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◆ Grosse Pointe Woods hosts a senior holiday social from noon to 4 p.m. at the community center, 20025 Mack Plaza.

SATURDAY, DEC. 7

◆ Emergency sirens are tested at 1 p.m.
◆ Parcels holiday bazaar, a juried craft show, is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the middle school, 20600 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Admission is \$3. No strollers are allowed. Shoppers can park at the Grosse Pointe North High School and take a free shuttle to Parcels.

MONDAY, DEC. 9

◆ Grosse Pointe Farms city council meets at 7 p.m. in council chambers.
◆ Chat with Wayne County Commissioner Tim Killeen, D-Detroit, from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Grosse Pointe Woods municipal building, 20025 Mack Plaza.
◆ Grosse Pointe North High School sponsors a Red Cross Blood drive from 8:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. to make an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org and use the sponsor code GPNHS. For more information, call Mr. Byrne at (313) 432-3200.

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PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

Santa greeted thousands along the Kercheval route of the 38th annual Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade. More photos, page 7A and at grossepointenews.com.

He's back in town

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

THE GROSSE POINTES — Santa Claus came to town last week.

He rode in a sleigh on cold wind from his workshop at the North Pole.

"We are so busy this time of year making lots of toys, getting ready for the big day," said Santa, stepping off his sleigh in downtown City of Grosse Pointe at the end of the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade on Friday morning, Nov. 29.

Despite freezing temperatures, Santa and nearly 70 participants in the 38th annual parade received a warm welcome from thousands of people lining a one-mile stretch of Kercheval.

"It's always a pleasure to

welcome you back, Santa," said City Mayor Dale Scrace, giving Santa the key to the hearts of everyone in the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods.

"Nice parade," Santa said. "I'm happy to see everyone here today."

He and the mayors of the five Pointes and Harper Woods solicited special applause for three members of the U.S. Marine Corps

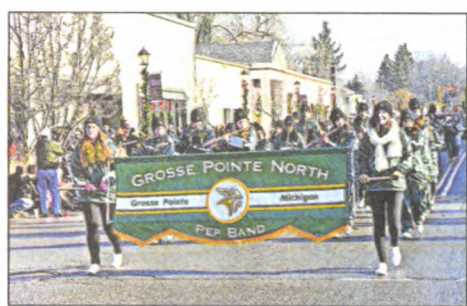
helping collect donations during the parade for Toys for Tots.

This was the first parade produced by the Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce.

"It's a lot of work, but well worth it," said Jenny Boettcher, chamber president, of the City.

Scrace thanked the chamber and the Friends of the Grosse Pointe Parade, a tax-exempt organization that provided

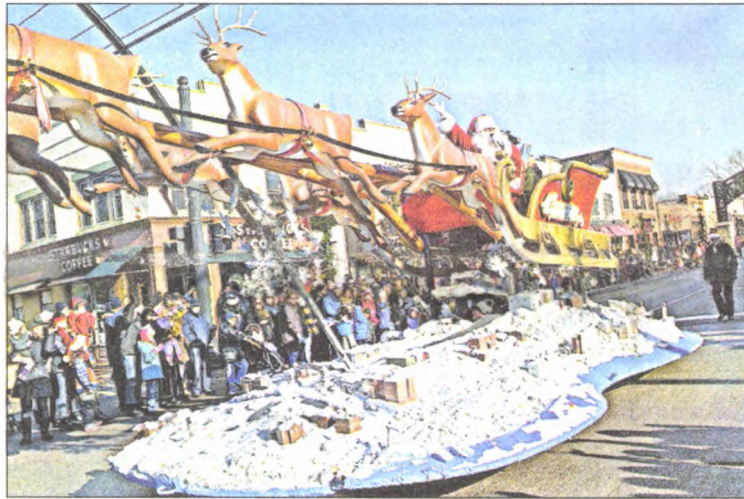
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Grosse Pointe North's band with a strong showing in the annual parade.



Detroit parade Big Head Corps included Mr. Hockey, Gordie Howe.



Above, a tribute to jazz sponsored by the Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe in Grosse Pointe Farms. At left, students from Grosse Pointe Academy on their float through the Village.



Chief suspends officers

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE PARK — Five public safety officers will face disciplinary action as the result of an investigation into videotapes of a mentally impaired Detroit resident, Michael Scipio, that were taken and exchanged between the officers.

The officers, all members of the same shift, face suspensions without pay ranging from 24 hours to 60 days, and all will remain on probation for one year. The entire shift, including command officers, has been reassigned.

In addition, counselors from the Northeast Guidance Center will be brought in to conduct sensitivity training with the entire department.

"I am deeply disappointed by the action of the officers involved in this incident," said Park Police Chief David Hiller at a news conference held Wednesday, Nov. 27. "This type of behavior is unacceptable by any standard and will not be tolerated by the department. I apologize to Mr. Michael Scipio, the people of Grosse Pointe Park and every-

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Rainy day stable

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

CITY OF GROSSE POINTE — Amid a financial tempest the likes of which destined sailors to shipwreck on Prospero's island, municipal administrators spend much of their energy falling "to't yarely," or risk running themselves aground.

Yet, while the City of Grosse Pointe's budget is significantly less entertaining than the storm scene in Shakespeare's "The Tempest," it is more dramatic for being real.

Budgets impact the city's 5,300 residents and 2.2-square-miles of prime suburban real estate, not fictional characters in a fantasy land.

"The city has battled the storm of declining property values to maintain services and daily operating costs," said Kimberly Kleinow, finance director.

Legacy costs

A recurring challenge is paying legacy costs.

"Our pension contribution went from not having anything

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Numbers much higher

By Brad Lindberg
Staff writer

THE GROSSE POINTES AND HARPER WOODS — Participation in next week's Shop With a Cop gift-giving campaign for special needs children is expected to more than double last year's.

"I have 52 children registered, which is about 30 more than last year," said Grosse Pointe Farms Public Safety Officer Veronica Cashion, coordinator of the event at 10

a.m. Friday, Dec. 13. Shop With a Cop teams special needs children from the Grosse Pointes and Harper Woods with law enforcement officers on a free shopping trip to the Target department store at Eastland Center.

Last year, each child received a \$100 Target gift card thanks to the department store and numerous sponsors, including the main organizer, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 102.

Officers volunteer their time.

So many children are signing up for this year's spree that lodge president, Officer Joe Adams of City of Grosse Pointe public safety, is calling in reinforcements.

"We want to pair off one officer with each child," Adams said. "We can only get so many officers from this area because of work schedules. I'm reaching out to my friends from area departments."

Police from Ann Arbor, Detroit, Flat Rock, Milford, Warren, Wayne County and Woodhaven are answering the call, Adams said.

A free luncheon for children and adults at Farms Pier Park follows the shopping trip. Food is donated by the Detroit BBQ Company, Adams said.

"Trinity Transportation is supplying a 71-passenger bus to help with picking up the students," Cashion said. "So far, Target is supplying half of the gift cards."

Cashion, a former Harper Woods officer, is in her second year with the Farms.

She inaugurated Shop With a Cop last year in the Pointes.

Many children last year spent most of their gift cards buying presents for family members.

"It's awesome to see," Cashion said. "I gave a \$100 gift card to a kid to spend on whatever he wanted. I remember him looking at me saying, 'I'm going to get my mom this and my dad this.'"

There's still time for children and volunteers to sign up by contacting Cashion through e-mail at vcashion@gpfdps.com.

Green steps

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — The municipal administration intends to save money by providing members of the city council documents in electronic form rather than hard copies.

Councilmembers routinely receive packets of documents in preparation for monthly council and committee meetings.

Although the transition to paperless operations involves buying the mayor and six council members iPads costing a combined \$4,000, sav-

ings are forecast.

"We'll pay for this in 1 1/2 years just in paper savings and staff time alone," said Mark Wollenweber, Grosse Pointe Shores city manager.

If a member of the council lacks an Internet hookup at home, the city will deliver documents in person in the form of USB flash drives.

"We think this would be a good, positive green step for the community," Wollenweber said.

— Brad Lindberg



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Santa Claus is guest of honor at the lighting of the Village ceremony in Grosse Pointe Shores.

Shores greets Santa with songs of the season

By Brad Lindberg
Staff writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — While warming up the crowd with Christmas carols prior to Santa's arrival, the fifth-grade chorus from Our Lady Star of the Sea School modified the ending of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" to put the namesake's legacy in historical context:

"You'll go down in history — like George Washington," they sang.

About 100 people attended the Lighting of the Village ceremony on the front steps of city hall Sunday evening, Dec. 1, none of whom had a problem suspending disbelief.

Santa was due to arrive at 6 p.m. for his annual pre-Christmas visit to Grosse Pointe Shores.

He always switches from his sleigh to take the last leg of the journey on Lakeshore standing

atop one of the city's red and chrome fire trucks, emergency lights flashing and siren sounding. Motorists yield to his approach.

"Santa, Santa ..." carolers chanted as the truck, driven by Chief John Schulte ("Only the best for Santa," he said), entered the municipal driveway and parked in the turnaround.

"When I was flying over in my sleigh, I heard some singing," Santa said to the choir. "Was that you, boys and girls? You were singing so many of my favorite songs. You did a great job."

"This serves as a kickoff for the holiday season, an opportunity for all of us friends and neighbors to come together in fellowship and share in the joy of this wonderful season, the season of gratitude," said Mayor Ted Kedzierski.

"This is one of Santa's

favorite places to come, boys and girls," said Santa's sidekick, Christmas Carol, wearing a red coat and earmuffs.

"He loves our fire truck," Kedzierski said. "Here's little Teddy," Santa said to Kedzierski. "Oh, I'm sorry. Not little Teddy anymore — Mayor Kedzierski."

The ceremony takes place amid decorations installed by municipal employees and members of the beautification commission. Members of the Shores Improvement Foundation provide hot cocoa and marshmallows.

The crowd counted down from 10 and turned on the lights, including on a tree at the corner of Lakeshore and Vernier, which Santa uses as a navigation beacon.

"I always look for these lights to know I'm in Grosse Pointe Shores to visit all the wonderful boys and girls," he said.



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City tree

Tree lighting ceremonies in the City of Grosse Pointe were a hit with local residents. At right, the Beaumont, Grosse Pointe-sponsored Grosse Pointe Express train. Below, Liam Loredo of Grosse Pointe Woods has a handful of candy canes.

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Above, City of Grosse Pointe's Nathan Faulkner and his brother, Luke, stand near the reindeer. Right, Ben Carroll of Grosse Pointe Farms.



Bond rating hits top of curve

By Brad Lindberg
Staff writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — The next best thing to doing a good job is getting the grade to prove it. Grosse Pointe Shores officials are wearing the equivalent of gold stars

on their foreheads now that the city's bond rating is at the top of the curve. "We've gone to a AA+," said Mark Wollenweber, city manager. "There's only one other city in the Pointes that's AA+, Grosse Pointe Farms," added Shores Mayor Ted Kedzierski.

Ratings agency Standard & Poor's boosted the city's status Nov. 26 from AA to AA+. They based the upgrade on the city's improving financial condition and "strong" management. "The only way you achieve this ranking is by a team effort," Kedzierski

said. A ratings boost means the city is considered a safer investment. "The higher the rating, the lower the interest rate you need to pay because people are more comfortable with the creditwor-

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Urban coyotes no urban tale

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Coyotes are getting cocky near the north end of town. "They went into a garage on Colonial Court in St. Clair Shores and confronted a resident," said John Schulte, Grosse Pointe Shores director of public safety. A contractor, Critter Removal, placed traps on the grounds of the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, including the estate's meadow across Lakeshore, which abutts Colonial Court. "They have one in custody, as we call it," Schulte said. "It's going to be driven way up north and dropped off." Many coyote citations

recently are in the area of Morningside in Grosse Pointe Woods, he said. Schulte consulted a state Department of Natural Resource officer about dealing with coyotes. "There's two ways you can address this issue," Schulte said. "You can trap them or you can shoot them." They can't be shot in Grosse Pointe Shores. "We have an ordinance against discharging a firearm," Schulte said. Trapping can backfire, too, by catching the wrong type of animal, such as opossums and raccoons. "There's not much we can do, frankly," Schulte said. "We ask residents to use extreme caution and call us."

A link is posted from the public safety section of the municipal website to Critter Removal advising how to shun coyotes. There's also advice on raccoons, skunks, squirrels, pigeons and more. "(Critter Removal) will come out and set up a trap in your yard if necessary," Schulte said. Roger Desmet, owner of the company, based in New Baltimore, explained the increase in coyote sightings. "Litters are starting to venture out," he said. "Earlier, the pups clung together. Now, they're starting to spread their territory a little."

Urban coyotes are wild animals and, therefore, unpredictable. If confronted, people should act as though facing a stray dog, Desmet said. "Back away as calmly as possible," he said. "If you show fear, if you turn and run, it may decide to chase, just as with an aggressive dog." He said clearing the Ford House property may take a couple of months. Captured animals aren't destroyed. "We have grounds we have access to release on," he said. Visit gpshoresmi.gov for the company link.

Move to Farms denied by Woods

By Kathy Ryan
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE WOODS — It's a conundrum. Residents of Provencal Road, the private drive bordering the Country Club of Detroit, receive their city services, including public safety, water and trash collection, from the city of Grosse Pointe Farms. And it is to the Farms these residents pay their rather substantial property taxes each year. Except for seven of those taxpayers. Their residences, the first seven houses running east from Chalfonte, are actually located in Grosse Pointe Woods, and the owners pay their property taxes to the Woods. The Woods then reimburses Grosse Pointe Farms for the city services it provides to the residents. With a total collection of \$56,552 in city taxes on the seven houses, the Woods pays the Farms an "offset of elimination of assistive services" fee of \$31,668, resulting in a net revenue to the Woods of \$24,884. Citing a lack of voting rights if questions should arise over those city services provided by the Farms, the seven residents approached both the Woods and the Farms to request they be allowed to be annexed by Grosse Pointe Farms. "We appreciate the municipal services currently provided by the city of Grosse Pointe Farms and look forward to having the same voting rights within the city of Grosse Pointe Farms, as those of our immediate neighbors on

Provencal Road," the residents said in their written request for annexation to Farms city officials. However, before the Farms can agree to annexation, Grosse Pointe Woods would have to agree, which brought several of the Provencal residents to the Woods city council meeting Monday night. Provencal Road resident John Davis addressed the council. "There is no access from the Woods to Provencal and all our services are provided by Grosse Pointe Farms," he said. "We are subject to ordinances from the Farms, but have no voting rights or a say in the Farms." Recognizing the annexation would cut Woods revenue by nearly \$25,000 per year, Davis said the seven residents are willing to pay that sum to the Woods for a period of two years. After that, Davis said, the Woods should have been able to make up the loss in revenue from Provencal with the additional revenue expected from The Rivers project on Cook Road. That wasn't enough to convince Woods city officials, and the request was denied by a unanimous vote of council. "We did not think it was in the best interest of Grosse Pointe Woods," said Mayor Robert Novitke. Following the vote, Davis said the residents were disappointed, and had not yet discussed future options. "We tried," he said, "but I can't say what our next step will be."

Specials in the GPN

Next week's paper will be delivered to all residents of the Grosse Pointes. It will feature holiday news and features, along with advertising from dozens of local retail businesses, services, Realtors and restaurants. In this week's issue, see Section B for Holiday Gift Guide and the Features section. Sports previews start in Section C and continue to Section D.

- Joe Warner

Clarification

The Nov. 28 story, "Shores waiving some ticket fees," should have reported the total value of outstanding warrants and costs is approximately \$140,000.

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Audit shows Shores in tip-top shape

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

Few things beyond ledger entries can make an accountant's heart pound, but the Tuesday, Nov. 19, presentation of the municipal audit at the Grosse Pointe Shores council meeting had CPA and Mayor Ted Kedzierski pumped up.

"This is always the highlight of the year," he said.

The routine audit showed, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, a continued, gradual rise in general fund balance.

Any increase is significant compared with the Shores' financial situation in 2009, when expenditures exceeded revenues.

"Since then, you've managed to increase your fund balance over

the four-year period from 2010 to 2013," Aaron Stevens, a CPA with Abraham & Gaffney auditors in Auburn Hills, told the council. "That's fantastic."

Current fund balance is \$990,902.

The figure is a \$116,274 increase over the prior year.

Of fund balance, \$791,600 is unrestricted, serving as a rainy day fund that represents 15 percent of operating costs, up from 11 percent last year.

"We generally recommend a 20 percent fund balance, but it's improved over the last four or five years," Stevens said.

Cost cutting

Property tax revenue declined \$248,128, yet accounted for 78 percent of municipal revenue, down from 82 percent in

2012.

"The largest use of public funds is public safety, at 43 percent," Stevens said. "It was 42 percent in 2012."

The water and sewer fund had a 9 percent decline in reserves to 38 percent of operating costs.

The main reason for the change is a one-time \$400,000 payment to the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club for overbilling on municipal water purchases from 1997 to 2008.

"Without that settlement cost, you'd be about 50 percent (reserves)," Stevens told the council.

"The trend is good," Kedzierski said about the overall audit.

City officials met last week with Standard & Poors to discuss the city's bond rating, currently AA.

"We have a good

chance of going back to our AA+ rating," said Mark Wollenweber, city manager.

The rating won't be revised, if at all, for a few weeks, he added.

The city's financial turnaround is fueled in large part by cost cutting.

Overall expenses dropped \$172,979 last year, mainly in the operations of general government (-\$105,401) and public safety (-\$46,585).

The city saved overhead costs by transforming four principal administrative posts, including city manager, public safety chief and public works director, into contractual positions, according to Councilman Bruce Bisballe, chairman of the finance committee, and a CPA.

Also, companies doing business with the Shores

had to rebid their contracts against fresh competition.

"We went through every contract and bid them all," Bisballe said. "We saved \$20,000 on legal fees. We rebid all purchase components."

"At this point, the attention has been on expenditures," Kedzierski said. "We think we've hit bottom in terms of revenue from property taxes. I think the news is going to get better in the future."

Housing market

A turnaround in the real estate market could yield higher property tax receipts.

As of last week, there were 27 houses for sale in the Shores, according to D.J. Boehm, chairwoman of the Ambassador Committee.

"That represents a six-to-eight-month supply of homes on the market," Boehm said. "That's considered healthy. Home values across all the Pointes have increased by 10 to 15 percent in 2013 compared to 2012."

Members of the volunteer committee, including Realtors, work by may-

oral appointment to boost the Shores as a premier residential community.

Listed real estate prices in the Shores are on the rise, Boehm said.

"One-third of those homes are million dollar homes and more," she said. "That's a big change from what we've seen over the past couple of years."

The sale of a house uncaps its property tax value, as regulated by the Headlee Amendment, which may generate more property tax revenue.

Shores property tax revenue for fiscal year 2013-2014 will be less than for fiscal year 2012-2013 due to a reduced tax rate, according to Rhonda Ricketts, finance director.

In 2012-2013, the council passed a one-year, 1.5 mil tax rate increase to fund road improvements, she explained.

"That millage has been reduced for the current year," Ricketts said. "However, the council voted to levy just under 1 additional mill for staffing our public safety desk 24/7 on a one-year trial basis."



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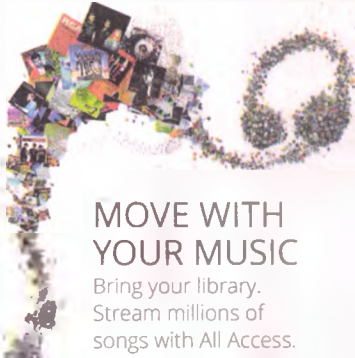
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◆ Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce holds a holiday cheer event from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Wild Birds Unlimited, 20485 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. For a reservation, call (313) 881-4722 or visit grossepointechamber.com.

THURSDAY, DEC. 12

◆ Mel Stander's Gentlemen of Swing Christmas concert is from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores. Admission is free.

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Public Safety Reports

City of Grosse Pointe

Broken hip

A nurse has some explaining to do about the condition of an 86-year-old female patient living in the 600

block of Notre Dame, according to the patient's daughter, 52, of Grosse Pointe Park.

The daughter allegedly told police on Sunday, Nov. 24, that the nurse didn't follow protocol and report in a timely manner

that her mother fell Oct. 4, according to a medical alert monitoring system the mother wears.

"(The) only injury claimed was scraped knee," the daughter reportedly told a public safety officer.

Upon learning of the fall two weeks later, the daughter became concerned.

"(She) took (her) mother to Henry Ford Hospital to be X-rayed and discovered (the mother's) hip to be broken from (the) prior incident," said an officer.

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

period, the man registered a .10 percent blood alcohol level.

Drunk

A 47-year-old Detroit man driving a dark green 1993 Toyota Camry was arrested at 2:24 a.m. Friday, Nov. 29, on Touraine near Mack for drunken driving and disregarding two suspensions of his operator's license.

An officer pulled over the man for speeding and not activating the Camry's headlights.

His blood alcohol level measured .199 percent, police said.

The level is nearly 2 1/2 times the state legal limit to operate a motor vehicle.

Dog attack

Another dog owned by a Mapleton resident was reported last week on the attack.

It was the second consecutive week a dog from Mapleton caused injury, according to police.

At 11:41 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 28, a 3-year-old male German shepherd, named Draven, reportedly exited his master's rear yard on Mapleton and attacked Roscoe, a 4-year-old border collie being walked on a leash by its owner, a 59-year of

man from the same block. The collie "sustained a laceration to its left rear paw," according to a public safety officer.

Both dogs were registered with the city and up-to-date on shots, police said.

Two weeks ago, a white mixed breed from Mapleton bit a woman walking on Kercheval, according to the victim.

Wanted

Farms police turned over a 51-year-old female resident shortly after 11:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 25, to City of Grosse Pointe authorities on an outstanding felony warrant for passing forged checks totaling more than \$1,000.

A patrolman arrested the woman during a traffic investigation near the intersection of Mack and Moross.

She was driving a gray 2007 Chevrolet Silverado with a license plate that expired nearly two weeks earlier.

"(She) was aware the plate was expired, but denied knowledge of her felony, stating it's a mix-up and she has been making payments," said the officer.

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Grosse Pointe Shores



Think ahead

At about 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 28, a 19-year-old male motorist from St. Clair Shores failed to foresee what happens when a car is operated improperly on winter roadways.

Midway through the right-hand curve in the 1100 block of eastbound Lakeshore, approaching the turnaround near Fairlake Lane, the teen lost control of a red Chevrolet Impala and slid straight over the curb onto the median.

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At left, the Golden Retriever Rescue of Michigan in the parade. At right, the parade comes down Kercheval, led by the public safety departments.



The Gingerbread Man stops along the route, at right. Above, the Detroit Fire Department Clowns roll through the Village.



PHOTOS BY RENEE LANDUYT

At left, the Grosse Pointe South band in the Christmas spirit. Above, a bird's eye view for the unicyclists.



TOWN:

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floats, including Santa's sleigh.

Once again, the parade began above the Hill in Grosse Pointe Farms.

"My favorite part of the parade is the kids lining the street," said Farms Mayor James Farquhar. "I tell them, 'Santa's coming,' and their eyes light up."

Santa spent the afternoon greeting children at Village Grille and, likewise the next afternoon at the Grosse Pointe Woods Community Center.

"Shop local," Scrace told the crowd. "Support the people who bring all of this to us every year."

Santa greets children at his Village on Kercheval between St. Clair and Notre Dame,

noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays through Dec. 21, made possible by the owner of Kercheval Place and sponsorship of Flagstar Bank.

Parade sponsors were Aitken-Ormond & Shores Insurance Agency, Backer Landscaping, Beaumont Hospital, Capricious, Cathy Champion, Realtor, City of Grosse Pointe Park, City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Connell Building Company, Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe, Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, Flagstar Bank, Grosse Pointe Chamber Foundation, Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Inc., Grosse Pointe Farms Foundation, Grosse Pointe Lions Club, Grosse Pointe Magazine, Grosse Pointe News, Grosse Pointe Public Library, Henry Ford Medical Center-Cottage, Higbie Maxon Agney,

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K-9 Safety Partners float was a new addition to this year's parade.

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JOE WARNER

Struck out on livestream this year

One of the biggest disappointments in my professional career came last Friday when technical difficulties kept us from delivering a live broadcast of the Grosse Pointe Santa Claus Parade.

There is no excuse for it, so you won't read any here. There's no use throwing anybody under the bus, because fault doesn't matter when the damage is done, unless you're an attorney, I suppose.

We promoted the annual livestream like crazy. Advertisers joined us in covering the cost in exchange for publicity. This would have been our third year of livestreaming the event, but it didn't work out.

For their support, we thank Don Gooley Cadillac and George Koueiter & Sons Jewelers. They were involved last year when everything went great. Unfortunately, they were involved this year when everything went wrong.

Also to the Grosse Pointe Chamber, thank you for being a partner. Parade director Nora Dennehy Glenn, chamber Executive Director Jenny Boettcher and chamber Director of Administration Mary Jo Harris did wonderful work.

And thanks to John Stevens, who helps orchestrate different details to help us out with the livestream. His Friends of the Grosse Pointe Parade do a lot of work for different floats in the parade.

I also need to thank the other community leaders who appeared for interviews. We apologize to you, too. We know how valuable your time is and appreciate you spending it with us.

Thank you very much to Ted and Marcia Everingham. They worked tirelessly well in advance for what we thought would be a perfect event for the website.

To all the employees of the Grosse Pointe News who came down to help, I'm sorry. Same to those who fielded dozens of phone calls and e-mails we received right through the weekend. I appreciate your help.

We've faced some real challenges getting a newspaper out before. Huge snowstorms, power outages, events we can't control. But we will always find a way to get the Grosse Pointe News to you each week. Which made this event, or lack thereof, so frustrating. I apologize to many angry readers I talked to. We won't pretend to be TV people anymore.

The Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce did fantastic work and all the volunteers made the 38th parade an amazing event.

Hat's off to all who marched, danced, sang, played instruments, drove and walked down Kercheval last week.

We were proud to be a sponsor and part of the parade. What a wonderful Grosse Pointe tradition.

Both sides

There are two sides to every story, and on page 3A today, Kathy Ryan reports on the Grosse Pointe Woods meeting Monday, with a strange request.

Several homeowners on Provencal want out of the Woods so they can be part of the Farms.

Not so fast, says the city council in the Woods.

We understand both sides. The homeowners live in the Woods but have some services provided by the Farms. The Woods then gives tax monies to cover the services, as if they were residents of the Farms.

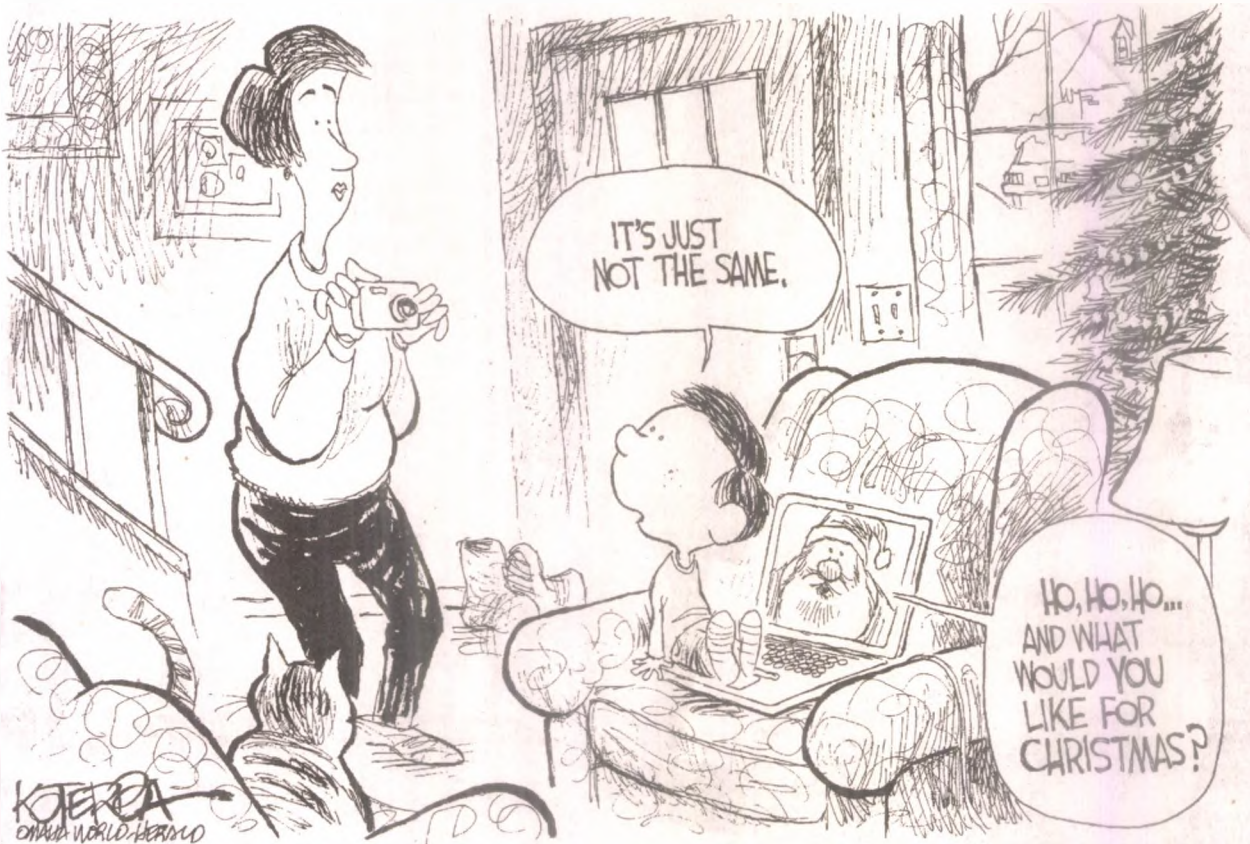
That seems fair.

But the residents have a point in wanting to switch Pointes. They have no voting power for municipal services provided by the Farms.

These several homeowners pay plenty in taxes, of which roughly \$25,000 goes to the Woods. It's no surprise the council voted no. And it's no surprise the residents are happy.

It will be interesting to see what options are available. We'll find out and let you know.

Joe Warner is general manager and editor of the Grosse Pointe News.



LETTERS

Development To the Editor:

After months of development utilizing input from staff, students, community members and outside consultants through a "Request for Qualifications" process, the final ballot language was approved 5-1 on Nov. 25 for a \$50.2 million technology bond.

The bond is for 10 years. Any renewal would need to be voted upon by our local community.

We are working diligently to build technology refreshes and future technology purchases into our general operating budget, as we closely watch what happens in Lansing with the School Aid Fund.

The good thing about funds raised through this bond, upon voter approval, are that bond funds stay here in Grosse Pointe, benefitting the students who live in our community, and where we have local control.

The election will be Feb. 25, 2014. We had originally planned for the election to be held last November but in a 3-3 vote in August, it was determined more homework should be done before taking this proposal to the voters.

That is what started the fall's work on the RFQ process, where we had outside consultants look over our proposal to see their recommendations to bring our classrooms up to 21st century standards.

Some have asked if the increased technology means we can then cut costs by laying off teachers. Our plan does not call for that, but does include hiring additional technology support through the general fund, not the bond.

Instead, the focus is on updating our infrastructure and increasing students' access to the most current information 24/7.

We have been discussing this bond election since last February and encourage all to educate themselves on the proposal so they can vote in person or via absentee ballot this winter.

As noted in last week's letter to the editor, the sinking fund and hold harmless millages, last voted upon in 2009, are up for renewal in November 2014.

These account for 25 percent of our operating budget and have been in place since Proposal A passed in 1993.

How much will this cost me? To put it into context, for the owner of a home with a \$200,000 market value — \$100,000 taxable value — this would cost approximately \$228 per year or \$19 per month.

We recognize this is a great deal of money. We would not ask for this amount if we didn't feel it

was necessary to provide today's standard of education and remain competitive with other high performing districts.

Many are now referring to educational technology as the 4th "R."

As you know, the quality of our public schools directly impacts our property values. That is what voters will have to weigh as they decide whether to support this technology bond or not.

Why hasn't the infrastructure been maintained?

In the last years of multi-million dollar budget cuts, where every employee took major concessions in salary and benefits, technology was part of that 14 percent of our budget not directly related to pay, and technology took a hard hit.

Looking at our state of technology, the consultants actually brought back over \$60 million in recommendations.

We spent the last three weeks again trimming the proposed budget. Over these years, we also maintained class sizes and chose not to cut programs that make the Grosse Pointe Public School System what it is.

Ballot language, an FAQ document, and the list of infrastructure upgrades and student computing devices and costs are all linked from the front page of the district website gpschools.org under Technology Bond.

THOMAS HARWOOD
Grosse Pointe Public School System Superintendent

Bond proposal

To the Editor:

After reviewing the technology proposal on the Grosse Pointe Public School System website, we are more confused than ever.

The draft proposal representative on the website is a \$60 million proposal, not \$50 million. The proposal covers not only technological improvements, but also physical plant improvements — i.e. painting; refinishing the floors; replacement of core doors; heating, ventilation and air conditioning; generators; etc. — in addition to computers, software, servers and cabling.

What is the correct proposal to examine?

The proposal doesn't indicate — if it is truly only \$50 million — what has been deleted from this document.

We also question that the figures in this proposal are in most cases high, as stated by the contractors, and do not reflect discounted dollars that could be obtained if quoted out to the marketplace utilizing the states

group purchasing benefits.

Also, it is confusing there are a lot of soft dollars listed by the contractors which does not help to understand what is being truly proposed and the true cost impact of it to the total cost.

Everyone should have received their winter tax bills by now. On the tax are four items from the school system:

- 1) School operating — 18 mills.
- 2) School supplement — 7.3038 mills.
- 3) School debt — 1.78520 mills.
- 4) School sinking fund — 1.000 mill.

The total represents more than 28 mills being paid to the school as of now. And they are asking for 2.29 mills more, which would put it over 30 mills to the schools system.

Why is it so difficult to provide accurate information to the public?

In our opinion, the bond language provides a blank check to the school system, for it is dealing with, in our opinion, remodeling all of the buildings which we thought the sinking fund was supposed to address as well.

In summary, an explanation of what each of the 4 mill items we are currently paying for are used and spent on is needed, in my professional opinion.

Also a clear indication of what the \$50 million represents — again as said earlier, the bond proposal on the website does not do it.

Vetting this request is imperative for it will represent 40 percent of the tax bill each of us has to pay if voted on — emotions set aside.

How does the school system expect us to vote on something that is confusing and somewhat misleading?

MR. AND MRS. L.E. MAJEWSKI
Grosse Pointe Woods

Crossroads

To the Editor:

Many, many thanks to all those who participated in the Crossroads of Michigan pre-Thanksgiving 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 Sunday, Nov. 24, we served 800 turkey dinners and all the trimmings to hungry men, women and children because of the kindness of hundreds of individuals. Donated turkey that had been frozen was distributed to our weekday clients on Monday.

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

A big thank you to the Grosse Pointe News for

printing our letter to the editor requesting donations. 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 financial contributions and donations of food, cold weather clothing, hygiene products or a few volunteer hours.

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

Thank you. We really couldn't do it without you.

YOLANDA AND CHARLIE TURNER
Grosse Pointe Farms

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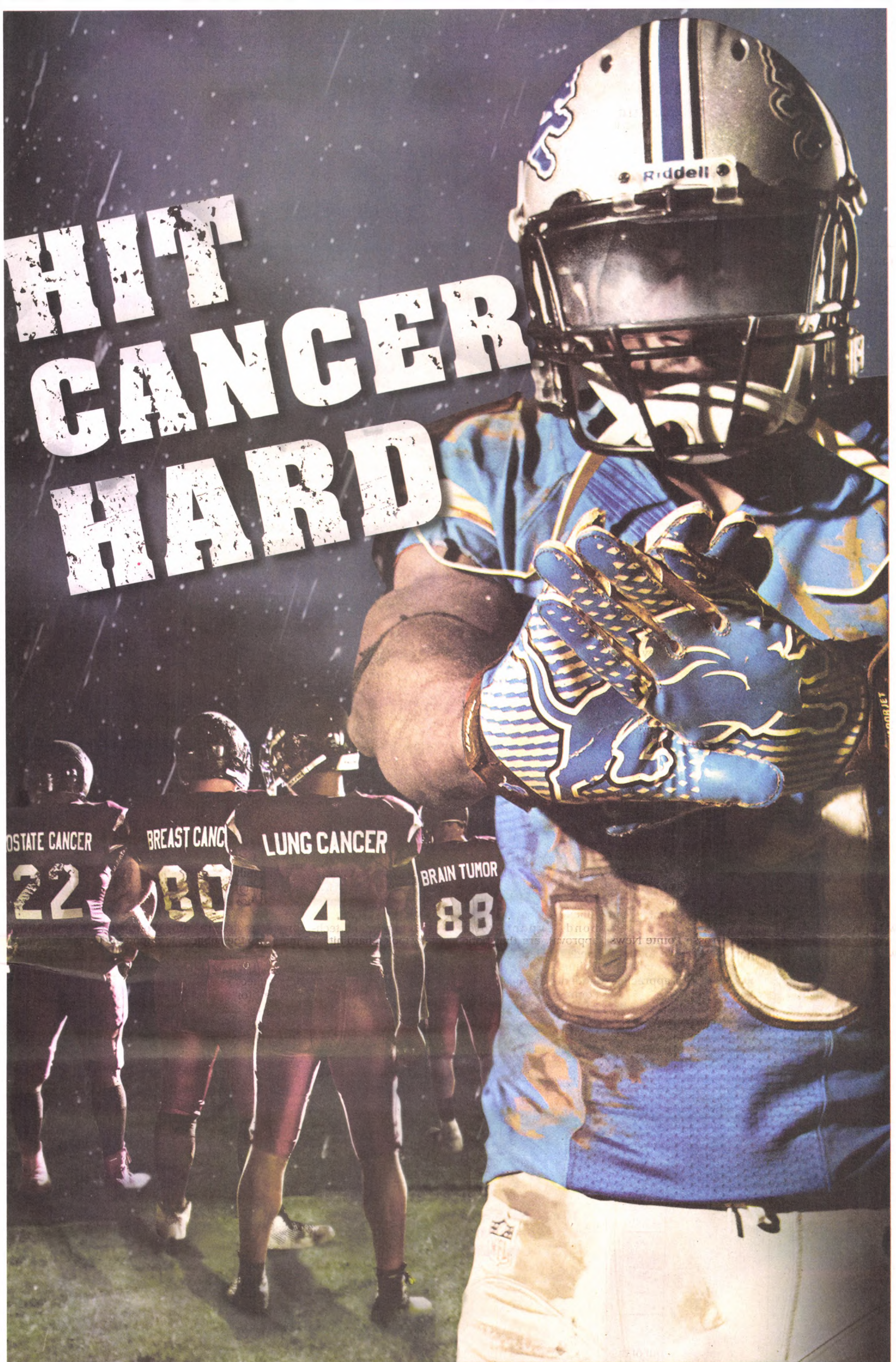
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New tires for the big guy

By Brad Lindberg
Staff Writer

GROSSE POINTE SHORES — Santa Claus had a smooth ride on a fire truck to the Lighting of the Village Christmas kick-off, at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1, at city hall.

The truck he rode on has brand new tires.

Tires on Grosse Pointe Shores' two fire trucks were replaced recently for a combined cost of \$5,863.

The trucks date to 1986 and 1995.

"One of the trucks had its original tires," said

John Schulte, public safety director.

Tires cost more for the older truck.

"It has a two-piece slip rim," Schulte explained. "You cannot put a new tire on a split rim. They're too dangerous. The National Fire Protection Association doesn't approve them. Rims had to be replaced on the old truck."

Granted

The public safety department qualified for a grant to help outfit scout vehicles with in-car cameras, according to Schulte.

"The Shores was approved this week for the maximum amount in grant dollars," Schulte said. "We will be receiving a check for \$6,000."

He's seeking a separate grant from the department of justice to replace his officers' bullet-resistant vests.

Vests need to be replaced every few years because the resistant material deteriorates with time.

"Grant funds are available for approximately half the purchase price of ballistic vests," Schulte said. "The officers' vests are going out of date."

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just a couple years ago to now almost \$300,000," Kleinow said. "It's only expected to go up from there. Retiree health care is almost \$500,000."

The combined annual obligations total \$800,000.

"That's huge," Kleinow said. "You're talking about adding an extra \$800,000 to a \$5 million general fund budget — that's almost 1/5 of the general fund budget."

Her assessment added context to a presentation last week of the annual municipal audit for fiscal year 2012-2013.

Reserves

The routine audit by Plante Moran showed, as of June 30, the city maintained another year of healthy financial reserves despite an overall revenue decline.

"Our fund balance is still good," Kleinow said.

The unrestricted fund balance, also called the rainy day fund, totaled \$1,103,444, or 20 percent of operating costs, which auditors recommend.

"While our fund balance is healthy as of June 30, 2013, it's the ever-looming legacy costs that we're facing," Kleinow said.

Auditors revealed a drop in municipal revenue last year, mainly due to a \$149,807 loss in investment values.

"The market took a dip in June," Kleinow said. "If we hold those investments to maturity, there is no loss. We're guaran-

teed face value. The year before, we had a nice little increase at June 30 of our market value."

Property values increased slightly last year, which presumes a hopeful, but modest, trend.

"It's starting to turn around a little," Kleinow said.

Major jumps in property values won't generate equal percentage increases in property tax receipts due to limits on tax hikes prescribed by the Headlee cap and Proposal A.

"While we might see increases of 10 or 12 percent in market values, we're locked in at whatever the inflationary amount is, which is generally 2 percent," Kleinow said. "They're saying it will be 10 to 20 years before we get back to where we were before the decline."

Tax base

Unable to expand the property tax base due to the city's saturated development, municipal officials encourage new construction that generates higher property values and tax receipts.

"We've tried to encourage new investment," said Mayor Dale Scrace.

Prior to the recession, developers were lining up in the Village to construct senior living, a small hotel and multi-story mixed-use structures on municipal parking lots north of Kercheval.

The city council recently modified zoning to encourage development of the defunct

Sunrise senior living site on St. Clair below Kercheval.

Zoning changes within the past few months facilitated a health care provider with retail tenants to buy and renovate the former Borders Books building, vacant three years on Kercheval.

"That all has small incremental increases over the years in assessed values," Scrace said. "We encourage existing property owners to increase the value of their property by making improvements."

That also applies to housing.

"We strongly encourage, through zoning ordinance enforcement, the upgrading and updating of homes," Scrace said.

Operations

Auditors showed the cost of operating the public safety department went down \$98,788 last year.

The department represents about 55 percent of city expenditures.

General government operations represented 22.6 percent of expenses.

Kleinow compared legacy costs to a black cloud following the city.

"Every time you make it through one storm, you still have that black cloud," Kleinow said.

Auditors couldn't forecast the impact of Affordable Care Act on city finances.

"Everybody assumes the cost of health care will go up because Obamacare requires you to cover more things and people," Kleinow said.

OFFICERS:

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one who has been touched by this disturbing incident for the actions of these officers. We are holding those responsible accountable and taking steps to insure this kind of incident will never happen again."

Hiller did not release the names or ranks of the officers involved, citing employment law regulations, but did say he was disturbed by the "shift culture" that allowed this type of incident to occur, noting the entire shift has been reassigned.

The investigation began after videos, shot in March 2012, surfaced showing Scipio, who lives in a group home in Detroit, being encouraged to sing and dance. At least one of the videos showed Scipio in the backseat of a squad car. The videos were first shown in mid-November on a website, Motor City Muckraker, and when contacted by the owner of the website, Steve Neavling, Park officials questioned their validity. As news of the videos spread, the Park determined its officers were involved and an investigation was launched by Hiller and Capt. David Loch.

Hiller said as the investigation commenced, all the officers involved were forthcoming and he believed the investigation is now complete. He said the officers' involvement ranged from engaging Scipio in similar behavior, shooting the video, sharing it and not reporting it to command officers.

He also thanked the officers' union for its cooperation.

In addition to sensitivity training, Hiller said the entire department will receive "extensive training" in the proper way to use social media.

"I take full responsibility for the lack of training in diversity issues in recent years," Hiller said,



PHOTO BY KATHY RYAN

Sherry McRill, vice president of the Northeast Guidance Center, stands with Chief David Hiller at the press conference.

citing budget and manpower cuts.

The news conference announcing the results of the internal investigation was held in the social hall of St. Ambrose Catholic Church. It was coordinated by Greg Bowens, a public relations consultant hired by the Park when the investigation began. In addition to the chief, several people spoke in support of the Park and its diversity. The press conference opened and closed with a prayer by St. Ambrose minister, Rev. Timothy Pelc.

The first person to speak was Park city administrator Dale Krajniak, who said the Park shares a unique bond with the City of Detroit.

"The Park shares a deep connection with the City of Detroit," he said, citing the large number of Park residents who do volunteer work in Detroit.

He also noted the Park is the most diverse of all the Grosse Pointes and praised the public safety officers for their hard work and dedication.

"We all make mistakes," Krajniak said, "but we learn from them and move on."

The Rev. Marsha Farrow also spoke. She formerly presided over the Grace United Church of Christ on Kercheval, which was sold to the Atwater Brewery, and now oversees Higher Grounds ministries on Mack and Nottingham in the Park.

"I throw my full support behind Chief Hiller," she said. "The police are always right there when we need them. They always take care of business."

She said Scipio frequently visits the coffee shop her church runs, and noted, "I have laughed at Michael myself," when he makes funny sounds.

Following the press conference, the Rev. Malik Shabazz, a social activist from Detroit who had organized a protest against the Park police a week earlier and met privately with Hiller following the protest, spoke with reporters.

"I was not invited to this press conference and I didn't know anything about it until a reporter called me," he said. "I think what we saw today was part truth and part whitewash."

Park Mayor Palmer Heenan attended the press conference, but declined to speak to reporters. He did, however, issue a written statement.

"I applaud Chief Hiller for holding the officers responsible for this incident accountable for their actions," it said. "I am optimistic the steps he is taking to prevent this type of thing from happening in the future will be successful. We are all saddened by this incident and offer our sincere and deepest apologies to Mr. Scipio. We will learn from this and move forward."

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thiness of the tax entity that's guaranteeing the payment on the bond," said Kedzierski, a CPA and attorney.

Standard & Poor's praised Shores officials for restoring the city's fund balance, an amount set aside as a kind of rainy day fund.

"We built over \$1 million fund balance," Kedzierski said. "That's the cushion Standard & Poor's was looking for."

Shores officials asked the agency to reconsider the former rating in preparation for refinancing bonds next year.

Savings from refinancing was forecast before the upgrade to be about \$18,000.

"Instead of saving \$18,000, it may be degrees more than that," Kedzierski said.

The Shores lost its AA+ rating a few years ago when fund balance declined during the 2009 consolidation of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, Grosse Pointe Township and Lake

Township into a city form of government, namely the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, a Michigan City.

"The only reason they downgraded us was when we became a city, (city officials) stockpiled money in the fund balance and used that in the short fiscal year," said Wollenweber, hired after the transition. "As a result of that, (Standard & Poor's) wanted to see a trend back to restoring it."

A recent annual audit revealed fund balance reached 15 percent of annual operating expenses last year, up from 11 percent the year before.

Standard & Poor's cited current fund balance at 16.5 percent of operating expenses.

"They were very pleased with that,"

Wollenweber said of the rating agency.

"It validates the hard work of the finance committee, the council and our team, (Mark) Wollenweber, (Finance Director) Rhonda Ricketts, (bond counsel) Mark Gormely and city attorney (Brian Renaud)," Kedzierski said.

Specifically, S&P said in its credit profile of the Shores that the new rating reflects the city's:

- ◆ "very strong budgetary flexibility," meaning "the city is nearly 8 mills under its Headlee limit, and thus has the flexibility to increase its property tax levy by up to \$1.9 million by council vote;"
- ◆ "reserves exceeding 15 percent of general fund expenditures,"
- ◆ "strong budgetary performance,"
- ◆ "very strong liquidity providing very strong

cash levels to cover both debt service and expenditures,"

- ◆ "strong management conditions" and
- ◆ "adequate debt" position with "an overall debt burden that is less than 3 percent of market value."

The city's rating outlook contains a cautionary note:

"We do not expect to

raise the rating in the next two years given the city's location in Wayne County, which has high unemployment and significant population decline.

"Though we do not anticipate a drawdown of reserves, we could lower the rating if the city's reserves fall below \$500,000."

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"(The) vehicle (was) traveling too fast for road conditions," a public safety officer reported. "The vehicle stuck a tree in the median and knocked it over. Bystanders pushed the vehicle back into the roadway. The vehicle was undriveable."

Sees suspect

An unknown man is suspected of breaking into a car parked in the driveway of a house in the 800 block of Lakeshore and stealing a radar detector.

A resident of the house reported the incident at 5:46 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23.

The resident saw the suspect flee in a late-model, hunter green Jeep Grand Cherokee, according to police.

The radar detector is an Escort Passport 9500ix valued at \$550.

—Brad Lindberg
Report information on these or other crimes to the Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety Department at (313) 881-5500.

A 20-year-old Woods resident admitted to police she was texting while driving when she struck a parked car at 4 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 1, while driving on Anita. A routine check showed her license had been suspended, which resulted in her arrest.

—Kathy Ryan
Report information on these or other crimes to Grosse Pointe Woods police, (313) 343-2400.

Grosse Pointe Park

Home invasion thwarted

A resident of the 1000 block of Bedford came home shortly after midnight Sunday, Dec. 1, and saw two unknown people in the yard, one of whom was climbing a ladder to a second floor window. The homeowner yelled, the suspects fled and after a short police search, the suspects were located on Whittier. The suspects, both juveniles, were taken into custody and face charges of attempted home invasion.

Wheels taken

The owner of a 1986 Pontiac, which was parked in a garage on Somerset, found the car up on blocks and four Asanti chrome rims removed. The theft occurred overnight Tuesday, Nov. 26.

Larceny from auto

A 2008 Dodge Magnum parked in the 1400 block of Harvard was broken into at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26. According to witnesses, a teenager driving a Jeep Cherokee drove up, broke the window on the Magnum and took a large amount of cash and several gift cards.

—By Kathy Ryan
Report information on these or other crimes to Grosse Pointe Park police, (313) 822-7400.

Grosse Pointe Woods

Purse snatching

An 83-year-old St. Clair Shores resident was treated for injuries sustained in a purse snatching that occurred at 12:15 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 26, in the CVS parking lot on Mack.

According to police, the woman had left the store and was placing items in the trunk of her car when a white male in a red pickup truck drove up and reached out through the driver's side window and grabbed her purse, causing her to fall to the ground, injuring her elbow and hip.

The truck fled the lot at a high rate of speed.

Police are reviewing surveillance videos.

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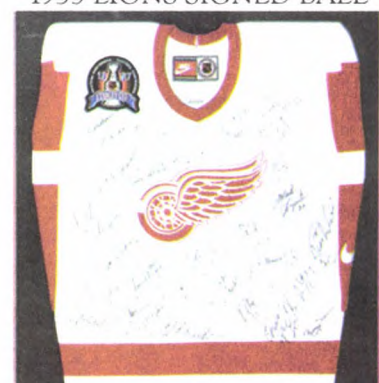


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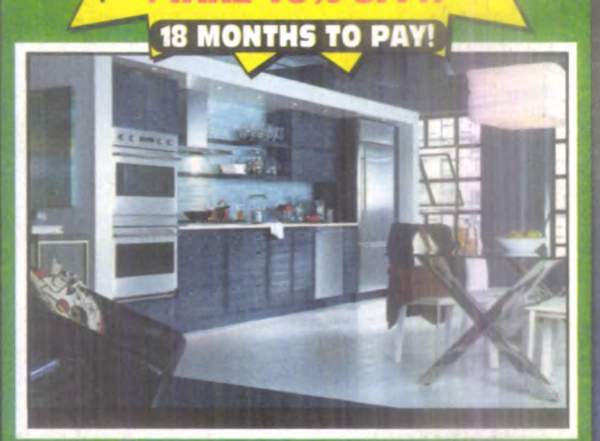


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Homeland Security special agent Brett Treadwell helps Rachel Cline try on a vest, known as a medic pack. The vest contains various tools and supplies.

Career perspective

Eighth graders at Pierce Middle School recently participated in a Career Day, in which students ventured classroom to classroom to hear presentations from professionals representing a multitude of careers.

In attendance were representatives from Homeland Security, Secret Service, the FBI, broadcast journalism, nursing, art, law enforcement and other careers.

The idea of Career Day, which started at Pierce nearly 20 years ago, is for students to start exploring their current interests and strengths and relating those into possible career choices.



Roger Gongs, Secret Service, and Ryan Coffey, Homeland Security, speak with students about their professions.

Foundation awards 20 grant requests

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

At its November meeting, the Grosse Pointe Public School System Board of Education approved the receipt of 20 grants totaling \$85,716.

The grants, which will allow teachers at all levels to pilot technological devices and programs, are a gift from the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education.

"As we move forward to improve the technology that we have in our school system, we've been very fortunate to have the Foundation provide pilots to the school district, in classrooms, with students, individually, so we can identify what are the best products for our students to improve their learning," said Tom Harwood, superintendent.

Grants awarded at the Nov. 25 meeting include:

- Multi-sensory environments at Brownell and Pierce middle schools to provide sensory opportunities and increase attention, interaction and production for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Meghan Post, Aimee Miller, Linda Cole and Mackenzie Herbert submitted the grant proposal.
- Developmental learning backpacks for educational toys and other items necessary to address the needs of students with special needs

at Barnes Early Childhood Center. Julie Huellmantel submitted the grant.

- Ten individual notebooks at the secondary level for ASD students with organizational, fine motor, receptive language and social skills challenges to help foster independence. Meghan Post submitted the grant.
- A convection oven for Grosse Pointe South High School's Community Campus business, C3, to assist the program's students with special needs in the making and selling of products like chocolate-dipped pretzels. Kathy Dykstra submitted the grant.
- Three iPad 2 and three Apple TVs with appropriate accessories for fifth grade teachers at Kerby Elementary School, allowing them to teach whole and small group lessons using educational apps to pilot for the district. Patricia Blazinski, Matt Eszes and Patrick Brown submitted the grant.
- Ten iPads and cases and \$25 iTunes gift cards for the district's 10 elementary school reading specialists to motivate students and improve their accuracy, comprehension and fluency in reading. Kathleen McClanaghan submitted the grant.
- Five iPads with cases and apps for small group and cooperative learning in Cheryl Briggs' third grade classroom at

Richard Elementary School. Briggs submitted the grant.

- "The Leader in Me" teacher manuals, student activity books and web materials from Stephen Covey's program designed to teach children personal leadership skills, as well as to enhance student growth and promote a positive school climate. Students at Trombly Elementary School will pilot the program. Dona Johnson-Beach submitted the grant.
- Six iPad 2 and an Apple TV for the multi-age classroom at Trombly to help teacher Mary O'Meara integrate technology into everyday learning through different projects and activities. O'Meara submitted the grant.
- Five iPads and cases to implement "math workshop" in Marty Weaver's third grade classroom at Trombly. It's an extension of the current Everyday Math program and allows for greater differentiation in math. Weaver submitted the grant.
- Twelve iPad 2, cases and recharging cabinet for fifth graders at Ferry Elementary School to use across the curriculum for research, presentations and communication and in helping them become self-directed learners. Jack McKelvey submitted the grant.

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Youthful musings

By A.J. Hakim
Staff Writer

When Josie Monahan opened her present from grandpa Christmas Day last year, the unexpectedness of what she saw brought her to tears. For Monahan's grandpa, Ted Gushee, unbeknownst to anyone in the family, had had his 10-year-old granddaughter's writing professionally illustrated and turned into a book.

"I was actually crying," said Monahan, a sixth grader at Brownell Middle School. "It was really exciting. Nobody, not even my grandma, had a clue about that. We didn't even know it was going to be a book."

The book, *Writings of a Young Girl*, is an unedited collection of Monahan's original poems, short stories, songs and random thoughts, with illustrations from Rebecca Green. It features Monahan's musings about nature, animals, weather and the ways of the world as seen through the eyes of a 6 to 9 year old, the years during which Josie wrote the pieces published in the book.

everything down since I was like 5 or 6," Monahan said. "I just felt like expressing what I saw and what I felt."

Turns out, from the time Monahan first started writing, her mother, Laura, had been collecting random poems or songs or short stories and would send them to Gushee in Arizona.

Always one to encourage Josie's writing, Gushee, too, had his own collection from the times he and Josie spent writing together and chose 20 to have illustrated and published.

"I would send him different things," Laura said. "It's like the Easter bunny dropping little... it's trash, and then I pick it up and it's like this beautiful-something thought on it. So, I started sending those to my dad since the time she was 6. We had no idea he was hiring a professional illustrator. He was so proud of it."

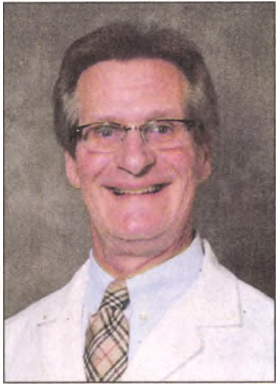
As was Josie. She has used this unexpected experience to inspire others, young and old, to develop and shape their own voices. She most recently visited Kerby

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Monteith Elementary School's student council collected 1,360 pounds of assorted foods for Gleaners Food Bank Collection during the council's "Be A Hunger Hero" food drive.

Hunger heroes

For nearly three weeks in November, Monteith Elementary School's student council ran a "Be A Hunger Hero" Gleaners Food Bank Collection. The collection totaled 1,360 pounds of assorted foods that council advisors Beth Wang and Vi Hadgikosti donated to Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan.

"Without advocates like you in our community, Gleaners would not be able to collect over 2.5 million

pounds of food from food drives and distribute them to our more than 550 partners each year," Gleaners food drive manager Stephanie Melnick said in an e-mail to the student council. "Through your support, you are helping to connect hungry people with the food they need when and where they need it."

According to Melnick's e-mail, Monteith's donation provides approximately 1,129 meals to people in need.

"Outstanding job," Melnick said.



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Students to curate WWI exhibit

Juniors and seniors in the World War I class at University Liggett School have curated a museum exhibition featuring their research into different topics of The Great War.

The students will present "World War I: The Exhibition" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the school's main lobby. Additionally, students will serve as docents and explain their projects.

All are invited to attend.

Committee encourages 'yes' vote

A group of Grosse Pointe residents calling themselves the GP Tech Yes Steering Committee is urging community members to "vote yes" on the Grosse Pointe Public School System's technology bond proposal at the Feb. 25 election.

The committee, co-chaired by George McMullen and Laura Monahan and with Allison Baker as its secretary, formed in anticipation of the GPPSS Board of Education's Nov. 25 approval of the multi-series, \$50 million bond that would fund upgrades and improvements to the district's infrastructure, safety and security and technology.

"A group of us started getting together and talking about...anticipating that (the bond is) going to pass and what we could do to start it with a good push," Baker said at the Nov. 25 meeting.

Their decision — and the committee's mission — was and is to inform residents about the district's need for the bond to pass in February and

to encourage resident support.

"We have been a GPPSS family for seven years now, and in that time, I have had the opportunity to help out in my children's classrooms quite a bit, and thus have been able to witness firsthand how horribly outdated their computer systems are," said resident Andrea Rogos.

"They take forever to boot up, frequently crash, and are very slow. My son is currently taking a sixth grade computer class at Parcels (Middle School), and he frequently complains about how outdated the programs are, how badly the computers run, and that they are not able to complete assignments in the class because of frequent problems with the computers."

The committee encourages any residents interested in joining to visit its website at gptechnyes.org or its Facebook page, [facebook.com/gptechnyes](https://www.facebook.com/gptechnyes), or e-mail the committee at gptechnyes@gmail.com.



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Josie Monahan proudly shows off her book.

WRITING: Student inspires others with writing

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Elementary School and spoke to second graders about writing and publishing her book.

"They were actually asking a lot of questions and writing me a lot of things too," Monahan said. "I didn't think they were going to be that excited."

The students' excitement, Josie's mother has noticed, has had a positive impact on Josie, making her more accepting of her own writing voice.

"What I'm seeing from her is, when she sees how much it inspires kids of those younger ages, to be able to have the guts to say, 'You know what, I've just got to put pen to paper and not worry about if it's junk. It's not junk. No words are junk. It's my thoughts,'" Laura Monahan said. "It's a nice message."

For more information on Josie Monahan or her book, visit josiemonahan.com.



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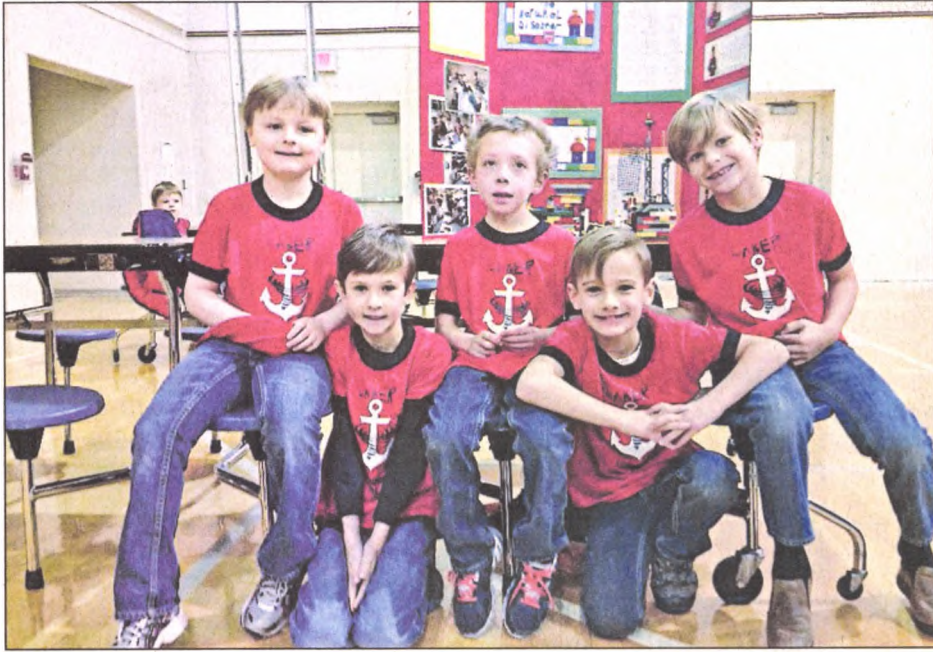


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St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School's Laker LEGO Builders during the Junior FIRST LEGO League SharkFest Expo at Troy High School.

On Nov. 9, St. Paul on the Lake Catholic School's Laker LEGO Builders, a team of second graders, participated in the Junior FIRST LEGO League SharkFest Expo at Troy High School.

Team members Shawn

Coyle, Quinn Johnson, Jake Juip, Elijah Meyers and Joey Stapleton were challenged to research natural disasters — hurricanes, tsunamis, earthquakes, wildfires, landslides, blizzards and others — and build a LEGO model to repre-

sent an aspect of their research.

The team chose tornadoes and researched causes and safety precautions.

In their research, the team interviewed storm chasers and built LEGO models simulating a

Crazy Floors carnival ride with a working crane, using gears and a motor to drive the moving parts.

Additionally, in applying their knowledge of tornadoes, gears and motors, the team created a LEGO model of a town in the midst of a tornado. The town had three buildings, roads, cars and streetlights, all intact, as well as a fourth house partially destroyed from a tornado. Powered by gears and a motor, the team's tornado spun, which impressed the judges.

"The judges were very impressed with the way the boys incorporated the moving tornado into their model," said parent Maureen Juip. "They were even more impressed with the confidence that the boys displayed during their interview."

To communicate everything they learned, the team also created a display board.



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During the raffle portion of Liggett Knight, University Liggett School supporters were able to bid on items online from their smart phones or other electronic device.

Liggett Knight sets new school record

More than 300 friends and supporters of University Liggett School came together at the Detroit Athletic Club for Liggett Knight, the school's annual fundraiser, which raised nearly \$330,000 to support the school and its faculty and students in the classroom.

That figure marks a new record for the event, surpassing last year's figure of just under \$200,000.

The event, chaired by Patti Ilitch and Kris Mestdagh, featured silent and live auctions of items ranging from student artwork to trips with the Red Wings to

jewelry and gift certificates donated by local businesses.

"Liggett Knight, and this fundraising total, would not have been possible without the hard work of our volunteer corps and the support of our sponsors, benefactors and other friends of Liggett who donated their time and treasures to help the school," said Associate Head of School for Advancement Kelley Hamilton. "It is more proof that the community knows Liggett is a vital resource for the area and values its forward thinking educational philosophy."

GRANTS: Foundation reviewed 42 grants

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- After-school teacher pay for the Homework Club program in the district's five focus schools — Defer, Ferry, Poupard, Trombly and Mason. The club reinforces skills covered during the school day for students identified as having the greatest need. Maureen Bur submitted the grant.

- Nine PASCO SPARK mobile devices for measuring data in lab group experiments in science classes at Brownell Middle School. It's a pilot program, with the possibility of expanding into Pierce and Parcels. Walter Charuba submitted the grant.

- Training for two counselors at Parcels for the WEB, Where Everyone Belongs, middle school orientation and transition program that's modeled after the LINK program currently at both high schools. These mentor programs encourage positive relationships and strengthen the school culture by

having trained eighth graders mentor incoming students throughout the year. Carla Palffy and Jennifer Sherman submitted the grant.

- Three Canon EOS Rebel digital cameras with cases, tripods and light kits for the middle school art departments. The equipment will help capture high-quality photographs for use in students' online digital portfolios and submissions to the Scholastic Art Awards. Natalie Zoufal submitted the grant.

- Building equipment for South's solar car team to assist the team's efforts to design and build a solar car to race in the 2014 Dell-Winston Solar Car Challenge. Nicholas Morris, Sam Hoffman and Harrison Krasner submitted the grant.

- A SkiFi wireless telescope controller, accessories and video display monitor for astronomy and earth science stu-

dents at Grosse Pointe North High School to allow for better observations during special occurrences at night. Ardis Herrold submitted the grant.

- Four iPads and the Rundown Creator software to help broadcast journalism students at North create announcements for the Norsemen News, enabling them to update scripts and share updates instantly between computer graphics, the teleprompter and producers. Brian Stackpoole submitted the grant.

- Four iPad Minis and four Apple TVs with accessories for teachers at Brownell and Parcels, as well as 10 additional Apple TVs with adaptor cables for pilot programs at South. The technology allows teachers to teach from anywhere in the classroom and builds a more interactive and collaborative learning environment. Gary Abud submitted the grant.

- Materials, parts and machinery maintenance for the Gearheads FIRST Robotics team, a joint effort of North and South students, as it prepares its 2014 robot for competition in future FIRST Robotics tournaments. Steven Beckett submitted the grant.

In all, the Foundation reviewed 42 grant submissions during this grant cycle.

"In this particular grant cycle, the GPFPE has been very fortunate to be able to award 20 amazing new grants written by our own Grosse Pointe Public School System staff," said Christie Scoggin, grant supervisor.

"Most of these grants... are pilot educational opportunities that will help the school system to make informative decisions for future programs across our district."

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PASTOR'S CORNER

By Rev. Randy Boelter

A house filled with treasure

The Grosse Pointes and surrounding communities have a treasure of beautiful art and learning housed in the stained glass windows which beautify so many houses of worship. Christ the King Lutheran Church of Grosse Pointe Woods certainly is included. Art glass has historically assisted people to worship and know their savior Jesus Christ. Congregations have chosen a variety of themes for their windows: from the triune God to events in Jesus' life to the work of the apostles and saints.

At Christ the King, our forebears took great care not only to install beautiful art glass to the glory of God, but worked to ensure themes of the individual windows unite to tell a complete story: the Gospel of Jesus Christ from man's fall into sin to his redemption. From the windows above the altar to the windows lining the nave to the last windows one passes when leaving the church, one views how God's saving grace in Jesus Christ has been handed down to God's people throughout time, reminding us of the difference Christ has made in our lives. At Christmas, we celebrate the peace and reconciliation we have with God through the birth of his son, our savior Jesus Christ. Celebration of Jesus' birth becomes far more important to us, even when recalled in art glass, when we are able to see the whole story: how we once stood before God and why our rescue in the Christ of Christmas is so necessary.

Sunday, Dec. 15, our congregation and preschool again present the living nativity as our Christmas gift to the community. From noon to 3:30 p.m., children dress as shepherds, angels and the Magi to tell the story of Jesus' birth. We join them in singing Christmas carols at a manger on our front lawn. Some of the same kinds of animals will surround us that possibly surrounded the incarnate Son of God when he was born.

The community is invited to celebrate Jesus' birth with us, then warm up with hot chocolate and Christmas treats in the church basement.

And while you are with us, come and enjoy a brief tour of our nave with its treasure of art glass windows. Not only will you and your children enjoy a community treasure of beauty and color, your celebration of Christmas will become even more meaningful as you recall the treasure of the Gospel — your redemption from sin and your reconciliation with God the Father through faith in Jesus.

Celebrating the treasure of Advent and Christmas with you.

Rev. Boelter is minister at Christ the King Lutheran Church, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Advent speaks of peace

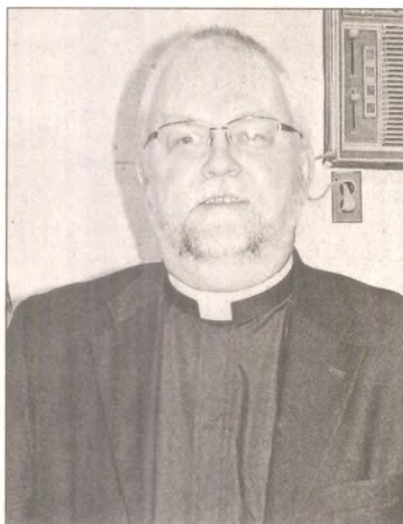
By Ann L. Fouty
Features Editor

This is the time in the church calendar the Rev. Krister Ulmanis enjoys the most — Advent.

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church interim minister said, "It's a peaceful time before the hustle and bustle of the holiday."

Since his arrival in September, Ulmanis has been getting to know the congregation from the adults to the children, attending meetings and gatherings and in a few weeks playing a shepherd in the children's Christmas pageant. With Advent's arrival, he can focus on preparing the congregation for a new year. Born and raised in Sweden, Ulmanis told his parents at the age of 6 he was called to be a minister, entering the seminary in 1986.

"It's the whole gospel journey — helping people through their life cycle, the good and bad," he said of why he chose this career.



The Rev. Krister Ulmanis is the interim minister at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Ulmanis has a Master of Divinity degree from Waterloo (Ontario, Canada) Lutheran Seminary and spent a year at Western Michigan University.

While attending seminary,

Ulmanis said, he and a friend had season tickets to the Detroit Lions for four years. "I got to know the metro Detroit area. It feels like coming home. It's a wonderful experience coming to Grosse Pointe and metro Detroit. Michigan is the state I know best."

Since becoming a minister, Ulmanis has had a year assignment in Latvia, his parents' native country. There he helped rebuild the churches following the fall of the Berlin Wall, and visiting relatives.

"People just flocked to the church. It was an exciting time to be a part of those changes. Every Saturday there were 30 or 40 baptisms," he said.

Upon his return, Ulmanis has served four churches, including one in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. Now he lives in Windsor and serves in an interim minister position for the Ontario and Michigan synods.

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CHURCH EVENTS

Ecumenical breakfast

The Grosse Pointe Men's Ecumenical breakfast begins with coffee at 6:45 a.m. Friday, Dec. 6, 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, Therese Yglasias, Goodfellows vice president.

The event ends at 8:15 a.m.

Men of all faiths can attend.

For more information call Dick Strowger at (313) 881-9806.

Christ the King

The Judelairens present their 2013 Christmas concert, "I Believe," at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 20338 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods.

A free will offering is accepted.

Christ Church

Christ Church of Grosse Pointe presents gifts and greens from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at the church. Proceeds benefit the church's outreach programs.

Fresh trees, wreaths,

garlands, gift items, homemade baked goods, a silent auction and an area for children to buy presents are available.

A preview party is from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6. Tickets, costing \$35, can be purchased either at the door or at the church. For more information, call (313) 885-4841.

St. Paul on the Lake

St. Paul on the Lake Catholic Church hosts an old-fashioned Christmas at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at the church, 157 Lakeshore, Grosse Pointe Farms. The event features more than 75 voices in the church's choir, the sixth grade

class of St. Paul's, the Mark Radeke Schola Cantorum and the St. Paul on the Lake string quartet.

Free will offerings are accepted to benefit the Haiti and Africa Relief Team Inc. The suggested family donation is \$20 and individuals can donate \$10.

St. James

St. James Lutheran Church's mission and outreach committee hosts a Good Gifts Advent Fair from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, featuring local and international fair trade vendors. Items for sale include coffee, tea,

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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.

Dorothy Duncan

Dorothy Duncan, 86, passed away peacefully Sunday, Nov. 17, 2013, at her home in Danbury, Conn., with family by her side.

She was born Dec. 28, 1926, to John Edgar and Maude (nee Fiscus) Duncan of Grosse Pointe. A gifted pianist and singer, she attended the Eastman School of Music and National Music Camp at Interlochen, then earned her bachelor's degree in music education from the University of Michigan in 1949. After college, she became a music teacher, then left the classroom to begin a family in Ossining, N.Y., with her husband, Roger Appleby. In 1963, they relocated to Port Washington, N.Y.

Divorced in 1972, Ms. Duncan reassumed her maiden name and studied computer science at Hofstra University. She then worked as a computer programmer at Doubleday & Company in Garden City, N.Y. and Publishers Clearing House in Port Washington, retiring in 1992. As a single mother, she raised and provided for her three children by reeducating herself in a promising new field — and bravely starting a new career at age 46. She relocated to New Milford, Conn., in 2010, then purchased her dream house on Kellner's Pond in Danbury, Conn., in 2011. She lived there happily in quietude for two years with her beloved German shepherd, Daisy.

Ms. Duncan is survived by her son, Shaun Appleby; grandson, Ethan Appleby and his mother, Jenny Creasy; daughter, Amy Appleby and her husband, Peter Pickow; son, Jed Appleby and his wife, Magaly; grandson, Matthew Appleby; and grandson, Travis Appleby and his mother, Sarah Strange. She also is survived by her brother, D. Grey Duncan of Jacksonville, Fla., and numerous beloved nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased in 2007 by her older brother, John "Jack" E. Duncan Jr. (Mary Lou) of Grosse Pointe.

A remembrance gath-

ering will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Fellowship Hall of the Sherman Church, 6 Church Road, Sherman, Conn.

Donations may be made to the Carl Schurz Park Conservancy, c/o Adopt-a-Bench for Dorothy Duncan, 1562 First Avenue, Suite 331, New York, NY 10028 or at carlschurzparks.org. Share a memory at forevermissed.com.

William Nicholas Genematas

Former Grosse Pointe Shores resident William Nicholas Genematas, 93, of Harrisburg, Pa., died Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2013, in his residence.

He was the retired owner/operator of Marathon Linen Service, Inc. of Detroit and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, Camp Hill, Pa., the American Radio Relay League, Rotary Club of Hamtramck, World Medical Relief, Detroit, Detroit Economic Club and a former member of Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, St. Clair Shores.

He was born in Highland Park to Nicholas William and Marie (nee Sequin) Genematas. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his son, Nicholas William Genematas II.

He is survived by his wife of more than 68 years, Nina Genematas (nee Spear); daughter, Mariann G. Ernst and her husband, Dr. Brett Ernst of Harrisburg; and four grandchildren, William Nicholas Genematas II, Sarah Andrene Genematas, Alexandra Marie Ernst and Victoria Noel Ernst.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, at Chas. Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter Road, St. Clair Shores. Visitation begins at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Detroit.

Donations may be made

to the Nicholas W. Genematas II Foundation, 4075 Linglestown Road/P.O. Box 307, Harrisburg, PA 17112. Condolence cards may be mailed to 4700 Oakhurst Blvd., Harrisburg, PA 17110. Share a memory at parthemore.com.

Alexander McLuckie

Alexander McLuckie, 99, passed away peacefully Saturday, Nov. 23, 2013, in St. Clair Shores.

He was born Aug. 27, 1914, in Youngstown, Ohio, to Alexander and Elizabeth Robertson McLuckie. Family members said Mr. McLuckie was part of the "Greatest Generation" serving in World War II in Great Britain as a meteorologist for the U.S. Army Air Force and was loved, respected and admired by so many who were blessed to know him.

A 1932 graduate of Southeastern High School and a retiree of Federal Mogul Corporation, Mr. McLuckie lived in Grosse Pointe Woods 57 years. He enjoyed music and played his trombone for many years as part of the Grosse Pointe Community Band.

He was married 61 years to Evelyn Mareydt McLuckie, who predeceased him.

He is survived by his daughters, Suzanne McLuckie Kardasz and her husband, Dan, of Sterling Heights, and Jane McLuckie Lendway and her husband, Alan, of Montpelier, Vt. He was "Buppa" to Michael Kardasz (Kim) of Troy, Ross Lendway of Boston, and Alison Lendway of Providence, R.I. He was "Great Buppa" to Alex, James and Emma Kardasz.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, James R. McLuckie.

Donations to place wreaths on veterans' graves may be made to Wreaths Across America, 40800 Hayes Road, Clinton Township, MI 48038.

A funeral service was held Nov. 26 at Kaul Funeral Home in St. Clair Shores.

Share a memory at kaulfuneralhome.com.



Dorothy Duncan



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Alexander McLuckie



William Warren Queen



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William Warren Queen

William Warren Queen, 85, of St. Clair Shores and Grosse Pointe, passed away Saturday, Nov. 30, 2013.

A lifelong resident of the Grosse Pointe area, he was born March 13, 1928, in Detroit to Gerald and Lucille Queen. He served in the United States military during the Korean War earning the rank of sergeant. In 1955, he married the love of his life, Madge P. Winter. She predeceased him April 18, 2013.

As a young man, Mr. Queen was employed with the family business, Queen Cleaners. He later owned and operated Queen Real Estate.

He loved serving in his church, Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, for more than 50 years and enjoyed tennis, golf, biking and ski trips with his family.

Mr. Queen is survived by his children, Karen Queen, Kristin Q. Crackel (William) and William Queen Jr. (Kate); grandchildren, Matthew Pfeiffer (Nanette), Brian Pfeiffer, Klark Weishaupt, Clayton Queen, Lucy Queen and Tamanna Queen; sister, Mary Ann Pear; brother, Douglas Queen (Jean) and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Dec. 4 at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Inurnment was in the columbarium at the church.

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Sarah McCormick Traum

Sarah McCormick Traum, 85, died Sunday, Dec. 1, 2013, at Suncoast Hospice in Clearwater, Fla. She was living in Largo, Fla.

Known as Sallie to family and friends, she was born April 1, 1928, in Atlanta, Ga., to Dr. Frank and Edna McCormick and attended Western College for Women, now part of Miami University, in Oxford, Ohio. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Traum was a member of the Detroit Boat Club, Colony Town Club of which she was a past president, Cancer Loan Closet of Michigan, Grosse Pointe Hunt Club, Project Hope, Tides Hotel and Bath Club in St. Petersburg, Fla., Young Women's Organization of Detroit and the Grosse Pointe Garden Club. She enjoyed volunteering for a number of charitable organizations.

Mrs. Traum is survived by her daughter, Carolyn DeCou Traum Craig; son, Frank McCormick Traum (Eileen) and grandchild-

dren, A.J. Craig and John Craig.

She was predeceased by her husband, Emil Frank Traum Ph.D.

Mary Jane Starnes

Grosse Pointe Woods resident Mary Jane Starnes, 81, passed away peacefully at her home Saturday, Nov. 30, 2013.

She was born May 12, 1932, in Grand Rapids, to Ken and Evelyn Cox.

Mrs. Starnes is survived by her husband of 54 years, Robert Lees Starnes; daughters, Cathy Nixon (Scott) of Centennial, Colo., Carole Steffes (Kevin) of Evans, Ga., and Suzie Starnes Ternes of Grosse Pointe Woods; grandchildren, Jeffry Nixon (Meredith), Kelsy Nixon, James Nixon, Brendon Steffes, Michelle Steffes, Jacob Ternes and Grace Ternes; brother, Kenneth Edward Cox Jr. (Marilyn) of Holland; brother-in-law, Douglas James Starnes of Clinton Township and many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Starnes earned two degrees: a Bachelor of Science in occupational therapy and a Bachelor of Arts in education. She worked at the Sheppard Pratt School in Towson, Md., and Ann J. Kellogg School in Battle Creek, and also as a kindergarten teacher at Poupard Elementary in the Grosse Pointe Public School System.

A music lover and always singing, she was a member of Tuesday Musicales of Detroit and sang in the chancel choirs at both Lake Shore Presbyterian Church in St. Clair Shores and First Presbyterian Church, "The Pink Church," in Pompano Beach, Fla.

She was the volunteer music director for both the American Association of University Women chorus and Lake Shore Presbyterian Church youth choir.

Mrs. Starnes was a Master Gardener and past president of Deeplands Garden Club. She also volunteered for the Lake St. Clair Symphony Orchestra in St. Clair Shores and North Broward Hospital in Pompano Beach.

She and her husband, Bob, traveled extensively and visited five continents. Her family said her priority in life, however, was being a loving, dedicated wife, mother and friend.

A celebration of Mrs. Starnes' life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at Lake Shore Presbyterian Church, 27801 Jefferson Ave., St. Clair Shores.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lake Shore Presbyterian Church, 27801 Jefferson Ave., St. Clair Shores, MI 48081-1394.

Mildred Sumner Trombley

Lifelong Grosse Pointe resident Mildred Sumner Trombley, 103, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2013, at Angela Hospice in Livonia.

She was born in Grosse Pointe to William and Lucy Sumner, and was a granddaughter of Lucy Vernier. She graduated from Annunciation High School and the Business Institute of Detroit.

Mrs. Trombley worked as a secretary at the Penobscot Building in Detroit when it was first built. She also worked as a secretary for the City of Grosse Pointe and 18 years for the Grosse Pointe Public School System, from which she retired as secretary to the principal at Brownell Middle School.

Mrs. Trombley remained an avid golfer into her 80s and traveled until age 93. She enjoyed backyard bird-watching, loved animals and cherished her family. She loved watching Detroit Tigers games on television. She was fond of sweets, especially cream puffs.

She was devoted to her religion and was an original member of St. Philomena Catholic Church in Detroit. She was a member of the Soroptimists and donated to numerous charities including, Paralyzed Veterans of America, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Veterans of Foreign Wars, North Shore Animal League and Fr. Solanus Guild.

Mrs. Trombley is survived by her son, Robert J. Trombley; daughter, Barbara Watters (Thomas); grandchildren, Stephen Jackson (Karen), Susan Willemse (Ken), Christopher Jackson, Paul Jackson (Kim), Kelly Medina (Gilberto), Kimberly Santomauro (Marco), Rod Harding and Velea Shuman; numerous great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She also is survived by her daughter-in-law, Lola Trombley.

She was predeceased by her husband, Robert G. Trombley; son, William S. Trombley; daughter, Mary Josephine Jackson (Richard) and sisters, Gladys M. Hallberg and Josephine M. Kramer.

A memorial Mass was held Nov. 27 at St. Philomena.

Donations may be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207 or at cskdetroit.org or to North Shore Animal League America, 25 Davis Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050 or at animalleague.org.

EVENTS:

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chocolate and fruit. The church is located at 170 McMillan, Grosse Pointe Farms.

First English

The 33rd annual carol-a-long at First English Lutheran Church begins at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, with a light supper. Caroling begins at 7 p.m. The Good News Singers and the Good

News Ringers will be participating in the evening's free festivities.

A self-guided tour of more than 45 decorated Christmas trees can be taken after the meal.

The church is located at 800 Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods. For more information, call the church at (313) 884-5040.

Congregational Church

The Women's Fellowship of the Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, 240 Chalfonte, Grosse

Pointe Farms, hosts a Christmas program at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, in the church sanctuary. A carol sing-a-long is part of the program. The public can attend.

Assumption

Mel Stander's Gentlemen of Swing perform a Christmas concert from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, at Assumption Cultural Center, 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores.

No reservations are needed.

PEACE:

Continued from page 4A II

Ulmanis follows the Rev. Fred Harms, who retired earlier this year after 22 years serving the Grosse Pointe Farms congregation.

The church also saw its organist of 33 years, Linda Bauer, retire, and associate minister, the Rev. Mosal Collier, return to his native Sierra Leone. These three events Ulmanis describes as

losses.

"My role is to help the congregation process, take time to grieve the loss before starting the search for a new pastor. It's life changing when someone so well liked leaves," Ulmanis said, who anticipates to be at St. Paul for at least a year if not two years, assisting the congregation to cultivate its strengths, its outreach and music ministries.

For more information about the church, call (313) 881-6670. The church is located at 375 Lothrop.

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BOYS HOCKEY

Knights open season with wins

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett boys' hockey team had an impressive performance in its season opener Tuesday, Nov. 19, shutting out Grand Blanc 4-0.

"We played pretty well, but it's only the first game and there are things we need to work on," first-year head coach Mike Hamilton said. "I liked our intensity in that first period and the defense, as well as goaltending, was good."

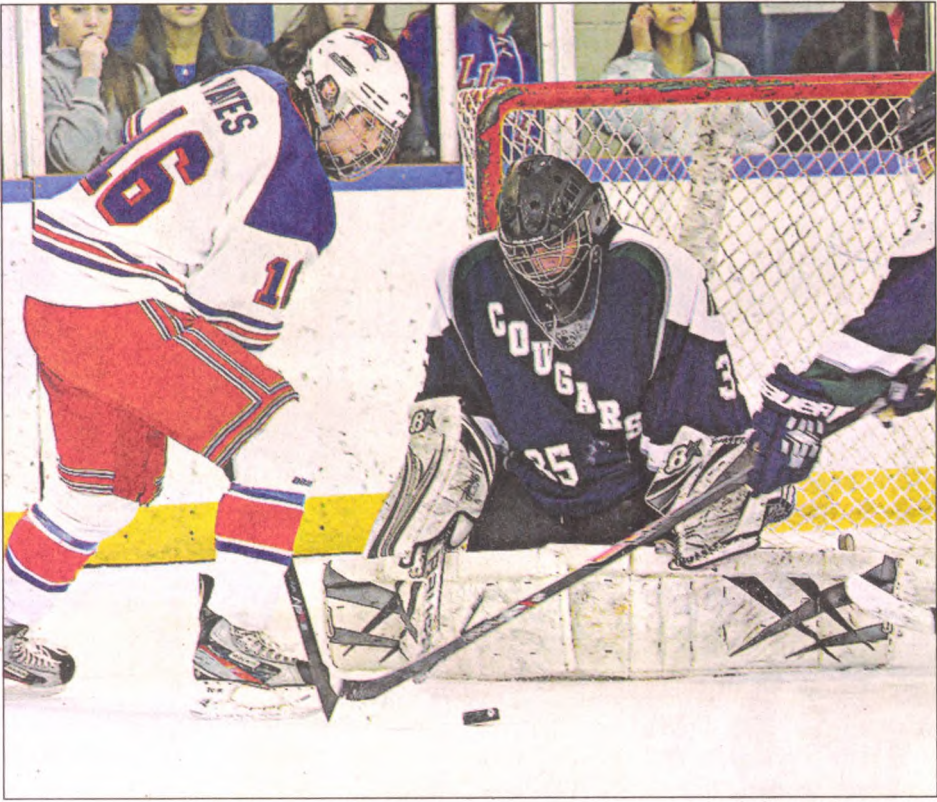
"It was a nice way to start the season."

The host Knights jumped out to a 2-0 lead on goals by junior Stephen Campau, assisted by junior Mason Demsey and senior Vincent Scarfone, and sophomore Alex Minanov, assisted by junior Josh Soyka and Campau.

They added a single goal in each of the next two periods to put some distance between themselves and Grand Blanc.

One key to the victory was the speed of the Knights' forwards. They had a huge advantage in that department and it set up a dozen high quality scoring chances.

In the second period,



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University Liggett's Williams Yates, left, scored two goals in less than a minute to help the Knights beat a good Dakota team.

senior Anthony Giorgio converted a 2-on-1 scoring chance by burying the puck in the back of the net at the 8:10 mark. Senior William Yates and sophomore Brett Abdelnour had the assists.

The Knights' final goal was scored by senior defensemen Lordanthony Grissom with only 1:25 left on the clock.

Junior Luke Soyka was

in net and stopped every shot that came his way to post the shutout.

In other action, Liggett played on the road against a good Howell squad and won 4-2, then returned home and defeated Macomb Dakota 4-1.

The host Knights used a three-goal first period to beat the Cougars. In fact, Yates scored two goals in a 37-second

span, including one off the power play, to lift the Knights.

He scored with the man advantage at the 8:18 mark, with senior Jake Jerome assisting, and made it a 2-0 game at the 7:41 mark, with Grissom and Abdelnour assisting.

Senior Cole Zingas tallied with only 26 seconds left in the opening period to put a dagger in the Cougars' heart. Grissom



University Liggett's Jake Jerome, right, added an insurance goal late in the second period to help the Knights win and improve to 3-0.

had the lone assist.

The Knights made it 4-0 when Jerome scored at the 10:14 mark of the second period. Yates and Abdelnour.

Luke Soyka was on his game, making several

outstanding saves to keep the Cougars off the board.

The visitors scored their lone goal with only 8.1 seconds left in the game.

Liggett is 3-0 overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Tough first week

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It's been a rough opening couple of weeks for Grosse Pointe North's boys' hockey team and first-year head coach Brad Case.

The Norsemen opened the season with a 10-2 loss to Birmingham Brother Rice and finished last weekend with an 0-2 mark in the annual Cranbrook-Kingswood Tournament.

The loss to Brother Rice was a non-league game, which ended after two periods.

The host Norsemen trailed 4-0 after the opening period before Nick Murray scored early in the second stanza. Brendan Nelson drew the lone assist.

The Warriors scored the next two goals to make it a 6-1 game, but Ryan Babcock tallied a power-play goal at the 7:10 mark to bring the Norsemen within four goals, 6-2. Vince Romanelli assisted.

After that, it was all Warriors as the visitors scored the next four goals, including the eight-goal mercy difference maker, with only 6.8 seconds left on the clock.

In the tournament, North played better but lost 5-3 to Cranbrook-Kingswood. This was the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League opener for both schools.

The Norsemen trailed



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Grosse Pointe North goalkeeper Josh Champney, No. 33, keeps a keen eye on the opponents' forwards during the Norsemen's season-opening loss to Birmingham Brother Rice.

2-0 after the first period, but scored twice in the second period and early in the third to make it a game.

Murray, unassisted, scored and Babcock tallied, assisted by Nick Cusmano and Romanelli, to tie it heading into the third period.

The Cranes scored the next two goals to make it 4-2, but Nelson tallied, with Joe Wright and Murray assisting, to bring the Norsemen within a goal at 4-3.

They couldn't get the equalizer as the Cranes scored one more to put the icing on the cake.

"We played a solid game," Case said. "We

had some solid play at both ends of the ice and lost a tough game to a very good Cranbrook squad. We had solid goaltending, played well defensively and had good scoring chances."

North ended the tournament with a 7-0 loss to Rochester United in the consolation game, dropping to 0-3 overall and 0-1 in the MIHL.

"I don't know if we had a let down after the Cranbrook game, but we didn't play well."

"We can't take nights off due to the strength of our schedule, so I told the guys they have to bring their game every night."

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils open Metro play with win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Grosse Pointe South boys' hockey team opened its season with a 5-1 loss to Trenton at City Ice Arena Wednesday, Nov. 20.

"I thought we would play better than this," head coach Bobby McKillop said. "We didn't compete, we didn't play with a high level of energy. We can't play like this and expect to win hockey games."

Visiting Trenton scored two goals in a 14-second span early in the first period, which set the tone for the game.

The Trojans' second tally was on the power play and came off a miscue by goalkeeper Andrew Wright.

Trenton scored a third goal in the first period and each squad tallied once in the second period as the visitors out-shot the home team 17-12 after 34 minutes.

Senior Andrew Hyde scored the Blue Devils' goal, with juniors Nikolas Minanov and William Barrett collecting assists.

The Trojans tacked on the final goal with 1:15 left.

"We didn't play an exhibition game, so I expected us to be a little rusty, but I didn't think we would play this poorly," McKillop said. "We will get better. That I promise."

South improved to 1-0 in the Michigan Metro Hockey League and 1-1 overall, beating host Ann Arbor Huron 4-1.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

South junior Cameron Mogk and his teammates had a tough time in their season opener, a 5-1 loss to Trenton.

Senior captain Andrew Bigham opened the scoring, with an assist from defenseman Ian Corbett. The Blue Devils' second goal, which put them ahead to stay, came in the second period.

Assistant captain Will Hyde slid the puck over to fellow assistant captain Corbett, and his slap shot from 25 feet out, found the back of the net.

Assistant captain Will Walker tallied the third goal on a one-timer, with an assist to Bigham. Bigham picked up his third point of the night as he cleverly wrapped in the fourth and final goal in the third period.

Will Poplawski and Corbett assisted on the play.

Senior goalie Trent Maghielse was strong in the net, turning back 19 shots and holding Ann Arbor to a single goal.

His defensemen were comparably good, with strong performances turned in by Joe Toth, William Barrett, Griffin Brooks and Nick Minanov.

The intelligent defensive play of forwards Casey Livingston, Tyler Demery, and Wyatt Flynn was noteworthy, as they killed off a number of power plays throughout the course of the game.

Girls hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils open with wins

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Tenley Shield had quite a season opener, scoring six goals to lead the Grosse Pointe South girls' hockey team to a 7-4 win over Northville in its season opener Nov. 19 at Eddie Edgar Arena.

"I wanted to play everyone to see how they responded," head coach Joe Provenzano said. "We have a lot of new players and I want to make sure they get enough game experience so we're a better all-around team at the end of the season."

This is the Blue Devils' most inexperienced squad since 2007 when the squad finished .500 under former head coach Bill Fox.

Shield had a natural hat trick in the opening period and Gennie Martin tallied a power-play goal with only 23.3 left to give the visitors a 4-2 lead.

Margaret Reilly and Eliza Bourke had two assists apiece, while Ellie Flom and Martin had one assist apiece in the high scoring opening period.

The Mustangs outscored the Blue Devils 2-1 in the second period as Shield scored again, with Libby Erickson netting the assist.

It could have been a tie game after two periods, but Blue Devils netminder Isabella Strickler made three glove saves off point-blank shots.

Shield put the finishing touches on her career-game, scoring two more goals in the third period. She tallied at the 14:24 mark with Bourke and Martin drawing assists and made it a three-goal game with her goal at the 2:07 mark.

It was also the best game point-wise for Bourke, who finished with a career-best three assists, and Martin finished with a goal and two assists.

South caught a break when Northville's best player was ejected after receiving her fifth penalty with 1:49 left in the second period. According



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

South junior Eliza Bourke, No. 23, had three assists in the Blue Devils' season-opening 7-4 win over Northville.

to league rules, a player is ejected after receiving five penalties in a game.

"It wasn't pretty, but we earned the two points with a win," Provenzano said. "We struggled a bit in the first half, but once we get everyone on the same page, we will be a better hockey team."

In other early-season action, South played two games in less than 24 hours the weekend of Nov. 23 and 24. South beat host Bloomfield 4-3 and lost 6-1 to host Port Huron.

In the win, the Blue Devils trailed a vastly improved Bloomfield squad 3-1 entering the third period.

However, Shield scored her second goal of the game to make it 3-2 and Emma St. John scored her first-ever goal off a rebound, tying the game

3-3.

With only 42 seconds left in the third period, Erickson scored the game-winner.

The Blue Devils had no energy left and it showed in the loss to Port Huron. The host team jumped out to a 4-0 first-period lead and the Blue Devils never recovered.

Bourke scored her first goal of the season in the second period to account for the Blue Devils' lone tally.

South finished a busy week with a road game against Plymouth-Canton-Salem early last week.

Shield scored her ninth goal of the season as the Blue Devils pulled out a 1-0 win over the Penguins.

Strickler and the defense played their best game of the four contests played in the seven-day period.

Grosse Pointe South is 3-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and overall.

Coming up for the Blue Devils is their home opener at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, against Warren Regina, followed by a road game Wednesday, Dec. 11, against defending state champ and unbeaten Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood.

LIGGETT



PHOTO BY RENATO JAMETT

Win No. 1

The University Liggett girls' hockey team opened its season with a 3-0 win over Livonia Ladywood Saturday, Nov. 23. The game was scoreless after the first period, but in the second, the visiting Knights got on the board when captain Ania Dow lit the lamp, assisted by Kaitlyn Vreeken and Caroline Eckrich. A short time later, Alliston Stapleton, pictured above, scored to make it 2-0 going in the locker room for intermission. In the third period, the Blazers put on some pressure and were given optimal chances to change the course of the game when the Knights were whistled for multiple penalties. The Knights killed off the penalties, including a 5-on-3, before Molly Murphy sealed the deal with an empty netter to finish the game. Olivia Portillo was in net for the Knights to earn the shutout and the player of the game was awarded to Vreeken. Dow finished with a goal and assist for two points, while Eckrich chipped in with an assist. Liggett is 1-0 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League and overall.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH



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All even

Grosse Pointe North goalkeeper Amber Gieseke, left, played well in the Norsemen's 5-1 win over host Northville. Kallin Morris had two goals and an assist to lead the Norsemen, while Kelly LaBarge, Devyn LaValley and Nicole Haggerty also tallied a goal apiece. Collecting assists were Karina Lucchese, Lindsay Gallagher, Tessa Ulrich, LaValley and Elizabeth Gallagher. In other action, North lost 5-2 to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood to see its record sit at 1-1 overall and in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

YOUTH BASKETBALL



PHOTO COURTESY OF JOAN DERONNE

MVP

John Koukios of Grosse Pointe Park won G.O.Y.A. MVP Player at the annual Holiday Hoops Tournament Nov. 15 to 17 at Avondale Middle School in Rochester Hills. Teams from Canada and the U. S. meet annually representing Greek Orthodox Youth of America.

City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2013

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Synchronized swimming

GROSSE POINTE UNITED

New coach anxious to start

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe syn-
chronized swim team has
several new faces and a
new head coach, Danielle
Peck.
The Grosse Pointe
Public School System
teacher was on a syn-
chronized swim team
during her high school
days at Troy.
Now, she is back in the
game and enjoying every
minute of it.
"I saw the job opening
and I thought I would
give it a try with my expe-
rience in synchronized
swimming," Peck said.
"So far, things are going
well and we can't wait for
our first meet in January."
Seniors on the team
are Kristen Kaled and
Marie Bourke of Grosse
Pointe North and the two
juniors are Emily
Martinbianco and Karyn
Schwartz of Grosse

Pointe North.
The rest of the squad is
composed of underclass-
men, including sopho-
mores Stephanie
Godoshian and Anu
Subramaniam of North,
Claire Drew of Grosse
Pointe South and Lindsay
Rabaut of South.
Peck also has several
freshmen, Claire Duncan
of South, Hannah Engels
of North, Mora Downs of
North, Olivia Francis of
North, Sarah Corbet of
North and Brooke Martin
of South.
The team has six
meets, with three in
January and three in
February. The girls com-
pete in three figure meets
and three routine meets.
"This is a very tough
sport and our girls are
going to work hard to do
their best," Peck said.
"We have several more
weeks of practice before
we have our first compe-
tition."



PHOTO BY RENEE LANDUYT

The Grosse Pointe synchronized swim team members pictured above are Kristen Kaled, Marie Bourke, Emily Martinbianco, Karyn Schwartz, Stephanie Godoshian, Claire Duncan, Claire Drew, Hannah Engels, Mora Downs, Olivia Francis, Sarah Corbet and Lindsay Rabaut. Anu Subramaniam and Brooke Martin are not pictured.

Figure skating

GROSSE POINTE UNITED

Ladies to put best skate forward

The Grosse Pointe
High School figure skat-

ing team is off to a great
start.

The team's first prac-
tice was Wednesday,

Nov. 20, and the girls
have been at the rink at 6
a.m. for their practice
sessions.
This year the team has
12 skaters, with four new
to the program.
"We have skaters from
both North and South
and on all three levels of

the team (A, B, and C
Team)," head coach
Shelly Rosinski said.
"We were moved to a
new district this year,
which means we will be
competing against teams
we've never competed
against at district compe-
titions before."

The girls' first compe-
tition is Tuesday, Dec.
17, in Hartland, and the
team hosts the second
skating competition
Friday, Jan. 17, at Detroit
City Arena.
The final competition
is Wednesday, Feb. 19, in
Port Huron.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SHELLY ROSINSKI

Head coach Shelly Rosinski, standing far left, and her Grosse Pointe figure skaters are ready for a productive 2013-14 season.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Time to register for event

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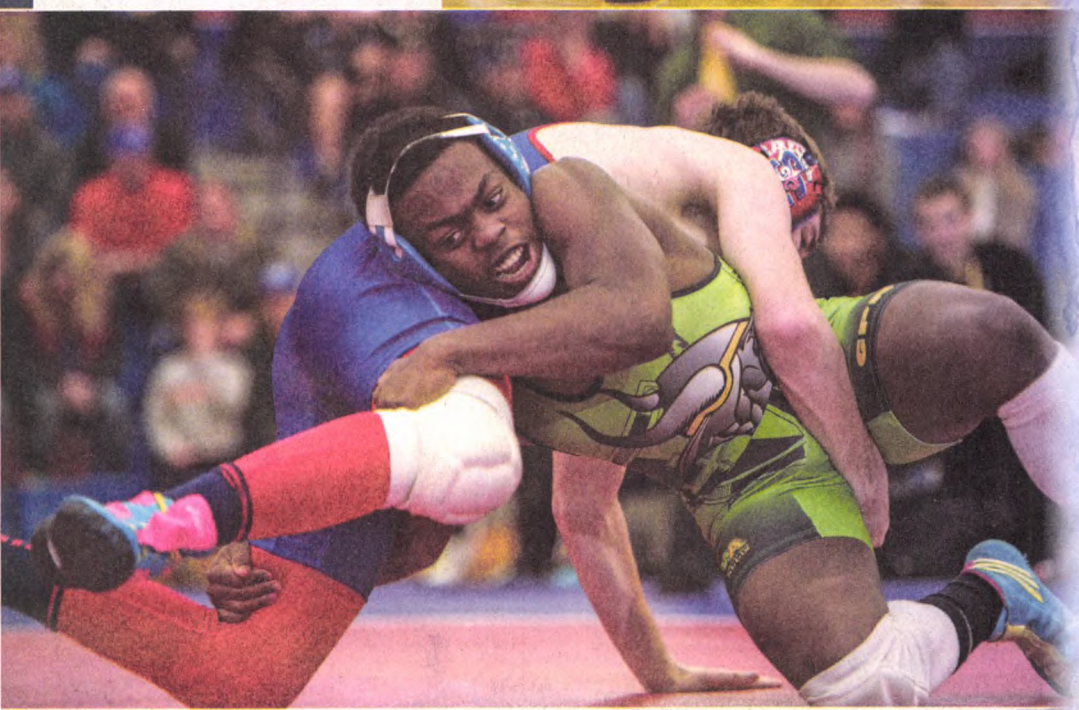
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GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Veteran group leads Norsemen



Grosse Pointe North senior Jacob Zacharias, with ball, is one of several veterans head coach Matt Lockhart is leaning on to produce.

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Things are looking up for head coach Matt Lockhart and his Grosse Pointe North boys' basketball team.

The Norsemen had a relatively young squad last winter and it showed with inconsistent play. In the end, the team finished 10-10 overall.

This year, Lockhart has several returning veterans, including seniors Jacob Zacharias, Justin Kennedy, Ricky Watson and Sal Ciaravino. Junior Tim Herd and sophomore Josh Fisher also return, as does senior Tyler Rheume.

"We have 85 percent of our scoring returning, but the key to the season is chemistry," Lockhart said. "When we had the really good season a couple of years ago, it showed a lot of seniors who played as a team.

"They didn't care who was the leading scorer and their 'team' play was solid on the court. We need this same concept this season."

Coming off the bench and receiving a good chunk of minutes is sophomore Mitchell Zacharias.

The Norsemen should have an explosive offense and their defense should be stronger than a year ago when they gave up 55 points per game.

"I like the roster and this are the guys we will battle with," Lockhart said. "We have a tough schedule to get us ready for league play and then district play. Both will be tough, but I think we will be a challenging team."

The Norsemen compete again in the Macomb Area Conference White Division, with Utica Ford, Roseville, Utica, Warren Mott, L'Anse Creuse and Sterling Heights Stevenson.

Starting the season are four tough non-league contests against Warren Woods-Tower, Grosse Pointe South, Warren DeLaSalle and Warren Cousino.

Other non-league foes this season are Warren Lincoln and Macomb Dakota.

They have 19 regular season games scheduled, so Lockhart can add one before the state districts begin.

The state changed the districts around, so North hosts city rival Grosse Pointe South, along with Detroit Denby, Detroit East English Village and Detroit Southeastern.

North opens its season hosting Woods-Tower Wednesday, Dec. 11.

LIGGETT

Knights regroup with underclassmen

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Sidney Johnson is going to have to exercise patience this season.

Johnson's University Liggett boys' basketball team has a ton of new faces, thanks to the graduation of his top eight scorers of last season.

The Knights had veteran-led squads the past three seasons, but this year is going to be different as only three returning players, seniors Ian Clark, John George and Shawn Fair have varsity experience.

Clark saw some meaningful minutes on the court, but George and Fair did not.

Johnson is looking at Clark to provide scoring, defense and leadership.

Newcomers to the varsity squad are seniors Darryl Lewis and Antonio Malkoun; juniors Caleb Stokes and Andrew Lohman; sophomore Tommy Jackson; and freshmen Jordan Peterson, Jaren English and Sam Durno.

Sophomore Alexander Bowman might see time on the varsity.

The guys are going through rigorous practices, strengthening their conditioning and fundamentals.

"The better you do these drills, the better players you will be once the season starts," Johnson said during a recent practice. "You can't cut corners because it will come back against you later in the season."

The Knights' schedule is scaled back due to all the newcomers to the squad, but Johnson still expects his players to work hard and improve.

The Knights battled to the bitter end last season, losing to two-time Class D state champ Southfield Christian in the final regular season game.

In the district playoffs, the Knights came up short against a very good Mount Clemens squad, 64-60.

It's been several years since Liggett won a district title.

This season, the Knights travel to Detroit Henry Ford Academy School for Creative Studies for the district tournament.

Squads in the districts are Detroit Edison, Detroit Frontier International Academy, Detroit Marvin Winans Academy, Harper Woods and the host team.

The Knights compete in 14 Michigan Independent Athletic Conference games against Plymouth Christian, Bloomfield Hills Roeper, Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest, Franklin Road Christian and Southfield Christian.

In other non-league action, the Knights host Harper Woods and travel to Macomb Lutheran North in February.



A young Ian Clark, with ball, is now a senior and ready to lead the University Liggett boys' basketball team to another successful season.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils welcome new coach

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

First-year head coach Troy Glasser has the luxury of starting his tenure with a battle-tested, veteran squad.

Leading the way are seniors Dan Dixon, Gordie Post, Darius Harris, Jabari Burton, Josh Gray, Charlie Warren and Jack Strachen.

"The guys had a nice spring and early summer, so we're looking for a competitive season," Glasser said.

The Blue Devils are coming off a sub-par season in which they won only five games and finished second-to-last in the Macomb Area Conference Blue Division at 4-8.

The seven returning seniors played a lot last year as underclassmen and they improved in all areas of the game.

Harris, Burton, Warren and Strachen run the court well at the guard spots, while Post, Gray and the 6-foot, 9-inch Dixon patrol the key.

"We want to run more up-tempo basketball and we have the players to get it done," Glasser said. "Dave (Grauzer) did a good job of establishing a culture and I'm going to keep that moving forward."

Filling out the varsity roster are seven juniors who won 17 games on the junior varsity last winter, Sam Hunter, Brian Blanz, Sam Blanz, Sam Kingsley, Dallian Burnett, Jordan Maxwell and Zach Simmet.

"All the guys play a big role on this team," Glasser said. "We have some very good athletes and our plan is to play hard and win some basketball games."

The Blue Devils should finish well in the MAC Blue Division competing against Port Huron Northern, Port Huron, Anchor Bay, Warren Fitzgerald, Fraser and Madison Heights Madison.

Both Port Huron squads should be solid, as will Madison.

Where does South fit in?

The 12 game division slate starts the week after the holiday break, Wednesday, Jan. 8, at Port Huron Northern.

As for non-league action, the Blue Devils face Grosse Pointe North, Chippewa Valley, Southgate Anderson, Plymouth, Dearborn Divine Child, Clawson and Roseville.

"We have a challenging schedule, which will get us ready for the state playoffs," Glasser said. "We're excited to start the season."

The district was redrawn, so out are St. Clair Shores Lakeview and Eastpointe East Detroit. Newcomers joining Detroit Southeastern and Detroit East English Prep are Detroit Denby and Detroit Osborn.

Grosse Pointe South starts the Glasser-era at city rival Grosse Pointe North Friday, Dec. 13.

The start to the season doesn't get any easier for the Blue Devils.

They travel to Chippewa Valley Friday, Dec. 20, and play two games in the U-M Dearborn Holiday Classic Saturday, Dec. 21, and Monday, Dec. 23.

In the first game, the Blue Devils face Southgate Anderson and in the second they play Plymouth.

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Girls basketball

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils' goals remain lofty

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South girls' basketball team has some unfinished business to take care of this winter.

Head coach Kevin Richards and the Blue Devils made it to the Breslin Center and lost to Grand Haven in the Class A title game in 2011 and 2012.

Gone are some savvy veterans, but returning to make another run at the state championship are senior Bre Andrews, sophomore Natalia Engel, and juniors Cierra Rice, Aleizza Brown and Katie Kish.

"We have a nice core to work with and the girls are hungry to win after coming up a little short at the end the last couple of years," Richards said. "We should be tough, playing a fast-paced game to make up for our lack of a big girl in the middle like Claire (DeBoer)."

Newcomers to the var-

sity are junior Tamira McCoyo-Motten, as well as sophomores Jenna Ames, Anna Carmody, Margaret Brennan and Elizabeth Rauh.

"We have some solid depth with which to run our uptempo style of play," Richards said. "If we rebound and defend, we will be successful. Those are the keys to our season."

The Blue Devils lost their first and last game a year ago, finishing 25-2. They waltzed through the Macomb Area Conference Red Division at 12-0, including two tight victories over Macomb Dakota.

Richards' squad is the favorite to win another division title, with Dakota, Romeo and Grosse Pointe North in hot pursuit.

The Blue Devils' other division opponents are Sterling Heights Stevenson, Utica Ford and Chippewa Valley.

"We want to win another division title and it won't be easy as the

teams in the Red Division are good," Richards said. "We have to be at our best to win these games."

Rice is one of the top guards in the state and she is the offensive and defensive leader of the Blue Devils.

Her supporting cast is strong and the Blue Devils will win a lot of games this winter.

Their No. 1 goal is to get back to the Breslin Center and finally win the elusive state championship.

In non-league action, the Blue Devils face Chandler Park Academy, Port Huron Northern, Farmington Hills Harrison, Utica and Canton, as well as a team out of Indiana and two out of Chicago.

"I love the toughness of the schedule," Richards said. "We will get tested early before our division play begins. We can't wait for the season to start because all of the girls worked hard in the off-season to become better basketball players."



FILE PHOTO

Grosse Pointe South guard Cierra Rice, with ball, is one of the top players in the state as a junior.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen loaded with youthful talent

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

Head coach Gary Bennett never shies away from a challenge.

He schedules some of the toughest non-league foes for the Grosse Pointe North girls' basketball team.

The team will travel near and far to play these tough opponents to help the players better their skills.

This season is no different as the Norsemen will lean on five returning players as they try to improve on last year's 11-12 overall record.

Senior point guard Maria Liddane runs the machine with seniors Phoebe Dodge and Jayla

Hubbard, junior Megan Lesha and sophomore Erin Armbruster joining her as returning players.

All saw significant playing time last season, which helps as the Norsemen's team will be young and relatively inexperienced at the varsity level.

Newcomers are juniors Kayla Barnes, Jenna Mazzola and Leesie Paglino, and sophomores Katelyn Carney, Lucy Dodge, Lauren Lesha and Emily McPharlin.

"Not quite sure where our scoring will come from, so that remains a big question mark," Bennett said. "As a team, we need to develop a lot more toughness, physical, as well as mental, if



PHOTO COURTESY OF JEANNE LIZZA

Grosse Pointe North veterans, Maria Liddane, left, and Megan Lesha, are going to be leaders this season to the youthful Norsemen team.

we hope to be competitive in the (Macomb Area

Conference) Red." North looks to improve

on last year's 6-6 division record in the MAC Red.

Grosse Pointe South, the defending Red Division champ, is the favorite this winter. The Norsemen's other division foes are Stevenson, Ford, Dakota, Chippewa Valley and Romeo.

The tough non-league slate consists of Sterling Heights, Plymouth, Warren Cousino, St. Clair Shores Lakeview, as well as Catholic League Central Division foes Birmingham Marian, Livonia Ladywood and Warren Regina.

The offense runs through Liddane. She played a lot of AAU hoops and is ready for her final year of high school basketball. The Norsemen

have the low-post players in Hubbard, Megan Lesha and Armbruster, but how much production will they produce and how much production will the bench contribute?

Those are big question marks for the Norsemen.

If Liddane gets help, the Norsemen will be a solid team this winter.

"We have no specific goals to speak of, but always the general goals of developing a great work ethic (especially in practice and on defense), appreciating each other and working hard for one another, and hopefully being fun to watch," Bennett said.

The Norsemen opened their season Tuesday evening.

LIGGETT

Ahart anxious to see team shine

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett girls' basketball team takes on a new look this season under second-year head coach Omar Ahart.

The Knights are light on height, but loaded with quickness, especially at the guard position with returning senior Lea Evangelista, juniors Lola Ristovski and Jessica Rotzoll, and sophomores Kendall McConico, Anna Majewski, Madison Jerome and Megan DesMadryl leading the charge.

"We're pretty quick and skilled," Ahart said. "We need to be good defensively, but I think we will because these kids are working very hard to be a good team."

Newcomers Nia Ahart and Jasmine Dickens, both freshman, add skill to the team which finished 18-5 last winter, including a perfect 12-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

The Knights have won four straight MIAC titles



FILE PHOTO

University Liggett junior Jessica Rotzoll, right, is one veteran head coach Omar Ahart is counting on to provide solid defense and good outside shooting.

and are once again the favorites to make it five in a row.

With a ton of quickness to work with, look for the Knights to run a lot of three and four guard sets on offense and press a ton on defense.

"We will look to get a lot of transition baskets,

using our quickness to create havoc on the opposition's guards," Ahart said.

The Knights' 12 MIAC games this season are against Plymouth Christian, Bloomfield Hills Roeper, Allen Park Inter-City Baptist, Auburn Hills Oakland Christian, Rochester

Hills Lutheran Northwest, Franklin Road Christian and Southfield Christian.

Ahart strengthened the schedule with non-league contests against

Chandler Park Academy, Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, Dearborn Heights Robichaud, Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes and Ohio Archibald.

"I love our schedule,"

Aheart said. "The girls will get some tough tests before the state playoffs begin. We will play hard each and every night and see what happens with a lot of hard work."

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Boys hockey

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Norsemen behind new coach

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It's a new world as we know it when it comes to Grosse Pointe North boys' hockey.

Out is long-time head coach Scott Lock and in is Brad Case, who played under Lock a little more than a decade ago. He earned All-State honors in 2000 and earned a spot on the prestigious Dream Team that same season.

"I'm a little green when it comes to head coaching, but I'm excited for this opportunity," Case said. "We will be competitive, but we know it might take some time for everyone to get on the same page since we have a lot of new faces on the team."

Leading the way this year are Ben Borland, Eddie Nepi, Andrew Tomasi, Nick Cusmano, Vince Romanelli, Nick Murray, Josh Champney and Ryan Babcock.

Other returning players making the transition from Lock to Case are junior Jamie Keller, junior Max Yoshida, sophomore Brendan Nelson, junior Michael Molitor, senior Joe Wright, senior Will Zinn and sophomore Adrian Quinlan.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Grosse Pointe North's captains are, from left, senior Nick Murray, senior Eddie Nepi, junior Ryan Babcock, senior Vince Romanelli and junior Mike Cusmano.

The goaltending is going to be split, at least through the first half of the season, between Borland and Champney.

"I have confidence in both of them and we will see how they play before we make a decision who

is No. 1 and No. 2," Case said. "I like our roster and I know all the guys will work hard to achieve success."

Newcomers to the squad are Brian Wenz, C.J. Ramsdell, Alex Batts, J.P. Navetta, Nate

Robinson, Marko Tomovski, Mike Keelan, Stephen Kent and Cam Kozik

The Norsemen are coming off another successful season in which they finished 16-11 overall and won a Michigan

Interscholastic Hockey League South Division championship.

They never made it out of the region, losing 5-2 to U-D Jesuit.

Case inherits a brutal regular season schedule, which includes home-

and-home games with division foes U-D Jesuit, Wyandotte, Warren DeLaSalle and Trenton, plus one game against squads from the MIHL North Division, Orchard Lake St. Mary's, Novi Detroit Catholic Central, Birmingham Brother Rice, Port Huron Northern and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood.

"Our league schedule is tough with several great teams in the MIHL, but then again our non-league schedule contains very tough competition," Case said. "We don't have a soft team on the schedule, which will make us a better hockey team later in the season."

The Norsemen travel to Marquette to play in a two-day tournament Friday, Jan. 3, and Saturday, Jan. 4, plus play two games in the MIHL Showcase.

Their other non-league games are against Brother Rice, either Rochester United or Livonia Stevenson in the second game of the Cranbrook-Kingswood Tournament, Grosse Pointe South, Plymouth and University Liggett on Senior Night, Saturday, Feb. 15.

2013/14 Winter Schedules
Grosse Pointe North

HOCKEY BOYS' VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
11/23/13	Brother Rice	H	7:30 PM
11/29/13	Cranbrook	A	2:30 PM
11/30/13	RU/Liv Stevenson-CK Tourney	H	TBA
12/04/13	University of Detroit Jesuit	H	7:00 PM
12/07/13	Wyandotte	A	7:30 PM
12/11/13	Livonia Stevenson	A	6:00 PM
12/14/13	Detroit Catholic Central	A	2:30 PM
12/18/13	Trenton	H	7:30 PM
01/03/14	Marquette	A	TBA
01/04/14	Marquette	A	TBA
01/09/14	Grosse Pointe South	H/A	6:30 PM
01/11/14	Trenton	A	7:30 PM
01/15/14	DeLaSalle	H	7:30 PM
01/18/14	Wyandotte	H	7:30 PM
01/22/14	OLSM	H	7:30 PM
01/25/14	Cranbrook	H	6:30 PM
01/31/14	University of Detroit Jesuit	A	6:30 PM
02/01/14	DeLaSalle	A	TBA
02/05/14	MIHLNite Showcase	H	TBA
02/07/14	MIHL Showcase	H	TBA
02/08/14	MIHL Showcase	H	TBA
02/14/14	Plymouth	A	TBA
02/15/14	Liggett-Senior Nite	H	TBA
02/18/14	Brother Rice	A	7:00 PM
02/20/14	Port Huron Northern	A	7:30 PM
02/14/14	State Tourney Begins		TBA

HOCKEY GIRLS' VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
11/09/13	Cranbrook	A	7:00 PM
11/20/13	Cranbrook	H	7:00 PM
11/23/13	Detroit Country Day	H	4:00 PM
11/26/13	Northville	A	8:00 PM
11/30/13	Walled Lake	H	5:30 PM
12/04/13	Bloomfield	H	7:00 PM
12/07/13	Port Huron	A	3:45 PM
12/11/13	Ann Arbor	A	7:00 PM
12/19/13	ULS Tournament	A	TBA
12/21/13	ULS Tournament	A	TBA
01/09/14	Ladywood	A	4:00 PM
01/11/14	Grosse Pointe South	H	4:00 PM
01/15/14	Ladywood	H	7:00 PM
01/18/14	Plymouth Canton Salem	H	4:00 PM
01/23/14	University Liggett	A	5:30 PM
01/25/14	League Showcase	A	TBA
01/29/14	Ann Arbor	H	7:00 PM
01/30/14	Regina	A	6:25 PM
02/01/14	Mercy	H	4:00 PM
02/05/14	University Liggett	H	7:00 PM
02/08/14	Cranbrook	A	7:00 PM
02/12/13	Port Huron	H	7:00 PM
02/15/14	Northville	H	4:00 PM
02/26/14	Grosse Pointe South	A	6:00 PM

BASKETBALL GIRLS' VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
12/03/13	Sterling Heights	H	7:00 PM
12/05/13	Marian	H	7:00 PM
12/10/13	Regina	H	7:00 PM
12/12/13	Plymouth	A	7:00 PM
12/17/13	Ladywood	H	7:00 PM
12/19/13	Stevenson	H	7:00 PM
01/07/14	Ford	A	7:00 PM
01/09/14	Cousino	A	7:00 PM
01/15/14	Dakota	H	7:00 PM
01/17/14	Grosse Pointe South	A	7:30 PM
01/21/14	Chippewa Valley	H	7:00 PM
01/23/14	Romeo	A	7:00 PM
01/28/14	Stevenson	A	7:30 PM
01/30/14	Ford	H	7:00 PM
02/04/14	Lakewood	A	7:00 PM
02/07/14	Dakota	A	5:30 PM
02/12/14	Grosse Pointe South	H	7:00 PM
02/14/14	Chippewa Valley	A	7:00 PM
02/18/14	Romeo	H	6:00 PM
02/20/14	TBA		TBA
02/24/14	Districts		TBA

SWIM/DIVE BOYS' VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
12/10/13	L'Anse Creuse	A	6:00 PM
12/12/13	Detroit Catholic Central	H	6:00 PM
12/17/13	Stevenson	H	6:00 PM
01/07/14	Grosse Pointe South	H	6:00 PM
01/09/14	Ford II	H	6:00 PM
01/14/14	Romeo	A	6:00 PM
01/16/14	L'Anse Creuse North	H	6:00 PM
01/19/14	Dearborn	H	12:00 PM
01/21/14	Dakota	H	6:00 PM
01/23/14	Centerline	H	6:00 PM
01/28/14	Chippewa Valley	A	6:00 PM
02/04/14	Livonia Franklin	H	5:30 PM
02/08/14	MISCA - Diving	A	5:00 PM
02/09/14	MISCA - Swimming	A	12:00 PM
02/11/14	Eisenhower	A	6:00 PM
02/20/14	Division - Diving	TBA	6:00 PM
02/21/14	Division - Swim Preliminaries	TBA	5:00 PM
02/22/14	Division - Swim Finals	TBA	12:00 PM
03/04/14	Regional - Diving	TBA	6:00 PM
03/07/14	D2 State Swim Preliminaries		12:00 PM
03/08/14	D2 State Swim Finals		12:00 PM

BASKETBALL BOYS' VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
12/11/13	Warren Woods Tower	H	7:00 PM
12/13/13	Grosse Pointe South	H	7:00 PM
12/16/13	DeLaSalle	A	7:30 PM
12/20/13	Cousino	H	7:00 PM
01/07/14	Ford	H	7:00 PM
01/14/14	Roseville	H	7:00 PM
01/16/14	Utica	A	7:00 PM
01/22/14	Mott	H	7:00 PM
01/24/14	L'Anse Creuse	A	7:00 PM
01/28/14	Stevenson	H	7:00 PM
01/31/14	Ford	A	7:00 PM
02/04/14	Lincoln	A	7:00 PM
02/07/14	Roseville	A	7:00 PM
02/11/14	Utica	H	7:00 PM
02/13/14	Mott	A	7:00 PM
02/19/14	L'Anse Creuse	H	7:00 PM
02/21/14	Stevenson	A	7:00 PM
02/25/14	Dakota	A	7:00 PM
02/27/14	TBA	H	TBA
03/02/14	Districts	H	TBA

WRESTLING BOYS' VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
12/02/13	Cousino Inv	A	9:30 AM
12/11/13	TBA		TBA
12/14/13	Lincoln Team Invitational	A	9:00 AM
12/20/13	Macomb County Invitational	A	TBA
12/21/13	Macomb County Invitational	A	TBA
01/04/14	Rochester Adams Invitational	A	TBA
01/09/14	MAC @ Grosse Pointe North	H	5:00 PM
01/11/14	Worshmen Classic	H	9:00 AM
01/16/14	MAC @ Lakeshore	A	5:00 PM
01/18/14	Brandon Invitational	A	9:00 AM
01/22/14	MAC @ Mott	A	5:00 PM
01/25/14	Goodrich Invitational	A	9:30 AM
01/29/14	MAC @ Fraser	A	5:00 PM
02/01/14	MAC Meet @ Cousino	A	9:30 AM
02/05/13	Team District	A	TBA
02/08/14	Individual District	A	TBA

GYMNASTICS GIRLS' VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
12/04/13	Troy	H	6:30 PM
12/09/13	Farmington	H	6:30 PM
12/18/13	Fraser	H	6:30 PM
01/11/14	Fraser Invitational	A	10:00 AM
01/13/14	Dearborn	H	6:30 PM
01/16/14	Canton	A	6:30 PM
01/18/14	Jeanne Caruss Memorial Inv	A	TBA
01/23/14	Birmingham	H	6:30 PM
01/28/14	Fraser	A	6:00 PM
02/01/14	Canton Invitational	A	9:00 AM
02/05/14	Birmingham	A	6:30 PM
02/10/14	Dearborn	A	7:00 PM
02/13/14	League Meet	A	4:30 PM
02/18/14	Plymouth	A	6:30 PM
03/01/14	Regionals	A	TBA
03/07/14	States	A	TBA
03/08/14	States	A	TBA



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Boys hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Blue Devils geared up for success

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South boys' hockey team is a much better place heading into the 2013-14 season than it was at this time a year ago.

Head coach Bobby McKillop had a full off-season to watch his players' development and teach them the fundamentals of playing the game at a high level.

"We will be a competitive team once we get everyone on the same page," McKillop said. "Everyone is held accountable for their job on the ice and they understand this will make us a team to reckon with."

The Blue Devils finished above the .500 mark with a solid second half last winter and skated out to a quick lead over Port Huron Northern in a Division 2 quarterfinal. Then the roof caved in and the Blue Devils were on the short end of a 4-3 loss.

The drive to get back to the quarterfinals and win that game this season is the fuel the boys need and McKillop's passion will help. He believes in



Grosse Pointe South's team captains are, from left, Andrew Hyde, William Walker, Andrew Bigham and Ian Corbett.

his players and their ability to be a good hockey team.

Leading the way for the Blue Devils is senior captain Andrew Bigham. The assistant captains are senior Andrew Hyde and

senior William Walker and Ian Corbett.

The four will get plenty of help from returning senior goalie Andrew Wright. The other goalkeeper is senior Trent Maghielse.

Other seniors on the squad are Joseph Toth, Wyatt Flynn, Kenneth Cervone, Tyler Demery and Casey Livingston.

Juniors are Jason Sommerville, Bradley Miller, Nikolas Minanov,

William Barrett, Dominic Rinaldi, Cameron Mogk, Zach Kohut and Brennan Ifkovits; and the sophomores are Griffin Brooks, William Poplawski and Mark Cimmarrusti.

"We will compete in

our division (Michigan Metro Hockey League) and we want to play our best as we approach the state playoffs," McKillop said.

South competes in the East Division with Allen Park, Dearborn Unified, Dearborn Divine Child and newcomer Detroit Country Day. In the West Division is Ann Arbor Huron, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Saline, Southgate Anderson and Brownstown Woodhaven.

They face fellow East Division foes twice and the West Division opponents once for 13 Michigan Metro Hockey League games.

In non-league action, the Blue Devils face Trenton, Marysville, Utica Eisenhower, Macomb Dakota, Grosse Pointe North, University Liggett, Toledo St. John Jesuit and U-D Jesuit.

They also face two squads in the Trenton Showcase.

"It was a smooth off-season and I think we're light years ahead of where we were last year at this time," McKillop said. "I like the direction the program is heading in."

2013/14 Winter Schedules

Grosse Pointe South

BASKETBALL BOYS' VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
12/13/13	Grosse Pointe North	A	7:00 PM
12/20/13	Chippewa Valley	A	7:00 PM
12/21/13	U of M Dearborn Classic	A	5:15 PM
12/23/13	U of M Dearborn Classic	A	6:30 PM
01/03/14	Divine Child	H	7:30 PM
01/08/14	Port Huron Northern	A	7:00 PM
01/10/14	Anchor Bay	H	7:30 PM
01/14/14	Clawson	A	7:00 PM
01/17/14	Madison	H	6:00 PM
01/21/14	Fraser	A	7:30 PM
01/24/14	Port Huron	H	7:30 PM
01/28/14	Fitzgerald	A	7:00 PM
01/31/14	Port Huron Northern	H	7:30 PM
02/04/14	Anchor Bay	A	7:00 PM
02/11/14	Madison	A	7:00 PM
02/14/14	Fraser	H	7:30 PM
02/18/14	Port Huron	A	7:00 PM
02/21/14	Fitzgerald	H	7:30 PM
02/25/14	Roseville	H	7:30 PM

BASKETBALL GIRLS' VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
12/02/13	Chandler Park Academy	A	7:00 PM
12/06/13	Port Huron Northern	A	7:00 PM
12/07/13	Harrison	A	9:00 PM
12/18/13	Utica	A	7:00 PM
12/20/13	Romeo	H	7:30 PM
01/03/14	Canton	A	2:00 PM
01/07/14	Dakota	A	5:30 PM
01/09/14	Utica	H	7:30 PM
01/17/14	Grosse Pointe North	H	7:30 PM
01/21/14	Ford II	A	7:00 PM
01/23/14	Chippewa Valley	H	7:30 PM
01/29/14	Romeo	A	7:00 PM
01/31/14	Dakota	H	6:00 PM
02/04/14	Utica	A	5:30 PM
02/12/14	Grosse Pointe North	A	7:00 PM
02/14/14	Ford II	H	6:00 PM
02/18/14	Chippewa Valley	A	7:00 PM

SWIMMING BOYS' VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
12/10/13	Pangborn Invitational	A	4:00 PM
12/17/13	Ford II	A	6:00 PM
12/21/13	Brother Rice	A	12:00 PM
01/04/14	Lakeview/Battle Creek	A	10:00 AM
01/07/14	Grosse Pointe North	A	6:00 PM
01/14/14	Dakota	H	6:00 PM
01/28/14	Romeo	H	6:00 PM
01/31/14	OPEN DATE Diving	H	5:30 PM
02/01/14	OPEN DATE Swimming	H	12:00 PM
02/04/14	Chippewa Valley	H	6:00 PM
02/07/14	OPEN DATE Diving	A	5:00 PM
02/08/14	OPEN DATE Swimming	A	12:00 PM
02/11/14	L'Anse Creuse North	A	6:00 PM
02/20/14	MAC Meet-Diving Preliminaries	H	5:00 PM
02/21/14	MAC RED-Swim Preliminaries	H	5:00 PM
02/22/14	MAC RED-Swim/Dive Finals	H	12:00 PM
02/27/14	Last Chance Meet	A	5:00 PM
03/04/14	MHSAA Diving Regional	A	6:00 PM
03/07/14	MHSAA Div 2 State Prelim	A	12:00 PM
03/08/14	State Meet	A	TBA
03/08/14	MHSAA Div 2 State Finals	A	12:00 PM

WRESTLING BOYS' VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
12/07/13	Team Tournament	A	9:30 AM
01/08/14	QUAD Tournament	A	5:00 PM
01/16/14	Team Tournament	H	5:00 PM
01/23/14	Team Tournament	A	5:00 PM
02/01/14	Cousino	A	9:30 AM



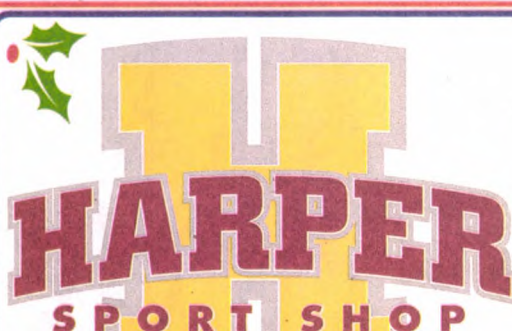
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HOCKEY BOYS' VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
11/20/13	Trenton	H	6:30 PM
11/23/13	Ann Arbor Huron	A	3:30 PM
12/06/13	Marysville	H	6:00 PM
02/07/13	Eisenhower	A	3:30 PM
12/11/13	Dearborn	A	7:40 PM
12/13/13	Detroit Country Day	A	7:30 PM
12/14/13	Dakota	A	7:30 PM
12/18/13	Southgate Anderson	A	7:40 PM
12/20/13	ULS Tournament	A	5:30 PM
12/21/13	ULS Tournament	A	TBA
01/04/14	Dearborn	H	7:30 PM
01/11/14	Allen Park	A	7:15 PM
01/15/14	Divine Child	A	8:10 PM
01/18/14	Saline	H	4:30 PM
01/25/14	AA Pioneer	A	4:00 PM
01/29/14	Woodhaven	H	6:30 PM
02/01/14	Detroit Country Day	H	4:30 PM
02/04/14	Divine Child	H	6:30 PM
02/06/14	Trenton Showcase	A	TBA
02/07/14	Trenton Showcase	A	TBA
02/08/14	Trenton Showcase	A	TBA
02/12/14	University Liggett	A	6:00 PM
02/15/14	St. John Jesuit	A	7:00 PM
02/19/14	Allen Park	H	6:30 PM
02/22/14	University of Detroit Jesuit	H	4:30 PM

HOCKEY GIRLS' VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
11/19/13	Northville	A	8:00 PM
11/23/13	Bloomfield United	A	5:00 PM
11/24/13	Port Huron	A	12:15 PM
11/26/13	Plymouth Canton	A	6:30 PM
12/04/13	Walled lake	A	TBA
12/07/13	Regina	H	10:00 AM
12/11/13	Cranbrook	A	7:00 PM
12/14/13	Ladywood	A	TBA
12/15/13	Northville	H	4:00 PM
01/09/14	University Liggett	A	5:30 PM
01/11/14	Grosse Pointe North	A	4:30 PM
01/12/14	Ann Arbor Huron	H	1:00 PM
01/14/14	Detroit Country Day	A	5:15 PM
01/25/14	OPEN DATE	H	TBA
01/26/14	Cranbrook	H	1:00 PM
02/08/14	Ann Arbor Huron	A	7:00 PM
02/09/14	Port Huron	H	1:00 PM
02/12/14	Ladywood	H	6:00 PM
02/24/14	University Liggett	H	TBA
02/26/14	Grosse Pointe North	H	6:00 PM



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Boys hockey

LIGGETT

Knights under new leadership

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The University Liggett boys' hockey team has been one of the most consistent during the past several years.

Former head coaches Terry Olson and Robb McIntyre provided leadership and stability to a program that didn't have it.

McIntyre stepped down as head coach after guiding the Knights to the 2011 Division 3 state championship and a spot in the state quarterfinals last winter.

The Knights finished 17-11 last year and won a regional crown with a 7-4 win over Detroit Country Day. The season ended with a 7-2 loss to eventual state champ Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood in the Elite 8.

Taking over the program is one of the most established and well-respected coaches in the state, Mike Hamilton. He has coached several top-notch travel teams, as well as Olympic Development players during his tenure.

He brings his wealth of hockey knowledge to

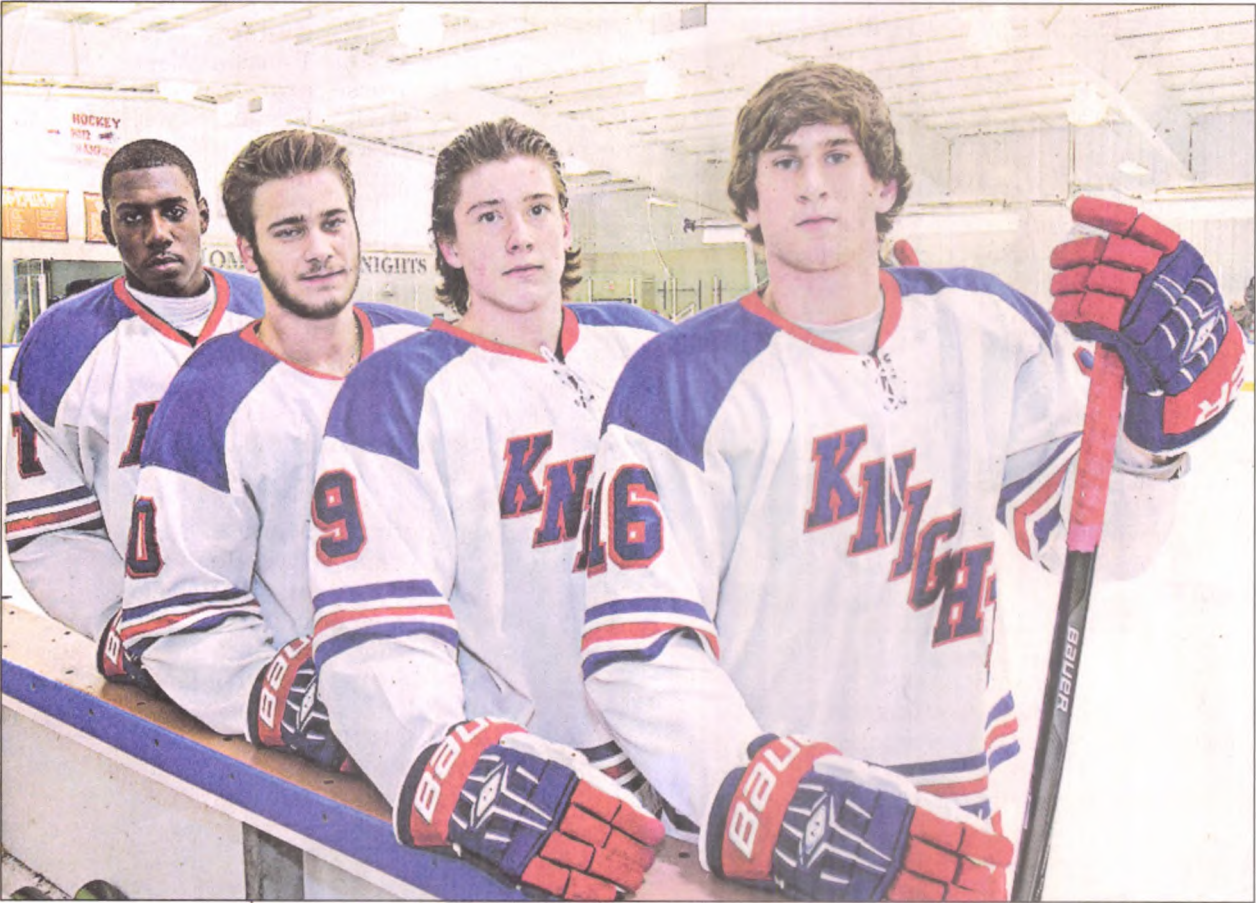


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University Liggett's boys' hockey team captains this season are, from left, Lordanthony Grissom, Vincent Scarfone, Jake Jerome and William Yates.

Liggett.

"I know a lot of the kids and I know how hard they work to achieve success," Hamilton said. "I can't wait to see what this group of young men can

accomplish because I expect the good work ethic to pay off."

Leading the Knights are seniors Lordanthony Grissom, William Yates, Vincent Scarfone, and

Matthew Thomas, Cole Zingas, Anthony Giorgio, Sheridan Reilly and Jacob Jerome.

Hamilton's juniors are Mason Demsey, Josh Minanov, Brett Abdelnour, and Harrison Wujek.

Stephen Campau and Lucas Soyka, and the sophomores are Alexander Grimm, Kurt Solak, Alexander Minanov, Brett Abdelnour, and Harrison Wujek.

The strengths of the team are senior leadership, solid goaltending with Luke Soyka and Grimm, and an air-tight defense led by Grissom.

One thing which makes the Knights dangerous is the ability of the forwards to move the puck with extreme quickness. The Knights will be explosive this season and the defense stingy.

Since the Knights are affiliated with a conference, they play an independent schedule.

The home games are against Grand Blanc, Macomb Dakota, Midland, Grosse Pointe South (twice), Traverse City St. Francis or Sault Ste. Marie (they play in the Liggett Tournament Friday, Dec. 20, and Saturday, Dec. 21), Toledo St. Johns, Country Day, Gilmour High School, St. Francis deSales, Canton, Cleveland St. Ignatius, Hartland and Utica Eisenhower.

Hamilton will have the Knights playing at a high level right from the get-go and the stands at McCann Ice Arena will be rocking with cheering this winter.

2013/14 Winter Schedules
University Liggett School

BASKETBALL BOYS' VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
12/26/13	Cardinal Mooney Tourney	A	TBA
12/27/13	Cardinal Mooney Tourney	A	TBA
01/07/14	Plymouth Christian	A	7:00 PM
01/10/14	Roeper	A	8:30 PM
01/14/14	Inter-City Baptist	A	7:00 PM
01/17/14	Oakland Christian	H	8:30 PM
01/21/14	Lutheran Northwest	A	7:00 PM
01/24/14	Southfield Christian	H	7:00 PM
01/28/14	Plymouth Christian	H	7:00 PM
01/31/14	Franklin Rd. Christian	A	7:45 PM
02/04/14	Inter-City Baptist	A	7:00 PM
02/07/14	Roeper	H	7:00 PM
02/11/14	Lutheran Northwest	H	7:00 PM
02/14/14	Oakland Christian	A	8:30 PM
02/18/14	Harper Woods	H	7:00 PM
02/21/14	Franklin Rd. Christian	H	8:30 PM
02/25/14	Southfield Christian	A	7:00 PM
02/28/14	Lutheran North	A	7:00 PM

BASKETBALL GIRLS' VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
12/07/13	Chandler Park Academy	A	4:30 PM
12/10/13	Notre Dame Prep	H	7:00 PM
12/14/13	Robichaud Tourney	A	10:30 AM
12/26/13	Roundball Classic	A	TBA
12/27/13	Roundball Classic	A	TBA
12/28/13	Roundball Classic	A	TBA
The Roundball Classic will be played on two of the three days noted			
01/07/14	Plymouth Christian	H	7:00 PM
01/10/14	Roeper	A	7:00 PM
01/14/14	Inter-City Baptist	H	7:00 PM
01/17/14	Oakland Christian	H	7:00 PM
01/21/14	Lutheran Northwest	H	7:00 PM
01/24/14	Southfield Christian	A	5:30 PM
01/28/14	Plymouth Christian	A	7:00 PM
01/31/14	Franklin Rd. Christian	A	6:00 PM
02/04/14	Inter-City Baptist	H	7:00 PM
02/06/14	Southfield Christian	H	5:30 PM
02/07/14	Roeper	H	8:30 PM
02/11/14	Lutheran Northwest	A	7:00 PM
02/14/14	Oakland Christian	A	7:00 PM
02/21/14	Franklin Rd. Christian	H	7:00 PM
02/24/14	District week Begins	TBA	
03/03/14	Regional Week Begins	TBA	

HOCKEY GIRLS' VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
11/23/13	Ladywood	A	5:30 PM
11/26/13	Regina	H	5:30 PM
12/05/13	Cranbrook	A	7:00 PM
12/09/13	Northville	A	8:00 PM
12/14/13	Port Huron	A	3:45 PM
12/19/13	Liggett Invitational	A	7:30 PM
12/21/13	Liggett Invitational	H	2:30 PM
01/04/14	Andover	A	9:00 PM
01/09/14	Grosse Pointe South	H	5:30 PM
01/11/14	Northville	H	5:00 PM
01/13/14	Ladywood	H	5:30 PM
01/17/14	Traverse City	A	TBA
01/18/14	Traverse City	A	TBA
01/23/14	Grosse Pointe North	H	5:30 PM
01/25/14	Skills Week	A	TBA
01/28/14	Canton	A	6:30 PM
02/01/14	Port Huron	H	3:00 PM
02/03/14	Mercy	A	8:00 PM
02/05/14	Grosse Pointe North	A	7:00 PM
02/08/14	Walled Lake	A	8:00 PM
02/10/14	Pioneer	A	5:00 PM
02/12/14	DCDS	H	5:00 PM
02/18/14	Cranbrook	H	5:30 PM
02/24/14	Grosse Pointe South	A	TBA
02/28/14	Pioneer	H	5:30 PM

HOCKEY BOYS' VARSITY

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
11/18/13	Grand Blanc	H	5:30 PM
11/21/13	Howell	A	7:15 PM
11/26/13	Dakota	H	7:20 PM
12/04/13	Woodhaven	A	7:00 PM
12/12/13	Midland	H	5:30 PM
12/20/13	Liggett Tourney	H	8:00 PM
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01/29/14	Canton	H	5:30 PM
02/01/14	St. Ignatius-Cleveland	H	12:30 PM
02/03/14	Hartland	H	5:30 PM
02/07/14	MIHL	A	TBA
2-6, 2-7, 2-8: will be played two of these three dates			
02/12/14	Grosse Pointe South	H	7:00 PM
02/15/14	Grosse Pointe North	A	8:00 PM
02/18/14	Eisenhower	H	5:30 PM



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Girls hockey

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Team led by Shield

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

It's going to be an interesting season for head coach Joe Provenzano and the Grosse Pointe South girls' hockey team. Provenzano has led the Blue Devils to the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League Division 1 state championship game in each of his three years at the helm, winning the title in 2011 and 2012. Last year, they lost in overtime to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood.

The Blue Devils lost several key seniors to graduation, leaving this year's squad with fewer veterans and a lot of inexperienced newcomers and girls entering their second year in the sport.

"We have to blend several new faces with our veterans, and I know it will take some time," Provenzano said. "We have to be patient with the girls and they know they have to practice hard to improve as hockey players."

The captain is Tenley Shield. She is a leading candidate to earn the 2014 Miss Hockey award. What makes her a solid captain is her ability to not only score a ton of goals, but to help the



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

Grosse Pointe South senior Tenley Shield, left, will be one of the top goal scorers this season in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League.

younger players learn the game and gain confidence.

Another player to watch is Eliza Bourke. She is on the line with Shield, so Bourke will get ample opportunities to put the puck in the net. This should be her best offensive season in her three-year career. In addition, Ellie Flom will be counted on to provide offensive punch.

A leader on the blue line is Libby Erickson, and Isabella Strickler gets her first chance to be the starting goalkeeper since mainstay, Anastasia Diamond.

Other returning players are Anne Crowley, Grace Moody, Olivia Frederickson, Andrea Garberding, Gennie

Martin, Ashley Brieden, Abby Carrier, Liz Sullivan and Elysse Knapp.

Newcomers are Shannon McKenna, Emma St. John, Margaret Reilly, Katie Carene, Jada Baker, Meghan Ryszewski, Claire Yeamans, Sydney Stann, Cal McColl and Emma Frame.

This might be the season the Blue Devils finish the regular season out of the top two in the league since Cranbrook-Kingswood returns most of its best players, as does Ann Arbor.

University Liggett is improved, as is Northville and Port Huron. Fellow city foe Grosse Pointe North joins Livonia Ladywood as good hockey teams.

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Youth movement

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

For the first time in several years, the Grosse Pointe North girls' hockey team enters a season with some question marks.

A highly touted group of seniors graduated, leaving some questions to be answered as to who fills those skates this year.

"Our strength is going to be playing as a team," head coach Joe Lucchese said. "We have good chemistry and that will go a long way defining how we play as a team."

The Norsemen finished 16-5-2 overall last winter, making the state semifinals again before losing to eventual state champion Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood.

Leading the list of

returning veterans are junior Karina Lucchese, captain, senior Susan Tomasi, assistant captain, and junior Nicole Haggerty, assistant captain.

Other top returning players are sophomores Liz Gallagher, Lindsay Gallagher and Jennifer Kusch; and juniors Kelly LaBarge and Lauren Hart (goalkeeper).

Other team members are freshman Carissa Parada, sophomore Tessa Ulrich, freshman Lia DeCoste, junior Kallin Morris, junior Devyn LaValley, sophomore Maria Mermiges, sophomore Lora Dobbs, junior Cinnamin Aslanian, freshman Cate Troost, sophomore Caroline Bock, junior Marisa Mieczkowski, freshman Eve Feldman, freshman

Jennifer Wiederkehr and sophomore Amber Giesekeing.

"We keep emphasizing the harder they work, the better hockey players they will be," Lucchese said as the Norsemen began practice Monday, Nov. 4, in preparation for their first game played a little more than two weeks later.

The Norsemen lost three-fourths of their defensemen from a year ago, leaving Lucchese as the only veteran on the blue line, and Hart is getting all the work at No. 1 goalkeeper.

On offense, the Gallagher twins and Haggerty are the leading candidates to score goals. However, the Norsemen need a second or third line to contribute every game.



PHOTO BY BOB BRUCE

North's 2013-14 captains are, from left, senior Susan Tomasi, junior Karina Lucchese and junior Nicole Haggerty.

LIGGETT



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University Liggett girls' hockey team captains are, from left, Danielle Loran, Ania Dow and Jenalyn Pangborn.

Primed for success

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

For the first time in a decade, the University Liggett girls' hockey team is a state championship contender.

Head coach Cassie Jaeckle, entering her third year at the helm, and has a plethora of senior leadership to build momentum from.

The seniors are captain Ania Dow, Hannah Hodges, Emma Nicholas (a newcomer to the team), Danielle Loran, Kaitlyn Vreeken, Mara Hillyer, Caroline Eckrich and Lenka Tuohy.

Not only do the Knights have a solid group of upperclassmen, but other returning standouts are juniors Jena Pangborn, Jane Ninivaggi, Maranda Saigh, Hannah Marchese and Nicole Rosenberg; and sophomores Molly

Murphy, Gracie Scarfone, Allison Stapleton and goaltender Olivia Portillo.

Freshmen on the squad are Riley Marchin and goaltender Haley Malewicz.

"We are really excited about the season," Jaeckle said. "The girls are finally set in our system and they understand what I expect from them."

"We have a lot of experience up front and in net, but not on defense. That is the one area we have to work on, but we have good players for those positions."

The Knights were playing well in the first half of the season last year, but a lengthy losing streak stopped the momentum. The Knights finished 10-11-2 overall and made it to the state semifinals after beating Port Huron 3-2 in triple overtime in the quarterfinals.

Losing in the semifinals has motivated her players to play more consistent hockey this season and put their best foot forward when it comes to playing in the state championship game on their home ice.

The Knights are scheduled to play 24 games this winter, including two games apiece against Division 1 foes Livonia Ladywood, Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood (the favorite to repeat as state champs), Northville, Port Huron, Ann Arbor, Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe South.

The Knights host an annual holiday tournament Dec. 19 and Dec. 21 with city rivals Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe competing, along with a fourth team to be determined at a later date.

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Gymnastics

GROSSE POINTE UNITED



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Members of the 2013-14 Grosse Pointe United gymnastics team are Jenna Belote, Meagan Curran, Caitlin Gaitley, Kelsey Newa, Amy Olson, Samantha Rogers, Gyaneil' Johnson, Amber Williams, Breanna Bromwell, Michelle Ellis, Emily Fleming, Olyvia Shimko, Maria Nguyen, Jennifer Gmeiner, Isabelle Nguyen and Chandler McClarty.

Ladies aim to win

The Grosse Pointe varsity gymnastics team is busy preparing for several December dual meets. The team's first meet is Dec. 4, against Troy Athens-Avondale, and will be a great test for the team. This year's team features a blend of veteran varsity gymnasts and experienced newcomers. Returning gymnasts include seniors Jenna Belote, Meagan Curran, Caitlin Gaitley, Kelsey Newa, Amy Olson and Samantha Rogers; juniors Gyaneil' Johnson and Amber Williams; and sophomores Brenna Bromwell, Michelle Ellis, Emily Fleming and Olyvia Shimko. Gaitley, Ellis and Johnson, along with new team members Maria Nguyen, Jennifer Gmeiner, Isabelle Nguyen and Chandler McClarty, are able to compete all-around for the team this season, with the other gymnasts rounding out the meet lineups as event specialists. The team is coached by Courtney Hamidi, Kristin Zens and Holly Abessinio. "Even though we lost four terrific senior gymnasts from last year, we still have a tremendous amount of talent this season and this team actually has the potential to be the strongest Grosse Pointe team ever," said head coach Courtney Hamidi. As usual, the team competes in dual meets against many of the top squads in the state, including Canton, Plymouth, Athens-Avondale, Farmington and Birmingham, and will also travel to several invitationals, which feature all of the top gymnastics teams. This year presents an additional challenge as Birmingham joined the Great Lakes Gymnastics League that Grosse Pointe competes in, and will be a very strong opponent. Also this year, Grosse Pointe gymnastics hosts a first-ever Homecoming meet, and invites all past gymnasts and coaches from Grosse Pointe South, Grosse Pointe North and Grosse Pointe United to the Dec. 18 meet against Fraser at Grosse Pointe North to march out with the current team. Please let Courtney Hamidi (cschafer@gmail.com) know if you can attend.

Wrestling

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

North ready to win

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe North wrestling team is still young, but a little more seasoned than a year ago under third-year head coach Eric Julien. "We had tons of freshmen last year and now we have a ton of sophomores and several freshmen," Julien said. "It's great for our future and it's nice to have a roster of 25 wrestlers. "The guys are working hard and they're ready to go."

With all the underclassmen in the lineup, the Norsemen will lean on veterans Andrew Lock and Jaron Nelson, both seniors, and Mike Bowden, a junior. Lock wrestles at the 171-pound division, while Nelson is at 119 pounds and Bowden at 160 pounds. Julien has done a great job resurrecting the Norsemen's program, which took a turn for the worse. The Norsemen finished in the middle of the pack in the Macomb Area Conference Gold Division. St. Clair won the regular season and tournament title. Joining North and St. Clair in the Gold Division are Fraser, Warren Fitzgerald, Clawson, Warren Cousino, St. Clair Shores Lake Shore and Warren Mott. The Norsemen have a tough schedule, including team tournaments at Ypsilanti Lincoln, Rochester Adams, Goodrich and Brandon.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

New coach on board

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The Grosse Pointe South wrestling program is under a new head coach this season. Greg Snider, who put a ton of time and effort into coaching, saw a big boost in work-related duties; so he decided to not return at the helm. The new man at the top is a familiar face in the Grosse Pointe wrestling community, Tony Cimmarrusti. He brings a wealth of experience to the table and his confidence in the program should help it build strength. "It's a lot of fun and we're going to work hard in practice and meets to become a solid team," Cimmarrusti said. "Practice is a little different, but in the end we want the results to be positive." Leading the Blue Devils is senior Alex Manchester. Other top returners are sophomores John Gough and Jimmy Nunnely. Senior Caleb Cimmarrusti is a newcomer to the team, but he had a solid wrestling foundation. "We don't have kids in all of our weight classes at the moment, but hopefully we keep on working hard toward a positive result," Cimmarrusti said. The Blue Devils finished in the middle of the pack in the Macomb Area Conference Silver Division last winter, but struggled in the league meet, earning just six points. A new attitude will go a long way this season and the Blue Devils should finish in the top three in the Silver Division.

Boys swimming

GROSSE POINTE NORTH

Vets must produce

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

The fortunes of the 2014 Grosse Pointe North boys' swimming and diving team could be best described as a rebuilding year. The Norsemen look to the veteran swimmers for strong performances for North to be competitive in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division. Senior help will come from Danny MacAskill, distance free and relay events; Patrick Turnbull, individual medley, breaststroke and relays; A.J. Owens, sprints and relays; Anthony Cafagna, butterfly, freestyle and relay events; and Chris Ghanem, sprints and relays. Major improvement from the junior class is vital for the 2014 team. Juniors counted on to contribute include Graham Eger, sprints and backstroke; Duncan MacAskill, diving; Matt Stander, breaststroke and sprints; Jacob Flowers, distance freestyle; John Leone, backstroke and sprints; and Jelani Yeager, backstroke and freestyle. Juniors Nick Ribco, Eric Simoes and Kyle Young should add strength to the roster and will compete in sprint events. Increased performance from the sophomore class is important to success this year. Sophomore contributors include Michael Lemanske, butterfly, backstroke and freestyle; William McNelis and Sam Shehadeh, diving; and Alex Owens, butterfly, individual medley, freestyle and relays. The freshman class for the most part is an unknown quantity. Freshman that are expected to contribute are Joey Cobau, distance freestyle and relays; John Cobau, butterfly, freestyle and relays; Daniel Leone, backstroke, freestyle and relays; Paul Rakowicz, distance freestyle; Tracy Cusmano, Adam Schreck and Trevor Mieczkowski, breaststroke and sprints. North looks to stay competitive in the MAC Red Division against defending champ Grosse Pointe South, Romeo, Macomb Dakota and Chippewa Valley.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH

Potential stays high

By Bob St. John
Sports Editor

If all goes according to plans, the Grosse Pointe South boys' swimming and diving team should be among the top several squads in Division 2 in March. Head coach Eric Gunderson and the Blue Devils have the potential to be a deep, solid team if all of last year's state qualifiers who were underclassmen return. The Blue Devils finished 13th with 64 points last winter. Last year's state qualifiers included the 200-yard medley relay foursome of Patrick Jackson, Jack Martin, Nick Yoo and Devlin Francis, who were all underclassmen, which took seventh. Yoo also competed in the 200-yard freestyle and took 24th and current sophomore Doug Graham finished 28th. In diving, Eric Addy was a semifinalist, finishing 19th, and Jackson came back to place ninth in the 100-yard butterfly. Yoo was 13th and Francis 15th in the same event at the state finals. In the 200-yard freestyle relay, Graham, Francis, Samuel Wilkinson and Martin took 18th, and Wilkinson was an underclassman. Jackson turned in a top-eight performance in the 100-yard backstroke, and fellow underclassman Jacob Montague was 26th. Graham finished 39th. The Blue Devils' all-underclassmen 400-free-style relay team of Yoo, Francis, Martin and Jackson placed 10th. If all these state qualifiers return, the Blue Devils will be a formidable team, which should run the table, once again, in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division. The Blue Devils' division foes are Macomb Dakota, Romeo, Chippewa Valley and Grosse Pointe North, and their crossover opponents are Utica Ford and L'Anse Creuse North. The MAC Red Division championship meet is Friday, Feb. 21, and Saturday, Feb. 22, at South, and the state final meet is Friday, March 7, and Saturday, March 8, at Eastern Michigan University.

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