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15-year-old faces felony terror charges

The 15-year-old Northville High School student accused of calling in a threat of violence to the school Dec. 18 is facing two felony charges in Wayne County Circuit Court.

The call came to school administrators from the State of Michigan Ok2Say tip line the morning of Dec. 18. Northville Township Police said at the time that the “threat was deemed credible due to naming specific students, weapons, explosives and a specific time frame.

“A lock down of the 2,500 students and staff was initiated to ensure their safety,” according to police reports of the incident.

The school remained in lockdown for 90 minutes as police searched for evidence of a weapon or any type of explosive. Two students were interviewed by police that day in connection with the incident.

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on Jan. 6 and remained in the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Facility until his preliminary court hearing on the charges Jan. 7. He was released into the custody of his parents following the hearing.

He has been charged by the Wayne County Prosecutor with making false terroristic threats, a felony punishable by 20 years in prison if convicted and the false report or threat of a bomb or harmful device, which is a four-year felony, if convicted.

Northville Township Police said that their office, the Northville Public Schools, the Michigan State Police and the Detroit office of the FBI were involved in the investigation that led to the identification and arrest of the student.

“This was a cooperative effort,” said Northville Township Public Safety Director John Werth. “We take false threats and accusations very seriously and investigate them until someone is held accountable.” Because the student is a juvenile and charged as such, no further information or identification was revealed. His next court appearance will be closed in an effort to continue to protect his identity.

Northville Public Schools Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said, “Ensuring student safety is among our highest priorities. In responding to a potential imminent threat, we act first to secure the safety of all students, with appropriate follow-up measures taken to

confirm the accuracy of information reported. We cooperate fully with the authorities in any matter involving student safety, and follow our due process procedures to ensure that we act based on accurate information and with due regard to the privacy rights and protection of all those involved.” Her remarks were in a prepared statement sent to all district parents.

“We appreciate the work of the Northville Township Police Department and the local FBI office in collaboration with Northville High School staff and administration throughout the lock down and subsequent investigation,” she added.

According to Gallagher, the district will continue to reinforce appropriate use of the Ok2Say resource for confidential reporting of information that impacts school and student safety, while also emphasizing that the program has the authority to investigate false reports.

Lights, camera... and ACTION Students’ airport movie will premiere next week

The preview of an independent film Jan. 22 is expected to draw a large crowd of students from the Plymouth Canton Educational Park.

Probably because students there wrote, produced and directed the film.

The project was a collaborative effort with students from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park television and film class and included hands-on participation from Salem High School, Canton High School and Plymouth High School students.

Students Ryan Apley and Dylan Wilson were at the forefront of editing and composing the indie film, Mettetal Airport: The Jewel of Canton and Plymouth, while more than 50 people contributed to the cinematic effort.

Professional cinematographers Lars Hjelmroth and Randy Holloway provided technical consultation to the students

“The project went slowly because we tried to have teaching moments,” said

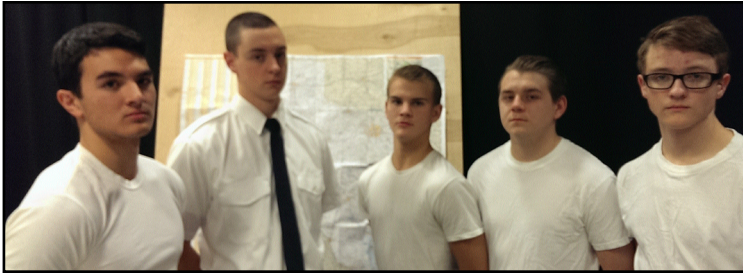
Holloway. The shooting comprised both winter and summertime airport scenes and included showcasing special events at the airport. The venture also included public service announcements that aired on local television and community cable networks.

“The goal of the project was to share some of that general aviation history from Mettetal Airport and to showcase the location for future aviators. Furthermore, the project will have shelf-life as a movie short to be used as an educational asset,” said Raymond Rolak, one of the supervising producers.

Student research found that in the 1930s, the Mettetal airfield was already active as a popular crop dusting grass landing strip. The rich aviation history was a strong community asset that helped business growth in Western Wayne County after World War II. Canton was an agro-community then and the corn capital of Michigan. The Stinson Airplane factory on Van Born



Alina Klin and Ernestine Lyons reenact in front of Richard Hensley's World War II training plane at Mettetal Airport.



Some of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park students who took part in the Mettetal Airport history and docu-drama project included Dylan Wilson, left, Cameron Anstess, Alex Berenzansky, Anthony Andrus and Logan McGlinn.

Road in the Wayne and Romulus municipalities also factored heavily in the development and status of the airport, according to the details of the film.

Since the 1920s, the Mettetal family operated the airfield along with the agricultural hot-houses on Lilley Road. After World War II, Robert Mettetal returned from Pacific service and was the fixed based operator. Currently the site is managed

by the State of Michigan, Department of Transportation Office of Aeronautics.

The short film project was narrated by University of Michigan graduate and long-time film educator Janet Sutherland. One of the archived highlights was documenting that Michigan Gov. G. Mennen Williams, landed at Mettetal Airport to participate in the annual Plymouth 4th of

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‘Vision’ for Romulus is new economic development

Vining Road in Romulus is bordered by fields, Metro Airport and industrial parks and one of the key areas for development in the city.

Already the proposed site of a 325,000 square foot regional retail outlet, it is one of the main areas where the city will focus development efforts, according to the Envision Romulus plan discussed in a city council study session Monday night and during Mayor Leroy Burcroff's state of the city address Tuesday.

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The Envision Romulus plan is a major effort that got under way in May and involved the feedback of more than 600 residents and non-residents through stakeholder meetings, public meetings, a community survey and online input. About 400 residents

took part in an extensive phone survey and 100 non-residents were also polled through a 16-mile radius, from Monroe to Farmington Hills, about their thoughts and impressions of the city of Romulus.

“We wanted input not only of what the citizens thought of this community but what other peo-

ple thought of us,” said Tim Keyes, director of economic development for Romulus.

The plan identified more than 100 action steps to be taken under four key vision initiatives:

- Grow the local economy
- Enhance the local image and brand
- Improve the transportation infrastructure
- Expand recreational activities

Vining Road was identified as an area that could attract regional development, such as enter-

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WAYNE - WESTLAND

Local resident killed in 3-car accident

A 64-year-old Westland woman died of injuries sustained in a three-car crash Saturday morning in Detroit.

According to reports from the Michigan State Police, troopers were dispatched to eastbound I-96 near Outer Drive in Detroit at about 8 a.m. Jan. 10, the scene of a reported three-car accident.

Troopers at the scene determined that a 46-year-old man from Livonia, driving a 2004 Chevrolet, lost control of his vehicle and struck the median wall at the accident location. A second vehicle, a 2003 Chevrolet Impala, driven by Jean Lowe, 64, of Westland, was also eastbound on I-96 and she, too, apparently lost control of her vehicle, according to the state police investigators, and slammed into the first car.

Lowe exited her vehicle at the scene of the crash and a third car, driven by a 19-year-old from Canton Township, could not stop in time and struck both Lowe and her vehicle.

Lowe was transported by emergency personnel to a nearby hospital, officers said, but died of her injuries.

State police said the investigation into the accident is still under way.

Ripple Effect seeks donations

The Wayne Main Street program recently asked for donations from supporters to continue their work in the downtown area of the city.

The program, also known as Wayne Ripple Effect, is a non-profit, volunteer-driven organization. According to the recent solicitation letter, financial donations are necessary to “carry out the numerous projects that will revitalize downtown Wayne. All donations are tax deductible.”

Plans for projects for 2015 include: Façade Grant Program; Business Design Services; Downtown Business Survey; Business Networking and Workshop Opportunities; Downtown Property Inventory; Downtown Benches; Holiday Window Display Contest; Downtown Planters; Historic Markers; Community Partner Roundtable Meetings; Annual Scarecrow Display; Rouge-a-Palooza Rubber Duck Race; Small Business Saturday and future Retail Events and Promoting Vacant Spaces Event.

Donations can be made payable to Wayne Ripple Effect and mailed to: Post Office Box 327, Wayne, MI, 48184.

New city water meters OK'd

The New Year will bring some new equipment to Westland residents as high tech water meters are installed throughout the city.

The meter replacement program will begin this month and utilize water meters that are read remotely from towers at the Westland Police Department and at Middlebelt and Annapolis roads.

A test area has been established to ensure that any problems with the software for the digital meters have been corrected, according to city officials. The city-wide installation of the new meters will take place beginning mid-January and take about two years to complete.

The cost to replace the 26,000 residential and commercial meters in the city is nearly \$9.9 million. The funding will come from a bond sale which will also pay for improvements to the Inkster Road and Middlebelt lift stations.

The city contracted with Etna Supply Co. for the meters and the installation which are expected to provide more accurate reading and allow remote, more efficient readings of water use.

Wayne and Westland Director of Public Service and City Engineer Ramzi El Gharib said that Wayne will be bidding meter replacement services for that community next year. He said that if both Wayne and Westland used the same contractor, the cities might be able to reduce costs. The Wayne meter replacement project is estimated at \$2 million for the 6,000 meters which will take about 18 months to complete, according to El Gharib. He said the meters in Wayne are outdated and it is difficult to find replacement parts for the 20-year-old devices.

Funding for the meters in Wayne would come from a 5-year-old bond issue that has already generated about \$1.7 million, according to El Gharib.

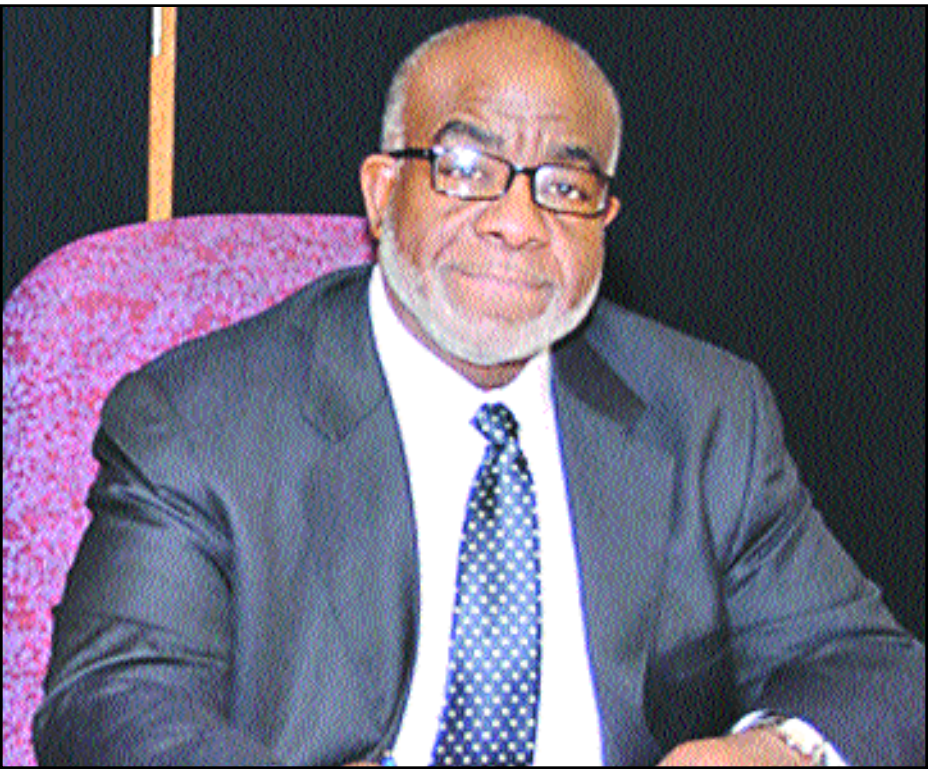
Mingle With Mayor date set

Residents will have a couple of new ways to connect with Mayor William R. Wild in the New Year, including Coffee Hours and Lunch Hours, as he launches his “Mingle with the Mayor” series.

“Brown-Bag Lunch with the Mayor” will take place from noon until 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28 at City Hall, located at 36300 Warren Road.

“I am always looking for new ways to connect with and hear from our residents - it's one of the best parts of my job,” said Wild. “When I hear directly from people about what's working, what could be improved, or what needs to change, it provides an opportunity for progress in our community and it empowers residents and lets them know that their voice matters.”

Future dates and times will be based on demand and input from residents.



Dr. Curtis Ivery

College chancellor to speak

Dr. Curtis Ivery, Chancellor of Wayne County Community College, will deliver the keynote address at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Ceremony in Westland. The event will take place beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 19 at the Westland City Hall Grande Ballroom, located at 36300 Warren Road.

Although city offices will be closed in recognition of the holiday, doors will open at 9 a.m. Light refreshments will follow the event.

Ivery is a renowned author of several books, the recipient of the Michigan Man of the Year and the Michigan Newsmaker of the Year awards. He was the first African American and youngest cabinet member in Arkansas state history.

“Martin Luther King Day is a time to honor Dr. King's life and legacy and reflect on how we can best live up to his dream today,” said Mayor William Wild. “I am honored to have Dr. Ivery as our keynote speaker for this very special celebration.”

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
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Gwyn Belcher, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 2, 2015, in the *First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.* on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

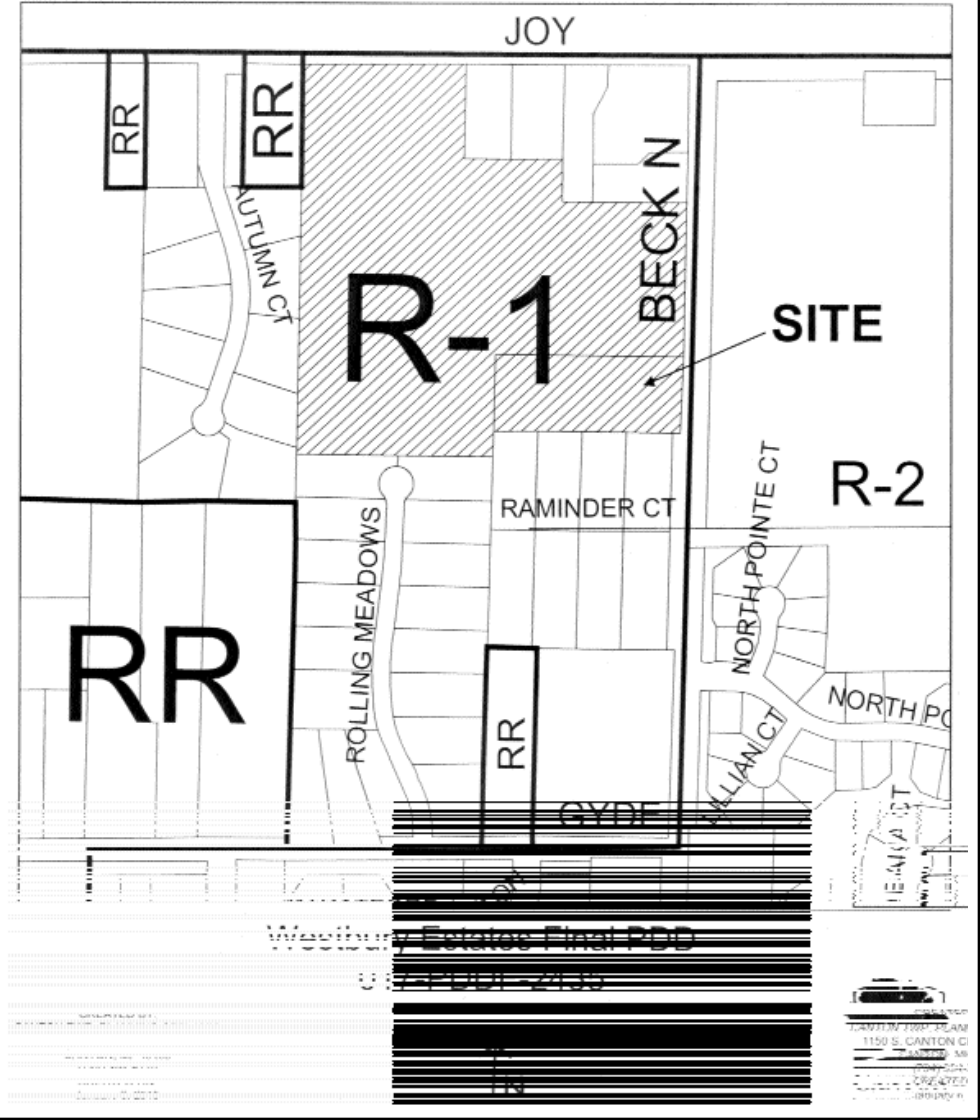
WESTBURY ESTATES PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (FINAL PLAN) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S), 017 99 0001 713 AND 017 99 0001 723. Property is located south of Joy Road and west of Beck Road.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Wednesday, January 29, 2015 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

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BELLEVILLE - ROMULUS

Library offers new e-magazine program

Patrons of the Romulus Public Library will have access to the world's largest supply of digital magazines this month.

This service is available to patrons with an active library card beginning with the 29022 prefix, according to Library Director Patty Braden.

Through www.romulus.lib.mi.us, patrons of Romulus Public Library will have unlimited multi-user access to complete digital magazines, easily viewed on most Internet-enabled devices. “We are thrilled to add e-magazines to our growing collection of downloadables”, said Braden. “The library is committed to offering our patrons many options for accessing information.”

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Traffic stop leads to drug arrest

A routine traffic stop in Belleville Jan. 3 led to the arrest of a Taylor man with more than half a pound of marijuana in his car:

According to Belleville police reports, Ofc. Kendra rose and Reserve Ofc. Dennis Mowbray were on patrol at about 10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3 when they witnesses a traffic infraction at Five Points. The officers made a u-turn and stopped the driver of the vehicle in the Sam's Club parking lot.

When the officers approached the car, according to reports of the incident, they noticed the smell of marijuana. When they searched the driver and vehicle, they discovered a vapor pipe and more than \$1,200 in cash. In the trunk of the vehicle, officers discovered a metal coffee can with marijuana, more loose marijuana and unidentified pills.

Police reported there was a total of 260 grams or more than a half-pound of marijuana confiscated during the arrest.



Romulus Fire Department Lts. Neil Allgood, left, and John Thiede were among the 120 volunteers who collected more than \$7,000 Dec. 5 and 6 in donations for the Romulus Goodfellows this year.

Goodfellows thank city donors

The Romulus Goodfellows were able to help 110 families including 245 children with \$100 vouchers for food, \$50 gift cards, hats and gloves and various toys his year; thanks to contributions and donations from residents and businesses. The Goodfellows also presented 121 gift baskets including a \$50 gift card to senior citizens this year. The effort was also helped by the 7th annual Julie Allison's Tea Party Dec. 7 at the Romulus Athletic Center. The lunch, attended by more than 200 women and girls dressed in their Sunday best, hats and all, raised \$13,000 to the Goodfellows.

Local businesses and organizations helped in the "No Child Without a Christmas" efforts. Again this year, the Romulus House Restaurant hosted a free dinner the day before Thanksgiving. Patrons make a donation to the Romulus Goodfellows instead of paying for their meal. This year the dinner raised \$2,400. During the past 12 years, Romulus House co-owners and brothers, Samer Suleiman and Basem Alnimri, have raised more than \$22,000 for the Romulus Goodfellows.

Miscellaneous monetary donations also came from Public Service Credit Union and Detroit Metro Airport Center.

Noteworthy this year was the participation of two children's groups in the city. The Romulus Community United Methodist Church children's group raised almost \$225 for the Goodfellows. A second grade class at Romulus Elementary, taught by Romulus resident Monica Harris, produced and sold their own trail mix and donated all of their proceeds to the Goodfellows, totaling \$107.

Three organizations also donated toys for the local families and children in need. The Woodbridge Group of Romulus has a longstanding tradition of doing a sizeable employee toy drive including bicycles to donate to the Goodfellows. NAPA Distribution Center in Romulus again donated a large number of toys this year and the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce also sponsored a toy drive at their annual Christmas Party to benefit the Romulus Goodfellows.

Vision

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tainment venues and office parks in addition to the impending shopping outlet.

The downtown area and the Wayne Road corridor were identified as areas to concentrate on, as well as the roadway and infrastructure improvements to support it.

“We’re one of the few cities in the state that has potential for growth,” said Council President John Barden.

The desire to improve the local image and brand grew out of the community survey, because the perceptions of those who live outside the city did not match those of residents. More than 90 percent of residents polled said they felt safe within the city, while non-residents identified crime and the overall aesthetic beauty of the city as areas for officials to work on.

“That was an ‘ah-ha’ moment for me,” said Burcroff. “There’s a real gap between what our residents feel and what people feel outside our community. That was very telling. It reinforces even more that we need to work on our image and brand.”

Improving transportation and infrastructure includes not only a plan to address road maintenance and improvements, but non-motorized pathways and sidewalks, as well. Residents indicated that was essential-not just for recreational purposes, but for simply getting around the community.

For recreation opportunities, the plan recommended the development of public space and programs as a core area and a focus on the downtown area as a focal point for community and civic activity. The recently-opened dog park also came out of the resident input throughout the summer;

Burcroff said.

“I couldn’t believe how much interest there was in conversation at the public forums for a dog park,” said Burcroff.

The process also revealed some positive trends in the city. At a time when the overall population in Wayne County dropped by nearly 12 percent, the population in Romulus increased by about 4.4 percent. Also, while the number of households dropped by 86 percent in Wayne County, the number increase by 6.4 percent in Romulus-outpacing an overall 2.3 percent growth for the State of Michigan.

Councilwoman Sylvia Makowski said she valued the process, particularly the feedback of residents.

“I very much appreciate the input received from all of our citizens,” she said. “That’s what the city is for-our citizens. I’m a strong believer that feedback is a gift.”

The next steps include updating the city’s master plan, getting the image and brand campaign off the ground and planning for infrastructure improvements and recreational opportunities.

“This isn’t the Burcroff vision, it’s the Romulus vision,” said Burcroff. “It’s the Burcroff team’s job to get it done. I’m looking forward to trying to include these things in the budget. A lot of these things will take years, but you’ll see pieces put in play immediately. This is a living document.”

Long-time resident Jan Lemmon said she was impressed with the overall process and the plan to move the city forward.

“It won’t get done if you don’t have a vision and this city has a vision,” she said. “I think it’s going to be great for us.”

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ANTIOCH SENIOR HOUSING PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (PRELIMINARY PLAN) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE ON PART OF PARCEL NOS. 108 99 0001 706. Property is located north of Michigan Avenue and east of Sheldon Road.

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Antioch Senior Housing 108-PDQ-2421

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TDM HOLDINGS/CANTON TOWNSHIP REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 076 99 0001 702 FROM RA, RURAL AGRICULTURAL TO R-3, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located north of Proctor and west of Denton Road.

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TDM Holding/Canton Twp Rezoning 076-RZ-2439

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Inkster - Plymouth

Free child ID program set for Saturday

After a two year hiatus, the free child identification program will return to Inkster this Saturday.

Sponsored in part by the Inkster Police Crime Prevention Unit and the Golden Ark Lodge No. 595, Free and Accepted Masons, the event will take place from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Jan. 17

the Inkster Recreation Complex, 2025 Middlebelt Road in Inkster.

The program is designed from children from a few months to 17 years of age, noted Commander Paul Loudon of the Inkster Auxiliary Police Officers.

“We hadn’t done this in a couple of years, and it was about time,” he said. “We have a new (police) chief, some new sponsors and it really is a benefit for the community.”

Children must have a parent or guardian present for the service which will include a short DVD of the children with a photo, video and audio, a DNA sample of the child, a dental impression of the child along with the child’s electronic fingerprints.

Loudon stressed that all the samples and records taken are returned to the parent or guardian and no records of any child are kept by the sponsors or those providing the service.

The event will also include free hot dogs, chips and drinks for those participating.

“We have the full support of the new police chief (Vicki Yost),” Loudon said, “and we also have a new Parks and Recreation supervisor and we are working with them on this project. This is really a valuable service for parents.”

For more information, call the Inkster Police Crime Prevention Unit at (734) 326-3830.

City receives top marks on financial audit

City of Plymouth officials received some good news last week from the outside auditing firm charged with the review of the municipal financial activity and reporting practices.

Not only did the municipality do a good job, revenue was “up slightly” for the 2013-14 fiscal year, according to Rana Emmons from Post, Smythe, Lutz and Zeal.

Emmons, a Certified Public Accountant, told city officials there were no significant issues to bring to their attention in her detailed review of the financial activity of the city for the fiscal year, including a review of assets, revenue and debts.

The slight increase in tax revenue was due, according to a memo from city offices, to an increase in property values, “after years of declines and flat trends.”

The city received about \$6.84 million in property tax revenue, and a total of \$16.2 million, according to the reports.

“We’re hoping that this is a sign than things are turning around,” Emmons told officials. She said that the City of Plymouth is emerging from the economic downturn in better shape than many surrounding communities. The net position of the city was \$31.42 million, meaning city assets, including buildings and real estate, exceeded liabilities by that amount. Those capital assets were listed at more than \$22 million.

The current fund balance was listed at \$2.27 million with \$1.68 million of that total in the general fund.

Unfunded liabilities in the defined-benefit pension system were listed at about \$7.98 million, a drop of \$313,000, the first decrease since 1999.

Emmons praised the city financial reporting and said she found no errors or questionable accounting to report and had no suggestions for any changes to the city accounting procedures.

Speculation swirls as recall effort continues

Political hopeful and recently re-elected 11th District Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price says he hasn’t discounted a bid to become the next Plymouth Township Supervisor.

Amid the turmoil surrounding the township board of trustees where four members are facing recall and a possible May election, Price, R-Canton, would neither confirm or deny his official candidacy during a recent constituent meeting at the Plymouth District Library. Price says he has a lot to consider before he would officially announce his campaign.

“A lot of people have talked to me about running,” Price said, not specifically referring to the recall election.

With hints of the possible resignation or retirement of current Township Supervisor Richard Reaume prior to the 2016 supervisor race, two possible candidates are have emerged as veiled hopefuls, Price and State House Rep. Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township. Heise is in his third two-year term in state office and is therefore term limited in 2016. Rumors have circulated for months the two will compete for Reaume’s position as supervisor.

Reaume recently sold his township home and last fall purchased a condominium in Florida, fueling rumors of his pending retirement. He is living in a township bed and breakfast on Beck Road.

Heise responded to talk of his candidacy commenting, “It’s something I’m looking at...” Last year Heise said he would “not deny” he would like the job.

Price said he feels Heise, who he thinks instigated the most current news reports about the campaign, has prompted all the talk of his running.

“I’m not going to lie, Kurt Heise’s ambitions rule my life...” “It’s two years off,” Price commented.

One resident asked Price at the meeting he was going to be a designed candidate by the Wayne 11th District Republican Committee. Mike Mitchell, Republican Party chair for District 11, is Price’s legislative aid and was present at the constituent meeting. Mitchell didn’t comment and Price didn’t answer, but said he’s constantly getting caught up in rumors.

Another resident asked if Price thought he could get along with controversial Township Treasurer Ron Edwards, if he were elected supervisor.

“If I was (sic) Township Supervisor, no one on the board would control me,” he responded.

“I’m intrigued...I’d love it,” Price said of the possibility of being the next township supervisor. “A lot of people have asked me about running.”

Police seek information in shooting death of teen

Michigan State Police are still investigating the death of an Inkster teenager who was shot Dec. 29.

According to a prepared release from the state police office, Demetrius Reed, 17, of Inkster was found shot to death near a bicycle at Beech and Harriet in the city.

No other information about the incident was available and both state and Inkster police officials are seeking information about the incident.

Anyone with information about the shooting is asked to call (877)616-4677 or 800-SPEAK-UP (800-773-2578).

Callers can remain anonymous, according to officials.

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Obituaries



Jeffery Aaron Williams
Feb. 3, 1054
Dec. 29, 2015
Jeffery Aaron Williams died Dec. 29, 2015.
Among those survivors left to cherish his memory are his devoted wife, Vinita Williams; a brother, Richard (Bernice) Williams; sisters, Cynthia Williams and Tuwansi Barden; his mother-in-law, Fannie Fleming; brothers-in-law, Mustafa Sabree, Jesse Smith and Franklin Fleming; sisters-in-law, Dorothy Brown, Vanessa Slaughter and Debbie Burton; his sons, Jeffery, Jr., Joel, Ronald and Vincent, his daughter, Marie; 15 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; nieces, Cassandra (Lamarr) Jackson, Angel, Mack and Marietta Bryant; a nephew, Montez Williams; a host of other nieces, nephews and family members, and many friends.
Mr. Williams was preceded in death by his parents Richard and Lillie Williams and his brother, Stephen Williams.
Funeral services took place at Christ Temple Church in Westland with Suffragan

Bishop Luke A. McClenden, Jr. officiating. Final arrangements were entrusted by the family to the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster. Interment was at United Memorial Gardens on Curtis Road in Plymouth.



Willie Fred Johnson
Sunrise: June 15, 1948
Sunset: Dec. 28, 2014
Among his survivors left to cherish his memory are his parents, the Rev. and Mother Plueanna Johnson; siblings, Ira Joe (Ruby) of Atlanta, GA, Anna, George (Olivia), Glenda, Daniel (Michelle), Louis, Ella (Louis), Wallace, Chrissha (Kenric), Alvin (Ruby) and Gary (Amirra), all of Michigan; aunts and uncles, Lillie (William), Powell and Frankie Carswell of Inkster; Addie Garrett of Chicago, IL, Ocie Carswell, Roosevelt (Catherine), Arthur (Virginia) of Dry Branch, GA, Lee Johnson of Chicago, IL; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives, and many friends.
Funeral services took place at Pentecostal Temple in Inkster.
Final arrangements were

entrusted by the family to the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster. Interment was at Sunset Hills on Ford Road in Ypsilanti.

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Smoke alarm helps save life of 2-year-old

Canton firefighters credited working smoke alarms with helping save the life of a 2-year-old in one of two house fires they battled last Friday.

According to reports from the fire department, the first 911 call was received at about 10 a.m. last Friday, Jan. 9. When firefighters arrived at the single-family home located in the 47000 block of Waddington, there was smoke visible from the attached garage.

According to reports, crews were able to quickly extinguish the fire with hose lines, while also battling the cold temperatures. One firefighter was transported from the scene for an injury received due to the icy conditions created from extinguishing the fire.

The house was vacant at the time of the fire but homeowners were contacted and arrived on the scene and spoke with firefighters.

Firefighters said that damage was contained to the attached garage and that the cause of origin remains under investigation.

At approximately 1 p.m., Canton dispatchers received another 911 call reporting a house fire in the 42000 block of Metaline. Firefighters arrived on scene of the single-family residence with flames visible from the home, according to official reports. Fire crews made entry into the home and extinguished the fire, keeping it contained to a bedroom and hallway. The cause of this fire is believed to have been related to a space heater running in a second-floor bedroom, according to reports.

“Working smoke detectors quickly alerted the homeowner who was able to rescue a 2-year-old sleeping in the bedroom filled with smoke and flames,” the report stated. Canton paramedics transported the toddler to a local hospital for smoke inhalation. No other injuries were reported.

“There is no doubt the smoke detectors in this house saved the young child's life today,” said Deputy Fire Chief Chris Stoecklein. “This tragic event can serve as a reminder to the importance of having working smoke detectors on every floor, and in every bedroom,” Stoecklein added.

Stoecklein reminded residents to use extreme caution with space heaters in residential areas.

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Movie

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July parade in 1956.

“It is a docu-drama which allows for some creative license to get the ideas across,” Rolak said. He added that an aviation and aerospace high school curriculum would be included to any S.T.E.M. teacher who would like to use the docu-drama as a teaching aid.

S.T.E.M. is an educational

acronym for stressing science, technology, engineering and math in the school systems. Danielle Ramos the coordinator for the S.T.E.M. Academy at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park said, “This could be a great addition to introduce as another S.T.E.M. component and future job track for students.

“Young people have an innate attraction for travel and airborne adventures.”

Her focus for the program is to build partnerships with com-

munity members from various S.T.E.M. fields, allowing students to explore a multitude of careers.

“Providing students with additional experiences, wisdom, and career explorations will stimulate curiosity, build confidence, and encourage growth and achievement,” she said.

Longtime Northville businessman, Bill Downs, will emcee the preview of the short film at the Plymouth District Library at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan.

22. Downs, an adjunct professor at Lawrence Tech, was a former airman as a Huey captain during the Vietnam conflict.

The evening will conclude with some Michigan filmmaking news from author J. Paul Sanderson. Sanderson recently sold his screenplay to Wonderland Entertainment International and is planning a cinema-related announcement that will impact the Northville-Canton-Plymouth communities, Rolak said.

Rolak said that another educational attraction at Mettetal Airport is the Experimental Aviation Association # 113 which houses a hangar at the site. They have a program called 'Young Eagle Flights' that introduces young people between the ages of 8 and 17 to the world of aviation. They will provide a first airplane ride free of charge to students. For more information, consult Debbie Forsman (734) 397-3452 or youngeagles113@wowway.com.

Educational foundation seeks contributions to reach goal

The Northville Educational Foundation is looking for a little help from some friends in their pursuit of their collection goal of \$50,000.

The group will receive matching funds from an anonymous donor if they can reach the \$50,000 mark by Jan. 31. The group reported last week that they had collected \$39,760 by Jan. 7.

“Strong schools equal a strong community and we each play a role in making Northville Public Schools one of the top districts in Michigan. Support from generous donors like you makes a world of difference in our classrooms by helping the Northville Educational Foundation to fund enrichment programs in academics, arts and athletics,” the group said in a prepared statement seeking additional donations.

“When you give to Northville Educational Foundation, your donation helps preserve Northville's tradition of educational excellence now and into the future through: Innovative Teacher grants,” support of The Leader In Me and International Baccalaureate programs; student financial aid and school facility improvements,” the statement continued.

The group said that every dollar donated stays in the Northville Public Schools.

“If 1,000 more community members donate just \$30 each, we can reach what we need to support our 2014-15 programs,” the statement continued.

Tax deductible gifts can be mailed to 501 West Main St. Room 211, Northville, 48167. Checks should be made payable to the Northville Education Foundation.

More information is available at (248) 344-8458 or at www.NorthvilleEdFoundation.org.



Meet the new president

Canton Public Safety Director Todd L. Mutchler was recently sworn-in as president of the Southeastern Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police. The new board pledged their oaths of office last week, administered by 35th District Court Chief Judge James A. Plakas. The Southeastern Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police is a non-profit organization made-up of law enforcement administrators with the common goal of improving the delivery of law enforcement services in the communities in which they serve. The organization engages in educating its members, empowering them to address local and regional issues including trending community concerns, laws, and legislation.

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