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Dioxin disposal permit requested

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Owners of the Michigan Disposal Waste Treatment Plant and landfill in Van Buren Township are seeking to expand the hazardous waste storage and treatment facilities, conduct treatment outside of treatment tanks, and add two new waste streams for the treatment of dioxins, a known cancer-causing agent. The company is also seeking a permit to accept waste containing sulfides, another highly toxic element, which, if inhaled causes respiratory problems and death.

The facility, already the largest hazardous waste treatment operation by volume in the country, is seeking a permit to accept the deadly chemicals for disposal.

The chemicals would be treated and stabilized and then disposed of at a landfill, usually Wayne Disposal also owned by U.S. Ecology.

The facility also processes and disposes of low-level radioactive waste from oil and natural gas fracking operations. U.S. Ecology purchased the landfill operation from Michigan Disposal in 2014.

Dioxins are highly toxic and can cause cancer, reproductive

and developmental problems, damage to the immune system and can interfere with human hormones, according to a statement from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Dioxins are usually created as by-products of industrial processes.

"Dioxin (2,3,7,8-TCDD) is one of the most toxic man-made chemicals known," according to an EPA document. One part per billion of

dioxin in soil is considered a health concern in residential areas according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In a statement, officials from U.S. Ecology said, "Michigan Disposal is equipped to responsibly accept and manage this waste."

"The request to treat sulfide bearing waste is also being considered by the DEQ. Sulfide gas has the potential to generate hydrogen sulfide gas, which, if inhaled, "can quickly lead to death," according to the application from U.S. Ecology. The proposal to treat the waste outside treatment tanks was

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Miracle 'worker' After decades, director hands reins to staff

Julie Brown
Special Writer

Dale Yagiela's proud of what he's accomplished at Growth Works, where he served as executive director for many years.

"I think I've developed a pretty good understanding of how kids think and how they operate," said Yagiela, the social service agency's first hire in 1971 when it was known as Plymouth Youth Inc.

Now resident Yagiela has cut back on his duties to 25 hours a week, with longtime staffer Scott Levely named as the new CEO and executive director.

"He understands the values of the organization. He's got a real good group of people to work with. And our board is great. They'll continue to work with him," Yagiela said of Levely, who has been with Growth Works since 1973.

Yagiela recalled the less-than-auspicious beginnings of Growth Works.



Dale Yagiela

"I was just out of University of Michigan. I was a conscientious objector," he said, when he learned through an initiative of the Plymouth Jaycees that a group of Plymouth youths wanted a drop-in center. Then-District Court Judge Dunbar Davis arranged for the group to use the Frick House.

"It turned into a fiasco," recalled Yagiela. "They got out of this arrangement."

Then-Suburban Communications Corp. owned the current building on Main Street, which needed renovations. A trust arrangement with the city of Plymouth was devised and the predecessor of PNC bank loaned money for the building repairs, with car dealer Clarence DuCharme working

with the Plymouth Rotary Foundation, Leo Calhoun, Gary Hall, Jim Jabara and Jim McKeon were co-signers for the loan.

"And one more none of us can remember" added Yagiela.

"Mostly what has been interesting is being a part of seeing people change their lives. And they don't always do it on our time," he said.

He said he was recently approached by a young woman acknowledging she needed counseling. He said he works to build a relationship with the young people, "and not judge them for what they do or don't do, and not tie to them."

Agency programs have evolved, with the early focus on drugs at a time when drug use

was becoming a major issue.

"Plymouth was a much different place then," he said. "The city itself had a large working-class population," with many coming north from places like Tennessee.

"This was the first explosion of drug use in Michigan," Yagiela said. Students died in drunken driving crashes, and there was a lot of drug dealing.

Plymouth-Canton High School counselor Ne Cooper approached Yagiela about alternative education for students impacted by the attendance policy. Yagiela put his teaching certificate to use with that.

Federal grants helped, but dried up in the Reagan years.

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2 men are charged with sexual abuse

Romulus police have arrested two men in separate instances of criminal sexual conduct.

Christopher Joseph Jordan, 29, was arraigned in the 34th District Court in Romulus-Jan. 17.

Romulus detectives began investigating allegations that Jordan had sexually assaulted his 15-year-old stepdaughter in October of last year. The charges were referred to Romulus from the Canton Police Department. The subsequent investigation determined that Jordan had assaulted the teen dating from October of 2016.

He is facing three counts of Felony Criminal Sexual Conduct in the First Degree, one count of Felony Criminal Sexual Conduct in the Second Degree and three counts of Felony Criminal Sexual Conduct in the Third Degree. Judge David M. Parrott set his bond at \$50,000 or 10 percent.

He was remanded to the Romulus Police Department where he remains in custody, according to police reports. Should he be

released on bond, the judge ordered that he be placed on a tether and have no contact with the victim or her family members.

He is scheduled to appear for a probable cause hearing in the 34th District Court Jan. 31.

In a separate investigation, Jose Osmin Cortez-Mendoza was arraigned in Romulus on Jan. 15 and was charged with six counts of Felony Criminal Sexual Conduct in the Second Degree.

Cortez-Mendoza is accused of sexually assaulting three victims, ages 16, 12 and 11. He was arraigned on six counts of Felony Criminal Sexual Conduct Second Degree on Jan. 15 at the 34th District Court in Romulus before Magistrate Michael Golematitis.

Romulus police detectives began the investigation into the allegations of sexual abuse in November following a referral from the State of Michigan Child Protective Services.

Golematitis set Cortez-Mendoza's bond at \$250,000 or 10 percent. Should he be released

from police custody on bail, the judge ordered that he be placed on a tether and have no contact with the victim or their family members. He was remanded to the Wayne County Jail.

Cortez-Mendoza was scheduled back in court for a hearing on the charges yesterday, Jan. 24.

Romulus detectives are asking anyone who believes they may have been victimized by either of these defendants to contact them at (734) 942-6870.



Christopher Joseph Jordan



Jose Osmin Cortez-Mendoza

IN KSTER - PLYMOUTH

Four reveals plans for arts complex

The first public forum concerning the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC) proposal to build a \$30 million performing arts theater drew an audience of nearly 175 people last week.

The plan includes the renovation of the current building which was formerly Central Middle School on Main Street in downtown Plymouth and the construction of a new 800-seat performing arts center.

Several residents spoke during the public forum, almost all indicating support for the plan that PARC President Don Soenen described as "a unique opportunity."

"I think we have a unique opportunity to make Plymouth a focal point for the arts. We are right at the heart of that," he said in an earlier interview. "Good freeway access, restaurants, local and regional arts organizations really give us an opportunity to develop Plymouth into an arts community. It will make this community more attractive. It will increase the quality of life."

Soenen said 800 seats is optimal for the performing arts center, and there will be about 800 parking spaces.

"Parking should not be an issue," he said.

Soenen told the assembled crowd that residents would not pay for operating costs at the entertainment center. He said the group may ask for a 1-mil, 20-year tax to pay the construction and renovation costs, about \$110 a year for the average Plymouth homeowner. No tax proposal has been created, Soenen said, and that action would involve negotiations with both city and township officials. He sug-

gested that a board of directors might be appointed to oversee a special authority charged with writing the tax proposal.

The 166-acre site is near the Miracle League and Plymouth Cultural Center, which has an ice rink. "It really becomes almost a campus setting with the Miracle League, the Cultural Center," Soenen said. There are many uses, "all in one location. That's just unheard of in a downtown community."

Marsha Krezza, PARC marketing director, is also supportive of the performing arts theater.

"With the resurgence of the arts in Detroit, it's a perfect location. We've got the expressways here." She and others are working on "creative placemaking. With new people coming into Plymouth, we feel this would be good all around," including for business and real estate, Krezza said. "It serves a real need in the community, too."

PARC is drawing from Canton, Livonia and Northville, as well as throughout the region, Soenen said. Tenants will number 35-35 at capacity. Currently, there are 25 tenants at the facility, including artists, theater groups, youth and adult recreation classes, culinary arts programs, the Michigan Philharmonic and classes from the College for Creative Studies based in Detroit.

He noted the Plymouth-Canton Steelers and Our Lady of Good Counsel youth football use the field, and have for decades. "I think we have to consider the impact to the community if PARC goes forward," he said.

"We can only speculate what that might be," He emphasized the performing arts



center is essential, and also acknowledges the building's major infrastructure issues. Soenen cited Plymouth Township growth, including the Five Mile corridor. "We've had a major growth of businesses coming to our community. They look for these amenities. I think this'd be a huge asset," he said.

"The theater is not that expensive. The operating costs for the theater are not that onerous," said Soenen. "They do say all bets are off if we don't have the theater," he added referring to the independent business analysis done on the project.

"I think we're in a good position" with minimal opposition to PARC, Soenen said. His opinion was apparently validated at the forum when nearly every resident who spoke was in favor of the theater complex.

"This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," said PARC Vice President

Mark Malcolm, who with his wife, Patti, donated more than \$3.5 million to save the PARC building from destruction. "By working together, we can leave Plymouth better than we found it," Malcolm told the forum audience.

A professional feasibility study indicated that the project is viable, Soenen said, and determined that renting space provides an income stream for PARC. Another study determined that the proposed entertainment complex would benefit property values.

"PARC" will bring numerous long-term benefits to the Plymouth community, including quality of life and economic benefits," the study concluded.

If all goes as planned, the theater complex could open as early as 2020.

Special Writer Julie Brown contributed to this story.

Yagiela

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Ron Harrison came to the staff from Cleveland to perform adult drug interventions. He'd talk to parents about getting teens into treatment.

"They were clear-headed, they were respectful, they were engaged" after treatment, said Yagiela. He started after-care with kids and their parents focused on substance abuse.

The agency became Plymouth Community United Way-affiliated in the mid-1980s. It offered a variety of programs in western Wayne and Washtenaw counties, including drug court and residential treatment in Ann Arbor.

Opioid addiction is common now, and includes adult clients. A Youth Assistance Program began in the mid-1980s at the behest of Pete Wilson of the Wayne County Youth Home.

"We used a lot of volunteers when we began that," said Yagiela, with the focus later shifting.

He praised John Santomaro, former Canton Township Public Safety Director, for helping to get misdemeanor and ordinance violations heard for juveniles in the 35th District Court. The Conference of Western Wayne has also been a good partner.

Black History to be celebrated

Middle Park Manor Block Club will present A Black History Celebration Event from 5-8 p.m. Feb. 10 at Pentecostal Temple Church, 30045 Parkwood St. in Inkster.

"We had a way to intervene with kids before they became part of the formal system," Yagiela said.

He's taught with police at Madonna University, and wrote a document on making treatment as community-based and out of the formal system as possible.

He also praised non-Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan, who then worked for Ed McNamara, for Lansing talks on length of detention placements. Wayne County gained the ability and funds to manage those.

Yagiela recalled meeting longtime businessman Harold Guenther who told him, "I'm going to replace the Plymouth way to you."

"It was scared to death. But it was an important lesson," Yagiela said.

Yagiela is highly respected at other community Youth Assistance Programs, as well as school districts and law enforcement. As he winds down duties, he's focused on work with substance abuse clinicians, as well as state funding changes.

He also notes the juvenile justice system will raise the age up to include those 18, with attendant funding challenges.

The agency has buildings in Plymouth, Canton, Westland, Garden City and Pittsfield Township/Ann Arbor.

Yagiela has two grown daughters, and with wife Pamela has three stepchildren. His stepson and the stepson's wife work for Growth Works.

The evening will include dinner, entertainment and a 50-50 drawing.

Tickets for the event are priced at 410 and available by calling (734) 357-1424 or (734) 355-1079.

Advisory council to meet

The Plymouth Township Citizens Advisory Council for 2018 will meet for the first time in March.

Township Supervisor Kurt Heise said the advisory council is a way for residents to be directly involved in the strategic planning, mission, and future of their township government.

He said that the first Citizens Advisory Council formed last year was very successful, with more than 100 residents involved at some point in the process. The council presented a final report to the board of trustees in the fall of last year.

The council is a citizen-driven, voluntary group of concerned residents who are interested in serving on one or more of the four following committees: Public Safety; Municipal Finance; Municipal Infrastructure or Environmental Stewardship, Heise said.

The Citizens Advisory Council will meet at least twice a year, but committees will be asked to meet at least four times a

year to review and discuss township services and issues, and to help the township board with ideas to improve the community, he explained.

While not an elected body, Heise said the citizens council will serve to further the civic health and future direction of the township.

"The council is a strategic planning and review committee that has a hand in assisting the board of trustees in our policy-making process," Heise said. "It's vital that we get feedback from our experienced, hardworking residents."

The organizational meeting of the council is planned from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, March 22 the Plymouth Town Hall Meeting Room, 9655 N. Haggerty Road. Membership is limited to Plymouth Township residents and the meeting is open to the public.

Residents with questions can contact Heise at (734) 254-3291 or email him at kheise@plymouthtrp.org.

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(7) For additional information contact Lynn A. Conway, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, or Gary Harris, Purchasing Department Buyer by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing Purchasing@cityofromulus.com.

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WAYNE - WESTLAND

School leader outlines district goals

Julie Brown
Special Writer

Wayne-Westland Community Schools Superintendent Shelley Holt doesn't shy away from questions about declining student test scores in the district.

"We know where we were," Holt, a California native who came from the Postonia School District in that state this year, said. "We just need to approach our learning a little differently."

Holt spoke Jan. 18 to members of the Westland Rotary Club. She was asked by Wayne Memorial High School alumni Joe Tseng, a dentist, about academics.

"At one point, we were very high in our test scores," Holt responded. "The cognitive rigor that's required of our students is very different than when you and I were in school. We have to teach our kids to think differently."

She described a partnership with Wayne RESA, the intermediate school district, the state Department of Education and Wayne-Westland. Three schools, Hoover Hicks and Hamilton elementary, were listed for the priority status in the wake of three consecutive years of declining scores.

"We just need to approach our learning a little differently."

"This year, Hicks came out, Hamilton came out. Hoover did not. We know where we were," she told Rotary members and guests. "It causes some consternation. Our babies are brilliant. We just need to approach our learning a little differently."

Ideas that have emerged include making kindergarten two years for some students, as well as possibly starting an International Baccalaureate pre-college program in Wayne-Westland.

Holt said Wayne-Westland has lost some 300 students a year in recent years, but this year lost only 117. The district receives \$7,681 in per pupil funding from the state.

"We're able to do some different things now that we have more kids," she said of the 11,300 student enrollment. Holt noted difficulty with low teacher salaries, and said she loses teach-

ers to Plymouth-Canton, Livonia and Garden City.

"We're working right now to fix some of those challenges around the declining enrollment and the student achievement," she said.

Antoinette Martin, who works in finance, asked about schools opening or closing. Holt noted closings are possible, based on enrollment trends. The Jefferson-Barns Community Vitality Center in the Norwagone community is one example she cited of a new use, noting others could follow that path.

She's looking with other district leaders at how programs improve student achievement, and at spending within buildings, she said. Enrollment configurations could change. "Most likely, we will be consolidating schools," Holt said.

Charter schools want to be treated like public schools," she said. A study led by an Oakland County educator and others noted great funding discrepancies, even among public districts.

"At risk kids and kids in poverty require more support," Holt said. In her district, 67 percent of students receive free or reduced price lunches, an increase of 22 percent from 10 years ago.

Demographics are also shifting, with the student population at John Glenn High 40 percent black and at Wayne Memorial High 38 percent black. "They come from the community. The community has shifted," Holt said.

The average family income in the district is \$45,000, but drops into the \$20,000 in some schools, she said. Holt said she is focused on helping district educators learn new skills.

"We're going to learn how to deal with the trauma," she said, noting that ranges from domestic violence to excessive partying in student homes.

Holt shared she was originally planning to be a physician.

"I started to teach and fell in love with this profession," she said. She earned her doctorate from the University of Southern California.

She was also a bit mystified by snow, and joked about driving over it repeatedly until being told it's to be shoveled. Holt concluded, "Wayne-Westland's going to be amazing. We have the people to do that."

In introducing Holt, Westland Rotary Club President Maria Mitter said, "I have been so impressed with your commit-



Shelley Holt

Holt and others through the Eastern Michigan University Bright Futures academic enrichment program.

"I'm pleased to welcome Dr. Holt. Excited to hear about her vision for the district and her short- and long-term goals," Mitter said. "One of her initiatives is building partnerships, and we hope Rotary can be one of those."

Holt said she is encouraging mentoring, community organizations adopting schools, and has reached out to the local ministerial group as well as financial institutions to teach money skills.

"Our community is not in its schools as much as it used to be," Holt said. "I love this community, and want to do everything I can."

She said her husband are the parents of seven children. Four enrolled in the Wayne-Westland district.

Father's murder trial in tot's death set

A father accused of killing his 2-year-old son will face trial April 2 in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Mare Minter, 30, remains in custody at the Wayne County Jail awaiting his next court appearance on charges of felony murder and two counts of child abuse. His

son, Christian Minter, died in October of 2016 after emergency personnel were called to a home in the 4500 block of Williams Street in Wayne. The toddler was transported to a local hospital where he died of injuries.

Police said that an infant girl in

the home, said to be Minter's daughter, had suffered two broken legs.

During Minter's preliminary examination on the charges in August, a deputy medical examiner testified that the 2-year-old child appeared to have sustained

an injury to his back two weeks prior to his death as well as another blunt force trauma to his back just prior to his death. The medical examiner testified that the injuries were consistent with those usually caused by someone else.

Minter was originally scheduled for trial last month, but the trial date has been moved to April 2. A final conference in the case is scheduled for Feb. 16 before Circuit Court Judge Mark Slavens.

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'Wonder'-ful show

Fifty-grade students from Barth, Halescreek, Romulus and Wick elementary schools in Romulus were treated to a special screening of the film *Wonder* recently. The movie is based on the bestselling children's novel and promotes a message of kindness toward others. The story surrounds the life of a 10-year old boy named Auggie who has facial deformities from a birth condition called Craniofacial Difference, which affects 1 in 700 births. "Wonder delivers a message about acceptance of each other's unique qualities and how to cope with the realities of being different. People are all unique in their own special way and it is important that we promote kindness, especially to our children," said Marjie McNally, superintendent of Romulus Community Schools. A partnership with Imagine Theaters, JORY Children's Foundation, Durham Transportation Services, and Charwell's Foodservice made the learning experience possible.



Northville superintendent honors board members

January is School Board Recognition Month - a time to formally honor the crucial role board of education members play in the lives of children, schools and the community. Public education is the backbone of American society and local school boards are rooted in this tradition noted Northville Community Schools Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher.

"They (school boards) ensure that decisions on school program-

ing are made by people elected to represent our community's values, culture and circumstances. They are citizens whose decisions affect our children and build our communities," she added.

Members of the Northville Community Schools Board of Education were officially honored last week at the regular meeting.

"Our Board of Education establishes the district's vision, mission and goals and develops policies to achieve them; they

encourage continuous improvement in student learning; and advocate at the local, state and national level in support of public education. This work includes an endless string of meetings and school functions to attend; reams of reports, agendas, proposals and other documents to read and study; and a never-ending commitment to thoughtful consideration

of the issues, balancing perspectives, and making difficult decisions that are both fiscally responsible and focused on what

is best for students," Gallagher said.

She said that the community was fortunate to have an "actively involved, deeply committed" board of education.

Together with district leaders, educators and staff, the seven members of the Northville schools board of education oversee and manage an annual general fund budget of approximately \$78 million, 7,470 students, 850 employees, and 11 buildings.

Members of the Northville

Schools Board of Education who were honored last week include: James Mazurek, who has served on the board for 7 years; Cynthia L. Jankowski, who has served for 6 years; Matthew Will, who has been on the board for 5 and 1/2 years; Ann Kalass, who has been on the school board for 4 years; Roland Hwang, who has been on the board for 3 years; Sarah Prescott who has served for 2 years and 4 months and Laurie Doner, who has been on the board for 1 year.

Hella moves plant from Plymouth to Northville

Hella, an automotive industry supply manufacturer, will move the company U.S. headquarters from Plymouth to Northville next year.

During a groundbreaking at the Northville Township site last month, township Supervisor Robert Nix II praised the German company, which devel-

ops and builds lighting and electronic components for auto suppliers.

"We're happy to welcome yet another high-quality business to Northville," Nix said. "These are real quality companies, first-rate companies."

Hella will construct a new 115,000-square-foot office and

technical center on Technology Drive near Beck Road in the Northville Technology Park. Hella will reportedly lease the site from Rodico, a real estate company which is developing the site.

The company is expected to move into the new Northville Township building in early 2019,

according to statements from the company.

Workforces from two other existing offices will also be moved into the new headquarters. Company officials said that the staff is expected to increase from 350 to about 400 employees during the next two years. Employees in all departments

will reportedly be added at the new site including design, development, engineering and technology.

The new site will be the hub for product development, purchasing, sales, information management and finance, according to a statement from the company.

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Calendar of events

Legislator host coffee hour

State Rep. Kristy Pagan (D-Canton) will meet with constituents for a coffee hour on 10 a.m. Jan. 27 at Belleville City Hall, 6 Main St. in Belleville. Pagan has invited residents to join her to discuss their thoughts and ideas about how she can best represent and address the needs of her constituents.

If residents are unable to attend the coffee hour, Pagan encourages individuals to contact her directly at KristyPagan@house.mi.gov or by calling her office at (517) 373-2575. To sign up for email updates, which will provide information about her work at the Capitol and in the community, go to pagan.houseedem.com.

St. Mary hosts open house

St. Mary Catholic School in Wayne will host an Open House at the school from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29 during Catholic Schools Week. Located on 34316 W. Michigan Ave. in Wayne, St. Mary offers pre-kindergarten through 8th grade education by highly-qualified teachers to Catholic and non-Catholic students in a diverse environment.

The school offers advanced learning with Smartboards in every classroom, a computer lab, Chromebooks for students, and integration of STEM in the curriculum. Students score highly above average nationwide on the Iowa Standardized Test, officials said. St. Mary also provides enrichment programs beyond the basic curriculum such as C.Y.O. sports, spelling bees, academic olympics, student council, children's vocal and bell choir, band, Boy and Girl Scouts, and before and after school care. Grades 6-8 teachers use the "middle school model" to prepare their students for high school. For more information, call (734) 721-1240 or office@stmarywayne.org or visit StMarySchoolWayne.org.

Computer training available

The Romulus Public Library will offer free one-on-one computer tutoring including help with Microsoft products, internet browsing and web applications, social media and email.

For help, sign up for a 30-45 minute session with one of the library professionals at the front desk of the library.

For more information, call (734) 942-7389.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus.

Butterfly Ball tickets on sale

Tickets for the Valentine's Day tradition Butterfly Ball in Canton are now on sale.

The dance returns to the Summit on the Park Feb. 9 and 10, offering a unique experience and plenty of special memories for dads and daughters.

The evening will include dancing, refreshments, a special butterfly souvenir and the highly anticipated balloon drop that caps off the festivities. Three dances are scheduled this year: 6 p.m. Feb. 9 and 2 or 6 p.m. Feb. 10.

All three dances will be in the Summit Gymnasium this year.

Tickets are \$11 for Canton residents and \$14 for non-residents. All ticket sales will end Feb. 1. Dads and daughters, regardless of age, are required to purchase a ticket to attend. This annual event has sold out in the past, so early ticket purchase is advised.

For more information, call (734) 394-5493.

Toddler Story Time available

The Romulus Public Library will host Toddler Story Time for those 0-4 years of age for playtime, stories and crafts from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays through March 28.

Older children can attend but must be accompanied by an adult.

Toddler Story Time is sponsored in part by the Friends of the Romulus Public Library.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus. For more information, call (734) 942-7389.

Family Story Time begins

The Romulus Public Library will host Family Story Time at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays through Feb. 15.

Story Time will include aspects of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) depending on the weekly theme.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus. For more information, call (734) 942-7389.

Story Time is sponsored in part by the Friends of the Romulus Library.

Jazz at the Elks

Jazz @ The Elks will present the Emma Aboukass quartet from 7 until 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30. Jazz @ The Elks take place the last Tuesday of the month. There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes live door prizes.

Aboukass, a senior at University of Michigan, has become one of the most accomplished and popular jazz singers in the area. Joining her will be Scott Grinnell on keyboard, Pete Siers on drums, and Jordan Schug on bass.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 433-1780 or visit www.plyaa325.com or email jazztheelks@gmail.com.

City hosts blood drive

An American Red Cross Blood Drive is set for 10 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. Jan. 30 at Plymouth City Hall.

To schedule an appointment, visit www.recrossblood.org. For donor eligibility questions, call (866) 236-3276.

City Hall is located at 201 South Main St. in Plymouth.

Daddy Daughter Dance set

The City of Plymouth will host the 6th Annual Daddy/Daughter Dance from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. on both Friday, Feb. 2 and Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Light refreshments and snacks will be served. Semi-formal, dressy-casual attire recommended. Admission is \$10/person.

Distinguished Young Woman entries sought

Entry forms are now available for the Wayne-Westland Distinguished Young Woman Program which will take place March 9.

Any high school girl in her junior year who is a resident of either Wayne or Westland, may register at any time to

participate in the program at www.distinguishedydw.org and click on "Apply Now".

The information will be forwarded to directors Lauren Reed and Jodi Berry who will contact the participants with program and orientation details.

and because space is limited, advance ticket purchase is required. No admission will be available at the door.

Registration can be found online at www.cpl.plymouth.mi.us or by calling (734) 455-0620, from 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Spent an evening with 'Groucho'

The Village Theater will present "Frank Ferrante in An Afternoon with Groucho" at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 3.

Award-winning actor/director/playwright Frank Ferrante recreates his PBS, New York and London acclaimed portrayal of legendary comedian Groucho Marx in this fast-paced 90-minute show. The two-act comedy consists of the best Groucho one-liners, anecdotes and songs.

Tickets, priced at \$35 for adults and \$25 for youths and seniors, can be purchased, and printed at home or held in will call, anytime online at www.villagetheater.org or at no extra charge. The Village Theater Box Office is open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. weekdays. Tickets can also be ordered by phone at (734) 394-5000 x3, with a Visa or MasterCard between the hours of 10 a.m.-2 p.m. weekdays. If tickets are available, they can also be purchased one hour prior to program time.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

Genealogist to speak in Belleville

Renowned genealogist Tony Burroughs will speak at the Ted Scott Campus of the Wayne County Community College District from 12:30 until 2:30 p.m. Feb. 4.

Burroughs is the founder and CEO of the Center for Black Genealogy and is an internationally known genealogist.

He taught genealogy at Chicago State University for 15 years and has researched Olympic Gold Medal sprint champion Michael Johnson's family history. He has consulted on the Rex A. Sharpton-Strom Thurmond genealogy; the Oprah Winfrey genealogy; African American Lives 2 and

The Real Family of Jesus. Burroughs also consulted with the Chicago Public Schools, New York Public Schools Chicago City Colleges and Ancestry.com.

The Ted Scott Campus is located at 9555 Haggerty Road in Belleville. The event is part of the college Global Conversations Speaker Series.

For more information, contact (313) 496-2534 or visit www.wcccd.edu.

Schools host open house

Wayne Memorial High School will be hosting an 8th grade parent night at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at the Wayne Memorial High School Stockmeyer Auditorium, 3001 Fourth St., Wayne.

This evening is for current eighth-grade students and their families or families interested in more information about Wayne Memorial High School for the 2018-2019 school year. Students do not have to be currently attending a Wayne-Westland Community School to participate in this event.

Topics covered will include: scheduling, graduation requirements, testing out requirements, direct college courses, AP courses, extra-curricular activities, and much more. All are welcome to attend, and questions are encouraged.

Parking is available in the Glenwood Street parking lot, and guests should enter through the front of the auditorium. For questions, please contact the Wayne Memorial counseling department at (734) 419-2215.

Country Garden Club to meet

Members of the Country Garden Club of Northville will meet at 11 a.m. Feb. 7 at Ward Presbyterian Church (enter via door 6 or 7).

Meeting speaker will be Tracy Campbell of English Gardens who will discuss conifers. There is no charge to attend the meeting and guests are welcome.

For more information, call Sheryl Sigmond, (248) 302-1518.



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