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Developers confirm plans for new mall

New England Development and Paragon Outlet Partners, LLC have confirmed the joint venture to develop a new 360,000 square foot outlet center on Interstate 94 in Romulus opposite Detroit Metro Airport.

New England Development and Paragon Outlet Partners have identified Metro Detroit as an ideal market for a major outlet center, according to a spokesman for the two developers. The joint venture selected the site in Romulus for its regional accessibility to all the key segments of this market. Forming a partnership to develop this site enables the two firms to accelerate permitting, leasing, and building the project. Opening is planned for 2016, and when completed, the center will be home to approximately 90 retailers, she added.

In confirming the joint venture, first announced by Romulus Mayor Leroy Burcroff earlier this month, New England Development and Paragon Outlet Partners expressed enthusiasm



The development site plan for new outlet mall was presented to Romulus officials for approval.

about working together to develop Outlets of Michigan into an unparalleled shopping destination in Metro Detroit. New England Development President Douglass Karp, commented, “We’re pleased to be partnering with Paragon to create an outlet

shopping destination that will attract shoppers from Canada, Southeast Michigan, and Toledo, Ohio. We also look forward to continuing to build on our work with Romulus Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff and with Romulus city officials.”

“We are well under way with tremendous leasing activity. We look forward to bringing a tenant roster of the best names in outlet retail to the Greater Detroit marketplace,” said Robert Brvenik, principal, Paragon Outlet Partners.

4 face charges in fatal beating of woman

Four men are facing various felony charges in the death of a Westland woman whose body was found lying in a Dearborn Heights street last week.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy has charged Terrance Harold Johnson, 44, of Westland, Randy Demario Batts, 30, of Detroit, Joshua Hurston-Herron, 23, of Detroit and Michael Richard Bashlor, 34, who is transient, in connection with the homicide of Diedra Crawford, 46, of Westland.

Worthy has alleged in court documents that at about 5 a.m. Jan. 18, Johnson fatally beat the woman in the home they shared

on the 32000 block of Grand Traverse in Westland. The prosecutor alleges that Batts aided Johnson in the beating.

Defendants Hurston and Bashlor are alleged to have assisted Johnson and Batts in taking Crawford’s lifeless body from her home and dumping her, clad in her nightclothes and wrapped in a bedsheet, in Dearborn Heights in the area of Powers and Glenis streets.

Crawford’s body was discovered at about 1:30 a.m. Jan. 19 by a passing motorist who notified police. The Wayne County Medical Examiner determined her cause of death to be homicide by multiple blunt force

injuries.

Later Jan. 19, one of the men appeared at the Westland Police Station and said he and the others had been involved with the dumping of the body, according to the Westland Police Department. Based on his information, a search warrant was obtained for the home where police discovered evidence of the assault.

Police then tracked down the other three men and arrested all four of the defendants in the homicide.

Johnson was arraigned last week and remanded to jail on one count of first-degree murder. Batts was arraigned on one

count each of first and second-degree murder and remanded to jail. Hurston-Herron and Bashlor are charged with one count each of accessory after the fact. Hurston-Herron and Bashlor each received a \$250,000 cash/surety bond.

The probable cause court hearing was scheduled for today and the preliminary examination on the charges is scheduled for Feb. 5, before Judge Mark McConnell at the 18th District Court in Westland.

In a prepared statement, Worthy said that more specific facts of the crime will be presented in court at the preliminary examination.

Pagan takes oath of office, sets local hours

State Rep. Kristy Pagan (D-Canton Township) was sworn in

earlier this month at the Michigan House of

Representatives. Pagan represents the 21st House District, which comprises the city of Belleville and the majorities of Canton and Van Buren townships.

“I am incredibly excited to begin my service as a state representative. It is an honor that the people of the 21st House District chose me to represent them in Michigan’s Legislature,” Pagan said. “As I spoke to my neighbors, I learned they are concerned about quality education, finding good-paying jobs, and having safe and vibrant communities. They are tired of politics as usual and want a rep-

resentative that will work hard to serve their needs. I am ready to work hard every day for the people of this community.”

Pagan was born in Belleville and raised in Canton, where she graduated from Salem High School. After graduating from Western Michigan University, Pagan, struggled to find meaningful work in Michigan. Instead, she moved to Washington, D.C., where she worked in child nutrition policy for a nonprofit organization and took night classes to earn her master’s degree in political man-

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State Rep. Kristy Pagan (D-Canton), right, takes the oath of office from Michigan Supreme Court Justice Bridget Mary McCormack on Wednesday, Jan. 14. Joining Pagan are, from left, father Nick Pagan, mother Kathy Pagan, brother-in-law Bill Pagan DeYoung, niece Evelyn Pagan DeYoung and sister Jenna Pagan DeYoung.

Romulus merits ‘highest rating’ by auditors

The City of Romulus received some good news from outside auditing firm representatives during a city council meeting earlier this month.

Representatives from the Plante/Moran auditing firm gave the city an unmodified rating for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2014. It’s the highest level of opinion the city could have received from an external auditor, said Frank Audia, a partner with Plante/Moran, and it means that all the city financial records were in proper order.

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opinion that bond holders and other stakeholders looking at your financial statements are looking to see,” said Audia.

The overall economic outlook was improving but gains in the job and housing markets have not yet been reflected in municipal budgets, he said. That has nothing to do with the City of Romulus, but the way municipal

finance is set up. The interaction of the Headlee Amendment and Proposal A, which dictates that property values can only increase by the rate of inflation or 3 percent, whichever is lower, as well as cuts in local revenue from the state level combine to create a relatively stagnant revenue stream for cities and townships.

“The overall municipal finance environment remains, still, extremely challenging,” Audia said. “Numerous challenges remain.”

Despite that, the city made gains in some important areas, such as reducing ongoing legacy costs. Revenues and expenditures were about the same as they were at the end of 2013, which put them at about \$44 million and \$40 million, respectively and the city was able to increase its fund balance, said Audia.

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Plymouth - Wayne

Soup Swap set to benefit Salvation Army pantry

A highly anticipated fund-raiser for the Salvation Army will return next month, to the delight of both artists and food lovers in the area.

Soup Swap will return to Plymouth for the third year and this year, the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. is teaming up with the Belleville Rotary Club and the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth to offer this popular community art project. The Over the Grill Gang Chefs' Club along The Plymouth Canton Educational Park Culinary Team will again be providing the soup for the "Swap" March 7 to support this event.

The art portion of the festivities will begin Feb. 5. All aspiring or experienced artists are invited to go to the Plymouth Salvation Army Church located at 9451 S. Main St., to decorate a soup bowl handmade by members of the Village Potters Guild. Participants will use colored clays to paint their favorite design on a bowl that they have chosen from a large selection of shapes and sizes. Members of the guild will then glaze and fire the bowls. There are several sessions available beginning at 4:30-6 p.m. or 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5. Painting sessions continue from 10-11:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7; from 4:30-6 p.m. and 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12; from 10-11:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14; and from 3:30-5 p.m. and 5-6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16 when schools are closed for the mid-winter break.

The cost of the painting session is \$15 per person. To get families involved, the cost is \$15 for the first two members of the family and \$10 for each additional family member. If one person would like to decorate more than one bowl, the cost is \$10 for each additional bowl with a limit of four bowls.

On Soup Swap day, the Over the Grill Gang Chefs' Club and the Plymouth Community Educational Park Culinary Team will be serving soups for participants when they come to pick up their bowl, again at the church.

"The Chefs' Club is excited to collaborate with these great service organizations in giving back to the community, especially the Salvation Army," said Mike Stepan, a member of the club.

The Salvation Army food pantry will benefit from the event with all proceeds going to the church. In addition to the money generated from the sale of soup bowls, participants are asked to bring a canned food item to help restock the shelves at the pantry when they come to pick up their bowl and swap it for some soup.

"I've gotten so many calls from past participants asking when the Soup Swap will be held again. This is wonderful project for the community, for the Salvation Army and for our local service clubs. We're excited to bring it back and see this much support," said Leslie Greeneisen, a member of the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. and the Village Potters Guild

To register for the Soup Swap Bowl Painting sessions at the Plymouth Salvation Army Church or for more information, call Sandy Kollinger, the volunteer and special events coordinator, at (734) 453-5464.

The Soup Swap from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. March 7 is open to the public and no reservations are required.

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Wayne will ask voters for 3 mills to fund pensions

Wayne voters will be asked to approve the levy of 3 mills for five years to fund police and fire pensions in the city.

Last week, members of the city council directed the city attorney to prepare the ballot language for May election in the city after a recommendation from Councilman Al Damitio who said that the city had been taking money from other city budget funds, such as risk management and equipment rentals, to pay a portion of the pension obligation payments. Damitio said that the city has taken about \$1.2 from the general fund to make the pension payments in recent years and that the 3 mills would generate the amount needed to make the payments.

The city council is still dealing with a budget deficit of about \$500,000 and an even larger shortfall is predicted for next year. In an effort to find ways to cut spending and bring the budget in line, individual council members were assigned to specific departments to devise solutions. Damitio was assigned by Mayor Jim Hawley to the public safety budget, prompting his presentation to the council last week.

Damitio said that the 3 mills he suggested would generate enough to make the pension payments. A mill in Wayne generates about \$370,000 at the current rates for a total of \$1.1 million from 3 mills.

Damitio cautioned the council that without an increase in revenue, such as the new millage, the city could run out of money to make the pension payments. Voters in Wayne rejected a millage in 2013 that would have taken the pension fund out of the general fund.

Councilwoman Susan Rowe said the city needs to have a plan in place should the millage be rejected by voters for the second time. She said the council should have a plan in place and tell voters what the specific consequences of a rejection of the millage would include. She said that residents need to understand that steps such as closing the community center or a reduced level of trash collection are distinct possibilities in the city without added revenue.

County reveals plans to repair, upgrade Lilley Road

Wayne County has announced a plan to resurface Lilley Road between Ann Arbor Road and Ann Arbor Trail in the City of Plymouth.

The \$700,000 project will include the 1 mile of roadway between Main Street and Ann Arbor Road, according to county a spokesman. Included in the plan will be the installation of improved underground water mains and sanitary sewer repairs by the City of Plymouth and improved drainage along the roadways.

Funding will come from the priority road fund of the State of Michigan.

Plans include the removal by milling of 1 ½ inches of asphalt which will be replaced by a 3-inch new asphalt coating. The project will not begin until July or August, but officials said it is hoped the resurfacing will be complete by the time school begins in September.

The utility work, which must be complete before the resurfacing, will cost about \$1.55 million. The city of Plymouth will fund the work with a bond sale set for early this year.

Plymouth City Commissioners approved a \$124,800 contract with Wade Trim to provide design services on the utility project.

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BELLEVILLE - ROMULUS

Romulus welcomes new employees to city staff

Romulus welcomed two new Romulus police officers, a part-time animal control officer, and a part-time ordinance officer to the ranks of the Public Safety Department.

New police officers Rodney Cofield and Bristo Bell, ordinance officer Bonnie Freeman, and the animal control officer Rae Lipkowski were officially sworn into office last week.

Cofield, a 2009 graduate of Romulus High School, holds a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Adrian College, where he also played college football. He is a recent graduate of the 126th Michigan State Police Trooper Academy.

Bell is a 2004 graduate of River Rouge High School and holds a bachelor's degree from Olivet College, where he also played college football. Bell has five years of police experience between the Calhoun County Sheriff's Department and the River Rouge Police Department. He is graduate of the Wayne County Regional Police Academy.

Freeman comes to the Ordinance Department from the Oakland County Treasurer's Office, where she was a deputy treasurer working with personal property tax collection. Prior to that, she worked for Wayne County Sheriff's Department as a police lieutenant, including more than a decade working in the Special Operations Division, until her retirement in 2008.

Lipkowski is a lifelong Romulus resident and Romulus High School graduate. She began her career as a volunteer at the Romulus Animal Shelter. Two years later, her love of animals has allowed her to segue her volunteering efforts into becoming a part-time animal control officer.

At an official swearing-in ceremony, Romulus Mayor LeRoy



City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg, left, Romulus Recreation Coordinator Tanya Cofield (mother of newly sworn in Ofc. Rodney Cofield, Ofc. Bristo Bell, Mayor LeRoy Burcroff, Animal Control Officer Rae Lipkowski, Ordinance Ofc. Bonnie Freeman, Public Safety Director Jadie Settles and City Treasurer Stacy Paige were all on hand for the new employees official swearing in ceremony last week.

Burcroff welcomed the new hires and spoke about core values, customer service, teamwork, and family.

City of Belleville council meeting sets new record

Members of the Belleville City Council set a historic record for themselves during the first meeting of 2015. The meeting lasted only 3 minutes.

According to official minutes of the meeting, it was convened at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 5 and officially adjourned at 7:33p.m.

The only item on the agenda was the approval of expenditures. Council members voted to approve the payment of \$62,479.59 in accounts payable and \$5,144.50 in engineering fees to Hennessey Engineers. Also approved was \$1,600 for the Department of Public

Service/Water Operations and \$16,014.50 for S-2 grant management.

After the unanimous vote to approve the payments, the council meeting was officially adjourned. Reportedly, there were only eight members of the public in the council chambers

for the historically short meeting. In attendance were Belleville Mayor Pro-tem Jack Loria, Mayor Kerreen Conley and Councilmen Tom Smith and Tom Fielder. Councilwoman Kim Tindall was absent and excused because she was ill.

Also in attendance was City

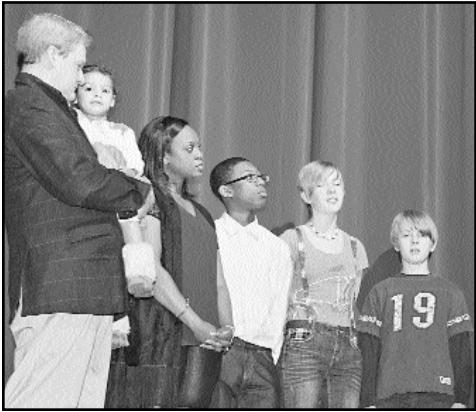
Manager Pro-Tem Lisa Long who also acts as city clerk/treasurer, who took minutes of the meeting. City Manager Diana Kollmeyer was in Florida.

In the audience were Planning Commissioner Mike Renaud, Police Chief Hal Berriman, and a reporter.



Time to remember

The City of Romulus, Romulus Community Schools and the Romulus Ministerial Alliance organized the 16th annual city celebration of the live of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King last week. The theme this year was "The Time is always Right to do what is Right". The community celebration began at 7:30 a.m. at the Romulus Middle School for coffee, hot chocolate and a prayer to start off the unity march at 8 a.m. down Wick Rd. to the Romulus Senior High School. After the march, breakfast was served in the high school cafeteria just prior to a ceremony in the auditorium which included students and participants from the Romulus School District, religious leaders and city, county and state officials.



Audit

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"In this environment, that's a result that we would be extremely pleased with, as your external auditor," Audia said.

He said those gains came despite the low city millage rate-Romulus can levy, by city charter, only 10 mills for general government purposes while most like-sized municipalities can levy 20.

"You folks continue to get an amazing amount done," he said. "Your value to your citizens, relative to the tax on the city

bill, continues to be a very high value."

He said ongoing challenges remain, including the Personal Property Tax legislation that was introduced last year-legislatures have voted to eliminate it and, while they indicated that other revenues would be available to municipalities, that remains an unknown.

Mayor Leroy Burcroff said he was pleased with the audit and praised the work of Finance Director Suzanne Moreno, who was hired halfway through the fiscal year.

"(The audit) shows that we've made the right decisions to help move the city forward," he said.

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CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY
2015 - 2016 FINAL STATEMENT
Wayne County Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)


In compliance with federal guidelines, the City of Inkster approved final projects and funding levels for Inkster's allocation of the 2015 - 2016 Wayne County CDBG Program funding as follows:

ACTIVITY	LOCATION	FUNDING
Administration	City-Wide	20,948
Code Enforcement	City-Wide	142,112
Housing Rehabilitation	City-Wide	15,000
Public Services (Neighborhood Clean Up)	City-Wide	31,422
Total Estimated Request Allocation		\$209,482

The estimated amount reflects no change from the 2014 - 2015 allocation. The above activities meet HUD's National Objectives by benefiting low and moderate income persons and aiding in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. To submit comments, please contact M. Jeannie Fields at 313.563.7709.

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Inkster - Westland

Westland to host largest Belgian beer fest

The largest Belgian beer event in North America is planned for Feb. 7 in Westland.

More than 200 varieties of craft beer from more than 80 different Belgian breweries will be available to attendees of the North American Belgian Beer Festival on Feb. 7, hosted by Ashley's Beer & Grill.

"Microbreweries in Michigan are an expanding industry and we are proud to have a Westland business host an event that features some of the best Belgian Kraft Beers," said Mayor William Wild. "This exclusive event is a testament to the international reach our Shop and Dine district in Westland is garnering."

The one-day festival is a greatly expanded version of the Belgian Bottle Festival, part of the annual Ashley's Belgian Beer Festival, now in its fifth year. The festival is composed exclusively of beers imported from Belgium, a country widely recognized by experts as one of the most important beer countries in the world.

"The North American Belgian Beer Festival is the largest celebration of authentic Belgian beers in the United States," said Steve Villani of Global Beer Network, a major importer of Belgian beers. "Brewers from across Belgium - arguably the best brewing country in the world - will be in atten-

It is rare even in Belgium to have this many of their beers at one place.

dance to offer samples and educate consumers on some of the best ales the world has to offer."

Attendees will have the opportunity not only to sample many unique specialty and boutique brews but also to pair them with a menu of Belgian-inspired cuisine. Belgian beer experts will be on hand to help educate and guide guests through the diversi-

ty and complexity of the Belgian beer world.

The festival is sponsored, in part, by the Flanders Investment and Trade group of the Consulate General of Belgium.

"We are excited to be part of this year's festival - it's a great opportunity for Americans to not only taste some amazing beers from Belgium but also to learn

about Belgian food and beverage culture," said Heidi Hoover, trade director.

"It is rare even in Belgium to have this many of their beers at one place. Festival guests will have a unique experience to learn from experts about Belgium's centuries-old brewing traditions and why that country's craft beers are considered among the best in the world," said Roy More, co-owner of Ashley's.

Tickets are available online at www.nabbf.org/registration.

Ashley's is located in the outlot at Westland Center, 7525 North Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call (734) 525-1667.

Mayor joins elite group in Washington, D.C.

Westland Mayor William R. Wild was among 200 mayors from across the country who gathered in Washington, D.C. for the 83rd Winter Meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. The group was hosted at the White House as part of the trip last week.

The group of mayors convened at the Capital Hilton to explore the theme of the meeting this year, Cities 3.0: The United States Conference of Mayors Jobs, Education & Workforce.

Wild met with Capitol Hill

Innovation comes from cities. Problems are solved at the city level.

leaders and administration officials all week. He was among those urging Congress to continue to work in a bipartisan fashion to spur job creation and economic growth in American cities and metropolitan areas, many of

which are still plagued with high unemployment.

"Innovation comes from cities," said Wild. "Problems are solved at the city level. Cities are where people live, work and play. We need our President and lead-

ers at the federal level to empower municipalities to move our cities forward. Mayors are open source leaders, meaning we are pragmatic problem solvers who get things done."

Some of the topic discussions included transformative change in the next economy, jobs education and workforce as well as technology.

Wild also met with newly-elected senator Gary Peters and other members of the Michigan delegation throughout the week.



William R. Wild

Inkster library to offer free financial literacy classes

Financial literacy classes are taking place at the Leanna Hicks Inkster Public Library.

The library has partnered with the National African Business Association (NABA) to present the free classes which

will concentrate on the basics of financial management.

The series of five classes will take place from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings.

Registration is available at the library

(313-563-2822) and NABA (734-334-3184).

On Feb. 3, there is no class scheduled but a special program will be presented. On Feb. 10, the topic will be savings and investments; on Feb. 17, credit management will be discussed; the Feb. 24 topic

will be basic insurance and on March 3 estate planning will be discussed.

Space is limited, according to organizers.

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Obituaries



Margaret Ann Talley
Sunrise: Oct. 8, 1941
Sunset: Jan. 16, 2015


Margaret Ann Talley died Jan. 16, 2015.

Among those left to cherish her memory are her three daughters, Wanda Felicia Barnes of Westland, Sharis Johnson Moore of Uniontown, PA and Yolanda Hicks of Newburgh, NC; two sons, Darren Hicks of Stone Mountain, GA and Eugene Hicks of Brooklyn, NY; a brother, Sidney (June) Barnes, Jr. of Long Island, NY; a sister, Michelle Bowles of Bronx, NY; an uncle, Ralph Barnes of Romulus; an aunt, Catherine Thomas of Lugoff, SC; 17 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives, and many friends.

Mrs. Talley was preceded in death by her parents, Mary Frances Mitchell and Sidney Barnes, Sr.; her husband, Walter Talley, Sr., and two of her children, Frances Renee Hicks and Tracy Brian Hicks.

Funeral services took place at the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster with Pastor Phillip T. Franklin officiating. Interment was at Westlawn Cemetery in Wayne.

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Agnes Gail Casey
Jan. 29, 1936
Jan. 17, 2015

Agnes Gail Casey died Jan. 17, 2015.

Among her survivors left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Tracy; a daughter-in-law, Stacey; a son-in-law, Samuel; her granddaughter, Tanishia; grandsons, Ken and Sanetti; her great-granddaughter, Tamia, great-grandsons, Jordan, Aidan and Austin; a beloved brother, Clinton; her sister-in-law, Sandra; a step-brother, Timothy; step-sisters, Sandra and Janet; a host of nieces and nephews, and many friends.

Mrs. Casey was preceded in death by her daughters, Kelly and Monique; her sons, Eric and Stephan, and her parents, Malcolm and Eloise House.

Funeral services took place at the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster with the Rev. Dr. Arthur Willis officiating.

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Colbeck takes oath of office for second term

Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, was sworn in as senator for the 7th District earlier this month during a ceremony at the state Capitol. Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert P. Young, Jr. administered the oath of office.

Colbeck was joined on the Senate floor by his wife, Angie, his father, Bill, and supporters from his district and from Senate districts throughout the state.

“I am deeply honored to have such a broad base of support for my efforts to provide principled public service on behalf of our citizens,” Colbeck said. “Over the past four years, I have worked hard to remain true to the promises that I made during my first campaign for political office in 2010. It is reassuring to know that these efforts not only resonated with voters during the last election, they also resonate beyond the borders of the 7th District. I pledge to continue this commitment during the next four years of service as I work hard to remind our state government officials that government is supposed to work for the people, and not the other way around.”

In addition to taking the oath of office, Colbeck received his committee assignments for the new term. Along with serving on the Senate Appropriations subcommittee on State Police and Military Affairs, Colbeck will also serve as the vice-chair of Local Elections and Government Reform, and sit on the Education Committee, the Judiciary Committee and the Veterans, Military Affairs, and Homeland Security Committee.

“This session I will have the opportunity to serve on committees that impact our state on so many levels – from the education of our children, to the efficiency and effectiveness of our government to the care of our veterans,” Colbeck said. “While we made great strides last session in turning Michigan around, there is more to do and I look forward to working with my colleagues in these, and other areas to keep moving Michigan forward.”

Colbeck's office is located in Room 1020 of the Farnum Building at 125 West Allegan St. in Lansing, across from the Michigan Capitol. He can be reached through his website at SenatorPatrickColbeck.com or by e-mail at SenPColbeck@senate.michigan.gov. The office phone number is (517) 373-7350, the toll-free number is (866) 262-7307 and the mailing address is: Senator Patrick Colbeck, P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, MI, 48909.

Colbeck represents the newly redrawn 7th Senate District, which now includes the townships of Canton, Plymouth and Northville and the cities of Plymouth, Northville, Wayne and Livonia.

Colbeck will have office house locally from 6-7 p.m. Feb. 2 at the Plymouth District Library 223 South Main St. Plymouth and from 4-5 p.m. Feb. 6 at the Wayne Public Library 3737 South Wayne Road in Wayne.

Colbeck will be available to answer questions and respond to concerns any residents of his district may have regarding state issues. No appointment is necessary.

For more information or to contact Colbeck, visit www.senatorpatrickcolbeck.com or call (517) 373-5713.



Water rates to increase for Northville users

Northville Township residents will see an increase their water costs this year as the rates of the Detroit Water and Sewer Department increase.

Township officials said the fixed rate component of the water and billing structure will be passed on to residents, the ultimate consumers. The only portion of the water and sewer rates to increase is the rate charged by Detroit to Northville, the flow from the townships of Plymouth and Canton. The flow from Northville Township is transported to the Ypsilanti Communities Utilities Authority and the Wayne County Rouge Valley Sewage Disposal System which sends the discharge on to Detroit Water and Sewer Department for treatment rather than have all the discharge flow sent to Detroit for treatment.

Northville Township serves about 8,300 water customers with water purchased from Detroit. Township sewage flow is discharged to the Western Townships Utilities Authority (WTUA), which also manages

Pagan

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agement from The George Washington University. Pagan went on to work in education policy with U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow.

In 2011, Pagan moved back to her Michigan hometown and started her own business dedicated to civic and community engagement. In addition, she worked at Wayne State University Law School, where she helped make higher education more affordable for students.

Pagan serves on the Canton Community Foundation Board of Directors and the Advisory Council for the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) program at Canton High School.

Pagan, was appointed to serve on the House Appropriations Committee during her first week at the Capitol. She will serve as Democratic vice chairwoman of the Appropriations Education Subcommittee and serve on the Appropriations Department of Community Health Subcommittee. In addition, she is a member of the House Oversight and Ethics Committee.

“A budget is a document of priorities and my priorities lie with the hard-working men and women of Michigan,” Pagan said. “I want to see us invest properly in schools, infrastructure and small businesses to help make our state a better place.”

“We’re facing a difficult road, but that doesn’t mean that we should be cutting services that people depend on,” Pagan said. “I plan to fight for a budget that is fair to working families and doesn’t let big corporations off the hook.”

Pagan was also named to the House Oversight Committee, which examines state government and ensures departments comply with transparency laws.

Pagan has set coffee hours beginning at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month at

Panera Bread, 41950 Ford Road in Canton and at 10 a.m. on the fourth Saturday of the month at Leo's Coney Island, 9624 Belleville Road in Belleville.

Residents can contact Pagan in Lansing at (517) 373-2575.



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Calendar of events

Pure Michigan workshop set

Local businesses have until tomorrow, Jan. 29 to register for a free workshop featuring Carol Royse from Travel Michigan planned at the Plymouth District Library from 8-10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3. Area business owners and managers will learn how to create and update listings on the Pure Michigan website: www.michigan.org. The Pure Michigan website, sponsored by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), is the number-one-visited travel/tourism website in the country. It is also the official Michigan travel website.

There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. Register online at plymouthlibrary.org (click on the Events tab) or call (734) 453-0750, ext. 4 by Jan. 30. Those attending are encouraged to bring laptop computers, photos, and details on current and future packages. This event will take place in the library computer lab where computers will also be available for use.

The Plymouth District Library is located at 223 S. Main Street in downtown Plymouth.

Register now for Plymouth Daddy-Daughter dances

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department is sponsoring the 4th Annual Daddy Daughter Dances from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30 and Saturday, Jan. 31 at the Cultural Center.

Dads, uncles and grandfathers can accompany their little ladies to an evening packed with dancing and memories. There will be a DJ from Dramatic Dimensions and light refreshments and snacks will be served. Semi-formal, dressy-casual attire recommended. Advance ticket purchase is required because space is limited. No walk-ins will be accepted. The Cultural Center is located at 525 Farmer, in Plymouth. The dances are open to all ages and the cost is \$10 per person. More information and registration is available at (734) 455-6620 or www.ci.plymouth.mi.us/recreation [<http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us/index.aspx?NID=21>]

Library plans garage sale

In preparation for the upcoming building repair project, the Plymouth District Library is cleaning out the basement and will be having a garage sale from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. today, Jan. 29 and from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. tomorrow, Jan. 30.

Items for sale include all types of odds and ends, small pieces of furniture, and building materials. All items are priced to sell, sold “as is” and on a cash-and-carry basis.

For more information, contact the library at (734) 453-0750, ext 4 or go to plymouthlibrary.org

The Plymouth Library is located at 223 South Main St. in downtown Plymouth.

Hygiene items needed

Plymouth Community United Way is asking agencies, businesses, groups, and residents of the Plymouth-Canton community to donate new travel size toiletry

items including toothbrushes/paste, shampoo/conditioner, soap/body wash, deodorant, hand sanitizer, tissues, shaving cream, feminine products, razors, combs, and hair brushes. Donations will be used to create hygiene kits for individuals and families in crisis.

Collections will be accepted through Friday, Feb. 28. All donations can be dropped off at Plymouth Community United Way, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2 in Plymouth.

For more information, e-mail randi.williams@pcuw.org or call (734) 453-6879 x7.

Drama club to perform

The Northville High School Drama Club will present Almost, Maine, a play by John Cariani at 7 p.m. Jan. 30 and 31 and at 1 p.m. Feb. 1.

The play is broken into nine simultaneous stories that explore the pursuit of love and the hazards of loss in a remote, mythical almost-town called Almost, Maine.

All tickets will be sold at the general admission price of \$10 and will be available at the box office one hour prior to each performance. Tickets are also available by contacting Denise Stacer at (248) 924-2324 or drstacer@dsemail.com.

Groups of eight or more may have reserved seating and are advance purchase only. The show is appropriate for ages 10 and older.

For more information on the Northville High School Drama Club and the 2014-2015 season, visit www.nhstheatre.com.

Hockey helps fill pantry

Plymouth Community United Way and Plymouth varsity hockey team members have organized a food drive during the Saturday, Jan. 31 rivalry game against Salem varsity hockey. The game will take place at 5:30 p.m. at Arctic Edge Arena, 46615 Michigan Ave. in Canton.

Fans who bring nonperishable food items for donation will receive \$1 off admittance to the game. All donations go to food banks serving Plymouth-Canton residents.

For more information, email randi.williams@pcuw.org or call (734) 453-6879 x7.

Colonial records is topic

Karen Krugman will be the speaker at the February meeting of the Northville Genealogical Society.

Krugman has been researching since 1990, and professionally since 1998. Since 2002 she has been speaking to genealogy groups in the metro Detroit area as well as other areas of Michigan and Ohio. Her planned topic includes a look at colonial records in early America, what they are and where to find them.

The public is invited to attend, free of charge, this meeting of the Northville Genealogical Society. The meeting will take place from 1:15 until 4:30 p.m. Feb. 8 at the Northville District Library, 212 West Cady, in Northville.

The roundtable Cemetery Tips from



Ladies in red

Members of the Red Hatters Club in Romulus celebrated the holiday season during a party Dec. 11 at the Romulus Senior Center. Among those celebrating were Catherine Moss, Carol Ahrego, Theresa Golenbiewski, Nina Ozos, Mary Wantuck, Dot Jackson, Cynthia Whitmore and Carolyn White. Club leader Barbara Underwood was in attendance but is not pictured. The next meeting of the group is at noon Feb. 4 at the Senior Center, 36525 Bibbins Road in Romulus and is open to anyone interested in joining the club.

Oakwood will begin at 1:15 p.m., a business meeting at 2:15 p.m., followed by Krugman at 3 p.m.

Individual help on genealogy is offered in the Local History Room at the Northville District Library from 1-3 p.m. Mondays and also by appointment.

For more information contact Mary Hazlett at (734) 459-5493.

Food drive under way

Plymouth Community United Way and Chuck E. Cheese are sponsoring a month-long food drive at the restaurant, 42001 Ford Road in Canton. The effort will continue Feb. 1-28.

Customers will receive 20 tickets for each nonperishable food item that is brought into Chuck E. Cheese. Tickets can be used toward the purchase of prizes. All nonperishable food items will go to local pantries serving Plymouth, Canton and Western Wayne County communities.

For more information, email randi.williams@pcuw.org or call (734) 453-6879 x7.

Library hosts book discussion

A discussion of the biography, “I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World,” by Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai is planned for 7 p.m. Feb. 9 at the Northville District Library.

The discussion of the book which covers Yousafzai's inspiring stand against the government of Pakistan for the education of women is open to the public. Yousafzai was shot by the Taliban and survived to tell her story.

The library is located at 212 West Cady St. in Northville.

For more information, call (248) 349-3020

Free Legal presentation planned

Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services will offer a presentation on legal services for those 60 and older at 1:30 p.m. Feb. 11.

Presenters will discuss topics including guardianship, wills, trusts, power of attorney, assisted living and others.

Reservations are requested by calling Wayne Senior Services at (734) 721-7460.

The program will take place at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road in Wayne.

Seniors play bingo

Wayne Senior Services will offer bingo games beginning at 1 p.m. Feb. 12 and 26.

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