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5 arrested in 2 armed robberies

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Arrested and charged in the robberies were Kyle Wooten, 36, and Archie Lewis, 38, both of Inkster, and Christian Brown, 29 of Southfield. The men were arrested Dec. 20, 21 and 22

respectively.

The first robbery occurred at the 7-11 store located at 125 S. John Hix at 4:30 a.m. Dec. 11. Wooten is accused robbing the store with a firearm and striking the store clerk in the face causing injury. Brown is accused of

assisting in this robbery, while Lewis is suspected to be the "get-away" driver.

The second armed robbery occurred at the 7-11 located at 160 S. Venoy Road at 5:10 a.m. Dec. 17. During this incident, Wooten is accused of shooting a

store employee during the theft. The employee suffered non-life threatening injuries. Lewis is also suspected to be the "get-away" driver in this robbery as well.

Wooten was arraigned before Judge Sandra Cisnerelli at the 18th District Court for the Dec. 17 armed robbery and before Judge Vesta Svenson for the Dec. 11 armed robbery. In all, Wooten was arraigned on three counts of armed robbery; one count of assault with intent to

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N'ICE going Plymouth Annual Ice Festival opens tomorrow

Huge blocks of ice are being delivered and placed throughout the downtown area while the snow-making machines have been running 24-hours a day in Kologah Park.

The 35th Annual Plymouth Ice Festival will officially open with a ribbon cutting at 7 tomorrow night in the bandshell at the park, and producer James Geitzen says they are as ready as it is possible to be.

"Our only concern, as always, is the weather," Geitzen said. "Otherwise, we couldn't be in better shape."

The festival is no small task, bringing nearly 100,000 people into Plymouth during the three-day weekend to watch championship ice carvers compete for honors, see the artistic creations of college competitors vying for top creative honors and enjoying the professional carvings that will decorate the entire downtown area.

"This is a very special event," Geitzen said. "It just has a different atmosphere than the other festivals in Plymouth. They are all great but the ice festival brings people out at what is usually a dull time of year, right after the holiday rush, and everybody seems to have a great time."

"I think maybe people have relaxed a little after the holidays and just want to have some family time."

This year, in addition to all the usual attractions including the free cross country skiing lessons, Dueling Chaisaws, the college competitions, the exhibitions and the entertainment at the Party Tent, families can enjoy the petting farm on Penniman, the Michigan Made marketplace and a list of family-friendly activities at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, the former Central Middle School.

"They are having the Main Street Opera with two performances of Hamsel and Gretel," Geitzen said, "and just a long list of activities plus a warming station

Photo by Lovelace Photography

and hot chocolate."

The library, too, will offer something special with Rat Pack tribute artist Chris Ayotte offering free entertainment during the festival.

"This year we have carriage rides, too," Geitzen said. "We kept everything people love and added new things to keep it fresh."

While the ice sculptures are the biggest attraction, Geitzen said, the cross country skiing lessons attract a huge crowd.

"I think last year they put 1,000 or more kids through the ski trail they built in the park," Geitzen said. "Kids just love it."

The traditional Party Tent, behind E.G. Nick's restaurant, will have fan favorites Big Ray and the Motor City Kings and Fifty Amp Fuse.

The \$3 cover charge goes to help the Vietnam Veterans group in Plymouth and

Canton.

The festival is almost completely free, but local charities like the Kiwanis, Rotary, Special Olympics and many others, benefit from the parking fees members collect in various lots while helping the traffic flow downtown.

"There's a lot to do and see and even when Mother Nature doesn't cooperate, everybody has a good time. It's really good that makes it so special. It's a really good time for everybody."

The 35th Annual Plymouth Ice Festival will take place Jan. 6-8 throughout downtown Plymouth. The event is sponsored by Ford Motor Co., Genysis Credit Union, Blue Care Network, Fox 2 News and 98.9 The River.

A complete guide to the Ice Festival is included in this edition of The Eagle.

Rebuilding of fire department under way

Don Howard
Staff Writer

A campaign promise to restore and rebuild the fractured Plymouth Township Fire Department is about come to fruition.

Township Supervisor Kurt Heise announced last week that he has instructed Fire Chief Dan Phillips to research and interview potential firefighter candidates and commence civil service examinations to fill at least six positions.

Heise said one of his priorities is to re-open the permanently closed Lake Pointe Fire Station No. 2, something he pledged during his campaign

last year.

Staffing at the Plymouth Township Fire Department has been the subject of much political machination and controversy during the past years.

During a special meeting of the trustees on March 1, 2012, board members, led by former Supervisor Richard Roanne, voted 6-1 to immediately lay off six firefighters, leaving a full-time staff of 12 firefighter-paramedics to protect 28,000 residents.

That decision was referred the same day to then Fire Chief Mark Wendel who was ordered by Roanne to immediately implement the layoffs. Wendel subsequently ordered the fire captain to inform the

affected firefighters to leave their stations at once. The firefighters were told that arrangements would be made for them to retrieve their personal belongings from the station at

a later time.

The next day it was reported that flyers were posted throughout the Lake Pointe

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Lake Pointe Fire Station No. 2

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Arrests

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murder; two counts of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder; two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon; two counts of felony firearm; two counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm and a charge for being a habitual offender-fourth offense.

Cicciulli set a bond of \$750,000 cash and Svenson set a \$75,000 cash bond for Wooten. Wooten is scheduled to appear at the 18th District Court for his probable cause hearing Jan. 5.

Brown was arraigned before Svenson on one count of armed robbery; one count of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less

than murder; one count of assault with a dangerous weapon, and a charge of being a habitual offender-fourth offense. Brown was given a bond of \$750,000 cash for the Dec. 11 armed robbery and is also scheduled to appear at the 18th District Court for his probable cause hearing Jan. 5.

Lewis was arraigned by Cicciulli for the Dec. 17 armed robbery and Svenson for the Dec. 11 armed robbery. In all, Lewis was arraigned on one count of armed robbery; one count of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, and one count of assault with a dangerous weapon. Cicciulli set a bond of \$500,000 cash and Svenson set a \$75,000 cash bond for Lewis. Lewis, too, is scheduled to appear back at the 18th District Court for his probable



Kyle Wooten



Archie Lewis



Christian Brown

cause hearing on Jan. 5.

"The Westland Police Department Detective Bureau realized the danger of these particular armed robbery suspects and went to great lengths to arrest them as quickly as possible,"

noted a prepared statement from the department.

Police said that despite having very little evidence to work with, they were able to investigate, identify all suspects, and arrest all of them within an 11 day peri-

od.

"This was a direct result of the time and effort that the Westland Police Detective Bureau contributed in the interest of the safety of our community," according to a department spokesman.

Westland police nab 3rd robbery suspect



Leroy Sloan

Westland Police arrested an armed robbery suspect Christmas Eve, just hours after a morning theft at the Family Dollar Store on Venoy Road.

Leroy Sloan, 42, of Inkster was arrested after he led officers on a vehicle pursuit as he attempted to leave the scene of the robbery.

Westland Ofc. Jason Soulliere was on routine patrol Christmas Eve morning when he noticed a vehicle that matched the description of cars seen by witnesses at other Family Dollar Store robberies parked in the lot in front of the 1918 South Venoy Road loca-

tion of the store.

Soulliere watched the vehicle for some time until a person matching the description of the earlier armed robber exited the store and entered the vehicle. Soulliere followed the vehicle out of the lot, at which time Westland Police dispatch received a 911 call stating that the store had just been robbed.

Sloan did not stop his vehicle when ordered and led Soulliere on a vehicle pursuit. The pursuit ended when Sloan lost control of his vehicle and crashed into a garage in the area of Grand Traverse and Bay Court. Sloan

then exited the vehicle and fled on foot, but Soulliere caught Sloan and placed him under arrest without further incident.

In addition to the Family Dollar robbery on Dec. 24, Sloan is also accused of committing armed robberies at the Payless Shoe Store located at 8029 N Wayne Road on Dec. 5, and at the Family Dollar located at 1985 S. Wayne Road on Dec. 23.

Sloan was arraigned Dec. 28 in front of Judge Vesta Svenson on three charges of armed robbery; fleeing a police officer third degree; felony firearm (pneumatic

gun), and three charges of being a habitual offender. (fourth notice). Sloan's bond was set at \$225,000 cash or surety for all three incidents, and he was scheduled to appear at the 18th District Court for a probable cause hearing today.

This arrest is the ninth the Westland Police Department has made in the most recent 10 armed robberies of businesses. "If you intend on committing a robbery, you better think long and hard about whether it's worth committing that crime in the City of Westland," commented Police Chief Jeff Adrusik.

Celebration Adult students embrace diversity

The holiday celebration for adult education students in English as a Second Language (ESL) and General Educational Development (GED) classes really was an international event.

Students enrolled in the English as a Second Language (ESL) and General Educational Development (GED) classes celebrated the holiday with ethnic dishes from their native countries they prepared using vegetables and herbs grown in class.

According to Kerin Stover, a prep teacher at the program, the vegetables were cultivated in the classroom healthy grow station, donated to the program this year by Target.

"This semester we embarked on the exciting adventure of researching the best herbs and vegetables to grow within the system. The students voted for the current seed choices, including cilantro, parsley, mint, chives, basil, Vietnamese coriander and thyme," Stover said. "As the plants continued to grow, we were able to study each stage of development, known as morphogenesis. Most plants continually produce new sets of organs, such as leaves, flowers, and fruits as they grow; so there was always a lesson to learn."

"Now that some of the herbs have matured, the students made an ethnic dish centered around each one. We have also shared the ethnic history of each herb and have discovered how these dietary staples have been a part of the human diet

for thousands of years all over the world," Stover said.

She said that Wayne-Westland Superintendent of Schools Michele Hamala attended the holiday event along with St. Nick himself.

Since the program was moved from the Tinkham Center to John Glenn on Marquette in Westland, Stover said, some community members may be confused and think that the program has ended or not be aware that the free classes are offered.

She said the Wayne-Westland district continues to offer the community service and even offers free transportation by taxi to and from class, without restrictions on where students may live.

"We have a variety of tools both in class and online to assist the adult learners with reaching their GED and ESL goals," she said. "We have many interesting activities going on in class to prepare the students for employment. We attend career fairs. We also have local businesses come and speak to the students regarding opportunities in the community," she added.

"Through our program, GED students can earn their degree for free. We can reimburse up to \$150 required for the Pearson testing system when the student passes. We also provide free GED Ready tests for all four subjects when the stu-



Students at the free English as a Second Language and General Educational Development classes in Wayne Westland celebrated diversity with their holiday party.

dents skills have been raised to a passing level though our diagnostics and teaching methods," Sever said.

For more information about the pro-

gram, visit <https://www.facebook.com/wayne.westland/GED/ESL/> or contact Stover at John Glenn High School(734) 419-2300.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center Rd., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, January 26, 2017 for the following:

PRIMARY SWITCHGEAR REPLACEMENT

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.cantonmi.org or you may contact Mike Sheppard at 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SEGRIST, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at this meeting based upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employees: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services (including effective communication) for qualified persons with disabilities to ensure they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other types of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even when pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Karen Conley, Human Resources Manager, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48103, (734) 394-5200 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs, services, or activities, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Karen Conley, Human Resources Manager, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48103, (734) 394-5200.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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ADA PLAY FEATURE AT HERITAGE PARK

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center Rd., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, January 19, 2017 for the following:

2017 SIDEWALK REPAIR AND CAP PROGRAM

- A: North of Cherry Hill Road - 32,889 Square Feet
- B: South of Cherry Hill Road - 18,000 Square Feet
- C: MICHIGAN (Michigan Avenue & Ford Road) - 12,000 Square Feet
- D: Sidewalk Cops - 1800 Linear Feet

Bids may be picked up at the Canton Township Engineering Department, on our website at www.cantonmi.org or you may contact Mike Sheppard at 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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CANTON - PLYMOUTH

Martin Luther King Day celebration set



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Canton Township will once again honor the memory and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a special tribute, "Canton Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." Monday, Jan. 16 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

A punch and cookie reception will begin at the Village Theater at 6 p.m., followed by the main program at 6:30 p.m. This annual event is presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts, and Heritage, members of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Subcommittee, and Canton Township.

The keynote address this year, Be the Difference, will be presented by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Monica L. Merritt. Merritt, who hails from Alexandria, VA, has extensive experience as a teacher, principal and administrator and resides in Plymouth Township with her family. Monica is the daughter of Carol and Herman Boone, who received great attention and accolades for his time as football coach of the TC Williams High School, as portrayed in the Disney movie, "Remember the Titans" (2000).

The program will also feature

music by the Workman Elementary School Choir under the direction of Kort L. Mueller. Additional music will be provided by the Interfaith Community Outreach (ICO) Choir directed by Interjeet Talwar, along with a presentation by spoken word artist, Khadga Mohammed.

Tickets to the program are available at the door at \$2 per person or \$5 per family; exact cash appreciated. The reception is sponsored annually by Duran and Raynold Moore of Keller Williams Realty of Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 394-5300 or visit www.cantonvillage.org.

Life savers Grant funds new Jaws of Life

Don Howard
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Township Fire Department has two new life-saving vehicle-extraction rescue tools commonly known as *Jaws of Life*. The new portable, state-of-the-art battery operated pneumatic tools received recently, valued at \$20,000, were funded by a grant sent from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit charity organization. The funding was made possible by customer donations to the more than 1000 stores owned by the Florida-based firm.

Plymouth Township Fire Captain Dan

Atkins created the grant request and Chief Dan Phillips said he was elated by the award. The new tools will replace a much older set of *Jaws* purchased in 1998. Phillips explained the units are self-contained and free up the firefighters from dragging hydraulic hoses with limited reach. The equipment eliminates the risk of lines being punctured by broken glass or debris.

"This new equipment is already being used on the job," Phillips said.

According to company information, Firehouse Subs co-founders brothers Chris and Robin Sorenson formed the public safety foundation dedicated to



Plymouth Township Fire Chief Dan Phillips (right) instructs Firefighter Guy Valet (from left), Captain Chuck Mann and Firefighter Jim Harrel on the features of the new tools.

helping the life saving capabilities of professional firefighters. They have donated more than \$23 million to thousands of public safety organizations and first

responders with life-saving equipment, scholarships, and prevention education through the foundation. Chris Sorenson is a former firefighter.

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subdivision announcing the closing, which left more than 900 residents in what many described as "injurious jeopardy."

The flyers, likely created by the union firefighters, announced that there "is now a maximum staffing level of five firefighters to cover the entire township."

Township officials and board members defended the action as "right-sizing" and "fire reform."

Former Township Treasurer Ron Edwards—who had long before usurped control of the fire department—was embroiled in a contract settlement dispute and union arbitration with the firefighters at the time. Edwards claimed the layoffs were made necessary by a financial hardship created by the City of Plymouth's withdrawal from a long-standing inter-local fire service agreement. Township officials, led by Edwards, claimed the termination of the inter-local agreement resulted in a reduction in revenues to the fire department approaching \$1 million.

Many residents and firefighters

claimed that the layoffs were retribution by Edwards for the support many firefighters expressed for his opponent in a political campaign.

As the layoffs and staffing reductions became public, Resnau distributed a newsletter to residents in which he stated, "The safety and security of everyone in Plymouth Township is our highest priority. You will continue to receive the same high-level, round-the-clock fire and paramedic service that you have always received." According to the newsletter his reason for closing the Lake Pointe station was, "the majority of calls for medical assistance came from the assisted living center," a reference to the 200-unit major senior residence Independence Village, located on Northville Road near Five Mile.

In the aftermath of the 2012 layoffs, Wendell broke Resnau's gag order and publicly decry the lack of manpower and described the broken-down, aged equipment and worn out vehicles the department was forced to utilize.

Wendell stated he could longer effectively manage a fire department where the workload had increased by 400 percent while working with only 12 firefighters. Later, under public pressure from Wendell's disclosures, township trustees approved the hiring of several

part-time, paid on-call firefighters to work peak hours, many of whom have now resigned and moved to other departments to work full-time.

Heise who said he is determined to rebuild the department as soon as possible was reluctant to provide a specific timetable, stating his plans are dependent on the support and approval of the board members and working with existing funds.

"My first goal is to get the staff properly equipped and make the department fully operational," Heise stressed.

"This fire department had been deliberately downsized for years. It's taken years to get into this position with the old and broken down equipment," he added.

"We now have City 2 back under our control," Heise said during an interview last week, explaining that the township

was fire apparatus now parked and occupying the yet unopened station.

For the past few months, during road construction work for I-75 and Six Mile Road, Northville Township Fire Department rented space and assumed occupancy at Station 2 with a special occupancy agreement fostered between former Northville Township Public Safety Director John Werth and former Plymouth Township Supervisor Shannon Price.

At the time of the initial fire department layoff turmoil, Heise, a former state representative, was acting as attorney of counsel to Hemming, Pulacyn, Cronin, Withoff, and Bennett, the legal firm representing the township.

"We've inherited a legacy of an understaffed, poorly-equipped department. It doesn't get rebuilt overnight," Heise said.

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 12, 2016

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd., Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pat Tom John Bardeen.

Prayer of Adoration

Roll Call

Present: Kathleen Abdo, John Bardeen, Linda Choute, Harry Crant, Collette Roscoe.

Absent: Sylvia Makoroff, William Wadsworth.

Administrative Officers and Advisors:

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CITY OF ROMULUS Notice of Public Hearing and Proposed Projects COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM FY 2017/2018			
Pursuant to Federal guidelines, the City of Romulus is announcing its objectives and possible use for developing projects using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding and is scheduling a Public Hearing on Monday, Monday, January 23, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving comments or suggestions regarding projects for the fiscal year 2017/2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) Program. The CITY OF ROMULUS expects to receive an FISHBASE 151,307.			
The primary objectives of the Federal HUD CDBG program are to assist low to moderate income families directly or to provide benefits in areas where 51% of the residents are low to moderate income, such as replacing the urban infrastructure of streets, preserving deteriorating housing, improving recreational facilities and programs and assisting in meeting special needs of the elderly and physically disabled.			
Pending actual funding availability, the City proposes to carry out the following eligible activities with the respective estimated amounts:			
OBJECTIVES:			
A. Benefiting Low and Moderate Income (LMI) Persons			
B. Benefiting Low and Moderate Income Limited Clientele (LMC) Persons			
C. Addressing Slums and Blight or Low and Moderate Income Housing Benefit			
D. Meeting a particularly urgent community development need			
FY 2017/2018 Proposed Projects			
ACTIVITY	Amount	Objective Met	
Senior Services/Public Services - LMC - OSA	\$ 2,771	A & B	
Romulus Fire Station - LMA			
35255 Goddard Rd	\$113,855	C & D	
General Administration - 21A (10%)	\$ 15,181	A	
	\$151,181		
Housing Rehabilitation LHM - from Program Income	\$ 5,000	B & C	
	\$156,181		

The Public is invited to attend and comment during the first Public Hearing or to make written comments on or before January 20, 2017. The City of Romulus will provide information and accommodations for those individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services. For further information, contact the Economic Development Department, City of Romulus, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, (734) 942-7545.

INKSTER - ROMULUS

Romulus schools welcome state grants

The Romulus Public Library and Barth Elementary School each received an early Christmas gift last month.

Grants from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs were announced earlier last year and the 10 recipients, in Romulus and Taylor, received

a total of \$3,203 in funding.

Barth Elementary School in Romulus and Robert J. West Middle School in Taylor each received a \$500 bus grant to help cover the transportation costs affiliated with field trips centered on the arts or cultural events.

"Students having the ability to interact with their curriculum outside of the classroom is an enriching and crucial part of the education process," explained State Rep. Erika Geiss.

The Romulus Public Library was awarded multiple grants totaling \$500 to support touring

arts, and the Taylor Community Library received \$443. Romulus High School also received \$1,200 for arts equipment and supplies.

"Resources for creative expression help ensure diverse voices and perspectives will be shared and heard. I am

thrilled about the opportunities this funding brings to our community," Geiss said.

The mission of the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs is to provide access to arts, cultural and educational projects and programs statewide, Geiss noted.

Reward offered in slaying on Carlyle Street

The \$2,500 reward being offered for information about the broad-daylight killing of a 19-year-old man in Inkster remains unclaimed.

According to police reports, 19-year-old Kyle Guinn of Detroit was gunned down while talking with "an unknown man" at around 1:10 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9, in the 30100 block of Carlyle, near Andover Street, south of Michigan Avenue, in Inkster.

Crime Stoppers has reported that Guinn had driven to the location with a friend. The friend stayed in the car while Guinn stepped out and had a conversa-

tion with the man, now the prime suspect in the shooting death.

As the conversation continued, according to the witness, the suspect pulled a gun and began firing. Guinn tried to run from the gunfire, but was shot multiple times and died at the scene. The witness told investigators that he drove away from the scene when the gunfire erupted.

Guinn attended Bradford Academy of Southfield where he was enrolled in the performing arts program.

"Kyle had a promising future

"Any information regarding the incident is asked to call to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAK-UP!"

in his view," Crime Stoppers said in a news release. "His natural talent to act and sing led him to the stage to play the role of Motown's Steve Wonder and a movie role as the younger version of gospel recording artist

Detrick Haddon."

His goal was to pursue an education in Computer Information Systems at Focus Hope in Detroit and in the entertainment business. He worked at Menard's in Livonia and was a

member of Kingdom Culture Church in Detroit, according to the prepared statement.

Michigan State Police said the investigation into the shooting is ongoing.

Anyone with information regarding the incident is asked to call to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAK-UP. Tips may also be submitted by texting CSM and the tip to CRIMES (2746370). There's no caller ID, calls are never recorded and callers are not asked for identification.

Rewards are also paid anonymously upon an arrest and conviction in a case.

Council recognizes new children's city charity

There is now a new charitable organization in Romulus.

Romulus City Council members voted unanimously recently to recognize the JORY Children's Foundation as a bona fide charitable organization. The approval allows the foundation to conduct raffles and raise funds.

Romulus resident Robert McLachlan said he decided to form the charity about a year

ago and had finalized all the paperwork to make it a reality.

"This foundation has been on the books for a while; it's been a dream of mine," said McLachlan, a member of the Romulus Community School Board and Garden City Rotary.

The foundation is named for his two children, and will be focused on youth-related services, he said.

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hand-out with this foundation. It's a hand up," he said. "If students or a family decides that they want to apply to the JORY Foundation, they'll be asked for

what they're going to put in, whether it be matching funds or community service, so they can donate some labor so they're getting a work ethic out of it instead

of just writing someone a letter and getting a check."

McLachlan has organized other charitable events in the community as well, including the annual Mayor's Ball, which is a fundraiser for the Romulus & Belleville Boys and Girls Club. McLachlan said his planning some JORY Foundation fundraisers soon, including a car raffle through Aechison Ford in Belleville.



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Romulus Community Celebration

"THE DREAM STILL MATTERS"

Be Encouraged

Monday, January 16, 2017

The City of Romulus, the Romulus Ministerial Alliance and the Romulus Community Schools invite the Community to Celebrate!

Schedule of Events:

7:30 am - Meet at Romulus Middle School

8:00 am - Community March Begins

8:00 am - Continental Breakfast in the Romulus High School Cafeteria. (Sponsored by the Romulus Ministerial Alliance)

9:30 am - MLK Celebration in the Romulus High School Auditorium

Please join us at 8:00 am for the march from Romulus Middle School (37300 Wick Rd.) to Romulus High School (9450 Wayne Road).

(Shuttle Service provided from RMS to Middle School from 7:00 am to 7:45 am)

Please contact Rev. Arthur Wills, Committee Chairman, at (313) 791-2423 or Ellen Craig-Bryce at (734) 955-4545, for more information.

Romulus Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff presents the


State of the City

2017 Annual Address

Thursday, January 19, 2017


Registration at 3:00 p.m.
Program begins promptly at 4:00 p.m.
Light Refreshments to follow 5:15-6:00 p.m.

Romulus Athletic Center
35765 Northline Road
Romulus, MI 48174



\$20 Per Person

Proceeds benefit 2017 Romulus Summer Programming



Please register to attend by Thursday, January 12, 2017

Question? Call the Mayor's Office at (734) 942-7973

Name: _____	Tickets Requested: _____
Organization: _____	Amount Enclosed: _____

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Calendar of events

Congregation meets Sunday

Redeemer Lutheran Church offers worship services at 11 a.m. Sunday at Tyler Elementary School, 42200 Tyler Road in Belleville.

For more information call (734) 749-4230 or access www.redeemertlutheranchurchmi.com.

Interactive Story Time under way

The Romulus Public Library offers interactive Parent/Child Story Time for children 4 and younger and parents at 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday. The program is free and no registration is required. Story time helps prepare children for success in school and beyond and is presented in partnership with the Guidance Center.

For more information, contact the library at (734) 942-7239 or visit www.romuluslib.mi.us. The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road.

Museum program planned

The Sunbeam Maps will be the topic of a talk by Tyler Moll during a program at 5 p.m. Jan. 11 at the Wayne Historical Museum.

Moll will discuss the maps created from 1897 through 2007 to assess fire insurance liability in urbanized areas of the country. Moll will display the maps available of Wayne.

For more information, call (732) 722-0113. The museum is located at 1 Towne Square in Wayne.

Friends sell used books

The Friends of the Romulus Library will host a used book sale from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12 and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13 and Saturday, Jan. 14.

Saturday is bag day.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus. For more information call (734) 942-7239.

Photographers to meet

Members of the only 3D photography club in Michigan will meet from 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile Road.

The meeting will feature some of the best 3D programs from recent National Stereoscopic Association conventions and include the first of three scheduled draw-

ings for free 3D items. The meeting will conclude with the monthly club 3D image competition.

The meetings are free and visitors are always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies, and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent.

For more information, visit www.Detroit3D.org, or call (248) 396-3391.

Substance abuse workshop set

Northville Public Schools Community Lecture Series will present Warning Signs, Emerging Trends in Substance Abuse at 7 p.m. Jan. 12 at Northville High School Auditorium.

Scott Masi, referral and outreach specialist for the Brighton Center for Recovery will be the speaker. He is a founding member of the Regional Anti-Drug Education and Outreach Organization of Michigan, as well as a member of the Michigan Opiate Prevention Alliance and Community Parent, Inc.

State of the City address planned

Romulus Mayor LeRoy D. Burrows will present his annual State of the City address beginning at 4 p.m. Jan. 19 at the Romulus Athletic Center, 35785 Northline Road in Romulus.

Reservations for the event will be accepted through Jan. 12. Cost to attend is \$20 per person with proceeds benefiting the 2017 Romulus summer programming at the center.

Light refreshments will follow the mayor's address from 5:15 until 6 p.m.

For more information or to register for the event, call the mayor's office at (734) 942-7274. To purchase tickets by mail, send checks payable to City of Romulus, Romulus City Hall, Attn: Mayor's Office, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174.

Tickets for the address are also available at the Romulus Chamber of Commerce office, admin@romuluschamber.org.

Space is limited and the address usually sells out quickly, organizers said.

Strikes for Freedom set

The Fourth Bowl It Out event, dedicated to spreading the message of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is planned for 7:30 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. Jan. 15 at Wayne Bowl.

The event was started by Printing Plus by United Sons and this year the theme is Strikes for Freedom with a message of

hope, love and prosperity.

The team fee of \$100 includes a five-person team with two games of bowling, shoe rental and a shirt. There will be a live disc jockey, full kitchen, mystery jackets and a portion of proceeds will be donated to the local non-profit African American Endowment Fund.

For registration and information, call (734) 485-8889.

Community celebrates Dr. King

The City of Romulus will celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a march beginning at 8 a.m. Jan. 16 from Romulus Middle School to Romulus High School.

Shuttle Service will be provided from Romulus High School to the Middle School from 7 a.m. until 7:45 a.m.

The celebration, titled The Dream Still Matters, is being organized by the City of Romulus, the Romulus Ministerial Alliance and the Romulus Community Schools. For more information about the celebration, contact the Rev. Arthur Willis, committee chairman at (313) 701-2423 or City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg at (734) 955-4545.

Participants will meet at Romulus Middle School at 7:30 a.m. and the Community March will begin at 8 a.m. when a continental breakfast in the Romulus High School cafeteria, sponsored by the Romulus Rotary Club, will be served.

At 9:30 a.m. a celebration of Dr. King's life and achievements will take place in the high school auditorium.

Chamber sets awards dinner

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner, Holiday Party and Silent Auction is planned for Jan. 21.

This year, the event will take place at the Belleville Yacht Club (BYC) and tickets are priced at \$50 per person. The ticket price includes a three-course buffet meal, beverages, beer and wine. Tables of eight can be purchased at a discount rate of \$300, officials said.

The evening will include an awards ceremony during which the recipients of the Ted Kuchelman, Leona Van Bulder and Business of the Year awards will be honored. Entertainment will be provided by Dueling Pianos and a silent auction is also planned as part of the evening. Chamber of Commerce membership awards will also be presented.

Chamber officials are currently accepting items that can be used as part of the silent auction. Donated items can be picked-up for the convenience of local merchants or businesses, officials said. To purchase tickets or for more information, contact the chamber office at (734) 697-7151.

Distinguished young women sought

The next Distinguished Young Woman program will take place March 10 and preparations are already under way to find participants.

An orientation meeting for young women who are juniors in high school will take place Monday, Jan. 23 at 37955 Glenwood in Wayne.

The program format has changed, organizers said, and the program now focuses on junior rather than senior high school students.

Any high school junior who lives in Wayne or Westland can register at any time at www.distinguishedydw.org and clicking on Apply Now.

Those who enter will be contacted with more detailed information regarding the orientation meeting, organizers said.

Friends and Chamber on a roll

The Romulus Chamber of Commerce and the Friends of the Romulus Library will host Bowling Night At Romulus Lanes beginning with registration at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28.

Bowling will begin at 8 p.m. and the \$20 per person fee includes three games, shoe rental, pizza and pop. There will be a \$950 refund and a cash bar will be available.

The event is limited to 72 bowlers and is usually a sell out.

Romulus Lanes is located at 37452 W. Huron River Dr.

For ticket information, call (734) 699-0694. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Friends of the Library and the Chamber of Commerce.

Mayors Ball is planned

The fourth annual Mayors' Ball is planned for 5 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017.

Tickets for the event are \$100 per person and must be purchased in advance. The donation includes dinner an open bar and entertainment.

For tickets, contact event coordinator Rob McLachlan at (734) 578-5682 or rvmclachlan@gmail.com.

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