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Telford Telescope: Old-Timers honor Chief Craig, 4 others

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Mayor Mike Duggan is expected to be in Barth Hall to see Detroit Police Chief James Craig honored by the Detroit Track & Field Old-Timers at their 27th Annual Awards Dinner at Detroit's Cathedral Church of St.

Paul on Friday, June 28, at 6:00 p.m.

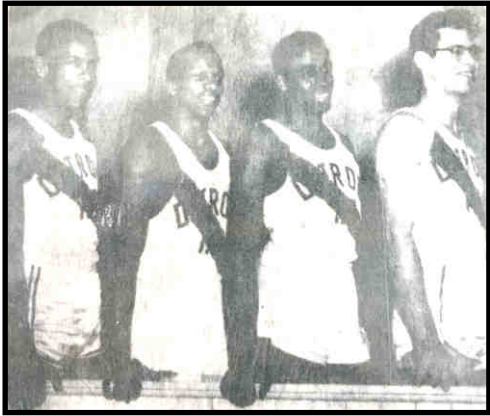
Both the Mayor and Chief Craig--a police-fitness advocate--have appeared on my WCHB AM 1340 show, where the Chief revealed that he clocked a 51-second quarter-mile as a student at Cass Tech. DPD Officer Randolph Williams, a state champion hurdler at

Detroit Cooley High and an All-American at Kentucky State, is also being honored along with track figures Janice Rowley, Lou Miramonti, and Tony Mangi, plus high school stars. Dr. Aaron Gordon of old Miller High and the University of Michigan co-founded the group with me in 1992 and will be honored posthumously.

I'm writing this in plenty of time for you to get tickets. Send checks for \$30 (\$50 for two) to Detroit Track Old-Timers, 17164 Greenview, Detroit, MI 48219, or buy them at the door. There is ample free parking behind the church. Proceeds go for Detroit age-group and interscholastic runners' track shoes. Detroit Public Schools launched many greats, including 1932 Olympic 100/200-meter champion Eddie Tolan (Cass Tech), 1964 Olympic 200-meter champ Henry Carr (Northwestern), 1948 Olympic sprinter/long-jumper Lorenzo Wright (old Miller), 1968 Olympic distance runner Louis Scott (old Eastern), marathon standout Ella Willis Pershing), and WSU's world-record hurdler "Bullet Billy" Smith (Northwestern), who ran with Cliff Hatcher, Ralph Williams, and me on WSU 4x220 teams that won at the Penn and Ohio Relays in 1956 and teamed in 1958 on a world's fastest Detroit Track Club sprint foursome. Future MSU coach Jim Bibbs and Mumford principal Pete Petross ran on that team (pictured with me from left: Petross, Smith, Bibbs).

Beside producing speedy sprinters Buddy Coleman of old Miller, Marshall Dill of Northern, Tyrone Trice of Northeastern, Tommy Stuart and Anthony Mahone of Denby, Bob Manning of Western, Chuck Sherrill of Northern, Ken Burnley, Clarence Ray, and Homer Heard of Mumford, Charlie Robinson of Mackenzie, and Elliott Haskins of Pershing, DPS developed top

jumpers Willis Ward and Mark Smith of Northwestern, Freddie Hopgood and Stan Allen of Eastern, Fred Prime of Mumford, Don Robinson of Osborn, Dennis Holland of Redford, Danny Watkins of Central, John Kline of Northeastern, Ira Russell of Cass, and Dennis Baker of Pershing, and swift hurdlers Allan Tolmich and Thomas Wilcher of Central, Willie Adkins of Northeastern, Kim Turner of Mumford, Bernard Cage and Orlin and Paul Jones of Pershing, and standout middle/long-distance runners Al "Mouse" Williams of North-



western, Frank Carissimi, Tom Bleakley, Jerry Bocci and Ron Phillips of Denby, John Kitchen of Pershing, Dick Sharkey of Redford, Ron Marsiglio of Southeastern, Nick Ellis of Cooley, Emmett Brown of Northern, and Ken Howse and Doug Martens of

Finney. DPS featured an incredible collection of quarter-milers who dominated the state throughout the 20th century. In addition to Yours Truly of Denby, they included John Lewis of Northeastern, Paris Whittington of Cass, George Wesson, Lorenzo Montgomery, and John Saddler of Southeastern, Darnell Hall, Andre Broadnax, Reggie Bradford, Tom Jones, and Wendy Truvillion of Pershing, Ralph Carter of Northern, Deon Hogan of Kettering, Delisa Walton of Mackenzie, Thomas Myles of King, Stan Vinson of Chadsey, Willie Atterberry of Eastern, Mike Holt of Ford, Claude Tiller of Cooley, Stan McConner and Thelbert Jeffries of Northwestern, Eliot Tabron of Murray-Wright, and Hatcher of Central. Given all this Detroit speed, it's no surprise that DPS had champion relay teams like my 1960s kids at Southeastern and Pershing and last year's fantastic 4x200 King quartette of Javion Morton, Jalen McGaughy, Dylan Brown, and DeQuan Finn. A full 18 stars in this constellation put Wayne State on the national map from the 1920s through the 60s, and the Old-Timers have been pushing WSU to reinstate its men's team and build a track fieldhouse. Maybe Dan Gilbert will contribute and put his name on it. In the meantime, enjoy the dinner and rub elbows with speedsters old and young--plus some blue-clad members of Detroit's Finest.

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the first woman known to enlist as a soldier in the Continental Army. The only woman to earn a full military pension for service during the American Revolution, she served as an infantryman and was wounded in action.

- Minnie Spotted-Wolf enlisted in the Marine Corps Women's Reserve in 1943, making her the first known Native American woman to do so. Skilled at breaking horses, she described Marine boot camp as "hard but not too hard."
- Capt. Sunita Williams, an astronaut who served 322 days as commander of the International Space Station, at one point held the record for the most cumulative hours of spacewalking. During her early Navy career, she flew helicopters in Operation Desert Shield.
- Overcoming childhood adversity, in 2010 Lt. La'Shanda Holmes became the first African-American female helicopter pilot in the history of the Coast Guard. She played a vital role in the Global War on Terror.
- During her three deployments to Afghanistan, Air Force Senior Airman Vanessa Velez drove a loaded Humvee into enemy territory on more than 120 missions.

Pay a Visit

Located at the gateway to Arlington National Cemetery, the Women In Military Service For America Memorial (Women's Memorial) is the only memorial dedicated to honoring the 3 million women who have served or are serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. Preserving the details of their achievements, from clerk typist to fighter pilot, the Memorial aims to integrate military women into the public's image of courage. When visiting the nation's capital, consider adding this educational and inspiring institution to your itinerary.

Share Your Story

Military women, past and present, can register their service with the Women's Memorial and become part of the world's largest register of U.S. servicewomen and women veterans, which now totals nearly 267,000 members. By sharing your story future generations will come to know the valuable contributions of America's military women. To register and learn more, visit womensmemorial.org/register-now.

At a time when the Department of Veterans' Affairs reports that women veterans are the fastest-growing veteran population, recognizing the collective service of women is more important than ever.

"No matter what you did during your service, it's an important part of history," says General McWilliams. "Without your story our history will never be complete."

Fugitive wanted since 2015 on robbery charges caught

A fugitive wanted since 2015 for a Hobbs Act Robbery related to jewelry store smash and grabs in 2014 and 2015 appeared in federal court today. Arthur Berry Jr. was arrested by the FBI's Phoenix Division on March 18, 2019 and was returned to Michigan earlier this week to face charges for conspiring to interfere with commerce by robbery.

Berry, 32, from Detroit, Michigan, was found in Phoenix, Arizona, where he allegedly fled in 2015 after being indicted by a federal grand jury earlier that year. Berry was a leader of a group that conducted the following robberies:

- September 2014: Jared the Galleria of Jewelry in Toledo, Ohio
- October 2014: Lux Bond & Green Jewelers in West Hartford, Connecticut
- November 2014: Fink's Jewelers in Sterling, Virginia
- November 2014: RF Moeller Jewelry in St. Paul, Minnesota
- February 2015: Jared the Galleria of Jewelry in Erie, Pennsylvania
- September 2015: Jared the Galleria of Jewelry in Portage, Michigan

Berry was the only remaining fugitive out of nearly two dozen subjects that have

been prosecuted since 2014. According to court documents, Berry's co-defendants all pled guilty and received various sentences, including a fourteen year prison term for one of the group's leaders, Cedarius Frost.

"The arrest of Mr. Berry for his involvement in these robberies reflects the dedication, cooperation, and persistence of law enforcement at every level," said SAC Slater. "We are particularly grateful to the FBI's Phoenix Division for working diligently over the last few months to locate Mr. Berry and helping us to ensure he faces the consequences for his criminal behavior."

Berry has been charged with six counts of conspiring to interfere with commerce by robbery. If convicted, Berry would face a statutory maximum sentence of twenty years in federal prison.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Berry's arrest involved the participation of and coordination with the FBI Phoenix Division's Desert Hawk Violent Crimes Task Force and the FBI Detroit Division's Oakland County Gang and Violent Crime Task Force.

Gov. Whitmer declares State of Emergency for Wayne County due to widespread flooding

LANSING, Mich. - Gov. Gretchen Whitmer is declaring a state of emergency for Wayne County in response to the county's request for state assistance to address the aftermath of the recent heavy rainfall and flooding. Whitmer formally signed the declaration May 3.

"I want to commend the first responders, volunteers and residents who have pulled together to respond to the devastation caused by the damaging rain and flood waters," said Whitmer. "The state is committed to do all it can to speed the recovery of the affected communities in Wayne County."

By declaring a state of emergency, Whitmer has made available all state resources in cooperation with local response and recovery efforts in the designated area. The declaration authorizes the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD) to coordinate state efforts above and beyond what MSP/EMHSD has already been doing in conjunction with local agencies.

"My staff has been working with Wayne County officials since the heavy rains struck the area earlier this week," said Capt. Emmitt McGowan, deputy state director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and commander of the MSP/EMHSD. "We will continue to partner with the county to ensure they receive the needed resources to respond and recover from this incident."

On April 30 and May 1, heavy rainfall caused widespread flooding in Wayne County, damaging infrastructure and private property. The county formally requested assistance on May 2.

The county of Wayne declared a local state of emergency on May 2, which activates local emergency response and recovery plans. By requesting a governor's declaration, the county has determined local resources are insufficient to address the situation and state assistance is required to protect the health, safety and property to lessen or avert the threat of a crisis.