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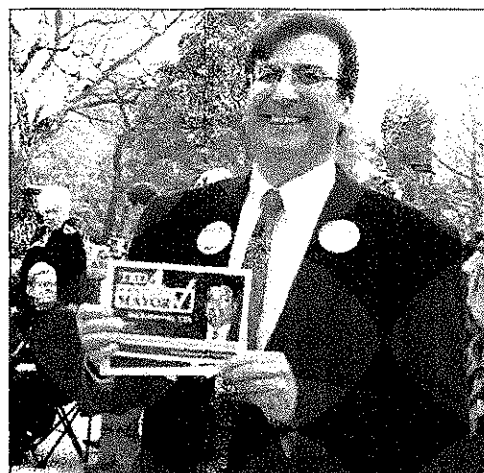
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## 2011 Year in Review Grosse Pointe Shores



Soon-to-be elected Mayor Ted Kedzierski campaigns on Election Day.

## No Shores status quo

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

The year 2011 was busy in Grosse Pointe Shores.

The year began with plans for a field house, funded by the Shores Improvement Foundation, at Schroeder Park.

The community came together during summer to celebrate the city's centennial. Matters shifted in fall to the election.

Rumors were revealed during the campaign about an alleged \$1 million water liability the city owed the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

In November, voters chose a new mayor

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## Storm problems top Farms story

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

Two major sewer backups within a few months in the middle of 2011 flooded about 300 basements in the inland sewer district of Grosse Pointe Farms.

An engineering analysis of the cause and possible solutions continued through year's end.

The year in review:

### January

◆ Police raiding an apartment on Whittier in Detroit catch the alleged strong-arm thief of a car stolen Jan. 3, from a 52-year-old Farms woman.

Officers also recovered the car, intact, except for the wheels.

◆ The water filtration plant is shut down for a projected six weeks while two new, more energy-efficient pumps and other equipment are installed.

Farms water customers, which include the City of Grosse Pointe, are switched for the duration to Detroit drinking water.

### February

◆ A regularly scheduled annual audit reveals the city is sitting pretty.

"Our auditors recommended having between 15 and 20 percent of undesignated fund balance to the general fund," said John Modzinski, Farms controller. "We have approximately 20 percent of our 2011 budget in unreserved fund balance."

◆ Police use the Jaws of Life to free a man trapped in a wrecked car on Lakeshore.



The 70-year-old man's car was broadsided by a 61-year-old female motorist entering eastbound Lakeshore near Moran.

◆ Public safety officers approve a new labor contract that includes a \$500 signing bonus, but no pay raise.

### March

◆ A 27-year-old Fraser man, suspected of stealing \$250 in coins last month from a house in the 400 block of Moross and a car in the 400 block of Bourmemouth, is arrested driving the stolen car in New York.

The man is accused of stabbing a 69-year-old Macomb Township

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At top, Linda Jacobi is dwarfed by flood-damaged possessions piled for rubbish pickup outside her Grosse Pointe Farms house. Above, flooding victims want answers at a special meeting in the Grosse Pointe War Memorial ballroom.

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## New project, younger council in Woods

By Kathy Ryan  
Staff Writer

In 2011, the Grosse Pointe Woods council took a decidedly younger turn, as several candidates under the age of 40 were elected.

Their work will be cut out for them, as the Woods, like all the Pointes, tackles tough budget issues and consolidation of some services in the year 2012. The New Year will bring the start of a new senior housing development on Cook Road, which will boost the tax rolls for the city.

### January

◆ Kevin Ketels was appointed to the Grosse Pointe Woods city council to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Gabriele Boddy. One of 16 candidates that applied to be considered for the opening, Ketels was selected by the council acting as a committee of the whole at its Jan. 17 meeting.

◆ There may have been snow covering the pool deck in January, but that doesn't mean Grosse Pointe Woods city officials are not looking ahead to the 2011 summer season and proposing new projects at Lake Front Park. While officials had been evaluating park procedures and facilities following an incident that involved a child last summer, the changes are more of a nod to modernizing the park and making it more family-friendly.

Improvements under discussion include a family restroom, security cameras and a scanner system for park passes.

### February

◆ The developers behind a proposed senior housing development on Cook Road presented preliminary plans to the Grosse Pointe Woods Planning Commission at its February meeting. This was the first meeting between the commission and the developers in nearly a year, though developers had been meeting with city officials, including representatives of the building department and public safety.

◆ The neon lights are back on in Grosse Pointe Woods thanks to a unanimous vote by the Woods city council at its Feb. 28 meeting that repealed a decade-old ban on neon lighting in storefronts along Mack Avenue. The ban on neon lights will officially be lifted March 10, though city officials have said they will not enforce the law prior to that. The repeal comes as a petition drive among business owners was picking up steam to put the question of neon

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## 2011 Year in Review Grosse Pointe Woods



Above, Woods public safety officers with a tribute on the 10-year anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. At left, a lighter side of the year in the Woods at the annual Easter egg hunt. Year in Review coverage for Grosse Pointe Park, the five Grosse Pointes and sports continue in next week's Grosse Pointe News.

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## WOODS: Improvements on the way

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signs up to a vote of the residents in the November election. Mack Avenue merchants put together the petition after several were cited by the city for having neon signs when the city began enforcing the ordinance last September.

### March

◆ City officials have proposed charging house and business owners when a burglar alarm goes off and police are dispatched only to find the alarm has been tripped by the homeowner forgetting to turn it off or an employee not familiar with the system. According to city administrator Skip Fincham, there were 2,350 calls to the public safety department indicating an alarm had gone off, and of those, 100

percent were false alarms.

### April

◆ The Department of Public Works issued its annual report. Maintaining 54 miles of city streets, 58 miles of water lines, 95 miles of sewer lines, sidewalks, trees and a lakefront park are just some of the daily duties of the department. As the annual report points out, the department undertook several special projects in 2010, ranging from something as simple as raising and lowering the flags at various sites around the city to the installation of the new 500,000 gallon water reservoir.

### May

◆ The Woods city council, acting as a committee of the whole, completed its line-by-line review of the proposed \$27

million budget about 11:30 p.m. and voted to approve it on a six to one vote, with Lisa Pinkos Howle being the lone no vote. The budget will now go before the city council for a public hearing prior to a final vote.

### June

◆ The 15-acre site on Cook Road that once served as a home for children will now transition to a home for senior citizens, as the Woods city council approved the final plans for a new senior housing development. Ground will be broken some time in the next year for The Rivers, a joint venture between developer Richard Levin and the Mestagh Family Trust.

◆ After numerous complaints about the condition of the Ghesquiere Park gazebo, the council voted to demolish the nearly 25-year-old structure. Concerns have been expressed about not only the

physical condition of the gazebo, but also the continued vandalism that requires constant attention from the Public Service department. According to a report from the department's director, Joe Ahee, his department cleaned graffiti from the gazebo on nearly a daily basis, as well as tending to an increasing demand for repairs. Acting on a recommendation from council, Ahee began researching both the cost of demolition as well as the cost of replacing it. A third option, restoration, was ruled out because of the poor condition of the structure.

### July

◆ The planning commission approved revised traffic plans for University Liggett School's Cook Road campus as well as minor revisions to existing buildings, all part of the school's plans to move its middle school to the Woods' campus.

### August

◆ Council members Joseph Sucher and Lisa Pinkos Howle sent e-mails to city officials notifying them they would not be seeking re-election in the November municipal election. Filing for seats were incumbents Art Bryant and Kevin Ketels and newcomers Jill Jarboe, Michael Koester, Allison Secord and Richard Shetler Jr. Incumbent Ted Metry ran unopposed for municipal court judge.

### September

◆ City officials discussed how best to address the legislative redistricting plan handed down by Lansing that divides the five Grosse Pointe into two separate districts. The consensus was to contact the other Pointes to see if a joint effort could be launched.

### November

◆ If grades were given for audits, Grosse Pointe Woods

would be taking home an A+, according to the accountants from Plante Moran who recently completed the annual audit of the city's books. The auditors said the city was among only about 10 percent of cities in the state that was able to add money to the reserve fund, something that is becoming more difficult as cities' property tax revenues decline.

◆ Faced with declining tax revenues, the city council discussed asking residents to approve an override of the state's Headlee Amendment, which would allow the city to increase the millage rate paid by homeowners.

### December

◆ The city recognized outgoing city council members Joe Sucher and Lisa Pinkos Howle, presenting them with a certificate of appreciation at the December council meeting.

## SHORES: Year ends with questions

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and city council. But, the water dispute is spilling over into 2012.

The year in review:

### January

◆ Some \$101,000 in donations are raised so far for construction of a field house at Schroeder Park.

The project is a privately funded effort by the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation.

"I have \$17,000 more to go," said Lynn Galbenski, foundation president.

Foundation members raised \$70,000. The rest is coming from other private sources, not tax dollars.

◆ The city council unanimously approves construction drawings for the field house.

◆ The latest, and most likely last, contract between the Shores and its public safety dispatchers includes severance packages, health care coverage for three months after layoffs, up to 300 hours compensation for unused sick days and the city's guarantee not to oppose unemployment benefits.

None of the department's dispatchers are expected to be on the payroll when the agreement expires in two years.

City officials already announced plans to consolidate

the department with another city.

◆ Marina rental rates at the municipal park are increased 9 percent, or 28 cents per square foot.

The increase takes rental fees to \$3.38 per square foot, up from \$3.10.

### February

◆ Anonymous donors give two police cruisers to the public safety department.

The gifts equal \$43,000. At least one vehicle due for replacement has 126,000 miles on it.

◆ High winds and 15-degree nighttime temperatures make a multi-alarm house fire on Sheldon and Clairview extra hard to extinguish.

At least 30 firefighters from the five Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods require six hours to squelch the flames.

Harper Woods Fire Chief Sean Gunnery rescues a lap dog from the fire.

"The little guy tried to bite my finger off," Gunnery said.

The fire's cause is determined to be electrical.

◆ Detroit proposes a 9.1 percent water rate increase for the Shores.

◆ The 2010 annual crime report, released this month, reveals a 40 percent reduction in larcenies from the two years prior.

The number of Part I crimes, rated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as more serious, was 17, down from 28 the year before.

The most common arrest last year in the Shores was for drunken driving, a Part II crime. Officers removed 61 alleged offenders off the road, a 10 percent increase over the five-year average.

### March

◆ A nearly \$494,996 budget deficit is forecast for next year.

"We need to cut costs," said Councilman Ted Kedzierski, chairman of the finance committee.

The current city budget was balanced on the premise of future spending cuts, including anticipated savings from consolidating the public safety dispatch center with another Grosse Pointe.

◆ Ceremonial groundbreaking takes place for Schroeder Field House at Schroeder Park, behind the public works building on the grounds of city hall.

The \$130,000 field house, including furnishings, a security system and more, is a privately funded project of the Shores Improvement Foundation.

### April

◆ An out-of-control driver barrels into Osius Park, flattening 20 feet of wrought iron fence.

"(He) stated he was lost and thought he was in a zoo," said Officer Jason Rengert about the allegedly drunken, 33-year-old male suspect from Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ Portable commercial storage bins are wearing out their welcome.

New regulations, prompted by complaints, put a 10-day limit on how long Shores residents can park storage pods and Dumpsters on their property.

### May

◆ City leaders give themselves a two-month deadline to write rules regulating public use of city hall council chambers.

A concurrent task is writing a facility usage policy for the forthcoming multi-purpose building at Schroeder Park.

◆ The city council agrees to implement an advisory group's recommendation that employees be covered by defined cost plans instead of plans that define benefits.

The change could reduce the city's \$8- to \$11 million unfunded post-retirement health care liability by \$100,000 to \$300,000 per employee, according to a report by an ad hoc citizens volunteer Blue Ribbon Committee.

### June

◆ A 1.25 mill property tax increase ekes through the city council by a 4-3 vote.

The mayor and three council members agreed that more tax revenue is needed to close a projected \$354,029 gap in the city's next fiscal year's budget, beginning July 1.

"Last year, we didn't raise the millage and just got by," said Mayor James Cooper. "But, just getting by isn't what people want in Grosse Pointe Shores."

Opposing the increase are councilmen Kedzierski and Dan Schulte. Councilman David Galbenski held out for a 1.75 mill increase proposed by the committee of the whole.

◆ Water rates are raised to \$62.16 per 1,000 cubic feet of water, effective July 1. A second wave breaks Jan. 1, 2012, with another increase to \$65.08. Hikes total \$9.64, nearly 17 percent above the current rate of \$55.44.

### July

◆ Residents hold a three-day celebration to mark the Shores' centennial.

Activities include a concert by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, dedication of Schroeder Field House, a parade on Lakeshore and party at Osius Park.

### August

◆ The Shores bears the brunt of a quick-hitting windstorm that knocks down numerous trees, limbs and power lines.

◆ A group of lakeside property owners hope environmental officials dig their idea of dredging sludge from the shoreline.

Rankin Peck, owner of a 33-room Italian Renaissance villa in the 800 block of Lakeshore, and neighbors are applying to the United States Army Corps of Engineers for a permit to clear rotting vegetation and smelly sediment fouling their contiguous shorelines.

◆ The Shores' municipal court agreement with Grosse Pointe Woods is terminated.

Woods officials inform the Shores the agreement ends in 90 days.

◆ Councilman Kedzierski puts his seat on the line by challenging Mayor Cooper to the city's highest office.

If Kedzierski, in his first term on the council, loses the mayor race, he also gives up his council position.

### September

◆ The Shores forms an alliance with Grosse Pointe Woods and Harper Woods on concrete repairs.

"By working with the other two communities, we are looking to increase the work quantity and get the best prices through improved economy of scale," said Brian Vick, Shores city manager.

◆ Shores officials sign an operating agreement making their municipal court a subset of the Farms'.

The agreement has little outside change from a 15-year partnership that ended recently with Grosse Pointe Woods.

### October

◆ Lakeshore north of Vernier will be awash next year in federal funding. A summer-time resurfacing project is being paid with 80 percent federal funding.

◆ Public Safety Director Stephen Poloni announces his retirement.

Poloni is a 25-year veteran of the Shores.

"It has been an honor to serve the residents of Grosse Pointe Shores for 25 years," Poloni said.

He is hired by the City of Grosse Pointe as chief.

He'll remain on the job in the Shores until a replacement is hired, probably in December.

◆ Public safety dispatch services are consolidated with and relocated to Grosse Pointe Farms headquarters.

The dispatch center at Shores headquarters remains staffed during normal business hours and some evenings, but is no longer staffed 24 hours per day.

Emergency 911 phone calls and regular calls to the Shores are automatically routed to dispatchers in the Farms.

◆ Rumors that the Shores may have overcharged its largest water customer, the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, are true.

Mayor Cooper acknowledged the issue when questioned during a League of Women Voters of Grosse Pointe candidate forum.

◆ A Michigan treasury department official doesn't agree with Mayor Cooper that the Shores shouldn't have been put on the 2008 state fiscal watch list.

◆ A legal assessment this month lessens the chances of the Shores slipping out of Wayne County and joining Macomb County.

The switch requires approval from voters in both counties, according to Mark McInerney, the Shores attorney.

Wayne county voters are not expected to let the Shores, and its property tax revenues, go elsewhere.

Some Shores residents eyed the move, hoping to enjoy Macomb's lower taxes.

### November

◆ Things are starting to add up in the Shores, according to the annual audit.

The city is building reserves, holding down expenses and doing the right thing by starting work on financial forecasts, according to auditors with the accounting firm Abraham & Stevens.

◆ Councilman Kedzierski wins his challenge for mayor.

Kedzierski unseats 12-year incumbent Mayor Cooper, 765 to 575.

"I'm completely overwhelmed," said Kedzierski, a first-term councilman.

◆ The only incumbent to retain a seat on the city council is Dan Schulte.

Schulte, is top vote-getter among six winning candidates, the rest of whom achieved office for the first time.

Joining the council are Kay Felt, Robert Gesell, Dr. Alexander Ajlouni, Bruce Bisballe and Robert Barrette Jr.

Losing office were David Galbenski and Brian Geraghty. Incumbents Victoria Boyce and Robert Graziani didn't seek re-election.

Voter turnout is 58 percent.

◆ The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club claims the city overcharged it \$1 million for water purchases during most of the last decade.

Shores manager Vick asserts the statute of limitations reduces the claim to \$504,521.

The figures are contained in documents the Grosse Pointe News obtained from the Shores under the Freedom of Information Act.

### December

◆ About two dozen applicants apply for the job of public safety director. One is a current Shores employee. The rest are from other communities, according to Vick, city manager.

◆ Newly-elected Mayor Kedzierski extinguishes a three-minute per-person time limit enacted by the prior administration of public speakers at city council meetings.

Kedzierski also restructures meetings to allow public comment as action items arise. Previously, public comments were allowed only near the beginning and end of meetings.

◆ The city council appoints Bruce Nichols, a Shores attorney, as city clerk.

Nichols replaces Vick, whose job as city manager had included being clerk. Councilman Schulte is appointed mayor pro tem.

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# Remembering the last 100 years

By Ann L. Fouty  
Features Editor

Clara Catherine Feucht loves to wear white.

"I'm so glad I can wear white in the winter," she said.

The fashion rule used to be no white after Labor Day or before Easter. But Feucht has outlived that fashion statement and all the others through the 20th century.

The 103-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident is dressed from head to toe in white — white slip-on shoes, white slacks and a winter white fuzzy, sequined sweater. Her white hair is neatly coiffed.

With her hands in her lap, Feucht talked about growing up in the 1900s.

The oldest of six children, Feucht was born in Detroit Dec. 28, 1908.

"The doctor came the night before (I was born) in a horse and buggy. His horse was in the barn. He slept in the parlor," she began.

Named after her grandmother, Clara, and her aunt, Catherine, she grew up on a 10-acre farm in the Mt. Elliott near Miller roads, Hamtramck. She attended a parochial school, taking classes in German in the morning and English in the afternoon. After

ninth grade, Feucht attended secretarial school for a year and was hired by the Dodge Brothers advertising manager, working there for a year or two.

Feucht is proud she passed the secretarial test on the first try. The test consisted of writing five letters perfectly, including correct punctuation and spelling.

"I had a L.C. Smith typewriter and took shorthand. Nobody does shorthand today," she said.

She confessed she was a flapper, wearing skirts that came just below her knee and sporting the head-hugging hair style.

"I did the flapper. I did have the hairdo. It was the ugliest of all the styles," she said.

Feucht spent her secretarial earnings on matching shoes and purses and 10 cent street car tolls.

"We weren't allowed to be married and work. I quit the day before I got married," she said.

Feucht married Charles Feucht Jr., the son of the founder of Motor City Tobacco and Candy Company, which became Motor City Distributors, in December 1929.

Since it was Prohibition, they would visit speakeasies and buy a

glass of beer for five or 10 cents. Feucht has since switched to drinking one whiskey on the rocks every evening.

During Prohibition many families made beer in their garages or basements, but her family did not because the house would fill with flies while the prohibited liquor fermented.

She remembers the Purple Gang and their requests for protection money from store owners.

"It was awful. It was frightening," she said.

The couple rented a third floor apartment on Cadillac street near Jefferson in Detroit.

"There was no elevator. I felt sorry for the movers carrying the furniture up three flights of stairs," she said.

The apartment was followed by a house on Bishop in English Village, a house on Fairholme Road in Grosse Pointe Woods, and finally the ranch on Doyle Court, also in Grosse Pointe Woods.

In 1950, the Feuchts had a cottage built on the shores of Lake Chemung in Livingston County where she spent summers gardening and sewing.

The two played golf in the summer and bowled in the winter.

Feucht stops to give advice:

"Get something the husband and wife can do together. It's nice. Save your money because you'll need it. Always think of others and do the best you can," she said.

Her youngest son, Bob, chimed in, "She always makes people feel better."

Bob was born in 1950 and his elder brother, Charles III, was born in 1935. Feucht now has five granddaughters and six great-grandchildren.

"I was a good mother. I was a worrywart," Feucht said of her mothering skills. "Half his (Bob) friends lived across the street. I worried that my child might be killed (crossing the street)."

Both her sons grew up to take over the company their grandfather started, their father continued and their mother "did the books."

In 1945, Charles Feucht bought a bright red DeSoto and took his family on a five-week trip to see western national parks, with stops in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Las Vegas.

Cars are what Feucht views as the best invention in her lifetime.

"I learned how to drive after I got married. My husband had the patience to teach me. We had an old



PHOTO BY ANN L. FOUTY

Clara Catherine Feucht turned 103 years old Dec. 28.

Ford. Our first car had a rumble seat. He (her husband) made \$25 a week. We could buy all the groceries we needed for a week for \$5."

The cost of groceries have continued to rise and the world has changed in the past 103 years — and now Feucht can wear white after Labor Day.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

## Red kettle helpers

Patrick Blake and Timmy Donaldson, of Grosse Pointe Farms, set up a table on the corner of Touraine and Kercheval to sell hot chocolate, topped with either marshmallows or whipped cream, to passing motorists Thursday, Dec. 22. The two raised \$26.50 and deposited it in the Salvation Army's red kettle at Kroger in the Village.

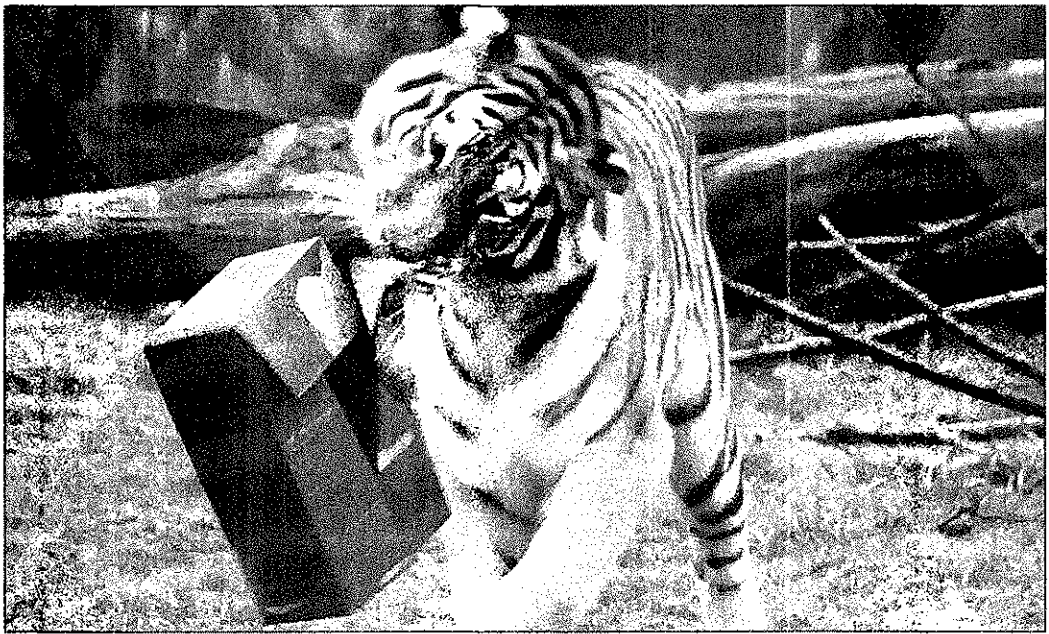


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A tiger at the Detroit Zoo unwraps a holiday gift of meat and bones.

## Tiger treats

By Brad Lindberg  
Staff Writer

When zoo animals see Elizabeth Arbaugh, they know something good's going to happen.

Arbaugh monitors the Detroit Zoo's enrichment program. Enrichment is zoospeak for playtime.

"We offer the animals opportunities to do a lot of things — jump, climb, swim or play," Arbaugh said.

Enrichment means stimulating a wild animal's natural behavior, which risks being dulled in captivity. In the case of a tiger, that includes promoting stalking, pouncing and ripping things apart.

The zoo's female Siberian Tiger, Kisa, seemed to enjoy the challenge last week of opening a gift-wrapped package of meat and bone.

Polar bears and otters received ice and fish treats. Black bears got produce. Wolverines had fun with packages containing meat and bones.

Zookeepers described it as wrapping up the year by unwrapping holiday treats.

"Wolverines will play with the box all day long, like kids on Christmas morning," Arbaugh said.

She's trying to gauge enrichment's effectiveness.

"We are studying how long the animals engage items, and what is and isn't interesting to them," Arbaugh said.

Within minutes of Kisa entering her outdoor enclosure, she beelined toward two brightly-wrapped boxes. She sniffed, pawed and nipped at them. She picked one up, shook it, ripped it open and carried away the treat.

"She's very happy-go-lucky and easily amused," said Melanie Hiam, zookeeper. "She entertains herself. She loves playing with toys. You'll see her running across the yard having a blast."

Animals receive enrichment daily.

"Sometimes, we set up a schedule so zoo visitors can see," Arbaugh said.

"Kisa" is Russian for "Kitty." She grew up at the zoo.

She'll be introduced this year to a male tiger, Kolmya, from Racine, Wisc.

Zookeepers hope they'll breed.

Hiam said tiger courtship can be "a little rough."

The Detroit Zoo is located at the intersection of 10 Mile Road and Woodward, just off I-696, in Royal Oak. Call (248) 541-5717 or visit [detroitzoo.org](http://detroitzoo.org).



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A Detroit Symphony Orchestra quintet performed at First Christian Reformed Church of Detroit, Grosse Pointe Park, in December bringing the music to the community. From left, violinist Laune Landers Goldman, violist Shandra Lowery Sachs, cellist Paul Wingert, violist Glenn Mellow and violinist Hae-Xin Wu.



## DSO holds four concerts at Memorial Church

By Ann L. Fouty  
Features Editor

The Detroit Symphony sets up its music stands for a 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, concert at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church.

Conductor Leonard Slatkin leads the symphony in Mozart, Copland and Brahms selections in the first of four Grosse Pointe concerts.

Bringing the music to the people is an outgrowth of the DSO's

Neighborhood Residency Initiative. The DSO is the first major American orchestra to establish long-term performance and education residences across its region, said Kareem George, DSO managing director of community programs.

"This is to better service the community. It's a wonderful experience for the orchestra in terms of exposure. We are excited about this."

"It's a great opportunity to bring music to metro Detroit," he said. "This is more accessible. We want to be more inclusive."

Six communities — Grosse Pointe, Dearborn, Bloomfield Hills, West Bloomfield, Southfield and Beverly Hills — were selected because of their strong patron support. While the concerts salute DSO supporters, George said, the concerts are also for new audiences.

"We are thrilled to host the four concerts," said Jim Biery, Memorial Church's director of music. "We have been encouraging folks to support the concerts by purchasing tickets and attending. Of course, it is our top priority to be a good host, providing a clean, beautiful and hospitable venue."

"It's a good location," George

said of the 450-seat church.

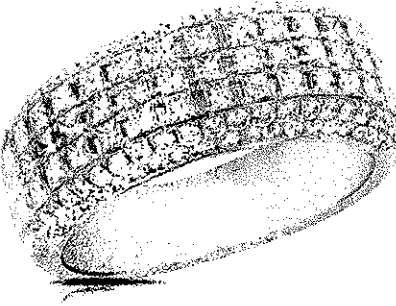
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# Balancing academics and athletics

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North graduate Taylor Moody has mastered the trickery of being a good student-athlete during her freshman year at Michigan State University.

The 18-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident earned a 3.65 grade point average in her first semester of college and is one of the top defensemen on the Spartans' women's club ice hockey team.

"It took some time to get the hang of managing my time since my schedule is very busy," Moody said. "I took some tough classes, so my schedule pretty much revolves around school and hockey with not much in between. But I love it."

Moody is one of the Spartans' top four defensemen, netting three assists as the defending American Collegiate Hockey Association national champions are off to a 16-4 start.

"She is depended upon and has been pushed into an im-

portant role on this team," MSU head coach Jeff Wilson said. "She has played well and is quickly learning our system. She is a valuable member of this team."

Moody and her fellow defensemen have limited the Spartans' 20 opponents to only 30 goals, an average of less than two per game.

"We have a great defense, great goaltending and awesome forwards," Moody said. "In high school, I had the luxury of bringing the puck up ice and take a lot of shots, but here in college, it's my job to quickly get the puck to our forwards and let them score the goals."

"It's working because our forwards score a ton of goals," Moody's change in style of play has turned her from a scoring defenseman to a true defensive-minded defenseman. The team-first attitude has helped Moody blend in perfectly with her new teammates.

"I hang out with the girls on the team and we are a family," Moody said. "I thought it would be tough being a fresh-

man and coming into this great program, but the transition has been an easy one, thanks to my teammates and coaches."

When Moody and the Spartans return to the ice, they play on the big stage, facing The Ohio State University at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, at the outdoor Progressive Field in Cleveland.

"It's going to be quite a game playing outside in a huge stadium," Moody said. "It will be a lot of fun."

The Spartans edged the Buckeyes 3-2 and 1-0 earlier this season, plus pasted them 5-0 Oct. 8.

On Jan. 20, the Spartans face Grand Valley State University and on successive evenings, they play University of Massachusetts at Suburban Arena in East Lansing.

Moody learned the game from her father, Brian, and started her skating career playing roller hockey at age nine. She moved to ice hockey in middle school, playing for the 12U Lady Bulldogs.

She decided to play for Grosse Pointe North and head

coach Scott Dockett. She was an asset to the Norsemen's program and the last two seasons was a team captain. Her hard work and determination on every shift helped the Norsemen make it to the state Final Four.

She earned post-season honors and even was honored with the Zetterberg Scholarship. She made her decision to play for MSU last spring and kept the green in her school color, but just changed the gold of North



FILE PHOTO

Michigan State University freshman Taylor Moody earned all-state honors playing ice hockey for Grosse Pointe North.

for the white of MSU.

"I love being a Spartan and I love this game," Moody said. "The college game is so much faster than high school and all the girls are good hockey players. Their skill level makes me a better player."

Moody still gets butterflies in her stomach before each game. Now wearing the green and white jersey, the games get bigger with more riding on the line.

"I had fun at North and learned the game from coach (Joe) Lucchese and (Scott) Dockett," she said. "I'm learning even more from coach Wilson and my game will get better with more experience."

The delicate balance between athletics and academics, especially with Moody's premed curriculum, has gone well.

Her classes were chemistry I, calculus I, chemistry lab I, step aerobics and a requirement, ISS (social science).

"Brian and I are happy with Taylor's progress her first semester of college," Moody's mother, Maudi Moody, said. "Of course we were nervous at first that it might be too much for her to handle, but Taylor is doing very well in school and

on the ice.

"We miss her, but it's her time to shine at Michigan State."

Moody is a great role model for her younger sister, Bryn, a junior playing on North's girls' hockey team.

"I hope Bryn plays next to me at State in a couple of years," Moody said. "It would be nice to have the Moody sisters on the same team once again."

Moody had a chance during the holiday break to watch Bryn and the Norsemen beat Grosse Pointe South 3-1.

"It was fun watching my former teammates beat rival South," Moody said. "Bryn played great."

Moody has another week or so to relax before heading back to East Lansing for her second semester and the second half to her ice hockey season.

After her hockey career is finished, Moody plans on attending medical school and to become orthopedic surgeon.

"I might double-major with human biology and physiology and then enroll at Michigan State's med school," Moody said. "It's going to be a long road, but hockey makes it a better time."



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**Rian Dawson**, a 2009 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School, is attending St. Anne's College at Oxford University in Oxfordshire, England. Dawson, a student at Johns Hopkins University, had to be accepted into St. Anne's,

where she will study one year, before completing her undergraduate degree at Johns Hopkins. She is the daughter of David and Margarete Dawson of Grosse Pointe Park.

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**Sarah Harness** was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2011 quarter at Kalamazoo College. The 2011 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School is the daughter of Bill and Katie Harness of Grosse Pointe Farms.

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Grosse Pointe Farms resident **Andrew Fildes** graduated from Marine Corp Recruit Training Depot in Paris Island, S.C. The 2010 Grosse Pointe South graduate also completed four weeks of combat training and is now stationed in Jacksonville, Fla. He is the son of Lisa and Chris Fildes of Grosse Pointe Farms.



Andrew Fildes

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### Online fraud

A City man was surprised to learn this month that two women he doesn't know registered themselves to an online account in his name.

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—Brad Lindberg

If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the City of Grosse Pointe public safety department at (313) 886-3200.

## Grosse Pointe Farms

### Passed out

At 5:18 a.m. Friday, Dec. 23, a patrolman came upon a gold-colored, 1995 Oldsmobile Aurora on the median of Mack east of Moross.

"(I) observed the (driver) passed out at the wheel with the engine running and the vehicle in drive," said the officer.

The driver, a 20-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods woman, registered a .099 percent blood alcohol level. She was arrested for drunken driving.

### Trespassing

A 22-year-old Novi man was arrested at 5:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 23, for refusing to leave a business at Mack and Moross.

"(He) stated he has no place to go," said an officer.

The man admitted drinking. He said a small cut and blood near his nose and mouth were caused when his "boys messed me up," police said.

Officers charged him with trespassing.

### Mom called

A 15-year-old Grosse Pointe Park girl caused problems, police said, during an investigation at 11:44 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, on the eastbound sidewalk of Grosse Pointe Boulevard near McKinley.

The location is across from Grosse Pointe South High School.

The girl was being questioned about being a minor in possession of cigarettes.

"(She) was uncooperative and began to pull away, so she was placed in handcuffs," said an officer.

She allegedly tried to hide a cigarette roller up her sleeve, police said. Rollers are sometimes used to make marijuana cigarettes.

Her purse contained a film canister containing marijuana residue, according to police.

She was turned over to her mother. A follow-up investigation was referred to the department's youth officer.

### Drugs & cash

A man speeding a black, 2006 Volkswagen Jetta 51 mph on eastbound Grosse Pointe Boulevard was arrested on multiple charges shortly after 2:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21.

Officers caught the man after he hit a curb on Country Club and flattened a tire.

The driver, a 19-year-old Grosse Pointe Park man, said he was lost, according to police.

The man registered a .14 percent blood alcohol level, police said.

A search of the Jetta turned up more than 10 sandwich bags tainted with suspected marijuana residue, a marijuana pipe, digital scale, grinder and \$1,125 cash, police said.

"The currency was confiscated and placed into evidence for possible forfeiture," said an officer.

### Copper stripped

Thieves stripped copper tubes and related material last week from a vacant house in the 400 block of Colonial Court.

A real estate agent reported the crime at 2:04 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20.

Missing were 50 feet of basement piping and an unknown number of small fittings.

"Suspects also took handles from fireplace tools," said police.

Police believe the criminals smashed their way into the house through a rear window.

## Paraphernalia

A 19-year-old man from Grosse Pointe Shores was arrested for drunken driving at about 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, on Grosse Pointe Boulevard near Kerby.

Police also arrested a 19-year-old male passenger from Grosse Pointe Woods for possession of narcotic paraphernalia.

They were in a white, 2007 GMC Envoy police described as being driven erratically.

Officers suspected the driver, who reportedly admitted smoking marijuana "a couple hours" earlier, of being intoxicated.

"(He) informed (me) that his father instructed him never to let police search his vehicle without a warrant," said an officer.

Nevertheless, police said the vehicle contained two glass pipes, two bags with suspected marijuana residue, a grinder and a couple of Xanax pills.

The Woods man claimed ownership of the paraphernalia, police said.

## Car held

A 52-year-old Detroit man with a .12 percent blood alcohol level was arrested at 7:39 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, on Country Club for drunken driving.

Witnesses reported the man driving a silver-colored 2011 Chevrolet Camaro erratically on Moross.

The driver claimed he was lost, said the arresting officer.

"He thought he was in Palmer Woods," the officer

added.

Marijuana cigarettes were found in the Camaro, said police, who held the vehicle for possible forfeiture.

## Medical excuse

A 20-year-old Farms woman being investigated last week for a traffic violation tried to conceal a plastic bag containing "what appeared to be marijuana," according to police.

"I have a medical marijuana card at home," the suspect reportedly told the officer.

The investigation occurred at 7:41 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, on westbound Mack near East Warren. The officer spotted the woman driving a gray 2003 Pontiac Vibe with a burned-out headlight.

She was cited for possession

of marijuana.

—Brad Lindberg

If you have any information about these or other crimes, call the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety department at (313) 885-2100.

## Grosse Pointe Shores

### Drug search

At about 1:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, Eastpointe's police dog, Tico, helped Shores officers discover a small bag containing suspected marijuana residue in a red, 1996 Subaru operated by a 30-year-old Marquette man.

Shores officers pulled over the man on Lakeshore near Marter for a traffic violation.

Police said they found a syringe in his coat pocket. He reportedly admitted using heroin and smoking marijuana.

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When the elves hand you lemons...

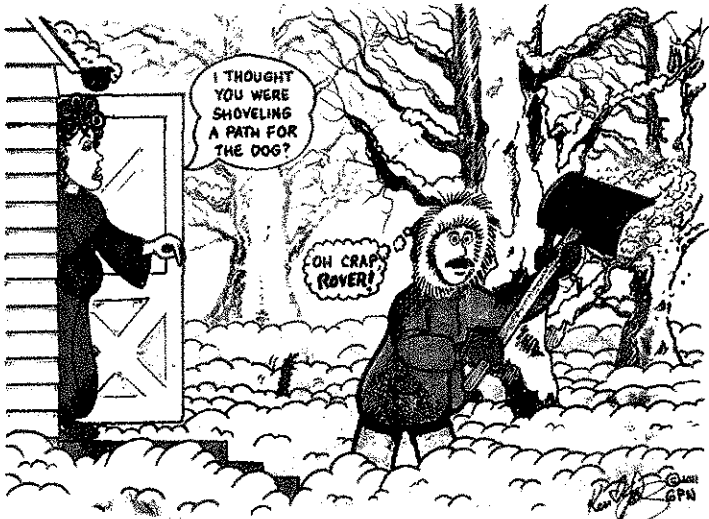
If there is one thing the holidays are known for more than traditions, it's calories. While every family can rattle off a long list of activities that vary little from year to year, so too can they produce the list of foods that are absolutely necessary to make and serve this time of year. For lots of families, it simply wouldn't be Thanksgiving without going to the parade and coming home to sweet potato casserole, or it wouldn't be Christmas without baking the cookies from the recipe that great-grandma Alice brought with her when she came to this country at the turn of the century. And those cookies have to be made on the second Sunday of December or it simply wouldn't be Christmas.

I had no idea how popular it had become until the one year I didn't serve it, and my youngest nephew, Mark, with plate in hand and a face and voice that would have served him well in a Dickens novel looked at me with his big eyes and said, "No yellow Jell-O, Aunt Kathy?"

For the DeGalan-Ryan family, it's yellow Jell-O. It's a far cry from Aunt Bette's tomato aspic, a staple of my holidays growing up and making the pilgrimage to Grandma DeGalan's house on Yorkshire. While Aunt Bette prepared what she thought to be something very Christmasy, adorning the aspic on green lettuce leaves, all the younger generation saw was this red thing, which, unfortunately, reminded us of ... let me try and tastefully say this ... a rather large blob of blood. Apparently tomato aspic is an acquired taste. Fast forward several years to when I took over hosting holiday dinners, and I found this wonderful recipe for a lemonade and whipped cream concoction that all the kids loved and it became both a Thanksgiving and Christmas tradition, even as they all grew up and went off to the far corners of the world. I had no idea how popular it had become until the one year I didn't serve it, and my youngest nephew, Mark, with plate in hand and a face and voice that would have served him well in a Dickens novel, looked at me with his big eyes and said, "No yellow Jell-O, Aunt Kathy?" Holiday guilt is a powerful force, so yellow Jell-O returned to the next holiday table, and with Mark becoming a 20-something 6-footer, I'm not going to do anything to upset him. But now that he has graduated and taken his engineering degree to a job in Oklahoma, I thought maybe he had outgrown yellow Jell-O.

Not a chance, according to his mother. So the day before Thanksgiving, I start the process of making the yellow Jell-O. It's not difficult, it just needs to be made in stages, the first one requiring making lemon Jell-O and allowing it to "set" a bit, not "set" solid, just "set." I've been making it for about 30 years or so, you'd think I'd have that part mastered. Actually, I do, it's the remembering part that's hard. Because it helps to remember to take it out of the fridge after an hour or so, because if you don't, it becomes solid and you're in trouble because when you try to mix in the whipped cream you have something that resembles yellow cottage cheese and you find yourself (cursing) heading back to the grocery store on the biggest grocery shopping night of the year and finding yourself so relieved (not cursing) that the store still had yellow Jell-O in stock and then when you get home and you start making it again and you pour what you think is Jell-O mix into the boiling water and instead of dissolving it turns to paste which prompts you to actually read the box you just bought and it is only then that you discover you bought lemon pudding instead of lemon Jell-O (really cursing) and you have to go back to the (heavily censored) store. So, Mark, sweetie, here's my Christmas wish for you. I wish for you to find a wife. Soon. And my Christmas present to the lucky girl will be my recipe for yellow Jell-O. It's all hers.

KEN SCHOP



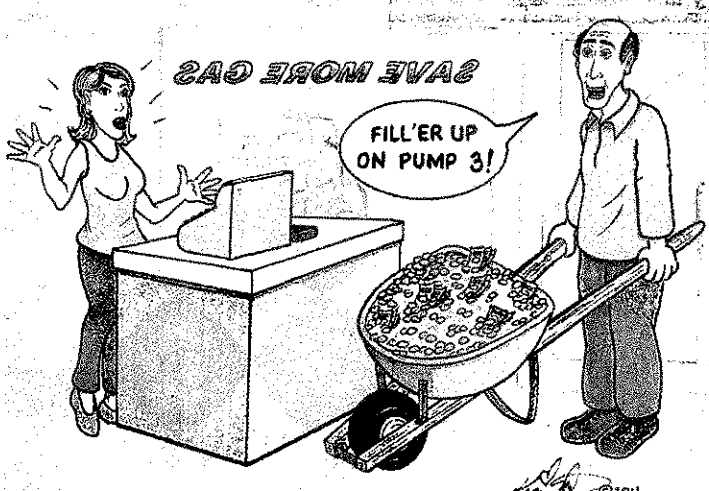
Last winter it seemed it was snowing all the time and we'd just adopted a new puppy (who loved the snow). This cartoon inspiration came from my own household.

—Ken Schop



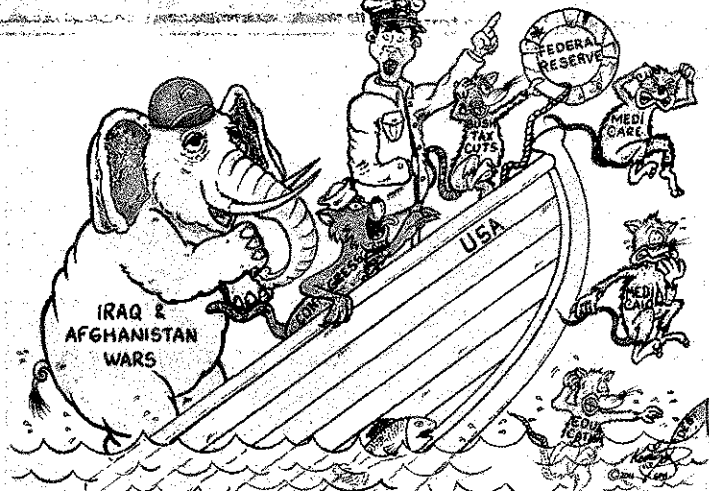
It was hilarious watching the president agree and then contradict his cabinet several times in one week. And did anyone notice all the protest signs in Egypt were in English

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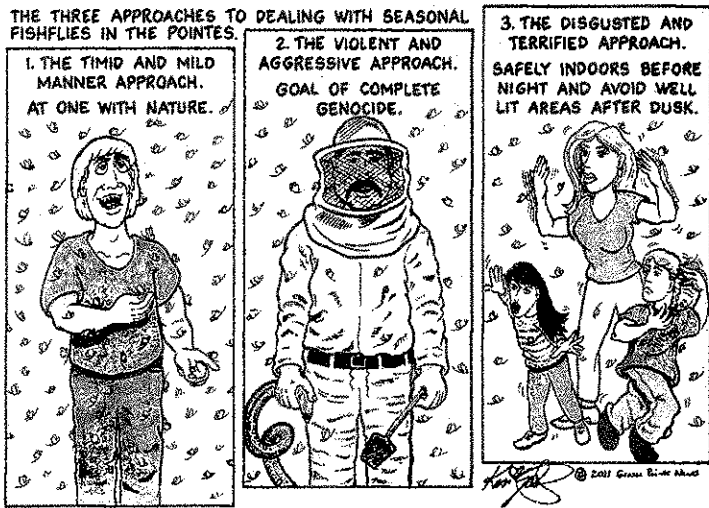
One week it's up then the next week it's back down. I know it's not this bad yet, but sometimes it feels like it. Thank God for credit cards!

—Ken Schop



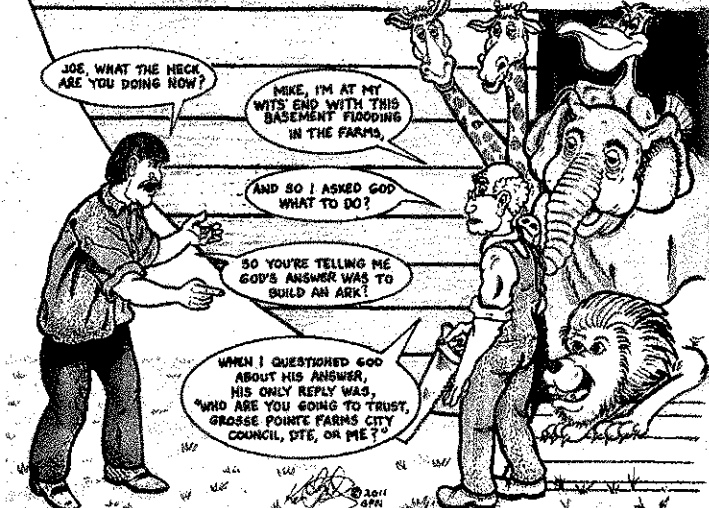
This was my personal favorite of 2011. I put a lot of thought and work into this one with lots of hidden meanings. Week after week, the news refuses to report on the elephant in the room.

—Ken Schop



When it comes to getting an idea for a cartoon about fishflies, every year in June, without fail, I am inspired by my observations as I make my way to work.

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With all the rain and flooding in Grosse Pointe Farms this past year, we saw a lot of angry homeowners at various council meetings demanding answers.

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Goodfellows charity fundraising drive

To the Editor:  
The Old Newsboys Goodfellow Fund of Detroit would like to thank the stu-

dents, teachers and staff of Grosse Pointe's Parcels Middle School for all their hard work and dedication in making the Parcels' Goodfellows charity fundraising drive a huge success again

this December. The social and other money-raising games and events, organized and promoted by the Parcels' student council, brought in nearly \$3,000 in donations, a sum that went a long way toward helping the Detroit Goodfellows achieve its goal of \$1.3 million and to keep its 97-year-old pledge of, "No Kiddie Without a Christmas." An extra-special Goodfellows' "Thank You" goes to Parcels Principal Mark Mulholland and teachers Nan Sabella and Ninette Morosso, who organized and supervised the "penny wars" and other games during the month-long drive. Our sincere appreciation al-

so to the teachers who led the various classroom teams. Southeast Michigan's premier "charity without overhead," the Goodfellows this year bought, packed and handed out 36,000 Christmas packages containing warm clothing, gloves, books, candy, toys and trinkets, plus 11,000 volunteer-dressed dolls, to less fortunate Detroit-area children between 5 and 13 years old. We'll also provide free shoes, emergency dental work, camperships and other assistance throughout 2012. Thank you, Parcels; and thank you, Grosse Pointe. PETE WALDMEIR  
Grosse Pointe Woods  
Past President  
Detroit Goodfellows



TEST DRIVE By Greg Zyla

## '10 Best' truck and SUVs

We're wrapping up another year of test drives with our top 10

trucks and SUVs tested in 2011, in no particular order:

1) GMC/Chevy Duramax: The General Motors Duramax Turbo Diesel pickup is one tough truck that can do it all. A Duramax 3500 HD Crew Cab starts at \$42,675, while a regular cab diesel begins at \$35,690.

2) Toyota Highlander Hybrid: Highlander was an SUV favorite from day one and the Hybrid makes it even better. Toyota's new 3.5 liter V-6 helps the Hybrid generate 280 combined horsepower in combo with the electric setup. Highlander Hybrid delivers 28 city and 28 highway EPA numbers, and is a "Consumer Reports" No. 1 recommended SUV. The Hybrid starts at \$44,920, with gasoline Highlanders starting at \$28,960.

3) Ford Flex: Ford's Crossover/SUV features all the amenities and luxuries in an all wheel drive SUV package with room for up to 7-passengers. We tested the most expensive Platinum Edition, although prospective buyers can purchase the entry level front drive Flex SE for \$29,355 before incentives.

4) Dodge Ram SLT 1500: With the 2010 "Motor Trend" truck of the year award, Chrysler engineers continue to improve on the vehicle that has stood the test of time. The 2011 and 2012 Rams are more than capable of competing in any class and our Hemi-powered SLT 4x4 tester had a base price of \$28,425. Entry Ram 1500 2WDs start at \$19,010 with a 3.7 liter V6.

5) Toyota Tundra 4x4: Tundra is the most successful of the foreign full-size trucks and competes well against American best sellers. With a base of \$29,470 and \$33,611 as tested, our 4.6-V8 powered 4x4 double cab lived up to its tow-

ing expectations. The 5.7 V8 is a better choice for heavy towing, but overall, Tundra earns every sale that comes its way.

6) Ford F-150 4x4 XLT Super Crew: Perhaps the most worthy of all trucks/SUVs on this list, Ford's F-series is America's best-selling pickup and 2012 "Motor Trend Truck of the Year" winner. Our tester came fully loaded for \$39,245; 2012 prices start at \$22,985.

7) Lexus GX460: Lexus offers its top line GX460 complete with the opulence consumers expect. With a base of \$52,445, GX460 is a high class SUV that delivers in all areas. Lighter and smaller than previous generations, the new model is comfortable and easy to drive.

8) Infiniti QX56 4WD: With a base of \$59,800 and \$72,560 as tested, it's the most expensive on our "Top 10" list and one of the most improved full size SUV's on the road. Completely

redesigned in 2011, QX56 is far above the model it replaces in both design and mechanical upgrades and is a pleasure to drive.

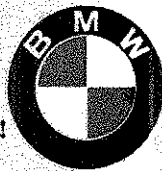
9) Chevy Avalanche LTZ: Chevrolet's Avalanche is still the sporty workhorse capable of 21 mpg highway, thanks to a 5.3 liter V8. Popular since its 2002 introduction, Avalanche is built on the same 130-inch wheelbase platform as sibling Suburban. Avalanche differs by combining the best of a full-size Silverado with the passenger attributes of a Chevy Tahoe. Pricing starts at \$36,720 for a 2012 model.

10) Hyundai Santa Fe Limited: Hyundai's 5-passenger SUV starts at \$23,225 for a GLS 4-cylinder and escalates to a top line Limited 4x4 for \$31,325. Hyundai continues to attract consumers from all demographics.

Greg Zyla is a syndicated automotive columnist.

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CHURCHES | ENTERTAINMENT | SCHOOLS | OBITUARIES

**Rev. Jerry Elsholz** became a parish pastor serving congregations in Montana, Ohio and Michigan. After nearly 40 years, he is taking his first sabbatical in the form of retirement.

## Minister bows out

By Ann L. Fouty  
Features Editor

All Jerry Elsholz wanted was to serve God and be with people.

"I just wanted to be a parish pastor. That's all I wanted to be. I wanted to be a parson," said Elsholz, who is retiring after 37 years ministering to congregations in Michigan, Montana and Ohio. He retires from First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Woods, Dec. 31 after serving as associate pastor for six years.

"I feel blessed in all the parishes I've served. They allowed me to grow. My faith has grown. I have such respect for the congregations and people and the tradition of the church. I'm feeling at peace at my decision to retire," he said.

Retirement for he and Sandy, his wife of 18 years, begins with a January Caribbean cruise with Florida friends and wintering in Florida. The couple returns to Michigan in April.

"We'll see what we're going to do after that," he said.

Elsholz is comparing his retirement to a sabbatical he never took, saying, "God has been good to me in the parishes. Not all of it has been easy. I've learned so much. I got more from



PHOTOS BY ANN L. FOUTY

**Rev. Jerry Elsholz retires Dec. 31 after serving the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church for six years.**

the people than they from me."

A graduate of Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, Elsholz spent his internship in Miles City, Mont. His first congregation after earning a master's degree in divinity was at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ridgeville, Ohio.

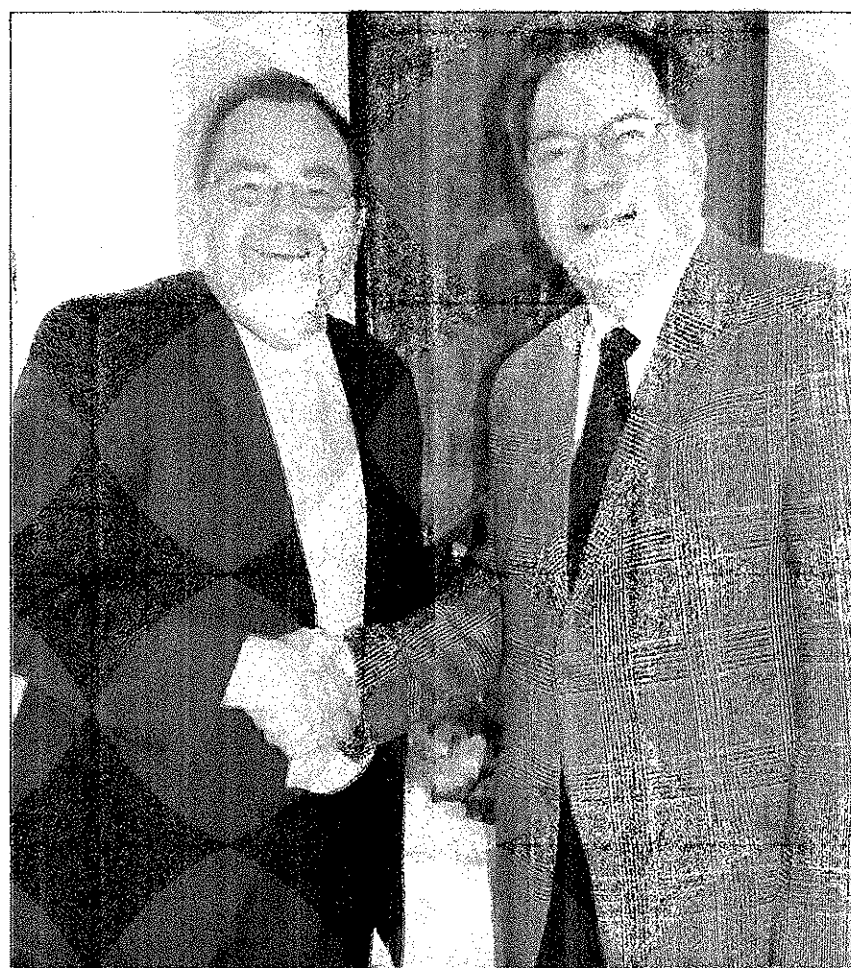
His next assignment, New Baltimore, was close to his hometown of St. Clair. That was followed by 12 years at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church in Dundee. For the next seven years, Elsholz served the congregation of First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Upper Sandusky, Ohio. His final assignment was in Grosse Pointe Woods.

As an associate pastor, he said he plays more of a supportive servicing role, leaving the administrative side to The Rev. Walter Schmidt. That allows him to listen and compose music.

"I love the music of the church," he said. "The music is so spiritually connected. The music gets to the heart. I have written some original music. I would hum it and my son wrote the music. I think about music. I make up stuff. I'm a dabbler, not a composer."

While music is his interest, serving the church is his passion.

At First Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Woods, Elsholz sits on four church committees — the youth board, the fellowship board, the social outreach board and the board of parish education. All work directly with the congregation and community, which he said he believes is his



See MINISTER, page 5A II The Rev. Jerry Elsholz and Rev. Walter Schmidt.

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## 2A II | FACES &amp; PLACES



## Winner

Rose Williamson, second from right, of Grosse Pointe Farms, is the winner of a raffle for 3-foot Santa that recites "The Night Before Christmas." The month-long contest is sponsored by Beaumont Hospital - Grosse Pointe. The seated Santa Claus was donated by the Beaumont Grosse Pointe Gift Shop. Raffle proceeds benefit Beaumont Foundation that provides programs for the hospital's patients. Pictured with Williamson are, from left, hospital volunteers Sue Korpas and Mary Ellen Cordett, Williamson and volunteer Linda Fisher.

ASK THE EXPERTS By Julie Bellovich

## Helping children become readers



**Q.** How can I help my child become a reader?

**A.** Learning to read and write is critical to a child's success in school and in life. However, reading involves a lot more than just sitting down with a good book.

To help your preschool-aged child become a strong reader, expose him/her to all areas of literacy. Foster a love of books and create an environment immersed with language, reading and writing activities.

Early language and literacy development is critical to learning conventional skills, such as decoding, oral reading, fluency, reading comprehen-

sion, writing and spelling. These skills include verbal language — which incorporates listening, speaking and vocabulary; and literacy — the act of extracting meaning from printed symbols including literature, print awareness and the writing process. Combined, these early learning skills are precursors to creating successful readers, writers and spellers in elementary school.

As your child's first and most important teacher, immerse him/her in an atmosphere saturated with opportunities to build oral language, create a love of reading and become "print aware." Later reading success depends on parents and early educators to lay the groundwork.

Where does one begin?

◆ Be a model. Read to your child, read yourself, make



reading materials readily available, build a home library, visit the library, set aside family time for reading and read predictable books and let

your child fill in the ending.

◆ Be a language detective with your child. Be a good listener, ask open-ended questions, label and talk about your environment, discover new and interesting words and share experiences.

◆ Play language games. Sing songs, the ABC's, create rhyming games to help your child pay attention to sounds in words and have your child fill in the rhyming word to finish your sentence.

◆ Create a print-rich environment. Label toys or items in your child's bedroom or playroom with the written word. Empower your child with a sense of reading success by finding how many words

he/she can already read.

◆ Encourage your child to write and draw. Write down your child's words or let him "write/draw" a letter.

When a child is exposed to reading and language-rich experiences at a young age, he or she can more easily make the symbol/language connection necessary for reading success.

Bellovich, M.Ed., is the early intervention specialist at Barnes Early Childhood Center. She can be reached at (313) 432-3871.

The Family Center, a non-profit organization, serves as the community's hub for information, resources and referral for both families and professionals. To volunteer or contribute, visit [familycenterweb.org](http://familycenterweb.org); call (313) 432-3832; e-mail [info@familycenterweb.org](mailto:info@familycenterweb.org); or write to The Family Center, 20090 Morningside Drive, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

## AREA ACTIVITIES

## Alliance Francaise

The Alliance Francaise de Grosse Pointe celebrates La Fete des Rois (King's Day) from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The event features a French film, with English subtitles, and French-inspired refreshments.

Tickets cost \$9 and are available by sending a check to Alliance Francaise de Grosse Pointe, c/o 1390 S. Renaud

Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

For more information, visit [specialerevents@afgrossepointe.org](mailto:specialerevents@afgrossepointe.org).

## Grosse Pointe Woods

Grosse Pointe Woods offers three activities.

The first is a motor coach trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts, leaving the community center at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, to see "Rembrandt and the Faces



The 2011 Score-O winners, from left Preston Barr, Lauren Frezza and Luke Babcock are ready to take on all challengers at the Grosse Pointe Woods Winterfest Saturday, Jan. 28, at Lake Front Park. Behind the sign are citizens recreation commission members Tom Jerger and Bill Babcock.

of Jesus."

Rembrandt Van Rijn's paintings, prints and drawings portray his interpretation of Jesus and events described in the Bible.

The bus returns at 5 p.m. The trip includes transportation, entrance to the exhibit and \$10 in DIA Dollars to be spent on lunch or in the museum gift shop.

The cost for residents is \$30; non-residents pay \$33. Space is limited and registration closes Jan. 30.

For more information, call the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center at (313) 343-2408.

◆ The 11th annual Winterfest is from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at Lake Front Park. There is no charge, but preregistration is required.

Highlights of the event include — depending on weather — ice skating a Score-O Competition, a giant inflatable slide and hot dog lunch.

There also are chili and cookie contests. Engraved ladle and spatula trophies are

awarded. Contest rules can be obtained at the community center. Judging begins at 10:30 a.m.

Register to enter the chili or cookie competition at the community center, or the parks and recreation department by calling (313) 343-2408 or by e-mail at [parks@gpwwi.us](mailto:parks@gpwwi.us).

◆ A trip to the Motor City Casino is from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12. The day includes round-trip transportation aboard a motor coach and \$20 in reward play money. The cost is \$5 for Woods residents or \$7 for non-residents for the bus ride. Lunch is not included. Participants must bring a valid photo ID to receive incentives.

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## Family fun run/walk

The 42nd annual Fifth Third Bank Belle Isle New Year's Eve Family Fun Run/Walk begins at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, at the Belle Isle Casino.

There is a mile fun run for children 12 years and under. There is also a one and four mile run and a four mile walk.

For more information, call Jeanne Bocci at (313) 886-5560.

## Grannie Nannies

Grannie Nannies meet from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, at Big Boy Restaurant, 20710 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

For more information, call Services for Older Citizens at (313) 882-9600.

## Day of Dance

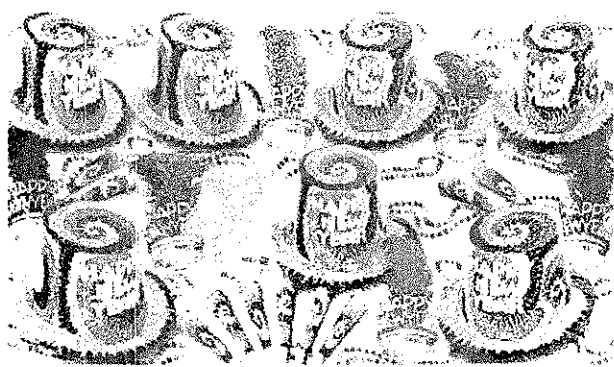
Couples who dance are asked to participate in a "Dancing With the Stars" episode in the Day of Dance.

This health event, sponsored by the Spirit of Women at Beaumont Hospital - Grosse Pointe, is from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

For more information or to register, contact Suzanne. [berschback@beaumont.edu](mailto:berschback@beaumont.edu).

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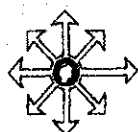
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## FEATURES

# ENGAGEMENTS

## Kristofek - Topper

Bill and Debbie Kristofek, of Evanston, Ill., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Gailin Mary Kristofek, to Michael Benjamin Topper, son of Suzanne Topper, of Grosse Pointe Woods, and the late George W. Topper Jr. A July wedding in Chicago is planned.

Kristofek graduated from Evanston Township High School in 2004 and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication and a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from Michigan State University in 2008. She is the marketing and event manager with Chicago Sport and Social Club.

Topper graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 2004 and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance from MSU in 2007. He is vice president of Kristofek Financial Corp., Evanston.

## Petz - Simonovich

Martin and Joanne Petz, of the City of Grosse Pointe, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Shannon Deirdre Petz, to Jordan Raymond Simonovich, son of Richard and Cynthia Simonovich of Rockford, Ill. A summer wedding at Loyola University Chicago is planned.

The couple met while attending Loyola, both graduating with honors in the fields of nursing and biology, respectively.

Petz is pursuing a Ph.D. de-

gree in nursing at the University of Washington.

Simonovich is pursuing a doctor of dental medicine degree at Southern Illinois University.

## Rinaldi - Donnelly

Bob and Kathy Rinaldi, of Grosse Pointe Shores, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Tracy Rinaldi, to Jack Donnelly, son of John and Nancy Donnelly, of Grosse Pointe Farms. A May wedding is planned.

Rinaldi graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in apparel and textile design and merchandising management. She is a buyer in Chicago.

Donnelly attended John Carroll University and is in sales in Chicago.

## Shelden - Acocella

Bill and Sally Shelden, of Grosse Pointe Farms, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kristin Marie Shelden, to Matthew John Acocella, son of Maureen Flanagan, of Greenwich, Conn., and Mike and Christina Acocella, of Stamford, Conn. A June wedding is planned.

Shelden earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in government and women's and gender studies in 2007 from Georgetown University. She is a development and communications manager with Capital City Public Charter School in

Washington, D.C.

Acocella earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in government in 2006 from Georgetown. He is a law student at American University Washington College of Law.

## Vandenbroeck - Biddick

Rudy Vandenbroeck, of Grosse Pointe Shores, and Sue Gmeiner, of St. Clair Shores, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lindsay Vandenbroeck, of Waukesha, Wisc., to Ben Biddick, of Waukesha, Wisc., son of Ken and Julie Biddick, of Petoskey. A June wedding on Walloon Lake is planned.

Vandenbroeck graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 2005 and from Northern Michigan University in 2010. She is a nurse with Elmbrook Memorial Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare.

Biddick graduated from Petoskey High School in 2003 and NMU in 2009. He is an engineer with Harken Incorporated.

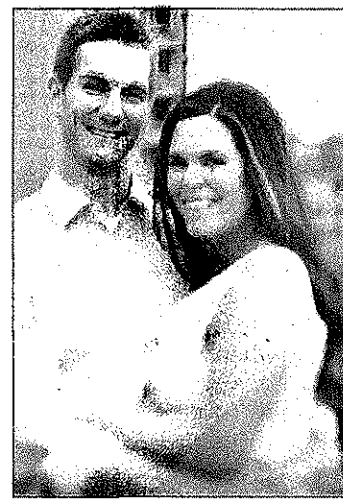
## Victor - Hawkins

Bill and Renee Victor, of Grosse Pointe Woods, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Marissa Victor, to Jason Hawkins, son of Gary and Dorie Hawkins, of Lincoln Park. An August wedding is planned.

Victor graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 2007 and earned a



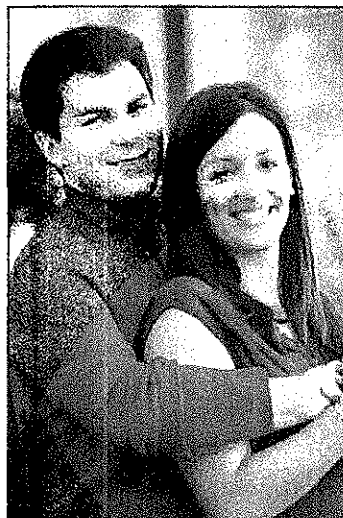
Michael Benjamin Topper and Gailin Mary Kristofek



Jordan Raymond Simonovich and Shannon Deirdre Petz



Jack Donnelly and Tracy Rinaldi



Matthew John Acocella and Kristin Marie Shelden



Ben Biddick and Lindsay Vandenbroeck



Louise Elizabeth Winslow and Jacob Otis Wardwell III, DO



Marissa Victor and Jason Hawkins



Christopher Wagner and Katherine Maeve Wyman

Bachelor of Science degree in health studies in 2011 from Michigan State University. She is pursuing a nursing degree.

Hawkins earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in hospitality business from MSU in 2010. He is task force manager for American Hospitality Management.

## Winslow - Wardwell

Sharon and Clark Winslow, of Wayzata, Minn., have an-

nounced the engagement of their daughter, Louise Elizabeth Winslow, to Jacob Otis Wardwell III, DO, son of Christine and Sheldon Wardwell, of Grosse Pointe Farms. A September wedding in Belvedere, Calif., is planned.

Winslow graduated from The Blake School and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Colby College. She is a graduate student studying traditional Chinese medicine.

Wardwell attended Grosse Pointe Academy and University Liggett School. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from the University of Colorado, a master's degree in bioethics, humanities and society from Michigan State University College of Human Medicine and a Doctor of Osteopathy Medicine degree from MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is a resident physician.

## Wyman - Wagner

Bruce Burrowes and Janet Fredal Wyman, of Grosse Pointe Park, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Katherine Maeve Wyman, to Christopher Wagner, son of Barry Lee and Pamela Ann Wagner, of Charlottesville, Va. A June wedding is planned.

Wyman earned a Bachelor of

Arts degree in literature and international studies, magna cum laude, from Yale University in 2007 and a juris doctorate degree, cum laude, in 2010, from Harvard Law School. She is an associate litigation attorney with Dechert LLP, Washington, D.C.

Wagner earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, history and art history from the University of Virginia in 2007, and a Master of Education degree in 2008 from Harvard Graduate School of Education. He runs an education services company in Washington, D.C.

# WEDDINGS

## Hagan - Debski

Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Debski, of St. Clair, formerly of Grosse Pointe Park, announce the marriage of their son, Benjamin Franklin Debski, to Tara Noel Hagan, daughter of Mark and Donna Hagan, of Trumbull, Conn.

The Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011, ceremony was at the Redding Country Club in Redding, Conn.

Debski is a 1997 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and a 2002 graduate of Ferris State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in marketing and professional golf management. He is the assistant golf professional at Huntingdon Valley Country Club in Huntingdon Valley, Pa.

The bride graduated from Trumbull High School in Trumbull, Conn., and studied communications at Fairfield University, Fairfield, Conn. She is the food and beverage manager at Running Deer Golf Club in Pittsgrove, N.J.

The couple reside in Cherry Hill, N.J.



Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Franklin Debski



Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Michael Krasowski



Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Allan Shelden

Sylvia Oatley, of Ferndale, served as her sister's matron of honor.

Bridesmaids were Heidi Barbe, childhood friend of the bride, of Arlington, Va. and Avoree Gore, college friend of the bride, of Paris, Ill.

The groom's cousin, Sofia Testa, of West Caldwell, N.J., served as flower girl. She wore a white satin and tulle dress and carried a white basket filled with pink roses and blue delphiniums.

The groom's cousin, Angelo Testa, of West Caldwell, was the ring bearer.

David Losito was best man for his childhood friend. Groomsmen were Mark Raimondi, college friend of the groom, of Slidell, La., and Gary Cheng, colleague of the groom, of Fairfax, Va. Groomsmen had boutonnieres of light pink roses.

The groom's boutonniere was a white calla lily.

Scripture readers were the bride's aunt, Jane Zimmerman, of Stonington, Conn., and the groom's aunt, Cheryl Farrell, of Eynon, Pa. The Prayer of the Faithful was read by Alex Oatley, brother-in-law of the bride, of Ferndale.

The bride graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 2004 and earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in 2009.

The groom graduated from Cicero-North Syracuse High

School and earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Clarkson University in 2008. They are engineers for ExxonMobil, where they met.

The couple honeymooned at the Arenal Volcano in Costa Rica and Cabo San Lucas, Mexico and live in Arlington, Va.

## Wallace - Shelden

Sarah Anne Wallace, daughter of Mary and Richard Goedert, of Saginaw, married Jeffrey Allan Shelden, son of Sally and Bill Shelden, of Grosse Pointe Farms, Sept. 10, 2011, in Chicago.

Celebrant Marguerite Griffin officiated at the ceremony at the River East Art Center in Chicago, followed by a reception at the center.

The bride wore an A-line dress with halter straps. Her bouquet was an assortment of purple, crabapple green and white flowers, manzanita branches, mokara orchids and hanging amaranthus.

Melissa Calice, of Saginaw and Royal Oak, served as her sister's matron of honor.

Serving their friend as bridesmaids were Lara Wainscott, Sue El-Moursi and Sarah Radka, all of Chicago.

The bride's nieces, Mia Calice, of Royal Oak, and Lola Henderson, of East Lansing, were flower girls.

Attendants wore eggplant

chiffon A-line dresses with halter straps.

Jason Santo, of Chicago, served as his friend's best man.

Groomsmen were Andy Shelden, the groom's brother, of Milledgeville, Ga.; Jeremy Levin, the groom's friend, of Madison, Wisc.; and Ted Wulfers, the groom's friend, of Sherman Oaks, Calif.

The bride's nephews, Rocco Calice, of Royal Oak, and Beckett Henderson, of East Lansing, were ring bearers.

The bride's mother chose a charcoal gray Katrina Bocci dress with ruching and a three-quarter sleeve bolero jacket.

The groom's mother wore a light blue silk jacket over a lace top of light blue silk and a long skirt.

The Roy Vombrack Quartet provided the music at both the ceremony and reception.

Molly Dickston read an original piece at the ceremony and Hillary Henderson read "Union" by Robert Fulghum.

The bride earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Michigan State University and a master's degree in human computer interaction from DePaul University. She is a user experience designer for JPMorgan Chase & Company.

The groom earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Denison University and is the director of distributor development, Constellation Brands.

The couple honeymooned in Spain and live in Chicago.

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to all he brings."

While we may need to pack up our decorations, we clearly don't want to put away the gift of the Savior.

I have a friend who keeps a nativity set out all year as a reminder the good news of great joy continues, for unto you is born a Savior, Christ the Lord!

Rizer is minister at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church

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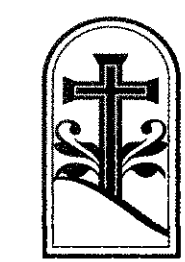
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# GPT presents 'Jekyll & Hyde,' holds auditions

Grosse Pointe Theatre's musical production of "Jekyll & Hyde" opens at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15.

Shows continue at 8 p.m., Jan. 19 - 22; 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22; and 8 p.m., Jan. 26-28, in the Fries Auditorium, Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Tickets are \$24. For tickets and information, call (313) 881-4004 or visit gpt.org.

Based on the novella, "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde," by Robert Louis Stevenson, the story revolves around Dr. Henry Jekyll who has a promising career, a fiancée and exceptional health. Jekyll is driven to prove a human's darkest side can be suppressed, allowing only the good to surface. He however, is denied from testing the serum on living patients. Forced to use himself for the experiment, he unleashes his dark side: the savage, maniacal Edward Hyde, who wreaks havoc in the streets of 19th century London.

Beverly Dickinson, of Pleasant Ridge, is the director and John Dickinson is the show's music director.

Alan Canning, of Bloomfield Township, plays the lead role of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

Danielle Caralis, of Grosse Pointe Shores, is Emma, and Sandi Haney, of Royal Oak, is Lucy. Doug Clark, of Royal Oak, plays the Bishop of Basingstoke and Theresa Selvaggio, of Grosse Pointe Farms, portrays Lady Beaconsfield.

Grosse Pointe Farms cast members include Eddie Tujaka as General Glossop,



PHOTO BY DALE PEGG

Featured in Grosse Pointe Theatre's production of "Jekyll and Hyde," the musical, are from left, Danielle Caralis, of Grosse Pointe Shores, as Emma, Alan Canning, of Bloomfield Township, as Dr. Jekyll/Mr. Hyde, and Sandi Haney, of Royal Oak, as Lucy.

MaryLynn Bertello as Nellie and ensemble members Alexis Mabry and Jessica Tujaka.

Other cast members are Steve Sussman, of Bloomfield Township, as John Utterson; Peter Di Sante, of St. Clair Shores, as Danvers Carew; Frank "Scott" Davis, of Ferndale, as Simon Stride; Perry Calisi, of Grosse Pointe Park, as Lord Savage; Adrian Balinski, of Warren, as Sir Proops; Marcus Laban, of Warren, as Spider; Mike Evans, of the City of Grosse Pointe, as Poole; and Cliff Levin, of Detroit, as Bisset. Ensemble members are Mark Konwinski, of Clinton Township; Rusty Daugherty, of Southfield; Jann Hight, of St. Clair Shores; Tryette Puentes, of Eastpointe; Jackie Pfaff, of Chesterfield Township; Clare Sawicki, of Detroit; and Beth Teagan, of Grosse Pointe Woods.

For more information about Grosse Pointe Theatre or for tickets, call (313) 881-4004 or visit gpt.org.

Auditions for Grosse Pointe Theatre's for "Moonlight and Magnolias" by Ron Hutchinson, are 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 14, and 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15, at the Grosse Pointe Theatre rehearsal facility, 315 Fisher,

Grosse Pointe Farms.

Scripts are available at the theater, by calling (313) 881-4004 or by calling director Mike Trudel at (313) 520-0908.

The play is based on actual events in February 1939 when, just three weeks into production, David O. Selznick shuts down filming of the largest, most expensive movie of its day, "Gone with the Wind."

Director George Cukor is fired.

The latest draft of the script is unworkable and the film's stars are outraged. Confusion reigns. Selznick pulls in screenwriter Ben Hecht and director Victor Fleming off the set of "The Wizard of Oz." They meet where Hecht and Fleming are more interested in sniping at each other than working on the script. Desperate, Selznick locks the office doors, and on a diet of bananas and peanuts, the three men labor for five days to fashion a screenplay for one of the most successful films of all time.

## Characters

David O. Selznick (40-50s) is the prototypical Hollywood producer — obsessive, driven, and just a little nuts. GWTW is his masterpiece; he must have it how he sees it and nothing must stand in the way.

Ben Hecht (30-40s) is the clever, quick-witted, articulate journalist-turned-script doctor. Sardonic but principled, he stands against everything that GWTW represents. He's a passionate advocate of anti-holocaust activism.

Vic Fleming (40-50s) is a

real man's man, friend of Clark Gable, talented, caustic, and capable. He does not suffer fools gladly.

Ms. Poppenghul (any age) is Selznick's loyal, unflappable, no-nonsense secretary. She knows how to deal with a pushy, eccentric boss.

Auditions are cold readings from the script.

Director's note: Actors eat peanuts throughout the show.

## Rehearsals, show dates

Rehearsals are tentatively Wednesday, Friday and Sunday evenings at the theater.

The show opens with a 2 p.m. matinee, Sunday, March 11 and closes Saturday, March 24. Thursday through Saturday performances are at 8 p.m.; and at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 18 in Fries Auditorium, Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

For more information about the theater, call (313) 881-4004.



FROM THE DEC. 28, 1961, ISSUE OF THE GROSSE POINTE NEWS

## 1961: Deal done

Mayor Alonzo C. Allen of the City of Grosse Pointe exchanges congratulations and best wishes with Creighton Lederer, president of the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, on the signing of the agreement for exchange of properties between the City and the church. Shown in the picture are Lawrence Savage, City Manager, John Carson, Chairman of the Building Committee of the Church, Mr. Lederer, Mayor Allen and Rev. William Hammond of the church.

## A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

# Artichoke dip — a crowd pleaser



PHOTO BY VIRGINIA O. MCCOY

Scoop up artichoke dip for a New Year's appetizer.

Happy New Year! Ring in 2012 with a healthy take on artichoke dip. This recipe combines artichoke hearts with cumin and coriander, flavors you don't usually find in an artichoke dip.

I'm presenting the dip in "scoop" style chips that are pop-in-your-mouth ready for your guests.

Impressive for sure.

## Mediterranean Artichoke "Dip"

3 15-oz. cans artichoke

hearts

1/4 cup mayonnaise

1/4 cup sour cream

1 large garlic clove, minced

1 1/2 teaspoons ground

cumin

1 1/2 teaspoons ground co-

riander

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/8 teaspoon cayenne pep-

per

2 tablespoons chopped

fresh parsley

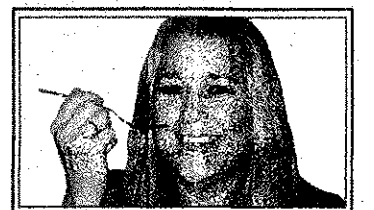
scoop style chips for serving

Begin by draining artichoke

hearts and coarsely chop either

by hand or with a few pulses in

a food processor (working in



small batches). You want the artichokes chopped, not mashed.

Place chopped artichokes over paper towels and drain as much water as possible.

(I squeezed the chopped artichokes, as well.)

Meanwhile, in a medium bowl, whisk together mayonnaise, sour cream, garlic, cumin, coriander, salt and cayenne. Add artichokes and chopped parsley and toss well to combine. You can prepare the dip a day or two in advance.

To serve, place some of the dip in scoop style corn chips and arrange on a nice platter.

My chip choice is whole grain, making this crowd pleaser of an appetizer a healthy choice, indeed.

Each scoop packs a flavorful punch and is perfect pair for bubbly.

Now go and ring in the New Year.

## MINISTER: He's a people person

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specialty.

"My strength is relating to people. I love the stories of people's lives. People are different and unique. I have learned so much from people," he said.

Additionally, he and Schmidt share preparing Sunday sermons.

"In preparing a sermon, I think some hours during the week; think, read, digest and ask God, 'What are you asking me to tell the people?' It takes me eight hours to do a sermon for that 15 minutes. I put forth the word, text and preach it. It is a challenge. It's not what I say, but what is God saying to his people. I've come into my own preaching here. I feel that this is my faith community."

He delivered his final sermon Dec. 11 and finished up his board duties with the annual carol-along. But he'll be back in the spring as a congregation member and not a parson. That chapter of his life is complete.

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**10:00 am** Shine a Light  
**10:30 am** Things to Do at the War Memorial  
**11:00 am** Out of the Ordinary  
**11:30 am** Senior Men's Club  
**12:00 pm** Economic Club of Detroit  
**1:00 pm** Glory  
**1:30 pm** Great Lakes Log  
**2:00 pm** The John Prost Show  
**2:30 pm** Legal Insider  
**3:00 pm** Things to Do at the War Memorial  
**3:30 pm** Art & Design  
**4:00 pm** Vitality Plus (Tone)  
**4:30 pm** Musical Storytime  
**5:00 pm** In a Heartbeat  
**5:30 pm** Glory  
**6:00 pm** Legal Insider  
**6:30 pm** Shine a Light  
**7:00 pm** Vitality Plus (Step/Kick Boxing)  
**7:30 pm** Things to Do at the War Memorial  
**8:00 pm** In a Heartbeat  
**8:30 pm** Senior Men's Club  
**9:00 pm** Art & Design  
**9:30 pm** Pointes of Horticulture  
**10:00 pm** The John Prost Show  
**10:30 pm** Great Lakes Log  
**11:00 pm** Out of the Ordinary  
**11:30 pm** Senior Men's Club  
**Midnight** Economic Club of Detroit  
**1:00 am** Glory  
**1:30 am** Great Lakes Log  
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**Glory**  
Joseph Mengden, Part II

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# 6A II | SCHOOLS



Retiring Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent Suzanne Klein, pictured right, embraces former board of education president, Jack Ryan, and his wife Elaine. At a December reception for Klein, Jack Ryan spoke of her 41 years serving the community and her calm and composed attitude, even in stressful situations.



Suzanne Klein, middle, speaks to Monteith Elementary School teacher Jim Fisher and a parent volunteer during Fisher's annual makeshift restaurant. This year's restaurant theme was Coney Island, featuring food and service donations from American Coney Island.



At the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education's December meeting, the last for president John Steininger and superintendent Suzanne Klein, Klein presents Steininger with a framed picture from his school days at Kerby Elementary School.

## Retirement, legislation headline 2011 school year

By A.J. Hakim  
Staff Writer

This isn't the end for Suzanne Klein.

The Grosse Pointe Public School System superintendent of 15 years, in February, made 2011's biggest schools story by announcing her retirement by year's end.

But the district's first female and longest-serving su-

perintendent contends her passion for education is as strong as it was 41 years ago, when, in 1970, she joined the district as a special education teacher at Monteith Elementary School.

"I still wake up every morning and love everything about what I do," said Klein, whose initial retirement plan includes teaching in the education specialist program at

Oakland University.

Admittedly, there are better days than others. This year alone, in the face of a seemingly intolerant state government, Klein became an active voice in the ongoing struggle to maintain local control.

Within the past few months, legislation either passed — notably, revised school board elections and uncapping charter schools — or is imminent

— mandated schools of choice — to varying degrees, negatively impact the district.

Along with new legislation, the government last year forced the hands of districts, such as Grosse Pointe, with general fund equity at or exceeding 15 percent, denying them state funding for, what the government considers, frugal spending. Diminished funding, combined with continually-elevating health care costs, has the district ripe for potential structural deficits.

Despite it all, the district

flourished this year, with all 15 schools making adequate yearly progress, associated with the No Child Left Behind Act and Ed Yes! Initiative; both high schools ranking in the top three percent nationally, according to the Washington Post's High School Challenge Index; and students far exceeding state averages on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program and Michigan Merit Exam standardized tests.

"Despite the misguided attacks on our educational funding by our state government, the deployment of best practices and education has continued here and flourished," board of education president John Steininger said at the board's December meeting about Klein. Steininger, along with trustee Fred Minturn, completed their respective terms and forewent re-election in November.

"And I'm sure we'd all agree that increased product quality in a time of diminishing resources is the work of a master magician," Steininger continued. "To that end, it should be apparent to all of us, that Dr. Klein has those manageable qualities necessary to perform the transformations we've all sought for our children."

Since joining the district, Klein has held both teaching and administrative positions, from special education teacher, to assistant principal at Parcels and Pierce middle schools, to director of special education and assistant su-

perintendent of instructional services, before becoming superintendent in 1997.

She was integral in transforming what executive director for instructional services Lee Warras called a system of schools into a school system, merging previously-isolated education programs into district-wide programs. She OK'd a new science building at Grosse Pointe North, swimming complex at South and renovations to science classrooms in middle and high schools, as well as advancements in district technology.

From her tenure, Klein acknowledged she learned five things about the district and its residents: "this district cares deeply about their children and their school experience ... I arrived in a community that values and continually supports its children and families ... this is a district that, at its heart, is a learning organization ... leadership matters ... and this organization and community is one that continues to aim high."

### Ushering in a new era

Continuing the district's reputation begins with Klein's successor, Tom Harwood, formerly the district's assistant superintendent for human resources and labor relations of five years.

"I'm going to have a hard time filling your size 7-and-a-half shoes," Harwood said of Klein, who dedicated time attending district concerts, athletic events, exhibitions and

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During Grosse Pointe North and South high school choirs' Holiday Concert & Tea in December, students welcomed superintendent Suzanne Klein on stage for a birthday celebration. They presented her with flowers and a cake.



Grosse Pointe school administrators and district associates roast and toast retiring superintendent Suzanne Klein during an event co-sponsored by The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe Rotary. Pictured, Klein laughs at the roasters.



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# HIGHLIGHTS: 'I don't see us as a district where we need somebody to come in and orchestrate major change. I see change coming in smart, knowledgeable increments'

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meetings.

Klein regularly attended school events, from Jim Fisher's fourth-grade makeshift restaurant at Monteith, to North physics teacher Gary Abud's cardboard regatta, to myriad school concerts and productions, ranging from South's Pointe Players' performances and vocal groups' pops and pastries and fall follies concerts, to the middle and high school instrumental and vocal concerts.

Harwood, lauded for his role in the most recent labor negotiations and the means by which he handled incidents with former South principal and vice principal, Al Diver and Brandon Slone, respectively, was hired at the conclusion of a two-and-a-half month search process.

Diver and Slone both resigned following an investigation into violations of the district's "Technology Acceptable Use policy." Diver's tenure as principal lasted a decade, while Slone became assistant principal in 2006.

The national search — conducted through Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates — yielded five main candidates, one internal, two in-state and two from Pennsylvania.

Following a series of interviews with the top three — Harwood, Michael "Jon" Dean (Birmingham) and Richard Machesky (Troy) — the board approved Harwood by 4-3 vote. The vote caused controversy, in that it excluded any



The Grosse Pointe Fishflies elementary running club held its first inter-elementary meet in June. Its roots at Mason Elementary School, the club expanded this year to include Ferry and Poupard elementaries. Pictured, Poupard students, Claire Keller and Charlie Klatt, participate in the 4x200 relay. Poupard won the race, but Mason won the meet.

deliberation on Dean and Machesky and included a national search, contracted out to a firm, merely to hire an in-



Newly-elected Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education members, Lois Valente and Dan Roeske. Both start effective Jan. 23.

ternal candidate.

"I don't see us as a district in crisis mode, having to drastically change the way we're doing business," trustee Tom Jakubiec said at the time of Harwood's hiring.

"I don't see us as a district where we need somebody to come in and orchestrate major change. I see change coming in smart, knowledgeable increments."

The district experienced several employee changes in 2011, Harwood representing one of a few familiar faces — Sonja Franchett (Maire principal), Kate Murray (North assistant principal) and Matt Outlaw (South principal) — promoted within the district.

Several newer people joined the district, as well. They include: Cathryn Armstrong (Parcells principal), Terry Flint (South assistant principal), Ben Bandfield (North athletic director), Dan Roeske (board member) and Lois Valente (board member).

## More highlights

Aside from retirements, additions and promotions from within the district ranks, 2011 also featured several other highlights from the 15 schools.

• In July, the board of education stirred controversy with its rejecting of a Head Start program at Poupard Elementary School.

• In June, the Grosse Pointe Fishflies elementary running club hosted its first inter-elementary meet.

• The Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education introduced two new grant programs — Pillars of Excellence and Suzanne Klein fund.

• Across the district, students hosted fundraisers sup-

porting Japan relief efforts following the country's devastation from earthquakes and tsunamis. Pierce and Brownell middle schools and Poupard, Richard and Ferry elementary schools all raised money.



In March, 51 eighth-grade science students at Brownell Middle School were welcomed into Michigan State University's National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory. In the experiment room, Jimmy Fennessey, left, plays with a remote control.



Grosse Pointe North and South each hosted art events in April, showcasing student works in painting, drawing, ceramics, jewelry, metals, fibers, photography and digital media. Pictured, two South students work on ceramics during class.

# Pies in the sky



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

A final celebration before letting out for winter break, Pierce Middle School held a raffle for students, auctioning off the chance to throw whipped cream pies at several unlucky teachers or administrators.

Left, sixth-grade English and language arts teacher Jan Brengman in the aftermath of a pie tossed in her face.

Above left, Hunter Levine pies sixth-grade science teacher, Caitlin Kefgen.

Above, Anne Marie Bedzinski tosses a pie as Brengman prepares for impact.



OBITUARIES

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

Donald William Hines

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Donald William Hines, 80, died Friday, Dec. 16, 2011, in his home, surrounded by his family.

The son of Doris and William Donald Hines, he was raised to value hard work, perseverance and education. He excelled in mathematics and as an athlete. He played varsity football, basketball and baseball for Southeastern High School class of 1949. He majored in economics at Wayne State University.

In 1952, Mr. Hines built and founded D.W. Hines Manufacturing Corp. The "shop," as he called it, is the oldest broaching business still operating in Metro Detroit. He also was knowledgeable about the stock market and loved to invest and trade.

On Feb. 17, 1951, he married his high school sweetheart, Joan LaVoie. In their 60 years of marriage, the couple were arts enthusiasts who regularly attended the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Michigan Opera Theatre. They are longstanding members of the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church. They became accomplished duplicate bridge players.

Mr. Hines was a dedicated family man. He was a proud, strict and supportive father who instilled his German values of hard work and determination into his three children and afforded all of them higher education.

Mr. Hines was an avid sports enthusiast and basketball and baseball coach. He proudly wore his Grosse Pointe North Coaches Club jacket, even on his extensive travels with the Nomads. As a coach, he never missed a chance to reward his team, win or lose, with banana splits or hot fudge sundaes. As a father, he never missed a game, concert or any other school event.

Mr. Hines is survived by his loving wife, Joan LaVoie Hines; son, Donald William (Melissa Fiones) Hines Jr.; daughters, Carol Ann Hines and Nancy Hines (Clifton) Bailey; grandson, Isaiah S. Hines; granddaughter, Stephanie S. Hines and great-grandson, Jacob Sullivan.

He also is survived by his sister, Louise Burton; nieces, Debra Burton and Kerrie (Mark Bargowski) Burton; grandniece, Paris Burton; sisters-in-law, Beth LaVoie and Patricia Cech and a host of dear friends.

He was predeceased by his parents.

Donald W. Hines will be lovingly remembered and deeply missed.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, Grosse Pointe.

Donations may be made to Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church, 17150 Maumee, Grosse Pointe, MI 48230 or Detroit Rescue Missions Ministries, 150 Stimson Street, Detroit, MI 48201 or at dr-mm.org.

John Douglas McGrath

John Douglas McGrath, 79, of Ottawa, Ill., died Thursday, Dec. 8, 2011, at his home, surrounded by his family.

He was born Nov. 3, 1932, in Boston, Mass., to John Bernard and Madeline (nee Areson) McGrath. He graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in 1951 and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Michigan State University in 1956. He served in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1959. He married Margaret "Peggy" Broughton May 14, 1960, at St. Elizabeth Church in Wyandotte.

Mr. McGrath is survived by his wife, Peggy; children, John (Christine) McGrath of Wheaton, Ill., Katherine "K.C." (Dan) Wollenberg of Lemont, Ill., Peter (Mary) McGrath and Daniel (Tricia) McGrath, both of Ottawa, Ill.; 12 grandchildren; brother, Robert (Christine) McGrath of Inverness, Ill. and sister, Barbara Logan of Pompano Beach, Fla.

He was predeceased by his parents; sister, Jane Crossley; brother, Peter McGrath and nephew, Brian McGrath.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 14 in Ottawa, Ill.

Express condolences or share a memory at MuellerFH.com.

Elita "Lee" Sullivan

Former Grosse Pointe resident Elita "Lee" Sullivan, died Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2011, after a brief illness.

Born Sept. 10, 1915, in Birmingham, Ky., Mrs. Sullivan attended Murray State Normal College before moving to Detroit in 1936.

Lively, engaging and feisty, Mrs. Sullivan worked for Chrysler Corp. for many years and stayed active reading and working daily crossword puzzles. She enjoyed watching Detroit Public Television, crocheting and knitting.

An avid sports fan, she closely followed the Detroit Red Wings and Detroit Tigers up until her death, rarely missing a game on TV and kept a personal box score as each game progressed.

Her family said Mrs. Sullivan was a wonderful, caring mom, grandma, nana and friend, who loved spending time with her family, especially her five great-grandchildren.

In addition to living in Grosse Pointe, Mrs. Sullivan also resided in Centerline and, most recently, in Harper Woods.

She is survived by her son, Jim (Patricia) Sullivan; grandchildren, Kelley (Chad) Hamilton, Chrissie (Jon) Kolk and Bryan Sullivan; and great-grandchildren, Amanda, Alyssa and Addison Hamilton and Kaitlyn and Jake Kolk.

A memorial Mass was celebrated Dec. 27 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in St. Clair Shores.

Donations may be made to Detroit Public Television, 1 Clover Court, Wixom, MI 49393.

Vito Martino

Vito "Vic" Martino, 85, of Harper Woods, died Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011.

He was the only son of Lisabetta and Giuseppe Martino, born Jan. 12, 1926, in San Nicola da Crissa, Calabria, Italy. He came to the United States in 1938 and spent his youth in Harrisburg, Pa., as well as the Dearborn area.

Mr. Martino went to work for Ford Motor Co. as a young



Donald William Hines



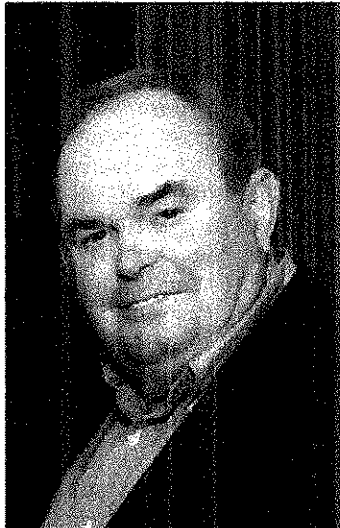
John Douglas McGrath



Elita "Lee" Sullivan



Vito Martino



Leonard J. Winzer

man and later went on to own several bars on Detroit's east side, including Vic's Welcome Bar and Walter's Bar, before closing The Green Tree in the late 1980s to enjoy retirement.

In 1971, he married Ada, nee Pepe Tornese, and the couple had one daughter, Lisa Maria.

Mr. Martino enjoyed visiting with friends, repairing automobiles, gardening, re-purposing items and home improvements. He loved making people laugh and lifting their spirits and was passionate about animals, rescuing and finding homes for numerous stray dogs throughout his lifetime. His favorite pastimes were watching wrestling and boxing, and taking care of his summer house in Algonac, where he happily tended a large garden and raised chickens, rabbits, fish and geese.

His family said he will be remembered for his dedicated work ethic, love of family, strength, independent spirit and his strong desire to impart these qualities to his child.

Mr. Martino is survived by his wife of 40 years, Ada; daughter, Lisa Maria; sister, Catherine (Rotondo); three nieces, one nephew and their spouses, children and grandchildren.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 23 at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church in Grosse Pointe Park.

Donations may be made to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals at aspca.org or the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit at cskdetroit.org.

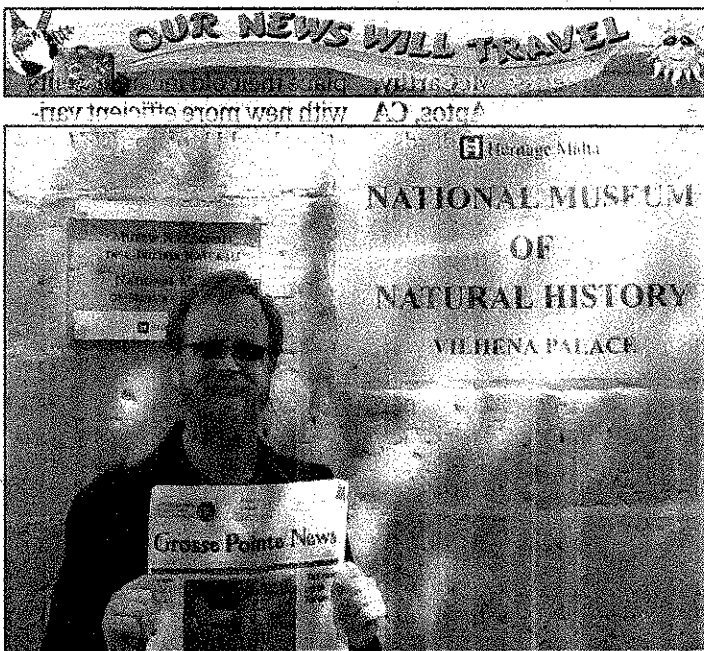
Express condolences or share a memory at verheyden.org.

Leonard J. Winzer

Longtime Grosse Pointe Park resident Leonard J. Winzer, 76, died Sunday, Dec. 11, 2011.

Mr. Winzer is survived by his wife, Marcia; children, Len. Jr., Bill and Leslie; grandchildren, Courtney Simon de Montfort and Heather Simon de Montfort and great-granddaughters, Emma and Alyss.

A graduate of Hillsdale College, Mr. Winzer was a longtime member of the Detroit



Mark Dikowski of Grosse Pointe Farms took the Grosse Pointe News with him on a cruise which included a stop in Malta. When you travel, take along a copy of the Grosse Pointe News and have a photo taken of yourself in front of a local landmark. Send the picture, along with a few words to: The Grosse Pointe News Reader, 96 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236; or e-mail to editor@grossepointenews.com. Your picture will appear in an upcoming issue.

CITY OF HARPER WOODS  
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 5, 2011

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held November 21, 2011 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Board of Trustees Employees Retirement System held November 28, 2011.
- 2) To remove item CM 11-139-11 Reconsider Proposed Parking Lot - 20830 Lochmoor from Tabled and Pending Items and place under Old Business 1 and 2.
- 3) To Open the Public Hearing to consider a request from the property owners at 20250 Harper to allow a parking lot at 20830 Lochmoor in a residentially zoned area in accordance with Sec. 10-149(1) of the City's Zoning Ordinance.
- 4) To close the Public Hearing to consider a request from the property owners at 20250 Harper to allow a parking lot at 20830 Lochmoor in a residentially zoned area in accordance with Sec. 10-149(1) of the City's Zoning Ordinance.
- 5) That the Resolution for Inclusion of Harper Woods to Grosse Pointe Dispatch/Lockup Grant be added to the Agenda.
- 6) That a subcommittee be formed for the purpose of Strategic Planning consisting of Mayor Poynter, Councilman Szymanski and Councilman Monaghan.
- 7) To add to the agenda the Appointment of Police Chief, James R. Burke.
- 8) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 95910 through 96012 in the amount of \$448,234.09 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment to Badger Meter, Inc. in the amount of \$6,720.96 for the purchase of four new 2" Orion automatic read water meters and transmitters. (3) Approve payment to Michigan Municipal Worker's Compensation Fund in the amount of \$19,726.00 for the adjustment in our premium for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.
- 2) To approve the proposed parking lot at 20830 Lochmoor as required by Sec. 10-149(1) of the City's Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the City Planning Commission as set forth in their minutes of October 19, 2011
- 3) Approve payment to Duro Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$12,361.90 for Progress Payment No. 1 on the 2011 Concrete Pavement Repair Program, #180-136.
- 4) To renew the City's participation in the Michigan Municipal League's Liability and Property Pool for 2012 in the amount of \$200,200 for coverage as stated in their renewal proposal and, further that competitive bidding be waived in accordance with City policy.
- 5) To adopt the amended "Guide to Public Participation at Council Meetings."
- 6) To adopt the Resolution for Inclusion of Harper Woods in Grosse Pointe Dispatch/Lockup Grant.
- 7) To adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations and material subject to Attorney-Client Privilege.
- 8) To confirm the appointment of James R. Burke as Police Chief for the City of Harper Woods and further, approve the employment agreement between Chief Burke and the City of Harper Woods.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, Acting City Clerk

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CITY OF HARPER WOODS  
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
SYNOPSIS: REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 21, 2011

The regular City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Kenneth A. Poynter at 7:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All Councilpersons were present.

MOTIONS PASSED

- 1) To receive, approve and file the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held November 7, 2011 and the Special City Council meeting held November 14, 2011 and furthermore receive and file the minutes of the Board of Canvassers meeting held November 9, 2011 and the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting held November 9, 2011.
- 2) To open the Public Hearing to consider a request from the property owners at 20250 Harper to allow a parking lot at 20830 Lochmoor in a residentially zoned area in accordance with Sec. 10-149(1) of the City's Zoning Ordinance.
- 3) To close the Public Hearing to consider a request from the property owners at 20250 Harper to allow a parking lot at 20830 Lochmoor in a residentially zoned area in accordance with Sec. 10-149(1) of the City's Zoning Ordinance.
- 4) To reconsider the proposed parking lot at 20830 Lochmoor based on residents who were not heard during the public hearing. Further, that this matter be placed on the next regularly scheduled meeting on December 5, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of hearing public comment.
- 5) To Disband the Financial Oversight Committee.
- 6) That the agenda of the regular City Council meeting having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

RESOLUTION PASSED

- 1) To approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: (1) Approve the Accounts Payable listing for Check Numbers 95778 through 95909 in the amount of \$493,718.93 as submitted by the City Manager and Finance Director, and further, authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the listing. (2) Approve payment to Nu Appearance Maintenance, Inc. in the amount of \$10,650.77 for assistance with contractual lawn cutting, weed maintenance, leaf pickup and fall maintenance in various areas of the City, including the Community Center, DPW, City Hall Annexes, Kelly Road and the Parks and also for tree removal restorations and residential lawn cuttings.
- 2) To approve the proposed parking lot at 20830 Lochmoor as required by Sec. 10-149(1) of the City's Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the City Planning Commission as set forth in their minutes of October 19, 2011.
- 4) To adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing a collective bargaining matter.
- 5) To approve the Letter of Agreements dated November 16, 2011 between the City of Harper Woods and the Harper Woods Command Officers Association and the Harper Woods Police Officers Association, Patrol Officers, Detectives and Dispatchers Unit and further to authorize the Mayor and acting City Clerk to sign the Letters of Agreement.

Kenneth A. Poynter, Mayor

Leslie M. Frank, Acting City Clerk

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# Lighting tips to create home ambiance

Lighting can go a long way in creating ambiance in the home.

Here are some lighting tips to help create a welcoming atmosphere:

◆ First impressions count. Make guests feel at home by using floodlights, which provide illumination across a wide area. Consider adding a light bulb dimming switch to create a lower level of light to help visitors adapt to sudden changes in light levels when coming in from outside.

Floodlights can also create added drama in hallways, kitchens and guest rooms.

◆ Add color. Lighting can add a subtle shift in the color of your living spaces. Light bulbs are available in a variety of color temperatures, from warm, soft white to cool, natural daylight. Each changes the look and feel of a room.

Filter out dull yellow rays produced by standard incandescent bulbs with CFL or halogen lights.

Or use a special incandescent light to make colors pop, bringing out the vibrant colors and textures of fabrics and furniture that would typically go unnoticed.

◆ Cozy up in the kitchen.



With proper lighting, a house can be changed into a home.

Often a main gathering place, the kitchen should be well lit for cooking and entertaining.

Create a cozy look using recessed downlights that also offer a well-lit work surface

for creating meals. Place them 6 to 8 feet apart for even illumination.

◆ Let the dining room glitter, not glare. To achieve a welcoming ambience in the

dining room, keep the chandelier dimmed.

For extra sparkle, consider installing small recessed downlights on either side of it.

If the dining room table, china cabinet or fixtures incorporate dull materials such as wood, pewter or wrought iron, coated bulbs offer a softer illumination that brings out the textures of these materials.

The bulbs can be found in candelabra, globe and other shapes fitting for decorative applications.

◆ Enhance brick and stone. Many fireplaces incorporate stone and brick walls that can be highlighted with a wall-washing technique called "grazing" to showcase their color and texture. For a dramatic visual effect, place recessed directional fixtures 6 to 8 inches away from the wall and 12 to 30 inches apart.

If unsure how any of these ideas will look in your house, check out the free "mood cam" app from GE, available on the iPhone. Users can snap pictures of their interior living spaces and approximate the look of different lighting options.

—StatePoint

**EARTHTALK** By Roddy Scheer and Doug Moss

## New light bulb standards begin next year

**Q.** What do I need to know about the new U.S. energy efficiency standards for light bulbs that take effect in January 2012? Will certain bulbs be unavailable? And am I supposed to switch out my older inefficient bulbs with newer efficient ones?

—Melissa McCarthy, Aptos, CA

**A.** New federal standards were to begin January 2012, requiring 100-watt bulbs to be more energy efficient. Then Congress, in a bill passed this month, blocked enforcement of the new law until October 2012.

Here's what you need to know about the beginning of a planned phase-out of inefficient light bulbs in the United States signed into law five years ago by President George W. Bush. It was designed to reduce energy usage nationally from lighting by some 30 percent overall within three years.

The benefits of the phase-out will be a savings of between \$100 and \$200 annually on electric bills in each American household — a total energy savings equivalent to the output of 30 large power plants — and reduces carbon pollution equivalent to taking 17 million cars off the road.

The first bulbs to disappear from store shelves are conventional 100 watt incandescents, but consumers can get compact fluorescent or light emitting diode bulbs with similar light output instead.

There are also some new more efficient incandescent bulbs that made the cut and will be available as replacements for conventional incandescents. In 2013, conventional 75 watt incandescents will be phased out, while conventional 60 and 40 watt bulbs will be phased out in 2014.

Given the great alternatives available these days, most consumers will hardly notice any difference except lower electric bills.

As for what consumers should do to prepare themselves, the best advice is to get educated about the difference between power use and light output as we enter the world of more efficient lighting.

"We'll have to shift to buying lumens," said Noah Horowitz of the Natural Resource Defense Council. "For example, a typical 60 watt light bulb produces around 800 lumens. The CFL that produces 800 lumens only uses 15 watts." Bulb packages will likely contain claims such as "as bright as a 60 watt bulb" or "15W = 60W" to help consumers make the transition.

*The first bulbs to disappear from store shelves are conventional 100 watt incandescents, but consumers can get compact fluorescent or light emitting diode bulbs with similar light output instead.*

Consumers looking to replace their old incandescents with new more efficient varieties should look for CFLs or LEDs marked as "warm white," since the quality of light they give off will be most similar to that given off by old-

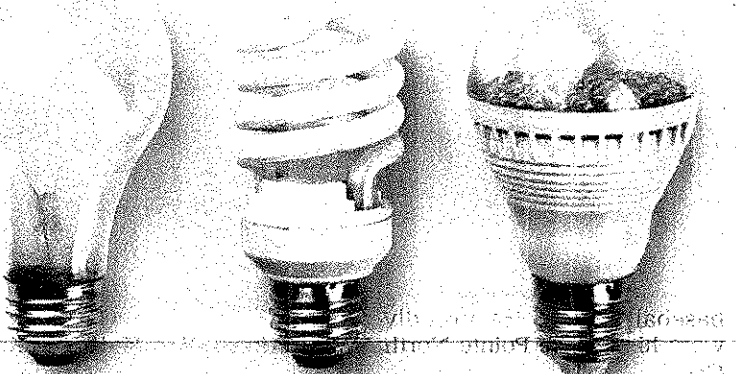
school incandescents. Those marketed as "cool white," or "daylight," have much different light color, which only a small minority of consumers prefer.

Most CFLs are not dimmable and may fail prematurely

if installed in a dimming circuit. Use LED bulbs or newer more efficient incandescents. Specially marked dimmable CFL bulbs are also an option but at present are less commonly available. Spent bulbs can be recycled.

For more information, visit the Natural Resources Defense Council, [nrdc.org](http://nrdc.org); and Earth911, [earth911.com](http://earth911.com).

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			<p><b>2012 CHRYSLER TOWN &amp; COUNTRY TOURING</b></p> <p>Leather, Dual Screen, DVD, Navigation, Loaded.</p> <p><b>\$28,018</b> EMPLOYEE PURCHASE PRICE          Conquest Lease or Chrysler Lease Loyalty Save Additional \$1,000. MSRP \$34,630. STK# CR136777</p>

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GIRLS HOCKEY

## North finally beats South

### Knights fall to Mercy

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

The rivalry continued last week at Grosse Pointe Community Rink. Grosse Pointe South came into the game riding a four-game winning streak, including a 3-0 victory over an improved Walled Lake squad, while host Grosse Pointe North won its previous game, 7-2, over Ann Arbor. When the final seconds ticked off the clock, Grosse Pointe North girls' hockey team beat Grosse Pointe South 3-1 behind three picturesque goals and great goaltending by senior Emma Huellmantel. "It was a total team effort," North head coach Joe Lucchese said. "We finally had our full team on the ice and the girls skated great tonight. They're getting better and better with each game." "In a big game like this, it's the team who wins the battles that wins the game and tonight it was Grosse Pointe North," South head coach Joe Provenzano said. "I was out-coached and they outplayed us."

At the 4:50 mark of the first

period, North senior Melissa Mermiges took a perfect pass from junior Sara Villani and buried the puck into the corner of the net past junior goalie Anastasia Diamond. Senior Jennifer Cusmano started the play with a pass from the corner to Villani, who quickly sent a pass to Mermiges' stick. In a split second, the puck hit the back of the net. Diamond didn't have a chance to stop it. Neither team scored in the second period as both defenses played well, limiting the quality scoring chances. Huellmantel did come up with a couple of key saves to maintain the shutout and head into the second intermission with the slimmest of leads. The Norsemen scored a power play goal at the 10:08 mark. Once again, pretty passing was key to the goal as junior Jaci Sherry's pass was right on junior Julia Henderson's stick and her hard shot scored. The Blue Devils came back to make it tight as sophomore Tenley Shield scored a power play goal at the 5:04 mark. Her goal was unassisted and gave the Blue Devils momentum heading down the stretch. Cusmano put the icing on the cake at the 3:15 mark, splitting two defenders at the blue line and putting a backhand



Grosse Pointe North forward Jennifer Cusmano put the Norsemen's victory on ice, flipping a backhand shot by South goaltender Anastasia Diamond in the third period.

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shot over Diamond's left shoulder. The goal provided some breathing room for the home team. The Norsemen were outshot by a 2-to-1 margin, 28-14, but Huellmantel stepped up and played her best game of the season. "Emma was confident in net and the defense did a great job of stuffing Claire (Boyle) when she touched the puck," Lucchese said. "You have to respect South and the job Joe (Provenzano) does because they are a very well-coached team. "We beat a very good team tonight." "I have to give North credit because they wanted it more than we did tonight," Provenzano said. In the Blue Devils' win over Walled Lake, Boyle, junior Darian Dempsey and sophomore Anne Crowley scored goals. "All three of our lines scored a goal and everyone had a positive rating after the game against an improved Walled Lake team," Provenzano said. Grosse Pointe North improved to 4-2 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 5-3 overall; South dipped to 5-2 in the MMGHSHL and overall. Liggett University Liggett's girls' hockey team saw its losing streak hit five last week, falling 3-2 to Farmington Hills Mercy at Eddie Edgar Arena.

"They are a solid team with a couple of good scorers," Liggett head coach Cassie Jaeckle said. "We played a horrible first period, but picked up the pace in the second and third. However, we were in a hole we had trouble getting out of." The host Marlins scored two quick goals in the first period. It was still 2-0 into the third period when the Knights scored to make it tight. Jaeckle pulled freshman goalie Jenna Pleva and the Marlins scored into the empty net, getting a two-goal cushion. The Knights managed to get one back in the closing seconds, but couldn't score the equalizer. "The girls have to realize they have to come ready to play and play three full periods, not two," Jaeckle said. "We will get this message through to everyone because we can play better hockey and we will." Senior Haleigh Bolton had a goal and an assist, while Pleva stopped 52 of 54 shots. Junior Aria Ganz-Waple scored the Knights' other goal. "Jenna has been a great goalie for us, but we have to get her some help," Jaeckle said. "Our offense has to score some goals and the defense needs to keep the shot total lower." Liggett dropped to 2-4 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and 2-6 overall.



Grosse Pointe South forward Tenley Shield scored the Blue Devils' lone goal in a tough loss to rival Grosse Pointe North.



University Liggett freshman goalie Jenna Pleva is becoming too familiar with stopping more than 50 shots per game.

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GYMNASTICS

## Gymnasts make it 2-0

The Grosse Pointe United gymnastics team improved to 2-0 last week, beating Plymouth 137.625-135.5. The team's best event was the floor exercise where Emma Abessinio scored a 9.4 and Aubryn Samaroo a 9.35. Sarah Fentin and Madi Kaiser contributed a pair of 8.6s to the team total. Fran Kay, Ashley Krynski, Emily Griffith, Meagan Curran and Caitlin Gaitley also all earned individual regional qualifying scores. The team also turned in a strong effort on vault, led by Abessinio and Kay's scores of 8.7 for their full-twisting hand-spring vaults. Fentin scored an 8.65 and Kaiser an 8.55. Abessinio was also first on the uneven bars, hitting several handstands on her way to a score of 8.6, while Kaiser added a release move to her routine to score 8.25. Fentin and Krynski added a 7.95 and 7.75 on the event. On the balance beam,

United's final three performers all stuck to their routines to seal the win. Fentin was solid to score an 8.8, while Abessinio had an 8.95 and Kaiser a 9.075. Krynski's 7.7 also counted toward the team total, while Samaroo and Gaitley earned individual regional qualifying scores on the event as well. "It was definitely encouraging to see our team score move in a positive direction from our first meet," head coach Courtney Law said. "We've worked really hard to improve on vault, which was our weakest event last year, and I think we can already see a difference. Fran Kay, in particular, has been tremendous on the event this year as our top score in both meets. "Our next meet is not for a few weeks, which gives us some time to focus on cleaning up some of the mistakes from the first meets before our next meet at the Fraser Invitational. We'd like to continue our tradition of a good showing there."

SWIMMING

## Blue Devils win

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' swimming and diving team heads into the New Year with a 1-1 record after last week's 119-64 win over host Romeo. Head coach Eric Gunderson watched his Blue Devils win 10 of the 12 events, including all three relays. The 400-yard freestyle relay team of sophomore Nicholas Yoo, junior C.J. Stafford, senior Luke Hessburg and freshman Devlin Francis won with a time of 3:34.76. Earlier in the meet, the 200-yard freestyle relay squad of sophomore Jack Martin, Stafford, Yoo and sophomore Patrick Jackson placed first with a time of 1:35.90. The Blue Devils opened with a victory in the 200-yard medley relay as Jackson, junior Frank Cusumano, Francis and Martin posted a time of 1:49.99. Hessburg was a dual winner, taking first in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:02.18 and 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:55.98. Jackson won the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:09.22, while senior Ben Cornillie was first in diving with 180.75 points. In fact, the Blue Devils took all three spots in diving with sophomore Eric Addy taking second with

141.85 points and freshman Matthew Eschenburg placing third with 120.90 points. Yoo won the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 56.79 points and Jackson came back with another victory, taking the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:12.43. Junior Jack Chase was the final individual event winner, taking the top spot in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:04.46. The Blue Devils' other top placers was the third-place 200-medley relay team of sophomore Samuel Wilkinson, freshman Jack Warren, freshman Zachary Due and senior Jonathan Griffin; Stafford with a second in the 200-freestyle at 2:01.13; Francis and Martin with a second and third in the 200-IM with times of 2:17.94 and 2:18.96; Yoo and junior Alex Lagrou with a second and third in the 50-freestyle with times of 23.15 and 25.61; freshman Robby Koueiter in the 100-butterfly with a time of 1:08.97; Francis and Stafford with a second and third in the 100-freestyle with times of 53.41 and 55.50, respectively; Martin with a third place in the 100-breaststroke with a time of 1:09.95; and the third-place 400-freestyle relay team of Wilkinson, Griffin, Cusumano and Chase with a time of 4:00.69.

BOYS HOCKEY

## Norsemen can't buy a goal in loss

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Goals have been hard to come by for Grosse Pointe North's boys' hockey team. Last week, the Norsemen lost 3-1 to Trenton, giving them just 16 goals in eight games. "We're not going to win many games scoring one goal," head coach Scott Lock said. "We're getting shots on net (38 against Trenton and 127 in their last three games), but not converting. "Everyone is working hard

and they have to continue to work and get those shots because the bounces will start going our way." Once again, both goalies played well and the Trojans scored an empty net goal in the final minute to seal the victory. North fell to 2-5 in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League and 3-5 overall. The Norsemen don't play again until Friday, Jan. 6, against Wisconsin Notre Dame Academy, ranked No. 1 in the state.



SPORTS

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

# Words of Wellness

It's the New Year and with it comes a natural opportunity to recalibrate and make positive changes in our lives. We all strive to make healthful resolutions, but too often they are shoved aside as quickly as that sweater your aunt gave you for Christmas.

What's paramount to maintaining consistency in your fitness resolution? In two words: Improving happiness.

A year ago, a young woman approached me with what I thought was an odd request. She handed me a Shape magazine with actress Kelly Ripa on the cover and almost demanded, "Make my arms look like that!"

Caught off guard I asked, "Why?"

"Because they're sexy, that's why!"

This was her resolution, to have sexy arms, and that left me thinking she'd have a tough time achieving that goal. It's not that wanting to look good is a poor reason to workout.

On the contrary, a demonstrable improvement to your figure is a great motivator. But let me emphasize: Looks are a by-product of wellness, and far too often we get that twisted.

I have long held that people exercise (whether they're aware or not) to improve happiness rather than physique. For one person, happiness might come as a result of watching his family grow up. To get there, he realizes he must lose weight through diet and exercise.

Likewise, a Ms. Lonely-heart might seek a better figure to attract a mate. The point is if you exercise with a target of getting chiseled arms, it's not that you want nice arms, it's what they symbolize and what comes with them. The aim should be a fitness resolution made with the awareness your fitness goals are the desire to improve your happiness.

If happiness is not the central focus for fitness, it's easy to lose sight of your goals, much less makes them a priority.

Men, for instance, often preen their look by trying for bulging muscles; muscles signify strength, power and sex appeal. The downside is men often neglect cardiovascular exercise and flexi-

bility training, both of which are vital components of fitness.

The promises of being a machismo alpha-male lures many into the gym. But this goal can only last so long.

Likewise, I fear that many women unknowingly misconstrue their fitness goals. While men might exercise to bulk up; women often exercise to slim their figure. But let me ask, if the goal is to become slender, what happens when that goal is reached?

Is exercise no longer necessary? Not hardly! If you wear a size two dress, you might think you have no reason to exercise. The belief weight loss is the chief reason to exercise only limits what benefits it can bring to your life.

Regardless of your age or gender, it's likely your reasons change over time. What got you through the gym doors at age 20 is probably not what motivates you at 50.

But be mindful that the better you can articulate your goals, the more you'll value fitness. It's important to be honest. Strive to identify a sincere and serious need for exercise rather than just improving your outward appearance and exercise is more than just a phase.

This year, if you choose a fitness-related resolution, ask yourself why you want to start exercising. If your answer is about improving your physical self (like achieving a flatter stomach), then ask again why you want to improve that something.

If you keep questioning your intentions, each answer gets you closer to the essence of why exercise is important. The greatest reason for exercise is to be healthy enough to live life, to love life and to be loved.

Now that's a resolution! Live well.

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## Basketball

### GROSSE POINTE SOUTH GIRLS



South senior Caitlin Moore led the way with 16 points as the Blue Devils won another road game.

## Hustle leads to victory

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' got it done at the free-throw line in its road victory over Birmingham Marian last week.

Head coach Kevin Richards watched his players hit 22 free throws in a 50-45 win, improving the Blue Devils' record to 3-1 overall.

"We're not as sharp as I hoped at this point," Richards said. "We're lucky to have three quality wins, but we need to get into a better groove at both ends of the court."

The Blue Devils trailed 16-10 after the first period and 29-23 at the half. They were still behind, 34-31, with one quarter left.

"Our full-court press was effective, especially in the fourth quarter when we made our run," Richards said. "We were able to convert and score."

The Blue Devils made 11

free throws and only four field goals in the final quarter.

Senior Caitlin Moore led the Blue Devils with 16 points, five rebounds and five steals, while junior Claire DeBoer had a double-double, netting 12 points and 17 rebounds.

Freshman Cierra Rice chipped in with 10 points and was part of the trio of guards, along with senior Carmen Engel and freshman Aliezza Brown, who used their quickness to force several turnovers in the full-court traps.

"We have some tough games ahead of us before we begin division play," Richards said. "Our tough schedule will definitely have us prepared for our division opponents."

Coming up for the Blue Devils is a home game Tuesday, Jan. 3, against Fraser and their Macomb Area Conference White Division opener Thursday, Jan. 5, at Warren Fitzgerald.



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Grosse Pointe South senior Carmen Engel is fouled as she drives through the lane during the Blue Devils' road win over Marian.

### GROSSE POINTE SOUTH BOYS

## U-D beats South

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' basketball team lost its first game of the season last week, 64-45, to U-D Jesuit.

The host Blue Devils turned the ball over more than 20 times and made only 9-of-20 free throws in the home opener.

"You have to make layups and free throws to beat a top-10 team like U-D," head coach Dave Grauzer said. "They're quick and we let our game get away from us. We didn't play well and ran out of gas in the final quarter."

The Blue Devils fell behind by eight points at halftime and by 10 points at the end of the third quarter.

"We have to do a better job in all phases of our game," Grauzer said. "We play another tough game during the break which will get us ready

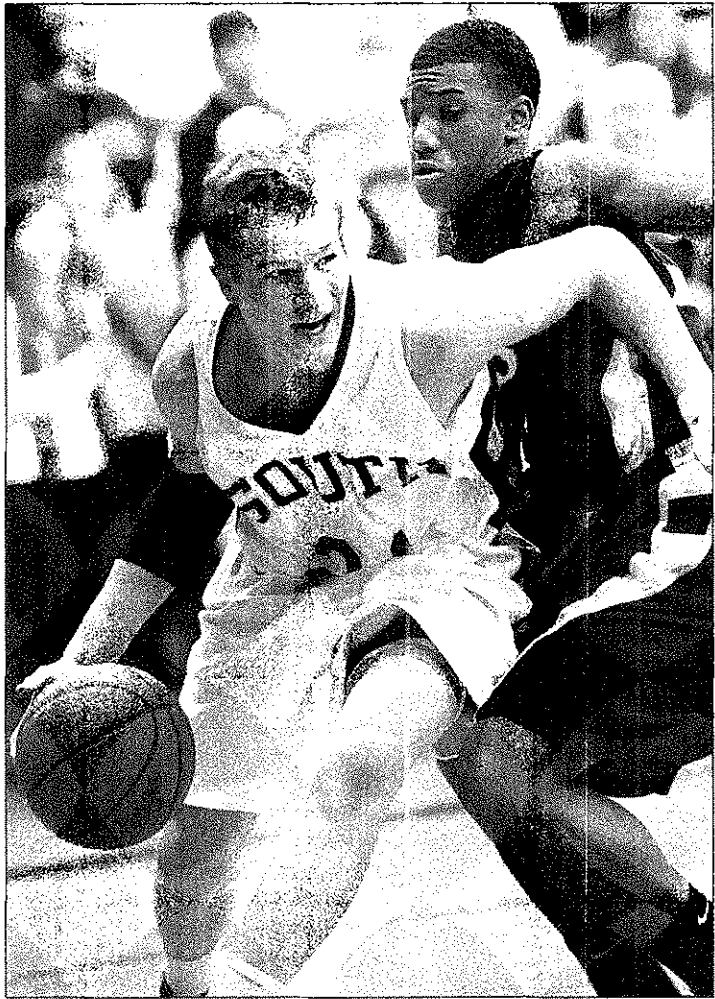


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Guard Joe Srebernak drives by a U-D Jesuit player during the Blue Devils' home-opening loss to the Cubs.

for the league schedule."

Grosse Pointe South fell to 2-1 overall and plays at 1 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 30, against Westland John Glenn at Ypsilanti High School.

### GROSSE POINTE NORTH BOYS

## Central drops North

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys' basketball team lost 45-37 to Walled Lake Central in its lone game played last week.

"We just didn't have any energy tonight," head coach Matt Lockhart said. "We had our open looks and a lot of them, but couldn't knock them down."

"It was a struggle all night long and it caught up to us in the fourth quarter."

It was a tight game for three quarters. The host Norsemen led 10-8 after the opening quarter and 19-18 at the half.

The game was tied at 29 entering the final quarter that went to the Vikings, 16-8.

Senior Dondre Young scored more than 50 percent of the Norsemen's points, finishing with 19 and eight rebounds.

Senior Clark Ditzhazy scored six points, followed by senior Will Ritchie with five, se-

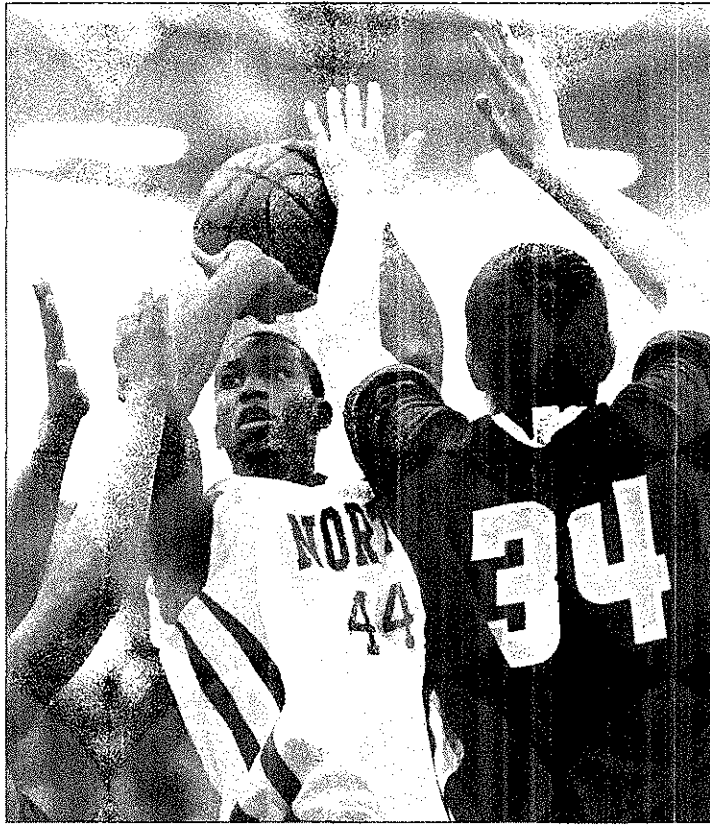


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Senior Dondre Young, No. 44, shoots and scores two of his 19 points in the Norsemen's loss.

nior Jamal Williams with three, senior Derrick Morris with two and sophomore Justin Kennedy with two.

For the Vikings, senior Tai Abiola, a physical 6-foot, 5-inch power forward, scored 11 points.

A 32-29 deficit grew to 38-31

with two minutes remaining. "We have to get back to practice, get our energy back, and get ready for our holiday tournament game," Lockhart said. "The schedule doesn't get any easier, but these games will make us a better team."

North dropped to 1-2 overall.



## Grosse Pointe North Year in Review

## Girls basketball, volleyball lead 2011

By Bob St. John  
Sports Editor

It was a tough 2011 for Grosse Pointe North's athletic teams.

Too many teams endured .500 seasons. However, several enjoyed success in the field, including the girls' basketball team last winter.

Head coach Gary Bennett watched his players grow throughout a tenuous season that included several injuries. Despite a few games with only seven healthy players, the girls dug deep and played well, winning enough games to finish with a winning record.

The biggest accomplishment was beating heavily favored Grosse Pointe South in a Class A district first-round game on the road. Then-sophomore Anajai Gutierrez scored the winning basket in the Norsemen's 40-38 overtime victory in front of a packed house at South.

Gutierrez also grabbed the rebound on the Blue Devils' last-second shot attempt to win the game.

The Norsemen lost their next game, a regional semi-

Causley, Taryn Kiah, Stavroula Varlamos, Kia Tyus, Breann Reveley and Nicole Strickland. North finished the season 13-11.

Staying in the winter, the gymnastics team, composed of girls from both Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South, won eight of 11 meets and the league meet.

They were second at the state regionals and several gymnasts made the state championships under the tutelage of head coach Courtney Law.

Leading the way were Heather Koresky, Ashley Krynski, Fran Kay, Brittany Rizzo, Saran Fentin, Madi Kaiser, Aubryn Samaroo, Emma Abessinio, Samantha Rogers, Catilin Gaitley and Anna Brucker.

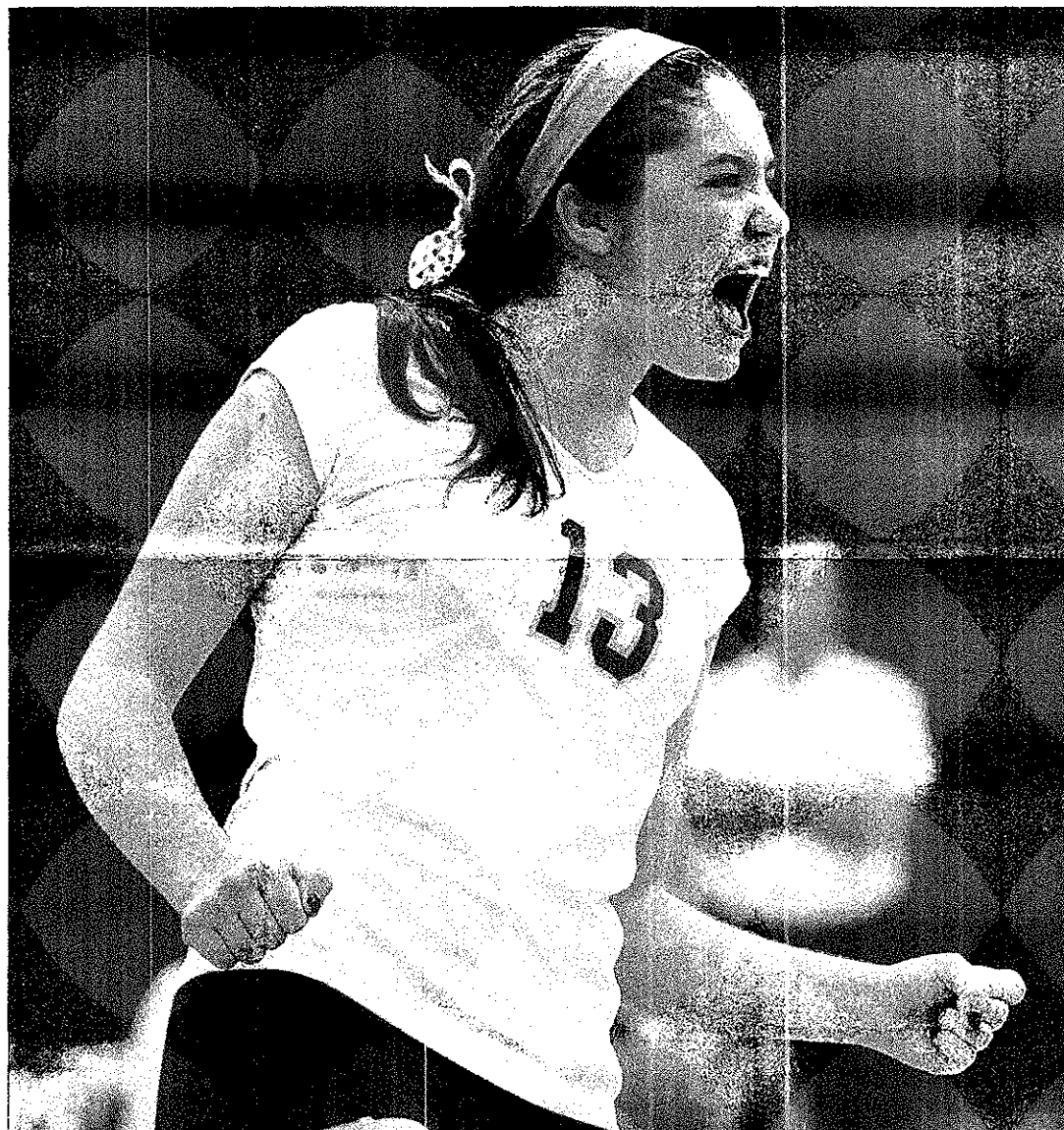
North's team with the best winning percentage in the winter season was Scott Dockett's girls' hockey squad. The Norsemen finished 19-4-1, advancing to the state semifinals before losing 2-1 to Ann Arbor.

Graduates Kailey Sickmiller, Megan Bergeron and Taylor Moody were the leaders, while



FILE PHOTOS

Head coach Gary Bennett and the North girls basketball team defied the odds and won a district championship.



Junior Breann Reveley has dozens of Division 1 and 2 colleges hoping to add her as a college student-athlete in the fall of 2013.

nal to Warren Regina, but the fact is the girls excelled through the peaks and valleys that help build character.

"We work hard and were very mentally tough," Bennett said after the win over South. "I feel like even if we lost, the girls fought hard and played a great game."

Other players on the squad were Micaela Liddane, Lauren Koepp, Anna Giordano, Emily Armbruster, Gabby

a dozen underclassmen made their mark.

They put together an impressive 10-1-1 streak that included a 6-0 victory over city rival University Liggett in the state quarterfinals.

Head coach Mike O'Connor and his boys swim team won eight of 11 dual meets and took second in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division Championship meet.

He had several underclass-

what should be a very successful 2011-12 campaign.

North's boys hockey team finished near the break-even mark, 10-12-3 under head coach Scott Lock, and the boys basketball squad, under head coach Matt Lockhart, suffered through a 6-16 season.

Both squads suffered tough close defeats as late leads disappeared. However, through hard work and perseverance, both squads will do better this

winter.

The wrestling program, under Bryan Lorenzo, endured a long winter. The Norsemen won only a handful of matches, thanks to injuries and a lineup with four voids.

Handing the opposition 24 points makes it nearly impossible to battle back and win and that is what the Norsemen faced on a weekly basis.

In the spring, North's athletic teams mirrored those of the winter, finishing at or near the .500 mark.

Head coach Frank Sumner and the baseball team finished 14-14, losing to city rival Grosse Pointe South in the district playoffs, while the girls' soccer team, under head coach Chris Alston, made it to the district title game before losing 1-0 to Fraser, finishing 5-11-2.

The highlight of the spring was the girls softball team, under long-time head coach Bill Taylor. Behind right-hander Amy Zaranek, the Norsemen won a district championship, upsetting St. Clair Shores Lakeview 3-2 in eight innings in the title game.

They also pulled off a minor upset in the semifinals, edging Roseville 1-0.

The Norsemen, 12-16 overall, ended the season with a regional semifinal defeat to Sterling Heights Stevenson.

In the district title game, Zaranek struck out 15 and Melanie Mermiges drove in the winning run in the top of the eighth inning.

Against Roseville, Zaranek whiffed 17 hitters and Sarah Richardson provided the game-winning hit in the seventh inning.

Another successful Norsemen team was Bill Seaman's girls lacrosse squad. The girls finished 12-4-1, beating Farmington Hills Harrison 14-3 in the first round of the playoffs before being eliminated by Birmingham Marian, 13-

6, in the next round.

The boys' lacrosse team, under head coach Dan Preston, got off to a 3-0 start and won five of its first six. However, injuries and inexperience set in as the Norsemen finished 8-9, including an 8-6 loss to Rochester Adams in the regional playoffs.

Head coach Brian Stackpoole's boys golf team finished 2-6 overall and fourth in a state regional tournament. Both the girls and boys track and field team squads were at the .500 mark in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division under head coaches Frank Tymrak and Charles Buhagiar, respectively.

The girls tennis squad, under head coach Matt Esztes, went 5-7-2 during the regular season before winning a Division 2 regional championship. The squad took seventh in the state finals behind singles players Ali Scoggin, No. 1; Maura Bresser, No. 2; Holly Gilezan, No. 3; and Maria Liddane, No. 4.

Doubles teams were Alyse Victor and Kelsey Richards, No. 1; Sarah Warnez and Kiera Maloney, No. 2; Jayla Hubbard and Alison Alexsy, No. 3; and Natalie Rusinow and Erin McCarthy, No. 4.

This fall continued the .500 theme, except for the girls' volleyball team under Kim Lockhart.

The volleyball program has been one of the school's most successful during Lockhart's tenure.

In November, the Norsemen won another district championship, beating Grosse Pointe South 25-22, 25-11, 24-26, 27-

25 in front of the home fans.

Junior all-state hitter Breann Reveley led the way with 25 kills, while junior Julia Guest had eight, freshman Megan Lesha had seven and freshman Christa Ratcevich had seven.

Lesha led the way with eight aces and defensively, senior Melissa McCabe had 19 digs with senior Liz Champney and Guest netting 17 digs apiece.

North finished the season 32-16-3.

The majority of the fall athletic teams finished below .500 with Sumner's football squad almost pulling over the break-even mark at 4-5.

The team ended the season with a thrilling come-from-behind 32-29 win over Sterling Heights Stevenson.

It was the first time Sumner had beaten the Titans.

Alston coached the boys soccer team to a tough 1-16-1 mark and the girls golf squad also won one match against nine defeats.

Melissa Carron's field hockey team finished 4-8-2 and the boys tennis squad, under first-year head coach John Van Alst, ended the season 2-5.

On a positive note, O'Connor's girls swimming and diving team was 5-4 and the girls cross-country squad, under Scott Cooper, put together a 7-5 mark in the tough MAC Red Division.

The team earned a spot in the state finals, finishing 26th.

The boys, under head coach Diane Montgomery, finished 3-9 in the division, but enjoyed a good final month. Nick Finley made the state finals as an individual.

## DETROIT

## Register for fun walk/run

The 42nd annual New Year's Eve Family Run/Walk on Belle Isle begins at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31.

The event is recognized as a quality physical activity by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness.

This event includes participants from the tri-county area and continues to grow with support of Detroit and surrounding communities.

"With continued interest and participation, it will keep growing, working to encourage healthy, family activity amongst the rush of the holidays," said Grosse Pointe Park resident and race director Jerry Bocci.

The Governor's Council endorses local, regional and state events to acknowledge an organization's ability to plan and carry out a quality event that significantly contributes to the health and well-being of Michigan residents.

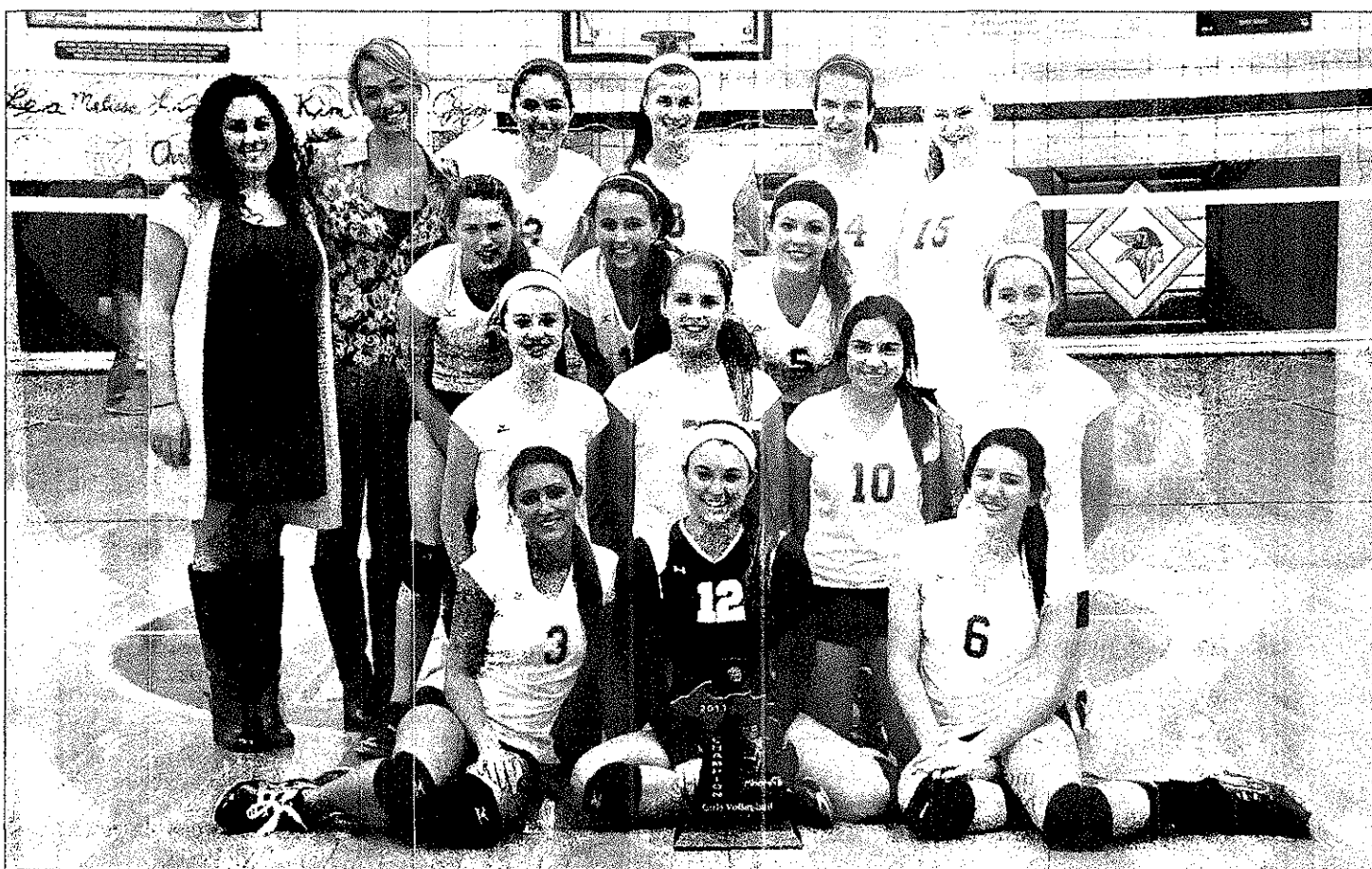
The New Year's Eve Family Run/Walk on Belle Isle meets this core value.

"By endorsing local events all across the state, we hope to bring attention to the importance of physical activity and encourage our citizens to take responsibility for their health," said Marilyn Lieber, president and CEO of the Governor's Council. "These local events can have a tremendous impact on health care costs that present a significant challenge for our state's economy."

The Children's 1 Mile Run/Walk starts at 3:30 p.m. and the 5km Racewalk/Fitness Walk begins at 4 p.m. The 5K Run also starts at 4 p.m. All participants in the 5km are chipped timed.

Proceeds benefit the Michigan Special Olympic Program.

For more information, call Bocci at (313) 715-5560.



Head coach Kim Lockhart kept her cool during trying times late in the season, but patience paid off when the girls volleyball team won a district title.







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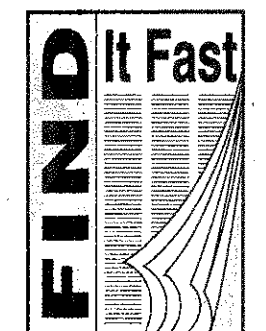
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