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Court date set for homicide suspects

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The three people charged in the double homicide of two men in Westland earlier this year are due back in court next week for a preliminary examination.

Dominik Charleston, 19, of Romulus; Amber Tackett, 17 of Taylor; and Kobi Taylor, 19, and homeless, are all expected to returned to Westland's 18th District Court at 8:30 a.m. March 10 for a preliminary examination.

The three are charged in the deaths of Jordan Baker, 19, of Wayne, and Howard Wick, 35, of Westland, who were both found dead Feb. 6 outside of some homes at Norene and

Treadwell in Westland. Police say the three were arrested a day after the two were found dead. Police say it appeared the incident was drug-related.

Charleston faces two counts of first-degree murder, two counts of felony murder, two counts of armed robbery and one count of felony firearm. Both Taylor and Tackett are charged with two counts of felony murder, two counts of armed rob-



Charleston



Taylor



Tackett

bery and one count of felony firearm. If convicted, all three face a maximum of life in prison.

A preliminary examination is held to determine if there is enough evidence for a case to go to trial. They were arraigned in person Feb. 9 before District Judge Sandra Cicirelli.

All three suspects remain locked up in the Wayne County Jail, where they were remanded without bond.

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Report: Police chase stolen vehicle to I-94, driver crashes

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Westland police say a suspect fled officers during a traffic stop and landed in the hospital after crashing in Van Buren Township.

Westland police say they attempted to pull over a vehicle during a routine traffic stop after the vehicle was spotted at about 1:40 p.m. Tuesday near Michigan Avenue and Merriman. After running the license plates, it turned up that the vehicle had been reported stolen earlier that day during a home invasion from a neighboring jurisdiction, police said. Police did not initially say where the chase began. Police then began pursuing

the vehicle, a chase that led them to I-94. Police say the chase ended when the suspect's vehicle struck a tree while trying to exit off of the freeway to the rest area near Belleville Road in Van Buren Township.

The suspect suffered minor injuries and was taken to a local hospital. No other injuries were reported, police said.

Police said more information would be released later on as it became available. The investigation remained in the beginning stages as of Tuesday afternoon, according to police.

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Khadega Mohammed (left) and Julia Wicker of Canton were among protesters recently at Detroit Metro Airport.

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Local man supports temporary ban on all travel to United States

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Terry Olexsy's biggest beef about immigrants is assimilation.

The Highland Township man says newcomers should learn English, venture out of their ethnic enclaves and become citizens if they plan to stay in the country.

He wants them to enter the United States legally and says policy-makers should take a cue from Ellis Island as they consider tightening borders.



Olexsy

"They should have to do the same thing my grandparents did to get into the country," said Olexsy, founder of Mature Voters of Oakland County and chairman of the Highland Activity Center Advisory Council. "The people that came over from Europe, they weren't guaranteed a spot in here. If they were sick, we didn't necessarily accept them. If they lied, they weren't accepted."

His grandparents emigrated from Russia and Poland, entering the country by way of Ellis Island, where millions of immigrants were turned away, detained or welcomed during the first half of the 20th century.

"They all came in through general ports. They didn't sneak in and cross borders," he said. "They came on ships and they didn't come first class. Nobody helped them. They didn't get free housing, free medical care. They counted

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'WHAT DID I DO WRONG?' AN IMMIGRANT'S STORY

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She's a single mom raising four boys, working six days a week in a job that probably doesn't pay all that much. In her spare time, she takes classes at Oakland Community College.

Sitting in a booth at a Tim Hortons off Square Lake Road in Bloomfield Township, you'd have a tough time picking her out from any other customer. Except she feels different.

She feels like America is making her an outcast.

Rafa is a Muslim refugee from Syria. She left an upper middle class suburb of Damascus four years ago after

the bombs began to fall. She is afraid to give her full name, because even though she is in the U.S. legally, having been granted political asylum, her two oldest children are still waiting for their paperwork to get finalized.

Like any other parent, she is worried something bad will happen. She wonders how far President Donald Trump will go with his immigration reform policies. She worries about the stigma these policies are placing on legal refugees like herself.

"It was not an easy process," Rafa said about gaining political asylum. "Where are we



Protesters, including Hussam Saleh, 6, of Canton, initially protested President Trump's travel ban, which has now been slowed by the courts.

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VAN NAZARIAN

Van Nazarian's photography often focuses on cars. He's the featured artist for March at the Livonia Public Library.

Photog heads March art show

Van Nazarian is about to get his days in the art limelight.

Nazarian, a Livonia resident, is the March featured artist in the Livonia Fine Arts Gallery, located on the second floor of the Livonia

Public Library. Nazarian, who grew up in Detroit the son of a tailor and a seamstress, was influenced by a favorite uncle. The uncle, whom Nazarian called "a serious car lover," worked for Ford Motor

Co. for 49 years and got him "hooked on cars."

While studying industrial design and photography at Wayne State, Nazarian worked in the automotive department of Montgomery Ward. At the same time, he studied transportation design.

Nazarian spent the next 35 years in graphic arts and photography, shooting everything from major appliances to classic cars.

His show runs, which runs through March 31, includes images from a private tour of Jay Leno's garage in Burbank, images from various Concours d'Elegance shows, a lost Chevrolet concept car of the '50s, commissioned tribute art and images from around the Detroit area.

An artist's reception takes place 2-4 p.m. Saturday, March 11. The library is located at 32777 Five Mile (at Farmington Road) in Livonia. The show is sponsored by the Livonia Arts Commission. For more information, call 734-432-5976.

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supposed to go if we're told to leave here? Going back to Syria is like a death sentence. If I did something wrong, I'd accept it. What did I do wrong?"

She never planned to leave Syria. She has a sister living in the U.S., but she never considered moving here. Maybe a vacation, but she never dreamed of leaving her home.

But the bombs kept dropping, closer and closer to her apartment in Damascus, and she knew she had to do something. She was living in a war zone. She had already separated from her husband and was basically on her own.

"My visa was about to expire, so I left," she said. "It was a hard decision to make, because I could only take my two youngest ones. I was separated from my two oldest boys for over two years."

She spoke of witnessing the massacre in Dairaya and of tanks stopping directly in front of her apartment. She said the military wanted to take her 16-year-old son and force him into the army, but she managed to pull him back.

Her two oldest sons, both in their early 20s, are now in the U.S. attending college and working full-time jobs.

"They're scared," she said. "They're afraid to go out and drive, that someone might stop them and question them. They have exams right now and they're having a hard time focusing."

She understands the fears over illegal immigration and terrorism, but she feels there are many individual Muslims who are being lumped together into one large negative stereotype. They're being convicted of a crime they never committed.

Ultimately, she believes these policies will empower the extremists. Muslims caught in the

middle will be forced to take sides. She stresses again that she is in the U.S. legally and so are her children.

It would be easy to say she has nothing to fear and that might well be true. But put yourself in her shoes.

"All we're trying to do is build a better future," she said. "We didn't come here to beg... we came here to be productive citizens."

She pauses, worried she has said too much already. She never intended to become a spokesperson. Just a few years ago, she was living in a large apartment in Damascus. Her family was nearby and so were her friends.

Now she's huddled behind a cup of coffee in a Tim Hortons, frustrated and alone.

She is not the enemy. Don't treat her like one.

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on people they knew or fellow immigrants to help them.

"They stayed in tenements, group housing and they were happy to be there. These people had to bust their backs once they got there. They had nothing. They lived a hard life in the beginning and they earned their right to be U.S. citizens."

He said those early U.S. immigrants, including family members, had to "change dramatically" as they became a part of the country's melting pot of culture and ethnicity. They learned English and eventually moved beyond the close-knit ethnic communities they initially depended on.

"They gave up old-world fashions to fit in as Americans," he said.

Americans first

Oleksy, a retiree, said he believes some immigrants that don't assimilate want Americans "to change" instead. He suspects some newcomers take advantage of the public's goodwill and that

illegal residents are getting government benefits, such as food stamps and housing.

"They know how to work the system," he said. "Why should our government be giving away (benefits) and yet we have homeless veterans on the street? Our priority should be American citizens."

Oleksy wants better vetting and government oversight to ensure foreigners don't stay in the country longer than allowed. He said he believes President Trump will build a wall along the U.S.-Mexican border and make Mexico pay for it.

He's not against giving migrant or seasonal workers from foreign countries temporary work visas, but says they should be required to learn English and assimilate into the culture.

"Give them a temporary card as long as they can speak English," he said. "They can work three to six months out of the year and make money for their family. We should have compassion for these people, as long as they are legitimate."

Oleksy had a mixed reaction to Trump's exec-

utive order Jan. 27 that banned citizens from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen from entering the country for 90 days. The order also barred refugee admissions for 120 days and stopped Syrian refugees from entering the country indefinitely. The directive sparked confusion at airports across the country as the new rules took effect.

"The people who had a green card and were working here should have had a right to come right in. They shouldn't have been held up," Oleksy said.

A federal appeals panel earlier this month rejected Trump's request to reinstate the travel ban after a federal district judge struck it down.

Trump is expected to roll out a new travel ban this week. Oleksy hopes it's more rigorous than the first, giving the government time to revamp immigration policy.

"I think if we're banning seven (countries), we might as well ban them all temporarily," he said. "It should be everyone for 60 or 90 days."

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Tuesday	March 7, 2017	9:00 a.m.
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The Board of Review will meet in session on the following days and times to hear appeals on the assessment roll:

Monday	March 13, 2017	9:00am-4:30pm
Tuesday	March 14, 2017	9:00am-4:30pm
Wednesday	March 15, 2017	1:00pm-9:00pm

NOTE: Meetings located in THE GARDEN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM with late night appointments on Wednesday only

APPEALS BY APPOINTMENT or WRITE-IN. Write-ins must be received by Wednesday March 15th.

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If enrollment applications exceed the number of available spaces, a random selection will be held at AMA lower campus, 14800 Middlebelt Road on March 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICE MINUTES OF REDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS DECEMBER 2016 & JANUARY 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the approved Minutes for meetings of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Redford for the month of December 2016 and January 2017 are posted at the following public places within the Township:

- Community Center, 12121 Hemingway
- Fire Department, 15145 Beech Daly
- Library, 25320 Six Mile Road
- Department of Public Services, 12200 Beech Daly
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- Town Hall, 15145 Beech Daly

Approved Minutes may also be viewed on-line at www.redfordtwp.com

GARTH J. CHRISTIE, Clerk
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CITIES OF WESTLAND, LIVONIA, REDFORD TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

In accordance with HUD requirements, the Cities of Westland, Livonia, Redford Township will jointly prepare an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing. The communities will conduct a joint Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 5, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of the Livonia Housing Commission, 10800 Farmington Road, Livonia, 48150. The purpose of this public hearing is to obtain the views of citizens, public agencies and other interested parties regarding the Analysis to Impediments. The public hearing will feature data for population and housing characteristics, fair housing considerations, impediments and fair housing strategies. The Analysis of Impediments is required to receive CDBG funds. To assist in the analysis, citizens and other interested persons are invited to complete a Fair Housing Survey, found on the City of Westland website at www.cityofwestland.com, under Choose Service/Community Development Survey.

Written comments regarding the draft Analysis to Impediments should be sent to the City of Westland, Department of Housing and Community Development, 32150 Dorsey Road, Westland, MI 48186. Copies of materials to be discussed during the public hearing are available for review at the Housing and Community Development Department during normal business hours. For additional information please contact the Housing and Community Development Department at (734) 713.3111.

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Refugees to U.S., Michigan: Some facts

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Public attention has turned more intently to the world's refugees, particularly those settling in or heading to the U.S., since President Donald Trump last month announced a moratorium on travel into the country by people from seven countries in which the majority of the population is Muslim.

Enforcement of the so-called travel ban — applying to people from Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen — was later blocked by the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, but a revised order is expected from the White House this week.

Meanwhile, using federal and state government sources, we looked at refugees who arrived in Michigan in recent years to find where they came from, what kind of process they went through, how they're being helped, how much it costs and how many are here.

Who is a refugee?

According to the Department of Homeland Security, refugee status is a legal status that can be granted to people who have been persecuted or fear they will be persecuted because of race, religion, nationality, politics or membership in a particular group. Applicants must be of "humanitarian concern" to the U.S. and show they were persecuted or fear persecution due to race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a certain group before they are given refugee status. They also must be found admissible to the U.S. and cannot be settled in another country.

An asylum-seeker is a refugee who has already traveled to the U.S. and is applying for asylum at a port of entry.



Taosif Alam of Farmington Hills protested Jan. 29 at Detroit Metro Airport.

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Application and screening

Refugees seeking resettlement in the U.S. must get a referral, usually from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, or sometimes from a U.S. embassy or a nongovernmental organization in which employees have been trained to handle refugee referrals. In some cases, such as those of people who seek to be reunited with close relatives who are already refugees in the U.S.,

refugees can apply for resettlement without a referral.

Refugees trying to get into the U.S. are processed by the Department of State, which funds nine resettlement support centers around the world.

Applicants' registration is the first of a multi-step process that includes interviews with state department and Homeland Security personnel, security checks by several federal departments, including the FBI, the Department of

Defense and intelligence agencies, fingerprint collection and screenings, a cultural orientation class and a medical check. Resettlement applicants are rejected if they do not pass the security and medical screenings.

Refugees' travel to the U.S. is booked through the International Organization for Migration, which provides loans to cover airfare. According to a state department spokesman, the average IOM loan is \$1,100 and the average monthly loan

payment is \$85. Loan repayments, the spokesman said, are funneled back into the program to help other refugees.

There were officially 84,995 refugees admitted to the U.S. in the 2016 fiscal year, according to the state department.

Help in Michigan

Refugees in Michigan find places to live through resettlement agencies such as the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants and Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan; those agencies are eligible for state department resettlement grants of \$2,075 per refugee for their costs, the department spokesman said.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services provides refugees with temporary financial assistance, with the goal of having them become self-sufficient. In addition, social service agencies, often faith-based groups, help refugees with finding employment, getting health care, providing education for their children and other needs. For the 2017 fiscal year, the state received \$4.8 million in federal grants to pay such organizations for providing refugee services, said Bob Wheaton, the MDHHS communications manager.

Adult refugees without children in Michigan are entitled to cash assistance and medical assistance for up to eight months, and the average payments are \$306 a month in cash assistance and \$54 a month in medical assistance for an individual, Wheaton said.

Children and adults with children are eligible for other types of state assistance, such as cash assistance for food, that are also available to the general public if they meet eligibility criteria, Wheaton said.

The MDHHS refugee program, including cash

assistance, health screenings and administrative costs, are completely reimbursed by the federal government, Wheaton said. That reimbursement totaled \$18 million for the last fiscal year, he said.

By the numbers

Over the last five fiscal years — 2012 through 2016 — 19,536 refugees from around the world have resettled in Michigan, according to state department figures provided to MDHHS. Many were from some of the countries included in Trump's travel ban, but there were also refugees from Afghanistan, Burma, Nepal, the Ukraine, Zaire and many other countries.

For the 2016 fiscal year, three resettlement agencies — U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants, Samaritas and Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan — reported placing 333 refugees in Oakland County and 1,295 in Wayne County.

In the same fiscal year, there were 2,802 refugees resettled in Michigan from six of the seven countries named in the travel ban: Syria (1,372), Somalia (256), Iran (9), Iraq (1,108), Sudan (55) and Yemen (2), according to MDHHS. That number was nearly 66 percent of the 4,254 refugees placed in Michigan that year. There were none listed from Libya.

Among the 15,282 refugees resettled in the state in fiscal years 2012 through 2015, state department records show, 8,035, or nearly 52.6 percent, were male, and 7,242, or about 47.4 percent, were female. About 34.1 percent were under the age of 18, 61.6 percent were ages 18 to 65, and 4.2 percent were 65 or older.

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Constituents push Rep. Trott for town hall

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A local congressman drew criticism last Thursday as constituents alarmed by the policies of a new administration continued to call attention to their campaign to meet with him in person to voice their concerns.

More than 200 people packed a room at the Novi Public Library on Thursday evening for the event, billed as a David Trott town hall without David Trott. Trott, a second-term Republican from Birmingham, was part of a congressional delegation visiting India during this week's recess, a member of his staff confirmed.

Organizers accused Trott of ducking constituents who might disagree with him on President Donald Trump's agenda. A new crackdown on immigrants who are in the country illegally and the planned repeal of the Affordable Care Act were the most-discussed issues Thursday.

Trott should be having "vibrant dialogue" with a "well-informed and engaged" citizenry, said one of the speakers, attorney John Janiszewski.

"Constituents deserve much better," Janiszewski told the crowd. "We deserve to have individual opportunities to air our grievances."

Janiszewski, an assistant Michigan attorney general, emphasized he was speaking on his own behalf and not representing his office.

He rejected the idea, promoted by Trump, that people packing town halls across the country are paid activists and refuted the comment earlier in the week by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., that "winners make policy and losers go home."

"I can assure you, we



The audience applauds a speaker during Thursday's standing-room-only town hall at the Novi Public Library. Organizers said they want U.S. Rep. David Trott, R-Birmingham, to meet in person with constituents.

are not all losers," Janiszewski said. "We are simply citizens who ask to be engaged."

Trott should face the public and explain where he stands on Trump's policies and serve "as a check on executive overreach," Janiszewski said. "Your silence serves as a breeding ground for discontent and damaging assumptions," he said.

Trott communications director Katie Vincenz said Friday that Trott has attended 1,000 public events since taking office, including 40 town halls, public forums and coffee talks. She said a busy legislative calendar so far this year has limited his ability to meet directly with constituents, but that public events are being planned.

Representatives of the Michigan People's Campaign, one of the groups behind Thursday's event, have met with Trott staffers sever-



Some of those who gathered at the Thursday meeting at the Novi Public Library wrote their hometowns and ZIP codes on badges to show they were in U.S. Rep. David Trott's district.

al times and their concerns were relayed to Trott, Vincenz said. Trott, she said, has also responded in writing to more than 6,500 questions and concerns from constituents.

Other speakers Thursday addressed diversity

"I can assure you, we are not all losers. We are simply citizens who ask to be engaged."

JOHN JANISZEWSKI,
attorney

and tightened immigration policies.

Fatima Abdrabboh, a lawyer and director of the American Muslim Advocacy League, said non-Muslims and Muslims shouldn't be afraid to break the ice and have conversations about cultural differences.

"Those are the real questions," she said, drawing laughter when she spoke about being asked if she has hair underneath her hijab. "It's not ignorant. People want to know."

Islamophobia, or the irrational fear of Mus-

lims, is "an industry" from which some profit, she said.

"It's easier to have a bogeyman than to deal with our own stuff," she said.

Abdrabboh said her travels to other parts of the world helped confirm that that U.S. is "the greatest" country.

"Do not take that for granted," she said. "Complacency is not something we can afford to have."

Also speaking were Jayesh Patel, a lawyer and the founder of Street Democracy, an advocacy group that works on legal issues on behalf of impoverished people, and Nada Dalgamouni, director of global education at the International Institute of Detroit.

Patel jokingly said that Trump's immigration policies means that "people who look different and have funny names" have to worry about being detained,

even if they are naturalized citizens or were born in the U.S.

They also, he said, have to worry about being the targets of harassment and violence.

"People who haven't had to think about these issues are now having to," he said. Patel's parents immigrated from India; he said that, among his extended family of 28 people, 27 are native-born or naturalized citizens.

Dalgamouni, who was born in Jordan, made a case for more liberalized immigration policies for people who want to enjoy freedom and improve their lives.

"Immigration is what made this country a great country," she said.

Meredith Quinlan of the Michigan People's Campaign urged the crowd to keep the pressure up.

"Every call, every meeting, every email, every action is making a difference," she said. Members of Congress, she added, "are scared" that they will lose their seats.

Sherri Masson of Milford, who introduced each speaker, said the town hall was organized by herself and two other women who met on Facebook, in conjunction with the MPC. She and others, Masson said, personally invited Trott on Feb. 14 by speaking with staff members at his district office in Troy.

Trott's 11th District includes many communities in western Wayne County and northern and western Oakland County, including Livonia, Plymouth and Northville, Plymouth, Northville and Canton townships, Birmingham, Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi.

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Greater Farmington Film Festival announces lineup

Farmington-Hills based nonprofit organization kickstartART Farmington announces the film lineup and schedule for the 2017 Greater Farmington Film Festival.

The Greater Farmington Film Festival will be March 2-5, with a selection of recently released feature films and documentaries that engage the heart and mind, explore important contemporary issues and inspire action: good films for a better world.

The line up includes: "Death is Not the Answer" (documentary, 95 minutes), directed by Keith Famie. Show time is 7:30 p.m. March 2, at the Smith Theatre at Oakland Community College

"Death Is Not the Answer" delves deeply into the complex, often misunderstood world of depression and suicide. This documentary features many of the nation's most respected mental health professionals. The film also offers enlightened thoughts of how we can find contentment and happiness through mind-body health, diet and music. In the end, the film offers hope and a much deeper understanding about depression and what leads to suicide.

A Q&A with Famie and others featured in the film to follow the screening.

"Maya Angelou, and Still I Rise" (documentary, 114 minutes), directed by Bob Hercules and Rita Coburn Whac, at 7 p.m. March 3, at the Farmington Civic Theater.

The first documentary about the iconic writer, poet, performer and activist who overcame racism and devas-

tating abuse to become one of our culture's greatest voices. Rare footage and photos unveil an intimate and often unknown view of her public and personal life with the power of her own words.

"Life, Animated" (documentary, 89 minutes), directed by Roger Ross Williams. Show time is 9:15 p.m. March 3, at the Farmington Civic Theater.

"Life, Animated" is the real-life story of Owen Suskind, son of the Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Ron Suskind and his wife Cornelia. An autistic boy who couldn't speak for years, Owen memorized dozens of Disney movies, turned them into a language to express love and loss, kinship, brotherhood.

The family was forced to become animated characters, communicating with him in Disney dialogue and song, until they all emerge, together, revealing how, in darkness, we all literally need stories to survive.

"Zootopia" (animated, 110 minutes) at 10 a.m. March 4, the Farmington Civic Theater. This is a free show.

"After Spring" (documentary, 101 minutes), directed by Steph Ching and Ellen Martinez, at 7 p.m. March 4, the Farmington Civic Theater.

Presentation of "After Spring" is made possible by the generous support of Christine and Bob Greig and David Richardson and Debbie Feit.

"After Spring" is a feature documentary that focuses on the Syrian refugee crisis. With the Syrian conflict now in its sixth year, millions of people continue to be displaced. "After Spring" is the story of what happens next. By following two refugee

families in transition and aid workers fighting to keep the camp running, viewers will experience what it is like to live in Zaatar, Jordan, the largest camp for Syrian refugees. With no end in sight for the conflict or this refugee crisis, everyone must decide if they can rebuild their lives in a place that was never meant to be permanent.

"The Eagle Huntress" (documentary, 111 minutes), directed by Otto Bell, at 9:15 p.m. March 4, at the Farmington Civic Theater.

Aisholpan, a 13-year-old girl, trains to become the first female in 12 generations of her Kazakh family to become an eagle hunter and rises to the pinnacle of a tradition that has been handed down from father to son for centuries. While there are many old Kazakh eagle hunters who vehemently reject the idea of any female taking part in their ancient tradition, Aisholpan's father, Nurgai, believes that a girl can do anything a boy can, as long as she's determined.

"The Last Laugh" (documentary, 85 minutes), directed by Ferne Pearlstein, at 2 p.m. March 5, at the Holocaust Memorial Center on Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills.

Presentation of "The Last Laugh" is made possible by the generous support of Bloom General Contracting, Inc.

Tickets are on sale at www.gffilmfest.com and are \$6 each or a full festival pass can be purchased for \$30 (six films for the price of five); the children's film "Zootopia" is presented free.

More information about the festival is available at www.gffilmfest.com.



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Ms. Sunshine Weber at sweber4@livoniapublicschools.org.

Garden City Arts Center benefit set for Sunday

The Great Lakes Arts Center, in partnership with the Garden City Moose Lodge, is hosting a BBQ to benefit the art center from 1-6 p.m. Sunday, March 5.

Chef Mike Zadorski will man his monster grill and serve tasty meat and veggie options. Creative Director Don Wakefield will discuss the future art center and provide a

tour of the 17,000-square-foot building

Once open, the art center will offer exhibits of anything manmade, from paintings and sculpture and multimedia works to custom cars and furniture. Classes, performances, demonstrations and many special events, including food and beverage pairings, will eventually be available every day.

The art center is at 29135 Ford Road, just east of Middlebelt. Parking is in back of the building. The event is being held to help raise funds to rehab the building and install a wheelchair lift, which is expected to cost \$40,000. A \$20 donation is appreciated for food and beverages. Yearly memberships are available, starting at \$100.



The Great Lakes Arts Center is at 29135 Ford Road.

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With tax cut bill dead, lawmakers push other bills

Kathleen Gray

Detroit Free Press Lansing Bureau

LANSING — A cut to the individual income tax from 4.25% to 3.9% may have died in the state House of Representatives on Thursday on a 52-55 vote, but other lawmakers introduced a number of bills last week that would lower the tax burden on Michigan residents.

The bills would remove the increases in vehicle registration fees that were passed last year to help pay for road improvements; increase the personal exemption on state income taxes from \$4,000 to \$6,000, and establish tax credits for people who make improvements to their homes, making them more accessible.

All the bills were introduced by Democrats, who are at a distinct disadvantage because Republicans hold a 63-47 majority. But both Republicans and Democrats have introduced several bills already this year that would eliminate the income tax on pensions that was approved by the Legislature in 2011. After the defeat of the income tax cut last week, it's uncertain what direction future tax proposals will take.

Another bill introduced last week is a familiar plea to modify the fireworks law that was passed in 2012, allowing individuals to set off commercial-grade fireworks. The law has been changed to limit the explosions to the 10 federal holidays, as well as the day before and after the holiday.

But every year, local communities plead with their legislators to change the law even further and allow them to set more stringent guidelines. The resulting bills have not gotten a vote in the Legislature.

Bills introduced last week:

House bills

HB 4251: Remove increases in vehicle registration fees. Sponsor: Rep. Scott Dianda, R-Calumet.

HB 4252-4253: Accelerate the phase-in of removing the sales and use taxes on the difference for a trade-in vehicle. Sponsors: Reps. Bronna Kahle, R-Clinton, Michael Webber, R-Rochester Hills.

HB 4254: Provide for per-pupil funding formula based on the greater of current year or prior year pupil count. Sponsor: Rep. Abdullah Ham-



Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland, has sponsored a bill to give veterans a waiver of public transit fees.

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moud, D-Dearborn.

HB 4255-4256: Require the reduction of air pollution emission standards during certain months and restrict emission standards during thermal inversions. Sponsors: Reps. Abdullah Hammoud, D-Dearborn, Stephanie Chang, D-Detroit.

HB 4257: Require containment of petroleum coke piles. Sponsor: Rep. Stephanie Chang, D-Detroit.

HB 4258: Require an air pollution impact student and consideration of cumulative pollution levels before issuing air quality permits. Sponsor: Rep. Stephanie Chang, D-Detroit.

HB 4259: Provide for the auditor general to have authority to gain confidential or electronic data. Sponsor: Rep. Joseph Graves, R-Linden.

HB 4260: Specify youth sports' training programs to have written clearance form regarding concussions and length of time before a return to athletic activity. Sponsor: Rep. Sheldon Neeley, D-Flint.

HB 4261: Allow sports betting in Michigan. Sponsor: Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland.

HB 4262: Provide for a waiver of fees for public transit for veterans with ID cards. Sponsor: Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland.

HB 4263: Revise experience requirements and

waive examination fees for electrician licenses for veterans. Sponsor: Rep. Robert Kosowski, D-Westland.

HB 4264: Increase the personal exemption on income taxes from \$4,000 to \$6,000. Sponsor: Rep. Tim Greimel, D-Auburn Hills.

HB 4265 and SB 170: Establish a five-foot clearance distance that a driver of a vehicle must maintain when passing a bicyclist. Sponsors: Rep. Holly Hughes, R-White River Township, Sen. Margaret O'Brien, R-Portage.

HB 4266: Authorize zoning and growth management policies to household agricultural in residential zones. Sponsor: Rep. Tim Kelly, R-Saginaw Township.

HB 4267: Provide for and allocate additional revenue to be deposited in the automation fund in county general funds. Sponsor: Rep. Tim Kelly, R-Saginaw Township.

HB 4268: Allow active duty members of the military to carry a concealed weapon even if there is a personal protection order against the individual. Sponsor: Rep. Tim Kelly, R-Saginaw Township.

HB 4269: Provide for ambulance and emergency medical personnel to be present at high school sporting events. Sponsor: Rep. Jewell Jones, D-Inkster.

HB 4270-4271: Estab-

lish cancellation protocols for state service contracts and require cost-benefit analysis for privatization of services so public service workers can present alternative recommendations. Sponsor: Rep. Jewell Jones, D-Inkster.

HB 4272: Allow township supervisors to perform marriages. Sponsor: Rep. Michael McCready, R-Birmingham.

HB 4273-4274 and SB 186-192: Require training of security guards and establish licensing fees for security guard agencies; remove licensing and registration for private security businesses that respond to security alarms. Sponsors: Reps. Robert Wittenberg, D-Oak Park, Martin Howrylak, R-Troy, Sens. Darwin Booher, R-Evart, Bert Johnson, D-Highland Park.

HB 4275: Revise credit rating criteria for issuing of bonds to pay off unfunded pension or retiree health care liabilities. Sponsor: Rep. Ben Frederick, R-Owosso.

Senate bills

SB 169: Revise license and permit regulations for campgrounds and incorporate rules on sewage systems and water requirements. Sponsor: Sen. Darwin Booher, R-Evart.

SB 171-172: Provide for increased penalties for physicians and phar-

macists who wrongfully prescribe or dispense controlled substances. Sponsors: Sens. Jim Ananich, D-Flint, Margaret O'Brien, R-Portage.

SB 173: Provide for requirements for charter schools or authorizing bodies upon termination or revocation of contract to have property revert back to the state. Sponsor: Sen. Jim Ananich, D-Flint.

SB 174-175: Revise the state accreditation system for public schools and modify requirements for a high school diploma. Sponsors: Sens. Marty Knollenberg, R-Troy, Jim Stamas, R-Midland.

SB 176: Revise requirements for tourist-oriented directional signs. Sponsor: Sen. Tom Casperson, R-Escanaba.

SB 177: Require use of bid scorecards for state procurement contracts. Sponsor: Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton.

SB 178: Create fundraising license plates for the Detroit Red Wings, Detroit Tigers, Detroit Lions, Detroit Pistons and Michigan International Speedway. Sponsor: Sen. Jim Stamas, R-Midland.

SB 179: Create an appropriations for the

capital outlay budget. Sponsor: Sen. Darwin Booher, R-Evart.

SB 180-183: Require background checks and fingerprinting of child care organizations and establish penalties for failing to report certain charges against child care workers. Modify licensing requirements for child care centers. Sponsors: Sen. Tonya Schuitmaker, R-Lawton, David Hildenbrand, R-Lowell, Hoon-Yung Hoggood, D-Taylor.

SB 184: Establish income tax credits for the purchase or modification of a home that improves accessibility to the home. Sponsor: Sen. Vincent Gregory, D-Southfield.

SB 185: Increase the minimum wage to \$15 per hour by Jan. 1, 2018. Sponsor: Sen. Coleman Young II, D-Detroit.

SB 193: Allow local units of government to enact ordinances and restrict the use and sale of fireworks. Sponsor: Sen. Steven Bieda, D-Warren.

SB 194: Allow townships to perform work on county roads. Sponsor: Sen. Tonya Schuitmaker, R-Lawton.

For more information on bills, go to: legislature.mi.gov

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Canton man's Hollywood dreams coming true

Jill Halpin
Correspondent

He has been blown-up with explosives, spun 30 feet through the air dangling by a wire, had his body set afire while wearing a flame-retardant suit and helped Hollywood hero Hugh Jackman fight robots.

Now he's working alongside actors Chace Crawford from TV's "Gossip Girl" series and Elisha Dushku of "Bring It On" fame in "Eloise," a new movie filmed in Michigan and in theaters now.

It sounds both frightening and exciting to most, but for Matthew Philliben, former Canton resident, it is all in a day's work.

Philliben, a 2003 Detroit Catholic Central graduate, has spent almost 10 years working as an actor and stuntman in film and TV and loving every minute of it.

"I love it — the adrenaline rush of performing stunts — and I love showing my skills as an actor. I'd do it forever if I could," he said.

His Hollywood career is pretty much of a dream come true for the 32-year-old, who now splits his time between metropolitan Detroit and Atlanta, now a worldwide hub for film production. It's also a world apart from his first job at about age 9, delivering the *Canton Observer* newspaper throughout his neighborhood.

Philliben's ambitions began even before that, he said, "I always knew that I wanted to do this with my life. There was never any backup plan. I knew that this is what I wanted to do."

Growing up in Canton he spent a



Matt Philliben, a 2003 graduate of Detroit Catholic Central, has gathered more than 40 acting and stunt credits to his name in the past 10 years.

good deal of his time writing, painting and drawing. "I was always creating; always using art as an outlet."

It wasn't until he graduated and began attending Schoolcraft College in Livonia that his skills began to really develop under Professor James Hartman of the school's theater department.

"He was the first teacher that I had that gave me the confidence that I did have the talent to make it happen," Philliben said.

Philliben next spent some time working in independent films around Michigan, transferring to Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo to study theater and film. It was after that he received his first big break: the opportunity to work on the set of "Real Steel," a science fiction sports film starring Hugh Jackman, produced by DreamWorks Studios and filmed in Detroit and other locations throughout Michigan.

Although he started out providing security detail on the film set for Hugh Jackman, it wasn't long before Philliben's skills in martial arts were brought to the attention of the film's stunt coordinator, Garrett Warren. Warren, an award-winning stunt choreographer, who worked on films including "Avatar," the "Transformers" series and "Iron Man 2," provided Philliben with a glimpse into the world of stunts. And he was instantly entranced.

Philliben was able to perform stunt work in the "Real Steel" fight scenes, offering a rare chance for the valuable on-the-job training that is necessary to work successfully in the field.

"In the stunt world, to be legitimate you need to learn on set from a professional stunt coordinator. Garrett gave me my start. He pretty much took me right off the street and gave me this opportunity. It is not many people that get that chance," he said.

Philliben not only took that chance, he was able to quickly build a career, performing stunt work in films such "Oz, the Great and Powerful" and the upcoming "Fate of the Furious," in which he worked with Charlize Theron, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson and Vin

Diesel, as well "Transformers: The Last Knight" starring Mark Wahlberg, which is scheduled for release later this year.

Also included in his 40-credit strong Internet Movie Database profile are a wide variety of acting roles, including TV series like "12 Monkeys" and "Rush: Inspired by Battlefield" and films like "Red Dawn," "Divergent" and the newly released "Eloise."

"Eloise," a horror movie filmed at and inspired by the now-defunct asylum of the same name located in Wayne, casts Philliben as an orderly. The role allowed Philliben to return to Michigan, as it filmed at locations throughout metropolitan Detroit.

It also allowed him an opportunity to act and perform stunts, combining both of his loves. While his stunt work keeps the blood rushing quickly through his veins, he appreciates the opportunity to share his acting skills.

"With stunt work, you never know what is coming next and that is really exciting, and I love acting, too. I would do both forever, if I could," he said.

On Feb. 26, he will watch the Oscars broadcast, as many others do. Only Philliben will know many of the Academy Award attendees personally. He will cheer on his former co-worker Ryan Gosling, nominated for an award in the Best Actor category and whom Philliben calls "a really nice, down-to-earth guy."

Philliben is hopeful that someday he will be attending the Academy Awards himself — already focusing on an end goal for his flourishing career.

"I would love to get to that level," he said.

Our Mental Health: The gift of hope

"Hope springs eternal," said one philosopher. And another said, "The greatest virtues are faith, hope and love." Yet another said, "Hope depends on faith and the outcome of both is love." While hope is a small word, it is a big antidote for despair. The importance of hope, in recovery from despair, is independent of the source of the suffering. Pain is pain. Hope is essential to any recovery. Without hope there is despair. Despair is the submission to loss. It is giving



Len McCulloch
GUEST COLUMNIST

up. It is concluding there is no way out. It is dependency and accomplishes nothing. It is suicide of the soul.

Hope, on the other hand, requires faith in optimism and in one's self. And, hope usually requires interaction with another person. Despairing people can usually not discover hope on

their own. They need another person, able to enter their world of despair, and offer them a deal. The deal, psychologically, is a "working alliance."

This is a technical term usually reserved for the positive relationship developed between a psychotherapist and a patient. But it can occur between any two people wherein one has hope to offer to the other in a realistic manner. This "working alliance" amounts to two or more people agreeing to be

optimistic in their combined efforts to deal with, overcome or put up with and tolerate a major personal distress. Some people are trained professional "therapists" who can offer hope. Some are ordinary people with an extraordinary life experience or natural endowment of resilience, so as to be able to offer hope to others. Hope motivates one to act with the belief that there will be a positive outcome from optimism, hard work and perseverance. Hope differs from a

wish. Wishing for a solution to a life problem is a passive event. It can be done in solitude and does not always come true. Hope, on the other hand, is an active event and implies a willingness to work toward a solution or an ability to tolerate seemingly insurmountable problems known as suffering.

So, I encourage hope. If you are struggling with trauma or despair from any source, find another person, group, cause or organization with which to establish a working alliance pursuant to an optimistic overcoming of sorrow. Join up with another in any

small or big way and reap the benefits of hope which are movement onward and forward, despite the cost.

Len McCulloch is a diplomate of the American Psychotherapy Association and is credentialed in Traumatic Stress, Mental Health, Brain Injury, Social Work, and Addictions. He is a psychotherapist of 40 years and author of "Our Mental Health," a monthly column syndicated in Observer and Eccentric Newspapers. His 250-plus publications to date have been archived over the past 15 years at the Farmington Library. McCulloch can be reached for a courtesy phone consultation at 248-474-2763 x-222.

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OBSERVER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Corned beef and cabbage

The Garden City Women of the Moose are holding a Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner from 5-7 p.m. March 7-8, or until they run out.

Dinners are \$6 and include corned beef, cabbage, mashed potatoes, bread and dessert. Early bird dinner special runs from 4:30-5 p.m. sharp for \$5/dinner. Pre-orders and take out dinners available. Contact Donna at 734-545-7777. The Garden City Moose Lodge No. 538 is at 29137 Ford Road, Garden City; call 734-422-1750

Meet with the supervisor

Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise will hold his monthly "Coffee with Kurt" from 9-10 a.m. Monday, March 6, at the Grand Traverse Pie Company, 41640 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township. Coffee and breakfast snacks will be provided.

Praise and worship

St. Edith Church will have a Praise and Worship Concert from 4-5 p.m. Sunday, March 12. Come and sing along to your favorite Christian rock hits. The music will be provided by In Praise and a small fellowship will follow in the Gathering Area. For more information, visit www.stedith.org

Health screening for Livonia students

Registration is required for the screening set for 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 4, St. Mary Mercy Livonia North Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. The cost is \$10 per student. Each student will receive: a healthy heart questionnaire, reviewed; blood pressure check; 12-lead ECG; heart sound check; echocardiogram, if indicated. To register and for more information, visit www.stmarymercy.org/heartscreen or call 734-655-8240

Annual Mystery Purse Auction

Faith Community's Women of Faith will host the auction at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 11, at the church, 14560 Merriam Road. This is a fun event where everyone (that means men, too) can bid on purses or bags or totes that are filled with mystery items. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Melissa at 734-765-1827.

Livonia Towne Club

The Livonia Towne Club, a nonprofit women's organization bringing together women for social interaction meets the fourth Thursday of each month from September through May (except in November and December when it's held on the second Thursday).

The group meets for lunch and a program at different restaurants in Livonia and surrounding areas. The program could be an informative speaker, bingo, fashion show, music entertainment and more.

The next luncheon is March 23. The program will be the third annual fashion show. For more information, call Vicki at 734-591-3254

Eat better

Plymouth Seventh-Day Adventist Church will host Dr. Arthur Weaver to speak on diet and cancer prevention. Attendees will complete a meal, watch a demonstration and provide recipes. The event is at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the church fellowship hall, 4295 Napier Road, Plymouth. Call 989-965-4861 to register by March 16. Admission is free; donations are welcome.

Lenten Fish Fry

American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia, will host its annual Lenten fish fry



The North West Detroit Coin Club will host its 55th annual Spring Coin Show on Sunday, March 5.

from 5-8 p.m. every Friday through April 29. Cod dinners are \$10 and perch will return. Baked items will be sold for \$1 each. The meals are open to the public

St. Bellarmine Fish Fry

St. Robert Bellarmine Men's Club will host fish fries every Friday during Lent with drive-thru service available. The dinners are available every Friday from 4-7 p.m. St. Robert's is at the corner of West Chicago and Inkster roads in Redford.

Lenten Fish Fry

St. Mary Catholic Church in Wayne will host its Lenten Fish Frys again this year. The weekly Fish Frys will start on Friday, March 3, 4-7 p.m., and run for seven weeks through Good Friday, April 14. Dinners are \$7 or \$10. You can choose from fried or baked fish, shrimp dinner or mac-and-cheese. Each meal comes with French fries or baked potato, cole slaw, roll and lemonade, water or coffee. For an additional small charge desserts and pop are available.

Westland American Legion Post 251

Post meetings are the first Wednesday of each month. Anyone with an honorable discharge and meets service requirements is eligible to join the American Legion.

Created in 1917 Blue Star Service Banners were a common sight during World War I and World War II. Resurrected by the American Legion in 2001, the banner is displayed to show that a family member is currently serving in the Armed Forces. Gold Star Service Banners are displayed to show that a family member has died while serving. Each star represents one family member. Any family who would like a Blue or Gold Banner to display can call Adjunct Ron Nickels at 734-455-3415 or the Post Commander Bill Acton at 734-776-5491. There is no cost to the family. For more information, go to www.post251.org

Spring coin show

The North West Detroit Coin Club 55th annual Spring Coin Show is 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 5, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington. It will feature US and foreign coin dealers, free admission and a snack bar. You can get your coins, currency or other numismatic items appraised or you can turn them into cash.

The NWDCC meets at 7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the Livonia Senior Center, featuring a coin auction at every meeting, discussions, speakers and everyone in metro Detroit is invited to join. Facebook is North West Detroit Coin Club-Michigan and website is nwdcc.org

Community craft-making gathering

The public is invited to gather and do your own special crafts with others, enjoying the fellowship and fun and having an opportunity to see what crafts others are involved in creating. This is a free event and you are to bring all your own craft materials. This

event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 4, at Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt Road, near the intersection of Eight Mile in Livonia. For more information, call 248-434-3444 or email clarenceville-church@gmail.com.

Mineral auction

Roamin Club Special Auction of mineral and lapidary material will be March 4-5 at Schoolcraft College Vistatech Center. Auction for the benefit of the Roamin Endowment Fund and Scholarship Fund at Schoolcraft College. Hourly silent and verbal auctions and special children's auctions. Contact Clarence Sterling 248-981-9673

Hearing loss meeting

Join a Rap Session that allow guests to share questions, concerns, successes and disappointments in an open session that focuses on individual needs. There is no cost and is open to all 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, at the Westland Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Contact Tony at 734-664-3297 or afcrack@comcast.net

3D Photography Club meeting

The club meets 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile Road. The meeting will feature a presentation of the annual Stereo Sequence Competition entries. These are short programs using up to 20 stereo images by 3D photographers from around the world. After a refreshment break, there will be a final "Freebie" drawing of the season for free 3D items, and conclude with our monthly club 3D image competition. The meetings are free to attend, and visitors are always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent.

Be a Miracle League volunteer

The Miracle League in Plymouth needs two coaches for the 2017 season. Teams will consist of players ages 5-11. If interested, contact Shari Bilkie, shari@miracleleagueplymouth.org. Miracle League player registration ends at 4 p.m. Friday, March 10.

Caregiver support

The Dorothy & Peter Brown Adult Day Program holds free monthly family caregiver support group meetings at two locations. Respite care may be available during the day meetings; if interested, inquire when you RSVP.

» JVS, 29699 Southfield Road, Southfield: 1:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday

, March 14, Alzheimer's Association meeting for family caregivers of older adults with memory loss

5:30-7 p.m. Monday, March 20, for family caregivers of all older adults

For information or to RSVP for either meeting, contact Dorothy Moon at 248-233-4392 or dmooon@jvsdet.org.

» Jewish Senior Life, Brown Center, 6720 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield:

1:30-3 p.m. Thursday, March 9, Alzheimer's Association meeting for family caregivers of older adults with memory loss

Call for information about the evening support group meeting for family caregivers of all older adults

For information or to RSVP for meeting, contact Joely Lyons at 248-592-5032 or jlyons@jslmi.org.

Garden City Lions breakfast

For the 26th consecutive year, the Garden

City Lions will host its annual pancake breakfast. This year's event is set for 8-11:30 a.m. Sunday, March 19, at the Garden City Moose Lodge No. 538, 29137 Ford Road. Breakfast includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, juice, milk and coffee. Guest chefs are members of the Garden City Fire Department. Cost is adults \$5, children 12 and younger \$2. For more information, call Bob at 734-612-1775 or Vicki at 734-524-1330.

Seeking volunteers

Compassionate Care Hospice seeks caring, compassionate volunteers with big hearts to help with patient care and companionship, office support, group activities and more.

Volunteer training sessions will cover mission and values, confidentiality, communication and listening skills, grief, loss, the dying process and information pertinent to serving the needs of the patients. Interested volunteers may also choose to receive additional training and serve as specialized spiritual or bereavement volunteer.

Compassionate Care Hospice is a community-based hospice organization committed to the highest quality of hospice care for patients, their families and other loved ones. Interested volunteers must complete the online application process prior to training. Early registration is encouraged because several steps must be completed prior to the training sessions.

The next new volunteer orientation is March 11 and will be at the office, 5730 N. Lilley Road, Canton. Contact the volunteer coordinator at 888-983-9050 with questions or to apply for a brief interview.

'Calling them Home'

St. Michael the Archangel Parish will offer a new Lenten series, "Calling Them Home," for all parents, grandparents, siblings and others who are interested in helping their special loved ones find their way home to the church. The four-week series, which will meet on consecutive Mondays from March 6-27 in the St. Michael's School cafeteria, will be led by well-known Catholic author, apologist and award-winning "Michigan Catholic" columnist Gary Michuta, who has extensive teaching experience with teens and young adults.

There is no charge or reservation required for this series. All area Catholics who are interested in this subject are welcome. St. Michael's is at 11441 Hubbard Road, just south of Plymouth Road, in Livonia. For more information, call the parish at 734-261-1455, ext. 200 or visit www.livoniastmichael.org.

Weight management program

On March 14, St. Mary Mercy Livonia will host a weight management program titled Weigh Your Options. Registered dietitians will provide information to help individuals begin a weight loss program. Attendees will learn about successful weight management programs, where to find reliable resources and healthy activities in the community and what is needed to develop a healthy lifestyle. Participants will learn how to read food labels, write SMART goals and determine their healthiest weight. The class will take place from 6-7:30 p.m. in St. Mary Mercy's Classroom 2, 36475 Five Mile Road, in Livonia (accessed from the south entrance).

There is a \$5 fee for this class and registration is required. Register at stmarmymercy.org and click on "Classes and Events."

WESTLAND POLICE BRIEFS

Golf cart crashes into vehicle

Westland police were dispatched the evening of Feb. 20 to the 8400 block of Beatrice on the report of a golf cart that hit a parked vehicle.

When police arrived, they spoke to the vehicle's owner, who said she was told by her neighbor a golf cart had struck her vehicle the day before. She checked her car and found damage to the rear of the vehicle, as well as an aluminum bar from the golf cart that had been left. A neighbor told police said she heard the crash and saw the golf cart leave going southbound on Beatrice.

Clothing stolen from vehicle

A resident in the 3300 block of Pawnee came to the Westland police station Feb. 22 to report someone had broken into her vehicle and taken several hundreds of dollars in clothing.

She said the incident took place sometime between the afternoon of Feb. 21 and the morning of Feb. 22. She said she had recently purchased some new clothing and it remained in her vehicle during that time. She said she locked the vehicle before going into the house. There are no signs of forced entry and she is unsure how someone was able to gain access to the vehicle.

Baseball pants taken

A resident who in the 8400 block of Gilman filed a police report Feb. 20, reporting someone had taken a package

that had been delivered to her home.

She said UPS delivered the package, which contained a pair of baseball pants, on Feb. 8. She said someone had taken the package after it was delivered. She later contacted the company she bought the pants from, who told her they had been delivered. A report with the company was then filed to reference the theft. She contacted UPS, who confirmed the package had been delivered. A report was also filed with the company.

Window damaged by rock

Police were called the afternoon of Feb. 21 to a residence in the 34600 block of Cowan on the report of damage to a home's window.

The resident said an unknown person threw a rock through the front window, breaking both the storm window and the sash window. The rock was found in the inside of the home in the living room. The resident said the incident took place sometime between noon and 4:30 p.m.

Fence damaged

Police were called Sunday afternoon to a home in the 8000 block of Henry Ruff on the report of property damage.

The resident said someone had ripped several vinyl spindles from his fence sometime overnight. He said he did not know who had done that and was not fighting with anyone in the neighborhood.

- Compiled from reports filed with the Westland Police Department.

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FRANK ANTHONY 82, was born September 24, 1934 in Detroit, Michigan and died February 24, 2017, at his home on Burt Lake in Alanson, Michigan. He is survived by his wife Diane (Dalton) and his children with Ruth Ann: Nina (Mike Cedar), Tony (Denise Gaumer), Victor (Sally Clement) and Anna. Surviving grandchildren are: Jessica (Jason Glass), Michael, Nicole (Ken Smerecki), Richard, Hannah, Bridget, Spence and Emi and his great-grandchildren are Sidney, Joe, Wyatt and Weston. Also surviving are his sister Dorothy (Tsolis), and nearly 50 nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents Anthony Bairdi and Mary Rocco, brother Joseph, sister Delores Sager and son Vincent. He lost his first wife, Ruth Ann (Dockery) in 1984. A viewing is scheduled for Thursday, March 2, 2PM-8PM at Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd, Farmington, MI 48336. A service and final viewing at the funeral home, Friday, March 3 will be at 10AM, followed by a procession to Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Manna Food Project, 8791 McBride Park Dr, Harbor Springs, MI 49740.

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RENEE Age 87, beloved mother, identical twin to Elaine Gelda, former Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood leader, avid bridge player in a dedicated group of friends who continues playing to this day, passed away peacefully at home asleep during the early evening Friday, February 24, 2017. By her side; eldest son Laurence, middle daughter Laurel, and youngest son Marshall. Husband Bernie laid to rest in 1997. However, this local family tree nowhere near describes a full story. Her deep New York roots spanned from Ohio to Michigan, clear across the country, and around the globe. No matter where any of us traveled, mom always said, "While you are [...], you must call [...], and say hello." Thanks to Renee's lifelong friends, Ed and Joyce Welford, her world included a wondrous 20-year romance with Lloyd Strausz (recently departed). Lloyd's children Jo and Richard, Richard's wife Brenda, Lloyd's grandchildren and great-grandchildren, all lovingly enveloped Renee as one of their very own. Constantly armed with advice to better one's life, immaculate dresser, patron of the arts, excellent cook, fine food aficionado, Grandmother to Sasha, a mother-in-law who treated Marshall's wife Shelley and Larry's partner Vicki as daughters. Unfortunately, these words simply do not do justice to a lifespan filled with deep love, friendship, and affection for everyone she met. We wish we could name all who touched our mother's life, but to do so would end up taking over the entire newspaper. Voluntary donations can be made in Renee's honor at Temple Emanu-El, Lillian Greenwald One Fund, 14450 West Ten Mile Road, Oak Park, MI, 48237, Telephone (248) 967-4020, or trees can be planted in her name in Israel. The family plans an unveiling at Mount Ararat Cemetery, New York, February 2018.

May you find comfort in family & friends

Meet Apple's newest security team member

Jay Grossman
hometownlife.com

The newest employee at Apple grew up in Bloomfield Hills and started his own computer repair company in middle school.

"Ever since I was a little kid, I loved computers," said Deven Kishore, 21, who joined Apple's product security team in January. "I loved working with them in my house. My dad would give me computers to play with — I would build them, I would take them apart. My parents and a lot of their friends are engineers, so I've been growing up around this culture."

He left for Apple headquarters in Cupertino, Calif., with a couple of suitcases and his mountain bike. His job, in a nutshell, is to help protect company products against any possible cyber security threats that might arise. Asked to reveal more, Kishore politely declined.

"You know I can't share," he said with a smile. "My lips are officially sealed by Apple."

The man from Apple

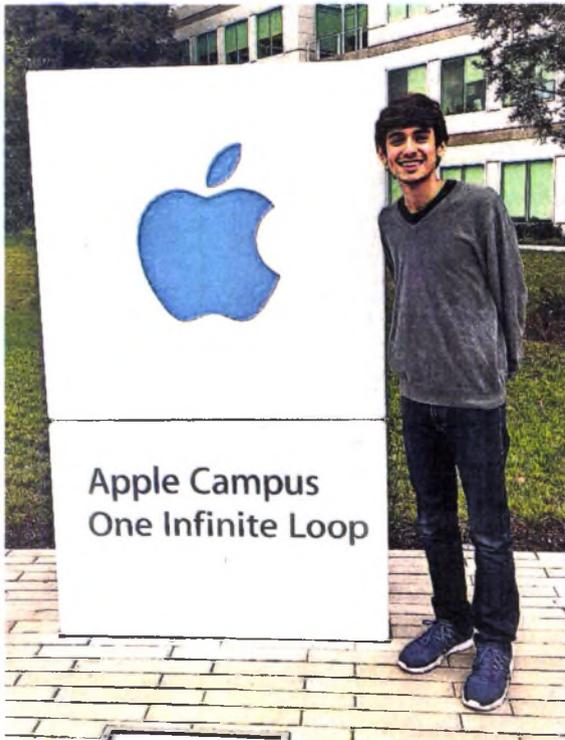
The first thing that strikes you about Kishore is that he's super friendly and polite. The next thing you notice is that he's darn intelligent.

Kishore was a member of Lahser High School's last graduating class in 2013. He earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering at the University of Michigan in less than four years. He also skipped second grade.

He credits his involvement on Lahser's forensics team with giving him the confidence to speak in public and articulate his ideas. He also was a member of the school's robotics team. Before that, he earned his Eagle Scout ranking at the age of 13.

And then there was his repair company, called DK Computers.

"This was at the end of middle school, going into high school," he said. "I did it all by word of mouth. It started with a few neighbors, friends and



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Deven Kishore, 21, of Bloomfield Hills was hired by Apple to help protect the company's products against cyber security threats.

family — I ended up doing a home doctor's office. I set up his home network, making sure he could communicate with the hospital and everything."

At the end of high school, he took on his first full-time job as the IT assistant for a property management company in Troy.

"But the day after I started, the IT manager left," he said. "This was my second day on the job and I'm learning what they have there — and all their computers are at least 10 years old."

He upgraded the entire system on his own.

"So for the whole first year, I set up a brand new computer network," he said. "I replaced all the employee work stations and all the servers. It was looking things up on the Internet

and figuring out how to get things working ... running test environments. That was key, because being a real business, I didn't want to impact their business activities. It was non-stop learning."

The dark web

It was during his junior year at U-M that he got his first taste of cyber security, through a 10-week internship program at Capital One headquarters in Virginia.

Capital One was one of the first banks to use the public cloud and much of Kishore's internship focused on security in the cloud and keeping the information safe. It was at Capital One that he helped develop an app to weed out hackers.

"Banking is one of the most targeted fields when it comes to cyber crimes, so this app would generate fake credit card numbers, Social Security numbers, passwords — all this consumer data — and it would leak it in the form of a data dump," he said. "It was like a hacked data base, with information being dumped into places where hackers thrive — places like the dark web."

By generating fake data, cyber security analysts could watch real criminals and hackers trying to access the information. It allows them to better understand criminal behavior in the cyber world. Companies leave these "bread crumbs" and "honey pots" for criminals to uncover, even disguising them with weak algorithms that are easy to crack.

It was also at Capital One that he won a scholarship to attend Black Hat, one of the biggest cyber security conferences in the world. It's held each year in Las Vegas.

"You don't wear a name tag," he said. "Nobody I know uses their personal cellphones — you get a burner cellphone, because it has a high chance of getting hacked. Most of the networks are compromised and you will be too, if you connect. It's a pretty intense experience — the best government hackers are there, as well as the best cyber criminals."

After Black Hat, Kishore knew exactly what he wanted to do.

"In cyber security, you're dealing with a new fire every day," he said. "You're dealing with one major security problem or story and, the next day there's something that completely trumps the situation."

It was in summer 2016 that Apple reached out to him.

"We started with two phone interviews," he said. "Then they flew me to California and, after a dozen interviews in total, I accepted a role on the product security team."

Birmingham Police Chief Mark Clemence said as society becomes more dependent on the Internet, the need to safe-

guard systems becomes more critical.

"With billions and billions of dollars being lost each year to Internet fraud, unless Internet security improves dramatically, we will continue to be victimized at an alarming rate," Clemence said. "Improving security will assist law enforcement on the local, state and federal level to have a better chance of identifying and, hopefully, prosecuting offenders."

Cyber security in the 21st century

Following a mass shooting in San Bernardino in 2015 that left 16 people dead, including the two attackers, the FBI wanted Apple to provide software that would allow the government to hack into the phones.

Apple refused.

"They wanted what's best for the consumer," Kishore said. "I think they'll answer to subpoenas, like every company, but there are definitely going to be limits of power. From my perspective, that makes sense."

Eventually, the government was able to hack the terrorist's phone with the help of an outside professional. But the situation raises plenty of questions moving forward, especially when it comes to protecting consumer rights.

"It seems there are a lot of new issues today regarding privacy, security and the government," he said. "The fact that you can use technology to do so many things with different people all over the world is pretty crazy."

As for predictions, Kishore anticipates it won't be long before a 5G network is in place.

"Imagine a downloading speed that's 50-100 times faster than what you have," he said. "Imagine putting on virtual reality glasses and we're having this conversation in a 360-degree environment, high speed, perfect HD. That's predicting a few years down the road. In 10 years, who knows?"

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FIREFIIGHTERS HONOR TV ANCHOR

Fox 2's Savage was also Milford firefighter

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Milford firefighters stationed a firetruck outside their department Monday in memory of Ron Savage, Fox 2 News anchor and a paid-on-call firefighter who died Saturday after participating in a training session.

An American flag fluttered in the wind as it hung from the rig's extended ladder over Huron Street, a reminder that Milford firefighters had lost one of their own. The front of the truck, decorated with flowers and firefighting gear, had been turned into a makeshift memorial.

"Ron was a dedicated member of the Milford Fire Department since 2014 and this loss will truly be felt," Milford Fire Chief Thomas Moore wrote in an email to the Milford Times. "Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Mitzi and son Ronald Jr., as well as to his Fox 2 family. Ron's generosity

and his dedication to many community causes touched many. Rest in peace, Ron Savage."

Savage, who was 63, suffered a cardiac arrest, according to WJBK-TV (Channel 2).

The Milford resident was an Emmy Award-winning journalist and weekend co-anchor who also produced the newscast's "Michigan's Most Wanted" segments, which highlighted unsolved crimes.

During his 25-year firefighting career, he earned two citations for outstanding performance above and beyond the call of duty.

He served in two fire departments while living in North Carolina, from 1992-99, then attended fire academy in Michigan and worked with Walled Lake's fire department from 1999-2000, according to Brighton Area Fire Authority Chief Michael O'Brian.

He spent 13 years as a paid-on-call firefighter in Brighton.

"Ron had a unique schedule because of TV, his primary employment," O'Brian said. "He'd help with training



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The front of the fire truck is decorated with flowers and gear as a memorial to Ron Savage, a Milford firefighter and Fox 2 News weekend co-anchor who died last weekend.

of new firefighters. He'd help with public education events. Because of his schedule, he was available during the day and went on a lot of calls for us."

O'Brian said Savage was promoted to sergeant during his tenure with the Brighton department. He was a "first line supervisor," responsible for the rig and crew while responding to an emergency.

"Ron was an asset to the organization, both emergency runs and non-emergency," O'Brian said. "He had a caring heart."

According to Lynch &



Savage

Sons Funeral Home, Savage was a lector at St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church,

volunteered with Crime Stoppers, The Humane Society, the Autism Society of Michigan, Mothers

Against Drunk Driving and the American Lung Association.

Visitation is 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, March 2, at St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church, 1955 E. Commerce Road., Milford. Mass will be celebrated at the church at 4 p.m. Thursday. Memorials may be made in his name to The Ronnie Savage College Education Fund, with checks payable to Ronnie Savage, c/o Lynch & Sons, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, MI 48381.

For more information, call 248-684-6645.

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ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2017-06 February 22, 2017

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. MEMBERS PRESENT: Rowe, Miller, Rhaesa, Porter, Sanders, Sutton. MEMBERS ABSENT: Gabriel. The City Council interviewed four firms for legal services. Adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

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As PARC grows, tax discussions begin

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An ambitious plan to boost Plymouth's image as an arts and recreation destination has surpassed early expectations, officials say, and a tax proposal to support the project could go to voters next year.

In its first 17 months, the nonprofit Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, or PARC, has drawn tenants who lease space for theater productions, fitness programs, youth sports, culinary arts classes, autism consulting, orchestra concerts and arts education, among other programs.

In all, PARC has leased 41 of the 60 rooms inside the former Central Middle School in Plymouth, said Don Soenen, PARC board president. That represents 24 tenants, some of whom lease more than one room. Another 23 community groups rent space only when they need it.

"We've had arts organizations coming in droves," Soenen said.

The Michigan Philharmonic has made its headquarters in what was once the school principal's office.

"We love it here," said Beth Stewart, Michigan Philharmonic executive director. "We have so much room. We like being right in the middle of all the action."

The orchestra, which performs regionally, has some performances in PARC's gymnasium.

PARC emerged as a grassroots movement as Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district officials decided to close the former Central school. A local couple, Mark and Patty Malcolm, paid \$3.5 million for the site and the nonprofit PARC leases and rents space to cover operating expenses.

Soenen said PARC still needs money to renovate the three-story building and fulfill a vision to have an 800-seat auditorium. That's where a tax proposal comes in, tentatively in spring 2018, though the amount isn't known. It would go before voters in Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

Soenen said much work remains between now and then:

» PARC has to get its site plan approved by the city of Plymouth.



The performance space extends the stage out into the audience for a current production.

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Don Soenen says PARC has exceeded expectations thus far.



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Forever After Productions, a theater company, now has all of its resources at the PARC.

foot building, located at 650 Church St., sits on 16.6 acres that include numerous athletic fields. It's a place where young children can swim or play sports while senior citizens can find fitness programs or social gatherings. One theater group, Forever After Productions, makes PARC its home and performs its shows there.

PARC has had some detractors and the project became a political football in last year's Plymouth Township election. Kurt Heise, the township's new supervisor, said he supports PARC, but said officials still need to lay out a firm plan as a tax increase is sought.

"I think PARC provides a valuable service to the community. It's a nonprofit that fills in many of the gaps in recreation and senior services which the city and the township cannot provide," Heise said. "I know they have some very ambitious plans for the future and, at this time, I'm still in a wait-and-see mode. ... They are going to have to demonstrate their ability to deliver. (But) I support what they're doing. I believe PARC provides a valuable community service to our taxpayers."

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» Officials will try to raise as much money as possible through private fundraising, before seeking a tax. Some sources already have been identified.

» An economic impact study will be done to help determine the financial boost the PARC facility could have on the area.

» PARC officials plan to finalize their business plan and conduct public forums to educate the community on the PARC vision.

Marsha Kreza, PARC marketing consultant, described the PARC pro-

ject as a way to bring together people who have diverse interests in arts, recreation and education, whether they prefer theater or musical performances or other offerings.

"It's really exciting," she said.

Gail Grieger, PARC executive director, said PARC is expected to broaden its reach as it grows.

"We see PARC as the destination in Plymouth," she said. "When you think of Plymouth, you will think of PARC. It represents so much of

what Plymouth stands for — and that's community." The 160,000-square-

Shoplifting suspect comes back to mall for phone

David Veselenak
hometownlife.com

Livonia police were called Friday afternoon to Von Maur, 37500 Six Mile, on the report of a retail fraud.

A store employee said they saw a suspect select several tops and go into a fitting room. She reportedly came out and did not have one of the tops accounted for. She went into another fitting room with other merchandise, but an attendant reportedly noticed not all the items were accounted for when she walked out. She reportedly tried to leave, but was stopped by an employee.

She apologized, but then reportedly tried to leave the store and head to her vehicle. The employee grabbed her handbag and several items fell out, including her cellphone. She then got into her car and drove away.

When police got there, they went inside the store. While there, the suspect's phone rang. It was reportedly the suspect, who said she had lost her phone. The loss prevention employee told her she would meet her in the parking lot at nearby Bar Louie. Police later noticed the woman's vehicle pull up near the restaurant and initiated a

traffic stop. She was arrested and taken to the police station for processing.

Retail fraud suspect flees

An employee at Meijer, 13000 Middlebelt, came to the police station Saturday evening to report a retail fraud.

The employee said he saw the suspect walk out of the clothing department with several pieces of team sports clothing. He was then seen taking a camera off the shelf and placing it into his cart. Several items appeared to have been concealed. He was then seen going into a fitting room, coming out and selecting more merchandise. He left the fitting room without the merchandise visible. He then reportedly walked toward the checkout and exited the building without paying for several pieces of merchandise. An employee tried to stop him, but he reportedly fled the store and was last seen near the railroad tracks. Items reported taken included a camera, printer and Detroit Tigers apparel.

Catalytic converter taken

Police were called Saturday afternoon to a home in the 12000 block

of Cavell on the report of a stolen catalytic converter.

The resident said he noticed a dragging noise coming from his vehicle earlier that morning when he went to work. He later found part of his exhaust dragging on the ground. He took it to the shop, which told him the catalytic converter had been cut off from the car. His wife said a neighbor told her they heard a buzzing noise earlier that morning, followed by a car that drove off, but did not see anything.

Wheels, tires missing

Police were called Saturday morning to a residence in the 17700 block of Westbrook on the report of stolen wheels and tires.

Police arrived and saw the vehicle with its driver window busted out and all four wheels and tires missing.

The owner said he saw the vehicle with the wheels still on it the night before. He said the car was locked and all the keys were accounted for. Nothing appeared missing from inside the vehicle.

— Compiled from reports filed with the Livonia Police Department.



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GIRLS BASKETBALL DISTRICTS

Good tourney tip-off for Chargers

Churchill off to winning start;
Glenn, RU, Warriors also prevail

Tim Smith
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A balanced offense spearheaded Livonia Churchill to a 45-38 win over Livonia Franklin in Monday's Class A girls basketball district opener at Westland John Glenn.

The Chargers (7-14) were

paced by Macey Reese and Annie Yost, with 12 points each, while Shae Smith chipped in with 10 points.

Senior Sarah Channey scored eight points for Franklin, which was plagued by trouble at the free throw line (nine of 23 attempts).

Churchill broke out to a 12-2

lead after one quarter, padded it to 32-10 at halftime and never looked back.

"Tonight was a good win for us," Chargers head coach K'Len Morris said. "At this point in the year it's not about style points, it's about getting the win by all means necessary and tonight we did that."

"Macey played great for us off the bench leading the team with 12 points. Annie Yost dominated the post again. Shae

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TOM BEAUDOIN
Westland John Glenn's Jasmine Edwards (32) dribbles past Redford Thurston's DaMareon Crimes (42) during Monday's district game.

CHARITY HOCKEY GAME



RENA LAVERTY

Schoolcraft College's Andrew Lindsay (left) gains a step on older brother Robert Lindsay of the Michigan State Police hockey team. The teams played a charity game Friday at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

SKATING FOR A CAUSE

Schoolcraft hockey team falls in shootout to Michigan State Police squad

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Andrew Lindsay called it a "once in a lifetime opportunity" to play in a hockey game against his older brother, Robert.

But if all goes as planned, Friday's charity hockey contest at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth — between Schoolcraft College and the Michigan State Police — is only the first of many to come. The troopers won 5-4 in a shootout.

Schoolcraft sophomore Andrew Lindsay, who in January stepped down from the active roster to become an assistant coach while working toward his dream of becoming a state trooper, came out of "retirement" to skate in the afternoon game.

And he finally faced Robert Lindsay, 25, who is a Michigan State Police trooper.



RENA LAVERTY

The action heats up around Michigan State Police goalie Justin Sand during Friday's game to benefit the Fallen Troopers Memorial Fund.

"He had the whole idea of doing it," Robert said. "And our team, we're trying to get more charities to help. ... It was just a fun game to play in, especially against my brother."

More than \$4,250 was raised for the Michigan State Police Fallen Trooper Memorial Fund, with Schoolcraft players selling tickets in advance.

Ocelots head coach Rob

Lindsay, whose sons are Andrew and Robert, said the team did a great job raising that amount — even though it came up short of the original

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PRE-REGIONAL HOCKEY

Patriots can't slow Falcons in 5-2 loss

But Franklin's Phelps likes his team's progress

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The bubble burst for Livonia Franklin midway through Tuesday's Division 3 boys hockey pre-regional against Dearborn Divine Child at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube.

But despite a 5-2 loss, Franklin's first-year head coach Dan Phelps and senior co-captains Kolby Dewhirst and Jack Ores (who scored the Patriots second goal) all agreed the team is moving in the right direction.

"I'm extremely proud of my guys from where they started at the beginning and where we're at right now," Phelps said. "People that have watched us and followed us can certainly see the difference in our team."

"We knew it could be a rough season, but I give my guys all the credit in the world. They really turned it around and they fought to the end in this game right here. That's a pretty deep team, if you ask me. I think they're even better than they played tonight."

According to Dewhirst, a defenseman, improvement on the squad since December was noticeable. "From the first week to the last week it was a huge difference and I'm very proud of the boys for all the hard work they put in."

Concurring was Ores, a forward who one-timed a centering pass from junior linemate Jonah Pollack high into the Falcons net with 10:37 left to make it a 4-2 deficit.

"Coach has done a great job with the guys and I think the next couple years will be huge for these guys," Ores said. "They'll make their mark out there."

Franklin finished the season with a 8-17-1 record, having entered the game on a four-game winning streak. For a while, the Patriots hung tough against the speedy Falcons.

Divine Child peppered Franklin sophomore goalie Will Augustine all night, but could not get one into the net until 6:53 of the middle frame, the Falcons' 15th shot of the contest.

A shot bounced off the lively end boards and senior forward Jose Sanchez pounced on

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PREP BOWLING

Super: Area bowlers excel at Division 1 regionals

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There's nothing like the so-called "home-court advantage," and that provided a welcome backdrop for the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park boys and girls bowling teams last weekend.

On Friday at Super Bowl in Canton, Salem's boys team finished second and the girls third at the MHSAA Division 1 team regional. Both teams qualified for this Friday's team final at Sterling Lanes in Sterling Heights.

And, several P-CEP performers came back Saturday and earned spots at the individual finals.

Leading the way was Canton senior Meghan Macunovich, who rolled a six-game series of 1,152 to finish in first overall. She capped off her big day in style, registering a 225 game.

It was the third time in four seasons with the Chiefs that Macunovich took home the championship trophy.

Also qualifying on the girls side were Plymouth sophomore Madalyn Harden (fifth, 1,079) and Salem freshman Lexis Silverman (10th, 1,037).

Other area qualifiers included Westland John Glenn juniors Julianna Dietz (sixth, 1,068) and Sarah Hayes (seventh, 1,067).

In the boys' individual regional, Salem senior Mitchell Rusinek parlayed a 297 in his final game to finish third overall with a total of 1,257.

Joining Rusinek from the Park at individual finals will be Canton junior D.J. Jablonski (sixth, 1,204), seniors Andrew Nosay (seventh, 1,201) and Dominic Dimaya (eighth, 1,191).

Coming up just short for the Rocks was Alex Mattson. He finished in a deadlock with



Salem's varsity boys bowling team finished second at Friday's MHSAA Division 1 team regional at Super Bowl.

SUBMITTED

Westland John Glenn senior Michael Pizzuti, but dropped a one-game roll-off 192 to 189.

Plymouth's top finisher was junior Mike Koski, who finished 17th with a 1,144 series. The top-10 finishers automatically qualify.

The first-place finisher was

John Glenn junior Matt Essa, who enjoyed 244, 236 and 257 games en route to a 1,308 tally. Other Rocket qualifiers included seniors Jared Stevens (fifth, 1,233) and Michael Pizzuti (10th, 1,181).

In the boys D1 team regional, Belleville won with 4,101

pins followed by Salem (4,038) and Wayne Memorial (3,994).

Sparking the Rocks were twins Shane Rusinek and Mitchell Rusinek, with respective scores of 620 and 617.

Winning the girls team regional with 3,512 pins was Farmington Harrison, followed by

Belleville (3,353) and Salem (3,320).

The girls were led by Lexis Silverman with a 556 series and Leah Boucha with a 518 total.

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FILE PHOTO

Livonia Franklin junior forward Brandon Webb (7), shown from earlier this season, looks to center the puck.

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it and buried it from below the right circle.

Before you can say boom-boom, however, the deficit was three.

Falcons' forward Ian Juszczyk tapped in a cross-crease pass from linemate Vincenzo DiDomenico (with Sanchez also assisting), and forward Nick Renner collected a loose puck in the slot and snapped a shot past Augustine.

But the gutsy Patriots showed they were not about to lie down when Pollack scored on Franklin's only shot of the second period, with 6:46 to go.

Brendan Neve sent a pass from the left wing toward the Divine Child goal, and Pollack was there at the right side of the crease to slam it past goalie Josh Lucas. Collecting the second assist for Franklin was junior Jordan Gittens (two assists).

"Jonah Pollack (broken wrist in January) came back a little early, he was supposed to be out for the season," Phelps said. "He got our first goal tonight, he's only been on the ice for a week."

Strong, poised goalkeeping by Augustine in the scoreless first period kept the Patriots in the contest for a while, but ultimately the dynamic line of

Sanchez-Juszczyk-DiDomenico proved too much.

The Falcons (10-15-2) out-shot Franklin 9-5 in the frame (and 28-10 for the game), but had several high-quality chances in the opening three minutes. But Augustine was ready, snagging Knute O'Brien's shot from the right circle and then denying Sanchez on the one-timer in front.

About four minutes into the frame, Augustine turned aside a bid by Renner.

Franklin had a couple chances later in the period. Freshman Trey Ziebol skated in on Lucas with about 6:45 to go, but was stopped. The rebound went to junior Trevor Vanvliet, who clanked a shot off the post.

Spartans romp

Also Tuesday, Livonia Stevenson opened postseason play with a 12-0 mercy rule win over West Bloomfield at Novi Ice Arena. The Division 2 pre-regional ended after two periods.

Sharing the shutout for the Spartans were Will Tragge and Derek Dudek.

"It was a good way to start off," Stevenson head coach David Mitchell said. "It was a solid team win for us, we had balanced scoring and kept things simple."

Stevenson will face Novi on Thursday at 8:15 in the regional semifinal.

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\$5,000 goal. "We'll come up with it (the other \$750) somehow," he chuckled, adding that he "wanted it to be a close game, like it was. I told my boys no checking and hitting, because these guys all got to go to work the next day."

"... I was real happy about the president of our school getting involved in it. And I'm glad the MSP got involved with the puck drop."

Schoolcraft College president Dr. Conway Jeffress participated with Andrew Lindsay and Trooper Jon Tibaldo in the ceremonial puck drop. Tibaldo went on to score two goals during regulation and the clincher in the shootout.

"It was a lot faster than anyone on my team has played in a long time," Tibaldo said. "It took us a little bit to get acclimated to it, but it was fun. It was a fun game, fast-paced, just good all-around hockey."

Before the ceremonial puck drop, Jeffress gave kudos to the Schoolcraft hockey program for initiating the event.

"This is great, I love to see them do public service kind of work," Jeffress said. "When they can get out and contribute beyond themselves, I think that's a great thing."

Chance to remember

Tibaldo, 29, of Warren, said Andrew Lindsay and Schoolcraft student activities director Todd Stowell were instrumental in the charity game coming to fruition.

"Schoolcraft reached out to me, Lindsay reached out to me and Todd did a lot of work for it," Tibaldo said. "We really appreciate it. They were the brains behind it, they just came to us with the idea. Obviously, we thought it was a great idea."

According to First Lt. Mike Shaw, with the state police for more than two decades, the charity game against the Ocelots was good for the MSP for several reasons.

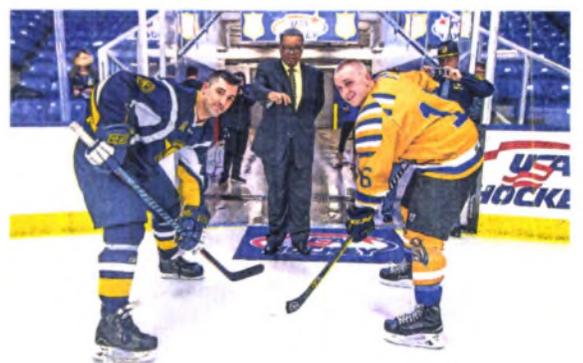
"It's always a good thing for us to get out there," Shaw said. "For one, it's for a cause like this, the Fallen Trooper Memorial. Not only does it take care of the trooper memorial that's up in Lansing, it also allows us to raise funds for the 51 troopers that have been killed in the line of duty."

"A lot of their grave sites, back from the very first trooper that was killed — Harold Anderson was shot and killed in Novi — that was way back in 1920. So in 1920, that grave site kind of falls apart a little bit.



RENA LAVERTY

The Michigan State Police hockey team swarms around winning goalie Justin Sand after the troopers defeated Schoolcraft 5-4 in a shootout.



RENA LAVERTY

Taking part in the pre-game ceremonial puck drop is Schoolcraft College president Dr. Conway Jeffress. He drops the puck between MSP Trooper Jon Tibaldo (left) and Schoolcraft's Andrew Lindsay.

This gives us an opportunity to go back there and remember our fallen."

Another plus is getting the troopers out into the community.

"This is one of the things we show people," Shaw said.

"That, 'Hey, yep, we drive around in that awesome blue car with the light on there. We're the premier law enforcement in the state if not the country. But also we do things like this, we play hockey, we raise funds. It's always a good thing for us to get out here and do stuff like this.'"

Back and forth

As for the game itself, the teams played to a 1-1 tie after one 15-minute period and the MSP outscored the Ocelots 3-1 in the second to go up 4-2 entering the final stanza of regulation.

Tibaldo scored two of the MSP goals in the second, including one where he stick-handled and waited for the goalie to commit before going shelf.

Schoolcraft rallied in the third to send the game to overtime. First, forward Owen Hund (Garden City) scored an unassisted goal in the third period to make it 4-3. It was his second of the game. Netting the equalizer was Nick Oliveri.

After two scoreless five-minute OT sessions (the second in a 3-vs-3 format), the teams went to the shootout to decide matters. The lone tallies were scored by David Tasker and Tibaldo.

The other Schoolcraft tally was registered by Livonia Stevenson alum Vinnie Glenn, midway through the second period to make it a 2-2 game. Assisting were Westland's Jacob Stanley and Andrew Nowak (Stevenson).

Each of the Ocelots three goalies played a period, with Matt Monendo (Livonia Franklin) followed by Bryan Donaldson and Brett Kates (Garden City).

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BOYS SWIMMING AND DIVING

Panthers place fourth in WWAC swim meet

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Dearborn, despite not winning a single event, used its depth to come away with the Western Wayne Athletic Conference boys swimming and diving championship Friday at Belleville.

The Pioneers scored a team-best 470 points to edge runner-up Dearborn Edsel Ford (451.5) and the host Tigers (417).

Redford Union, getting a school-record 1-meter diving performance from runner-up Jamison Ortiz (278.05 points), finished fourth overall with 212 points.

Rounding out the eight-school field was Dearborn

Fordson (180.5), Garden City (114), Dearborn Heights Crestwood (89) and Redford Thurston (87).

Edsel Ford's Nolan Colter and Michael Rogula were the meet's individual standouts figuring in four first-place finishes.

Colter swept the 200- and 500-yard freestyles with times of 1:47.75 and 4:53.64, respectively, while Rogula captured the 50 freestyle (23.56) and 100 breaststroke (1:01.90).

Both were members of the victorious 2,000 medley (1:44.24) and 400 freestyle (3:28.86) relay teams.

The Thunderbirds' Jeff Cottingham also captured the 1-meter diving (281.70 points). Belleville's Cole Rupnow,

meanwhile, figured in three firsts capturing the 200 IM (2:11.5) and 100 backstroke (59.24), as well as being a member of the first-place 200 freestyle relay (1:34.74). Team-mate Andre Pham won the 100 freestyle (52.18).

RU's Mac Kewandwy was runner-up in the 100 backstroke (1:00.76) and fifth in the 200 freestyle (2:04.00).

Other top eight finishers for the Panthers included Ray Samuel, fourth, 200 individual medley (2:27.96), sixth, 500 freestyle (6:01.56); Ortiz, fourth, 100 butterfly (1:04.59); and Xavier Walters, fifth, 100 butterfly (1:04.81).

Kewandwy, Samuel and Ortiz all made the All-WWAC team.

Garden City's Roman Deron took seventh in the 100 butterfly (1:07.49).

WESTERN WAYNE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING MEET Feb. 24 at Belleville

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Dearborn, 470 points; 2. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 451.5; 3. Belleville, 417; 4. Redford Union, 212; 5. Dearborn Fordson, 180.5; 6. Garden City, 114; 7. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 89; 8. Redford Thurston, 87.

A-B FINAL HEAT RESULTS

200-yard medley relay: 1. Edsel Ford (Nolan Colter, Michael Rogula, Dean Matern, Resekwon Edwards), 1:44.24; 3. RU (Mac Kewandwy, Jackson Allison, Jamison Ortiz, Ray Samuel), 1:54.99; 6. Garden City (Joe Fuchs, Scott Cook, Roman Deron, Kyle Hubbard), 2:06.03; 7. Thurston (Patrick Werth, Dante Colarossi, Brashawn Williams, Ryan Valdez), 2:12.25.

200 freestyle: 1. Colter (DEF), 1:47.75; 5. Kewandwy (RU), 2:04.00; 13. Bryan Bertagnolli (RU), 2:18.88.

200 individual medley: 1. Cole Rupnow (Bell), 2:11.55; 4. Samuel (RU), 2:27.96; 15. Colarossi (RT), 2:55.87.

50 freestyle: 1. Rogula (DEF), 23.56; 12. Xavier Walters (RU), 25.61; 16. Williams (RT), 26.83. **1-meter diving:** 1. Jeff Cottingham (DEF),

281.70 points; 2. Jamison Ortiz (RU), 278.05; 5. Hubbard (GC), 210.85.

100 butterfly: 1. Matern (DEF), 58.96; 4. Ortiz (RU), 1:04.39; 5. Walters (RU), 1:04.81; 7. Deron (GC), 1:07.49.

100 freestyle: 1. Andre Pham (B), 52.18; 16. Allison (RU), 1:01.05.

500 freestyle: 1. Colter (DEF), 4:53.64; 6. Samuel (RU), 6:01.56; 12. Mike Werth (RT), 6:19.03; 13. P. Werth (RT), 6:19.85; 15. Brendan Chovian (RT), 6:37.78.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Belleville (Devan Sims, Locke Malfitano, Pham, Ripnow), 1:34.74; 5. RU (Kewandwy, Allison, Ortiz, Samuel), 1:40.58; 6. Garden City (Hubbard, Cook, Dominic Tomaski, Deron), 1:49.14; 7. Thurston (Williams, Colarossi, M. Werth, Valdez), 1:51.15.

100 backstroke: 1. Rupnow (B), 59.24; 2. Kewandwy (RU), 1:00.76; 10. Fuchs (GC), 1:11.82; 16. P. Werth (RT), 1:23.99.

100 breaststroke: 1. Rogula (DEF), 1:01.90; 10. Allison (RU), 1:16.60; 15. Hubbard (GC), 1:20.66; 16. Cook (GC), 1:22.21.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Edsel Ford (Edward Gutowski, Justin Stanhope, Rogula, Colter), 3:28.86; 4. RU (Walters, Ben Scanlon, Bertagnolli, Stuart DiDonato), 4:07.46; 6. Garden City (Fuchs, Cook, Tomaski, Deron), 4:12.64; 7. Thurston (Williams, M. Werth, P. Werth, Valdez), 4:20.05.

1-meter diving: 1. Jeff Cottingham (DEF),

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Chiefs roll past Mott; GC battles to the end

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Canton's varsity boys basketball team came out flying Tuesday night and pinned a 55-25 defeat on Waterford Mott in a KLA A tournament contest.

The Chiefs were on target from the opening tip-off, outscoring the Corsairs 13-3 and 13-4 in the first two quarters, respectively.

Canton connected on 21 of 42 field goal attempts (50 percent) and also owned the glass by a 40-12 margin.

Scoring 16 points for the Chiefs (12-7), who have one more tourney tune-up before next week's Class A districts, was Eiah Barker.

Adding 10 points each were Jake Cesar and B. Artis White, while Colin Troup and Chase Meredith each scored six. Troup and Danny Lanava each pulled down nine rebounds.

Mott's record dropped to 8-11.

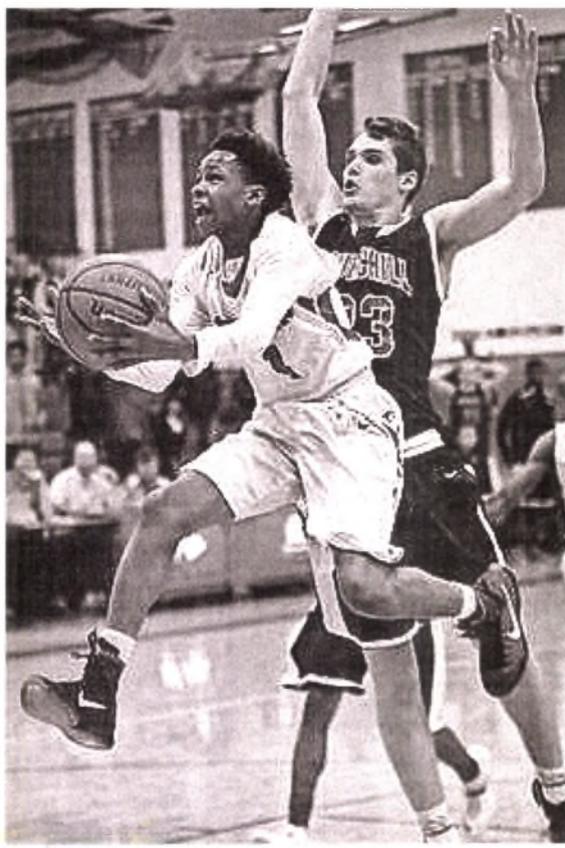
Cougars edged

On senior night for Garden City, a valiant effort in the second half came up just short for the Cougars, who dropped a 63-61 decision to Dearborn Edsel Ford.

Garden City (4-15) trailed 39-26 at halftime, but began chipping away with a 17-6 third quarter. The Cougars kept on pushing in the fourth, but Dearborn Edsel Ford (led by Jalal Beydoun's 24 points) hung on.

Colin McHugh led the Cougars with 16 points, with four triples accounting for 12 of those points. Helping the cause were Cameron Walter (13 points), Brad Russell and Jake Sadowski (10 points each).

Walter tied the game on a



JOHN KEMSKI

Canton's B. Artis White, shown in this undated file photo, was a key contributor in Tuesday's victory over Waterford Mott.

layup with 16 seconds remaining but the Thunderbirds answered with a baseline jumper with 2.3 seconds remaining.

"I am very proud of our seniors tonight," Garden City coach Rick Morton said. "They battled and got themselves back into the game in that third quarter. It was a very entertaining game, I just wish that we could have finished it off. This group of seniors deserved one for their effort but it wasn't to be."

REDFORD UNION 66, SUMMIT 44: Jacob Gagnon scored 12 points and Amir Huston added 11 Tuesday as host Redford Union (10-9) pulled away in the second half for a non-conference senior night win over Romulus Summit Academy North (8-9).

In the team's final home game, RU coach Randall Taylor started all five seniors, including Dominic Slaughter (eight points), Leon Hudson, Antonio Boswell, Anthony Johnson and Justin White.

The Panthers led 24-23 at halftime before outscoring the Dragons 19-11 in the third quarter keyed by Slaughter, who contributed a pair of

three pointers.

"Dominic played well and he's been contributing lately," Taylor said.

Keon Wright and Zoe Hedke paced Summit with 14 and 13 points, respectively.

Both teams struggled mightily from the foul line with RU going 3-of-16 and Summit 6-of-18.

CARLSON 58, THURSTON 53: Tyler Koons scored 22 points and Jaylyn Franklin added 17 as Gibraltar Carlson (12-8) pulled out a non-conference win Tuesday over host Redford Thurston (7-12).

Thurston led 14-17 after one quarter before the Marauders pulled even at halftime, 26 all.

Malik Hill and Karis Berry paced the Eagles with 13 and 10 points, respectively. Thurston was 2-of-6 from the foul line.

"They (Carlson) deserved to win the game," Thurston coach Brian Bates said. "They made their free throws (15-of-21) and executed really well."

MADISON 62, CLARENCEVILLE 21: Gregory Allen poured in 20 points to propel Madison Heights Madison (9-10) to a non-conference win Tuesday at Livonia Clarenceville (0-20).

Three Bowen scored eight points for the Trojans, who trailed 38-8 at halftime.

Clarenceville was 2-of-8 from the foul line, while the Eagles made 11-of-19.

PCA 82, FRANKLIN ROAD 55: Junior Matt Malcolm scored 23 points Friday night to spark Plymouth Christian Academy.

Other strong showings were turned in by Max Okolo (15 points), Jayme Fadden (11 points), Layne Pries (10 points) and Levi Yakubov (nine points).

Heights Robichaud and Miss Basketball candidate Kamaria McDaniell.

REDFORD UNION 55, DETROIT CMA 36: On Monday, sophomore Johnnae Steele tallied 23 points and Cassidy Sandelin added 11 as the host Panthers (12-6) rolled in the Class B district opener against Detroit Communications and Media Arts (8-12).

Vantane Gauret scored a game-high 25 points for the Pharaohs, who were outscored 32-16 in the second half after trailing by only four at intermission, 23-19.

RU advanced to face Southfield Bradford Academy in the district semifinals March 1 at home.

HENRY FORD 43, CLARENCEVILLE 13: Livonia Clarenceville (1-18) kept it close for one quarter before Detroit Henry Ford (7-8) broke it open with a 15-2 second period run to earn a Class B district tournament victory at Redford Union.

Krissima Matthew scored a game-high 19 points for Henry Ford, which led 33-8 after three quarters.

Clarenceville got a team-high nine points from Ashley Kato.

Henry Ford made only 9-of-22 free throws, while Clarenceville was 1-for-3.

BOYS SWIMMING

Novi wears first-ever Kensington crown

Novi dethrones Northville; Stevenson third

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For the first time in school history Novi swimmers, divers and coaches took the customary victory dip following their conquest of the KLA A Kensington Conference meet.

The host Wildcats, getting another sterling performance from senior Camden Murphy, captured the team title Saturday with 997 points to unseat defending champion Northville, which took runner-up honors with 895.

Rounding out the 10-team field were Livonia Stevenson (578.5), Canton (565.5), South Lyon Unified (491), Salem (365), Plymouth (295), Livonia Churchill (275), Westland John Glenn (134) and Wayne Memorial (125).

"This was a tough weekend for us, actually," Novi coach Brent Pohlonski said. "We got guys who are training for state meet, who haven't done that before. And trying to swim fast at this meet, when you're training for the state meet and have never done it before, it takes some experience. We had a lot of guys tapering for the state meet who didn't light it up the way we usually do here."

But the University of Georgia-bound Murphy, one of the nation's top junior swimmers, made the most of his one and only Kensington Conference meet after opting to train strictly with his Waterford Kingfish Aquatic club team during his first three high school years.

Medley champs

Murphy teamed with Joey Berman, Daniel Chung and Phillip Billiu for a meet record and All-America consideration time of 1:35.22 in the 200-yard medley relay.

The senior also posted an All-America consideration time by winning the 200 individual medley (1:50.83) as well as his specialty, the 100 butterfly, when he clocked a meet and All-America time of 48.62 after going 48.62 in Friday's prelims.

And to top the afternoon off, Murphy teamed with Berman, Siddhartha Kareddy and Alexander Yuan for a victory in the 400 freestyle relay (3:11.07). Meanwhile, Berman added a victory in the 100 backstroke (52.08).

"We held our own, I'm so happy for the guys," Pohlonski said. "We didn't really light it up and have big, huge drops like we normally do. It wasn't pretty, but we got it done. We had some great moments, a whole bunch of them. Our relays were great today. We knew that was going to be the key and Camden was amazing, as always. Joey (Berman) was great. Max Robbins going 4:48 in the 500 (freestyle) as a freshman, that's just amazing."

Spartans' standout

One swimmer who proved special was Stevenson sophomore Benjamin Rojewski, who set a conference record in the prelims in the 500 freestyle (4:36.49) before winning it Saturday with a 4:38.86.

"It's kind of hard to explain, but he just keeps getting faster and faster," Ste-

venson coach Jeff Shoemaker said. "His technique needs some work, but he's got a heart that you can't stop. He just keeps going and going. I think we've only tapped what he can do. He is surprising. He came in last year at 5:19 and now he's one of the top couple in the state. I can't put my finger on why he's so fast, but he's one of the best I've ever had. It's all in his heart. He's going to be real good."

Stevenson will take eight Division 1 qualifiers to the state meet, led by its conference-winning 200 freestyle relay team of Parker Wasielewski, Adam Goeddeke, Luke Santi and Connor Beck, who clocked 1:27.60 to edge Novi's 1:27.63 and Northville's 1:27.86.

"That was the only relay we had a shot with," Shoemaker said. "We played around with an order with about five kids we were choosing from and went with this. The boys wanted it and we had an anchor (Wasielewski) go 20.77 and come through. It was a good relay."

KLA A South Division champion Canton got a victory from Daniel Mullen in the 200 freestyle (1:42.86), while Plymouth's Jordan Groves won the 1-meter diving with 393.30 points.

KLA A KENSINGTON CONFERENCE BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING MEET Feb. 24-25 at Novi H.S.

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Novi, 997 points; 2. Northville, 895; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 578.5; 4. Canton, 565.5; 5. South Lyon Unified, 491; 6. Salem, 365; 7. Plymouth, 295; 8. Livonia Churchill, 275; 9. Westland John Glenn, 134; 10. Wayne Memorial, 125.

FINAL HEAT RESULTS

200-yard medley relay: 1. Novi (Joey Berman, Daniel Chung, Camden Murphy, Phillip Billiu), 1:35.22 (meet record); 2. Northville (Arthur Greenlee, Nikolai Anton, Kirk Maibach, Cameron Heaven), 1:36.45; 3. South Lyon (Logan Boals, Brandon Bell, Max Kempisty, Christian Etmeyer), 1:37.96; 4. Salem, 1:40.36; 5. Stevenson, 1:40.36; 6. Canton, 1:42.06; 7. Churchill, 1:50.41; 8. Plymouth, 1:52.61.

200 freestyles: 1. Novi, 997 points; 2. Northville, 895; 3. Benjamin Rojewski (SU), 1:42.94; 4. Berman (Novi), 1:43.91; 4. Max Robbins (Novi), 1:45.52; 5. Max Kempisty (SU), 1:45.56; 6. Jason Nitkiewicz (Nville), 1:45.96; 7. Derek Goderis (Canton), 1:46.04; 8. Trevor Degroot (Nville), 1:49.15.

200 individual medley: 1. Murphy (Novi), 1:50.88 (meet record); 2. Travis Nitkiewicz (Nville), 1:55.67; 3. Joel Kobyk (Novi), 2:01.23; 4. Brian Son (Novi), 2:01.48; 5. Kevin Taylor (LC), 2:02.05; 6. Isaac Fong (Canton), 2:01.10; 7. Erik Halboth (Novi), 2:02.48; 8. Adam Carozza (Novi), 2:03.48.

50 freestyle: 1. K. Maibach (Nville), 21.69; 2. Billiu (Novi), 21.75; 3. Parker Wasielewski (SU), 22.05; 4. Adam Goeddeke (SU), 22.11; 5. Bell (SU), 22.26; 6. Kyle Amick (Canton), 22.39; 7. Greenlee (Nville), 22.44; 8. Alexander Yuan (Novi), 22.67.

1-meter diving: 1. Jordan Groves (Ply), 393.30 points; 2. Patrick Holton (LC), 332.25; 3. Jack McClure (Novi), 321.75; 4. Benjamin Kirchoff (Ply), 299.65; 5. Thomas Rys (Nville), 291.50; 6. Charles Carey (Canton), 273.70; 7. Jack LeFevre (SU), 271.75; 8. Tobias Anman-Chance (Canton), 260.65.

100 butterfly: 1. Murphy (Novi), 48.12 (meet record); 2. Siddhartha Kareddy (Novi), 50.80; 3. Boals (SU), 53.12; 4. Kempisty (SU), 53.36; 5. J. Nitkiewicz (Nville), 53.38; 6. Nathan Budnick (Salem), 53.95; 7. Preston Harrell (Novi), 54.16; 8. Tristen Shao (Canton), 55.20.

100 freestyle: 1. K. Maibach (Nville), 47.25; 2. Goeddeke (SU), 47.96; 3. Billiu (Novi), 48.02; 4. Amick (Canton), 48.07; 5. Goderis (Canton), 48.51; 6. Yuan (Novi), 48.70; 7. Budnick (Salem), 50.68; 8. Heaven (Nville), 50.71.

500 freestyle: 1. Benjamin Rojewski (SU), 4:38.36 (set meet record 4:36.49 in prelims); 2. Mullen (Canton), 4:48.68; 3. Robbins (Novi), 4:48.92; 4. Degroot (Nville), 4:51.99; 5. Etmeyer (SU), 4:54.90; 6. Benjamin LaPorte (SU), 4:58.38; 7. Taiyo Ichikawa (Nville), 5:00.98; 8. Nolan O'Dowd (SU), 5:43.55.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Goeddeke, Luke Santi, Connor Beck, Wasielewski), 1:27.60; 2. Novi (Billiu, Maxwell Williams, Kareddy, Yuan), 1:27.63; 3. Northville (K. Maibach, Greenlee, Craig Maibach, Anton), 1:27.86; 4. Canton (1:28.68); 5. Plymouth, 1:31.73; 6. Salem, 1:31.80; 7. South Lyon, 1:32.40; 8. Churchill, 1:33.39.

100 backstroke: 1. Berman (Novi), 52.08; 2. Williams (Novi), 53.23; 3. Boals (SU), 54.08; 4. Eugene Li (Salem), 54.50; 5. Shao (Canton), 54.89; 6. Greenlee (Nville), 54.90; 7. Halboth (Novi), 54.92; 8. Bryan Reppert (SU), 55.58.

100 breaststroke: 1. Nitkiewicz (Nville), 58.30 (meet record); 2. Anton (Nville), 59.21; 3. Bell (SU), 59.79; 4. Chung (Novi), 1:01.44; 5. Haotian Jiang (Nville), 1:02.30; 6. Hans Anderson (SU), 1:02.70; 7. Kobyk (Novi), 1:03.52; 8. Roman Grossi (Nville), 1:03.69.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Novi (Berman, Kareddy, Yuan, Murphy), 3:11.07; 2. Stevenson (Goeddeke, Santi, Rojewski, Wasielewski), 3:13.25; 3. Canton (Amick, Shao, Mullen, Goderis), 3:13.52; 4. Northville, 3:17.48; 5. South Lyon, 3:19.52; 6. Salem, 3:21.73; 7. Churchill, 3:26.70; 8. Plymouth, 3:27.01.

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Smith ... did a good job controlling the tempo of the game, especially in the second half."

With the win, Churchill was slated to face Livonia Stevenson at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in the second round. In the 7 p.m. game, the host Rockets were to square off against Garden City.

JOHN GLENN 71, THURSTON 30: Freshman Jasmine Edwards poured in a game-high 24 points Monday night to launch host Westland John Glenn (8-13) to a lopsided first-round Class A district victory over Redford Thurston (10-11).

Juniors Sharon Woodard and Carly Loving each added 16 points for the victorious Rockets, who led 37-20 at halftime and 59-24 after three quarters.

Junior center Bryanna Burton led Thurston with 13 points. Glenn made 5-of-8 free throws, while Thurston was 5-for-13.

LUTH. WESTLAND 69, DPS ACADEMY 32: Lutheran Westland advanced to Friday's Class D district final with Monday's decisive win over Detroit Public Safety Academy.

Leading the Warriors (16-5), who connected on 59 percent

of their shots from the field, were Rachel Reddeman (27 points, 14 rebounds) and Taylor Jones (22 points). Contributing six points each were Faith McLoed and Makayla Wylie.

"We did a lot of good things tonight," coach Sandi Wade said. "On offense our transition game was key tonight. However we did have an advantage inside and we were making the extra pass we needed to open player for the higher percentage shot. Proud of my girls for their effort, energy and teamwork."

LADYWOOD 55, CANTON PREP 27: Ten of 15 players scored with senior guard Brianna Rogers leading the way with 15 points as Livonia Ladywood (5-16) rolled past Canton Prep in a Class B district opener Monday night at Ypsilanti Arbor Prep.

The Blazers, who led 26-15 at halftime and 40-22 after three quarters, also got eight points from junior guard Amy Babon.

"It was a very good team win and we got very balanced scoring," Ladywood first-year coach Sam Lamb said. "Defensively we executed and pressured a lot."

The Blazers advanced to the district semifinals beginning March 1 at Arbor Prep when they were set to face Dearborn

MHSAA DIVISION 1 TEAM STATE FINALS

Shamrocks claim sixth team championship

Catholic Central caps 31-1 dream season with title

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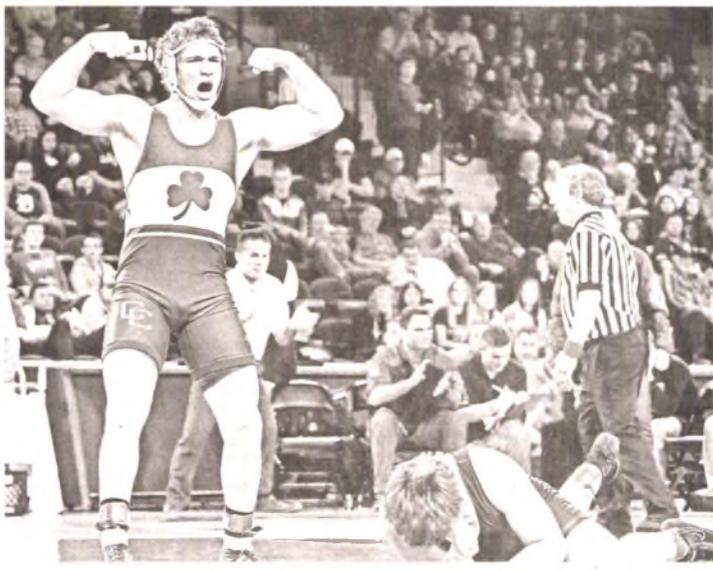
Earlier in the week, Davison coach Roy Hall said Novi Detroit Catholic Central's lineup looked great on paper.

The Shamrocks looked even better on the wrestling mat Saturday at Central Michigan University's McGuirk Arena.

CC won its sixth Division 1 team state championship since the dual format was instituted 30 seasons ago, with a 35-22 victory over the Cardinals, who beat CC in last year's semifinals. CC won three straight titles in 2012-14.

"I'm so absolutely proud of our group of kids and the coaching staff and our community, our students for showing up here, sharing the brotherhood," Shamrocks coach Mitch Hancock said. "It's a remarkable moment for our guys. A special, special moment."

"I've got to tell you, that hurt," Hancock said about losing to Davison last year. "But we didn't do our best and compete and our guys is year used that as motivation and they did a remarkable job. It's been a whole year of motivation."



Catholic Central 215-pounder Jackson Ross celebrates after pinning Davison's Colton Cunningham.

Davison (26-4) got off to a solid start, when Brenden McRill earned a tech fall over Connor Curnutte at 189 pounds, before Jackson Ross put CC ahead with a pin at 215 in 1:43. The Shamrocks then won four of the next six matches to build a lead.

"Jackson Ross did a fantastic job, (Benjamin) Kamali did his job (at 112)," Hancock said. "How about Derek Gilcher being down 4-1 and kept building back (to win, 9-8, at 119)? And

Aidan Wagh sealed the deal there at 145 (with a 7-3 victory). The guys wrestled really, really tough all weekend. To beat a good Brighton team like that (in Friday's quarterfinals) and a darn good-coached Hartland team, then a Roy Hall-coached team like that, I'm very proud of our guys."

Wagh's win gave CC (31-1) a 29-16 edge, though Davison still had a chance to win the championship mathematically. Three-point victo-

ries in the next two weight classes kept the Cardinals in the hunt and trailing by seven with one match remaining.

CC senior and defending state champ Tyler Morland then erased all doubts by finishing off the contest with a pin in 30 seconds at 171 for the final score.

"I just wanted to finish out my career with the Shamrocks, ending it the right way," said Morland, who is undefeated. "My goal is to pin every time I go out there, but it

was cool just to finish it the way we did. It was a lot of fun."

Morland, who will wrestle next year at Northwestern, said going last is not hard on him, even if it means waiting two hours in the rotation.

"I wouldn't have wanted it any other way, as a senior," he said, "because if it came down to my match, I wouldn't want it to be on anybody but myself."

"That's a great team we just wrestled," Hall said of CC. "Our kids wrestled wonderful this morning (in the semifinal win over Macomb Dakota) to put us in this situation. They are very disappointed, but I think one day they'll realize they put themselves in that great opportunity. We were outgunned a little bit, but I thought or kids fought hard."

"Heck yeah, they are tough to beat on paper (with 14 state qualifiers). They're impossible on paper and they look great as a team. And next year, our guys are going to be back."

Earlier in the day, CC ousted defending state champion Hartland, 54-10, after downing Brighton in Friday's quarterfinal, 55-3.

CC outscored its six state tournament opponents by an impressive combined total of 380-35.

Novi News-Northville Record Sports Editor Brad Emons also

contributed to this report.

DUAL MEET SUMMARIES CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL (Feb. 24) DETROIT CC 35, DAVISON 22
189 pounds: Brenden McRill (D) won by technical fall over Connor Curnutte, 28-13; 215: Jackson Ross (CC) pinned Colton Cunningham, 1:43; 285: Nick Jenkins (CC) decisioned Aaron Gilmore, 3-1; 103: Andrew Chambal (D) won by major dec. over Devon Johnson, 9-1; 112: Ben Kamali (CC) dec. Steve Garty, 13-7; 119: Derek Gilcher (CC) dec. Jaron Wilson, 9-8; 125: A.J. Facundo (D) dec. Stone Moscovic, 7-3; 130: Kevon Davenport (CC) p. Marc Shaeffer, 3:00; 135: Jay Niuison (D) won by major dec. over Joe Liso, 13-5; 140: Cameron Amine (CC) won by tech. fall over Greyson Robart, 20-3; 145: Aidan Wagh (CC) dec. Ryan Schlak, 7-3; 152: Brian Cal (D) dec. Brendin Yatooma, 3-1; 160: Cal Stefanko (D) dec. Rory Cox, 7-4; 171: Ty Morland (CC) p. Trevor McGowan, 0:30.
Final dual meet records: Detroit CC, 31-1 overall; Davison, 26-4 overall.

SEMIFINAL MATCH (Feb. 24) DETROIT CC 54, HARTLAND 10
125 pounds: Stone Moscovic (CC) won by major dec. over Carter Hankins, 9-1; 130: Kevon Davenport (CC) p. Josh Latham, 0:48; 135: Joe Urso (CC) dec. Hayden Culver, 8-2; 140: Cameron Amine (CC) p. Nik Masters, 0:34; 145: Aidan Wagh (CC) p. Tanner Culver, 3:22; 152: River Shetter (H) dec. Brendin Yatooma, 7-5; 160: Joey Livingston (H) won by major dec. over Rory Cox, 9-1; 171: Easton Turner (CC) won by major dec. over Reece Anquish, 15-6; 189: Ty Morland (CC) won by major dec. over Andrew Spisz, 12-1; 215: Jackson Ross (CC) p. Jon Hartman, 2:53; 285: Nick Jenkins (CC) p. David Durville, 1:29; 103: Wyatt Nault (H) dec. Devon Johnson, 8-7; 112: Ben Kamali (CC) p. Corey Cavanaugh, 1:04; 119: Derek Gilcher (CC) dec. Kyle Kantola, 7-1.
Dual match records: Detroit CC, 30-1 overall; Hartland, 33-4 overall.

QUARTERFINAL MATCH (Feb. 23) DETROIT CC 55, BRIGHTON 3
160 pounds: Rory Cox (CC) dec. Jake Soop, 2-1; 171: Ty Morland (CC) p. Jack Iretton, 0:58; 189: Connor Curnutte (CC) dec. Greyson Stevens, 4-2; 215: Jackson Ross (CC) won by major dec. over Eric Halonen, 14-6; 285: Nick Jenkins (CC) p. Colby Ford, 1:03; 103: Devon Johnson (CC) dec. Ben Manly, 10-3; 112: Rhett Newton (CC) p. Logan Kehres, 3:25; 119: Ben Kamali (CC) won by tech. fall over Eddie Homrock, 26-11; 125: Stone Moscovic (CC) dec. Seth Soto, 3-0; 135: Joe Liso (CC) won by major dec. over Dave Donabedian, 10-0; 140: Cameron Amine (CC) dec. Lee Grabowski, 5-1; 145: Harley Beme (B) dec. Brody Burke, 6-1; 152: Brendin Yatooma (CC) dec. Nick Bleise, 5-0.
Dual match records: Detroit CC, 29-1 overall; Brighton, 16-9 overall.

Warriors' trio in final



LUTHERAN WESTLAND ATHLETICS

Division 4 Lutheran Westland will have a trio of wrestlers participating Thursday through Saturday at the individual state finals set for The Palace of Auburn Hills. Qualifiers are (front row, from left) Andy Faith, Nick Glinn and Christian Zimmerman. In the back row (from left) are Warriors assistant coaches Billy Meier, Mike Moshier and head coach Dan Unger. Faith is 36-7 at 140 pounds and took fourth at the D4 individual regional Feb. 25 at New Lothrop. He also qualified last season. Glinn is 33-12 at 215 and was third at regionals. Zimmerman brings a 38-13 mark at 125; he was fourth at regionals. Glinn and Zimmerman were runner-ups in their weight classes at the recent Observerland Invitational while Faith placed third.

MICHIGAN PRESS ASSOCIATION CONTEST

Observer sports editor wins two MPA awards

Stories were from 2016 series about lack of respect for youth and high school officials

Two stories from last spring's Observer series on the growing lack of respect for youth and high school officials. "Blowing the Whistle," netted awards in the 2016 Michigan Press

Association Better Newspaper Contest.

Veteran Observer sports editor Tim Smith won second place in the Sports Feature — Weekly category for his story titled "Kick in the Gut," which ran March 31, 2016.

The piece was about how local soccer referees deal with a culture of disrespect, a troubling trend leading to fewer and fewer officials signing up to call games.

"Great look into a job we often don't see the



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Soccer referees (from left) Kevin Winningham and Mario D'Agostino were interviewed for a March 2016 story written by Observer sports editor Tim Smith for the *Blowing the Whistle* series. The story, about the lack of respect for officials, recently won a second place award from the Michigan Press Association in the Sports Feature category.

inside story on," MPA judges noted. "It is a needed call for parents to chill and the wish that all could officiate one game is an excellent one."

Smith also earned an honorable mention award in the same category for "You call that a

strike?" from April 7, 2016. That story delved into how the onslaught of criticism from fans and coaches made the job of umpiring not worth the trouble for a teenager.

Smith, 60, is a Livonia resident who has won a number of MPA and

Suburban Newspaper of America awards during his 31-year career at the Observer & Eccentric. He also is a published author ("Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies," from 1999) and was 1998 O&E Journalist of the Year.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Livonia Churchill alum Cameron keeps catching on with Hornets

Shenandoah senior catcher bouncing back from injury that ended junior season early

Tim Smith
Hometownlife.com

Daniel Cameron has a penchant for power and perseverance.

The Livonia Churchill alum also is a pretty good catcher, and he is off to a fast start for Shenandoah University in Winchester, Va.

On Saturday, the Hornets opened the season in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference with a doubleheader against Misericordia (Penn.) and Cameron demonstrated he is fully healed after last year suffering a broken hand that stopped his career sea-



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Daniel Cameron, who was an all-KLAA catcher during his high school career with Livonia Churchill, is ready to cap off a successful college career. He is the starting catcher at Shenandoah University, a Division III school in Virginia.

son. Cameron hit a three-run homer in two official

plate appearances (he also walked and had a sacrifice bunt) in Game 1

of the twinbill. He sat out Game 2, but came back on Monday with a

2-for-3 afternoon to help Shenandoah (ranked 16th in the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Division III poll) defeat No. 4-ranked LaRoche.

The broken hamate bone sustained during an at bat last season interrupted a standout year. Cameron was batting .385 with 18 runs scored and started every game behind the plate up until the injury.

Shenandoah went 35-12 in 2016 and won the regular season championship.

In addition to his prowess in the batter's box, Cameron was a defensive standout ably handling the pitching staff.

At Churchill, he was the starting catcher his last three seasons and earned all-conference, all-district and all region

honors in his senior season (2013) while garnering the Chargers' Most Outstanding Player award.

Cameron then further distinguished himself with two strong seasons at Henry Ford College in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

He made the all-MCCA third team in his sophomore year, and then continued to shine as a junior at Shenandoah.

Now, he would like to close out his college career with a healthy and productive season.

Cameron also is an outstanding student, having been named to the Dean's List every semester at Shenandoah.

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