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Wayne woman charged in daughter's death

She is accused in November death of 3-year-old

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A Wayne woman is the latest area parent charged in the murder of their child.

The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office announced Monday afternoon it had filed charges against Cassandra Kay Michalski, 24, in the death of her 3-year-old daughter, Skylar Michalski.

Prosecutors say the child was transported the evening of Nov. 10, 2017, to Beaumont Hospital, 33155 Annapolis, in Wayne, where she was pronounced dead. Police were called to hospital to investigate the death of the child and

she was observed to have injuries on her head, neck and back.

After some investigation, the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office declared the child's death a homicide from abusive head trauma. Michalski was arrested over the weekend and charged in the child's death.

She was charged with felony murder and first-degree child abuse and faces up to life in prison if convicted. Michalski was arraigned on the charges Monday morning before Judge Laura Mack in Wayne's 29th District Court. She received a \$100,000 cash or surety bond and cannot return to her home in the 34400 block of John, have no contact with children and must wear a GPS teth-

er, if bond is posted.

A probable cause conference for her case is scheduled to take place at 9 a.m. March 6 in the 29th District Court.

This isn't the first case of a parent being charged in their child's death out of Wayne in recent years. Wayne resident Marc Minter faces one count of felony murder and two counts of first-degree child abuse after being charged last year in the death of his infant son, as well as injuries found to his daughter. He is expected to face a jury trial on the charges April 1 in Detroit's Frank Murphy Hall of Justice.

Contact David Veselenak at dveselenak@hometownlife.com or 734-678-6728. Follow him on Twitter: @davidveselenak.



Michalski



Chris Velfling lifts the hood of his 1967 Corvette. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

CARS ARE THE STARS

Local classics revving up for annual Autorama

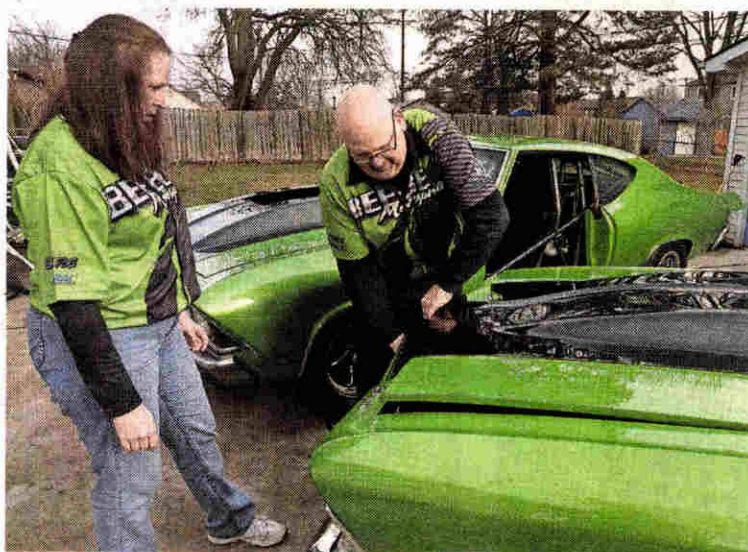
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Chris Velfling's 1967 Corvette convertible and Bill Kotula's 1968 AMX represent 50 years of history, while Matt and Karri Beebe are making history — and hoping to turn heads — with twin 1968 Chevelles.

Velfling, Kotula and the Beebes are among more than four dozen area car aficionados with entries in this year's Detroit Autorama, which will feature more than 800 restored, souped-up and tricked-out classics, muscle cars, hot rod and motorcycles. The three-day show begins Friday at Detroit's Cobo Center.

Velfling of Redford Township is

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Karri and Matt Beebe lift the hood on the street Chevelle. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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W-W closes schools following threats

District officials ask parents to monitor kids

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Yet another area school district is taking action after another threat was found on social media.

The Wayne-Westland Community Schools district announced early Tuesday morning it would close all its schools after several threats to the district were posted on social media. District officials say state and county officials spent much of Monday investigating the threats and decided closing the district's schools, which are located in Westland, Wayne and Canton, was the best course of action.

The district asked parents to keep a close eye on their children's activity online to make sure the threats are not coming from them.

"Parents and families we need your help. These threats are coming from someone's social media account and we need your assistance to ensure it is not coming from your home," a letter by the district posted on Twitter reads. "Please check your child's Snapchat, text messages and any other social media accounts to ensure it is not coming from yours."

A message was left with the Westland Police Department and the Wayne Police Department early Tuesday morning.

The closure is just the most recent incident with threats levied against a local school district. Stevenson High School in Livonia saw additional police presence after Livonia Public Schools district officials saw a threat circulating online regarding an "SHS." That threat turned out to be unfounded, though police boosted security at the school anyway.

A Green Oak Township teenager was charged last week after South

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Have you heard? 'Grease' is the word at Franklin

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The performances take place at the Franklin High School Performing Arts Center, 31000 Joy Road, in Livonia.

Written by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey, "Grease" tells the story of summer love between Danny, played by senior Ashton Williams, and Sandy, played by junior Kegan Elinsky, who are unexpectedly reunited in the fall at

Rydell High.

The audience can watch the drama unfold as Sandy tries to fit in at her new school and Danny finds a way to win Sandy's heart while still trying to maintain his "bad boy" reputation.

This live musical version of "Grease" features many hilarious scenes and songs performed by the T-Birds (played by Thomas Caprara, Caleb Bonno, Dean Kallis and Braden Fitch) and the Pink Ladies (played by Alyssa Facione, Mia Teller, Carolyn Daske and Riley Courter), including several tunes that are not in the movie.

Director and Franklin High School

Class of 1996 alumna Colleen Meyer said she is thrilled to work with such a talented group of students.

"I know the audience is going to love our rendition of 'Grease,'" she said. "We work very hard to put on top-notch shows that are entertaining and professional."

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and senior citizens and are online at franklin.livoniapublicschools.org or at Franklin's main office 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 734-744-2655, ext. 47902. Advanced purchase is recommended.

Threats

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Lyon police say he threatened via Snapchat to shoot up South Lyon High School. He faces a charge of making a

false terrorist threat and is due back in court for a probable cause conference Wednesday morning in the 52-1 District Court in Novi.

And most recently, the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park was on lockdown Friday after rumors circulated a gun had been brought to the complex.

Those rumors turned out to be unfounded and the lockdown put in place was lifted.

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Health screening

When: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 14

Details: Screening includes blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose (diabetes). No fasting required and no appointment needed. You must be 18 years or older. Offered through Beaumont's Community Health.

Legal consultation

When: Thursday, March 15 (by appointment only)

Details: Have questions that only an attorney can answer for you? Here's your opportunity. Appointments are for 15 minutes. Senior residents ages 50 and up. Call Nancy at 734-721-7460.

Personal Action Toward Health

When: 6-8:30 p.m. each Wednesday

through March 28

Details: Designed to provide skills and tools to help people living with Type 2 diabetes and their support system, live a healthier life. It is a fun, interactive, workshop led by certified leaders. Go to <https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/fUjwC5yw29h2y58MfzjBgp?domain=beaumont.org> or call 313-586-5488 to register.

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When: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday

Details: An award-winning program designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase their activity level. Learn practical strategies to manage falls, make changes to reduce fall risks at home and improve balance and flexibility. Call Nancy at 734-721-7460 to register.

Diabetes prevention program

When: 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, April 3

Details: Small changes can make a big difference in your health; helping you to prevent the development of type 2 di-

abetes. Beaumont's Diabetes Prevention Program is led by trained lifestyle coaches who will give you the skills you need to make lasting, healthy lifestyle changes. Call 313-586-5488 or go to <https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/TWWHC68x3RHqRjkPf6Tv-c?domain=beaumont.org> to register.

Cooking for diabetes

When: 6-8 p.m. each Tuesday, April 4 through May 9

Details: This six-week workshop is a commitment of fun, interactive sessions presented by a trained culinary and nutrition instructor. Hands-on presentations demonstrate the link between nutrition and health, the affordability of healthy eating, healthy meal planning and cooking tips.

Free groceries and cookbooks are included to practice new skills at home. This workshop provides specialized recipes and information for adults living with diabetes and their caregivers. Class is free and open to adults who have not previously enrolled in a Cooking Matters course.

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Sometimes Travelers Club

Stop by the office or city hall to pick up trip fliers, which will have further trip details, or call Nancy at 734-721-7460. The club is offering the following trips:

■ Gems of Detroit, Thursday, April 5. Visit the Roasting Plant. Tour the iconic GM Renaissance Center. Enjoy the Motown Museum. Lunch at Slow's BBQ.

■ District Detroit, Wednesday, April 11. Guided tour of Little Caesars Arena. Lunch at Pizza Papalis. Three hours to try your luck at Greektown Casino.

■ Memory Lane/Grand River Avenue, Wednesday, April 25. Guided tour of the Redford Theatre (opened in 1928), currently owned and operated by the Motor City Theatre Organ Society. Lunch at the Stillwater Grill. Shopping at Heart of Michigan and Sweet Sensations.

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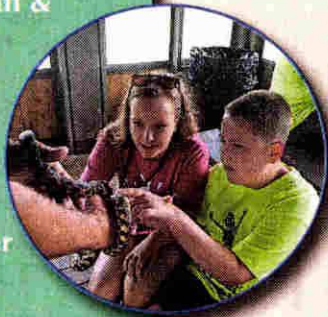
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Livonia native Braithwaite is new U.S. ambassador to Norway

The U.S. Embassy in Oslo has announced the formal accreditation of Rear Adm. Kenneth J. Braithwaite, U.S. Navy (ret.), as the 31st U.S. ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway.



Braithwaite

Braithwaite presented his credentials Feb. 8 to Norway's head of state, His Majesty King Harald V, and was thereby formally accredited as U.S. ambassador to Norway.

Newly-appointed ambassadors to Norway present their credentials to the king at a formal audience. The formality of the time-honored ceremony, which harks back to the beginnings of diplomacy in the Italian Renaissance, accentuates the honor of the appointment and the gravity of the diplomatic mission.

At the Royal Palace, Braithwaite was greeted by a parade of The King's Guard and received by the king, who wore the

gala uniform of the Norwegian Army. Braithwaite was dressed for the ceremonious occasion in the traditional morning coat.

"I can think of no greater honor than to be the principle representative of the United States to such an important strategic ally and beautiful country as Norway," Braithwaite said. "I am looking forward to getting to know the country and its people."

Braithwaite is the son of the late Kenneth Braithwaite and Sylvia Braithwaite of Livonia. He is a 1979 graduate of Bentley High School. His mother was a graduate of the first Bentley High School class in 1950. Braithwaite is an Eagle Scout from Troop 900 and attended St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Braithwaite left Livonia to attend the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis in 1984.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dealing with loss

During the recent holiday season, Detroit Free Press columnist Mitch Albom wrote a poignant piece which was a reflection on his deceased parents. This got me thinking about something I've already thought a lot about. I'm referring to how we as people are forced to live with grief and loss in our lives.

These recent holidays have also reminded me how vastly things have changed for me. In the 1970s, my family received hundreds of Christmas cards. Now, if I get a dozen, that's about it. Our Christmas dinners were once conducted across a long dining room table, but now you could fit us into a phone-booth. Most of my relatives are deceased and many friends are flown.

We experience death at various stages in our life. As children, death may seem like a strange novelty at first, like watching a horror movie. We often experience our first awareness with death during the loss of a pet, even if it's a goldfish. The loss of a cat or dog can hurt quite a bit. Then, there's usually the death of an elderly relative, perhaps a grandparent. When I was in 8th grade, my cousin, who was my age, was

killed in a car accident, and this made the imminence of death to me more real.

If you're a childless, single person, the most intense form of loss comes with the death of your parents. For baby boomers like myself, many of us are now going through a period without our parents. Unless you're married, there really is no-one who you'll be with longer than your parents, so their loss is a vast chasm to cross. For baby boomers, that usually means losing people who you've been around for 50 years.

When we're younger, we often probably take our parents for granted, and the time we have with them. We sometimes don't appreciate them as much as we should, and we sometimes engage in brainless conflict (especially as teens.) But if we could look into the future, we would realize that every minute with our loved ones is precious and should be treasured, and that one day, when our time with them is up, we won't be able to buy back even one more minute with them, even if we had all the money in the world-- no matter how desperately we may want it.

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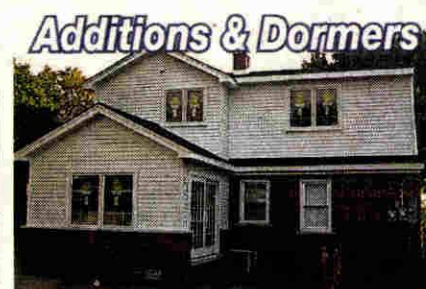


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The Livonia nonprofit aims to place 6,000 braille books into the hands of blind children by raising \$60,000 at its biggest fundraiser of the year. To make a donation or register to bowl, go to <https://www.firstgiving.com/seedlings-braille/31st-annual-bowling-for-braille-books>.

Braille literacy is key to a successful, independent life for those who are blind and visually impaired. According to the National Federation of the Blind, blind adults fluent in braille have an 80-percent chance of being employed, compared to a 20-percent chance if they are not.

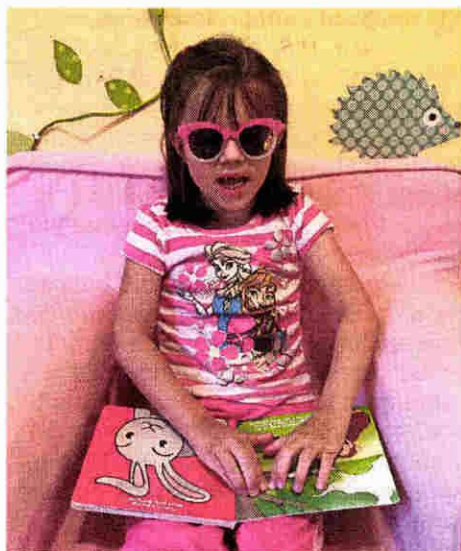
"Braille books are rare and expensive, sometimes costing more than \$100 each. For every 100 books a sighted child has, a blind child may have just five," Seedlings founder/director Debra Bonde said. "How can a child learn to read without books?"

Seedlings gives nearly 50 percent of its books free to blind children all over the world. The other 50 percent are sold for an average price of only \$10 a book.

Dave Rexroth, chief meteorologist at WXYZ-TV (Channel 7), who lost his left eye in a fireworks accident in 2014, will return as the event's celebrity bowler for the fourth year. Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright will lead attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance before bowling begins and assist in the raffle ticket drawings.

Bowlers are encouraged to register by March 1 so lane assignments can be made. The minimum pledge amount of \$65 includes three games of bowling, shoe rental, T-shirt, goody bag, lunch and one free raffle ticket. You may also attend the event just to bid on auction items donated by area businesses. There will also be raffle drawings. Tickets are \$1 for one, \$5 for six or \$20 for 25.

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Dave Rexroth, chief meteorologist at WXYZ-TV (Channel 7), who lost an eye in a fireworks accident, will return as celebrity bowler. He is pictured here holding braille reader Avery.

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Addiction treatment series

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road, in Livonia offers an ongoing series titled "Addiction: What you need to know and what you can do." Classes are scheduled 7-8:30 p.m. the first three Tuesdays of each month through May (March 6, 13 and 20) in Classroom 11. Focus is on understanding addiction and the impact of addiction on families. No registration necessary. For more information, contact Karen Bonanno at kbonanno@livoniasaveouryouth.org or 734 338-9580.

Hernia seminar at St. Mary Mercy

St. Mary Mercy Livonia will host hernia night 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, in the hospital's South Auditorium. The night will include a free educational seminar and screening. Dr. Jacob Roberts, M.D., will answer questions, discuss hernia-related symptoms and provide education about the latest hernia treatments. Attendees will be entered to win Detroit Red Wings tickets and refreshments will be provided. Guests should enter from the hospital's south entrance, 14555 Levan Road. For more information or to register, call 734-655-8486.

Livonia Neighbors and Friends

Livonia Neighbors and Friends, a women's club, is open to women who live/work in Livonia and its surrounding communities. General meetings are held at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month, September through May. Special activity groups meet year-round. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Road, followed by pizza and bingo. For more information, go to <http://livonianeighborsandfriends.tripod.com>

Livonia Dems Club

The Livonia Democratic Club meets the second Wednesday of each month.

Its next meeting is scheduled for 7-9 p.m. March 14 at 33150 Schoolcraft Road, 104. For more information, call 734-466-5140.

St. Micheal kindergarten roundup

St. Michael Lutheran School, at 3003 Hannan Road, in Wayne is hosting kindergarten roundup at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 15. The school offers a Christ-centered environment, differentiated learning, flexible seating, as well as before- and after-school care. Every family attending receives a hot pizza to take home for dinner. For more information, call 734-728-3315.

St. Mary to hold wellness expo

St. Mary Mercy Hospital will be holding a free health and wellness expo, hosted by the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, March 15, at the Friendship Station Senior Center, 42375 Schoolcraft, Plymouth. It is a drop in event and everyone is welcome. Topics will include blood pressure checks, chair exercise, fall prevention, diabetic education, signs and symptoms of a stroke, pneumonia prevention, diet education, education on advance directives and plan in a can. Educational material and handouts will also be available. For more information, call Bobbie Pummill at 734-354-3222.

Food drive

The Youth of Unity (Y.O.U.) is collecting food and funds for the poor and homeless. Collection boxes for non-perishable items will be at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Middlebelt, from Sunday, March 18, until Sunday, April 15. Drop-off times are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and 9:30 a.m. to noon Sunday. Monetary donations can also be made by cash or check. Make checks payable to Unity of Livonia and include "Fast for Food" on the notation line. Checks can be mailed to Unity of Livonia, 28660 Middlebelt, Livonia, MI 48154. Cash donations need to be delivered to the church. On Saturday, April 14, the Youth of Unity (Y.O.U.) will fast for 24 hours to raise awareness of hunger and nutrition

challenges within our community. Donations will be delivered to Redford Interfaith Relief, a local hunger organization, and ChristNet, a partnership of local churches serving southeast Michigan's homeless community.

St. Michael Lenten fish dinners

St. Michael the Archangel Parish invites the community to its annual all-you-can-eat Lenten fish fry, scheduled for 4:30-7 p.m. each Friday through March 23, in the St. Michael School cafeteria. There will be no dinner Good Friday. The dinners will all feature baked or fried, hand-dipped fresh Atlantic cod, mac and cheese, green beans, cole slaw, French fries or baked potato, rolls, beverages and ice cream. Prices are: adults, \$10; seniors, \$8; children ages 3-13, \$5.50; and under age 3, free. Take-out service is also available at \$9 per dinner. Lenten Stations of the Cross services will be offered in the church at 7 p.m. each evening following the dinner. St. Michael is located at 11441 Hubbard Road in Livonia. For more information, call 734-261-1455, ext. 200, or go to www.livoniastmichael.org.

St. Mary Mercy weight management classes

St. Mary Mercy Livonia will host a weight management program titled Weigh Your Options. Classes are scheduled for 6:30-8 p.m. both Thursday, March 22, and Thursday, May 24. Registered dietitians will provide attendees with 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 create a healthy lifestyle. Participants will learn how to read food labels, write SMART goals and how to determine their healthiest weight. The class will take place in St. Mary Mercy's Classroom 10, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia, accessed from the South Entrance. There is a \$5 fee for this class and registration is required. Register online at www.stmarymercy.org and click on "Classes and Events."

St. Mary fish fry

St. Mary Catholic Church, 34530 Michigan Avenue, in Wayne is hosting

its annual Lenten fish fry 4-7 p.m. each Friday through March 30. The menu includes traditional fried fish, baked fish, baked salmon, shrimp and macaroni and cheese, along with cole slaw, a roll and water, lemonade and coffee.

First United Methodist fish fry

The First United Methodist Church of Wayne/Westland, 3 Towne Square, is holding fish fry dinners at 4:30 p.m. each Friday through Lent. Cost \$10 for adults, \$4 for children ages 5-12, under age 5 free. Dinner includes fried or baked fish, baked potato or french fries, cole slaw and a roll. A piece of pie is \$1. Pop is \$1 a can. Coffee or lemonade are free.

American Legion fish dinners

The Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh Road, in Livonia will host fish dinners 5-8 p.m. each Friday during Lent through March 30, that are open to the public. Cost is \$12 for perch, \$10 for cod or shrimp and \$9 for chicken, which includes side dishes.

Love of Lace


The Great Lakes Lace Group, Inc., will present Love of Lace from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 7, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 21777 Five Mile Road. The event is free and open to the public. Bring your own project to join the "lace in," see demonstration and exhibits in lace making with bobbins, shuttle and needle. Learn the basics of bobbin lace or tatting. Vendors of lace making supplies and books will be on-site. For more information, go to www.gllgi.org.

Diabetes support group

St. Mary Mercy Livonia will offer a diabetes support group 1:30-2:30 p.m. the third Friday of each month in 2018. The group meets in St. Mary Mercy's Classroom 11. The support group will offer participants an opportunity to meet others living diabetes and learn from one another. To learn more about the program, call 734-655-2868.

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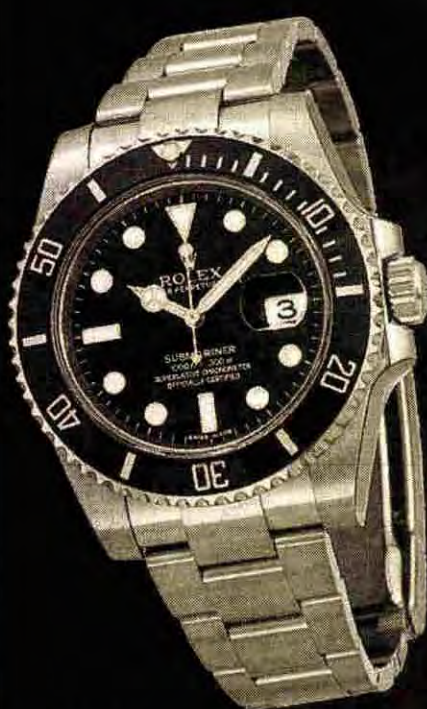
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Autos on display at Cobo starting Friday

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The Detroit Autorama, one of the longest-running custom car shows in the country, opens Friday at Cobo Center in Detroit.

This year's show, the 66th annual, will feature about 800 hot rods, muscle cars, classics and motorcycles, plus a Saturday afternoon appearance by racer Dale Earnhardt Jr. and an exhibit of five record-breaking vehicles that have run on the Bonneville Salt Flats.

The speedster exhibit will include Speed Demon, billed as the world's fastest piston-engine car, with a 438-mph run on the Salt Flats last year.

The "Rolling Towering Inferno Flame-Throwing Fest," two cars and a truck shooting high flames in front of Cobo, will signal the opening of Autorama at 11:45 a.m. Friday.

Autorama got its start at the University of Detroit fieldhouse as a fundraiser for the Michigan Hot Rod Association. It moved to the Michigan State Fair-



Paul Rebmann of Plymouth Township with his 1965 Chevrolet Corvette, another Autorama entry.

grounds and the Detroit Artillery Armory before moving to Cobo, where it has been held yearly since 1961. Show cars from Observer & Eccentric and Home-

town Life newspapers communities include Northville resident Steve Hough's 1932 Ford Roadster, a 1948 Chevrolet pickup owned by Nate Briggs of South Lyon, Canton Township resident Richard Zezawa's 1937 International pickup and a 1966 Ford Fairlane owned by Charlie and Chris Dochenetz of Livonia.

Autorama will feature a student career day Friday, when more than 3,000 students from high schools and trade schools will be able to see the show and learn about career opportunities from hot-rod builders and others in the industry.

Autorama hours are noon to 10 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. Tickets at the gate are \$20 for adults and \$7 for children ages 6-12; no charge for children ages 5 and under.

Discount tickets (\$18 for adults, \$6 for children ages 6-12) are available at O'Reilly Auto Parts stores.

For more information, go to www.autorama.com.

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Autorama

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bringing the red Corvette Stingray once owned by his late brother Gary, who paid \$3,495 for it in 1969.

"It means a ton to me," Velfling said, adding that he is sometimes offered "ridiculous numbers" for it. "You just can't put a price tag on it."

Kotula of Chelsea owns the AMX used by legendary driver Craig Breedlove to set an endurance speed record — he covered 75 miles at more than 174 mph — in 1968. The feat was a publicity boost for American Motors Corp., which was trying to jazz up its image and compete with other muscle-car brands.

"We're going to put the car back as close as we can to its original Breedlove configuration," said Bill Deringer, an owner at Wrenchers, a Novi restoration shop where Kotula's AMX is being prepped.

The Beebes of Westland have a unique combination: fraternal-twin Chevelles, one of which Karri races at drag strips around the country.

"I like the competitiveness of it. I like the friendly atmosphere at the track," said Karri Beebe, who is known as one of the country's fastest women drag racers in her class. "We've raced all over the place."

Matt Beebe is just putting the finishing touches on his Chevelle, which was in pieces when the couple bought it in 2013. It's nearly identical to Karri's dragster, without the roll cage and other safety and racing features.

"It's all updated," he said. "It's a muscle car that looks like a race car, with all the amenities of a brand-new car."

Barn-find 'Vette

Gary Velfling, who died in 2007, bought his 'Vette from Dexter Chevrolet in Detroit 49 years ago this March. "His car payment was, like, \$63 a month," said his brother Chris, who has much of the original paperwork.

Gary later served in the U.S. Navy, got married and had kids. He took the Corvette out now and then, but after it spun a main engine bearing, it sat in a barn in Howell for many years, his brother said.

"He just didn't have the time or the money" to fix it, Velfling said. The car has fewer than 25,000 original miles on it.

Velfling, a service technician at a local auto dealership, bought the car from his sister-in-law in 2010. Covered with junk, it took two hours just to unbury it, he said, and inside mice had deposited mounds of upholstery material that was — thankfully — from an old sofa that was also in the barn, not from the Corvette's seats, he said.

"It was not running," Velfling said. "There was no motor in it."

Velfling put an engine in the Corvette and worked on the brakes, suspension, transmission and other "just normal stuff that you would do for a car that has sat for 20 years," he said.

With a new paint job, the Corvette looks very like much it did nearly 50 years ago. Even the top is original and the dashboard clock still works, Velfling points out.

"The car just runs and drives like a dream," he said.

Velfling, at age 50 born nearly a generation after his brother, said he has memories of admiring the car as a young boy, passing it when he went into the garage, at his parents' house in Detroit, to fetch his bike.

"You just can't put a price tag on it," he said. "I couldn't even think of a scenario where I would let it go."

Breedlove Car No. 1

The AMX at Wrenchers in Novi is similar to the "big V-8" AMX that came off the line at the AMC plant Kenosha, Wis., in 1968, said Deringer, who worked at that factory from 1970-78. There were a few modifications for speed and the car was streamlined to minimize wind resistance, Deringer said.

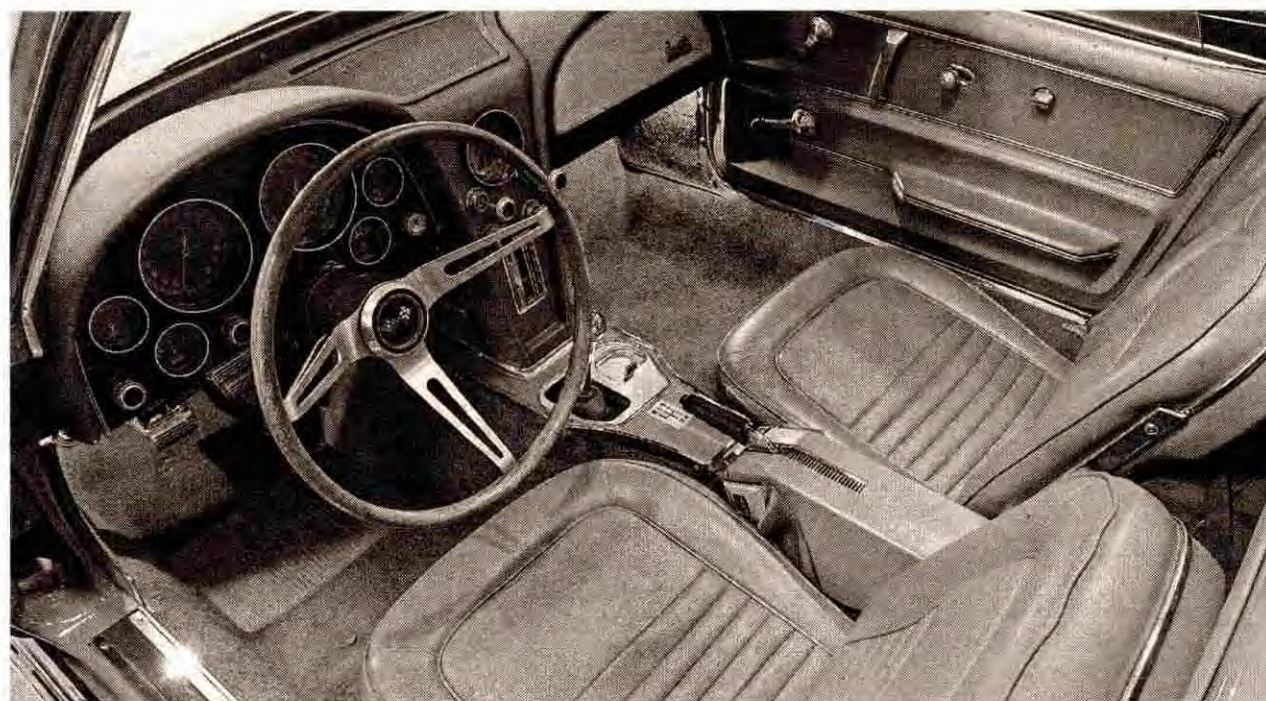
Breedlove, who is now 80, was on the AMC payroll in 1968, setting records with cars the company loaned him, said Deringer, whose shop specializes in restoring and maintaining classic cars, especially those built for speed.

"AMC at the time was trying to change their image," he said.

The car, used for racing for years after AMC's successful Breedlove publicity campaign, is called Breedlove Car No. 1.

"You can still see pictures of the car on old Champion Spark Plug advertisements," Deringer said. There was a No. 2, as well, and Breedlove used them to set records at a five-mile circular track in Texas, he said.

Kotula has owned the AMX for more than 30 years.



The interior is original, showing little wear for a 50-year-old automobile. All of the gauges work, including the clock. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



The seven-liter engine in the street Chevelle is a monster, but air conditioning and power steering keep it a comfortable ride. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"It's still a very fast car," Deringer said. "It's a pretty cool car."

Like Velfling's Corvette, the AMX also had to be unburied.

According to Deringer, it was in Breedlove's garage in California years ago during a flood and got swamped with mud; there's mud packed into the frame rails to this day.

The AMX is one of three cars included in a Wrenchers display at this year's Autorama.

'Came with the marriage'

If you had told Karri Beebe, before she married husband Matt, that she would one day be racing cars, "I probably would've thought you were crazy," she said during a recent interview.

An accountant in her non-racing life, Karri definitely goes against type.

"I'm an avid book reader. I quilt and I play the flute, so, no, none of this is anything I would've imagined doing," she said.

Karri not only races, she helps maintain and fine-tune the Chevelle, things she hadn't imagined doing either. She gets help from Beebe Motorsports — herself, her husband and a team of friends.

They're putting back the engine, which had been taken out for maintenance after her last race, in preparation for Autorama.

She's learned a lot and she's still learning, she said. "It's my car, so working on it is part of the deal," she said. "Came with the marriage."

Her Chevelle is linked to what she admits is a faulty recollection of a sporty, two-door Chevelle owned by a friend's brother when she was a teenager.

When Matt asked her, years ago, what she would get if she could have any car in the world, she remembered that Chevelle. Her friend has since corrected that memory, she said.

"In reality, it was a \$500, four-door beater of a car that barely ran," she said. "It's crazy because ... I had always told (Matt) about this awesome Chevelle my friend's brother had owned."

Matt Beebe, who will be unveiling his own Chevelle for the first time, said he wants make an impression at Autorama and on the street with the twins.

"It's taken like five years to finish," he said of his car. "It's always been the plan to, when it was done, put

them in there side by side."

He envisions a local drag-racing fan experiencing a sort of déjà vu when seeing Karri race.

"When they see Karri's car racing, going down the track, we're hoping people will say, 'I've seen that car driving down Ford Road last week,'" he said.

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Obituaries

Edward Peckinpaugh

PANAMA CITY, FL

Edward Lee Peckinpaugh, 75, passed away in Panama City, Florida on Thursday, February 15, 2018. Ed was born in Detroit, Michigan. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. While living in Michigan, he served as a Birmingham Police Officer from 1967 until he retired in 1993. Ed was a car enthusiast who enjoyed singing and helping others. He came from a large family and had an abundance of friends. His closest friends and family would say that he had a big heart and enjoyed making others smile. He was preceded in death by his wife, Evangeline Peckinpaugh. They were married for 45 loving years before she passed away. Those left to cherish Ed's memory include his daughter, Aimee Krause; son, Ed; three grandchildren, Payton, Amber and Danny; and two sisters, Barb Barton and Kaye Takatsu. No services will be held. Those wishing to extend condolences may do so at www.heritage-fhllc.com.



Mary Larson

LIVONIA - age 88, Cherished wife of Albert for 65 years. Loving mother of Jayne (Steve) Zeisler, Eric (Mara Beth), Christine, Allen (Linda), and the late Baby Boy Larson. Beloved grandmother of 5 and great grandmother of 5. Also leaves behind many other loving family members and friends.

Funeral services were held earlier this week. Memorial contributions may be made to the Scleroderma Foundation or St. Edith Music Ministries. Share memories at fredwoodfuneralhome.com



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Sports

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Clegg clutch as Wayne wins KLAA crown

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On a night when Wayne Memorial senior guard Camree Clegg displayed the Midas touch time and time again, the KLAA championship girls basketball game came down to the dirty details Feb. 22.

The Zebras fought and clawed their way to a 50-46 nail-biter over host Howell to win the championship trophy.

Clegg scored 31 points, making clutch jumpers from all over the floor — especially when her team needed them most.

“Pound for pound, if you can find a better player in the state, then show me,” Wayne Memorial head coach Jarvis

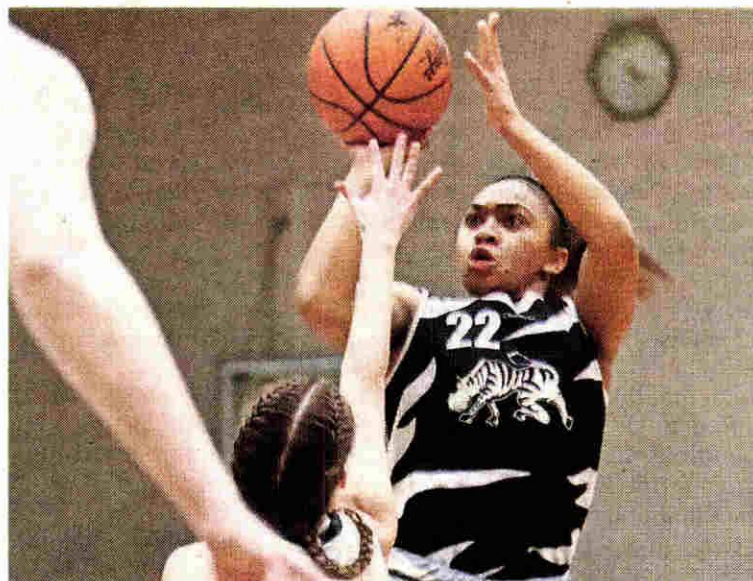
Mitchell said. “That kid (Clegg) is all heart. I just feel honored and privileged to coach her, because night in and night out, I get her best effort.”

But Howell head coach Tim Olszewski wondered might have been had his team made a few more shots than the 29 percent it made (15-of-52, including 5-of-26 from 3-point range) or grabbed a couple of rebounds in the final moments.

After Clegg stopped and popped for a triple from the left wing with 3:30 to go in regulation, giving the Zebras a 45-39 lead, the Highlanders did not allow another field goal.

“No pressure. I just shoot the ball,” said Clemson University-bound Clegg, a

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Wayne's Camree Clegg (right) launches a shot over the outstretched arm of Howell's Alexis Miller. TIMOTHY ARRICK

PREP WRESTLING



Catholic Central repeated as MHSAA Division 1 team wrestling state champion Feb. 24 in Kalamazoo. BRAD EMONS

The dream complete

Shamrocks capture 14th state title in school history with shutout against Brighton

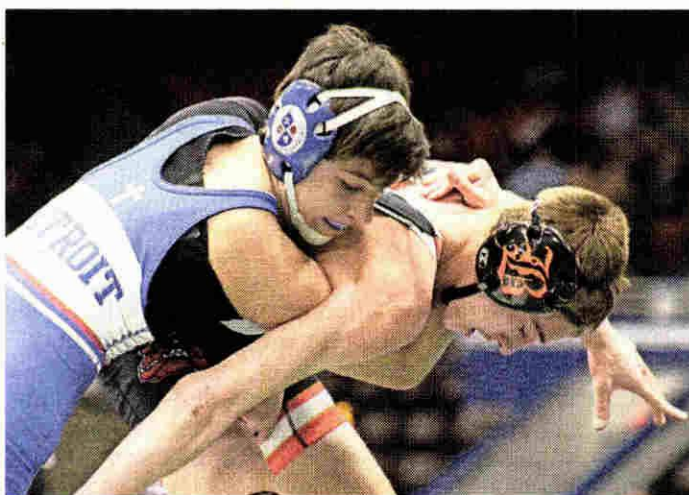
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This year's Novi Detroit Catholic Central wrestling team has no peers.

The Shamrocks completed an impressive 2017-18 season and MHSAA Division 1 team tournament run Saturday in Kalamazoo with a 57 to minus-1 win against Brighton at the Wings Events Center.

The victory was capped by senior Rory Cox's 3-1 overtime victory over Greyson Stevens at 189 pounds as the Shamrocks finished 29-1 overall while outscoring their seven tourney opponents by a combined total of 468-20 to earn their 14th state title in school history.

“Just a remarkable team, a very enjoyable team to coach,” said Catholic Central coach Mitch Hancock, who earned his sixth Division 1 state crown since 2010. “And you



Catholic Central's Devon Johnsen (left) won by decision over Brighton's Ben Manly at 112 pounds. TOM LANG | DETROIT FREE PRESS

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PREP FOOTBALL

Lafata takes reins from Baechler with Canton

Tim Smith
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Canton's football future still is in the hands of a hall of famer.

Canton athletics director Vernon Crump announced Friday that Andy Lafata is the new football head coach, taking the reins from longtime coach Tim Baechler.

Both Lafata — an offensive lineman on the 2005 Chiefs team that reached the state finals — and Baechler were part of the first class of Canton High School Hall of Fame inductees, announced late last month.



Lafata

“Andy was my starting center on the 2005 team and the team went to the state championship,” Baechler said during a Friday telephone call. “And he's coached with me the last 10 years, so he's been around it pretty much most of his life and he loves Canton football.”

Lafata will continue teaching in the Roseville district while taking over Canton's high-profile football job. He was informed Feb. 22 that he had the job.

“It's a big opportunity,” Lafata said. “You feel great about it, just to be considered for the job to start and then when you finally get offered the job, you just know the responsibility that comes with the job.”

“Our kids are ready to go. I'm excited for them and for our coaches, too, who get to still come along for the ride.”

Staying the course

According to Baechler, who retired in November after 20 successful seasons at the helm, the fact that Crump hired Lafata — who in recent years was the team's offensive line coach — is a sign that the program will enjoy continuity into the next era.

“I think it's big, because we've got a

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Maddox powers Novi's big second half against Canton

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It wasn't quite as easy as 1-2-3 for Novi's varsity boys basketball team to knock off Canton during the KLAAs tournament semifinal Friday.

But the three players wearing those numbers for the Wildcats — Trender Hankerson, Traveon Maddox Jr. and Giovanni Miles — sure put a major hurt on the host Chiefs, roaring back in the second half for a 61-56 victory.

The loss was the first of the season for the Chiefs, who had rolled up 17 wins a row entering the hard-fought, fast and physical contest.

"Man, we were looking for this game for a while," said Maddox, who led all scorers with 25 points. "Coming in, we knew they were 18-0, we knew it was going to be a big game and we knew it was going to be an upset.

"And all practice we've been stressing 'Defense, defense, defense.' It came out on top today."

Novi head coach Brandon Sinawi, whose team improved to 13-7 and will move on to the KLAAs final March 1, said Maddox laid out the script for Friday during the previous day's practice.

"He told us yesterday in practice that this was going to be a game he wasn't going to let us lose," Sinawi said. "Forget what the records were and them being



Novi's Traveon Maddox Jr. scores a reverse layup against Canton's Chase Meredith (30) during Friday's KLAAs semifinal. TOM BEAUDOIN

undefeated. It doesn't matter, it's a basketball game and these kids love to play, especially Tray."

Hankerson and Miles chipped in 12 and 16 points, respectively, as Novi's big three accounted for all but eight of the team's points.

Shots wouldn't fall

Conversely, Canton stopped connecting and wound up making just 22-

of-67 field-goal attempts (32 percent), including 7-of-27 from beyond the arc.

"We had some tough luck misses tonight, for sure," Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy said. "A lot of in and outs on some threes, some tough misses at the rim with our big guys and our guards. We didn't get to the foul line.

"What really killed us is defensively, if you're going to win and beat good teams, you got to defend and rebound better than we did in the second half. We, obviously, did not."

It didn't help the Chiefs' cause that the normally hot-shooting trio of guards B. Artis White, Vinson Sigmon and Eian Barker were off their game — with a big reason being how quickly Novi defenders got out on them to take away time and space on long field-goal tries.

"Our team is very, very long," said Maddox, who will play Division I basketball at Oakland University. "And when we contest shots, it's hard for teams to shoot over us."

Canton senior forward Chase Meredith, who led the Chiefs with 17 points and eight rebounds, gave props to Maddox. But he is hopeful the teams will get another chance to face each other during Class A districts (which open March 5).

"He's definitely a great player," Meredith said. "We really had to contest him and I would say we didn't do a great job of it. We kind of (got lax) a little bit in the

second half.

"We have a chance to play them later on and I'd definitely say we got to pick it up on them."

Barker and White finished with 11 and 10 points respectively, although both were less than 100 percent. White left the game with an apparent ankle injury in the fourth quarter. Also scoring 10 points was Vinson Sigmon.

Tough turnaround

Canton went up 16-12 after one quarter, with Barker connecting on a buzzer-beater.

The Chiefs built a 37-26 halftime advantage, with last-minute triples by Barker and White keying the attack.

But things turned around in the third quarter and Maddox set the tone for Novi's comeback. He scored on a nifty, reverse layup and moments later powered his way to the basket for a layup.

Canton (17-1) will play a couple of games in the week preceding districts. Reddy is hopeful that the banged up players (Barker, White, Conner Engel) will be ready to go by then.

"Our goal is to get healthy by the time March 5 rolls around, when we open up districts with Catholic Central," Reddy said.

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Shamrocks

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just got to take your hats off to them. I don't know if it's ever been done, a shutout in the finals, right? But they just continue to amaze me and I'm just blessed to be their coach. I'm blessed to be at Catholic Central and to be able to have the opportunity to work with such hardworking young men."

Catholic Central, whose only dual loss this season was to nationally-ranked Lakewood (Ohio) St. Edward, 32-15, came in as the top seed, while Brighton was the second seed.

When the two teams met Dec. 22, Catholic Central won 65 to minus-1 and not much changed, as CC captured all 14 weight classes in the rematch.

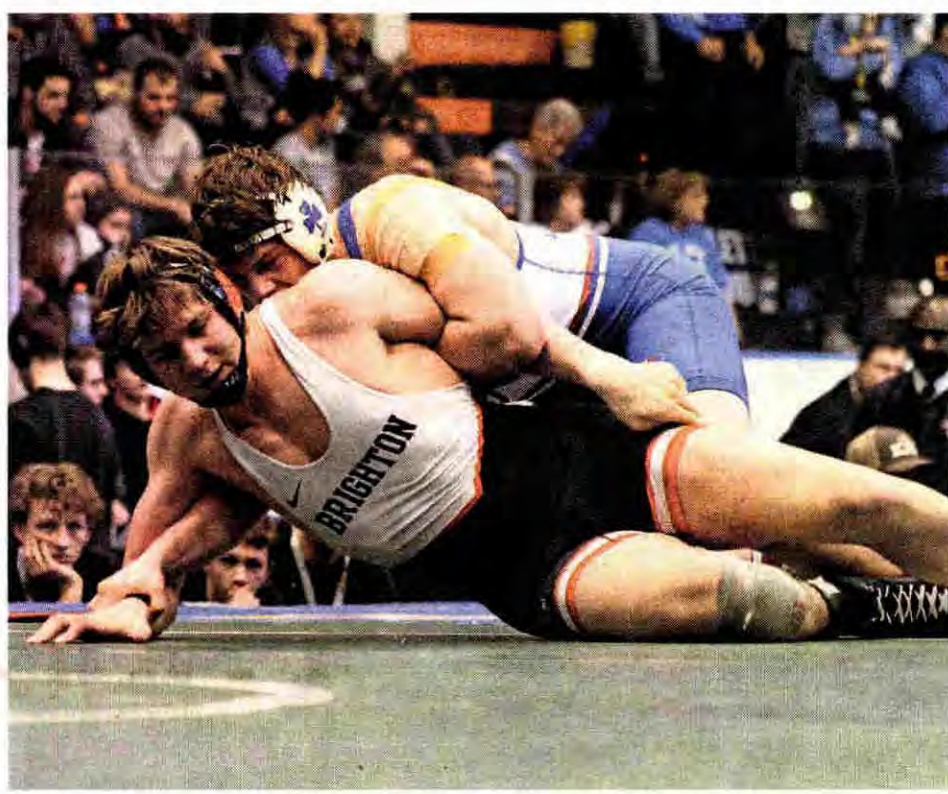
Scoring a pin for CC were Joshua Edmond (130 pounds), Devon Davenport (145) and Aidan Wagh (171), while Ben Kamali (119) and Cameron Amine (160) both won by technical fall.

Major decisions went to Easton Turner (215), Steven Kolcheff (285), while other wins came from Devon Johnsen (112), Dominick Lomazzo (125), Stone Moscovic (130), Derek Gilcher (140), Joe Urso (152) and Cox.

Moscovic, a senior, edged Brighton freshman Zack Johnson, 3-2, in a match that had several injury stoppages.

"I bleed a lot in matches, so it's nothing new," said Moscovic, an individual state qualifier who improved to 34-7 overall. "But I knew I had to keep on scoring. I didn't get off to a fast start at the beginning of the first period, so I knew I had to keep pushing the pace, pushing the pace and, sooner or later, the other guy would break. It ended up working out for me."

To start the season Dec. 6 in the Shamrocks' annual all-school assembly match against Grand Ledge, Cox was the first on the mat and scored a victory. Ironically, he was last on the mat for the state finals and secured the shutout in OT with a two-point takedown against



Catholic Central's Easton Turner (top) won by major decision over Brighton's Luke Stanton, 12-0. TOM LANG | DETROIT FREE PRESS

Stevens.

"It was fitting for me to do my senior year," said Cox, who improved to 36-5 overall. "It's really impressive because these guys (Brighton) are really good. We had a whole team effort and it was great."

One teammate was confident Cox could get the job done and complete the shutout.

"Rory doesn't quit until the end and he gets what he wants," Amine said.

To add insult to injury, Brighton had a point deducted in the opening match at 215, when Luke Stanton was flagged by officials for unsportsmanlike conduct in a 12-0 loss to Turner.

The negative point was deemed irrelevant, because the gulf between the tourney's top two Division 1 seeds was enormous. The Bulldogs were unable to get a takedown in the 14 matches.

"They're in a league of their own, the entire state, but in Division 1 included," Brighton coach Tony Greathouse said of the Shamrocks. "We did our best; the guys competed hard. It doesn't take anything away from what these guys did this year. I'm extremely proud of them. We've got 11 guys going to state (individual tourney) and we're second in Division 1. It's a pretty amazing season for them."

So does anything separate this Shamrocks squad from the previous five championship teams Hancock has coached?

"I don't know, I think it's a level of talent, a level of depth, just a unity," he said. "If you look at the guys, the coaching staff is remarkable, our parents are great. It's the full equation. I'd really have to sit back and ask myself what separates them from other teams ... but

they work extremely hard and put a lot of time in during the off-season."

But it was a sweet repeat, for sure.

"This one ... it was just more dominant than it was like the last one, but it's kind of the same feeling," said Amine, a junior who is one of CC's three returning state individual champs, along with Kamali and Davenport. "I'm really happy for the team and how they wrestled and stuff. We're all are loyal to each other and we're all like brothers, so that puts the team together. And then we all feed off each other."

The Shamrocks also had fun doing it. "It's the unity," Moscovic said. "There's no other team that plays wall ball, spike ball, before every practice. We make, like, weird noises before we compete. It's big family. There's no other way to describe it."

MHSAA DIVISION 1
WRESTLING TEAM FINALS
Feb. 24 at Wings Events Center
DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL 57,
BRIGHTON -1

215 pounds: Easton Turner (CC) won by major decision over Luke Stanton, 12-0; **285:** Steven Kolcheff (CC) won by major dec. over Colby Ford, 14-3; **103:** Daniel Rehfeldt (CC) dec. Mason Schrader, 4-0; **112:** Devon Johnsen (CC) dec. Ben Manly, 3-1; **119:** Ben Kamali (CC) won by technical fall over Logan Kehres, 21-6; **125:** Dominick Lomazzo (CC) dec. Eddie Homrock, 3-1; **130:** Stone Moscovic (CC) dec. Zack Johnson, 3-2; **135:** Joshua Edmond (CC) pinned Aiden Brown, 1:09; **140:** Derek Gilcher (CC) dec. Dane Donabedian, 9-3; **145:** Kevon Davenport (CC) p. Victor Grabowski, 3:54; **152:** Joe Urso (CC) dec. Nick Bleise, 6-0; **160:** Cameron Amine (CC) won by tech. fall over Jack Ireton, 21-6; **171:** Aidan Wagh (CC) p. Harley Berne, 1:04; **189:** Rory Cox (CC) dec. Greyson Stevens, 3-1 (overtime).

Final dual match records: Detroit CC, 29-1 overall; Brighton, 33-4.

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Lafata

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winning formula," said Baechler, who remains a teacher at Canton High School. "Everyone wants to talk statistics and things like that, but the biggest statistic in football is how many points are you scoring a game and how many points are you giving up in a game.

"And over 20 years, I think we scored over 35 points a game and only let up 17. You're going to win a lot of games doing that. So the systems are very good high school football systems and now that Andy's got the job, we'll be able to keep five, six, seven assistants."

Lafata also underscored the importance of continuity.

"Our expectations stay the same, what we want out of our kids," Lafata said. "They know who their coaches are and that familiarity helps with this process."

Even with Lafata (a Lake Orion resident) not having a teaching job in the building, Baechler said he could help with the transition in a behind-the-scenes manner. He coaches the football class, for example.

"During football class next year, I know the systems better than anybody," Baechler said. "So I'll be able to watch film with the kids and talk to kids, X and O on the board with the kids.

"There are certain things on film I can help out with during the school day. I will not step foot on that practice field."

The hiring of a new coach took longer than expected, especially compared to how quickly other high school coaches have been hired this off-season. But Baechler said there was a good reason for that.

"Initially, (Crump) was just waiting for more applicants," Baechler said. "I said, 'You're not going to get any.' People know we're not a school of choice, they know we don't have middle school football.

"To be frank, it's not a great program to take over, because we win just shy of nine games a year over the last 20 years. That's not exactly the kind of job you want to come in and have all that pressure on you. That's the expectation, it's going to be pretty difficult to live up to."

Time to work

Yet Lafata wanted the Chiefs job so badly that Baechler said it would have "crushed him" had the job gone to another applicant.

"Of course, it would have just broke his heart," Baechler said. "We were talking about it last night. It would have just crushed him to see it go to somebody else, because he's lived it and he wants it to continue. I'm happy he's got his shot."

Lafata, meanwhile, said it will be great to finally get to work with the players who will comprise the 2018 roster.

"That's the best part, to finally get going, get with the kids," Lafata said. "I

know they were put in a difficult spot when your head coach steps down, but I'm happy for them that they finally have an answer now. We can get moving and start working."

Lafata, a 2006 Canton grad, has a bachelor of arts degree in secondary education from Eastern Michigan University.

In addition to his assistant coach's role since 2008, he was junior varsity head coach in 2015-17.

"He was inducted into the inaugural Canton High School Hall of Fame, as a member of the 2005 state finalist football team and is a proud Canton Chief," a statement read. "In true Chief fashion, Coach LaFata has worked his way through the ranks to earn the position of varsity head coach at Canton High School."

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PREP WRESTLING

John Glenn denied in D1 quarterfinal

Cardinals go on five-match run to defuse Rockets, 28-25

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Westland John Glenn came close but, once again, it was not close enough.

The Rockets entered as the fourth seed in the MHSAA Division 1 team wrestling quarterfinals Friday at Kalamazoo's Wings Event Center and, for the second straight year, lost by a razor thin margin, this time to perennial state power Davison, 28-25.

Glenn finished its season 25-4 overall, while fifth-seeded Davison improved to 25-5.

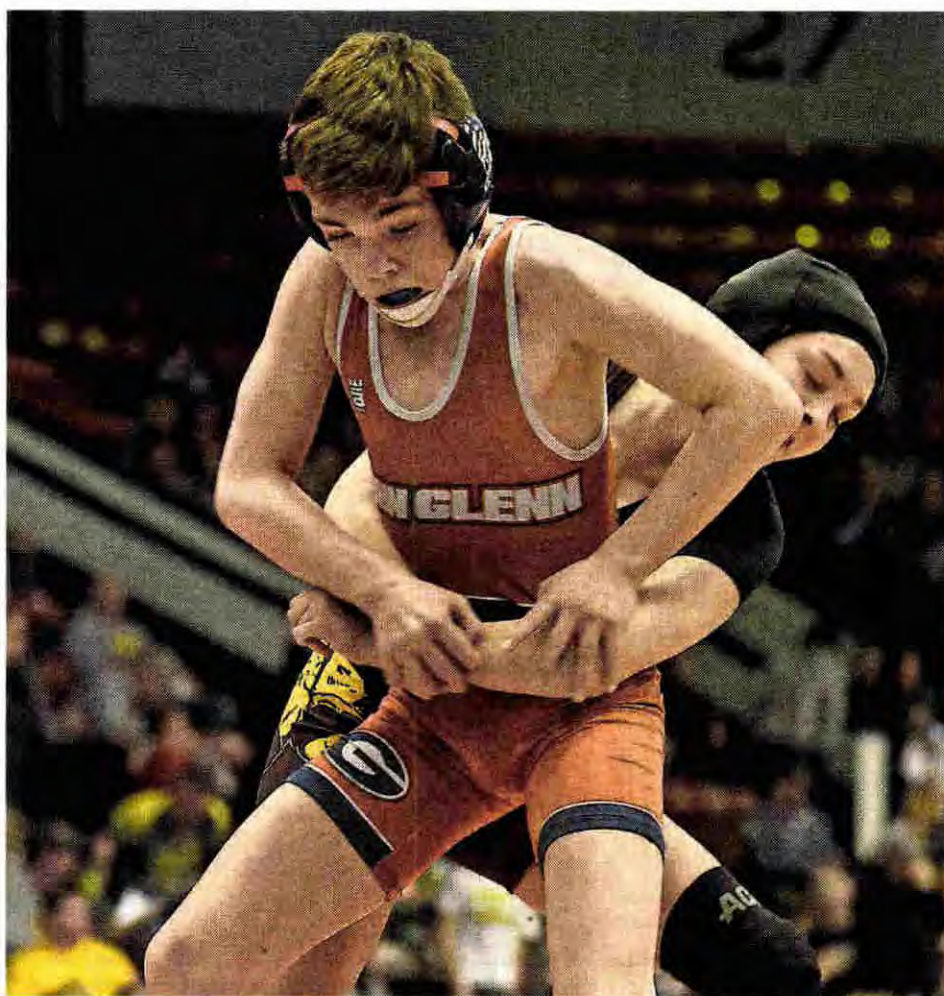
It was only a year ago when Glenn, as the sixth seed, fell 26-25 to third seed Macomb Dakota in the quarterfinals.

"In all reality, it's the best season we've ever had," said Glenn coach Bill Polk, who has guided the Rockets to four team state finals appearances in his 18 seasons. "It's a little disappointing ending, because if we had been on the other side of the bracket, we would have had a better run. I definitely think — in my opinion — Davison is the second best team in the state, so to lose like that to them ..."

Glenn got off to a good start, building a 10-0 lead after getting a four-point major decision from Isaac Lefler (130 pounds) along with three-point decisions from Mikey Mars (135), who improved to 49-0, and Shawn Brown (140).

"You're always hoping for the best and fearing the worst, but they had some real dangerous kids," said Davison coach Roy Hall, who has led the Cardinals to six team state titles and four runner-up finishes. "I thought it was balls for them to go right out, bump up and maybe steal a couple matches to set the tone."

In the featured match-up at 145, Davison's Alex Facundo, an individual state champion last year at 125, upped his season record to 26-0 with a 12-4 major decision over Glenn's Anthony



John Glenn's Ty Cowen (front) scored a 2-0 decision over Davison's Mackenzie Gilbert. TOM HAWLEY

Gibson, who was a state runner-up last year at 135.

Gibson, who is 46-4 overall, lost to Facundo for the second time this season.

"The kid (Gibson) is tougher than heck, but Alex is something else," Hall said. "He showed a lot of guts. His grandma just died Wednesday and we didn't know if we were going to have him. Then we asked him to cut to 145 and that's a lot. And the Gibson kid went up in weight, so that shows the love and respect they have for each other. Very, very good program all the way around."

Facundo's win sparked a 19-0 Davison run that didn't end until Glenn senior JaCorey Scott (215) decisioned Travis

Eads in overtime, 6-4.

The Rockets also got victories from Ty Cowen (103) and Caleb Meekins (119), along with a void to Kyle Borthwell (125) in the final match, but it was too little, too late.

"I can't say enough about John Glenn," Hall said. "They do an amazing job. The kids fight, they love each other and you can see it in the kids and the coaches. They're coached well and they've got good kids."

With two matches to go, Davison's Steven Garty Jr. gave the Cardinals a 28-16 lead with a pin of Ethan Collins in 2:29 at 112 pounds.

The best Glenn could do after that in order to tie was score a pair of pins.

"It pretty much worked out like I had it on paper," Polk said. "I knew we had to wrestle where somebody had to win that was not supposed to win the dual against them. We actually did win one (Scott) I didn't think we would."

Glenn was seeded one spot ahead of Davison because of a two-point dual match win over the Cardinals last month.

"We beat them 30-28, but they were missing Facundo, which the kid is a star," Polk said. "They had him back in the lineup and that was the difference. So we knew we had to win one along the way and had to get all the match-ups. We got the match-ups we wanted, but just didn't get it done."

After last year's team state finals were held at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, the MHSAA signed a four-year deal to move to Kalamazoo.

"This is incredible, I really like it," Polk said. "They picked a great venue. It's tough we lost, but you don't get a better stage than this with all these great teams. This is the top of the mountain in Michigan, so this pretty cool to be a part of it win or lose."

Hall also liked the new surroundings at the Wings Event Center.

"I like the level platform," he said. "I think it will be cool once it gets going here. I thought it was a great match, great high school event — period. It had a little bit of everything that you look for in a sporting event."

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MHSAA DIVISION 1

TEAM QUARTERFINAL RESULTS

Feb. 23 at Wings Event Center

DAVISON 28, WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 25

130 pounds: Isaac Lefler (WJG) won by major decision over Raymond Cole, 11-3; 135: Mikey Mars (WJG) dec. Marc Schaeffer, 5-2; 140: Shawn Brown (WJG) dec. Landon Kish, 5-3; 145: Alex Facundo (D) won by major dec. over Anthony Gibson, 12-4; 152: Brian Case (D) won by major dec. over Brenton Polk, 12-2; 160: Jay Niwison (D) won by major dec. over Graden Bowen, 18-6; 171: Trevor McGowan (D) Chase Kersten, 10-2; 189: Cal Stefanko (D) dec. George Schwemle, 6-3; 215: JaCorey Scott (WJG) dec. Travis Eads, 6-4 (overtime); 285: Arron Gilmore (D) dec. Donald Ferris, 7-1; 103: Ty Cowen (WJG) dec. Mackenzie Gilbert, 2-0; 112: Steven Garty, Jr. (D) pinned Ethan Collins, 2:29; 119: Caleb Meekins (WJG) dec. Andrew Chambal, 11-5; 125: Kyle Borthwell (WJG) won by void.
Dual match records: Davison, 25-5 overall; John Glenn, 25-4 overall.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Wayne Memorial finds mojo in nick of time against Hartland

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After a sluggish first half against Hartland during the KLAA girls basketball tournament semifinal Feb. 19, Wayne Memorial senior guard Camree Clegg had a message for her coach.

Trailing 27-19 at halftime to the pesky Eagles — who over the opening 16 minutes were paced by four treys and 14 points by senior forward Graysen Cockerham — Clegg told Zebras head coach Jarvis Mitchell she wanted to guard Cockerham and shut her down in the second half.

"She came to me (at halftime) and said, 'Jarv, I want her,'" Mitchell said. "When your senior and your leader tells you that's what she wants to do it's, like, 'OK, I trust you.'"

The rest of the game showed that Mitchell's trust wasn't wasted. Clegg, who managed just a single free throw in the first half, went off for 14 points, including a critical trey with 3:11 left to give host Wayne Memorial its first lead since the first quarter.

And Cockerham was blanked the entire second half as the Zebras enjoyed a 26-13 edge after that halftime chat between Clegg and Mitchell.

The clutch Clegg trey — set up by a spectacular, behind-the-back feed from junior guard Jeanae Terry — launched a closing 8-0 run that helped the Zebras post a hard-fought 45-40 victory.

On that sequence, Terry snagged an offensive rebound in a crowded lane and sent the no-look flip to Clegg on the right wing. The perfect finish had the home crowd on its feet.

"I knew she was going to pass it to me, I just didn't know how she was going to pass it me," Clegg said. "So when she threw it behind her back and I caught it, I'm, like, 'Oh yeah, you got to make this one.'"

"And when it went in, everybody just hyped up, 'Let's go, let's go, we got this one.'"

What Mitchell saw between the two players had him shaking his head, but

not because he hasn't seen them work that kind of magic before.

"They've been playing together for three years," he said. "(Terry) knows Cam's spotting up, she knows Cam's getting ready to cock the shot. So I'm glad, because that's something I can't coach."

"That's just something you hope they tie in together and they're synchronized and the synergy and the moon and the stars are all lined up."

Pressure cooker

Hartland head coach Don Palmer, whose team walked into the Wayne Memorial gym in 2017 to win a tourney match-up, said his team battled tooth and nail all night.

But the constant defensive pressure all over the floor finally cost his team a number of turnovers that led to points the other way. Hartland (14-5) made 21 turnovers in the game.

"It's too many for us; we're averaging about 10," Palmer said. "But I just think the pressure is excruciating and, then when you're open, you're still hurrying."

"Some of those were just absolutely forced. Some of those passes you saw just fly over open people's heads out of bounds. Once you get going, sometimes it's hard to stop. And they're kids."

It also didn't help that shots stopped falling for the Eagles. In the first half, Hartland connected on 9-of-22 field-goal attempts (including six triples). The team managed to make just 4-of-19 in the second half (and 0-of-7 in the final quarter).

"In the second half, we couldn't buy a basket," Palmer added.

Clegg led all scorers with 15 points, but the Zebras were bolstered early on by junior guard Sammiyah Hoskin, who scored eight of her team's 10 points in the first quarter (which ended with Hartland up, 11-10). Hoskin finished with 14 points.

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PREP BOWLING

Catholic Central first in regional tourney

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Sterling Lanes is the next destination for the MHSAA Division 1 boys bowling state finals as both Detroit Catholic Central and Westland John Glenn punched their tickets after a one-two finish Feb. 23 at the regional tourney at Canton's Super Bowl Lanes.

The Shamrocks, coming off a heartbreaking setback to Warren De La Salle in the Catholic League championship, rebounded to edge Glenn by six pins, 3,970-3,964, while Saline garnered the third qualifying spot with 3,856.

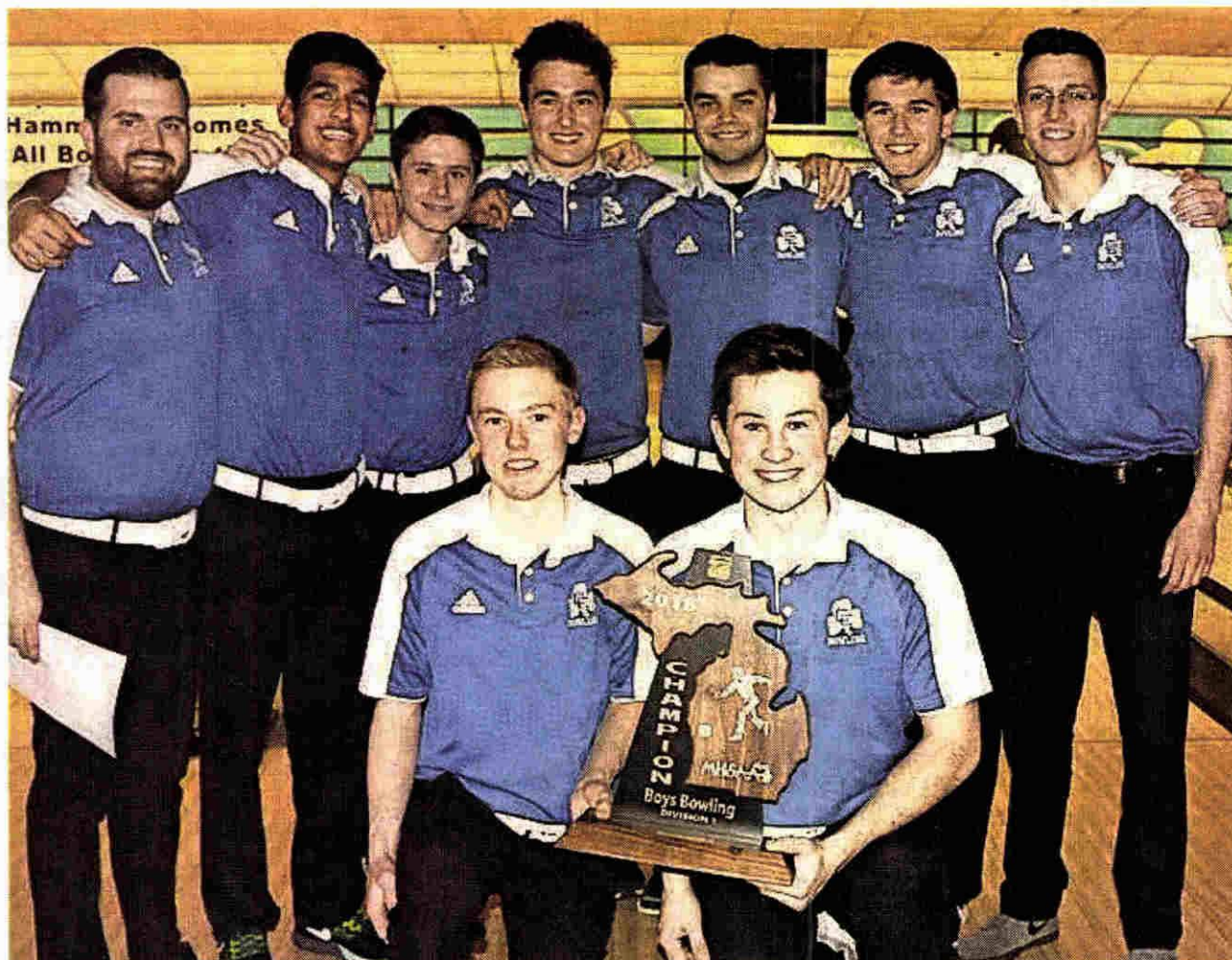
Rounding out the field were Canton (3,744), Northville (3,728), Plymouth (3,698), Belleville (3,663), Salem (3,636), Farmington Harrison (3,617), Wayne Memorial (3,453), Novi (3,452), Ann Arbor Huron (3,411), Ann Arbor Skyline (3,411) and Pinckney (3,261).

CC, which captured the Catholic League regular season title with a 10-0 record, conquered the Kegel Allen oil pattern at Super Bowl with regular games of 920, 1,063 and 908. The Shamrocks were in fifth place after the six Baker games with a total of 1,079, including a high game of 199.

Among CC's top individual scorers were Jacob Smith (243-190), Jaden Thomas (236-191), Andrew Lack (200-209) and freshman Nick Zappia, a recent JV call-up who rolled a 221.

Boys singles

Wayne Memorial junior Anthony Kaminski-Thibodeaux was crowned individual regional champion Feb. 24 at Super Bowl with a six-game total of 1,353, including a high game of 235. Other state qualifiers who placed in the top 10 and made all-region were Jonathon Hall (Salem), 1,262; Bradley Folks (Belleville), 1,233; Dallas Casey (Saline), 1,226; Smith (CC), 1,200; Alan Brown (Plymouth), 1,200; Tyler Brown (John Glenn), 1,193; Nathan Colosimo (Northville), 1,193; Andrew



Members of the Catholic Central regional championship bowling team are (front row, from left) senior co-captains Andrew Lack and Jacob Smith and (back row, from left) head coach Matt Nugent, Chintan Maheshwari, Nick Zappia, Jaden Thomas, Matt Skarnulis, Ben Ward and assistant coach Scott Kujawa.

Lack (CC), 1,165; and Dominic Gentry (Canton), 1,160.

Glenn girls triumph

The Rockets were the regional runaway winner Feb. 23 with a total of 3,566, including a 1,015 regular game and 175 Baker, while other state team qualifiers were runner-up Harrison (3,212) and third-place Belleville (3,189). Missing the state team cut were Plymouth (3,181), Salem, 3,178), Northville (2,916), Canton (2,896), Pinckney (2,880), Novi (2,847), Wayne (2,775), Farmington Hills Mercy (2,630) and Saline (2,433).

Girls singles

Harrison's Rachel Doran led the regional field Feb. 24 at Super Bowl with a six-game total of 1,135, includ-

ing a high game of 227. Other state individual singles qualifiers who made the top 10 and all-region were Alyssa Kolb (John Glenn), 1,119; Anna Maxwell (John Glenn), 1,082; Sarah Hayes (John Glenn), 1,068; Madalyn Harden (Plymouth), 1,066; Megan Helisek (Harrison), 1,040; Kayla Thompson (Wayne), 1,016; Alaina Langen (Salem), 1,011; Lexis Silverman (Salem), 1,008; and Jennifer Snow (Salem), 1,003.

Up next

The Division 1 team event starts Friday, March 2, followed by the individual singles tourney the following day, both at Sterling Lanes in Sterling Heights.

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Wayne

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top contender for Miss Basketball honors. "If it goes in, it goes in; if it doesn't, it doesn't. But there's no pressure, there's no pressure."

"They're a great team, very solid. They gave us a run for the money, but we came out with the (win)."

No other Zebras player had more than four points, but sophomore forward Makallah Griggs Zeigler had a key performance off the bench with 12 rebounds. She came up big on a night when junior guard Jeanae Terry was plagued by early foul trouble.

The Highlanders' lineup featured two other Miss Basketball hopefuls in senior Lexi Miller (15 points, five rebounds, five steals) and senior forward Leah Weslock (15 points, 11 rebounds).

"I think we got a little frustrated, missing some shots we usually make," said Miller, who fouled out in the final minute. "I guess our attitude kind of changed with that, but we got to keep going when you miss shots, just keep playing. It was a close game the whole time. We just got to know if we miss shots, we have to go get a rebound, go box out."

A tougher effort in the paint by the Highlanders, at least in the fourth quarter, might have resulted in a different outcome.

The last five Wayne Memorial (16-4) points were free throws (by Clegg, Jasmine Elder and Griggs Zeigler), but there were two times when the

Highlanders could not rebound a missed foul shot. That enabled the Zebras to whittle seconds off the clock.

"Let's make no mistake about it, yes, I wanted to win," Olszewski said. "Yes, the kids wanted to win and, yes, we would have liked to have had that trophy as well. But it didn't work out. And we know what we're capable of and, you know, we have to get re-focused."

"We were able to handle their pressure. I thought we did a good job breaking it and getting the shots we wanted. Some didn't fall and that's the game."

"The killer were a couple at the end, where we didn't secure a rebound. They miss and we're only down two or three and twice they came up with the rebound."

The Highlanders got off to a quick start when Martin buried a triple to make it 5-0 just two minutes into the contest.

Wayne Memorial built an 18-11 lead after one, with Jayah Hicks taking an inside pass from Terry for a nifty layup and Terry then stealing the ball and scoring another basket.

The Zebras stayed up 25-21 at halftime and took a 35-31 lead into the fourth, but Howell proved to be a tough out — deadlocking the game on a Weslock trey early in the final quarter.

It didn't take long for Wayne Memorial to go up for good, however, when Clegg connected on a jumper.

Following are several takeaways:

COMPARING NOTES

The game featured two

hot-shooting guards who are both in the conversation for Miss Basketball in Clegg and Miller.

Each had praise for the other.

"She's good, she lives up to her hype," Clegg said. "She's really good, she can shoot the ball, she can attack. I like her game."

Miller noted that it's "exciting" to go up against a top player such as Clegg.

"We're always looking forward to playing great players and great teams," Miller said. "And it gets us ready for the next game. And when you keep winning, going on and play even better teams, it just prepares us more."

OUTRIGHT WINNERS

Two seasons ago, Wayne Memorial and Howell tied for the KLAAs championship, but a snowstorm postponed what would have been the deciding contest.

This time around, however, Mitchell and the Zebras won the trophy outright.

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The following appeal will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI, March 21, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

Petition #2869-A. Grzych-8611 Beatrice

Req. for a side yd. fence location and 1'6" height variance from Art. X of the City Code to install a 6' high vinyl screening fence in the north side yd. of the home; whereas Sec. 22-304(a) states that only rear yds. may be enclosed with a fence and Sec. 22-303(c) states that side yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4'6" in hgt.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SPECTRUM CHANNEL LINEUP

Communities Served: Cities of Farmington, Farmington Hills, Livonia, Novi; Township of Novi, MI On or after 4/3/2018 Charter will start encrypting the Starter, Spectrum Basic, Standard, and Spectrum Select Service Tier offerings on your cable system. If you have a set-top box, digital transport adapter (DTA), or a retail CableCARD device connected to each of your TVs, you should be unaffected by this change. However, if you are currently receiving the Starter, Spectrum Basic, Standard, or Spectrum Select Service Tier offerings on any TV without equipment supplied by Charter, you will lose the ability to view any channels on that TV. If you are affected, you should contact Charter to arrange for the equipment you need to continue receiving your services. In such case, you are entitled to receive equipment at no additional charge or service fee for a limited period of time. The number and type of devices you are entitled to receive and for how long will vary: If you are a Starter or Spectrum Basic Service Tier customer and receive the service on your TV without Charter-supplied equipment, you are entitled to up to two devices for two years (five years if you also receive Medicaid). If you subscribe to a higher level of service and receive the Standard or Spectrum Select Service Tier offering on a secondary TV without Charter-supplied equipment, you are entitled to one device for one year. You can learn more about this equipment offer and eligibility for Residential at Spectrum.com/digitalnow or by calling 855-222-0102, or for Commercial at Business.Spectrum.com/DigitalNow or by calling 877-424-9246. To qualify for any equipment at no additional charge or service fee, you must request the equipment no later than the 120th day after the date your service is encrypted and satisfy all other eligibility requirements.

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CITY OF WESTLAND 2018 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Westland Board of Review will be conducting the 2018 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Council Chambers located at 36300 Warren Road Westland, Michigan 48185.

The Board of Review schedule is as follows:

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 10:30 a.m.

Appeal Hearing by Appointment Only

Monday, March 12, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 13, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 14, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Mail-In Appeals ONLY

Wednesday, March 14, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 2018 Board of Review Petitions are required and must be submitted to the Assessor's Office prior to your appointment. The deadline for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in-person before the Board of Review is Wednesday March 14, 2018 at 1:00 pm.

Copies of the notices stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted and published in the local newspaper.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act". If you have any questions please contact the Assessor's Office at 734-467-3160.

Richard LeBlanc, CMC

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CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE 2018 BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Board of Review for the City of Wayne will meet in the Council Chambers at City of Wayne, 3355 S. Wayne Road, Wayne, Michigan on the following dates and times for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll:

Meeting dates are as follows:

Date	Day	Appointment Time	Petition
March 15, 2018	Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Organizational Meeting
March 19, 2018	Monday	10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.	
March 20, 2018	Tuesday	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	
March 22, 2018	Thursday	1:30 p.m.	Wrap Up NO NEW APPTS

Your 2018 Notice of Assessment, Taxable Valuation and Property Classification will be mailed to you the first week of March 2018. The inflation rate, expressed as a multiplier, to be used in the 2018 Capped Value Formula is 1.021. The Inflation Rate Multiplier Calculation is outlined in Bulletin No. 11 of 2016 by the State Tax Commission on the State of Michigan website.

Letter appeals are to be accompanied by a completed Form 618 Petition to Board of Review L-4035. The Petition is available at www.michigan.gov/treasury - select Search Treasury - Forms [618]. Petitioner agents must submit, for each parcel individually, current letters with original signatures from your client properly authorizing you to appear for the property owner.

If you desire an appointment, please call the Assessment Department at 734-722-2000 Ext. 1014 Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

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CITY OF WESTLAND 2018 Animal Licenses

Licenses must be obtained on or before March 1, 2018 for all animals age four (4) months or older. A statement of rabies vaccination must be presented upon applying for an animal license. Beginning March 2, 2018, a \$2.00 penalty will be assessed. (Westland Code of Ordinances; as amended: Chapter 18; Section 9)

Licenses may be purchased at the:

Westland City Clerk's Office,
36300 Warren Road, Westland

Richard LeBlanc
Westland City Clerk

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ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2018-05 February 20, 2018

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. APPROVED: agenda; minutes of Regular City Council meeting of Feb. 6; Site Plan #2018-01-Saints Inc., 2945 S. Wayne Rd., Change Order #1-Forest Park project; Brownfield by-laws; subrecipient agreement with Wayne Metro; purchase 3 police radios from ComSource; purchase computer upgrade from West Shore Services for warning sirens; call public hearing for 3/6/18 for Metro Storage; call Special Meeting for 3/6/18 at 6:30 p.m.; call Special Meeting for 3/20/18 at 6:30 p.m. consent calendar; Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned to Closed Session at 9:05 p.m. reconvened in Open Session at 9:18 p.m. Adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

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CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 4 2/20/18

- Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Green, Hammons, Hart, Herzberg, Johnson, Loudeau
- 34: Minutes of regular meeting held 2/5/18.
- Bid for svcs. related to removal/replacement of irrigating pumping station at Municipal Golf Course to Pro Pump & Controls; amt. \$57,165.
 - Adopt Budget Amendment 2018-01: 1st & 2nd Quarter 2017-18 FY.
 - Intro Ord. 238-A-2 to add 2 alt. members to Board of Review.
 - Adopted 50th Anniversary SEMCOG Resolution.
- 35: Adopted Prepared Resolution allowing 1-day beer sales at Red Wings Charity Hockey Game at Mike Modano Ice Arena on 3/16/18.
- 36: Application for 1-day liquor license to sell beer at Red Wings Charity Hockey Game at Mike Modano Ice Arena on 3/16/18.
- 37: Rev. Site Plan for prop. alteration to approved addition to Office/Clubhouse, Woodland Villa Apts., 7350 Drew Cr. w/contingencies.
- 38: Rezone CB-1 to CB-3, PID #028-01-0021-001, -004 & -006 w/contingencies.
- 39: Spec. Land Use for prop. Fast Food Restaurant w/drive-thru, PID #028-01-0021-001, -004 & -006.
- 40: Site Plan for prop. Taco Bell Restaurant w/drive-thru, PID #028-01-0021-001, -004 & -006 w/contingencies.
- 41: Prop. Land Div., PID #079-99-0062-000 & -0063-000 w/contingencies.
- 42: Appr. checklist: \$2,025,914.44.
Mtg. adj. at 8:17 p.m.

James Godbout
Council President

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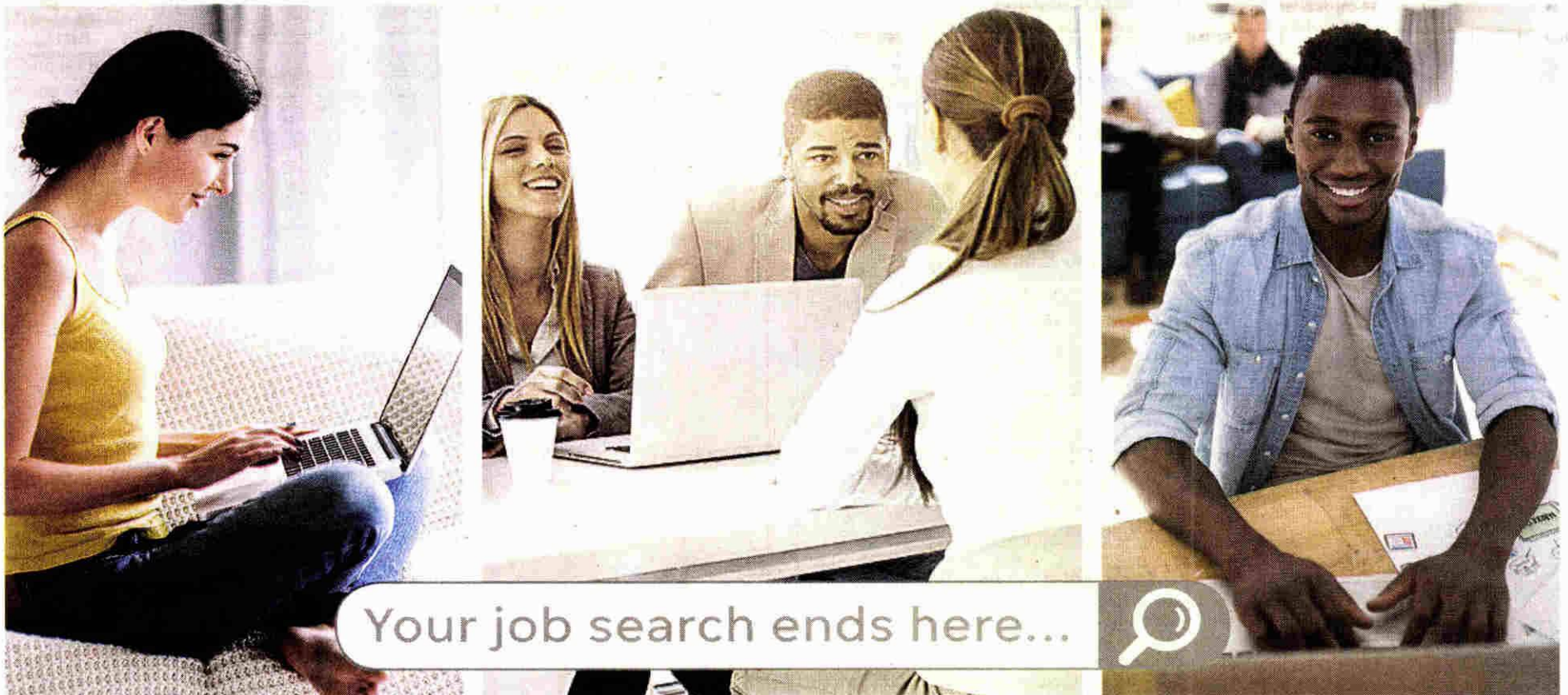
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