.

## 2016/17 Winter Schedules UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL

### HOCKEY BOYS' VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
11/16/16	Gabriel Richard Riverview	H	5:30 pm
11/22/16	Grosse Pointe South	H	7:15 pm
11/25/16	Detroit Country Day	A	2:00 pm
12/01/16	Woodhaven	H	5:30 pm
12/03/16	Roosevelt	H	7:30 pm
12/08/16	Gabriel Richard	A	6:00 pm
12/12/16	Divine Child	H	5:30 pm
12/16/16	Liggett Invitational	A	5:00 pm
12/21/16	Gabriel Richard Riverview	A	7:30 pm
12/28/16	Traverse City Invitational	A	TBA
01/11/17	Allen Park	H	5:30 pm
01/13/17	Grosse Pointe North	H	5:30 pm
01/18/17	Roosevelt	A	7:40 pm
01/21/17	Metro Showcase	A	TBA
01/27/17	Liggett Showcase	H	5:30 pm
02/02/17	MIHL Showcase	A	TBA
02/08/17	Detroit Country Day	H	5:30 pm
02/10/17	Divine Child	A	7:30 pm
02/17/17	Allen Park	A	7:10 pm
02/23/17	Grosse Pointe South	H	5:15 pm

### HOCKEY GIRLS' VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
11/21/16	Walled Lake Western	H	5:30 pm
11/22/16	Grosse Pointe South	H	5:30 pm
12/01/16	Northville	A	4:30 pm
12/03/16	Andover	A	7:30 pm
12/06/16	Ladywood	H	5:30 pm
12/07/16	Skyline	A	5:00 pm
12/13/16	Cranbrook	H	5:30 pm
12/15/16	Liggett Invitational	H	5:30 pm
12/20/16	Canton	H	5:30 pm
01/11/17	Pioneer	A	5:00 pm
01/13/17	Mercy	A	8:00 pm
01/19/17	Grosse Pointe South	A	4:00 pm
01/21/17	Grosse Pointe North	A	5:30 pm
02/02/17	Detroit Country Day	A	4:00 pm
02/07/17	Canton	A	TBA
02/11/17	Cranbrook	A	7:00 pm
02/14/17	Grosse Pointe North	H	5:30 pm
02/28/17	Regina	H	5:30 pm
03/06/17	Playoffs Begin	A	TBA

### BASKETBALL BOYS' VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
11/25/16	Scrimmage	A	TBA
12/03/16	Scrimmage	A	TBA
12/07/16	Cody	A	5:30 pm
12/09/16	Lincoln	A	7:00 pm
12/13/16	Parkway Christian	A	7:00 pm
12/16/16	University Prep	H	7:00 pm
12/19/16	Southfield Christian	H	7:30 pm
12/27/16	Metro Conference Tourney	A	TBA
12/28/16	Metro Conference Tourney	A	TBA
01/10/17	Plymouth Christian	A	7:00 pm
01/13/17	Franklin Rd. Christian	A	7:00 pm
01/27/17	Inter-City Baptist	H	7:30 pm
01/31/17	Plymouth Christian	H	7:00 pm
02/03/17	Greenhills	A	7:00 pm
02/07/17	Oakland Christian	H	7:00 pm
02/10/17	Franklin Rd. Christian	H	6:00 pm
02/14/17	Southfield Christian	A	7:00 pm
02/17/17	Inter-City Baptist	A	7:30 pm
02/24/17	Greenhills	H	7:00 pm
02/28/17	Bishop Foley Catholic	A	7:30 pm
03/06/17	District Week	A	TBA

### BASKETBALL GIRLS' VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
11/19/16	Scrimmage	A	8:00 am
12/09/16	Liggett Scrimmage	H	9:00 am
12/02/16	Communication Media Arts	H	6:00 pm
12/09/16	Lincoln	A	5:30 pm
12/13/16	Roeper	A	6:00 pm
12/17/16	LBI Tourney	A	10:40 am
12/26/16	Roundball Classic	A	TBA
01/10/17	Plymouth Christian	H	5:30 pm
01/13/17	Franklin Rd. Christian	A	8:30 pm
01/17/17	Lutheran Northwest	H	5:30 pm
01/27/17	Inter-City Baptist	H	6:00 pm
01/31/17	Plymouth Christian	A	7:00 pm
02/07/17	Lutheran Northwest	A	7:00 pm
02/10/17	Franklin Rd. Christian	H	7:30 pm
02/14/17	Roeper	H	5:30 pm
02/17/17	Inter-City Baptist	A	6:00 pm
02/27/17	District Week	A	TBA



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### Wrestling

**GROSSE POINTE NORTH**

# Norsemen's staff ready to lead way

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Eric Julien is back for another season at the helm of the Grosse Pointe North wrestling team.

His assistants are Jason Palazzolo and Greg Snider.

The Norsemen have

remained a consistent squad hovering at the .500 range since Julien took over. A lack of numbers has been a thorn in their side.

If last year's grapplers return, the Norsemen will be competitive. Last year's members included

Dirk Drieburg, Wilson

Moin, Aaron Rozich, George Mourtos, Reed Boeckler, Joseph Lawnicki, Erickson Glazard, Owen Brown, Chase Mocerri, Zaire Summerville, Nick Volpe, Charlie Weiss, Britany Howard and John Hryciuk.

The Norsemen com-

pete in the Macomb Area Conference Gold Division, with Clawson, Cousino, Fitzgerald, Lake Shore, Lakeview, St. Clair and Mott. This division is very balanced and each foe will provide a test for the team.

The last time the Norsemen had a solid

division record was in the 2009-10 season in which it was 5-2 in the MAC White.

Julien also has the wrestlers competing at Armada, the Macomb County Meet, Rochester Adams, the Norsemen Classic, Center Line and U-D Jesuit.

The MAC League Meet is Saturday, Feb. 4, and the districts are the following week. Regionals

are the week of Feb. 13. The Norsemen will battle night-in and night-out and the goal is to get the team to regionals and as many individuals as possible to regionals.

## 2016/17 Winter Schedules GROSSE POINTE NORTH

### HOCKEY BOYS' VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
11/16/16	Brother Rice	H	7:30 pm
11/18/16	Cranbrook	A	6:50 pm
12/02/16	U of D Jesuit	H	7:30 pm
12/07/16	Dakota	A	7:30 pm
12/14/16	Trenton	H	7:30 pm
12/16/16	Grosse Pointe South	H	5:00 pm
12/17/16	Liggett Tournament	A	TBA
01/04/17	Eisenhower	A	6:15 pm
01/06/17	Sault Showcase	A	8:00 pm
01/07/17	Sault Showcase	A	1:00 pm
01/12/17	St. Clair Shores	A	8:00 pm
01/13/17	University Liggett	A	5:00 pm
01/14/17	De La Salle Collegiate	A	5:00 pm
01/18/17	Trenton	A	7:00 pm
01/20/17	De La Salle	H	7:30 pm
01/21/17	St. Mary Preparatory	A	7:30 pm
01/25/17	Cranbrook	H	7:30 pm
01/27/17	U of D Jesuit	A	6:30 pm
02/03/17	MIHL Showcase	A	TBA
02/04/17	MIHL Showcase	A	TBA
02/08/17	Anchor Bay	A	7:00 pm
02/15/17	Dakota	H	7:30 pm
02/18/17	Notre Dame Preparatory	A	7:30 pm
02/22/17	Port Huron Northern	H	7:30 pm
02/24/17	Catholic Central	H	7:30 pm

### HOCKEY GIRLS' VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
11/17/16	Plymouth Canton Salem	H	4:00 pm
11/19/16	Ladywood	A	4:30 pm
11/22/16	Northville	H	4:00 pm
11/30/16	Skyline	A	7:00 pm
12/06/16	Cranbrook	H	4:00 pm
12/08/16	Mercy	H	4:00 pm
12/10/16	Walled Lake Central	A	7:00 pm
12/14/16	Pioneer	A	7:00 pm
12/15/16	Liggett Tournament	A	TBA
12/17/16	Liggett Tournament	A	TBA
12/22/16	Grosse Pointe South	A	4:00 pm
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01/12/17	Ladywood	H	4:00 pm
01/17/17	Plymouth Canton Salem	A	6:30 pm
01/20/17	Mercy	A	8:00 pm
01/21/17	University Liggett	H	5:30 pm
01/26/17	Regina	H	4:00 pm
01/27/17	Cranbrook	A	6:00 pm
01/28/17	League Showcase	A	TBA
02/04/17	Walled Lake Central	H	5:30 pm
02/09/17	Detroit Country Day	H	4:00 pm
02/14/17	University Liggett	A	5:00 pm
02/16/17	Bloomfield United	A	4:30 pm
03/02/17	Grosse Pointe South	H	4:00 pm
03/06/17	Playoff Game	A	TBA

### WRESTLING BOYS' VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
12/07/16	Armada	A	5:30 pm
12/10/16	Cousino	A	9:30 am
12/16/16	County Meet	H	4:00 pm
12/17/16	County Meet	H	9:00 am
01/07/17	Rochester Adams	A	9:00 am
01/11/17	Lake Shore	A	5:00 pm
01/14/17	Norsemen Classic	H	8:30 am
01/18/17	Cousino	A	5:00 pm
01/21/17	Center Line	A	9:00 am
01/25/17	Lakeview	H	5:00 pm
01/28/17	U of D Jesuit	A	9:00 am
02/01/17	OPEN DATE	A	5:00 pm
02/02/17	Lakeview	A	5:00 pm
02/04/17	MAC League Meet	H	9:00 am
02/09/17	Team Districts	A	5:00 pm
02/11/17	Individual Disticts	A	9:00 am
02/15/17	Team Regionals	A	TBA
02/18/17	Individual Regionals	A	TBA
02/24/17	Team State Finals	A	TBA
02/25/17	Team State Finals	A	TBA
03/02/17	Individual States	A	TBA
03/03/17	Individual States	A	TBA
03/04/17	Individual States	A	TBA

### GYMNASTICS GIRLS' VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
12/12/16	Fraser	H	6:30 pm
12/19/16	Troy	H	6:30 pm
12/22/16	Tecumseh	H	6:30 pm
01/07/17	Fraser Invitational	A	10:00 am
01/10/17	Birmingham United	H	6:30 pm
01/13/17	Troy	A	6:30 pm
01/17/17	Fraser	A	6:30 pm
01/19/17	Dearborn	A	7:00 pm
01/25/17	League Tri-Meet	H	6:30 pm
01/28/17	Jeanne Caruss Invitational	A	10:00 am
02/01/17	Birmingham United	A	6:30 pm
02/04/17	Canton Invitational	A	10:00 am
02/09/17	Farmington	H	6:30 pm
02/17/17	League Championship	H	TBA
02/22/17	Canton	H	6:30 pm
03/04/17	MHSAA Regionals	A	TBA
03/10/17	State Finals Meet	A	TBA
03/11/17	State Finals Meet	A	TBA

### BASKETBALL GIRLS' VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
11/29/16	Ladywood	H	7:00 pm
12/02/16	Chippewa Valley	H	7:00 pm
12/06/16	Sterling Heights	H	7:00 pm
12/09/16	Ford II	A	7:00 pm
12/16/16	Grosse Pointe South	A	5:30 pm
12/20/16	OPEN DATE	A	7:00 pm
12/22/16	Regina	A	7:00 pm
01/06/17	Cousino	H	7:00 pm
01/10/17	Romeo	A	5:30 pm
01/13/17	Port Huron Northern	H	7:00 pm
01/17/17	Grosse Pointe South	H	7:00 pm
01/20/17	Dakota	A	5:30 pm
01/24/17	Cousino	A	7:00 pm
01/27/17	Romeo	H	7:00 pm
01/31/17	Port Huron Northern	A	7:00 pm
02/04/17	Utica	A	6:00 pm
02/08/17	Dakota	H	7:00 pm
02/10/17	Mac Tournament	A	TBA
02/14/17	Mac Tournament	A	TBA
02/17/17	Mac Tournament	A	TBA
02/27/17	Districts	A	TBA

### BASKETBALL BOYS' VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
12/08/16	East Detroit	H	7:00 pm
12/13/16	St. Clair	A	7:30 pm
12/16/16	Grosse Pointe South	A	7:00 pm
12/18/16	West Bloomfield	A	6:30 pm
01/05/17	OPEN DATE	A	TBA
01/10/17	Romeo	A	7:00 pm
01/13/17	Roseville	A	5:30 pm
01/18/17	Warren Mott	H	7:00 pm
01/20/17	Ford II	A	7:00 pm
01/24/17	Utica	A	7:00 pm
01/26/17	Romeo	H	7:00 pm
01/31/17	Roseville	H	7:00 pm
02/03/17	Warren Mott	A	7:00 pm
02/07/17	Ford II	H	7:00 pm
02/10/17	Grosse Pointe South	H	7:00 pm
02/14/17	Utica	H	7:00 pm
02/16/17	Mac Tournament	A	TBA
02/21/17	Mac Tournament	A	TBA
02/24/17	Mac Tournament	A	TBA

### SWIM/DIVE BOYS' VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
12/13/16	L'Anse Creuse	H	6:00 pm
01/05/17	Romeo	A	6:00 pm
01/10/17	Grosse Pointe South	H	6:00 pm
01/17/17	Livonia Franklin	A	6:00 pm
01/21/17	Metro Invitational	H	12:00 pm
01/24/17	Chippewa Valley	H	6:00 pm
02/04/17	MISCA Meet	A	TBA
02/07/17	Dakota	A	6:00 pm
02/14/17	Ford II	A	6:00 pm
02/24/17	MAC Division Swim	A	TBA
02/25/17	MAC Finals	A	TBA
03/02/17	Diving Regionals	A	TBA
03/10/17	State Prelims	A	TBA
03/11/17	State Finals	A	TBA



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**Wrestling**

**GROSSE POINTE SOUTH**

# Salazar at the helm for Blue Devils

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's wrestling program has been making steady progress the past several years, thanks to the dedication of coaches Greg Snider, Tony Cimmarrusti and current head man Patrick Salazar.

Their wrestlers improve under their tutelage and this year should be much of the same.

A dedication to improving skills and learning from match to match is turning the Blue Devils into a good competitor.

The Blue Devils finished 5-2 last season in the Macomb Area Conference Silver Division.

They came on strong in the MAC Blue/Gold/Silver Championship Meet, taking fourth overall and first among Silver Division squads.

Leading the team this season are returners Tyler Thompson, Miles Dearing, Truman McKay, Seamus Macleod, Patrick Omeara, John Drew and Walker Finazzo.

Thompson made it to the Division I individual state championship tournament at The Palace last year.

He lost a close 10-8 decision to Sergio Borg of Oxford in his first match and was elimi-

nated after falling by a 9-4 decision to Jackson's Brandon Riggins in his second match.

He wrestled in the 125-pound class last year and look for him to remain close to that weight class throughout this year.

Some new wrestlers that will make some noise are Mitch Stricker and Jacob Piazza.

"Since we graduated a few seniors it's going to be harder for us in our

division, but I am confident we will perform well with the team we have," Salazar said. "Many of the students who were underclassmen are taking charge of their new leadership roles, so I'm looking forward to how they perform."

The Blue Devils' division competitors are Sterling Heights, Madison Heights, Madison, Center Line, New Haven and

Eastpointe East Detroit.

The schedule also includes the Cousino Team Tournament, Macomb County Invitational, Jim Dewland Chaos Invitational, Norsemen Classic and Lincoln Park Rail Splitter Invitational.

The league meet is Saturday, Feb. 4, at Grosse Pointe North and the districts are the week after. Salazar hopes to get some to regionals.

## 2016/17 Winter Schedules GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

### HOCKEY BOYS' VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
11/18/16	Gabriel Richard Catholic	H	7:30 pm
11/22/16	University Liggett	H	7:45 pm
12/09/16	Trenton	A	7:30 pm
12/10/16	Detroit Country Day	A	4:00 pm
12/14/16	Detroit Catholic Central	A	7:30 pm
12/16/16	Grosse Pointe North	A	5:00 pm
12/17/16	TBA	A	TBA
12/21/16	Brother Rice	A	5:30 pm
12/23/16	Gabriel Richard Catholic	A	7:40 pm
01/06/17	Divine Child	H	7:30 pm
01/07/17	Divine Child	A	7:00 pm
01/13/17	Cranbrook Kingswood	A	7:15 pm
01/14/17	Allen Park	H	7:30 pm
01/20/17	Allen Park	A	7:10 pm
01/21/17	TBA	A	TBA
01/25/17	Port Huron Northern	A	TBA
01/27/17	Wyandotte Roosevelt	H	7:30 pm
01/28/17	De La Salle Collegiate	A	5:00 pm
02/02/17	Trenton Showcase	A	TBA
02/03/17	Trenton Showcase	A	TBA
02/04/17	Trenton Showcase	A	TBA
02/10/17	Wyandotte Roosevelt	A	7:20 pm
02/17/17	Detroit Country Day	H	7:30 pm
02/23/17	University Liggett	A	5:00 pm
02/25/17	U of D Jesuit	A	1:00 pm

### HOCKEY GIRLS' VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
11/19/16	Mercy	H	5:30 pm
11/22/16	University Liggett	A	5:30 pm
12/01/16	Ladywood	H	4:00 pm
12/03/16	Cranbrook	A	7:00 pm
12/08/16	Northville	A	4:30 pm
12/10/16	Mercy	A	5:30 pm
12/15/16	Liggett Tournament	A	TBA
12/17/16	University Liggett	A	TBA
12/22/16	Grosse Pointe North	H	4:00 pm
01/14/17	Bloomfield Hills	H	5:30 pm
01/15/17	Plymouth Canton	H	10:00 am
01/19/17	University Liggett	H	4:00 pm
01/21/17	Chicago Team Trip	A	TBA
01/29/17	Walled Lake	H	10:15 am
02/02/17	Cranbrook Kingswood	H	4:00 pm
02/05/17	AA Pioneer	H	10:15 am
02/08/17	Walled Lake	A	TBA
02/11/17	Ann Arbor Skyron	H	5:30 pm
02/13/17	Regina	A	4:55 pm
02/28/17	Detroit Country Day	A	6:30 pm
03/02/17	Grosse Pointe North	H	4:00 pm
03/04/17	Ladywood	A	6:30 pm

### SWIM/DIVE BOYS' VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
12/03/16	Time Trials	H	8:00 am
12/10/16	EMU Classic Relays	A	12:00 pm
12/13/16	Pangborn Invitational	A	2:00 pm
12/20/16	De La Salle Collegiate	H	6:00 pm
12/29/16	College Meet Scrimmage	H	11:00 am
01/06/17	Dakota	H	5:30 pm
01/07/17	Lakeview	A	2:00 pm
01/10/17	Grosse Pointe North	A	6:00 pm
01/14/17	Blue/Gold Meet	H	9:00 am
01/17/17	Romeo	H	6:00 pm
01/21/17	De La Salle Collegiate	A	12:00 pm
01/26/17	TBA	H	TBA
01/31/17	Ann Arbor Huron	A	6:00 pm
02/03/17	Macomb County Swim Meet	A	TBA
02/03/17	Wayne County Diving	H	5:30 pm
02/04/17	Macomb County Swim Meet	A	TBA
02/04/17	Wayne County Swimming	H	12:00 pm
02/07/17	Chippewa Valley	H	6:00 pm
02/10/17	MISCA Diving	A	6:00 pm
02/11/17	MISCA Swimming	A	12:00 pm
02/15/17	De La Salle Collegiate	H	6:00 pm
02/23/17	MAC Prelims - Diving	H	6:00 pm
02/24/17	MAC Red Swim Prelims	H	5:00 pm
02/25/17	MAC Red Finals	H	12:00 pm
02/28/17	Last Chance Invitational	A	6:00 pm
03/02/17	Diving Regionals	H	5:00 pm
03/10/17	MHSAA D II Prelims Swimming	A	12:00 pm
03/10/17	MHSAA D II Prelims Diving	A	3:00 pm
03/11/17	State Finals	A	12:00 pm

### BASKETBALL GIRLS' VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
11/19/16	Annual Mega Scrimmage	H	8:00 am
12/03/16	La Salle	A	1:30 pm
12/06/16	Eisenhower	A	7:30 pm
12/09/16	Utica	H	7:00 pm
12/14/16	Henry Ford II	A	7:00 pm
12/16/16	Grosse Pointe North	H	5:30 pm
12/17/16	Knightstown	A	TBA
12/22/16	Utica Stevenson	H	7:00 pm
01/03/17	Romeo	A	7:00 pm
01/06/17	Dakota	A	5:30 pm
01/10/17	Port Huron Northern	H	5:30 pm
01/13/17	Cousino	A	7:00 pm
01/17/17	Grosse Pointe North	A	7:00 pm
01/19/17	Romeo	H	7:00 pm
01/24/17	Dakota	H	5:30 pm
01/27/17	Port Huron Northern	A	7:00 pm
01/31/17	Cousino	H	5:30 pm
02/10/17	MAC Tournament	H	TBA
02/14/17	MAC Tournament	H	TBA
02/17/17	MAC Tournament	H	TBA

### WRESTLING BOYS' VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
12/10/16	Cousino Wrestling Tournament	A	9:30 am
12/16/16	Macomb County Meet	A	4:00 pm
12/17/16	Macomb County Meet	A	10:00 am
01/07/17	Jim Dewland Chaos	A	TBA
01/11/17	Meet	A	TBA
01/14/17	Norsemen Classic	A	9:00 am
01/18/17	League Meet	A	5:00 pm
01/21/17	U of D Jesuit	A	8:30 am
01/25/17	Meet	H	5:00 pm
01/28/17	Lincoln Park	A	9:00 am
02/04/17	League Meet	A	9:00 am
02/07/17	Team Districts	A	TBA
02/08/17	Team Districts	A	TBA
02/10/17	Individual Districts	A	TBA

### BASKETBALL BOYS' VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
12/06/16	Woodhaven	A	5:30 pm
12/11/16	Orchard Lake St. Mary's	H	2:00 pm
12/13/16	New Haven	A	7:00 pm
12/16/16	Grosse Pointe North	H	7:00 pm
12/27/16	Holiday Tournament	H	5:30 pm
12/27/16	Holiday Tournament	H	7:00 pm
12/29/16	Holiday Tournament	H	5:30 pm
12/29/16	Holiday Tournament	H	7:00 pm
01/06/17	Dakota	A	7:00 pm
01/10/17	Utica Stevenson	H	7:00 pm
01/13/17	Chippewa Valley	A	5:30 pm
01/17/17	L'Anse Creuse North	A	7:00 pm
01/20/17	Eisenhower	H	7:00 pm
01/24/17	Dakota	H	7:00 pm
01/26/17	Utica	A	7:30 pm
01/31/17	Chippewa Valley	H	7:00 pm
02/03/17	L'Anse Creuse North	H	7:00 pm
02/07/17	Eisenhower	A	7:30 pm
02/10/17	Grosse Pointe North	A	7:00 pm
02/16/17	MAC Tournament	A	TBA
02/21/17	MAC Tournament	A	TBA
02/24/17	MAC Tournament	A	TBA
03/06/17	District 1st Round	H	TBA
03/08/17	District 2nd Round	H	TBA
03/10/17	District Finals	H	TBA



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## Gymnastics

## GROSSE POINTE UNITED

## Gymnastics has lots of newcomers

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe United gymnastics team is ready to embark on what should be another successful season.

However, this year the team is led by former assistant head coach, Kristin Remillet.

This is her fifth season with the program as she spent the first four as an assistant to Courtney Hamidi.

The ladies have a lot of newcomers this season, but leading the way is senior and three-year captain Isabelle Nguyen, from Grosse Pointe North.

She is looking to win a state title after coming in second place in three of five events last year, taking runner-up on bars, beam and all-around.

Other returning gymnasts are Grosse Pointe North junior Maggie



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Leading the way for the gymnastics squad this season are, from left, North captain Izzy Nguyen; head coach Kristin Remillet, and North captain Maggie Bowers. Not pictured is South captain Sydney Dugan.

Bowers, Grosse Pointe South junior Sydney Dugan, Grosse Pointe

North junior Kiyla Harris, Grosse Pointe South junior Rachel Rogers and

Grosse Pointe South sophomore Elizabeth Byarski.

"We have lots of new freshmen and sophomore members with prior

club experience," Remillet said. "More than half our team are new members. Lots of great skills coming in that will help us and they will definitely help our team stay competitive among the top gymnastics teams in the state."

The ladies' schedule is busy and they have three meets before the holiday break, Monday, Dec. 12, at home against Fraser, Monday, Dec. 19, at home against Troy and Thursday, Dec. 22, at home against Tecumseh.

They also compete in several invitationals before hosting the league meet Friday, Feb. 17.

In their league are Fraser, Troy, Birmingham United, Port Huron and Dearborn.

The regional meet is Saturday, March 4, and the two-day state final is set for Friday, March 10, and Saturday, March 11, at Canton High School.

## Swimming

## GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

## Blue Devils look for vets to rise to top

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys' swimming and diving team has planted itself as the best in the Macomb Area Conference for more than a decade.

Head coach Eric Gunderson keeps the petal to the metal when it comes to maintaining the edge it takes to keep the Blue Devils on top.

Last year the team finished seventh with 153 points and underclassmen who helped earn points in the Division 2 state championship meet were Ethan Briggs in the 200-yard individual medley, 100-yard butterfly and part of the 200-yard medley relay; Cam Francis in the 200-yard

medley and 400-yard freestyle relays; Nick Vallan in the 200-yard freestyle relay; Matthew Melican in the 100-yard backstroke; and Matthew Kouierter in the 100-yard breaststroke.

The Blue Devils won the Macomb Area Conference Red Division dual meet title with a 4-0 mark (7-3 overall) and the championship meet with 411 points.

Dakota was the runner-up with a distant 299 points.

Others who performed well last year were underclassmen Khalib Rahman, Cam Sanders, Thomas Jogan, A.J. Rizer, Sean Miller, Max Finazzo, Grady Eger and Nicholas Rabaut.

Expect a couple of dozen underclassmen to

also enjoy improvement throughout the season. They will get the opportunity to compete during the season as Gunderson schedules meets to get them "game-time" swims.

The team has a huge void to fill as school and state record-holder Jacob Montague graduated.

He set nearly every record at the school and is competing at U-M this year.

Gunderson always gets the most out of his competitors and his schedule is tough.

This season, the Blue Devils host Warren DeLaSalle, Macomb Dakota, Romeo and Chippewa Valley.

They travel to Ann Arbor Huron, as well as Battle Creek Lakeview for an invitational,

Eastern Michigan University for the EMU Classic Relays and Saginaw Valley State University for the Pangborn Invitational.

South hosts the MAC Red Division League Meet this season and the Division 2 state championship meet is Friday, March 10, and Saturday, March 11, at EMU.

## College news

Montague is currently one of the top swimmers in the 200-yard breaststroke as a freshman.

He posted a time of 1:58.70 in a meet Nov. 5, and the day before posted a time of 54.59 in the 100-yard breaststroke for the Wolverines.

For the Wolverines' women's swimming and diving team, South grad-

uates Catie DeLoof and Gabby DeLoof continue to post low times.

Catie DeLoof had a 22.98 in the 50-yard freestyle in a meet Oct. 14, while Gabby DeLoof was at a 23.06 in the same event.

In addition, Jackie DeLoof turned in a time of 25.55 in the 50-yard freestyle for the Wolverines in a meet Nov. 5. She is a freshman on the team.

Catie DeLoof is also one of the team's top performers in the 100-yard freestyle, 49.19; 100-yard backstroke, 55.40; and 100-yard butterfly, 55.06.

Gabby DeLoof is one of the top ladies in the 200-yard freestyle, 1:45.14; 100-yard backstroke, 54.60; and 200-yard backstroke, 1:55.97.

Jackie DeLoof is in the top 10 this season in the school's 100-yard freestyle, with a time of 55.94

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, Gabby DeLoof, along with Catie DeLoof, Siobham Haughey and Vanessa Krause, have the top time of 1:30.75, and the sisters are part of the 400-yard freestyle relay squad with a top time of 3:17.68.

Their teammates in the 400-relay are Becca Postoll and Haughey.

In the 800-yard freestyle relay, Gabby DeLoof, Haughey, Rose Bi and Postoll are tops with a time of 7:03.07, and Catie DeLoof teamed up with Emily Kopas, Krause and Clara Smiddy to have a top time of 1:39.93 in the 200-yard medley relay.

## GROSSE POINTE NORTH

## New coach takes over for Norsemen

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

First-year head coach Dan Hafner is ready to help the Grosse Pointe North boys' swimming and diving team rise back to the top.

The Norsemen finished 1-3 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division last winter and fifth in the league meet.

Hoping to turn those standings around are veterans John Cobau, Joey Cobau, Brian Veneri, Hunter Adelson and Ben Sliwinski.

"Our boys team returns a lot of solid swimmers who competed very well in dual meets and the MAC meet last year," Hafner said. "We are lead by seniors John and Joey Cobau. John was a state qualifier in the 100-yard butterfly last year.

"The boys will be challenged to work very hard every day at practice. We are going to give great effort and compete to the best of our ability in every meet. We look to improve on our MAC division finish from a year ago and add swimmers to our state meet team."

The Norsemen's division foes are Grosse Pointe South, Romeo, Chippewa Valley and Macomb Dakota.

In non-league competition, the team faces L'Anse Creuse, Livonia Franklin and Utica Ford. The Norsemen also compete in the Metro Invitational Jan. 21 at their home pool.

Hafner led the North girls' swimming and diving team to a nice season in the fall, so his ability to get the most out of his

swimmers is evident.

Grosse Pointe North hosts L'Anse Creuse at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, in its season opener.

## College news

Three former Grosse Pointe North divers, James McNelis, William McNelis and Duncan MacAskill, are currently performing well at the collegiate level.

James McNelis dove four years at Yale University of the Ivy League, while his younger brother, Will McNelis, is a freshman on the Brown University diving team.

Will began his diving career with two solid postings.

He was ninth with 207.55 points in a meet Nov. 5, and a week later finished seventh with 224.70 points in a meet

against Bryant and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

MasAskill has been the

diver of the week for Trinity last season.

The sophomore also placed fifth in the 1-meter

diving event in a dual meet last season with 397.55 points in 11 dives and made regionals.

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## Synchronized swimming

### GROSSE POINTE BLUE DOLPHINS

# Vets lead team

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe Blue Dolphins synchronized swim team is ready to roll this season under co-coaches Lauren Martin and Renee Martin.

Team captains are Grosse Pointe South senior Brooke Martin, Grosse Pointe North senior Sara Corbit and Grosse Pointe North senior Hannah Engels.

Others on the squad are North junior Hannah Bainbridge, North sophomore Kiley Weitzmann, North junior Colleen Corbit, South sophomore Skylar McCrindle, North junior Zoey Lightbody, North junior Abigail Wilson, South freshman Delaney Jackson, North freshman Hannah Hicks, South sophomore



FILE PHOTO

Most of the Grosse Pointe Blue Dolphins synchronized swimmers from last year are back for what should be a successful season.

Meredith McDonnell and North freshman Sophia Smith.

“Our forecast for the season is looking awesome,” Lauren Martin said. “We have all our returning swimmers whose growth and development over the last year

has vastly improved their abilities and techniques.

“The new swimmers that have joined the team are experienced from the local parks summer synchronized swim program.

“Their potential and abilities too are compete

well this year are huge.

“Our first competition starts in January, so we are working hard on building core strength and endurance. I am looking forward to a fun and success season.”

Grosse Pointe South is their home pool.

## Competitive cheer

### NORTH & SOUTH

# Cheer teams aim to win

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Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South competitive cheer teams are ready for the season under head coaches Kia Jordan and Ashley Gerbi, respectively.

The Norsemen compete in the Macomb Area Conference Gold Division with Chippewa Valley, Marine City, Marysville, Port Huron and Warren Woods-Tower.

They field one of the top teams in the division and should put together another solid season under Jordan.

The Norsemen's squad members are seniors I'Kesha Hall, captain Kayla Byrom, captain Chandler McClarty and Sycaria Warmack; juniors Demetria Bates, Amani Hall, captain Martzha Hurtt, Kaylah McGee, Olivia Martin, Kaitlynn Palmer and Raid Tracy; sophomores

Toniah Eli, Taylor Morton and Mya Morris; and freshmen Ariyanna Peterson, Morgan Cribbs and I'Kela Hall.

The Blue Devils compete in the MAC Blue Division with Anchor Bay, Clawson, St. Clair Shores Lake Shore, Madison Heights Lamphere and Warren Mott. They, too, finished in the upper half of the division and a successful season should be in the making.

The Blue Devils' squad is composed of senior Claire Duncan; juniors Bobbi Barrett, Maya Ciechanowski, Madison Griffin, Taelar Motley and Arianna Pagenette; sophomore Erica Fossee; and freshmen Victoria Boykin, Rachel Kostrzewa, Lauren Raymond, Madeline Ulku and Mirella Villani.

The squads compete in three scoring events and the team with the most points wins the division crown.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL



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# It's a sister thing

University Liggett graduates Haleigh Ristovski, left, and Lola Ristovski, right are playing women's basketball at University of Detroit Mercy under second-year head coach Bernard Scott. Both have started in the Titans' six games (3-3 overall) this season. Haleigh has scored 40 points, grabbed 41 rebounds, collected nine assists, eight steals and three blocks. Lola has scored 18 points and has made 9-of-12 free throws. The Titans play during the holidays at Calihan Hall.

## ICE HOCKEY



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# Rivals collide

City rivals Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South boys' and girls' hockey teams square off in the semifinals of the annual Liggett Invitational Thursday, Dec. 15, and Friday, Dec. 16, at McCann Ice Arena. Above, North's Kylee Banaszewski and the Norsemen face Grosse Pointe South at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, on the girls' side of things. As for the boys, South's Jack Liagre, pictured above right, and the Blue Devils battle North's Thomas Supal, bottom left, in the 5 p.m. game Friday, Dec. 16. The consolation and championship games for the girls are set for noon and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, while the boys' consolation and championship games are scheduled for 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.

