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◆ Grosse Pointe Theatre Youth on Stage presents "Seussical the Musical" at 2 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. Student tickets cost \$5 and adult tickets cost \$10. Tickets are available at the door or by calling (313) 881-4004.

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MONDAY, DEC. 3

◆ Grosse Pointe Woods city council meets at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 20029 Mack Plaza.

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He's here!

Santa rolled into town Friday, Nov. 23 during the 37th annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade. The parade was another huge success as thousands line Kercheval from the Farms down to the Village. At right the Big Heads stroll through town.



Scouts by the dozens, along with clowns and unicyclists were part of the fun. The parade also featured the Grosse Pointe Express, bottom, with donations for Toys for Tots. Hundreds took part in the parade. Visit grossepointe-news.com to view the parade in its entirety. See page 3A for more about the parade.



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Details sketchy in Woods homicide

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — A 54-year-old Grosse Pointe Woods resident was found dead in his Hampton Road house between Mack and I-94 on Monday, Nov. 26.

Woods Public Safety Director Andrew Pazuchowski said Don Dewulf was found by relatives and police are investigating the death as a homicide.

An exact cause of death was not announced, pending results of an autopsy being performed Tuesday. No further details were released.

Updates will follow at grossepointenews.com.

- Kathy Ryan

Employees lead cost-cutting ways

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES

Accountants on the city council are crediting municipal employees for improving the community's financial situation.

"Department heads are participating in (cost-cutting) decisions," said Grosse Pointe Shores Mayor Ted Kedzierski, a CPA and attorney. "Department heads know the operational efficiencies better than anybody else, so they're best able to suggest changes that are going to save us money."

The Shores' fund balance increased last year despite more than a 3 percent decline in revenue, according to a routine audit for fiscal year ending June 30, by the firm, Abraham & Gaffney.

"Cost controls have worked and continue to work going forward," said Councilman Bruce Bisballe, chairman of the finance committee, a CPA and lawyer. "The fund balance increased last year with no (general fund) tax increase."

General fund revenue totaled \$5,306,580, a 3.3 percent decrease from 2011.

The decline is due to the impact of lower property values on property taxes, which, for the second year in a row, amounted to 82 percent of municipal income.

Expenditures totaled \$5,239,393, down less than 1 percent from 2011.

Yet fund balance, often called the rainy day fund, increased \$205,116, equaling 11 percent of operating costs.

The percentage is up from 9 percent in 2011 and 3 percent in 2010.

"In the past three years, the city's added fund balance," Aaron Stevens, a CPA with Abraham & Gaffney, told the council Tuesday, Nov. 20. "To the city's credit, it's an upward trend in fund balance in difficult economic times."

On the other hand, the Shores falls below Stevens' recommendation that cities maintain a minimum 20 percent fund balance.

"That would equate to 60 days of operations before you would need to generate additional revenue," he said.

"The fact that we added \$200,000 to the general fund balance

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Firetrucks old and new made their way screaming down the parade route. Soothing sounds from several bands helped the ears recover.

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Bellwether Claus

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Santa Claus and his flying reindeer rode a cold front into town the day after Thanksgiving, a couple of hours before the first flurries of the season.

They capped the hour-long Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade on Friday morning, Nov. 23.

Santa, waving from his sleigh, swooping down Kercheval. Rudolph in the lead, his nose blinking with the intensity of

an aircraft navigation beacon.

Thousands of people lining the avenue saw mounted police, fire trucks, marching bands, floats and community groups scroll into the Village, downtown City of Grosse Pointe.

Debating was the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Parade's latest float, the White Christmas carriage.

"The crowds have been bigger than ever," said City Mayor Dale Scrace.

On behalf of the mayors of the other Pointes

and Harper Woods, Scrace awarded St. Nick the key to the community.

"How many of you are on Santa's good list?" Santa teased the crowd.

Most children were too well mannered to brag.

"You're being bashful," Santa told them. "The elves tell Santa there's an awful lot of good, nice people."

Knowing the economic pressures merchants are facing during the continued downturn, Scrace asked gift-buyers to shop local merchants.

"Shop in the Village. Shop in the Woods. Shop in the Farms, Shop in the Park and shop in Harper Woods," he said.

This is the last year the parade is produced by the Grosse Pointe Village Association.

"They're passing the baton to the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce," Scrace said.

"I think the parade went beautifully," said Terri Berschback, in her 10th year as parade director. "A little windy, but we had a really good crowd."

Dashing through the streets



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Some ran, some rode, some were carried in the 5K Jingle Bell Fun Run preceding the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade. The run benefits Grosse Pointe Lions Club charities.



Thieves target chrome wheels

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

Thanksgiving night was not a good night to own a car with chrome wheels in Grosse Pointe Woods. A rash of wheel thefts left public safety officers busy and car owners angry.

At least five cars were hit, including two belonging to a homeowner on Roslyn. And if it wasn't bad enough that thieves were targeting wheels, they didn't even bother to bring their own blocks to prop up the cars after the tires were removed.

According to police, homeowners on Blairmoor Court reported while their cars were intact, landscaping

blocks had been taken from their property, which police discovered in place of tires a few blocks away.

Thieves struck overnight, hitting two Cadillac Escalades parked in a driveway on Roslyn. Apparently before taking the wheels, the thieves damaged a neighbor's decorative light shining onto the driveway where the Cadillacs were parked.

Two more cars were hit, both parked on Woods Lane. In one case, the wheels on a 2013 GMC Yukon were taken apparently after thieves damaged a flood light. In another theft on Woods Lane, the thieves rummaged through the glove compartment to

locate the keys enabling them to unlock the wheel locks. The thieves gained entry by breaking out a car window, and while they were in the car, removed an iPod. Another theft involved a 2013 Dodge Journey parked on Brys.

Grosse Pointe Woods public safety director Andrew Pazuchowski said wheel thefts are a problem throughout the Grosse Pointes.

"We need the help of residents on this," he said. "Our best offense is to have residents call us whenever they see a suspicious car in the area. If the thieves know they are being watched, they will go elsewhere."

Pazuchowski said the Woods has increased

patrols and is working with the ACTION team, a cooperative effort between police agencies, to combat auto thefts. In addition to increased patrols, Woods public safety officers are working with the ACTION team to determine where the stolen wheels are being sold.

"Thieves are targeting cars with the large chrome wheels, so we urge residents who own those cars to park them in a garage if possible," he said. "And we can't stress it enough, if you see a suspicious car in your area, call us. Or if you hear something, even if you can't see anything, call us. Don't assume it's nothing. Let us determine that."

Former Bashara attorney hit with \$8,000 fine

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

David Griem was fined \$8,000 in attorney and court fees after admitting responsibility on a civil contempt charge related to his defense of his former client, Bob Bashara.

The fines were levied by Judge Kenneth J. King of Detroit's 36th District at a Monday, Nov. 26, hearing. King, while citing Griem's "impeccable" record, also stressed the seriousness of the charges.

"I have two instances where Mr. Griem disregarded orders of this court," King said. "His conduct was atypical for Mr. Griem, but was very egregious."

Griem was charged with supplying confidential information to Bashara's family and issuing unauthorized subpoenas seeking information on Joseph Gentz, the handyman charged with the January murder of Jane Bashara.

King ordered Griem to pay court costs totaling \$4,000 as well as \$2,000 to Susan Reed, Gentz's attorney, and \$2,000 to the Wayne County Prosecutor's office for time spent on the case by lead prosecutors Lisa Lindsey and Robert Moran.

Griem was given 90

days to pay.

Following the hearing, Griem, normally never at a loss for words, declined to comment, based on the advice of his attorneys, Ken Mogill and Jeffrey Edison.

Griem became Bashara's attorney shortly after the body of Jane Bashara was found in the backseat of her SUV parked in an alley in Detroit. Bob Bashara, described almost immediately as a person of interest in the death of his wife, has never been charged in her murder.

Instead, in June he was arrested and charged with soliciting a hit man to kill Gentz. Shortly after his arrest, Griem resigned as his attorney, citing irreconcilable differences with his client.

In October, Bashara pleaded guilty to the solicitation charge and will be sentenced Monday, Dec. 10. Solicitation to murder a witness carries a sentence of up to life in prison. Gentz, charged with first degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder, goes to trial Monday, Jan. 7, in Wayne County Circuit Court. In convicted of either charge, he faces a mandatory prison sentence of life in prison without parole.

Helispot a go, with conditions

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

The Grosse Pointe Woods city council approved a temporary helicopter landing site at the council's Nov. 19 meeting, where several Woods residents who live on the streets bordering the parking lot spoke in opposition to the proposed site.

St. John originally requested a one year time frame for the site, while it worked through the approval process for

rary landing site for medical helicopter flights in the facility's north parking lot. The vote came following a public hearing at the council's Nov. 19 meeting, where several Woods residents who live on the streets bordering the parking lot spoke in opposition to the proposed site.

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Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Robert Novitke, right, got help from Fiona Flynn, Michael and Vivienne Johr turning on city hall's holiday lights.



Santa was escorted to Grosse Pointe Woods city hall. It was his job to make sure Christmas started off jolly.



Savanna Cararis took the opportunity following the Woods' tree lighting ceremony to tell Santa Claus what she would like to find under the Christmas tree this year.



Grosse Pointe North High School's Pointe Chorale provided the seasonal music during the Woods annual tree lighting ceremony last week.

Moross Greenway receives grant

The Moross Greenway Project got a significant boost this week from St. John Providence Health System toward the project's plan to reforest and re-landscape seven islands on Moross Road, from the I-94 service drive to St. John Hospital and Medical Center. St. John Providence Health System pledged \$250,000, during a five-year period, toward the

project's goal of \$600,000.

"St. John Providence Health System has been a real partner in our effort to revitalize this major Eastside thoroughfare," said Sheila O'Hara, president of the Moross Greenway. "Thanks to support from St. John Providence, we are well on our way to continuing and complementing the Moross

Road beautification efforts initiated by St. John Hospital across from its main campus."

"St. John Providence is proud to partner with the Moross Greenway Project on their vision to create a welcoming environment for residents and visitors," said Patricia Maryland, president and CEO, St. John Providence Health System.

The Moross Greenway Project, a 501(c)(3) organization, is a collaborative effort with volunteers partners from Detroit, communities bordering Moross, churches, garden clubs and civic, industrial and commercial organizations. The project involves planting trees, shrubs and perennials to provide a sustainable landscape including native plants and an irrigation system. The first phase of the project's effort was launched in June 2011 with the planting of 191 trees along Moross in partnership with The Greening of Detroit.

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Award winners

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Joan Garvey's property at 345 Touraine won the Grosse Pointe Farms Beautification Advisory Commission's inaugural award for nighttime impact.

It's the commission's first nightscape award in nearly a quarter century of recognizing outstanding landscaping.

"Strategically placed lighting complements the stature and style of this home and beautiful garden, showcasing the front entrance and illuminating all of this with a natural glow," said Karen Shea, beautification chair, during the 24th annual beautification awards night, Monday, Nov. 19, at city hall.

"We are blessed in this area that people put a lot of effort into their homes," said Mayor



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Winner's line up at the Grosse Pointe Farms Beautification Advisory Commission's 24th annual awards night. From left, Karen Shea, beautification chair; Mayor Jim Farquhar; Allison and Benjamin Harrell; Mary Sperlach and Daniel Monahan; nightscape winner, Joan Garvey; Cynthia and Charles Luce; and Glenn Crane.

James Farquhar. "It keeps property values up. It's contagious. Once you make your house beautiful, the next wants to be as beautiful as yours."

Commissioners issued seven awards this year. Six winners, including Garvey, were first-timers. The seventh was a legacy, or repeat, winner.

Each year, commissioners fan out seeking contenders.

"In 2012, 34 homes and nine legacy homes were nominated," Shea said.

"Nominations come from commission members, but also residents and self-nominees."

Commissioners judge gardens and landscaping on 12 criteria relating to: the yard: layout proportions, color and variety;

the building: facade, entrance, walkways and driveway; and upkeep: lawn care, flower beds, and health and pruning of shrubberies.

Winners are: Glenn Crane, 412 Roland Court.

"The iron gate anchors this landscape," Shea said. "This home has texture, balance and scale, using a variety of complementary material."

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Harrell, 160 Country Club.

"The front island bed is well proportioned with a combination of ornamental trees, hydrangea and yew and give depth of field to the inviting front entrance," Shea said.

Mr. and Mrs. Atanas Ilitch, 4 Cherryhurst.

"This New England home, with its winding porch, stone chimney piece and bluestone walk is complemented with a proportional mix of deciduous and evergreen plantings," Shea said.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Luce, 322 Hillcrest.

"A breath of fresh air describes this inviting home as extremely well kept with a discriminating eye for attention and detail," Shea said. "Trees, holly bushes and boxwood complement and add dimension to the earth-tone facade. Wrought iron fencing and a weeping cherry add to the overall balance and design."

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Monahan, 371 Lakeshore.

"This impressive home is proportionally complemented with many wandering beds and a pleasing combination of hardscape combined with soft plantings," Shea said. "Sculpture adds a personal touch of interest."

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Janovsky, 89 Vendome, won the legacy award. They also won in 2006.

"Criteria for a legacy award is continuous outstanding beautification," Shea said.

She called the Janovsky's house "extraordinary."

Shea said, "At the entrance are dramatic large planters that add seasonal creativity to the overall layout, feel and design."

Facelift coming

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — Two neighboring storefronts on the Hill may be renovated next year in the style of an upper east-side Manhattan office building that looks more like a house.

"It's a very, very significant renovation, a takeoff on the old Bank of New York office from the mid 1800s on [Madison/Lexington] (Avenue)," said Edward Russell, owner of Russell Development Company.

He tested his proposal, which requires a 5-foot height variance, this month to the Grosse Pointe Farms city council.

"This is all preliminary," Russell said. "I want to make sure there is flexibility on the council because, if we're going to spend significant money, we want to do the right kind of job."

The prototype is a three-story, front-entrance, brick, Georgian colonial with dormers.

"Our client absolutely loves this building," Russell said. "It is now a J.P. Morgan wealth management office."

Russell's client wants to represent the structure at 117 and 121 Kercheval, side-by-side locations of the former Greenhouse Salon and Talmer Bank and Trust.

Greenhouse moved to Mack. Talmer intends to move to 99 Kercheval on the Hill. Russell proposes topping 117 and 121

Kercheval, which stand nearly 30 feet tall, with a 5-foot-3 false third floor facade and three dormers to hide rooftop air conditioning and other equipment.

"The screen should be integral to the design of the whole building," said John Jackson, executive vice president of McKenna Associates, the Farms planning consultant. "I think the height is reasonable."

Councilman Louis Theros wants third-floor treatments continued on the rear facade.

"This is more about architectural consistency than screening," he said.

Russell asked council members if they saw "conceptual problems."

"You're finishing off the face nicely," said the Councilman Martin West.

"It's consistent with what you're trying to accomplish," answered Mayor James Farquhar.

Although Russell didn't name the tenant, he said the second story would be transformed into a family office containing three or four people.

"We're not ready to announce any tenant for the first floor," adding that it will be used for "general business."

The proposed use would reduce demand for parking space on the Hill, he said.

A formal proposal is likely at the Janaury council meeting, tentatively scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14.

"We look forward to seeing it," Farquhar said.

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A 22-year-old Grosse Pointe Farms man told police he was intimidated last week into giving a cab driver \$80 or else get dropped off in a "bad area" of Detroit.

Upon catching the cab in Detroit, the driver ordered him to withdraw money from an automatic teller machine, the complainant told police.

He said he obeyed the cabbie, taking \$200 from a machine in the 100 block of Mack.

The driver demanded another \$80 from an automatic teller on Jefferson in the City, the man said.

Police said the incident happened either late Wednesday, Nov. 21 or early the next morning.

The driver couldn't describe the cab, according to police.

—Brad Lindberg
Report information about these or other crimes to the City of Grosse Pointe public safety department at (313) 886-3200.

Grosse Pointe Farms

Burglar bolts

A Thanksgiving visitor likely scared a burglar from a house in the 400 block of Barclay.

At 7:45 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 22, a 28-year-old nephew drove up the driveway of his 96-year-old aunt's house and saw an unknown man run out of the sunroom.

Police couldn't find the suspect.

"(I) noticed the sliding door to the sun room slightly open and off its track," said an officer. "Also, the sliding window leading into the sun room was slightly open with a dresser slightly pushed away and a small statue knocked over."

Public Safety Reports

On bricks

Lugnuts in bushes were the only things left of four wheels stolen off a 2009 Chevrolet Suburban parked overnight Wednesday, Nov. 21, in the driveway of a house in the first block of Vendome.

The owner found the vehicle at 7:42 a.m. propped up on bricks.

Although the wheels had locking lugnuts, thieves broke through the Suburban's side window and into a glove box to obtain the unlocking device.

Likes free beer

Police arrested a 45-year-old Detroit man at 7:07 p.m. Monday, Nov. 19, for trying to steal two cases of beer from a store in the 18600 block of Mack.

The man reportedly exited the rear of the store with two cases of beer. Confronted by a male witness, the suspect dropped the merchandise and fled across Mack into Detroit, according to police.

A patrolman caught him walking on Anatole.

Officers said they recognized him from begging at the top of an I-94 exit ramp.

"(He) admitted to being a long-term heroin addict and usually gets high three times per day," said an officer.

Farms police charged him with retail fraud, a misdemeanor, before turning him over to St. Clair Shores authorities on an outstanding warrant.

—Brad Lindberg
Report information about these or other crimes to the Grosse Pointe Farms public safety department at (313) 885-2100.

Grosse Pointe Shores

Help douse fire

Three Grosse Pointe Shores patrolmen helped Harper Woods firefighters extinguish a basement fire shortly after 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, in the 20700 block of Lochmoor.

Shores officers were on scene about 40 minutes.

Dryer clogged

A fire alarm at a house on Willow Tree Place was activated by the clogged lint screen of a clothes dryer, according to a preliminary investigation by the Shores fire inspector. The inspector

responded to the alarm at about 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18.

There were no flames or smoke, but a female resident reported a burning odor from the dryer.

"(I) advised her to clean (the) lint screen and vent (the) tube," said the officer.

—Brad Lindberg
Report information about these or other crimes to the Grosse Pointe Shores public safety department at (313) 881-5500.

GROSSE POINTE PARK

Home Invasion

A Maryland resident's

ex-boyfriend was arrested and charged with home invasion after breaking into her flat twice, removing computers and electronic games. The break-ins occurred Wednesday, Nov. 21 and Thursday, Nov. 22. All items have been recovered, and the case has been turned over to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. The 26-year-old suspect is currently on parole.

Flat screen taken

Police responding to an alarm at 7:15 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 25, at a business on Mack found the front door smashed and a flat screen televi-

sion missing.

—Kathy Ryan
Report information on these or any other crimes to Grosse Pointe Park public safety at (313) 822-7400.

Bully for Christmas!

The Detroit Bully Corps, a pit bull rescue group, is teaming up with Child Help of Michigan to provide toys and necessary winter items, like hats and gloves, for children who are abused, neglected or at risk.

Through the efforts of Grosse Pointe Park Public Safety Officer Jessica Worrall, the Park police station is a designated drop off site for items.

Unwrapped gifts can be brought to the public safety office until Friday, Dec. 21.

WEEK AHEAD:

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THURSDAY, DEC. 6

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- ◆ Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce holiday mixer begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, 655 Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods.

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The new leadership team will be installed by Judge Matthew Rumora at our Annual Installation Reception at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club on December 5, 2012.

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GUEST OPINION By
Thomas Harwood

G.P. schools
Legislative
Action
Network

To the many supportive families and community members of the Grosse Pointe Public School System: The Grosse Pointe public schools have a long-standing history of providing a quality educational program for the residents of this school system.

We truly appreciate your support and engagement to ensure we are investing wisely in the future of our students and this community. There are many unique and valuable traditions of

Current and future activities, such as the Oxford Foundation — Michigan — at oxfordfoundationmi.com and “best practice” legislation, will continue to reconstruct and break down the very tight structure of our school system. We need your help and support during these challenging times.

the Grosse Pointe Public School System that separate us from many school districts throughout the region and the state.

However, over the past few years, our district has felt strong winds of change that have shifted from local control and decision-making on behalf of the best interest of the students in our community, to an overriding legislative interest in putting forth new laws, new educational reforms and funding mechanisms that can serve to be detrimental to the overall growth and interest of our unique school system.

As members of the Grosse Pointe Public School System and as daily investors in the maintenance of strong and solid academic programs for our students, we must collectively find and share our voices with the legislative body in Lansing.

As House and Senate Bills are introduced by our legislators, we need to be vigilant in our resolve to share our story, our interest, and our intent to ensure that our students receive the best educational program. They deserve no less.

Current and future activities, such as the Oxford Foundation — Michigan — at oxfordfoundationmi.com and “best practice” legislation, will continue to reconstruct and break down the very tight structure of our school system.

We need your help and support during these challenging times.

I am currently putting together a Grosse Pointe Schools’ Legislative Action Network — GP LAN. In establishing the network, we would ask that you demonstrate an interest in receiving and responding to electronic information related to proposed legislation affecting our schools.

We would develop a database of e-mails to effectively and timely respond to initiatives put forth in Lansing and provide a voice from this community in response to such proposals.

If you are willing and interested in joining our Grosse Pointe Schools’ Legislative Action Network, visit gpschools.schoolwires.net/ and fill out our GP LAN form with your contact information.

Thank you for your time and your future investment in representing the voices of our community. Harwood is the superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System.



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The deadline for letters is 3 p.m. Monday. Letters to the Editor can be e-mailed to jwarner@grossepointenews.com.

Many thanks
for parade
To the Editor:

On behalf of the Grosse Pointe Village and Hill Associations, I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the sponsors that enabled us to produce the 37th annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade.

Those sponsors are: Pentastar Aviation, Vicki and Bob Liggett, Henry Ford Medical Center - Cottage, the cities of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Woods, Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Park, Dirty Dog Jazz Café, Ray Laethem Motor Village, Wayne County Community College District, Mr. and Mrs. William Rands III, the Grosse Pointe News, the Hill Association, Aitken Ormond Shores-Auto Owners, CVS, Flagstar Bank, the Fikany family, Eastside Tennis & Fitness, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Beaumont Hospital Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation, Connell Building Co., Adlhoeh & Associates, Grosse Pointe Lions Club, LaLonde Jewelers, Robert Loomis & Assoc., UBS Financial Services, Robert R Sfire & Associates, McDonald's ESC, Detroit Historical Society and Merrill Lynch.

More thanks to all the “Big Heads” who marched in the parade. The Grosse Pointe Rotarians for all their help and the fairy

godmother who sent the large aquarium float I wanted, but couldn't afford.

The parade could not happen without the assistance of all our volunteers. A big thank you goes to Chelsea Groustra, volunteer coordinator, and also the banner carriers from area schools.

Behind the scenes help is appreciated from the Langton family, all five for 10 years, plus Riley; the Berschback family, especially my husband, Bob; Country Club of Detroit; Mary Wells; Tim Cenowa and Dean Valente; Pointe Electronics; and drivers William Raditz, Chip Berschback, Scott Berschback and Patrick Wearn.

This was my 10th and last year as Parade Director. I want to wish the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce great success in future parades. I'm sure you will have as much fun producing the parade as I have.

To my friend of 50 years, John Denomme, who talked me into the job and was always there when I needed him, a special thank you.

TERRI BERSCHBACK
Parade Director

Thanksgiving
dinners

To the Editor:

Many, many thanks to all those who participated in the Crossroads of Michigan pre-Thanksgiving

ing dinner this year.

Once again, we were totally overwhelmed by the outpouring of generosity from family and friends in the Pointes and surrounding areas.

On Nov. 18, nearly 1,000 turkey dinners and all the trimmings were served to hungry men, women and children because of the kindness of hundreds of individuals.

We are deeply grateful for the outpouring of love, time and talent given without hesitation by so many for the sake of those who have so little.

We are pleased to offer a special thanks to Terry Valerio who coordinated the donations of our dinner's coffee and mashed potatoes. Very generously, Terry and his wife, Peggy, also donated all of the pumpkin pies.

Richard, in the bakery at Kroger in the Village, was very helpful as I ordered and picked up 1,000 bread rolls for the dinner. Another big thank you to the Grosse Pointe News for printing our letter to the editor requesting donations. Based on this year's response, the Grosse Pointe News' readership numbers are very healthy.

We have been sponsoring this pre-Thanksgiving dinner since 1997, and many of the volunteers and supporters involved in this project have been with us from the beginning. However, we always welcome some new friends to the ranks, as well.

Everyone works hard to provide the determination and spirit that make this project a success each year. They cook and donate turkeys, help collect food, offer storage space, donate to defray costs, provide transportation to haul the food to Crossroads' kitchen, show up in the early morning to prepare the meal, stand for hours in our kitchen serving the

food and washing dishes, and, as always, treat our guests with compassion, dignity and respect.

The number of people requiring the assistance of charitable organizations has increased significantly over the past several years. The economic situation is still serious in Detroit.

Real unemployment there is far above the overall Michigan rate, more than half of the children under age 18 live in poverty. And, right now, among the poor, food is still in dangerously short supply.

The waiting rooms at Crossroads' two offices in the city are full every day with people who are struggling to survive and have nowhere else to turn. Food is by far the most common request.

The coming winter will bring with it the promise of even greater misery for those with inadequate clothing, food and shelter. For the homeless, frostbite is a cruel and constant threat, and, for those on meager incomes, heat, lights and water are, too often, luxuries.

With this in mind, it was an inspiration to see such a giving spirit alive and well among the volunteers who participated in this dinner.

We wish all of our neighbors, friends and family a very blessed and merry Christmas.

And, please remember, hunger and the despair of poverty have no season. At any time of the year, please consider supporting organizations that serve the poor with donations of food, cold weather clothing, hygiene products or a few volunteer hours.

We are honored to have had an opportunity to work with all of those who gave so selflessly to our Thanksgiving project. Thank you. We really couldn't do it without you.

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GUEST OPINION By Bill Kalmar

It's still a mad, crazy world!

Back in 1963 Stanley Kramer directed a movie of misfits, nuts and miscreants entitled, “It's A Mad Mad Mad Mad World.”

It was a story about a search for treasure but the main thrust was about the crazies in the movie. Permit me to jump forward into 2012, where we will find another cast of misfits.

By now, everyone in the nation knows about an incident in Michigan where a lone gunman terrorized people along the I-96 corridor with

random gunshots.

There were more than 20 incidents of people being shot at with, fortunately, only one minor injury reported. As of this writing, police have a suspect in custody whose own mother stated he might be “mentally ill.” Thanks mom!

There were several events in this investigation which I thought bore further discussion. First of all, on a weekend when Michigan State University football fans were traveling to East Lansing to see their Spartans play football,

police stated there would be armed patrolmen on every I-96 freeway overpass to thwart any more attempts by the gunman.

That certainly has to engender a sense of safety, doesn't it! Fortunately there were no additional incidents. But the thought of having a police presence on the highway certainly must have detracted from the enjoyment of the day. By the way, the Spartans lost — again!

The other uneasiness attributed to this incident occurred when police stated they had re-

ceived more than 2,000 tips on the possible identification of a suspect. To me, that is a scary proposition! Certainly the \$100,000 reward might have had something to do with the multitude of tips. What is so disturbing is supposedly there are scores of people in the area who others feel might be considered suspects in the random shooting of people.

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Developer will give a new look to old building

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE FARMS — In an era when the word, unique, is exploited to gin-up sales of the latest fashion ephemera, one of the Grosse Pointe's emblems of architectural compromise is being changed with the times.

The old Grosse Pointe News building at 99 Kercheval on the Hill, constructed decades ago with a U-shaped front courtyard in deference to a preexisting American elm tree that withered and died years ago, will be renovated early next year with a flat facade.

A developer proposes to replace the roughly 410-square-foot open space into a glass-doored entryway, vestibule and a facade-mounted automatic teller machine to dispense dollar bills at rates greater than leaves could grow on a tree.

A site plan presented to the Grosse Pointe Farms city council this week on behalf of the building's tenant, Talmer Bank and Trust, preserves most of the structure's art deco limestone facade and monochromatic color scheme.

"Our plan is to fill in the courtyard and facade in the center of the building," said Eugene Casazza, asset manager for Russell Development Co., based on the Hill. "Everything is staying identical, except the center is going to be glass."

The development company owns the building.

A united city council accepted the proposal contingent upon the applicant detailing, at next month's meeting, a satisfactory array of proposed exterior construction materials, color, signage and lighting.

"Awnings are going to be similar to what's existing," Casazza said.

"I'm assuming Talmer will be bringing the sign from their present location (at 121 Kercheval on the Hill)," said Ed Russell, owner of Russell Development.

"I'm enthused this will retain the two main sides of the building," said Councilman Louis Theros, an advocate of preserving structures of various styles in modern settings.

The council's final approval comes no sooner than its 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10 meeting.

Even with final endorsement, the council will forbid work on the exterior until January.

The delay prevents construction from hindering retail activity on the Hill during the holiday season.

Although Talmer's office will operate by appointment only, expansion of the building requires one additional parking space on the Hill.

In lieu of providing an extra space, Russell was assessed \$7,500.

The money is deposited in a municipal fund. Uses are limited to maintaining and developing parking facilities in the district.

Robin Dalby, a homeowner on Radnor Circle, one block south of the Hill, said he supports renovating the building "to make it more attractive to business."

He's concerned about overflow parking clogging adjacent residential neighborhoods.

Dalby wants Farms officials to enforce parking restrictions against people, often Hill employees, he said, using his side street as a free parking lot.

"It interferes with our trash and leaf pickup," Dalby said.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Detroit Custom Framing on Mack earned a Grosse Pointe Woods business beautification award. With Woods' mayor, Robert Novitke, left, are Sherry and Dick Allor. Other business award winners were AriaA Salon, Colset Connections, Friend's Hair & Nails, Kathleen Gibney, D.D.S., The Little Blue Book, Verizon Wireless - Wireless Zone and Woods Wholesale Wine.



The Justice family accept a certificate from Grosse Pointe Woods Mayor Robert Novitke for a residential beautification award. From left, Andrew and Tom Justice, Novitke, Tina and Katherine Justice.



Grosse Pointe Woods residential award winners were Brian and Roxanne Affeldt, Randall and Carolyn Eissa, Steven and Katherine Ferguson, Peter and Patricia Gast, Tom and Tina Justice, Louis and Betty Ann Peeples, Kevin and Lidia Prush, Lawrence and June Przybysz, Robert and Sharon Ruggioli, Valerie Ellis and Randy Rutkofske, Mark and Jeanette Toolin. Also winning but not pictured are Michael and Janice Abdenour, Daniel and Kimberley Hart, Jeffrey and Kimberly Llaneza, Paul and Diane Richards and Joseph and Nina Tringale.

Campaign kicks off at club

Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation Moves Detroit for Less Cancer

Less Cancer, a Campaign Program of Next Generation Choices Foundation, will host the first Move Detroit for Less Cancer at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at Bayview Yacht Club, located at 100 Clairpointe St.

For nearly a decade,

Less Cancer Next Generation Choices Foundation has been at the helm of cancer awareness. They introduced prevention to the cancer conversation and work to educate individuals, families and communities about cancer risks.

Former Grosse Pointer Bill Couzens is founder of Less Cancer. Tickets will be available at the door for \$25.00 each. Angel Sponsors are also available for \$100 per person. For more information about Less Cancer and the event at Bayview, visit LessCancer.org.

Clarification

The White Christmas Carriage, which appeared last week in the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade, belongs to Bill Bresser. He lets the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Parade use it.

MAD: Today's world

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turned up. Obviously there probably are some people who volunteered a name or two out of spite or fun, but even if those names were eliminated, there must have been a cast of wackos that now are in a police

data bank.

And that is almost as scary as the gunman himself who is now under arrest. To think we have the potential for these 2,000-plus kooks, to someday themselves act in a criminal fashion, is a bit unnerving. On the other hand, it certainly provides a venue for a remake of Stanley Kramer's "It's A Mad Mad Mad Mad World!"

Kalmar is the former director of the Michigan Quality Council and past resident of Grosse Pointe.



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a permanent site with the city of Detroit. The hospital had originally planned a landing site on the Moross side of the hospital, but with Detroit officials balking at that location, it appears now St. John will request approval for a permanent helispot on the top level of the parking garage adjacent to the Emergency Room entrance.

Working within that plan, St. John asked Grosse Pointe Woods officials to approve a temporary site for one year to allow sufficient time for the hospital to secure the necessary approval and financing for the project, as well time for constructing the facility, which would include installing a new elevator in the parking deck.

It was that one year time frame and the fact that St. John would need approval from the city of Detroit that caused council members to balk.

"I'm concerned that the approval process with the city of Detroit appears to be up in the air," said councilwoman Vicki Granger. "I'm not in favor of a one year time frame without seeing something in writing from Detroit indicating the site in Detroit had been approved."

St. John proposed the idea in August. At that time, it brought in a medical helicopter for a demonstration for Woods city officials. Concerned about the noise and disruption these flights could cause to residents,

Woods officials asked for a second demonstration in October at which time several city employees were stationed throughout the surrounding neighborhood with decibel readers to measure the sound impact. At that time, few readings exceeded the 85 decibel limitation set by city ordinance.

"I was home at the time of the flight, and it was very loud," resident Amy Wilcox told the council. "It shook the house. Can we call you when we're awakened in the middle of the night?"

St. John had originally indicated that the site would be handling only flights bringing stroke patients from the state's Thumb area, approximately 40 flights per year.

During further discussions, St. John acknowledged that the site might not be limited to those stroke flights alone, stressing that it would be impossible for an emergency room physician to turn away a patient who requires immediate treatment.

Several council members questioned the need for St. John to have a landing site, indicating that a number of hospitals in the area are currently equipped to handle incoming flights. St. John is already treating stroke patients brought in from the Thumb area, with those patients being flown by helicopter to Detroit's City Airport, then transported by ambulance to St. John.

It was that fact that Mayor Robert Novitke pointed out that St. John could use as a fallback plan when facing the proposed six month time

limit and a limit of 25 flights during that time period.

"If your project exceeds six months, it is possible for you to go back to the way you do it now," he said. "Also, nothing would preclude you from coming back to the city for an extension."

St. John officials responded that without a helicopter landing facility, St. John could face losing its status as a designated trauma center, which would impact services it could provide to Grosse Pointe residents in need of immediate emergency services.

Following several motions by council members that were not supported, a compromise of a six month time frame and 25 flights was approved, with council members Granger and Todd McConaghy casting no votes.

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was a testament to hard work by the finance committee, employees and department heads who participated in the process," Kedzierski said. "We're looking every which way to try to save money."

Savings came to this month's council meeting in the form of a city attorney from the firm, Foster Swift. The firm was retained for \$20,000 less annually than

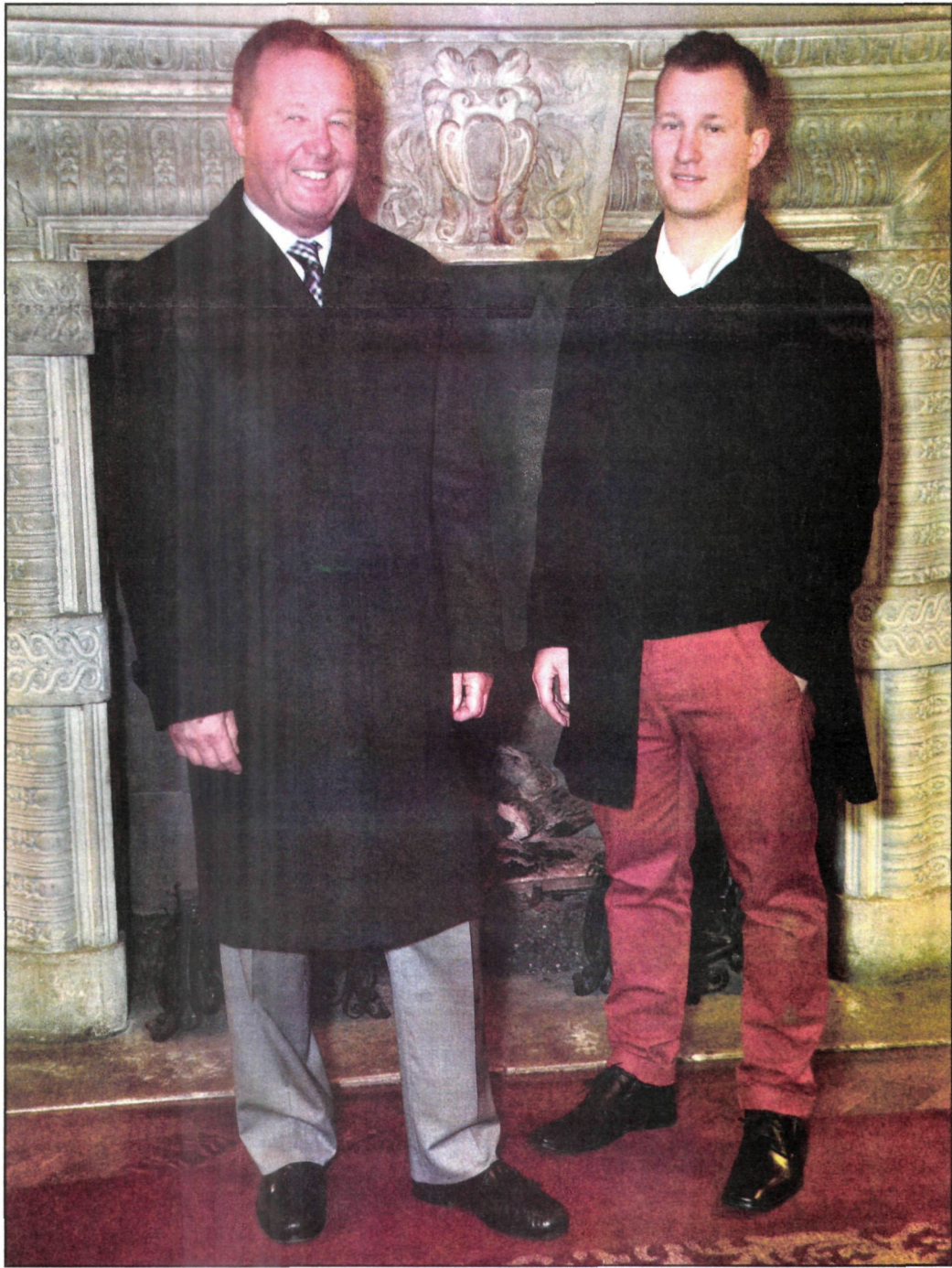
the firm that had represented the Shores for 25 years.

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Kedzierski credited Public Safety Director John Schulte for arranging \$950 savings per year in a new contract for ambulance service bill collections.

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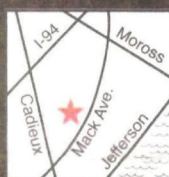
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Building a community of writers

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

On stage at Trombly Elementary School, having mimed the last of the student-penned short stories from his morning young authors writing workshops, Thomas Johnson, or Toma the Mime, concluded with the following statement: “The most important thing today was not the mime,” he said. “It was the writing. Writing is one of the most important things you will ever learn.”

It’s also the most difficult subject to teach, Trombly principal Walt Fitzpatrick said, which is why he put apprehension aside and agreed to the Parent Teacher Organization’s request to host Mobile Ed Productions’ Young Authors Day assembly, of which Johnson is associated, at the school Tuesday, Nov. 13.

“My take on assemblies, they have to be related to what we do,” Fitzpatrick said about his initial hesitations. “To me, this is based in the core of what we do. Make some things fun, making some things more engaging. And that’s what we’re all about; it’s getting them engaged.”

Johnson accomplished just that. Whether as himself, walking classroom to classroom assisting students in the components of a story —



Above, Thomas Johnson speaks with students Lorelie Van Hangen and Jack Reeber about their story during the Young Authors Day writing workshop at Trombly Elementary School. Right, Johnson, now as Toma the Mime, mimes one of eight student-penned short stories. He held two separate afternoon assemblies for kindergarten to second and third to fifth grades, miming stories from each group.



person, place, problem and solution — and helping get their ideas on paper, or as Toma the Mime, performing some of the stories afterward on stage, Johnson had students engaged.

“Those kids were mesmerized,” Fitzpatrick said. “When they went back and wrote, teachers were like, it’s incredible.”

In small groups, students had about 30 to 40

minutes to create a story, focusing on the idea, keeping it simple and providing a resolution. They responded with a slew of creative, imaginative short stories, ranging from a monkey stealing a man’s hot dog to a baseball player dancing in the batter’s box before hitting an inside-the-park home run to a kid stuffing all his toys in his closet only to have them splash out onto his

mom to a botched haircut from a barber to a man’s sneeze propelling a stuck roller coaster cart forward to a screaming man getting pushed off the high dive to a boy floating in the sky after tying balloons to his bike, cutting them and landing in an alligator’s mouth in the lake to a thief attempting to steal a girl’s phone before an officer handcuffs him and takes him to Dunkin’ Donuts.

Afterward, Johnson, a mime of more than 36 years and former Grosse Pointe resident, trained in Paris by renowned mime Marcel Marceau, mimed about eight stories each from both kindergarten to second grades and third to fifth grades at their respective afternoon assemblies.

“They were all pumped because they get to see their stories on stage,”

Fitzpatrick said. “They’ll talk about that thing forever.”

With the amount of excitement the workshop generated among students and teachers, Fitzpatrick hopes the inspiration to write lasts just as long.

“Hopefully, if we can inspire some kids to be engaged in the (writing) process through the year, it’s worth every penny,” he said.

A day in the life



Eighth graders from around the community visited Grosse Pointe North High School Tuesday, Nov. 20, for a school tour and taste of life as a Norsemen. Above, upon their departure, eighth graders are met with a tunnel, formed by the North group leaders, and chocolate chip cookies courtesy of the North Parents Club. The Norsemen clapped and cheered as students walked by. At right, included in their visit, eighth graders participated in classes, one of which was Chris Amore’s science class.



Above and below, student council representatives from Poupard Elementary School package boxes of donated foods and prepare them for families for the holiday.

Poupard student council hosts food drive

For Thanksgiving, The 2012-2013 student council representatives include: kindergarteners David Faldo, Charlie Rocho, Maggie Dunn and Semaj’ Hickman; first graders Charlie Armentrout, Tristan Shoemaker and Nathan Perry; second graders Marwynn Matthews, Tamir Bassett and Daniya Henderson; third graders Shelby Bland, Joshua Bankston, Corey Vardiman, Morgan Smith and Mikayla Schiller; fourth graders Louis Randazzo, Stephanie Zakhia, Dellia Barragan, Laila Davis and Ben Zoia; and fifth graders Jacob Harris, DaeAunee Charles, Laila Logan, Isis Washington, Sydnei Harris and Jaden Bland.



2A II | SCHOOLS

Students ready to make impact

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

Heading into Grosse Pointe North High School's student leadership conference Wednesday, Nov. 14, at First English Lutheran Church, North senior and Student Association president Sophia Avouris expected to discuss the school's strengths and weaknesses and learn to turn both into positives, to become a better leader.

Initially, that was her goal, as it was the 100-plus other organization leaders from North in attendance. Ultimately, she and the others learned that and much, much more. About themselves and their school.

"We have all these things we're going to do this year planned — we have fundraisers, we have a dance, we have a blood drive, we have adopt-a-family," Avouris said. "But (the conference) just kind of gave me a view of how I can organize better, how I can accomplish the whole idea of what do you want to change in your school."

As leaders and ambassadors of the school, Avouris said, it's hers and the others' respon-

sibility to affect change, to make a difference in things such as communication, community perception, student enthusiasm for learning and, most important to the student leaders, to combat cliques and work toward a more peaceful, unified coexistence. One way of doing so, students learned during the day-long event that featured guest lecturer and presenter Tom Heethuis, lies in their ability to cater activities toward those students less likely to participate.

"I thought it was cool how (Heethuis) broke down certain things and gave us good examples of how we should lead," senior and SA senator Sean O'Melia said. "Like, instead of saying we should base things off of ourselves, we should base things off of the people who normally don't participate. Because the people who always do participate will continue to do so no matter what the theme is, and the people who don't normally participate will participate in something they like."

"So, that's something good to think about, and I wish I had learned that when it wasn't my senior year so I could do more things from what I

learned here in the next coming years."

While it's an unlikely expectation for Avouris and O'Melia and other senior leaders to make an immediate and long-lasting impact, as all are midway through their senior years, it's their hope to lay a foundation for others, like junior Robert Nesom, to continue to build upon.

"One of my big goals

is definitely to get more people involved in different groups," Nesom said. "Because, it's so much of, like, the same kids at all the games, at all the — going to homecoming, helping with homecoming. So, I really just want to get more kids involved and go to all the different groups and people that you normally wouldn't talk to."

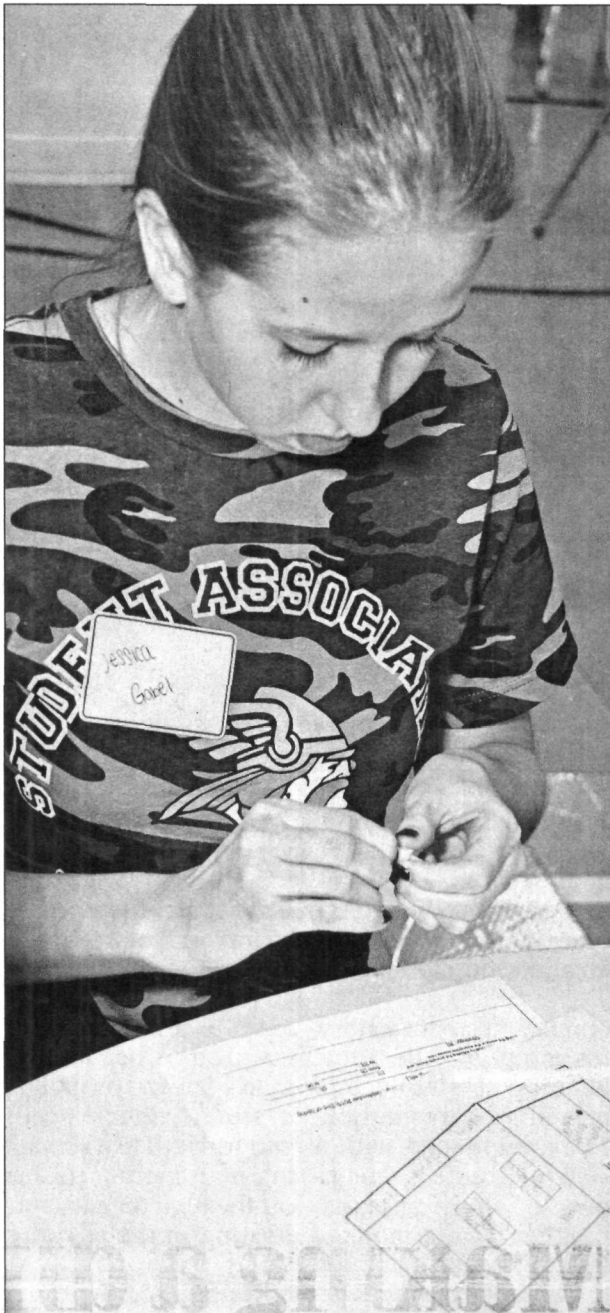


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Grosse Pointe North High School student Jessica Gabel strings together beads on a rope to make a keychain, symbolizing the students' commitment to making a difference in their school.

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Day-long conference explores students, North's diversity

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

As the Grosse Pointe North community grows more and more diverse, Jonathan Byrne and Pat Gast believe, to maximize the school's and community's fullest potential, it becomes increasingly important for its student leaders to recognize, respect and embrace that diversity.

To kick-start the discussion and engage student leaders into thinking about the school's strengths and weaknesses and ways to make an impact, the duo, Bryne, North's Student Association advisor, and Gast, its activities director, organized a day-long conference Wednesday, Nov. 14, at First English Lutheran Church, and invited Tom Heethuis, former administrator and head of the state-level student government organization, to speak. More than 100 students from North's multiple student organizations — fine arts, drama, DECA business group, Brotherhood, men's leadership group, Student Association and others — attended the conference.

"The purpose was to have an opportunity to learn from Mr. Heethuis, who's kind of a student leadership guru — he's

been doing this a really long time — so that they can get ideas about how to more effectively lead the groups they're in, get more out of their student activities," Byrne said. "Specific goals for North, too, we wanted North to be a more cohesive community and we wanted North to be better represented in the larger Grosse Pointe community."

Heethuis asked students three questions: "When you see the Norsemen logo, what do you think of," "As a school, what are we good at," and "As a school, what can we get better at?" And through a mixture of lectures, workshops and presentations, he had students reflect individually and as a group on each question, steering them toward building a better understanding of themselves and their place in school and their surrounding community. In essence, making them more aware of what it takes to be a stronger, better leader, something Student Association president Sophia Avouris took to heart.

"Going into today, our goals were to discuss our strength and weaknesses, take the weaknesses and make them into positives, and get it out there in the community like that," Avouris said. "Being the president, coming from how amazing of a leader Mr. Heethuis is, just watching him get everyone together and listening to how he does things just made a huge impact on me and how I'm going to portray things and do things now. It definitely, today made me a better leader."

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City of **Grosse Pointe Farms**, Michigan

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES
NOVEMBER 19, 2012

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Farquhar; Councilmembers, Wood, West, Joseph, Theros & Waldmeir.

Absent Were: None.

Also Present: Messrs. Burgess & Cornwall, City Attorneys; Shane Reeside, City Manager/ City Clerk; Monica Irelan, Assistant City Manager; Terry Brennan, Director of Public Service; John Lamerato, City Controller/Treasurer; Daniel Jensen, Director Public Safety; John Hutchins, Deputy Director of Public Safety; Pamela Baker, Exec. Assistant/Deputy City Clerk.

Mayor Farquhar Presided at the Meeting.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 15, 2012, were approved as submitted.

The Minutes of the Closed Session held on October 15, 2012, were approved as submitted.

The Council approved the Site Plan for 99 Kercheval Avenue, with specific condition.

The Council reviewed the Preliminary Site Plan for 117/121 Kercheval Avenue, and instructed the applicant that he could proceed with his plans for final review by Council.

Following a Public Hearing, the Council adopted Code # 7-04, Amendment to Dog Ordinance, Ordinance # 383, as submitted.

Following a Public Hearing, the Council adopted Code # 7-05, Amendment to Animal Regulation Ordinance, Ordinance #384, as submitted.

The Council approved the following item from its Consent Agenda:

- Sale of Property located at 496 Shelbourne Road.
- Attorney's Fees — Dickinson, Wright.

The Council received the following Reports:

- Public Safety Report for October 2012.
- Quarterly Financial Report — Quarter ended September 30, 2012.

Following adjournment of the Regular Meeting, a Closed Session was held for the purpose of discussing litigation.

Upon proper motion made, supported and carried, the Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 90 KERBY ROAD, GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN 48236. THE MEETING IS PUBLIC, INTERESTED PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE CITY ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. YOU MAY ALSO VIEW THE AGENDA AND MINUTES ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE: www.ci.grosse-pointe-farms.mi.us/

James C. Farquhar, Mayor **Shane L. Reeside**, City Manager/City Clerk

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St. Paul opens online auction

Online shoppers needn't fret. Although Cyber Monday has passed, St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School is offering its own opportunity for people to complete their holiday shopping during the St. Paul Catholic School "Online Auction."

The auction runs Thursday, Nov. 29, to Sunday, Dec. 9, and features a large array of items, including jewelry, art, electronics, toys and more. Visit stpaulonthe lake.com to start shopping.

As a kick-off to the auction, St. Paul is hosting a wine tasting party from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. today, at the Country Club of Detroit in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Tickets to the party are \$50 per person. For more information, contact the school at (313) 885-3430.

North, South parent clubs present Holiday Concert and Tea

The Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South and Parents' Club of Grosse Pointe North present the 2012 Holiday Concert and Tea event, featuring performances from the choirs of both North and South high schools. It's scheduled for 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, at the North Performing Arts Center.

Performances include music from holiday standards and favorites, as well as up-beat, high-energy production numbers, and include special appearances from North ensembles, Acafella and CounterPointe, and South's Santa Tappers. Everything culminates in the concert's grand finale, "The Messiah's Hallelujah Chorus," a combined effort from both school choirs.

"This concert is offered as a gift to the community, especially senior citizens, and as a thank you for the support of

our public schools," event co-chair Amy Muawad said in a press release. "The concert is also an opportunity for the students of both high schools to join together to share their talents and the spirit of the season."

Complimentary coffee, tea, punch and cookies will be available following the concert, as well as homemade holiday cookies for purchase.

Admission to the event is free.

"This is an event the community looks forward to every year, especially the seniors," said co-chair Cheryl Costantino. "It's our way of saying thank you."

For more information, contact Muawad at (313) 522-8062, (313) 881-3382 or via e-mail at aamuawad@comcast.net or Costantino by phone at (313) 720-4184 or e-mail at ccostantino08@gmail.com.

Let's go to lunch

The Mothers' Club of Grosse Pointe South invites community members to share a little holiday cheer with family and friends at its "Let It Go Luncheon," at 12 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

"This time of year can get so crazy, we just wanted to host an event where people can relax and enjoy the true joys of the season with those closest to them," Laura Huebner said in a press release. Huebner is co-chairing the event alongside Susie L'Heureux.

The event features lunch, entertainment, gift items and a bow-making workshop. Gifts include floral arrangements from Grosse Pointe Florist and handmade ornaments.

There's also a raffle, which includes prizes such as holiday decorating, a personal shopper and professional gift-wrapping.

Proceeds from the event benefit the Mothers' Club program and initiatives from college scholarships to classroom enrichment to preservation of South's historic building and architecture.

Community partnership sponsors are: St. John Health System, Beaumont Spirit of Women, Ferrara Skin and Laser Center, Dr. and Mrs. Barbish and UBS. The Blaser Design Group is the ticket underwriter.

Tickets for the event are \$35. Seating is limited.

For more information, call (313) 882-4802.

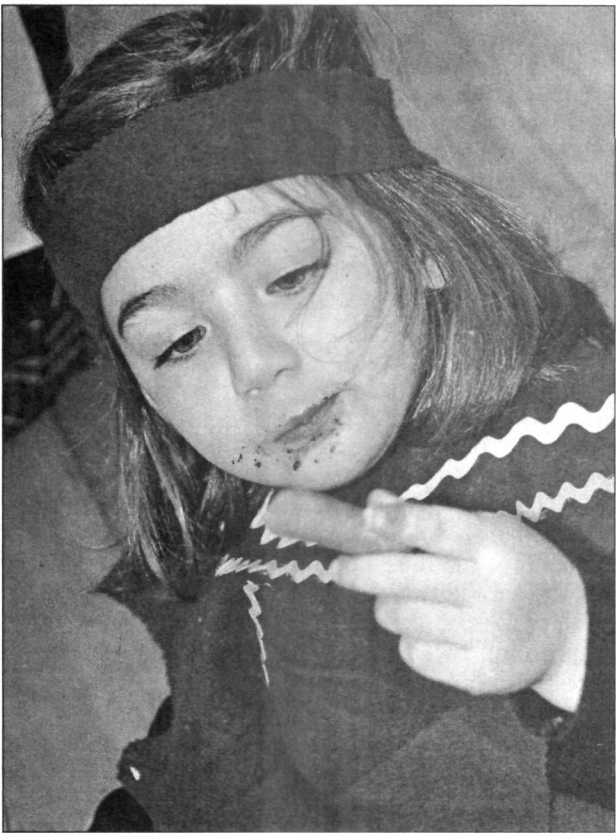


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Giving thanks

Grosse Pointe Academy celebrated Thanksgiving last week with a series of projects, activities and a feast.

Bottom left, Gianna Vlhantones examines a carrot before eating it. At left, Robert Peabody serves soup to Jackson Wade, while Danny Achison practices keeping a spoon on his nose. Below, Students dress as pilgrims and Indians. Bottom, from left, Neil Murhpy, Gia Randazzo, Sharon Barney and Fletcher Klaasen hold a prayer chain, on the links of which students wrote what they are thankful for.



Making a difference

Students at Parcels Middle School are making an art of food donations, conducting their own CANstruction Jr., competition and readying the canned creations for display at the 37th annual Parcels Holiday Arts and Crafts Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1.

CANstruction is an art competition, conceived by the late Cheri Melillo in New York City in 1992, in which the local community — in Parcels' case, groups of students — comes together to construct murals or statues of canned foods before dismantling and donating them to a local food bank.

Parcels' National Junior Honors Society elected Gleaners as its donation recipient and "Proud to be an AmeriCAN" as the premiere competition's theme. Structures consist of no less than 1,000 cans and must adhere to the chosen theme.

Interest in hosting a CANstruction competition at Parcels piqued in

October when, with guidance from NJHS faculty advisor Deborah Peck and parent Sheri Kam, NJHS student officers Ashley Carroll, Mora Downs, Lindsey Hoshaw, Clarissa Kam and Olivia Randazzo visited Wayne State University's Science and Engineering Department, where six teams were preparing similar structures for a regional competition.

Within two weeks of the visit, the officers met and organized and planned the full-fledged competition, choosing the Bazaar as its ultimate destination.

"Shoppers and volunteers who attend the Bazaar will be in for a real treat on the second floor," Sheri Kam said in a press release. "Of course they will visit the full lunch service café upstairs, but they will be able to view the competition as the structures are being built and judged in the afternoon."

Parcels principal Cathryn Armstrong and four others are judging

the competition, awarding the hard-working artists with crystal trophies.

"The Parcels Holiday Art and Craft Bazaar Committee would like to encourage the community to bring cans when they come to the Bazaar," Kam said in the release. "We will have boxes at each entrance to assist the Bazaar goers with their generosity."

The Bazaar is the oldest and second largest show to feature hand-crafted items in Southeast Michigan. It's entirely staffed by Michigan crafters and includes crafts from hundreds of local artisans and talents, as well as reusable, market-size shopping bags, full café service, ice cream and a valet service for parking.

Entry fee is \$3 per person and sold only at the door. No strollers are permitted on the premises during shopping hours.

For more information, visit canstruction.org, facebook.com/parcells-bazaar or gpschools.schoolwires.net/domain/597.

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City of **Grosse Pointe Farms,**
Wayne County, Michigan

CODE NO. 7-04
AMENDMENT TO DOG ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE NO 383

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE DOG ORDINANCE, CODE NO 7-04, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE POSSESSING, HARBORING OWNERSHIP AND RUNNING AT LARGE OF DOGS, TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR VACCINATION AND FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF VICIOUS AND DISEASED DOGS IN THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE FARMS; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF; AND TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NUMBERS 70 AND 84."

The City of Grosse Pointe Farms ordains:

Section 1. Section 16 of the Dog Ordinance, Code No 7-04, is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance, shall be deemed responsible for a civil infraction, and upon a finding of responsibility shall be punished by a fine not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each violation.

Section 2. Except as expressly modified by this Ordinance, the provisions of Ordinance No. 90, as previously amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. If any provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after its enactment, or upon its publication, whichever is later.

Enacted: November 19, 2012
Published: November 29, 2012

Shane L. Reeside, City Clerk

City of **Grosse Pointe Farms,**
Wayne County, Michigan

CODE NO. 7-05
AMENDMENT TO ANIMAL REGULATION ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE NO 384

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ANIMAL REGULATION ORDINANCE, CODE NO. 7-05, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE KEEPING OF ANIMALS WITHIN THE CITY; AND THE REPEAL ORDINANCE NOS. 95 AND 181.

The City of Grosse Pointe Farms ordains:

Section 1. Section 14 of the Animal Regulation Ordinance, Code No 7-05, is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed responsible for a civil infraction, and upon a finding of responsibility shall be punished by a fine of not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each violation. Continuing acts of violation and every day upon which such violations shall occur after the first finding of responsibility may be punished as separate infractions. A person charged with violation of this Ordinance may rebut the presumption by affirmatively proving beyond a reasonable doubt that continued violation of this Ordinance in the manner charged cannot have any adverse impact upon public health, safety or general welfare.

Section 2. Except as expressly modified by this Ordinance, the provisions of Ordinance No. 198, as previously amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. If any provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after its enactment, or upon its publication, whichever is later.

Enacted: November 19, 2012
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Shane L. Reeside, City Clerk

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OBITUARIES

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

Michael Allan Blaess

City of Grosse Pointe resident Michael Allan Blaess, 63, died Thursday, Nov. 22, 2012.

He was born Aug. 18, 1949, in Grosse Pointe Farms to Lester and Ruth Blaess and graduated from Bishop Gallagher High School in 1967. He worked at Syndevco, Inc. in Southfield.

Mr. Blaess is survived by his wife, Andrea (nee Kelly); children, Lesley and William; grandson, Joseph and many loving family and friends.

He was predeceased by his parents, Lester and Ruth (nee Umlauf) Blaess and brother, Robert.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 26 at St. Philomena Catholic Church in Detroit.

Donations may be made to "On the Rise Bakery," 6110 McClellan, Detroit, MI, 48213.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Joseph Carlton Bromley

Joseph Carlton Bromley, 84, passed away Sunday, Nov. 25, 2012, at Karmanos Medical Center in Detroit.

He was born Aug. 21, 1928, in Detroit to Joseph and Rene Bromley.

Mr. Bromley was an owner and executive in the trucking industry for more than 62 years. At 23, he began managing and operating his first trucking firm. His professionalism in both dress and demeanor led to his success at an early age and throughout his career.

Until his death, he was the co-owner/manager of Churchill Transportation Inc. where he worked more than 20 years. His family said he was known for putting his employees before himself and had a kind and loyal management style.

Before Churchill Transportation, Mr. Bromley owned a variety of freight and delivery companies, including Gateway Transportation/Steel Division, Randall Trucking and Leasing, which merged into Darling Freight Lines and Regency Freight Lines.

Mr. Bromley was on the board of directors for First Farmington Savings & Loan, D&N Savings Bank and Republic Bank. He was a commissioner of the Dearborn civil service for 18 years, as well as an active member of The Old Club on Harsens Island for 38 years and Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, where he was the chairman of the endowment fund.

He was an avid boater and smallmouth bass fisherman. Boating and fishing were his passions. He also enjoyed tennis.

Mr. Bromley is survived by his wife of 15 years, Karen LeBeau Bromley; children, Nancy Goyert (James) and Randall Bromley; daughter-in-law, Molly Bromley; stepchildren, Alicia Cubitt Kubacki (Craig), Kevin Cubitt, Michelle Cubitt, Tamala Cubitt Hubbard and

Geoffrey Cubitt (Kate); grandchildren, Jesse Bromley (Shari), Joe Bromley (Siry), Michelle Goyert Johnson (Ryan), Suzanne Bromley Anderson, Michael Goyert (Devon), Candy Bromley Senchuk (Patric) and Tyler Bromley; stepgrandchildren, Macy Hubbard Crizer (Steve), Courtney Sarka, Drake Sarka, Connor Hubbard, Owen Cubitt, Chloe Kubacki, Drew Cubitt and Claire Kubacki.

He also is survived by his great-grandchildren, Ethan, Ryan and Brett Bromley, Everett and Barrett Goyert, Evan Johnson and Benjamin and Lenora Senchuk and step great-granddaughter, Lucille Crizer.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 49 years, Shirley Peters Bromley and grandson, Marty Bromley.

Visitation will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, and 1 to 4 p.m. and 6:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at Grosse Pointe United Methodist Church, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms. Visitation begins at the church at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute Hospice Program, 4100 John R St., Detroit, MI 48201; Cass Community Social Services, 11850 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit, MI 48206 and Grosse Pointe United Methodist Endowment Fund, 211 Moross, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

John Daniel Edwards

John Daniel "J.D." Edwards, 88, passed away Thursday, Nov. 22, 2012, at Haven Hospice in Gainesville, Fla.

He was born Oct. 25, 1924, in Detroit. He was a World War II Naval Seabee veteran and served 30 months in the South Pacific.

Mr. Edwards earned degrees from Eastern Michigan University, the University of Michigan and Central Michigan University and was a member of Phi Gamma Mu. He taught many years in the Detroit Public Schools and finished his last 12 years at Grosse Pointe North High School teaching biology and advanced biology, and coaching track and cross country. In 1979, he was elected to the Michigan Cross Country Coaches Hall of Fame. (Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association)

He and his wife, Betty, retired in 1980 to Gainesville, where he taught biology at the community college for several years. He also learned to fly and they enjoyed traveling in their Cessna 172 for more than 10 years.

Mr. Edwards is survived by Betty, his wife of 61 years; daughter, Patricia Bauer of Scottsdale, Ariz.; son, John M. Edwards of Herndon, Va.; and grand-

sons, Gregory Bauer of Enfield, Conn. and Sean and Alex Edwards of Marietta, Ga. He also is survived by his sister, Marion Jones of Dowagiac.

Mr. Edwards will be buried at the National Military Cemetery at Bushnell, Fla.

Donations may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 1359 Broadway, Suite 1509, New York, NY 10018.

Arrangements handled by Williams-Thomas Funeral Home Downtown in Gainesville.

John J. Fannon III

Former Grosse Pointe Park resident John J. Fannon III, 69, died peacefully Saturday, Nov. 24, 2012, at his home on Harsens Island, in his chair watching television while waiting for the next football game to come on.

He was born Dec. 12, 1942, in Detroit to John J. and Mary (nee Kemp) Fannon Jr. and graduated from St. Joseph Military Academy in Hayes, Kan. He owned Fannon Products in Algonac.

Known for his keen ability to make people laugh, Mr. Fannon loved music, especially singing and playing piano. He enjoyed target shooting, boating and hunting with his "boys." He especially enjoyed watching his grandchildren play sports.

Mr. Fannon was a member of the Harsens Island St. Clair Flats Association, president of the Harsens Island Transportation Authority and was active in the island choir, The Marshmellows, that gave him an outlet for his entertaining spirit.

Mr. Fannon is survived by his beloved wife, Midgie; children, John J. IV (Judy), Keith (Kelly), David (Marianne) and Daniel (Rebecca); grandchildren, Connor, Sean, Joseph, Lillian, Mary, Nicholas, William and Gregory and his brother, Mark G. Fannon (Kathy).

He was predeceased by his parents.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 28 at St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, Grosse Pointe Park.

Donations may be made to the St. Clare of Montefalco Athletic Program, 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Robert C. Ireson Sr.

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Robert C. Ireson Sr., 83, passed away Thursday, Oct. 25, 2012, at St. John Hospital and Medical Center in Detroit, after a long battle with heart disease and kidney failure. His beloved wife and son were at his side.

He was born in Detroit to Mrs. J. Ireson and Ernest D. Ireson Sr. He attended Wayne State University and was an electrical engineer.

Mr. Ireson served in the U.S. Army from 1951 to 1952 during the Korean War. He was a member of the 1901 Engineer Aviator Battalion.

He enjoyed music, classical opera and big band. He was an avid trumpet player. He also loved boating, flying and swimming. He loved swimming laps and racing with his wife, Linda, at the Grosse Pointe Woods pool every day. He enjoyed winters in Florida, spending time at Palmetto



Michael Allan Blaess



Joseph Carlton Bromley



John Daniel Edwards



John J. Fannon III



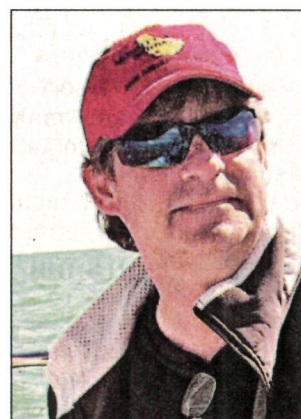
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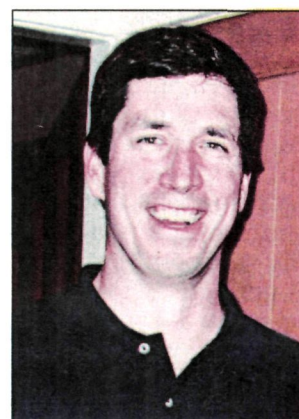
Michael Joseph Keegan



Suzanne M. Chesbrough



Edward S. Mouland



John F. Rooney

Dunes at Hilton Head, S.C. and walking the beach of Lake Huron in Port Sanilac.

Mr. Ireson is survived by his wife of 35 years, Linda Wittenberg Ireson, and their son, Robert C. Ireson II. He also is survived by two brothers, Lavern Ireson and Gerald Ireson, of Las Vegas, and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers, Delbert, Paul, Julian and Jack.

A funeral service was held Oct. 30 at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home in Grosse Pointe Park. Burial, with full military honors, was in White Chapel Cemetery in Troy. Donations may be made to the American Kidney Fund, 11921 Rockville Pike, Suite 300, Rockville, MD 20852 or at kidneyfund.org.

Michael Joseph Keegan

Michael Joseph Keegan, 55, of Santa Rosa, Calif., formerly of Grosse Pointe Park, passed away Thursday, Oct. 11, 2012, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born July 4, 1957, in Grosse Pointe, attended St. Clare of Montefalco School and graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School in 1975.

Mr. Keegan developed his love for music and theater at a young age, was active in the Grosse Pointe Children's Theatre, Grosse Pointe South Choir where he was a member of the a capella group, Crazy Eights, and Pointe Players. He was the bassist and singer for the popular band, Cyprus Rock.

Mr. Keegan graduated magna cum laude from Wayne State University with a Bachelor of Science degree and worked in research for Lafayette Clinic in Detroit until it closed in 1992. He then relocated to California where he worked in biomedical research for the Salk Institute in La Jolla, and later for Medtronic in Santa Rosa, where he helped develop the drug-coated stent.

Mr. Keegan is survived by his beloved daughters, Melanie and Haley of Portland, Ore.; his sisters, Susan Buda (William) and Lisa Keegan; his niece, Elizabeth Buda and nephew, Kevin Keegan.

He was predeceased by

his parents, Lawrence and Patricia, and his brother, Robert.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

Donations may be made to the Capuchin Friars, 1820 Mt. Elliot, Detroit, MI 48207.

Suzanne Masson Chesbrough

Suzanne Masson Chesbrough, nee Bogle, 84, died Sunday, Nov. 18, 2012.

She is survived by her daughter, Laurie Westfall (John Jr.); grandchildren, Brittney and John III Westfall; brothers, David and Peter Bogle (Cheryl); niece and nephews, Mary Margaret, Tom, Henry and Thomas and many loving family and friends.

A funeral service was held Nov. 21 at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, Grosse Pointe Park.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

Edward S. Mouland

Edward S. Mouland of Grosse Pointe Park passed away at home Monday, Nov. 19, 2012, after a year and a half fight with colon cancer. He was 51.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Mouland was a manufacturing engineer, most recently for Faurecia, a global automotive supplier in Fraser. He thrived on the fast-paced grind of automotive manufacturing and spent his entire career in the industry.

He had a great love for sailboat racing and traveled extensively for regattas with close friends. Earlier in life, he was active in the Bent Wheels, a club for dirt-biking enthusiasts, and also enjoyed snowmobiling in northern Michigan.

Mr. Mouland achieved his final wishes by marrying his longtime partner and best friend, Rosemary Tokatlian, at the St. John Hospital Chapel a mere three days before his death. Hospice Chaplain Paul Alexander officiated at the wedding ceremony witnessed by approximately 50 family, close friends, and hospital and hospice staff. Mr. Mouland also was able to return home with the assistance of St. John Providence

Hospice.

Mr. Mouland is survived by his wife, Rosemary; father, Paul; stepfather, Dick Burns; brother, David (Gretchen) and nephews, Ryan and Cameron. He was predeceased by his mother, Barbara Burns (nee Finch).

A memorial service was held Nov. 24 at the Detroit Yacht Club.

Donations may be made to St. John Providence Hospice, P.O. Box 673271, Detroit, Michigan 48267-3271 or at stjohnprovidence.org/foundation.

Share a memory at verheyden.org.

John F. Rooney

Former Grosse Pointe resident John F. Rooney, 46, passed away Friday, Nov. 9, 2012 at his home in Needham, Mass., after fighting a valiant battle against brain cancer.

Mr. Rooney was born in Pennsylvania, but moved to Michigan at an early age. He graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School and was a proud graduate of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, where he earned a degree in business and marketing. He moved to Boston in 1988 and pursued a career in financial services.

His family said Mr. Rooney lived his life with faith, family and laughter as his guiding principles. He was happiest anywhere friends and family were gathered, but especially loved Detroit, Cape Cod, Mass. and Needham. His family was everything to him. His booming laugh, infectious smile and easy going spirit will be greatly missed, but the example he set as husband, father, son, brother and friend is his legacy.

Mr. Rooney is survived by his wife, Ellen Landry Rooney; children, Brendan and Clare; parents, William J. and Marguerite A. Rooney of Grosse Pointe; siblings, Mary H. Rooney of Ann Arbor, Nancy T. Rooney (John Anderson) of Naperville, Ill., Margaret A. Lapinski (Greg) of Canton, N.Y. and William J. Rooney Jr. (Laura) of Grosse Pointe and mother-in-law, Sue Landry of Needham, Mass. He also is survived by nine nieces and nephews and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Nov. 14 at St. Joseph Parish in Needham.

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CHURCH EVENTS

Men's breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical breakfast begins with coffee at 6:45 a.m. Friday, Nov. 30, at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, 16 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. A buffet breakfast is served at 7:15 a.m. followed at 7:45 a.m. by the speaker, William G. Jennings whose topic is "The New and Exciting GPWM." The event ends at 8:15 a.m. Men of all faiths can attend. For more information call Eric Lindquist at (313) 530-8656.

First English

The 32nd annual Carol-A-Long begins at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at First English Lutheran Church, 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. A light supper is served at 6 p.m. Participants can join in the singing of the "Hallelujah Chorus" after sacred and secular songs are performed by the Good News Singers and the Good News Ringers. A self-guided tour of the church's Christmas trees can be taken. Santa Claus will also be on hand. The event is free. ♦ The Women of the Church present Women's Advent candlelight service at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5.

The service features an Advent message for women given by the Rev. Chris Veres. The service is open to the public.

St. James

St. James Lutheran church, 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms, hosts an Advent Good Gifts Fair from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2. The public can attend to shop for Fair Trade Christmas gifts. One featured shop is YMJ Consulting Group of Detroit, a fair trade non-profit helping artisan groups in marginalized communities around the world.

♦ The public can attend the 10:15 a.m. worship service. ♦ Following the service, attendees can make Advent wreaths to take home.

Congregational Church

The public can attend the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church carol sing at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4. ♦ A Christmas family workshop begins at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at the church. ♦ The event is free. Viewing of the projects can be done during regu-

lar business hours so the projects may be ordered. For more information, call (313) 884-3075.

♦ Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus will attend the family workshop.

Christ the King

Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20388 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts the living nativity from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9,

every 45 minutes.

Children can participate in the free, 20-year tradition by signing up at the church. A free will donation is accepted.

For more information, call the church at (313) 884-5090.

First Christian Reformed

The Bible teaches we are created for home. Home was for us, the beginning, a perfect unbroken connection with God. It begins with a picture of God's plan for human life. This picture includes an overabun-

dance of things needed to sustain us, true peace and harmony between people, the world and God. Imbedded in all of us is a sense this is what life should be like all the time.

Questions about this life are explored and answered at 10 a.m. four December Sundays and the 6 p.m. Dec. 24 service.

The schedule is:

♦ Dec. 2 — "It Was Good" based on Genesis 1:26-31a;
♦ Dec. 9 — "Are We There Yet" based on Exodus 13:17-22;
♦ Dec. 16 — "Meeting God" based on Exodus 19

1-9 and 20:18-21;

♦ Dec. 23 — "Looking for Lost Children" based on John 4:1-26;

♦ Dec. 24 — "A Place Called Home" lessons and carols.

Fort Street Chorale

Handel's "Messiah" is performed by the Fort Street Chorale and Chamber Orchestra at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, and at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at the church, 631 W. Fort, Detroit.

Tickets cost \$20 and can be purchased by calling (313) 961-4533 or by visiting fortstreet.org.

PASTOR'S CORNER By Rev. Jim Rizer

Invitation to fly upright

There is a common assumption that large planes are safer than smaller planes. Edwin Lutzer once shared this thought with a pilot friend. The pilot responded, "Many people think these huge jets are built more safely, and therefore, are safer to fly than smaller planes. People think there are more crashes with smaller planes than with commercial jets. But that's not true. The reason why so many lighter planes crash is not because of bad equipment. It's because of inexperienced pilots flying the little planes."

Lutzer replied, "Tell me more." "The error of inexperienced pilots is that they refuse to believe their instruments," the pilot said. "In a storm, they trust their instincts rather than their navigation

instruments. That's where they get into trouble. They often choose to disbelieve the instruments and adjust the plane according to their senses. When the pilot ignores his readings and adjusts the plane according to his intuition, it is sure to crash." ("Trust the Instrument Panel" by Mike Benson.)

There is great danger in relying on feelings and intuition, particularly when the instrument panel suggests a far different reality. Even the seasoned and experienced pilot can succumb to the temptation to trust their perceptions alone. This is equally true in the area of faith as it is in flying.

Every Advent, like a warning light on the instrument panel of life, John the Baptist appears with his familiar call, "Repent, the kingdom of God is near."

John appears on the scene not

just as the herald to proclaim Christ's coming, but as mandate to check the readings as the fresh wind of the kingdom of God is about to become even stronger. His charge to repent is an instruction to reassess the direction of one's life, to reassess one's assumptions, and realign our lives with the kingdom of God.

This is the invitation to check the altimeter of goodness and righteousness. This is the invitation to honestly reconsider our assumptions, intuition and feelings. This is the invitation to ensure that we are not flying upside down. This is the invitation not to miss the fullness of the kingdom of God.

Check the instruments. It looks like a warning light is flashing.

Rizer is the minister at Living Hope Church, LivingHopeEP.org.

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AUTOS By Jenny King

Lookin' good is Taurus specialty



The Ford Taurus has grown up. Not only has it added years to its personal biography: there's also a pleasing level of sophistication and self-assuredness that sometimes come with age.

Safe to say the Taurus now is Ford's flagship passenger car. The full-size sedan is available in SE, SEL and Limited models and offers a choice of a 3.5-liter V-6 or Ford's EcoBoost 2.0-liter four. A six-speed automatic is the sole transmission. Front-wheel drive is standard; all-wheel drive is available.

Ford has added styling cues and technology to make the 2013 Taurus its best yet. All new Taurus models have improved steering response. Electric power-assisted steering allows for a high degree of tuning by vehicle dynamics engineers, the automaker says, to optimize steering feel. It also saves fuel and provides improved feedback.

The test Taurus was a top-of-the-line Limited with all-wheel drive. Ford says its base price is \$34,850. The test sedan was also equipped with a \$3,500 group of features, from adjustable pedals with memory to rain-sensing windshield wipers, heating rear seats, a rear window power



PHOTO BY JENNY KING

Stylish yet substantial lines give the 2013 Taurus a look of elegance.

shade and active park assist.

Active park assist is not exclusive to the Taurus. It's an option even on the compact Focus, Escape and Explorer, Lincoln MKS and Lincoln MKT. It uses sensors on the front and rear of the vehicle to guide it into a parking space. Ford says the technology is a major advance in speed and ease of use compared with camera-reliant systems offered by competitors.

Ford says Taurus is the first car in the company's North American lineup to offer its 240-horsepower 2.0-liter EcoBoost engine. This engine combines direct gas injection and a turbocharger to provide performance comparable to many naturally aspirated V-6 engines.

The EcoBoost 2.0-liter is expected to deliver highway fuel economy of at least 31 miles per gallon.

The 3.5-liter V-6 is standard equipment in Taurus SE, SEL and Limited se-

ries models. In the new Taurus, it benefits from the addition of twin independent variable camshaft timing, achieving better fuel economy, more horsepower and a reduction in part-throttle emissions compared to the previous standard Taurus V-6.

Ford says for 2014 this engine should improve highway fuel economy by some 2 mpg. It offers 10 percent more horsepower than the V-6 in the 2012 Taurus.

This engine is produced at Ford's Lima, Ohio plant. The 2.0-liter EcoBoost comes from the company's plant in Valencia, Spain.

Our fuel economy, based on a mix of more city and fewer highway miles, averaged 24 mpg in a week.

An EcoBoost 3.5-liter V-6 is standard equipment in the high-performance Taurus SHO — Super High Output. It is

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Ford's most powerful EcoBoost offering, delivering 365 horsepower and 350 pound-feet of torque.

For 2013 Ford is offering a new heated steering wheel on the Taurus. Another available feature is multicontour front seats with Active Motion — a rolling massage pattern, intended to relieve fatigue. Intelligent Access allows the driver to climb aboard and start the engine via push button, simply by having the key fob in possession. Automatic high beams will switch the headlights to high beam when no oncoming traffic is detected.

A rearview camera is available, clearly showing the area behind the car on an 8-inch center-mount screen.

While a 2013 Taurus SE, base model, starts at \$26,600, once the buyer chooses to upgrade to an SEL or a Limited and/or wants special equipment, the family sedan starts to get pricey.

Our Limited with the \$3,500 equipment group (302A) also had a \$795 voice-activated navigation system, adaptive cruise control with collision warning system priced at \$1,195; 20-inch polished aluminum wheels, \$695; and ruby red metallic exterior finish, \$395. The options jacked the price to \$41,430. Destination and delivery are another \$795.

The new Taurus is manufactured at Ford's Chicago assembly plant.

King is an automotive writer who lives in the City of Grosse pointe.

2013 Ford F-Series Super Duty

Ford continues to strengthen the F-Series lineup for 2013, raising the bar for Super Duty towing, hauling and braking to again set the standard among heavy duty trucks. Ford engineers have raised conventional towing capacity to a class-leading 18,500 pounds. Increased towing brawn goes hand-in-hand with improved payload capability to a class-leading 7,260 pounds, an increase of more than 100 pounds. Super Duty brake system improvements enable higher payload figures.



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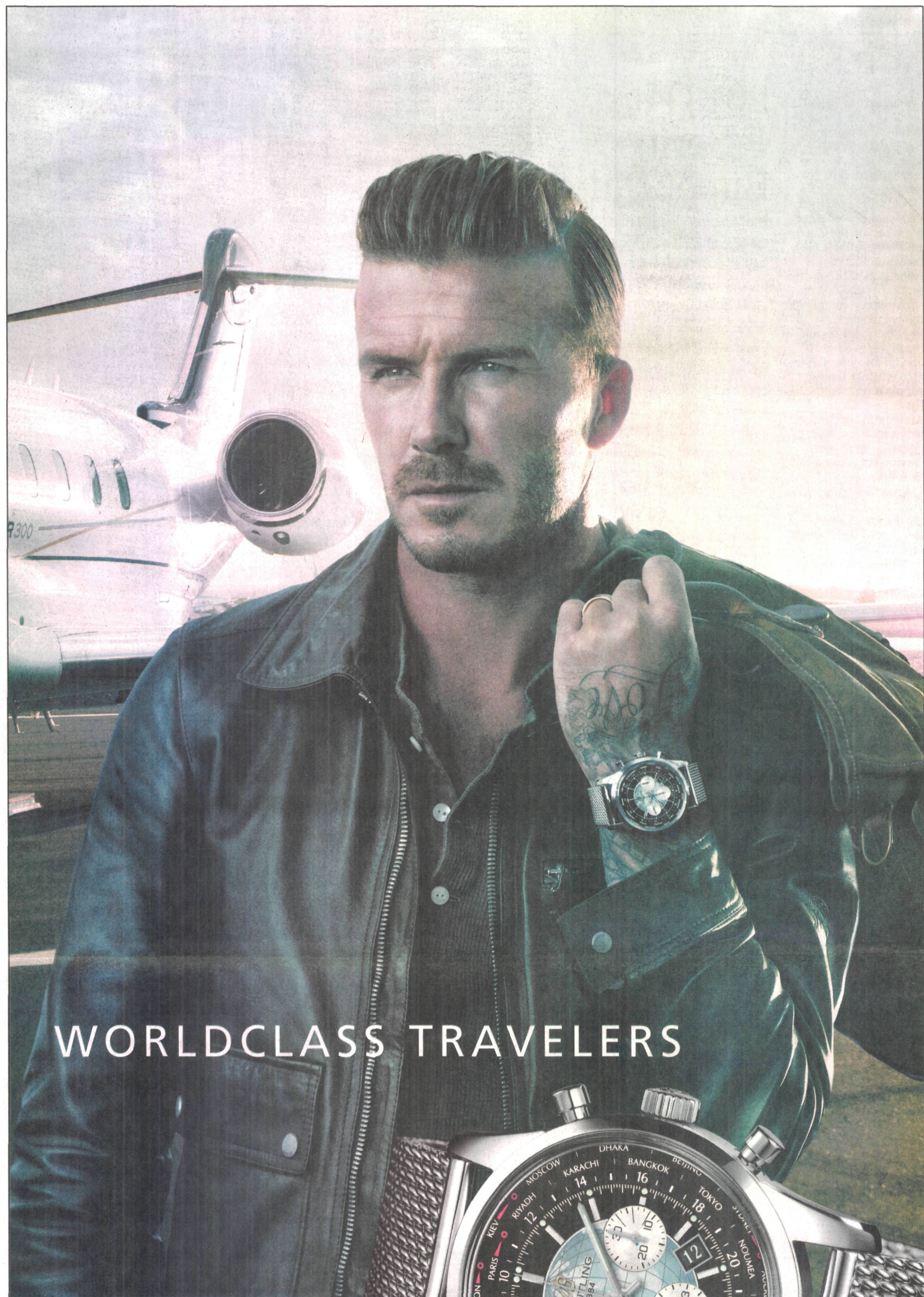
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Four local Rotary Clubs are making sure area children are protected from winter's cold with new outer wear.

Warming up in a new coat

By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

Old Man Winter will be blowing into town soon accompanied by Jack Frost, sleet, snow and cold temperatures. People know enough to put on winter coats when temperatures dip.

Yet, there is a segment of the population unable to stay warm due to the lack of winter clothing. It's disturbing to realize there are children nearby who don't have coats in which to bundle up and keep warm and no means to get a coat.

"People make assumptions they (needy children) have (a coat) or can get one some other way," said Rochelle Riley, honorary chairwoman of Operation Warm.

That is not the case. Four Rotary clubs are working to get warm overcoats to those most in need. They are planning to raise enough money through March to purchase 12,000 new coats for local children in their latest service project — Operation Warm.

Grosse Pointe Rotary, Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary, Detroit AM



Grosse Pointe Rotary Vice President Paul Rentenbach, left, took time to chat with fellow Rotarian Ted Everingham and his wife, Marcia.

Rotary and Detroit Rotary want the needy children through The Children's Center of Detroit, Crossroads of Michigan, Matrix Human Services, For the Seventh Generation and the National School Lunch Program in Grosse Pointe, Harper Woods and St. Clair Shores wearing winter wear this year.

"We wanted to do a project and get multiple

clubs involved," said Christian Kreipke, of Grosse Pointe Park and a member of the Detroit A.M. Rotary. "This is a good effort to pool resources of those with similar minds to accomplish a fairly large project."

Riley added the Rotary clubs are not reinventing the wheel, but rather joining together on one project.

When children are

under dressed, they might also be cold and hungry making it difficult for them to learn, she said.

"A winter coat is an essential item in Michigan winters," said Michael Carmody, assistant governor Area 1 of Rotary District 6400 and member of Grosse Pointe Rotary. "A coat provides more than just warmth it allows a child to attend school, where they not



Distribution of new coats to underprivileged kids at Family Matters, a charity in Rogers Park, Ill., during "Operation Warm" in November 2009. Operation Warm is a Rotarian-founded charity providing new winter coats to needy children.

only receive an education, they also receive meals. A new coat provides the added benefit of increasing self-esteem — who doesn't like getting new things?"

Those enrolled in the National School Lunch

Program is one of the ways children in need are identified.

Carmody learned about Operation Warm two years ago.

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Lakeshore Optimist

The 22nd annual clothing collection, "Coats for the Cold," hosted by Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe, has residential pick-ups from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1.

To donate, call the Optimist hotline at (313) 359-6126, leaving your name and address. A receipt will be left.

To deliver, drop clothing to 831 Notre Dame, south of Charlevoix, City of Grosse Pointe, until Saturday, Dec. 1.

All types of clean clothing for children or adults are accepted and given either to Matrix Human Services or Grosse Pointe's ARC's Full Circle Upscale Resale Shop to benefit special needs youth.

Dinner

The Park Cafe and Blue Pointe offer a dinner at 5 to 6 p.m. and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at the Tompkins Center. The cost is \$10. For more information, contact Jackie at marina@grosse-pointepark.org, or call (313) 822-2812, ext. 201.

NAMI

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3, at Henry Ford Cottage, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Parking is free.

For more information, call Barb at (313) 886-8004.

Its mission is to support and education families affected by mental illness.

Camera Club

The Grosse Pointe Camera Club meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, in Room C-11, Brownell Middle School. For more information, call (313) 822-7080 or visit grossepointecameraclub.org.

Family Center

The Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods holds a meet and greet for professionals from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, in the Grosse Pointe Public Schools board room, 389 St. Clair, City of Grosse Pointe.

Learn about The Family Center, its association of professionals and share information with those professionals.



ILLUSTRATION BY MADISON SCILLIAN

One-of-a-kind holiday greeting cards have been designed by Grosse Pointe South High School students and are for sale in packs of eight for \$10, either with a single design or an assortment of designs. Orders must be made by Dec. 7 and are delivered by Dec. 11. Make checks payable to: GPS ARTFEST and mail to Karen Shepard, 855 Balfour, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230. For more information, call Amy Thelen at (313) 822-3029 or Shepard at (313) 824-9637. Proceeds benefit South's art department.

Windmill Pointe Garden Club

Windmill Pointe Garden Club meets at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 5, at the home of Barbara Malley. The co-hostess is Sarah Flynn.

The program is "The Watershed Story." The speaker is Michele Arquette-Palermo of Clinton River Watershed Council.

Gentlemen of Swing

The Gentlemen of Swing present its Christmas concert from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, at the Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

AAUW

The American Association of University Women, Grosse Pointe branch, hosts its annual Christmas celebration at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at Ardmore Cafe, 26717 Little Mack, St. Clair Shores.

The event includes dinner, dessert, beverages, a cash bar, boutique and a live entertainment by Denise Vlamis and ensemble.

Spouses, friends and prospective members can attend.

Reservations must be made by Friday, Nov. 30,

and can be sent to Barbara Tecos, 1237 Balfour, Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230.

Indicate dinner choice, chicken oscar, pork tenderloin or whitefish.

Historical society

The Grosse Pointe Historical Society's Christmas party begins at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at the Provencal-Weir House, 376 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms.

◆ The Second Saturday program, Dec. 8, is baking gingerbread cookies from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Provencal-Weir House. Children 6 years and older can attend.

◆ The cost is \$15 for historical society members and \$20 for non-members. To register by Thursday, Dec. 6, call (313) 884-7010.

A.H. Peters

A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods, hosts its second annual Holiday Occasion to Remember at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, a memorial to remember those who have died recently. It includes a time to share, spirit-lifting music, a candle light remembrance service and light refreshments.

Reservations must be

made by Friday, Nov. 30, and made by calling (313) 884-5500 or e-mailing k.steinetz@ahpeters.com. Include the names of those who will attend and their relationship to the loved one.

Villagers

The Villagers Ballroom dance group evening begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, at the Lochmoor Club. Dinner is served at 7:30 p.m. and dancing is from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. The cost is \$90 for members and \$105 for non-members.

For more information, call (313) 886-8321.

Mother's Club

The Mother's Club of Grosse Pointe South's "Let It Go Luncheon" begins at noon Wednesday, Dec. 12, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms.

The event includes lunch, entertainment, gift items, a bow-making workshop and a raffle.

Tickets cost \$35. Seating is limited. For more information, call (313) 882-4802.

Chamber

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce is

accepting nominations for Pointer of Distinction Awards to be presented at the Jan. 29 Chamber annual membership dinner at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial.

Categories are: youth achievement, community service, excellence in business and new business enterprise.

The youth achievement nominee requirements include: a student who excels academically and is enrolled in a Grosse Pointe high school and is involved in extra curricular activities. The student must be involved in one foundation or charitable activities and provide letters of recommendation.

The community service nominee must be a Grosse Pointe resident who is involved and has made an impact in the community and exhibit leadership characteristics.

The excellence in business nominee must live and work in Grosse Pointe, be accomplished in business and provide letters of recommendation.

The new business enterprise nominee must live or work in Grosse Pointe, have launched a successful business within the last five years, have a solid business plan in place and provide letters of recommendation.

For an application, visit the chamber's website at grossepointechamber.com or call the chamber at (313) 881-4722.

The deadline is Dec. 21.

ART Center

The Grosse Pointe ART Center, 17051 Kercheval, City of Grosse Pointe, begins its holiday hours Dec. 13, staying open until 8 p.m. Thursdays.

The center hosts the Village Gift Wrap Center. Items purchased in the Village are wrapped free. A receipt must be shown.

Gift wrap services are offered Thursdays through Saturdays during the center's business hours, noon to 6 p.m.

The service is sponsored by the City of Grosse Pointe.

Library

Through Dec. 18, the Grosse Pointe Public Library is accepting

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Special Kids

The 2012 Christmas cards, in packs of 15, to benefit Special Kids are available by sending a check to: Special Kids, 1241 Blairmoor Court, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236. The cost is \$10. To order, call (313) 881-7575. Special Kids is a 501(c)(3).

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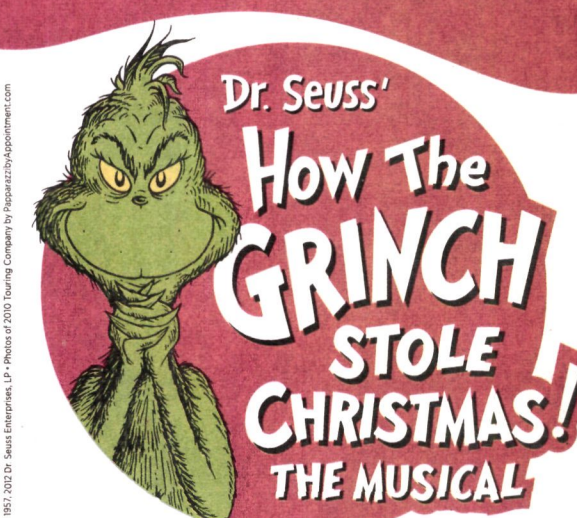
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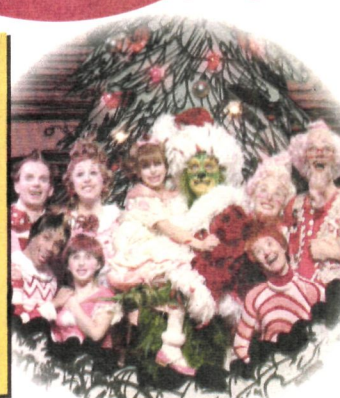
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HEALTH POINT By Jeff and Debra Jay

When drinking isn't merry



Dear Jeff and Debra:

I begin every holiday season with trepidation. The reason? Too much drinking in my social circle. I don't mean to say everyone is an alcoholic — although I know a few — but everyone uses the holiday season as an excuse to drink a lot. Everywhere I go, there is an abundance of alcohol and in the name of goodwill, family and friends pressure guests to have a drink and then another and another.

I'll be honest. I accept these drink offerings happily and then end up unintentionally inebriated. Someone is always filling up my wine glass or offering me a hot toddy or pouring punch

packing a wallop. It seems like great fun at the time. Now mind you, it's not something I do throughout the year. But holiday merriment is synonymous with an overabundance of alcohol, resulting in hangovers and, some slightly embarrassing memories.

This year, I'm once again telling myself I am going to be in charge and not let peer pressure lead me down a drunken road. But I've promised myself that before and utterly failed. I'm not an alcoholic, but this time of the year, I am an alcohol abuser. Can you offer suggestions to help me avoid too much gaiety?

SLOSHED-NO-MORE

Dear Sloshed:

Even non-alcoholic drinkers can overdo it during the holiday season and experience unwanted consequences.

If you want to tinkle, consuming less alcohol

promotes the festive feeling most people are seeking. When you sip (we hope you are sipping) your first drink, it hits your stomach, enters your bloodstream and goes directly to your brain. Since alcohol is a mood-altering drug, it affects your brain's pleasure centers, leading to euphoria and relaxation.

Your sense of euphoria peaks with your first drink. More alcohol will not increase this sense of elation. The brain, with each additional drink, cannot generate enough neurotransmitters to make you feel as merry as the first drink. Instead, more alcohol begins interfering with communication between your nerve cells and your prefrontal cortex or your thinking brain. As a result, you become increasingly uninhibited. You feel more confident, but judgment begins to fail

you. Decision-making capacity diminishes. This is when you become susceptible to saying and doing things you later regret.

As drinking continues, the brain system responsible for muscle movements is affected. Walking becomes a greater challenge. Just picking up your drink may require more concentration. Trying not to appear drunk takes effort.

As the night progresses, you begin chasing the high. You drink more or switch to stronger spirits in an attempt to achieve the euphoria you experienced with the first drink. Instead, the depressant effect of alcohol creates drunkenness. The slump you are experiencing in your brain will eventually create a desire to sleep. If you keep drinking, you eventually pass out. Drinking large amounts

of alcohol can lead to respiratory failure. Alcohol masks your brain's self-protection mechanisms causing you to ignore warning signals.

Upon waking up in the morning, your hangover gets worse as the day progresses. Your organs have been busily metabolizing alcohol out of your system, and upon reaching a blood alcohol content of zero, you begin feeling withdrawal symptoms. Your brain chemistry is lower now than when you poured your first drink. You feel irritable, depressed, intolerant. You have increased body temperature, elevated blood pressure and an accelerated heartbeat. You probably feel shaky. Hangovers last one to two days before the body bounces back. Brain chemistry can take up to 25 hours to normalize after one drinking bout.

To avoid abusing alcohol, devise a plan. Set a limit and stick to it. Drinking wine spritzers, for example, can decelerate your alcohol consumption. For each spritzer, pour a half glass of wine (about 2 ½ ounces), fill the rest of the glass with sparkling wa-

ter. Add fruit for flavor. This trick transforms your limit of two into four drinks. You can do the same with highballs. You consume more drinks, but not more alcohol.

Between alcoholic drinks, ask for alcohol-free beverages; bring your own non-alcoholic beer, wine, juice or soda.

Drink on a full stomach. Protein slows alcohol's absorption. Stay away from salty foods that increase your desire to drink. Offer to bring some hors d'oeuvres so you have a protein-rich choice.

Eat before leaving home.

Determine a cutoff time and switch to coffee and sweets. If coffee isn't available, ask the hostess to brew a pot. Once you begin drinking coffee and eating desserts, you won't want another drink.

Don't be the last person to leave the party. Late night hanger-ons tend to be the heaviest consumers of alcohol.

Never drive after drinking. Select a designated driver or call a cab. Even small amounts of alcohol affect your response time.

ASK THE EXPERT By Sarah Yandall

Good nutrition essential habit



I am a parent seeking information as to how to manage my child's diabetes with good nutrition.

Q. Why is good nutrition essential to manage both type 1 and type 2 diabetes?

A. Making good food choices is essential for blood sugar management. Focusing on how much carbohydrate is in each meal and snack, is a must for keeping blood sugars within range. We know all carbohydrates

raise blood sugar so the focus is on counting carbohydrates rather than looking at sugars. A meal with a good balance of protein, carbohydrate, fat and fiber slows sugar absorption.

Q. What are some good tips parents and children should keep in mind in terms of specific foods to best manage diabetes?

A. Read nutrition labels. If there is no information on a food, look it up on the Internet, use a carbohydrate reference book or a phone app. Plan ahead. Know what foods are available and if there are a lot of unhealthy items, plan to bring your own or focus on cutting back the rest of

the day. Be a good role model. Keep healthy foods in the home and eat them along with your children.

Q. How does junk food contribute to diabetes?

A. Junk food (i.e. candy, chips, cookies, etc.) often contains a lot of extra calories and eaten in excess over time, can lead to obesity. Obesity is on the rise and with excess weight, insulin resistance can develop. This may lead to high blood sugar levels, pre-diabetes or type 2 diabetes.

Q. Are there specific foods people with diabetes should avoid all the time?

A. We recommend avoiding regular so-

da and juice unless blood glucose levels are low. Most foods can be included in moderation as long as you are planning ahead.

Q. What other noteworthy information regarding diabetes and nutrition can you give?

A. There is no longer a "diabetic diet." The

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ENGAGEMENTS

Dickson - Ahluwalia

Stan and Heather Dickson of Grosse Pointe Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Dickson, to Jerry Ahluwalia, son of Claire and Jagjeet Ahluwalia of Cincinnati. A July wedding is planned.

Dickson is a 2002 graduate of Grosse Pointe South High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education and allied professions from the University of Dayton. She is a middle school social studies teacher in Centerville, Ohio.

Ahluwalia earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Georgetown University and a medical degree from Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine. He is an orthopedic surgeon in Dayton, Ohio.

Teets - Zurek

Michael and Eileen Teets of Grosse Pointe Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Rachel Teets, to Jordan Zurek, son of Walt Zurek of Clarkston and Chris Sinicola of East Lansing.

A December wedding is planned.

Teets is majoring in wildlife biology at Michigan State University.

Zurek is a communication studies major at MSU.

DiMaggio - DiBiase

Charles and Barbara DiMaggio of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Erin Nicole DiMaggio, to Roman Alexander DiBiase, son of Tony and Debra DiBiase of San Jose, Calif. A June wedding is planned.

DiMaggio earned a Bachelor of Science degree in geology from the University of Michigan and a Master of Science degree in geology from Arizona State University. She is pursuing a doctorate degree at ASU, studying East African geology.

DiBiase earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Berkeley in geophysics and doctorate degree in geology from ASU. He is a post-doctoral scholar at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, Calif.

Hill - Brinker

Daniel and Elaine Hill of Sterling Heights have announced the engagement of their daughter,

Lauren Ashley Hill, to Michael Thomas Brinker Jr., son of Michael and Lee Ann Brinker of Grosse Pointe Woods. A spring wedding is planned.

Hill earned an Associate of Applied Science degree from Baker College in 2012 and is a certified surgical technologist.

Brinker earned a Bachelor of Science degree in management information systems from Oakland University in December 2011 and is a technical analyst.

Hinks - Brown

David C. Hinks of Alpena and Barbara Hinks of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Natalie Hinks, to Ken Brown, son of Ken and Cathleen Brown of Monroe, N.Y.

An August wedding is planned.

Hinks is a 2005 Grosse Pointe North High School graduate and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 2009 from the University of Michigan, majoring in political science and psychology. She is a commercial lines underwriter with Zurich Insurance in New York City.

Brown graduated from U of M in 2008, majoring in industrial and operations engineering. He is a quality engineer with Triangle Manufacturing.

Wagner - Distelrath

Joseph and Maryterese Wagner of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Emma Wagner, to Aaron Distelrath, son of Daniel and Debbie Distelrath of Rochester. An August wedding is planned.

Wagner earned a Bachelor of Science degree in elementary education from Oakland University. She is a Utica Community Schools elementary teacher.

Distelrath earned a Bachelor of Business Administration Accounting degree from Rochester College. He is with Shark Tool & Die.

McKenzie - Todd

Michael and Wanda McKenzie of Gulliver have announced the engagement of their daughter, Meghan Rose McKenzie, to Jack Sterling Todd, son of Mickey and Sue Todd of Harper Woods. A July wedding is planned.

McKenzie graduated from Manistique High School in 2008 and earned a degree in dietetics from Central Michigan University. She is a dieti-

cian.

Todd graduated from Grosse Pointe North High School in 2006 and earned a business degree from CMU. He is a loan auditor.

Zimmerman - Bahr

Jim and Patti Zimmerman of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ashley Zimmerman, to Mike Bahr, son of Craig and Linda Bahr of Grosse Pointe Woods. An October wedding is planned.

Zimmerman is a 2004 Grosse Pointe North High School graduate and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in education from Michigan State University in 2008. She is a kindergarten teacher at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic school in Grosse Pointe Woods.

Bahr graduated from North in 2002 and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and a second degree in management in 2007 from MSU. He is a proposal and contracts specialist for repair industries of Michigan in Detroit.

Murphy - Rogensues

Charles and Shelley Murphy of Grosse Pointe Park have announced the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Ann Murphy, to Adam Roy Rogensues, son of Michael and Jan Rogensues of Clinton Township.

A September wedding is planned.

Murphy earned a degree in interior design from Michigan State University and is an interior designer in Chicago.

Rogensues attended MSU earning a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and a master's degree in environmental engineering. He is a process specialist with Severn Trent Services in Chicago.

Lin - Huber

David and Betty Lin of Dartmouth, Mass., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Tina Lin, to Chase Anderson Huber, son of Chet and Barbara Huber of Grosse Pointe Farms. An August wedding is planned.

Lin graduated summa cum laude from Bentley University with a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing and liberal studies and a minor in management. She is in digital marketing as a digital strategist with Roundarch Isobar in Boston.

Huber earned a Bachelor of Science



Elizabeth Dickson and Jerry Ahluwalia



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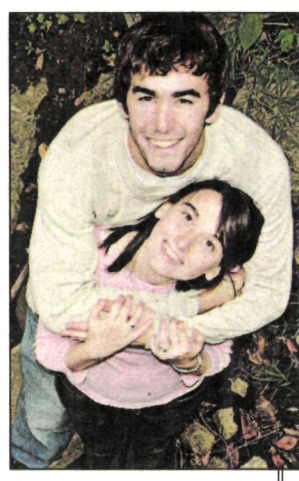
degree in business administration from Pepperdine University and is pursuing a Master of Business Administration degree at Harvard Business School. He is a manager of digital strategy with Warner Bros. Entertainment in Boston.

Malis - Gorman

Alexis Malis and George Malis of Grosse Pointe Woods have announced the engagement of their daughter, Katina Malis, to Eric Gorman, son of Kurt and Linda Gorman of Grand Blanc. A May wedding is planned.

Malis earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan, College of Literature, Science and Arts and a juris doctor degree from The John Marshall Law School. She is an attorney.

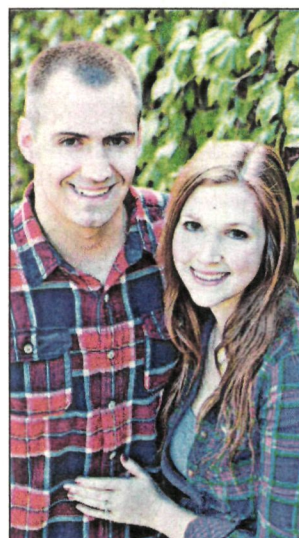
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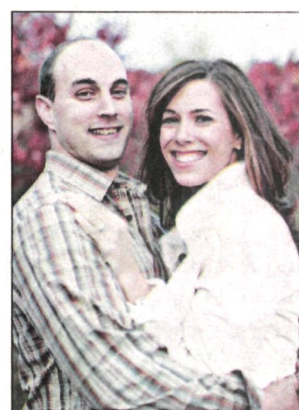
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Katina Malis and Eric Gorman



Sisters

The Detroit Alumnae Panhellenic Association, Sisters of Kappa Delta Sorority is comprised of 16 women's sororities donating to various southeastern Michigan charities. Above, from left, are past association president Darcy Bor of Farmington Hills, Kappa Delta; Susie Sherman-Hall of Pleasant Ridge, Zeta Tau Alpha; Michele Phillips of Livonia, Alpha Omicron Pi; Suelyn Sekulich of Dearborn, Alpha Xi Delta; Kimberly Savona, Kappa Delta; Sue Auch of Grosse Pointe Shores, Alpha Gamma Delta; and Lisa Porter of Royal Oak, Phi Mu. Right, Kappa Delta Sorority officers are president Darcy Bor of Farmington Hills, Kappa Delta; treasurer Lunne Hadley Bacon of Grosse Pointe Farms, Alpha Sigma Alpha; and secretary Bridget Holton of Livonia, Sigma Sigma Sigma.

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WEDDINGS

Bagell - McCabe

Ilana Rose Bagell and Brian William McCabe celebrated their marriage at St. Mark's Church in Philadelphia, May 12, 2012.

The bride is the daughter of Margaret Amira of Princeton, N.J., and Cary Bagell of Long Island, N.Y. The groom is the son of Maureen McCabe of Grosse Pointe Shores and the late Dr. W. Peter McCabe.

Officiating at the ceremony were the Rev. Sean Mullen of Philadelphia and Monsignor Thomas Morgan of Cherry Hill, N.J. Following the ceremony, the reception was held at the Racquet Club of Philadelphia.

The bride wore a strapless Christos gown of silk peau de soie and carried a spring floral arrangement of white flowers accented with pink peonies, hydrangea, tulips and garden roses.

Bridal attendants were the bride's friends; Jennifer Decarolis of Hampton, N.J.; Christine Schaffter of Hoboken, N.J.; Kaoru Yamamoto of Bethesda, Md.; Hannah Bagell of Bayside, N.Y.; and Stephanie Terranova of Colts Neck, N.J.

They chose strapless navy silk gowns and carried sweet pea, peony, stock and rose bouquets accented with pink satin trailing ribbons.

The groom's brother, Christopher McCabe, flew in from Yekaturinburg, Russia, where he is a United States diplomat, to serve as best man.

The groomsmen were James Bertoni of New York City; Jeffrey Sabatino of Philadelphia; Andrew Glancy of Grosse Pointe Farms; and Paul Huish of Carmel, Calif.

Readers were the bride's brother, Jonathan Amira of Camden, N.J. and the groom's sister, Michelle McCabe of Los Angeles.

For the occasion, the mother of the bride chose a black lace re-embroidered gown. The groom's mother wore a jewel blue gown with an overlay of black applique lace. Each carried a nosegay of pink roses and freesia.

The bride earned an undergraduate degree

from Rutgers University and is communications manager for QVC in Westchester, Pa.

The groom is a graduate of Lehigh University and is a systems engineer for UPS in Philadelphia and is pursuing a Master of Business Administration degree at Temple University.

The couple honeymooned in the Virgin Islands and reside in Cherry Hill, N.J.

Brinkerhoff - Zens

Stevie and Rob Brinkerhoff of Richland and Nancy and Jerry Zens of Grosse Pointe Woods announce the marriage of their children, Susanna Devon Auld Brinkerhoff and Jeffrey Burton Zens, July 7, 2012. The ceremony was in Hickory Corners on Gull Lake and performed by Roger J. Dunigan of Traverse City, a family friend of the groom. The reception followed at the Kellogg Manor House on Gull Lake.

The bride's sisters, Darcy Brinkerhoff of Santa Barbara, Calif., and Allie Brinkerhoff of Bangkok, Thailand, served as maids of honor. Bridesmaids were Lynette Brinkerhoff of Richmond, Va.; Molly Fitzpatrick of Chicago; Emilie Foust of Dubuque, Iowa; Carri Ludwiczak of St. Louis; and Jamie Smith of Chicago.

Christopher Waldmeir of the City of Grosse Pointe served as best man.

Groomsmen were Selemon Asfaw of Grosse Pointe Park; the bride's brother, Jory Brinkerhoff of Richmond, Va.; Derek Hrzek of Beijing, China; Michael McIver of Bethesda, Md.; Stewart McMillan of Chicago; and Kevin Rice of New York City.

The bride graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in organizational studies. She is pursuing a Master of Social Work degree at the University of Chicago.

The groom earned a Bachelor of Science degree and Master of

Science degree in engineering from U of M., a Master of Business Administration degree from the Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University. He is with A.T. Kearney in Chicago.

After a honeymoon to Jamaica, the couple reside in Chicago.

Holsapple - Kraus

Elizabeth Harris Holsapple and Joseph Mark Kraus were married July 14, 2012, in Mazama, Wash. The bride is the daughter of Linda and Earle Holsapple of Grosse Pointe Farms. The groom is the son of Janet Hoppe of Oconomowoc, Wis., and the late Steven Kraus.

The Rev. Matthew Nicks of St. Genevieve Catholic Parish performed the ceremony prior to a reception at the Mazama Ranch.

The bride wore a blush-colored dupioni silk gown. French alencon lace bordered the chapel length train and bust. The natural waist was accented with a gathered organza sash draping down the dress's back. She carried a bouquet of wild flowers in pink, blue, white and purple.

Similar flowers adorned the outdoor wedding and reception sites at the base of the northern Cascade Mountains.

Allyson Brown of Warren, N.J., served as her friend's maid of honor.

Bridesmaids were the groom's sister, Karen Kraus of Minneapolis, Minn.; and the bride's friends, Courtney Laufenberg of Chicago, Laura Sloan of New York City, Sandra Carpenter of Royal Oak, Megan Brown of Grosse Pointe Farms and Emily Freeman of Denver.

Flower girls were the bride's cousins of Charleston, S.C., Rhiannon French, Hannah Silveston and Kellyn French; and the groom's niece, Juniper Rademacher of Minneapolis, Minn.

Jim Kraus of Kenosha, Wis., was his brother's

best man.

Groomsmen were the groom's brother, Tom Rademacher of Minneapolis; the bride's brother, John E. Holsapple of Grosse Pointe Farms; and the groom's friends, Brian Gannon of Austin, Texas, Greg Shambam of Eugene, Ore., Patrick Stevens of Eugene, and Ben Roscoe of Denver.

Ring bearers were the bride's cousins, John Lewis Silveston and Brendan DuBray, both of Charleston.

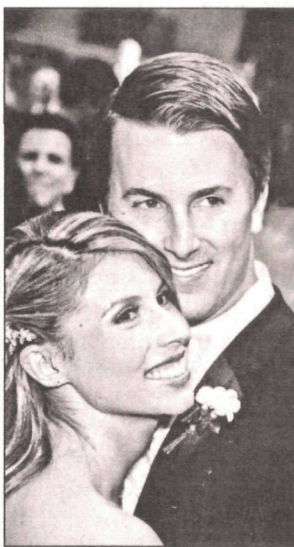
Scripture readers were the groom's sister-in-law, Laura Rademacher of Minneapolis; Kristen Lorentz, the bride's friend from Switzerland; and the bride's uncle, Don Killoren of Webster Groves, Mo.

The bride is a 2000 graduate of Regina High School and a 2004 graduate of Loyola University Chicago. In 2011, she graduated from the University of Oregon School of Law. She is an associate attorney with Slinde Nelson Stanford Attorneys of Portland, Ore.

The groom is a 2001 graduate of Kettle Moraine High School, Wales, Wis. and a 2004 University of Wisconsin - Madison graduate. In 2009, he graduated from the University of Oregon School of Law. He is an attorney with Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance, Inc., Portland.

Walter - Granger

Kimberly Lynn Walter and Brian Patrick Granger were married June 30, 2012, at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial in Grosse Pointe Farms. The bride is the daughter of Mark and Susan Walter of



Mr. and Mrs. Brian William McCabe



Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Burton Zens



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mark Kraus



Mr. and Mrs. Brian Patrick Granger

Lake. Michael and Vicki Granger of Grosse Pointe Woods are the groom's parents.

On the steps of the War Memorial facing Lake St. Clair, the Hon. Lynne Pierce performed the double-ring, 6 p.m. ceremony, followed by a reception in the Crystal Fries Ballroom.

The bride wore an A-line ivory, satin dress with white and silver accent beading. Her bouquet was a mix of ivory flowers with accents of fuschia and deep purple flowers, with sweet peas used as a tribute to the

bride's grandparents.

Stephanie Kline served as her friend's matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Katherine Line, Courtney Connell and Stacey Kartub, all friends of the bride.

Sean Hendrick served as best man for his friend.

Shaun Cavanaugh and Joseph Hakim, the groom's friends, were groomsmen.

The groom's nephew, Thomas Granger, was the ring bearer.

The couple honeymooned for two weeks in Costa Rica.

Former resident receives scholarship

Olga Kostakos was the recent recipient of the Dr. George J. Kouskoulas Memorial Scholarship.

Kostakos is a former Grosse Pointe Farms resi-

dent and a student at Oakland Community College. She intends to pursue a medical degree at the University of Michigan.

She said in a June letter, "Dr. Kouskoulas is truly an inspiration and I aspire to do the same during my college career and

throughout my life."

She was a former patient of pediatrician Kouskoulas.

This is the third scholarship awarded in memory of Kouskoulas through the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association District No. 10 Educational Foundation.



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YESTERDAY'S HEADLINES

1962

50 years ago this week

13-YEAR-OLDS TELL POLICE OF VANDALISM:

Six 13-year-old boys, all but one from the Pointe, confessed to malicious destruction of property on Halloween, and were placed on unofficial probations. The boys shattered at least 13 street light bulbs, tossed eggs at houses and passing cars and caused other damage.

A Woods patrolman lectured the boys in the presence of their parents and placed the boys on six months probation. The officer ordered the boys to study their school work at least three hours a day during the probation period and present their report cards to him showing an improvement in their scholastic grades.

In addition, each boy must write a 100-word

essay on the evils of property destruction and personally give the essays to him by December 12.

STUPID CHILDREN'S PRANK CAUSES REINDEER'S DEATH: Two reindeer, rented for the Christmas season and in a cage in front of Kresge's in The Village, were released from their cage by a group of 15-year-old boys. The boys fiddled with the cage's lock then tossed exploding firecrackers into the cage to loose the animals.

A City patrolman caught one of the animals after an hour's chase, cornered and roped it in the backyard of a home on Harvard and returned it to its cage.

The other deer was found the next morning. Police pulled it from the water, dead of either fright or exhaustion, on the edge of Lake St. Clair near the War Memorial.

All of the teens were apprehended and their parents agreed to make restitution estimated at between \$300 and \$400. Charges will be filed against the boys in juvenile court.

1987

25 years ago

VACANT THREE YEARS, BRONZE DOOR TO GET NEW LIFE:

Rumors the Bronze Door is about to be sold have turned out to be more than just the talk of the party circuit. Both seller and buyer confirmed last week that a deal is imminent.

Grosse Pointer Daniel Coe said he and a partner plan to buy the building that has stood vacant on the Hill for three years. Though plans are still rough, he said they are likely to tear down the old building and open a new restaurant on the spot.

PUNCH & JUDY PROJECT NEARING COMPLETION: About three years after the plan was first conceived, the Punch & Judy Building, which will contain professional offices and retail space, is nearing completion.

—Compiled by Karen Fontanive

A LA ANNIE By Annie Rouleau-Scheriff

Creamy spread kicks off holiday season

The holiday season is here and it's a long one this year. Yea! I'm kicking off the season with a creamy spread made with smoked salmon and cream cheese. Smear on a cracker or stuffed into a celery stalk, this yummy cream cheese is a perfect party starter. P.S. It's super easy to prepare.

Smoked Salmon Cream Cheese

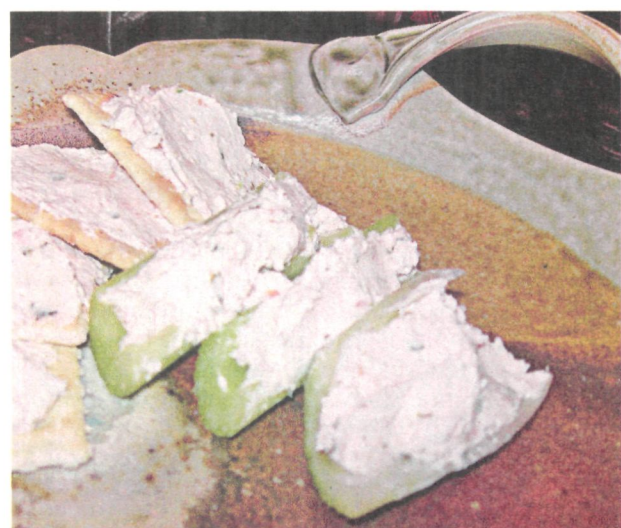
1 - 8 oz. block cream cheese, softened to room temperature

4 oz. smoked salmon
2 teaspoons lemon juice

1 teaspoon prepared horseradish
1/4 teaspoon white pepper

1 tablespoon chopped scallions
1 tablespoon capers, drained

Place all ingredients in a food processor and pulse until smooth. Scrape bowl sides with a spatula in between puls-



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the horseradish and capers. A flavorful spread for sure.

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CLUBS: Donations

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donations of nonperishable food items to be donated to Gleaners Community Food Bank.

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Mutts 'n Meows

Services for Older Citizens Mutts 'n Meows helps seniors in need keep their pets in their homes, rather than having to give them up.

SOC is collecting food donations, sweaters, toys and leashes for delivery to seniors' homes. In addition, some seniors

enrolled in the program also have service animals that they cannot do without.

The program needs donations because supplies are depleted.

Donations of pet food or other pet items can be dropped off at the following locations:

Dapper Dog Wash, 28401 Harper, St. Clair Shores; This 'n' That for Pets, 19467 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods; Lil' Dog Resort, 22940 Industrial, St. Clair Shores; American Pets Inn, 23000 East Industrial, St. Clair Shores; Services for Older Citizens, 159 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms; or Lou's Pet Shop, 20779 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Contact Heidi Uhlig at socvolunteers@yahoo.com or by phone at (313) 882-9600, ext. 246 for more information about Mutts 'n Meows.

COATS: To guard against the chill

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He said he received a shipment of awards for an upcoming Rotary banquet and found a flier inside the box explaining the program in Longwood, Pa., established in 1998 there.

Operation Warm is a non-profit charitable organization having distributed more than a million new winter coats in just over 10 years. The Rotary Club acquires coats at wholesale, spending less than \$20 per coat.

It stuck with Carmody. The Rotary Club held onto the idea for a year, until April when the project's logistics got under way.

This not the first time local Rotary clubs have joined forces. Under the guidance of Grosse Pointe Rotary, Detroit and Windsor are clubs undertook the Three Million Pound Challenge, collecting a million pounds each of clothing, books and food in a year. All donated items were donated to local charities, filling food pantries, human service agencies and libraries.

For more information or to donate to Operation Warm visit snuggl Rotary.org.

Outstanding

City of Grosse Pointe resident **James C. Bruno** was named Best Lawyers' 2013 Detroit International Trade and Finance Law "Lawyer of the Year."

He is a shareholder practicing in Butzel Long's Detroit office.

He graduated from Georgetown University, the University of Michigan Law School and the U of M graduate school of business.

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DIABETES: Maintenance

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focus now is on choosing healthy foods and counting carbohydrates. It is a healthy eating plan whether or not you have diabetes. Exercise is an important part of diabetes management as well as prevention of type 2 diabetes. A recent article from the Institute of Medicine discusses that schools should be the focus of anti-obesity efforts. Educators should provide an opportunity for 60 minutes of exercise and try to make it fun.

November is Diabetes Awareness Month. To help raise awareness of diabetes, Yandall, registered dietitian and certified diabetes educator at DMC Children's Hospital of Michigan, authored this article. For further information visit childrens.dmc.org/pediatric-endocrinology. To schedule an appointment with a diabetes expert call (313) 745-KIDS or toll-free at (888) 362-2500.

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BOYS HOCKEY

North squeezes by rival South

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North dominated its first go-around with city rival Grosse Pointe South last week, but on the scoreboard it turned out to be only a 2-1 victory.

"We didn't play well, but a win is a win," North head coach Scott Lock said. "I knew we had a lot of shots on net and had a lot of scoring chances,

but (Andrew) Wright stood on his head and played very well."

"It was a rivalry game and I knew our kids would play hard, which they did," South head coach Bobby McKillop said. "Andrew was great in net and he kept us in this game. We had a chance to tie it, but we couldn't get the tying goal."

This game was the consolation contest of the

annual Cranbrook-Kingswood Tournament.

The tone was set in the opening period when the Norsemen out-shot the Blue Devils 17-1, but led only 1-0 on a goal by senior Anthony Allemon with 4.6 seconds left.

"We had a chance to score a couple of goals in the first period, which I think could have been huge in the final outcome," Lock said. "I'm glad the offense generated a lot of scoring chances, but I want to see that on a more consistent basis."

The Blue Devils scored on their second shot of the game when senior Jake Corden wristed a shot from the blue line over the right shoulder of Norsemen senior goalkeeper, Tanner Colborg.

The power play goal came at the 15:47 mark and tied it 1-1.

Both teams had another man-advantage in the second period, but neither was fruitful and the score remained 1-1 after two periods of play.

At the 12:38 mark of the third period, senior Jeff Herron scored the game-winning goal.

The Norsemen continued to pound the Blue Devils' net, but each time Wright came up with a big save.

Meanwhile, Colborg only saw five third-period shots, but came up with his biggest save with a little less than a minute left. With the puck about to find the back of the net, Colborg made a glove save to keep the game 2-1.

In the semifinals the day before, Grosse Pointe South lost 6-1 to Livonia Stevenson, while Grosse Pointe North played a division game with the host school and lost 3-2.

"It was a good game, but we just came up a goal short," Lock said. "We're still trying to find our way and we're changing the lineups to see what is the best fit for the team."

North opened its season with a 5-0 loss to Novi Catholic Central, while South played two games before the tournament losing 7-3 to Birmingham Brother Rice and beating Ann Arbor Huron 11-0.

In the lopsided victory, Max Corden had three goals and an assist and Bigham added two goals and one assist to lead the Blue Devils. Andrew Hyde had a goal and an assist, while Jake Corden netted one goal and three assists. Dominic Rinaldi had one goal and one assist, while Wyatt Flynn



Grosse Pointe South goalie, Andrew Wright, background, made 45 saves in the Blue Devils' tough loss to Grosse Pointe North in the consolation game.



PHOTOS BY BOB BRUCE

Grosse Pointe North's C.J. Kusch cruises down the ice during the Norsemen's semifinal game against Cranbrook-Kingswood.

LIGGETT

Knights open with tough four games

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It was ugly, but in the end a win is a win.

University Liggett's boys' hockey team hosted Brownstown Woodhaven last week and escaped with an 8-5 win.

Several penalties turned the third period into a marathon and as it tured out, three players were ejected.

Senior Jake Soyka entertained the home fans, netting a hat trick, while junior Vincent Scarfone, freshman Alex Minanov, senior Manny Counsman, junior Cole Zingas and junior Jake Jerome also tallied for the Knights.

The Knights scored several special teams goals, including Scarfone's shorthanded tally at the 15:52 mark of the first period. Soyka scored twice and Counsman once on power plays.

Sophomore Luke Soyka earned the win, despite giving up four first-period goals when the Warriors jumped out to a 4-2 lead.

The Knights tied it with two second-period goals, and in a 55-second span early in the third stanza, Minanov and Soyka scored to grab control of the game.

The home team built an 8-4 lead, scoring six unanswered, before the Warriors ended the three-hour game with a goal at the 6:31 mark.

The Knights used a healthy speed advantage



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

University Liggett sophomore Stephen Campau causes havoc in front of the net during the Knights' game against the defending Division 1 state champ Brighton.

to take the lead. The Warriors couldn't keep up with the Knights' forwards who had plenty of scoring chances by jetting out to odd-man rushes.

In its season opener, Liggett defeated Howell 5-3 as Counsman and Jake Soyka each had two goals and three assists.

Last weekend, Liggett

traveled to Detroit Ice Arena to compete in the Clarkston Tournament.

The Knights' record quickly evened at 2-2 overall after losing 6-0 to Brighton the first day and 6-4 to South Lyon in the consolation game.

Now at .500, Liggett faces host Orchard Lake St. Mary's Friday, Nov. 30.

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Syphus Training: a huge benefit

By L.C. Wise
Special Writer

A new fitness movement is on the loose and it's lurking in your backyard. The just-opened Syphus Training center, located at 20012 Nine Mile in St. Clair Shores, is a sweat shop in the best sense of the word, and the high-intensity training facility is generating word-of-mouth buzz in the Metro Detroit area and beyond.

Syphus Training is the brainchild of east-side native Mike Hackett, trainer and former manager of Pointe Fitness and Training Center in Harper Woods. At PFTC he created this new genre of fitness that combines body-weight exercises with competition, infusing it with a sport-like

atmosphere for the fitness enthusiast.

"I don't claim it's the easiest route to getting fit," Hackett said. "But those who do Syphus Training take the most direct approach to getting in shape. There are no shortcuts. It is without doubt the most effective way to train."

The best thing about Syphus Training is that it's a program that works as well for professional athletes as it does for the new mom looking to get back into pre-pregnancy jeans.

Hackett, who spends summers training professional hockey players from the National Hockey League, developed Syphus for the everyday Jane or Joe looking to train in a fashion similar to profes-

sional athletes, but at an individual, comfortable pace.

Four characteristics separate Syphus Training from other exercise regimens.

◆ The Field. When you walk into many gyms you find a room filled with dumbbell racks and rows of cardio machines. Not so with Syphus Training. Picture a miniature football field tucked within a store-front. His "field" is, in fact, the former playing surface turf of the Detroit Lions from the Pontiac Silverdome.

◆ The effective area is about 70 feet long, 30 feet wide and is the setting for unique exercises identified as "tasks."

◆ The Tasks. During Syphus Training, Hackett's pupils perform various exercises, but nothing like the traditional squat press and burpee combos.

"I was tired of doing the same thing again and again in the gym so I started to invent my own exercises. I found them to be more effective and engaging than anything I'd done before," Hackett said. "All our tasks are moving exercises — meaning you must move your body from one end of the room to the other to complete a task."

These tasks may be as simple as a side shuffle or carrying a weight from one end of the field to the other, but real challenges await, like the crawling (yes crawling!) exercises.

"We have tasks that require people to get on the ground and crawl forward, backward, sideways," Hackett said. "It's an amazing sight to see



Mike Hackett trains a couple of clients during a recent session.

people moving like animals in the name of fitness."

Hackett said Syphus encompasses more than 300 exercises, roughly half of which are movements he originated. "I certainly didn't invent the push up, but when you perform one while dragging a 45-pound plate, you have an entirely different exercise."

◆ The Circuits. As if performing unique tasks weren't enough to pique your interest, the circuits — the program — complete the workout.

◆ The walls that surround the Syphus Training field are sketched with hieroglyphs outlining the weekly routines. Traditionally, circuit training would have the athlete perform a set of exercises in succession; Hackett's creations demand varied patterns and progressions that test the body and the mind alike. "We are always dream-

ing up different ways to 'keep your body guessing' what comes next," Hackett explained. "Our first circuit created was called a Mountain — with a simple (exercise) progression. Now we have elaborate sequences where some workouts even have story lines. I find it's a way to keep things interesting while differentiating our workouts."

◆ The Statistics. Possibly the greatest differentiator of Syphus Training from other high-intensity training schemes is its scoring system.

Hackett derived something he calls a Relative Overall Quotient — a ROQ — that's a score from 1 to 1,000; think of it as the equivalent of your fitness credit score.

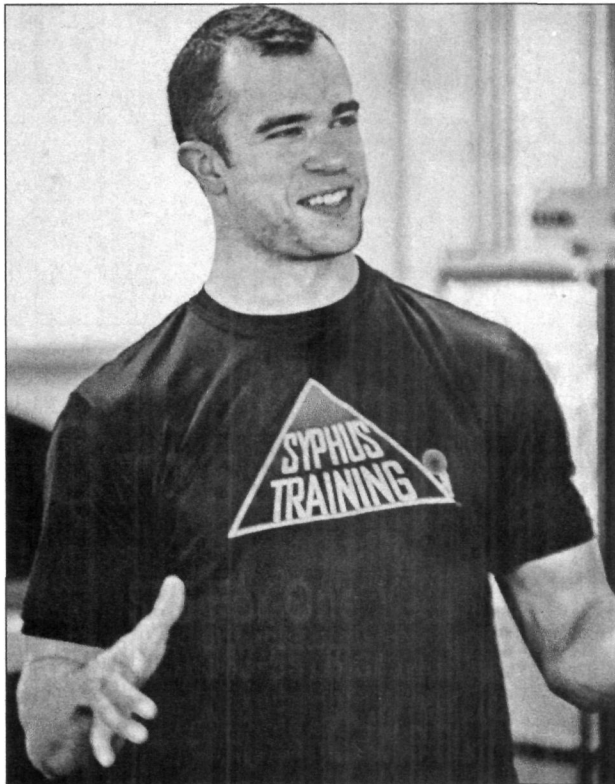
This ROQ factors time spent to complete a routine, the number of exercises completed, and the routine's overall difficulty.

"My hope in creating

the ROQ was to provide tangible feedback to measure their training," Hackett said. "I've found as they focus on improving these numbers they dwell less on the scale. Similarly, this also creates healthy competition among the class members, and that's a great motivator."

Since Syphus Training is such a new concept, many people wrongfully assume it is like CrossFit or Insanity, each of which are also high-intensity workouts. That's not the case.

"What we do is completely original," Hackett said. "It's more than just a workout ... and it is also something that can't fully be grasped without trying it. For that reason, we offer a free introductory class to give people a taste and an understanding of what we're accomplishing. From there, many are converts to this unique and entertaining method of training."



PHOTOS BY JOHN MCTAGGART

Mike Hackett is all smiles since his Syphus Training concept is successful.

BASEBALL INSTRUCTION

Registration ongoing for two-day baseball camp

The annual Dan Griesbaum Baseball School is Thursday and Friday, Dec. 27 and 28, at Grosse Pointe South High School's main gymnasium.

The holiday hitting camp runs from 1 to 4 p.m. each day and is for players in second to sixth grade. Those in seventh and eighth grade from

out of the Grosse Pointe Public School System may also attend due to MHSAA regulations.

The cost of the camp is \$60 for each day or \$100 for both days and all players must be pre-registered. The camp is to provide detailed instruction on the fundamentals of the game of baseball by teaching proper

mechanics in a safe and positive atmosphere.

The emphasis is instructional, not recreational.

Camp directors are Dan Griesbaum and Matt Reno.

Griesbaum has been Grosse Pointe South's varsity baseball coach for 30 years. During his tenure, the Blue Devils have won 12 conference, 19 district and one state championship in 2001. They have been in five state semifinals.

He is a member of the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

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Girls hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

OT win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' hockey team won its season opener Saturday, Nov. 17, beating host Port Huron 4-3 in overtime.

"We rolled three lines and mixed up our defensive pairings for most of the game," head coach Joe Provenzano said. "Port Huron has some excellent skaters and they played well, but Anastasia (Diamond) came up with some huge saves to help us win the game."

"We had enough offense to win, but there are definitely things we need to work on."

The Blue Devils built a 3-1 lead on the heels of goals by Darian Dempsey, Lindsey



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointe South's Allison Daudlin, No. 16, along with other veterans, are going to step up their play this season.

Makos and Libby Erickson.

Port Huron stormed back to tie it, but in the extra session, Dempsey scored the game-winner. She finished with two goals and one assist,

while Makos and Erickson each had one goal and one assist.

Others with assists were Eliza Burke, Meghan Polack and Tenley Shield with one apiece.

Diamond faced 39 shots and made 36 saves to move her record to 1-0 on the young season.

Grosse Pointe South is 1-0 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

Wrestling

YOUTH CLUB

Time to sign up

The Grosse Pointe Wrestling Club Kicks-off its 10th season.

Members begin training this Thursday at Grosse Pointe South High School.

It is open to any first-through eighth-grade student in the Grosse Pointes. The junior high team competes from November through January, while the elementary school club runs until March 1.

Practices are 5:45 to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday in the South high wrestling room in the main gym. The cost for the entire season is

\$50, while the junior high cost is \$30 through January. The cost is \$20 for the second member of a family.

The team is coached by founder Tony Cimmarrusti, who wrestled and coached at Harvard University. He has more than three decades of wrestling experience.

The head coach is former South standout (and club member) Sergio Rodriguez. Additionally, former head coach Scott Cairo will assist, as will several other Grosse Pointe alum wrestlers and parents.

LIGGETT

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett girls' hockey team split its season-opening games, losing 3-1 to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood and beating Plymouth-Canton-Salem (PCS) 2-1.

"We had a couple of nice efforts to start the season," head coach Cassie Jaeckle said. "It would have been nice to win both, but we'll take the split."

In the opener at Cranbrook-Kingswood, the Knights trailed 2-1 after two periods. Senior Hannah Mason scored for the Knights.

The Cranes added an insurance goal in the final period to earn the win. For the Knights, freshman goalie Olivia Portillo stopped 37 shots.

The Knights rebounded to edge the Penguins on junior Danielle Lorant's game-winning tally.

Mason also scored for the Knights and Portillo earned her first varsity

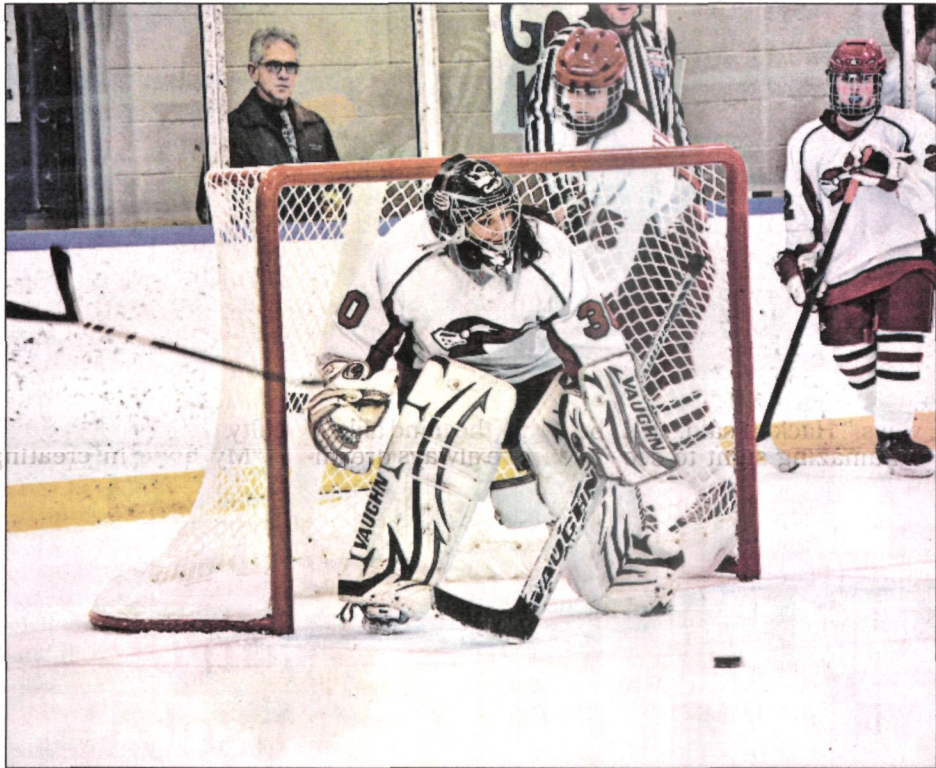


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Freshman goalie Olivia Portillo is one of the reasons the Knights should field one of the stronger teams in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League this season.

victory as Liggett improved to 1-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

"We're optimistic about

this season and playing well in these games was important," Jaeckle said. "I can see the girls playing as a team and they want to work hard."

Coming up for the Knights is a home game Friday, Nov. 30, against one of the preseason title favorites, Grosse Pointe North.

LIGGETT

Gaggin honored

University Liggett senior Nate Gaggin earned a spot on this year's Associated Press First-Team Division 7-8 All-State squad.

Gaggin made the 29-player team, which was selected by a panel of media members from around the state.

The rest of the Division 7-8 All-State Team is below:

Quarterbacks: Mitch Myler of Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart.

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Linebackers: Joe Otsman of St. Ignace; Christian Benavidez of Vestaburg; Nate Gerhold of Decatur; Brad Harrah of Lenawee Christian; and Josh Reau of Britton Deerfield.

Defensive backs: Nathan Holt of Lake City; Cody Peyok of Reese; and Kirk Gibson of Climax-Scotts.

Specialist: Nick Eberstein of Mendon; Nolan Nye of Frankfort. Punter: Tommy Sanchez of Detroit Westside Christian Academy.

Placekicker: Spencer Howell of Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes.

REGINA



All-State

Alla Kedzierski, a Grosse Pointe Shores resident and a Regina High School senior, received an All-State Award from the Michigan Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association at the 2012 MHSA Girls Swimming and Diving Finals Saturday, Nov. 17. She placed sixth in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:10.89 and placed 15th in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:02.81.

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Boys hockey

LIGGETT

Knights ready to defend state title

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's boys' hockey team takes the ice as the defending Division 3 state champion.

Head coach Robb McIntyre and the Knights blanked Houghton 3-0 in the title game, finishing the season 27-3.

They only lost a couple of players, including Mark Auk to juniors, and returning is a multitude of veterans, including seniors Jake Soyka, Manny Counsman and Cam Marchese.

"We're looking good with solid forwards, but we're a little thin on defense," McIntyre said. "I like the way the kids are practicing and we need a solid effort since we have a great schedule."

"We will see all the big boys this year, so we will see where we stand come playoff time."

The Knights have a ton of juniors with William Yates, Vinny Scarfone,



University Liggett head coach Robb McIntyre, left, is counting on returning seniors, from left, Manny Counsman, Jake Soyka and Cam Marchese, to help the Knights defend their state title.

Tony Giorgio, sophomores Luke Soyka, Lordanthy Grissom, Josh Soyka, John Rahi, Jake Jerome and Mason Demsey and Sheridan Reilly back from last year's squad. Stephen Campau. Newcomers are junior Cole Zingas and fresh-

men Alexander Minanov, Harrison Wujek, Brett Abdelnour and Matt Gushee.

"I like our depth and we still have a lot of

younger guys who will need time to grow," McIntyre said. "They will get an opportunity to play in some big games this winter."

The Knights are not affiliated with any league, so they play an independent schedule.

They host Howell, Woodhaven, Toledo St. John, St. Clair Shores Unified, Utica Eisenhower, Macomb Dakota, Cleveland St. Ignasius, Toledo St. Francis de Sales, Hartland and Livonia Stevenson.

They also host a holiday showcase the weekend before Christmas and another one in mid-January.

In road games, the Knights face Orchard Lake St. Mary, Detroit Country Day, Lake Orion and Novi Catholic Central in the regular season finale.

They also compete in the Clarkston Tournament, the Big Rapids Tournament, Sault Ste. Marie Tournament and the MIHL Showcase.

When you add it up, the Knights play the maximum regular season 25 games.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen need time to gel as team

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

With a little extra hard work, Grosse Pointe North's boys' hockey team can make another long run in the Division 1 state playoffs.

Last season, head coach Scott Lock guided the Norsemen to a spot in the Division 1 state championship game. They outplayed Brighton, but lost 4-3.

The Norsemen entered the state playoffs with a sub-.500 record and when it ended with the title game loss, they were 15-15.

Lock lost three players to juniors, leaving 12 returning guys and 14 newcomers to his varsity team.

"We will get better with each week," Lock said. "We're starting the season with some guys missing with illness, but we will get them back soon

enough and then we will have our full team on the ice."

Leading the team are Jack Stander, David Chavis, R.C. Nelson, Tyler Capp, Anthony Allemon, Jeff Herron, Jack Guest, Nick Rahaim, C.J. Kusch, Vincent Romanelli, Patrick Lane and Brendan Keelan.

The Norsemen should be stout on defense and their forwards have enough talent to be consistent. Lock has three goalies he will use.

As usual, the Norsemen are no stranger to tough schedules. They compete in the state's best league, the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League with Novi Catholic Central, Birmingham Brother Rice, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood, Warren DeLaSalle, Port Huron Northern, Orchard Lake St. Mary, Wyandotte Roosevelt, U-D Jesuit

and Trenton.

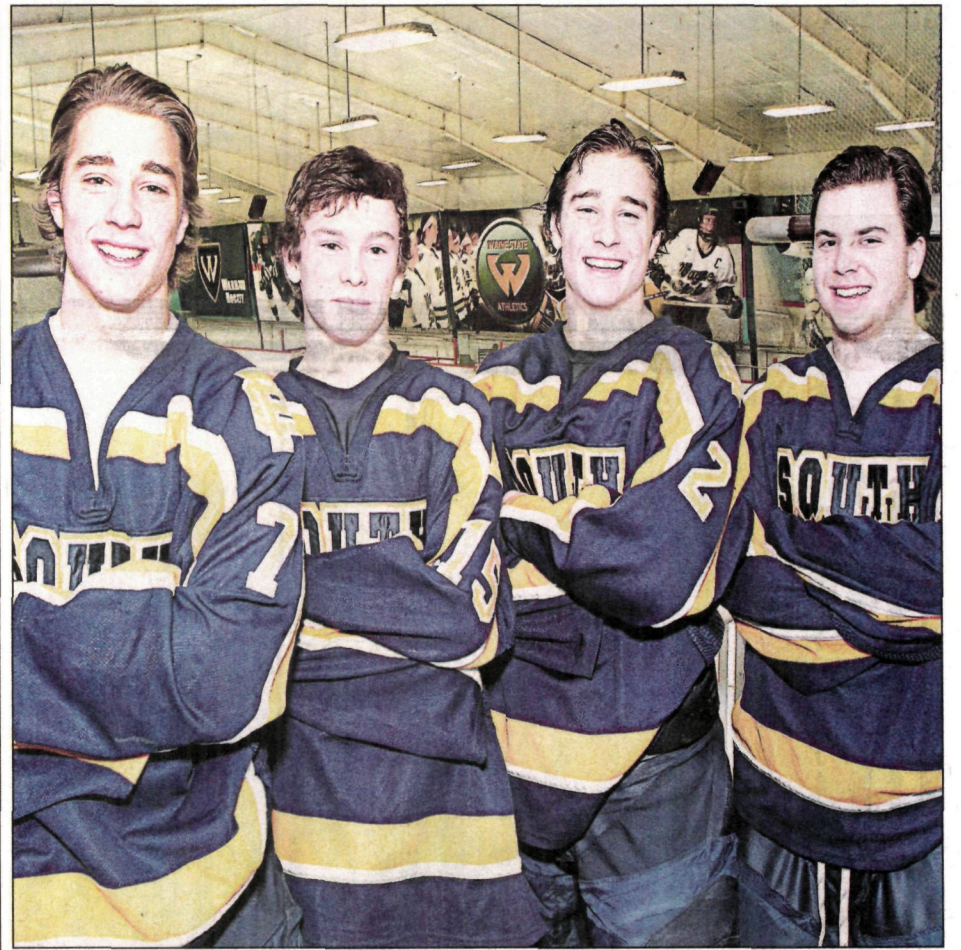
"It will take some time to get everyone on the same page and we will play hard against the tough teams in our league," Lock said. "I expect us to compete against the good teams on our schedule."

Catholic Central, Brother Rice and Cranbrook Kingswood are the teams to beat, but don't count out North and the rest of the MIHL squads. Each is improved, proving to be a tough draw night-in and night-out.

In non-league action, the Norsemen face Grosse Pointe South, Livonia Stevenson, Rochester Unified, Livonia Churchill and University Liggett.

They also compete in the Marquette Tournament the first weekend of January, plus play two foes in the annual MIHL Showcase.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH



Grosse Pointe South's boys' hockey team captain and assistant captains are Max Corden, Riley Maher, Andrew Bigham and Jake Corden.

New coach brings professional touch

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' hockey team is under new leadership this season, Robert McKillop.

He played 18 years of professional hockey as a member of teams competing in the East Coast Hockey League, International Independent Hockey League, Ontario Hockey League, Roller Hockey League, United Hockey League and West Coast Hockey League.

His best season came in 1990-91 when he scored 37 goals and had 55 assists for 92 points for the Kingston Frontenacs of the OHL.

He brings a wealth of knowledge to the program. McKillop takes over a team, which lost several key seniors from the 2011-12 squad, that made it to the Division 2 state championship game against Birmingham Brother Rice.

"It's a process,"

McKillop said. "We're going to take some time to get everyone on the same page, but we will get there."

"The boys are eager to learn and they're working hard in practice."

Leading the way this season are seniors Max Corden, Riley Maher and Jake Corden; juniors Andrew Hyde, Andrew Bigham and Andrew Wright; and sophomores Dominic Rinaldi and Wyatt Flynn.

Wright and senior Will Newell are the Blue Devils' goaltenders.

"We have to play the game from the goaltender out," McKillop said. "We have to get good at goaltending, be solid in our own zone and put the puck in the net. We will work hard in all phases of the game."

South is the defending Michigan Metro Hockey League champions. The Blue Devils reside in the east and play home and away games against Allen Park, Dearborn Unified, Dearborn Divine

Child and Pontiac Notre Dame Prep.

The Blue Devils play the west division teams once and they are Ann Arbor Huron, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Saline, Southgate Anderson and Woodhaven.

McKillop wants to secure another division championship and he will use a tough non-league slate to get the team ready for the state playoffs.

In non-league action, the Blue Devils face defending Division 2 state champ Birmingham Brother Rice, Livonia Stevenson, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood, Trenton, Birmingham Detroit Country Day and U-D Jesuit.

They also compete in the Liggett Tournament the weekend before Christmas and a second Liggett Tournament in mid-January.

They also face two quality opponents in the annual MIHL Showcase in early February.



Grosse Pointe North's captains this season are, from left, Jack Stander, Jeff Herron and Anthony Allemon.

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Girls hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils aim for three in a row

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's girls' hockey team is shooting for its third straight state championship this season.

Head coach Joe Provenzano enters his third year at the helm and both of his previous seasons ended with his players skating around the ice holding the state title trophy.

"We're doing well so far in practice and we have a good core of seniors to lead us," Provenzano said. "We're excited to start the season and see the progression our kids make from the beginning to what hopefully is playing their best as we get close to the playoffs."

The Blue Devils are counting on seniors Anastasia Diamond, Allison Daudlin, Darian Dempsey, Gabby Hartman, Lindsey Makos, Sam Taylor and Meghan Polack.

Other top returning players are juniors Tenley Shield and Anne Crowley, along with sophomores Eliza



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Head coach Joe Provenzano, standing left, has several returning seniors, from left, Meghan Polack, Lindsey Makos, Darian Dempsey, Samantha Taylor, Gabrielle Hartman, Allison Daudlin and Anastasia Diamond.

Bourke, Ellie Flom and Libby Erickson.

Freshman Isabella Stricker has experience in net and will back up Diamond this season.

"Isabella will get the opportunity to learn the position and get experience from Anastasia," Provenzano said.

The Blue Devils are rich in veteran leadership.

They should shine in goal and defensively. However, it might take them some time to find girls who will consistently put the puck in the net. Right now, the leading returning scorer is

Shield.

The Blue Devils finished 15-4-1 last season. They struggled at times early in the season, but put their game in a higher gear in the second half. They really played their best hockey during the three-game run to the state championship,

which ended with a convincing 4-1 victory over Grosse Pointe North.

This season should be one of the most competitive in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

South is one of the favorites to win another title, but Provenzano

said don't count out Grosse Pointe North, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood, Ann Arbor and University Liggett.

"It's going to be a very tight, well-balanced league this season and that makes for a better league," Provenzano said. "I can't wait to see our girls rise to many challenges ahead of them and see them improve as the season goes on."

"We, as coaches, believe in our players and they work hard to accomplish one goal and that is to try to win a state championship."

Another team which should be tough to beat, but plays in Division 2 of the league is Farmington Hills Mercy.

South faces each Division 1 team twice, North, Cranbrook-Kingswood, Ann Arbor, Livonia Ladywood, University Liggett, Northville and Port Huron. It plays Division 2 teams Mercy, Warren Regina, Plymouth-Canton-Salem (PCS), Bloomfield and Walled Lake once.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen hungry to get to title game



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Grosse Pointe North's 2012-13 captains are, from left, Natalie Skorupski, Julia Henderson, C.J. McCarthy and Sara Villani.

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

This is the last chance for a talented group of seniors to win a state championship for Grosse Pointe North's girls' hockey team.

Katie Bowles, C.J. McCarthy, Bryn Moody, Melanie Mermiges, Natalie Skorupski, Jaci Sherry, Julia Henderson and Sara Villani have accomplished almost every goal during their first three years, including winning a division championship last year and earning the No. 1 seed in the state playoffs.

The Norsemen made the championship game against archrival Grosse Pointe South and actually scored first to lead 1-0.

It went all downhill from that point in a 4-1 loss.

This motivated the girls

to work extra hard this off-season to be prepared for what they hope is a state championship to top their high school career.

"I think the league has a lot of parity this year and it should be a fun season for everyone," head coach Joe Lucchese said. "The girls are working hard and they understand what has to be done to win the state championship."

Joining the returning veterans are juniors Susan Tomasi and Madeline Vyletel and sophomores Karina Lucchese, Lauren Hart and Kelly LeBarge.

Incoming freshmen Elizabeth and Lindsay Gallagher and Tesa Ulrich bring depth to the team, giving the coaching staff a roster loaded with pairing possibilities.

One key to winning a

title is goaltending. Gone is Emma Huellmantel and in are Hartt and newcomer to the team, senior Sarah Richardson.

The Norsemen finished 20-3 last winter and won the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 1 with an 18-2 mark.

They are once again favored to win the division title, but two-time defending state champ Grosse Pointe South and the always dangerous Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood squad will battle.

Port Huron, Liggett, Ladywood, Ann Arbor and Northville also reside in Division 1.

North plays each division foe home and away, plus plays Division 2 teams Plymouth-Canton-Salem (PCS), Mercy, Walled Lake, Regina and Bloomfield.

LIGGETT

Can Knights compete with league elite?

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It's been a smoother start of her second year for head coach Cassie Jaekle.

Last year she led the University Liggett girls' hockey team to a 9-10-1 record in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 1 standings and 10-13-2 overall mark in her inaugural season behind the bench.

"Everyone knows what to expect with my system and it's been a smoother start to year No. 2 for the program," Jaekle said. "We lost two to graduation, one to a transfer and two more who decided not to play hockey, but gained seven, including some freshmen who have travel experience."

"So, I think overall our roster is better than last season and we're looking forward to this winter." Jaekle's players have

worked hard in the off-season on and off the ice. The girls are better skaters and stronger hockey players with a better knowledge of the game.

This should translate into a better won-loss record this winter.

Leading the way are senior co-captains Chandler Warren and Aria Ganz-Waple. They add leadership to the team and veteran experience.

Other seniors are Emma Bandos and Hannah Mason, so the Knights are basically a young team.

Several freshmen made the team and a couple of newcomers to the sport are on the roster. "It's great to have a larger squad of 23 with girls who have a variety of hockey experience," Jaekle said. "We're building our program to be solid from top to bottom and we're making a lot of progress."

"We can't wait."

The Knights have a chance to be in the thick of things in the division standings if the offense can fill the shoes left by 2012 graduate Haleigh Bolton, who had 23 goals last season.

They have a solid goaltender in freshman Olivia Portillo and another solid freshman in Allison Stapleton.

Two-time defending state champ Grosse Pointe South, along with division champ Grosse Pointe North and always tough Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood are once again the teams to beat.

Northville, Livonia Ladywood and Ann Arbor round out the Division 1 opposition. Liggett faces each division foe twice, plus plays squads from Division 2, Warren Regina, Walled Lake, Plymouth-Canton-Salem (PCS), Bloomfield (twice) and Mercy.



FILE PHOTO

University Liggett sophomore Jenalyn Pangborn is going to be counted on to exhibit consistent play this season.

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Girls basketball

LIGGETT

Knights have new head coach

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's girls' basketball team looks to make a third straight trip to the Class C state championship game.

Trying to make this happen is new head coach Omar Ahart. He will use his experience and determination to mold a solid group of returning players into a good team.

"The school welcomed me with open arms and we're off to a nice start," Ahart said. "We're going to be a more athletic, quick hitting offensive team who will defend more."

The past four years the Knights counted on 2012 Miss Basketball, Madison Ristovski. She is a freshman on the University of Michigan women's basketball team, but the squad still has several top-notch players returning.

Leading the way are seniors Haleigh Ristovski and Ariana Castillo, junior Lea Evangelista, and sophomores Lola Ristovski and Jessica Rotzoll.

Lending a supportive role are senior Shatara Cleveland, sophomore



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Liggett's returning players are, from left, Haleigh Ristovski, Lea Evangelista, Lola Ristovski, Ariana Castillo and Jessica Rotzoll.

Mackenzie Lukas and freshman Kendall McConico.

"We're a little light on numbers, but we have a talented roster," Ahart said. "I'm excited about this coaching opportunity

and we expect success." Ahart brings a wealth of coaching knowledge. He was Cass Tech's head coach the past two years and was the head assistant at Melvindale for four seasons. In addition,

he coaches AAU teams. The Knights finished 22-5 last season despite an early season coaching change and roster changes.

They breezed through the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference for a second straight season.

Ahart's squad maintains its challenging schedule, which includes Catholic League foes Livonia Ladywood and

Farmington Hills Mercy, a season-opener against defending Class B state champ Goodrich, two games in the Roundball Classic against Freeland and Romulus, a home game against Saginaw and an away game in the regular season finale against Woodhaven.

The Knights also play 12 MIAC games against Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, Plymouth Christian, Birmingham Roeper, Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, Auburn Hills Oakland Christian and Southfield Christian.

"We start off with a tough one against Goodrich at our place and then hit the road for some tough games," Ahart said. "It's a challenging schedule, but we will be ready. We're looking forward to it."

Watch the Knights play an even more up-tempo game with high octane offense and a quick defense.

They should have no problem putting 50 points per game on the board every game and even more when the girls get used to playing Ahart's system.

Liggett hosts Goodrich Friday, Nov. 30, before playing at Ladywood Tuesday, Dec. 4.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Goals run high

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Kevin Richards has his Grosse Pointe South girls' basketball team in prime position to head back to the Class A Final Four at the Breslin Center.

Last year, the Blue Devils blew a double-digit fourth-quarter lead in a 54-53 loss to Grand Haven in the state championship game.

The team finished 23-4 and lost graduates Caitlin Moore, Carmen Engel and Cathy Palazzolo from the squad.

With Richards, it's not time to panic, but to stay positive as this year's team is better than the 2012 version.

"We have leadership, speed, dedication and depth with this squad," Richards said. "The girls worked hard in the summer and we had success playing in the summer leagues. They're anxious for the season to start."

Several of the players were on the volleyball team, which won a district title and played in a regional final. They're ready to play and they already come into the basketball season with smiles on their face.

Leading the way is senior forward Claire DeBoer. She already signed a letter-of-intent to play college basketball at Bucknell University next year. DeBoer is in great shape and she has the potential to dominate the paint, as well as use her athleticism to score fast-break buckets.

Other top returning scorers are senior Christina Flom and sophomores Aliezza Brown



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Grosse Pointe South's team captains this winter are, from left, Gretchen Shirar, Christy Flom and Claire DeBoer.

and Cierra Rice.

Other returning players who will play an expanded role are seniors Gretchen Shirar and Emily Satterfield, along with sophomores Katie Kish and Cydney Webb, who both played part of last season on the varsity.

Newcomers are freshman Natalie Engel and junior Bre Andrews, who played a big part in helping University Liggett's girls' basketball team make the Class C state title game before injuring a knee in the semifinals. She is taking it slow this fall.

The Blue Devils moved up to the Macomb Area Conference Red Division. They have either won or shared four straight division championships.

In division play this winter, the Blue Devils

face Romeo, Macomb Dakota, Sterling Heights Stevenson, Utica Ford, Chippewa Valley and city rival Grosse Pointe North.

Richards' non-league slate is brutal. It includes Illinois' top team, Chicago Whitney Young, Port Huron Northern, Canton, Livonia Ladywood, Detroit Country Day, Utica, Dearborn Heights Robichaud and Warren Cousino.

"We have a tough schedule on purpose," Richards said. "I want the girls to play some of the best to get ready for the state playoffs. This schedule definitely will get them ready."

South begins its season with a road game Saturday, Dec. 1, at Whitney Young.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen dark horse in MAC Red

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's girls' basketball team has a loaded schedule and ton of veterans to guide the players through this trek.

"We're pretty similar to last year and we arguably have the toughest schedule we've ever had," head coach Gary Bennett said. "I would rather play tough teams. I want the girls to compete."

Leading the charge is one of Bennett's biggest senior classes, led by Taryn Kiah. Other seniors are Jenna Paglino, Lauren Koeppe, Anna Giordano, Emily Armbruster, Stavi Varlamos and Francesca Ciaramitaro.

Other returning players are juniors Maria Liddane, one of the top

point guards in the Macomb Area Conference, and Jayla Hubbard, as well as sophomore Megan Lesha.

Newcomers to the varsity are junior Phoebe Dodge and freshman Erin Armbruster.

The Norsemen finished 9-12 last year and 7-5 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division.

The Norsemen have an athletic group and some height with Lesha and Koeppe in the post.

They should have enough speed with their guards and forwards to utilize the pressing style of defense and an offense which should be able to score fast-break points.

The Norsemen remained in the MAC Red Division after the shuffling of teams moved up and down.

Their competition

includes Macomb Dakota, Romeo, Utica Ford, Chippewa Valley, Sterling Heights Stevenson and title-favorite Grosse Pointe South.

"Our division is probably the toughest it's ever been," Bennett said. "There are going to be some good basketball games in the Red Division this year."

In non-league action, the Norsemen travel to Sterling Heights, Birmingham Marian, Westland John Glen and Livonia Ladywood, and host Romulus, Plymouth, Warren Cousino and Birmingham Detroit Country Day.

Grosse Pointe North opens its season Tuesday, Nov. 27, at Sterling Heights, and two nights later it plays at Birmingham Marian.



FILE PHOTO

North's Taryn Kiah is ready for a dynamic season.

Boys basketball

LIGGETT

Veterans ready to accomplish

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's boys' basketball team fields one of its strongest rosters in recent memory. Head coach Sidney Johnson has nine seniors, including four starters on the roster, along with three juniors and one sophomore, starting guard Fred Saffold. "These guys played a lot of basketball during the summer and this fall, so they're ready to go," Johnson said. "We will be able to play faster this year and get into our break faster."

Returning senior starters Eric Ewing, KeVaughn Jackson, Drew Jerome and Connor Fannon join other seniors Stephen Benard, Dan Baird, Andrew Heaney, V.J. Policherla and Alec Petitpren to form a solid group of athletic, experienced basketball players. The juniors are Ian Clarke, Shawn Fair and John George.

The Knights experi-

enced some growing pains last year, finishing 12-11 overall and 9-5 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

With the senior-dominated roster, those growing pains should subside and the level of basketball should increase tenfold this winter.

Southfield Christian and Allen Park Inter-City Baptist are still tough and should be the teams to beat in the MIAC, but the Knights will contend.

"We have high expectations this year and we want to win a district title and get to the regional part of the state tournament or even beyond," Johnson said. "We have a versatile lineup, so we're looking forward to adding some things to our system."

Ewing is a MIAC most valuable player of the year candidate and should provide consistent double-digit scoring night-in and night-out, while Fannon and Baird provide interior tough-



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

University Liggett's seniors are, from left, Andrew Heaney, Stephen Benard, KeVaughn Jackson, Eric Ewing, Connor Fannon, Dan Baird, Alec Petitpren, V.J. Policherla and Drew Jerome.

ness. Jackson is lanky and can drive to the basket or hit jump shots. Johnson has the luxury of having a deep roster, so look for the Knights to run and press more than in recent years.

Joining Southfield Christian, Inter-City Baptist and Liggett in the division are Sterling Heights Parkway Christian, Plymouth Christian Academy, Bloomfield Hills Roeper,

Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest and Auburn Hills Oakland Christian. The Knights face Franklin Road Christian, Lutheran North and a team out of Windsor in non-league action.

Johnson is waiting for a few more schools to finalize a contract to play non-league games this winter. The schedule isn't complete, but the Knights should start their season in early December.

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12/29/12	A	Roundball Classic	TBD
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01/15/13	A	Inter-City Baptist	7:00 PM
01/15/13	H	Inter-City Baptist	7:00 PM
01/18/13	A	Oakland Christian	8:30 PM
01/22/13	H	Lutheran NW	7:00 PM
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11/30/12	A	OLSM at OLSM Ice Areana	8:00 PM
12/02/12	H	St. John Toledo	12:00 PM
12/07/12	H	SCS Unified	5:30 PM
12/12/12	H	Eisenhower	6:30 PM
12/14/12	H	Dakota	5:30 PM
12/21/12	H	Liggett Showcase	7:30 PM
12/22/12	H	Liggett Showcase	7:00 PM
12/28/12	A	Big Rapids at Ewingleben	7:00 PM
12/29/12	A	Big Rapids at Ewingleben	3:00 PM
01/11/13	H	St. Ignasius	8:00 PM
01/12/13	A	DCDS at Southfield Arena	7:00 PM
01/16/13	H	St. Francis de Sales	6:00 PM
01/18/13	H	Liggett Showcase	7:45 PM
01/19/13	H	Liggett Showcase	5:45 PM
01/25/13	A	Sault Ste. Marie Tourney at Big Bear	8:00 PM
01/26/13	A	Sault Ste. Marie Tourney at Big Bear	1:00 PM
01/31/13	A	Lake Orion at Det. Skate	7:30 PM
02/07/13	A	Trenton Showcase at Kennedy	TBD
02/15/13	H	Hartland	7:45 PM
02/18/13	H	Livonia Stevenson	4:30 PM
02/20/13	A	Catholic Central at Compuware	6:45 PM
02/26/13	H	Pre-Regional	7:45 PM
02/28/13	H	Pre-Regional	5:00 PM

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL
Hockey - Girls Varsity

11/10/12	H	Cranbrook	5:00 PM
11/14/12	A	Cranbrook at Wallace	7:00 PM
11/15/12	H	Canton	5:30 PM
11/20/12	H	Regina	5:00 PM
11/28/12	A	Pioneer at Vetrans Areana	7:00 PM
11/30/12	H	Grosse Pointe North	6:30 PM
12/08/12	A	Andover at Wallace	9:00 AM
12/10/12	H	Ladywood	5:30 PM
12/14/12	H	Northville	7:45 PM
12/20/12	H	Liggett Invitational	6:45 PM
12/22/12	H	Liggett Invitational	3:00 PM
01/08/13	H	Andover	5:45 PM
01/10/13	A	Regina at Great Lakes	6:25 PM
01/12/13	A	Grosse Pointe North at GPCR	4:00 PM
01/15/13	H	Grosse Pointe South	5:45 PM
01/19/13	A	Port Huron at Glacier Pt.	8:15 PM
01/22/13	H	Mercy	5:45 PM
02/02/13	H	Port Huron	3:00 PM
02/05/13	H	Walled Lake	5:45 PM
02/08/13	A	Northville at Farmington	7:30 PM
02/14/13	A	Grosse Pointe South at City	7:00 PM
02/15/13	H	Pioneer	5:30 PM
02/16/13	H	Northville	5:00 PM
02/19/13	H	Cranbrook	5:45 PM
02/23/13	H	Northville	5:30 PM

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL
Basketball - Girls Varsity

11/30/12	H	Goodrich	7:00 PM
12/04/12	A	Ladywood	7:30 PM
12/07/12	A	Mercy	7:00 PM
12/29/12	A	Roundball Classic	12:40 PM
12/30/12	A	Roundball Classic	11:00 AM
01/08/13	A	Plymouth Christian	7:00 PM
01/11/13	H	Roeper	7:00 PM
01/15/13	H	Inter-City Baptist	5:30 PM
01/18/13	A	Oakland Christian	7:00 PM
01/22/13	A	Lutheran NW	7:00 PM
01/25/13	H	Southfield Christian	8:30 PM
01/29/13	H	Saginaw	7:00 PM
02/05/13	H	Plymouth Christian	7:00 PM
02/08/13	A	Roeper	7:00 PM
02/12/13	A	Inter-City Baptist	5:30 PM
02/14/13	H	Southfield Christian	7:00 PM
02/15/13	A	Oakland Christian	8:30 PM
02/19/13	H	Lutheran NW	7:00 PM
02/22/13	H	Woodhaven	7:00 PM
02/25/13	A	District Week	TBD

UNIVERSITY LIGGETT SCHOOL
Swimming - Varsity

01/05/13	A	Hazel Park Relay Meet	12:00 PM
01/08/13	A	Dundee	5:30 PM
01/15/13	A	Greenhills at Willow Run	6:00 PM
02/01/13	H	East Detroit	6:00 PM
02/04/13	A	Hazel Park	6:00 PM
02/12/13	A	Clawson	6:30 PM
02/14/13	H	Greenhills	5:30 PM
02/23/13	H	League Meet	TBD

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Boys basketball

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen full of youthful energy

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe North's boys' basketball team will have a new look this season.

Head coach Matt Lockhart lost several seniors, leaving his 2012-13 squad with a new identity.

"We bring back kids with experience, but they will have new roles," Lockhart said. "It's a great group of kids with a great work ethic. It will take some time to get everyone on the same page, but once we do we will be better."

The Norsemen, which finished 12-10 overall and 7-5 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division last year, are led by seniors Chris Doherty, Taiwan Wiggins and Robert Tillman, a newcomer to the squad.

Juniors Justin Kennedy and Ricky Watson played on the varsity as sopho-

mores, and another returning player is sophomore Tim Herd.

A couple of junior varsity players making the jump to varsity are juniors Jacob Zacharias and Sal Ciaravino.

"We're athletic, but not very big," Lockhart said. "We're going to be in good shape this season because we have to use our strength, which is quickness."

"I know we will get the most out of each and every player on this team and they will work very hard."

Look for the Norsemen to use a more up-tempo style of play this season at both ends of the court.

The MAC White was changed quite a bit this season. The only three teams still in it are North, Utica and Roseville. Either moving up to the MAC Red or down to the MAC Blue are Warren Cousino, Eastpointe East Detroit, Grosse Pointe

South and Port Huron Northern.

The Norsemen's new division foes are Utica Ford, Warren Mott, L'Anse Creuse and Sterling Heights Stevenson.

"It's nearly a new division with so many changes," Lockhart said. "We will see how it goes the first time through."

Lockhart put together a tough non-league schedule, which includes Warren DeLaSalle, Warren Woods-Tower, Grosse Pointe South, Farmington, Detroit Country Day, Warren Cousino, Warren Lincoln and Macomb Dakota.

Grosse Pointe North starts its season with a home game Tuesday, Dec. 4, against DeLaSalle.

After that, the Norsemen hit the road for the rest of the 2012 slate.

They finally play in front of the home fans Thursday, Jan. 17.



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

Grosse Pointe North's team captains this season are, from left, Taiwan Wiggins, Justin Kennedy and Chris Doherty.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

GROSSE POINTE NORTH Basketball - Boys Varsity				
12/04/12	H	De La Salle		7:00 PM
12/11/12	A	Warren Woods Tower		7:00 PM
12/14/12	A	Grosse Pointe South		7:30 PM
12/15/12	A	Country Day		7:00 PM
12/17/12	A	Farmington		7:00 PM
01/08/13	A	Ford II		7:00 PM
01/11/13	A	Cousino		7:00 PM
01/15/13	A	Roseville		7:00 PM
01/17/13	H	Utica		7:00 PM
01/23/13	A	Mott		7:00 PM
01/25/13	H	L'Anse Creuse		7:00 PM
01/29/13	A	Stevenson		7:00 PM
01/31/13	H	Ford II		7:00 PM
02/04/13	H	Lincoln		7:00 PM
02/08/13	H	Roseville (F vs. Farmington)		7:00 PM
02/12/13	A	Utica		7:00 PM
02/14/13	H	L'Anse Creuse		7:00 PM
02/19/13	A	Mott		7:00 PM
02/22/13	H	Stevenson		7:00 PM
02/26/13	H	Dakota		7:00 PM

GROSSE POINTE NORTH Swim/Dive - Boys Varsity				
12/18/12	A	Stevenson		6:00 PM
12/20/12	H	L'Anse Creuse		6:00 PM
01/08/13	A	Grosse Pointe South		6:00 PM
01/10/13	H	Ford II		6:00 PM
01/15/13	H	Romeo		6:00 PM
01/19/13	H	Dearborn		12:00 PM
01/22/13	A	Dakota		6:00 PM
01/29/13	H	Chippewa Valley		6:00 PM
01/31/13	A	L'Anse Creuse North		6:00 PM
02/05/13	A	Livonia Franklin		5:00 PM
02/08/13	A	MISCA Diving		5:00 PM
02/09/13	A	MISCA Swimming		12:00 PM
02/12/13	H	Eisenhower		6:00 PM
02/21/13	A	Division Meet - Diving		5:00 PM
02/22/13	A	Division Meet - Swimming		5:00 PM
02/23/13	A	Division Finals		12:00 PM
03/05/13	A	Regionals - Diving		TBD
03/08/13	A	State Prelims		12:00 PM
03/09/13	A	State Finals		12:00 PM

GROSSE POINTE NORTH Hockey - Girls Varsity				
11/08/12	A	Regina		6:25 PM
11/10/12	A	Cranbrook		7:00 PM
11/17/12	H	Ladywood		4:00 PM
11/22/12	A	Chicago Prep Thanksgiving Tourney		TBD
11/30/12	A	Liggett		6:30 PM
12/05/12	H	Port Huron		7:00 PM
12/08/12	H	Ann Arbor		4:00 PM
12/13/12	A	Grosse Pointe South		7:00 PM
12/15/12	A	Bloomfield		9:00 AM
12/20/12	A	Liggett Tourney		TBD
12/22/12	A	Liggett Tourney		TBD
01/09/13	H	Cranbrook		7:00 PM
01/12/13	H	Liggett		4:00 PM
01/19/13	A	Ladywood		5:30 PM
01/22/13	A	PCS		6:30 PM
01/26/13	A	Northville		4:45 PM
01/30/13	H	Walled Lake		7:00 PM
02/02/13	H	Regina		4:00 PM
02/06/13	A	Ann Arbor		7:00 PM
02/09/13	A	Port Huron		3:15 PM
02/12/13	A	Mercy		8:00 PM
02/13/13	A	Cranbrook		7:30 PM

GROSSE POINTE NORTH Basketball - Girls Varsity				
11/27/12	A	Sterling Heights		7:00 PM
11/29/12	A	Marian		7:00 PM
12/04/12	A	Westland John Glen		7:00 PM
12/07/12	A	Ladywood		7:30 PM
12/11/13	H	Romulus (F vs. Mott)		7:00 PM
12/19/13	H	Plymouth		7:00 PM
12/21/13	H	Stevenson		7:00 PM
01/08/13	H	Ford II		7:00 PM
01/10/13	H	Cousino		7:00 PM
01/15/13	A	Dakota		7:00 PM
01/18/13	H	Grosse Pointe South		7:00 PM
01/22/13	A	Chippewa Valley		7:00 PM
01/24/13	H	Romeo		7:00 PM
01/29/13	A	Stevenson		5:30 PM
02/01/13	A	Ford II		7:00 PM
02/07/13	H	Dakota		7:00 PM
02/12/13	A	Grosse Pointe South		7:30 PM
02/15/13	H	Chippewa Valley		7:00 PM
02/19/13	A	Romeo		7:00 PM
02/21/13	H	Detroit Country Day		6:00 PM
02/25/13	A	Districts at Grosse Pointe South		TBD

GROSSE POINTE NORTH Hockey - Boys Varsity				
11/16/12	H	Catholic Central		7:30 PM
11/23/12	A	Cranbrook - League		2:30 PM
11/24/12	H	Grosse Pointe South/Stevenson - CK Tourney		TBD
11/28/12	H	Brother Rice - League		8:00 PM
12/05/12	H	Rochester Unified		7:30 PM
12/07/12	A	Livonia Churchill		6:00 PM
12/12/12	A	Wyandotte - League		7:40 PM
12/15/12	A	U of D - League		4:30 PM
12/19/12	A	Trenton - League		7:30 PM
01/04/13	A	Marquette Tourney		TBD
01/05/13	A	Marquette Tourney		TBD
01/12/13	A	Trenton - League		7:30 PM
01/18/13	A	University of Liggett		7:30 PM
01/19/13	A	Grosse Pointe South		5:00 PM
01/23/13	H	De La Salle - League		5:00 PM
01/26/13	H	Cranbrook - Non League		6:30 PM
02/01/13	H	U of D - League		6:30 PM
02/02/13	A	De La Salle - League		4:00 PM
02/06/13	H	CC-MIHL Showcase - League		TBD
02/08/13	H	MIHL Showcase		TBD
02/09/13	H	MIHL Showcase		TBD
02/13/13	H	Wyandotte		7:30 PM
02/16/13	A	OLSM - League		7:30 PM

GROSSE POINTE NORTH Wrestling - Boys Varsity				
12/05/12	A	Avondale		5:00 PM
12/08/12	A	Sterling Heights Team Invitational		9:00 AM
12/15/12	A	Wayne County Invitational		TBD
12/21/12	A	Macomb County Invitational		TBD
12/22/12	A	Macomb County Invitational		TBD
01/10/13	A	MAC Quad at Fraser		5:00 PM
01/12/13	H	Norseman Classic		9:00 AM
01/16/13	A	MAC Quad at St. Clair		5:00 PM
01/19/13	A	Brandon Invitational		9:00 AM
01/24/13	A	MAC Quad at Cousino		5:00 PM
01/26/13	A	Goodrich Team Tournament		9:30 AM
01/31/13	A	Quad at South		5:00 PM
02/02/13	A	MAC League Meet at Mott		9:00 AM
02/06/13	H	Team Districts at Grosse Pointe North		TBD
02/09/13	A	Individual Districts		TBD

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Boys basketball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

New-look Blue Devils ready to roll

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Dave Grauzer enters his third year at the helm of Grosse Pointe South's boys' basketball team.

His first year was solid, but last season the Blue Devils struggled, finishing 7-15 overall and 3-9 in the Macomb Area Conference White Division.

"We turned the ball over too much and only made 50 percent of our free throws," Grauzer said. "This year the guys have to take care of the basketball and make those free throws."

Returning players are seniors Ethan Duffield, Joe Becker, Josh Mays and Gerard Smith, and juniors Jabari Burton and Darius Harris.

Moving up from the junior varsity are Josh Gray, Charlie Warren, Dan Dixon, Gordie Post,

Jordan Spratt and Jack Strachan, and newcomers to the team are seniors Neil Fleming and Dan Handilah, who worked hard in the off-season to earn a spot on the varsity squad.

"Tryouts are over and now it's time to get to work," Grauzer said. "I want the guys to work hard and have fun. This is a good group of players and we will get better with time."

Look for a lot of defensive pressure on the ball and a more up-tempo style offensively this season. The Blue Devils do a good job of drawing fouls, but as Grauzer said, they have to make free throws and keep possession of the ball.

The Blue Devils dropped down to the MAC Blue Division, but it might be tougher from top to bottom than any other MAC division.

"We have some tough

games with title-favorite Fraser, Fitzgerald and Madison, plus long bus rides to Port Huron, Port Huron Northern and Anchor Bay," Grauzer said. "We have our work cut out for us, but the good competition will help us get better."

In non-league action, Grauzer scheduled a season-opener at home against Chippewa Valley, Detroit Osborn at St. Cecilia's, U-D Jesuit, Grosse Pointe North, L'Anse Creuse, Harper Woods, Clawson and Roseville.

"Most of our guys have played basketball together since April, so they are ready to go," Grauzer said. "We're going to give it our best effort to win basketball games and I think we can be successful."

Grosse Pointe South begins the 2012-13 schedule Tuesday, Dec. 4, against Chippewa Valley.



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Grosse Pointe South's boys' basketball team is led by one of a few returners, Jabari Burton, right.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH
Basketball - Boys Varsity

12/04/12	H	Chippewa Valley	7:30 PM
12/08/12	A	Osborn	4:30 PM
12/11/12	A	U of D Jesuit	7:30 PM
12/14/12	H	Grosse Pointe North	7:30 PM
12/20/12	A	L'Anse Creuse	7:00 PM
01/04/13	H	Harper Woods	6:00 PM
01/08/13	H	Port Huron Northern	7:30 PM
01/11/13	A	Anchor Bay	7:00 PM
01/15/13	A	Clawson	7:00 PM
01/17/13	A	Madison	7:30 PM
01/22/13	H	Fraser	7:30 PM
01/25/13	A	Port Huron	7:00 PM
01/29/13	H	Fitzgerald	6:00 PM
01/31/13	A	Port Huron Northern	7:00 PM
02/05/13	H	Anchor Bay	7:30 PM
02/12/13	H	Madison	6:00 PM
02/14/13	A	Fraser	7:30 PM
02/19/13	H	Port Huron	6:00 PM
02/22/13	A	Fitzgerald	7:00 PM
02/26/13	A	Roseville	7:00 PM

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH
Ice Hockey - Boys Varsity

11/15/12	A	Brother Rice	5:45 PM
11/17/12	H	Ann Arbor Huron	7:30 PM
11/23/12	A	Cranbrook Kingswood Tournament	TBD
11/24/12	A	Cranbrook Kingswood Tournament	TBD
11/30/12	H	Notre Dame Preparatory	7:00 PM
12/01/12	A	Trenton	7:30 PM
12/05/12	A	Allen Park	7:15 PM
12/07/12	H	Southgate Anderson	7:00 PM
12/12/12	A	Divine Child	8:15 PM
12/21/12	A	University Liggett (ULS Tournament)	5:30 PM
12/22/12	A	University Liggett (ULS Tournament)	5:00 PM
01/05/13	H	Dearborn United	8:00 PM
01/09/13	A	Notre Dame Preparatory	6:50 PM
01/12/13	H	Allen Park	7:30 PM
01/15/13	A	Saline	7:45 PM
01/18/13	A	University Liggett (ULS Tournament)	7:45 PM
01/19/13	A	University Liggett (ULS Tournament)	3:30 PM
01/23/13	A	Dearborn United	7:20 PM
01/25/13	A	AA Pioneer	6:00 PM
01/30/13	H	Divine Child	7:30 PM
02/02/13	A	Detroit Country Day	7:00 PM
02/07/13	A	Trenton (Trenton Showcase)	TBD
02/08/13	A	Trenton (Trenton Showcase)	TBD
02/09/13	A	Trenton (Trenton Showcase)	TBD
02/20/13	A	Woodhaven	7:00 PM
02/23/13	H	U of D Jesuit	4:30 PM

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH
Wrestling - Boys Varsity

12/06/12	H	Quad Meet	5:00 PM
12/08/12	A	Cousino (Team Tournament)	9:30 AM
12/15/12	A	John Glen (Wayne County Tournament)	9:00 AM
12/21/12	A	Open Date (Wayne County Meet)	TBD
12/22/12	A	Open Date (Wayne County Meet)	TBD
01/05/13	A	37th Dave Elliott Wrestling Invitational	9:00 AM
01/10/13	H	Quad Meet	5:00 PM
01/12/13	A	Port Huron Northern	9:00 AM
01/17/13	A	Quad meet	5:00 PM
01/19/13	A	Byron Tournament	TBD
01/23/13	A	Quad Meet	5:00 PM
01/26/13	A	Lake Shore (Team Tournament)	9:00 AM
01/31/13	H	Quad	5:00 PM
01/02/13	A	League Meet	TBD
02/06/13	H	Team Districts	6:00 PM

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH
Swimming - Boys Varsity

12/06/12	A	Ann Arbor Huron	6:00 PM
12/11/12	A	Midland Dow (Pangborn Invitational)	4:00 PM
12/15/12	A	Brother Rice (Warrior Relays - Diving)	8:45 PM
12/15/12	A	Brother Rice (Warrior Relays - Swimming)	12:00 PM
12/18/12	H	Henry Ford II	6:00 PM
12/28/12	A	Zeeland West (Zeeland Invitational)	1:00 PM
01/08/13	H	Grosse Pointe North	6:00 PM
01/10/13	A	Romeo	6:00 PM
01/15/13	A	Dakota	6:00 PM
01/19/13	H	WDLs/LSTEV	11:00 AM
01/24/13	H	L'Anse Creuse North	5:00 PM
02/02/13	A	Skyline	12:00 PM
02/05/13	A	Chippewa Valley	6:00 PM
02/08/13	A	Open Date (MISCA Dive)	6:00 PM
02/09/13	H	MISCA Swim /Grosse Pointe South - Open Date)	12:00 PM
02/12/13	H	Double Dual	6:00 PM
02/21/13	H	MAC Red/White Diving Prelims	5:00 PM
02/22/13	A	MAC Red Swimming Prelims	5:00 PM
02/23/13	A	MAC Red Swim/Dive Finals	12:00 PM
02/28/13	A	L'Anse Creuse North (LCN Last Chance Invitational)	5:00 PM
03/05/13	A	Diving Regional	5:00 PM
03/08/13	A	Open Date (MHSAA D2 State Prelims)	12:00 PM
03/09/13	A	Open Date (MHSAA D2 State Finals)	12:00 PM

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH
Gymnastics - Girls Varsity

12/11/12	A	Tri Meet	6:30 PM
12/18/12	H	Fraser	6:30 PM
01/09/13	H	Birmingham	6:30 PM
01/12/13	A	Fraser	9:00 AM
01/16/13	A	Dearborn	7:00 PM
01/19/13	A	Milford	5:00 PM
01/23/13	H	Farmington	TBD
01/28/13	A	Fraser	6:00 PM
02/02/13	A	Canton	7:00 PM
02/05/13	A	Plymouth Unified	9:00 AM
02/11/13	H	Tecumseh	6:30 PM
02/13/13	H	Dearborn	6:30 PM
02/16/13	H	League Meet at Grosse Pointe North	12:00 PM
02/19/13	H	Canton	6:30 PM

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH
Ice Hockey - Girls Varsity

11/17/12	A	Port Huron	3:15 PM
12/02/12	H	Walled Lake	1:00 PM
12/08/12	A	Ladywood	5:30 PM
12/12/12	H	Plymouth Canton	7:00 PM
12/13/12	H	Grosse Pointe North	7:00 PM
12/16/12	H	AA Pioneer	1:00 PM
12/18/12	A	Northville (Hockeytown Winter Festival)	11:30 PM
01/08/13	A	University Liggett	5:45 PM
01/09/13	H	Northville	7:00 PM
01/15/13	A	University of Liggett	5:45 PM
01/16/13	H	Cranbrook Kingswood	7:00 PM
01/20/13	H	Port Huron	1:00 PM
01/30/13	A	Mercy	8:00 PM
02/06/13	H	Ladywood	7:00 PM
02/07/13	A	Regina	6:55 PM
02/09/13	A	AA Pioneer	7:00 PM
02/14/13	H	University Liggett (Senior Night)	7:00 PM
02/16/13	A	Cranbrook Kingswood	TBD
02/25/13	A	Northville	7:00 PM
02/27/13	A	Grosse Pointe North	7:00 PM
03/04/13	A	Open Date (State Playoffs)	TBD
03/06/13	A	Open Date (State Playoffs)	TBD
03/09/13	A	Open Date (State Championship)	TBD

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Basketball - Girls Varsity

12/01/12	A	Whitney Young	12:00 PM
12/07/12	H	Port Huron Northern	7:30 PM
12/11/12	H	Canton	7:30 PM
12/15/12	A	Robichaud (Best of Michigan Holiday Classic)	TBD
12/18/12	A	Cousino	7:00 PM
12/21/12	A	Romeo	7:00 PM
12/27/12	A	Motor City Roundball Classic	5:40 PM
12/28/12	A	Motor City Roundball Classic	4:00 PM
01/08/13	H	Dakota	6:00 PM
01/10/13	A	Stevenson	7:30 PM
01/15/13	H	Utica	7:30 PM
01/18/13	A	Grosse Pointe North	7:00 PM
01/22/13	H	Henry Ford II	6:00 PM
01/24/13	A	Chippewa Valley	7:00 PM
02/29/13	H	Romeo	7:30 PM
02/31/13	A	Dakota	5:30 PM
02/05/13	H	Stevenson	6:00 PM
02/12/13	H	Grosse Pointe North	7:30 PM
02/15/13	A	Henry Ford II	5:30 PM
02/19/13	H	Chippewa Valley	7:30 PM
02/25/13	H	Open Date (Districts)	TBD
02/27/13	H	Open Date (Districts)	TBD
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Gymnastics

GROSSE POINTE UNIFIED

Ladies can defend league title

This year's Grosse Pointe Unified varsity gymnastics team will be one of the largest in recent memory, with 22 gymnasts on the roster.

"We lost five gymnasts to graduation last year, but we will look to many of our returning gymnasts, as well as some newcomers to fill in their spots in the lineup," head coach Courtney Law said. "We have 12 new gymnasts on this year's team, and many of them have some prior gymnastics experience."

The first meet is Dec. 11, at Troy Athens, so all of the gymnasts are already hard at work on learning new skills and putting together their routines.

"I'm really looking forward to seeing who is ready to step up and lead the GPUG program this year," Law said. "This year I expect to rely on many different gymnasts to contribute towards the team score."

Some of the top all-around gymnasts are Emma Abessinio (captain), Aubryn Samaroo (captain), Emily Griffith (captain), Madison Bush, Caitlin Gaitley and Samantha Rogers.

Newcomers are Gyane



Grosse Pointe Unified's team captains are, from left, Emma Abessinio, Aubryn Samaroo and Emily Griffith.

Johnson and Michelle hunt for all-around team Ellis should be in the scores.

Other returning team members who are capable of competing on several events include

Meagan Curran, Amy Olson, Jenna Belote, Angela Tibaud, and Kelsey Newa.

"Our biggest challenge this year is going to be adjusting to some of the new rule changes, which require more difficult skills and combinations than before," Law said. "I think that most teams will probably see lower scores on many of the events this season as a result."

"Our long term goal every year is to be competing at the state championships in March, but other important team goals during the season include learning new skills on all the events, working as many gymnasts into the lineup rotation as possible, and qualifying most of our team members to the regional championships."

The team has a difficult schedule as always, including division home and away meets against Fraser and Dearborn, plus non-league contests against Birmingham United, Milford, Farmington, Plymouth, Tecumseh and Canton.

Grosse Pointe Unified opens its season Tuesday, Dec. 11, against Troy and host Troy Athens.

Wrestling

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Numbers on the rise for Blue Devils

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Numbers and enthusiasm is up this year as Grosse Pointe South begins another wrestling season.

Head coach Greg Snider has several veterans to lead the team, which could number 25 if everyone who signed up sticks with the sport.

"It's always exciting when you have new kids," Snider said. "They bring a new level of excitement to the room and I expect a lot of my returning wrestlers."

The Blue Devils struggled to win matches last year due to low numbers. They would win most of their matches, but giving up 24 to 30 points in

voids to each opponent made it nearly impossible to beat squads with the full 14 wrestlers in its lineup.

"We should be a solid team if we can fill all 14 weight classes," Snider said. "I feel confident we can this season and that will be a step in the right direction for our program."

Leading the charge are Frankie Pangborm, Jeshua Yglesias, Zak Moyer, Alex Manchester, Colin Brannagan, Andrew Simon, Hunter Benz and Antoine Herrell.

The Macomb Area Conference shuffled once again as St. Clair Shores South Lake rejoined after a couple of years in hiatus.



Grosse Pointe South's returning grapplers are, in no particular order, Frankie Pangborm, Jeshua Yglesias, Zak Moyer, Alex Manchester, Colin Brannagan, Andrew Simon, Hunter Benz, Tom Flynn and Antoine Herrell.

A Silver Division was added and that is where the Blue Devils will call home this winter, along with New Haven, Mount Clemens, South Lake, Center Line, Madison Heights Madison and St. Clair Shores Lakeview.

Grosse Pointe South should be in contention for a league title, as well as Center Line and Lakeview. Madison, New Haven and Mount Clemens struggled with declining numbers in recent years.

"We can win this division if we get the weight classes filled," Snider said. "I feel good about this program."

The Blue Devils also added another home date, plus is hosting the team districts this season.

Grosse Pointe South's non-league slate includes Sterling Heights, Redford Union, Warren Cousino, Eastpointe East Detroit and Fraser.

They start the season Thursday, Dec. 6.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Head coach happy with high numbers

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Year No. 2 is going to be much brighter for second-year head coach Eric Julien and his Grosse Pointe North wrestling team.

"It's been a smoother transition this year and it will help our kids work harder for the team concept," Julien said. "Last year was tough because we gave up a lot of points in voids in every match, but we should have a full lineup this year."

The Norsemen finished with only a handful of team wins last winter, but several individuals enjoyed success.

With the addition of several newcomers, the Norsemen are in position

to contend for division and tournament titles.

Leading the team are captains Wilson Fisher, Andrew Lock and Paul Menth.

Other returning grapplers are Damon Barbee, Michael Bennett, Raheim Binnie, Michael Bowden, Terry Hamilton, Joshua Mahone, Ja'Ron Nelson, Adam Roach, Marcel Taylor and Jermaine White.

Newcomer, freshman Javontae Hall, should give the team a lift wrestling at the heavyweight division.

The Norsemen dropped to the Macomb Area Conference Gold Division with Fraser, Warren Cousino Warren Mott, Clawson and St. Clair among the eight squads.

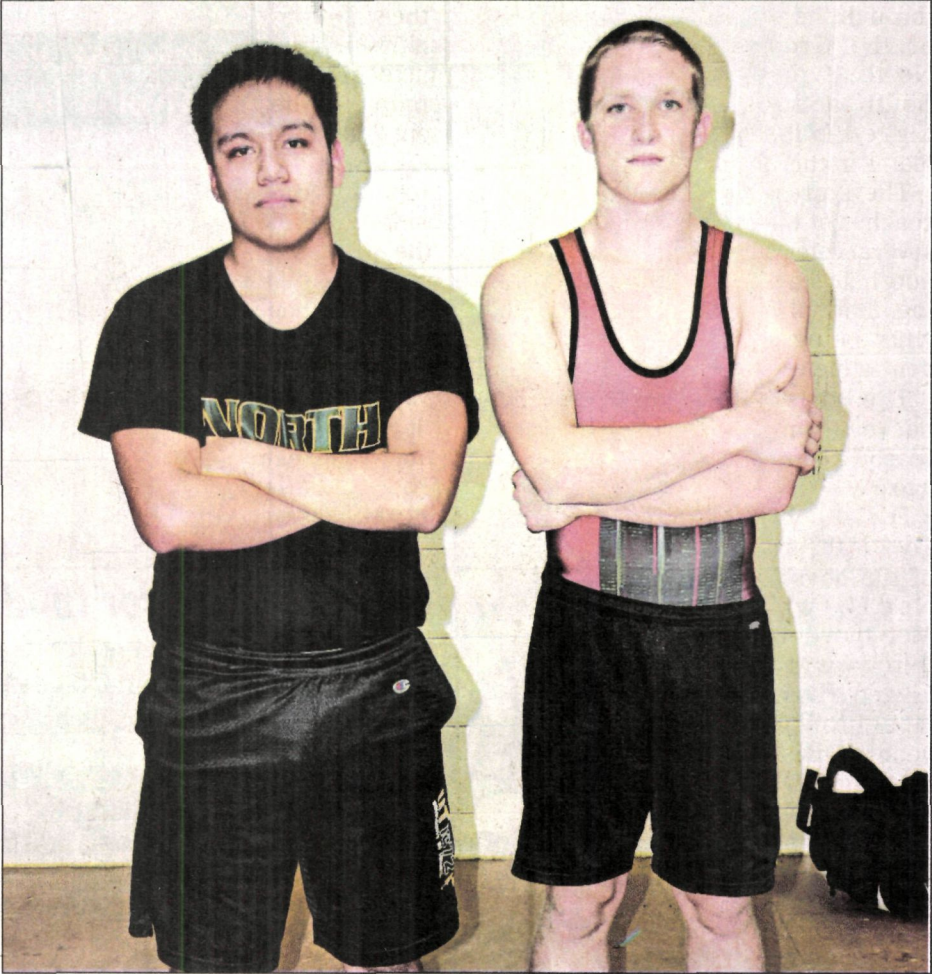
"This should be a fairly balanced division with competitive programs," Julien said. "We're looking forward to this season."

Julien toughened the schedule with quad matches at Auburn Hills Avondale, Fraser, St. Clair, Cousino and Grosse Pointe South.

In addition, the team competes in the Sterling Heights Team Invitational, Wayne County Invitational, Macomb County Invitational, Norsemen Classic, Brandon Invitational and Goodrich Team Tournament.

North hosts the Team Districts the first week of February.

North opens its season Wednesday, Dec. 5.



Grosse Pointe North's captains this season are, from left, Wilson Fisher and Paul Menth.

Figure skating

GROSSE POINTE UNITED

Veterans aim at state crown

The Grosse Pointe Unified figure skating team is ready for what should be another competitive 2012-13 season.

There are five districts in the state and each school has competitors who fit into one of three teams, A, B or C.

Placement within these levels depends on the highest level of the skater according to United States Figure Skating Association (USFSA) or Ice Skating Institute (ISI)

standards.

Skaters compete in three categories, jumps, moves and spins, at three district competitions held this winter.

The state championship is held at the end of March.

This season, Grosse Pointe's competitors are freshmen Celeste Franke-Joyce, Alexandra Maiuri and Julia Barnes; and sophomores Katrina Elsey and Alexandra Kaul from Grosse Pointe

South, as well as freshman Mary Emerick; sophomores Mackenzie Clark and Amanda Shenouda; junior Jessica Gable; and seniors Kathleen Butler, Miranda Caruso, Kaylee Dall, Kamala Kanneganti, Nicole Libiensi and Paige Pringle of Grosse Pointe North.

The veteran leadership and experience should push the teams into the upper tiers of the state qualifiers.



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The 2012-13 Grosse Pointe Unified figure skating team members are, back row from left, Celeste Franke-Joyce, Katie Butler, Jessica Gable, Nicole Libiensi, Katrina Elsey, Kaylee Dall, Paige Pringle and coach Michele Roskinski; and front row from left, Miranda Caruso, Mackenzie Clark, Amanda Shenouda, Kamala Kanneganti, Ally Maiuri, Mary Emerick and Julia Barnes. Alexandra Kaul is not pictured.

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Winter sports teams should enjoy success

High school sports fans buckle your seat belt and get ready for a sweet ride through the winter season.

All three of the high schools have some very good athletic teams competing from November through March. Two teams, University Liggett boys' and Grosse Pointe South girls' hockey teams are defending state champions, while two others, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett girls' basketball squads lost in their respective state title contests at the Breslin Center.

I take our readers through the ins and outs of the Grosse Pointe North, Grosse Pointe South and University Liggett winter sports teams in this section.

There are a few new coaches at the helm and several veterans ready to put their stamp on helping their players enjoy what being a true student-athlete is about.

The girls and boys hockey teams began the season a couple of weeks ago.

For the boys, Scott Lock is the most tenured of the boys' coaches at North, while Robb McIntyre is back for his third year at the helm at Liggett. His Knights beat Houghton 3-0 in last year's Division 3 state title game.

South has a new head coach, Bobby McKillop, who brings a great attitude to the post. He knows it will take some time for his players to get accustomed to his style, but be patient because he will be a solid head guy for this program

On the girls' side of the pond, all three coaches are back and settled in with Joe Provenzano leading South in his third year, Cassie Jaeckle at the helm of Liggett and it's her second year, and Joe Lucchese enters his second season as North's head coach.

South beat North 4-1 in last year's state title game and both field strong teams capable of winning the championship in early March. Liggett is also improved and it has the potential to be a title contender if the girls gel.

On the hard court, South fields the one of the top teams in the state and head coach Kevin Richards will have his girls ready to complete the job this season.

Long-time head coach Gary Bennett has the Norsemen in position to improve from the first half to the second half. Omar Ahart takes over Liggett's girls' program.

The Knights, behind 2012 graduate Madison Ristovski, made it to the Class C title game, but fell a basket short.

The main pieces return to try to lead the Knights to a third straight appearance in the title game.

Can they do it? Time will tell, but I know Ahart and the girls will give it their best shot.

Liggett will stay strong on the boys' end of the court. Head coach Sidney Johnson has a whopping nine seniors on his squad.

Dave Grauer is back at South for his third year and Matt Lockhart is in year No. 4 for North. Both have relatively inexperienced squads,

but give them time and patience and the Blue Devils and Norsemen will battle.

Both wrestling squads, South under Greg Snider and North under Eric Julien, have larger squads than last season, which brings higher expectations.

In the pool, South and head coach Eric Gunderson, fields a larger, stronger squad, while legendary head coach Mike O'Connor has a rebuilding team at North.

Liggett and head coach Ryan Gunderson has a smaller squad, but one thing all three teams have in common is every swimmer will give it their best effort to qualify for the state championship meet in March.

The gymnastics team under Courtney Law fields a veteran group with several top-notch gymnasts. This squad has the potential to finish as one of the program's all-time best. Look out for this bunch.

The figure skating team, under head coach Michelle Rosinski, has several veterans who will produce solid routines.

The Grosse Pointes also have a synchronized swim program, and North and South field competitive cheer programs that prepare for a state district Saturday, Feb. 16, at Sterling Heights Stevenson.

This promises to be a great winter. Good luck to everyone.

Despite the cold temps outside, the action on the athletic fields will be hot for our student-athletes.

— Bob St. John,
Sports Editor

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Swimming

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

State finalists return to compete

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South's boys' swimming and diving team heads into the season with several returners who competed in last year's Division 2 state championship meet. Led by the state champ in the 100-yard butterfly, junior Patrick Jackson, the Blue Devils hit the pool with a goal of finishing in the top 10 again and continuing its streak of Macomb Area Conference Red Division dual and league meet championships. Head coach Eric Gunderson's captains are Jackson and junior Nick Yoo, as well as seniors C.J. Stafford and Frank Cusumano. Other Blue Devils who competed in last year's finals were junior Tyler Leggat and senior John Martin.

Gunderson stacked the schedule to include L'Anse Creuse North, Warrior Relays, Ann Arbor Skyline, Zeeland Invitational, Ann Arbor Huron, Dexter, U-D Jesuit, MISCA meet and MAC, Utica Ford, Grosse Pointe North, Romeo, Detroit Country Day Red League meet. In addition, the Blue Devils compete in the Livonia Stevenson, Pangborn Invitational, Huron.



All but two of Grosse Pointe South's state finalists return.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen rebuilding

The fortunes of the 2012-13 Grosse Pointe North boys' swimming and diving team could be best described as a rebuilding year. After a ninth-place state meet finish last year, the Norsemen face the prospect of replacing many valuable graduates. The Norsemen look to veteran swimmers for strong performances for the team to be competitive in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division. Seniors who will help are Matthew Leone, the lone state meet individual qualifier, in the backstroke, sprints and relay events; Michael Reith in sprints and relay events; and John Hales in the individual medley, breaststroke and relay events. Major improvement from the junior class is vital for the team. Juniors counted on to contribute to North's success include Danny MacAskill, distance free and relay events; Patrick Turnbull individual medley, breaststroke and relays; A.J. Owens sprints and relays; Rhys Williams backstroke and relays; Anthony Cafagna breaststroke, freestyle, backstroke and relay events; and Chris Ghanem and Andrew Hauler sprints and relays should add strength to the roster. Increased performance from the sophomore class will be important to success this year. Sophomore contributors include Graham Eger sprints, backstroke and diving; Duncan MacAskill diving; Matt Stander breastroke and sprints; Jacob Flowers distance freestyle; John Leone backstroke and sprints; and Nick Ribco, Eric Simoes and Kyle Young sprints. The freshman class for the most part is an unknown quantity. Freshman that are expected to contribute are Michael Lemanske butterfly and freestyle; William McNelis diving and Alex Owens sprints. The Norsemen compete in 11 dual meets this season. They travel to Sterling Heights Stevenson, Grosse Pointe South, Macomb Dakota and Livonia Franklin, plus host L'Anse Creuse, Utica Ford, Romeo, Dearborn, Chippewa Valley, L'Anse Creuse North and Utica Eisenhower. The division meet is at Chippewa Valley and the state finals are at Oakland University. Grosse Pointe North opens its season against Stevenson Tuesday, Dec. 18. The meet is at Utica Ford's pool.

LIGGETT

Coed team ready to start

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

University Liggett's co-ed swimming and diving team is ready for a second season under the tutelage of head coach Ryan Gunderson. The numbers aren't the greatest, but the Knights have some dedicated swimmers who should perform well this winter.

Leading the charge are seniors Connor Borrego and Mallory Jamett, and sophomore Chris Cornell. Other underclassmen who helped the Knights finish 10-5 a year ago were Paul Sidhu, Julia GrimmKacie Wuthrich, Cristina Milenius, Steven Kneiser, Charlotte Richardson and Renata Szymanski. The Knights don't have a busy schedule. They swim three meets in January and five in February. They are in the Hazel Park Relays Saturday, Jan. 5, at Dundee Tuesday, Jan. 8, and face Ann Arbor Greenhills and host Willow Run Tuesday, Jan. 15. In February, the Knights host Eastpointe East Detroit at St. Clair Shores Lakeview Friday, Feb. 1; travel to Hazel Park and Clawson for meets Monday, Feb. 4, and Tuesday, Feb. 12, and host Greenhills Thursday, Feb. 14. The league meet is Saturday, Feb. 23, at Lakeview. The goal for Gunderson is to get as many swimmers to the Division 3 state championship meet.



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