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Ex-chief's wife convicted of all charges

Sandra St. Andre, the wife of former Romulus Police Chief Michael St. Andre, will face sentencing Feb. 20 after being found guilty of charges of conspiring in a criminal enterprise, receiving and concealing stolen property and filing false income tax returns.

The charges against St. Andre were heard by Circuit Court Judge Michael Hathaway in a jury trial that ended Jan. 27. The jury found St. Andre guilty of all charges. She will face a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison on the charge of Acquire/Maintaining a Criminal Enterprise; 20 years in prison on the Criminal Enterprise Conspiracy charge; 5 years on the Failure to File/False Return charge and 10 years for the conviction on Receiving and Concealing Stolen Property over $20,000 charge.

> *The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) was also part of the investigation into the charges.*

St. Andre was convicted of knowingly receiving embezzled drug forfeiture funds from the Romulus Police Department Special Investigations Unit. Investigators said she deposited the funds into her joint personal bank account with her husband. The deposits were far in excess of the combined incomes of St. Andre and her husband, then the chief of police and in charge of overseeing the special investigations unit which collected the drug forfeiture funds.

Prosecutors alleged that she used the forfeiture funds to both purchase and operate a tanning salon in Westland as well as for personal expenses. None of the funds were reported as income in the St. Andre's tax returns, as required by law, investigators said.

The Michigan State Police investigation began in January of 2009 after a highly-placed City of Romulus police official alleged misconduct, corruption and

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Going for Gold

Seniors prepare now for summer Olympics

Seniors from throughout the area participated in the Western Wayne County Senior Olympics last year, bringing home multiple gold medals. Planning for the event this year is already under way.

While the temperature hovered near zero or below outside, an estimated 50 senior citizens set their sights on the 10th annual Western Wayne County Senior Olympics planned this summer. The seniors gathered at the Canton Senior Center Jan. 29 to get event details and renew acquaintances made during years of friendly competition and camaraderie.

"The Western Wayne County Senior Olympics is a week-long event that our participating seniors look forward to," said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. "When the Western Wayne County Senior Olympics first started, we had about 200 participants," Ficano added. "We believe this year we will have over 700 people at the various events. We are thrilled at the growth of the Western Wayne County Senior Olympics and are equally thrilled to be hosting the event for 2014," Ficano concluded.

Communities participating in the Aug. 18-22 events this year include Belleville, Canton Township, Dearborn and Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Inkster, Livonia and Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Redford Township along with Sumpter Township, Van Buren Township, Wayne and Westland

Seniors 50 and older are eligible to participate in the Western Wayne County Senior Olympics. Among the scheduled events are softball throw, basketball shoot, tennis, swimming and volleyball

A number of low impact events are also planned including: a baking contest, photography, woodworking and card games ranging from euchre to party bridge.

The seniors are divided into five competitive age categories: Class A: 50-59, Class B: 60-69, Class C: 70-79, Class D: 80-89 and Class E: 90 years and older.

The participating seniors pay a nominal fee to be in the games. Sponsorships through the Western Wayne County Senior Olympics cover the other costs.

Seniors wishing to participate in the Western Wayne County Senior Olympics are encouraged to contact their local senior centers to get registration information. The deadline to register for the Western Wayne County Senior Olympics is July 3. For questions regarding the Wayne County Senior Olympics programs, call (313) 224-0755.

For information on other programs for seniors available through Wayne County, visit the Wayne County website at www.waynecounty.com and click on the Senior and Veterans Services tab.

Ambulance company employees seek union vote

Workers from Huron Valley Ambulance Company (HVA), the ambulance service company that provides services to Plymouth and Plymouth Township, have filed a petition with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) to form a union with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. (AFSCME).

HVA employs more than 400 Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and paramedics. The original internal organizer of the union vote, Trish McGrail, said that safety, respect and an elevation of the profession were the reasons for the request for unionization.

McGrail, an HVA road paramedic, said, "Ultimately, we just want a seat at the table. We want a voice. We are hoping for a binding agreement that benefits both the employees and the company."

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Employees will receive ballots today and NLRB representatives at the Detroit office will count votes on Feb. 25. Voting will be done by secret ballot in the mail.

Plymouth Township and the City of Plymouth officials utilize HVA as their designated provider of ambulance transport service, in place of the Plymouth Township Fire Department and Northville Fire Department in the city.

Unionization is not expected to have an impact on the services provided to the communities. Plymouth Township Fire Chief Mark Wendel said he doesn't expect any impact.

"A union issue is between the employer and the employee." Wendel said.

HVA bills and collects ambulance transport fees directly from patients and/or insurance carriers for services in both the city and township of Plymouth.

The company also contracts with several public and private organizations such as nursing homes, hospitals, and provides EMS service for special events.

Joyce Williams, the public affairs manager for Huron Valley Ambulance, said in a prepared statement, "Our employees, our patients, our customers and favorable business conditions determine the success of our organization, not a union."

Williams also said that much of the success of HVA in providing healthcare and transportation services over the last 32 years is attributed to working directly and

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Grant will fund 250 more Meals on Wheels for seniors

A $275,000 federal Community Development Block grant administered by the Wayne County Economic Development and Growth Engine (EDGE), will help approximately 250 additional seniors receive home delivered meals through the Meals on Wheels program.

The grant funding is expected to fund meals for 250 seniors currently on the waiting list. Those seniors should begin receiving meals through the program as early as this month, according to a Wayne County spokesman.

The added funding will enable the Meals on Wheels program, administered by the Wayne County Senior and Veteran Services department, to serve an estimated 2,600 to 2,800 meals, five days a week, Monday through Friday. The distribution figures represent the full operational capacity of the program.

"Many of our elderly citizens are 85 years of age or older," said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. "The Meals on Wheels volunteers deliver the meals they need and also add social interaction into their lives. Even with tight budgets, we are committed to helping our seniors in need," he said.

Federal money makes up the bulk of the nearly $4 million dollars needed to operate the Meals on Wheels program in Wayne County. The federal government contributes $2.2 million while the State of Michigan provides just over $788,000. Wayne County contributes $500,000 from its general fund toward the program. The remaining $410,500 is garnered through donations, according to Ficano's office.

For more information on the Meals on Wheels and congregate meals services programs for seniors, contact Wayne County Senior and Veteran Services at (734) 727-7357 or 1-800-851-1454. Information on other senior and veterans related initiatives through Wayne County can be found at www.waynecounty.com under the Senior and Veteran Services tab.

Belleville - Canton

Canton Coffee With A Cop program continues

The Canton Police Department has scheduled another Coffee with a Cop from 10 a.m. until noon Feb. 26 at the Summit on the Park located at 46000 Summit Parkway. The coffee session will be open to the public.

Coffee with a Cop provides a unique opportunity for community members to ask questions and learn more about the police department work in Canton neighborhoods and business districts. The majority of contacts law enforcement has with the public happen during emergencies or stressful situations, noted Deputy Chief Scott Hilden. Those situations are not always the most effective times for relationship building. Coffee with a Cop breaks down barriers and allows for relaxed one-on-one interaction.

"We hope that community members will feel comfortable to ask questions, bring concerns, or simply get to know our officers," said Hilden. "These interactions are the foundation of community partnerships."

Police officials are planning to have multiple sessions throughout the community this year. Any business or organization interested in hosting a 2-hour session of Coffee with a Cop, should contact (734) 394-5401.

To host a session, the location must be in Canton, open to the public and be able to provide coffee for all attendees.

Coffee with a Cop is a national initiative supported by the United States Department of Justice. Similar events take place across the country. This program aims to advocate the practice of community policing through improving relationships between police officers and community members one cup of coffee at a time.

Police use drug forfeiture funds to buy cameras

They can run, but they can't hide.

Two Canton Township police patrol cars will soon be outfitted with thermal imaging cameras, allowing them to locate suspects and persons of interest who might otherwise be able to avoid detection.

The cameras, Noptic Thermal Imagers, will cost $8,148 and be purchased from Winder Police Equipment in Southgate. The purchase was funded by drug forfeiture money and some grant funds, according to police officials.

The state of the art equipment is also used in Grosse Ile and Northville Township.

The thermal imaging cameras are installed in the police cars and integrated with the rear-view mirror, allowing officers to increase visibility even in the lowest light situations. The cameras are similar to night-vision goggles, officials said.

The integration into the patrol car is far more advanced technology that the hand-held imagers that require an officer to stop and exit the vehicle, according to the supplier. The new technology provides far more protection for officers in search situations and also allows officers to search a wider area in far less time. The new equipment will can help officers determine if a suspect is armed as it reacts to both heat and movement.

The equipment will also be helpful in locating lost children or seniors who may have inadvertently wandered away from their home or a medical or senior facility, officials said.

The purchase was unanimously approved by the members of the Canton Township Board of Trustees during a recent meeting.

Township sub-leases ball fields to local area teams

Van Buren Township officials have subleased the Beck Road ball fields to the local Little League teams and the Michigan Nationals league.

Members of the township board unanimously approved five-year leases with each of the organizations during a meeting last month. The leases will be effective Jan. 1, 2014.

Little League players have been using the fields for 57 years, according to Marc Littleson, president of the Van Buren Area Little League.

Also in attendance at the meeting was Ryan Taylor, who started the Michigan Nationals travel baseball league four years ago. He told the board members that there are now 16 or 18 teams based in the Belleville area, with players from Ypsilanti and Canton Township participating.

He said they have leased fields throughout the area and are now pleased to have local fields to use.

Taylor opened the Michigan Nationals Sports Center inside Davenport Center on the south side of Belleville almost two years ago. He said they have 12,000 to 13,000 square feet of space that they use as an inside ball field. The field also is used for soccer and lacrosse.

The township leased the fields from Environmental Quality/Wayne Disposal for 99 years.

Supervisor Linda Combs, who helped negotiated the lease with EQ/Wayne Disposal, said she was pleased with the arrangement for the teams of young players to use the fields "If they're playing ball, they're not getting into trouble," she said at the meeting.

Combs also praised Littleson for his involvement and leadership with the young players.

Taylor said his group has had just male teams in the past, but they are developing an all-female travel softball team called the Michigan National Stars, which will be based in Belleville.

Combs said the Little League will take priority at the Beck Fields and Taylor has offered to provide some equipment to help the Little League players.

Winter Market set to open

The Canton Farmers Market Will open for a special Winter Farmers Markets from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, inside the Summit on the Park at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. The location change is due to predicted inclement weather. The Canton Farmers Market will continue to the Open Door Ministry by collecting pasta at all three Winter Markets, since pasta is a staple in the Open Door Ministry's weekly food distribution to more than 450 local families in need.

CITY OF ROMULUS
NOTICE OF Final Statement
FY 2014/2015
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

Pursuant to federal guidelines, the Romulus City Council voted on Monday, *January 13, 2014* to adopt the following final projects for the fiscal year 2014/2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) Program. The CITY OF ROMULUS expects to receive an estimated $151,741.82 including $5,000 for Housing Rehabilitation.

The primary objectives of the Federal HUD CDBG program are to assist low to moderate income families directly or to provide benefits in areas where 51% of the residents are low to moderate income, such as replacing the urban infrastructure of streets, improve recreational facilities and programs and assist in meeting special needs of the elderly and physically disabled.

The following projects have been adopted and will meet HUD objectives by benefiting low and moderate-income families, preserving deteriorating housing stock and enhancing parks and public facilities.

ACTIVITY/Location:	ESTIMATED CDBG ALLOCATION:	RECEIVED From * Program Income:
Senior Services - LMC - 05A -*Citywide*	$12,000	$5,000
36525 Bibbins Chore/minor home repair services, Transportation, education, Recreation & staffing		
American Progressive Assn/The	$ 36,000	
Thomas J. Coleman Center - Rehab .- LMA-03F 35351 Beverly Rd, Romulus, MI 48174 *$3,000 to purchase supplies to replace the floor in the community center and the remaining balance to purchase playscape, pavilion, landscape and outdoor furniture, etc. to construct a park.		
Park/Recreational Facilities - LMA - 03F	$17,741.82	
Re-open at least two Parks in qualifying Areas -Romulus, MI 4817 *Restore Baseball diamonds, basketball courts, play equipment. Purchase new A.D.A. play structures.		
Park/Recreational Jobs - LMJFI - 03F	$81,000	
Hire at least 3 Recreation employees, (a recreation coordinator and two assistants), to bring back recreation programs to the city of Romulus, MI 48174 *These jobs will be made available to one full time and two part time, low or moderate income persons.		
Sub-Total	$146,741.82	
Housing Rehabilitation - Countywide	5,000.00	
TOTAL *ESTIMATED* Allocation:	$151,741.82	$156,741.82

***In addition, the city anticipates receiving approximately $5,000 in Program Income through the repayment of housing rehabilitation liens, to be used towards senior services and for emergency housing rehabilitations for any funds received in addition to that amount.**

The City of Romulus will also apply for $5,000 to continue the emergency housing rehabilitation program, as indicated above. If any additional funds are received they shall be applied towards the reopening of city parks.

For further information, contact the Economic Development Department, City of Romulus, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 at (734) 942-7545.

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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 13, 2014
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, John Barden.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Present: Kathleen Abdo, John Barden, Linda Choate, Harry Crout, Sylvia Makowski, Celeste Roscoe,
William Wadsworth.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer
1. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Crout to accept the agenda as amended. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.**Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
14-013 2A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Makowski to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on January 6, 2014. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - Choate. **Motion Carried.**
3. Petitioner - None.
4. Chairperson's Report - Councilwoman Roscoe presented a Council resolution to Kevin Beard honoring him on earning his Eagle Scout. Boy Scout Troop #872 presented a $500 check to Councilman Wadsworth for donation to the Romulus Animal Shelter.
4. Moved by Choate, seconded by Roscoe to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
5. Mayor's Report - Mayor Burcroff thanked Pastor Bob Harper for hosting the Hometown Heroes event.
14-014 5A. Moved by Choate, seconded by Makowski to authorize the purchase of software for the mechanics from ShopKey/Snap-on Diagnostics for an additional one-year subscription (January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014) in the amount of $3,900.00.) **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
5B. Items of Information, no action taken by Council.
14-015 5C. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Crout to concur with the administration and adopt a resolution accepting the Assistance Action Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant award to the City of Romulus in the amount of $729,465. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
14-016 6A1. Moved by Choate, seconded by Roscoe to approve second reading and final adoption of Appendix A Zoning Amendment 1.216. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Abstain** - Makowski - Conflict of interest; son is an employee of Special Tree. **Motion Carried.**
14-017 6A2. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Abdo to schedule a one-hour study session to discuss bid thresholds for the Purchasing Ordinance and review proposed amendments to the ordinance. The meeting will take place on February 10, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
14-018 6A3. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Choate, to schedule a thirty-minute study session to discuss the City of Romulus Freedom of Information Act (F.O.I.A.) Policy on Monday, February 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.
Nays - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
14-019 6A4. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Choate, to schedule a thirty-minute study session to discuss the City of Romulus Employee Policy and Procedures Manual on Monday, January 27, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
14-020 6A5. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Crout, to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Ethel Wafer. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
6B. City Treasurer, Stacy Paige, announced that Friday, January 17 is a furlough day for city workers. Also, a fundraiser will be held for Cindia Hensley on January 18, 2014 at Progressive Hall.
7. Public Comment Barry Baumann, Cherokee Drive, asked Council to pass a memorial resolution in memory of Billy Ray Hardrick and he asked if the residents' death notices could be placed on the city cable channel. Sharon Walker, Grover St., asked Council to pass a memorial resolution in memory of Tereatha Allen.
14-021 7A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Choate to adopt a resolution in memory of Billy Ray Hardrick. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
14-022 7B. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Choate to adopt a resolution in memory of Tereatha Allen. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.
Nays - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
8. Unfinished Business - None
9. New Business - None
10. Communication - None
11. Moved by Choate, seconded by Roscoe to authorize the city treasurer to disburse funds as Listed in Warrant 14-01in the amount of $938,602.88.
Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.
12. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Roscoe to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth.
Nays - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**
I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on January 13, 2014.
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ROMULUS

Halt to pension funding of waste wells demanded

State Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D - Taylor) and State Rep. Douglas Geiss (D - Taylor) called on Governor Rick Snyder, Emergency Manager Kevin Orr and Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan to end the failed investment of the Detroit Police and Fire Pension System in the Romulus deep injection wells and to pursue closure of operations at those facilities. Geiss and Hopgood said last week that cessation of this funding- "funding that threatens the safety of Southeast Michigan residents through the transport and disposal of numerous caustic substances in the legislators' districts"-should be a condition of any state aid provided to guard the pensions of Detroit Police and Fire retirees and pensioners.

"The Detroit Police and Fire Retirement System has a history of investing in speculative investments and hoping that these risky investments would be backed up by the citizens of Detroit if they failed," said Geiss. "The deep injection well project, funded by the Detroit Police and Fire Retirement System, has failed. It has contributed to roughly $40 million in losses to date, and that tally is set to grow. This project, and those like it, should be halted as a condition of state intervention into the underfunding of the Police and Fire Retirement System."

> *The deep injection well project, funded by the Detroit Police and Fire Retirement System, has failed.*

"The state should not be rewarding the Detroit Police and Fire Retirement System for its ill-advised investment in a toxic waste facility," added Hopgood. "Instead, the facility should be closed and capped. This money drain on the Police and Fire Retirement System needs to end."

City welcomes new officer

The City of Romulus' newest police officer brings with him four years of high marks as an officer in Roswell, New Mexico.

Seth Bond was sworn in last Wednesday by Romulus City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg as Romulus' 45th police officer.

"Police work is my passion," Bond said. "I like helping people and the action of the job. I like being responsible. When people call 911, you're there to help. I like that responsibility."

Bond, a native of Maybee, always wanted to be a police officer, according to his father, Joe, who was on hand for the swearing-in ceremony.

Bond graduated from the Wayne County Regional Police Academy at Schoolcraft College in 2007 and joined the police force in Roswell in 2009. In New Mexico, he worked patrol and served as a field training officer and as a member of the SWAT team.

Bond, his wife, Sarah, and their two children returned to their home state last June.

"We moved back to Michigan so our kids could grow up around family," he said. "That's important to us."

Now residing in the downriver area, Bond said he applied to work in Romulus because the city is a "great community" and the police department has great morale.

Romulus Public Safety Director John Leacher said Bond's background and qualifications meet the standards in the Romulus Police Department. Leacher said Bond's supervisors in Roswell gave him a glowing report as someone who holds himself to high standards, is respectful, shows initiative and had an excellent attendance record.

"He is the consummate professional," Leacher said. "He has the same intrinsic personal values and always gives 100 percent in anything he does."

Mayor LeRoy Burcroff said Bond has integrity and a willingness to provide great customer service to the community. He said the new officer would "wear the badge with honor."

Romulus Police Ofc. Seth Bond, is congratulated by Mayor LeRoy Burcroff (left) and Public Safety Director John Leacher. Photo by Roger Kadau.

Sarah Bond said her husband is a wonderful man.

"Seven months ago, my husband willingly made the biggest sacrifice for his family and left an extremely successful and rewarding job for a better life for his wife and children," she said. "I am so blessed to be his wife and so excited for him to begin a job he loves again, but here at home."

Soon to wed

Jazmine Starr to wed John Danci

Jazmine Starr and John Danci are engaged to be married.

The future bride is the daughter of Dan and Starr Bennett of Romulus. She is a 2005 graduate of Romulus High School and Bowling Green Sate University. She earned her master's degree in Natural Resources at he University of Michigan in 2011. She is employed as the director of community outreach with the City of Romulus.

The prospective groom is the son of Aurel and Sheryl Danci of Ann Arbor. He is a 2005 graduate of Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor and earning his bachelor's degree in body Movement Science and Kinesiology in 2009 from the University of Michigan. He is employed with Arbor Valley Tree Service.

The couple will wed Feb. 15 at the Ann Arbor Sheraton Hotel and will make their home in Romulus following their nuptials.

Jazmine Starr and John Danci

Trial

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embezzlement of drug forfeiture funds in the Special Investigations Unit.

Following an extensive investigation, described by Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy as "complex and wide-ranging," former police chief St. Andre, then 50, Sandra St. Andre, 50, Det./Sgt. Richard Allan Balzer, 50, Det. Richard Bruce Landry, 39 and Det. Donald Ralph Hopkins, 38, were charged with felony racketeering and several other felony charges. Also charged in September of 2011, were Det. Jeremy James Channells, 35 and Det. Larry Droege, 32.

The prosecutor alleged that the defendants repeatedly made or assisted others in making material misrepresentations of fact in connection with expense reports they submitted in an effort to seek improper reimbursement; created fraudulent documents to support improper expenditures of drug forfeiture funds; obstructed justice; made false statements in police reports and ultimately misused City of Romulus funds for their own personal gain.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) was also part of the investigation into the charges.

A jury trial for Channells and Droege is scheduled to begin Feb. 24 and trials for Michael St. Andre, Landry, Balzer and Hopkins are scheduled for July 7. Some charges against Hopkins were dropped earlier in the legal proceedings.

To advertise in The Eagle Call 734-467-1900.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

Gwyn Belcher, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 394-5260

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 20, 2014 for the following:

BUS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID
ITB 13/14-11 SIX VEHICLES - CITY OF ROMULUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

(1) The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item/items and/or services.
(2) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids ***must use the forms provided by the City.*** Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN system @ http://www.mitn.info/.
(3) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the ***City Clerk's Office*** no later than 10:00 a.m., Friday, **February 14, 2014**. At approximately 10:15 a.m., local time all timely received bids are to be publicly opened and read.

RESPONSE ENVELOPES MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED:
CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK'S OFFICE
ITB 13/14-11 SIX VEHICLES - CITY OF ROMULUS POLICE DEPARTMENT
11111 Wayne Road,
Romulus, Michigan 48174

(4) The City reserves the right to reject all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.
(5) For additional information contact Lynn A, Conway, City of Romulus, Purchasing Agent, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing lconway@ci.romulus.mi.us .

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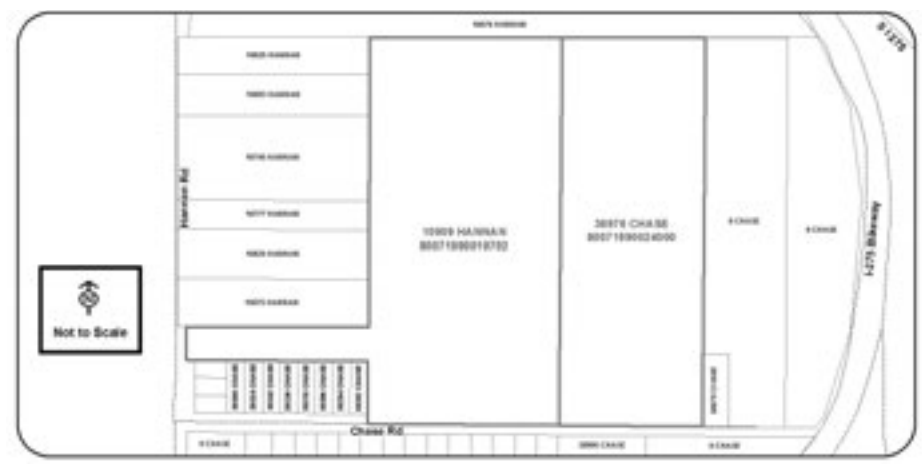
RESOLUTION 14-016
CITY OF ROMULUS
APPENDIX A - ZONING
AMENDMENT 1.216

An Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of the City of Romulus by rezoning certain property from R-1B, Single-family Residential District to R-M/PDA, Multiple-family Residential/Planned Development Area District.

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

SHORT TITLE: This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the Amended Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION 1: To rezone parcels #'s 82-80-071-99-0019-702 and 82-80-071-99-0024-000 from R- 1B, Single-family Residential District to R-M/PDA, Multiple-family Residential/Planned Development Area District.



SECTION 2: Severability. Should any word, sentence, phrase or any portion of this ordinance be held in any manner invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction or by any state agency having authority to do so for any reason whatsoever, such holdings shall be construed and limited to such words, sentence, phrase, or any portion of the ordinance held to be so invalid and shall not be construed as effecting the validity of any of the remaining words, sentences, phrases or portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 3: Conflicting Ordinances. All prior existing ordinances adopted by the City of Romulus inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION 4: Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon publication thereof in an official newspaper, which publication shall be made when the minutes passing the ordinance are published subject to revocation at will of the City of Romulus at any time.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council at the City of Romulus this 13th day of January 2014.

Leroy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council Meeting held in the City Council Chambers in said City on the 13th day of January 2014.
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk

Introduced: January 6, 2014
Adopted: January 13, 2014
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Inkster - Wayne - Westland

Inkster council OK's study of police department

Members of the Inkster City Council have agreed to fund a $19,000 independent study of the municipal police department.

The study was approved at the Jan. 21 council meeting and will include a complete analysis of the department including interviews with citizens, key stakeholders, community and faith-based leaders and representatives from the state and federal criminal justice system, according to the proposal submitted by Risk Management Associates.

The proposal submitted on Oct. 14, by the Raleigh, North Carolina firm, will include an initial phone and email consultation followed by a site visit from three investigators. That will be followed by an oral report of the findings and recommendations and a brief written report.

In the written proposal prepared by Risk Management Associates, the reason for the study is cited as the "significant reductions in revenues and ability to support historic levels of public service," and "a disruption of vital services. The proposal also cites the "numerous civil actions and other complaints regarding the quality of and appropriate delivery of these services."

According to the proposed Risk Management Associates has no known connection to any City of Inkster officials or law enforcement personnel. The investigative staff will consist of former law enforcement officers, former police chiefs and FBI agents on staff at the company.

The evaluation is expected to conclude with recommendations for improvements but no actual timetable for the final report was provided. The process is, however, according to city documents, expected to be under way as soon as approved and the first installment of the three payments remitted.

Al Lewis, of Teamsters Union 214 which represents Inkster police officers, said he was unaware of the study being approved or under way. He said that he had talked to City Manager Richard Marsh two weeks ago and it was mentioned and that it has been under discussion for about three months.

"I can't comment because I haven't seen it and don't know anything about it," Lewis said.

Another union representative, Chuck Randazzo, said that he, too, was unaware of the study although he said he was aware that it had been discussed with Marsh.

The two unions that represent officers and detectives on the Inkster force have twice filed formal letters of no confidence in Police Chief Hilton Napoleon detailing complaints regarding his actions and conduct.

Napoleon has said the officers were untruthful and the complaints without merit.

Seven senior officers recently accepted early retirement offers from the city in a reorganization of the department.

The $19,000 fee from Risk Management Associates is, according to the proposal, a 50 percent reduction in the usual cost of an evaluation of this type.

Westland audit shows $55 million fund balance

Westland city officials received great news from Plante Moran during the recent annual audit report.

The general fund balance that sat at roughly $5 million in June of 2012 has grown to nearly $5.5 million in the course of just one year. Plante Moran noted that the larger fund balance was attributed to an increase in revenues and a decrease in expenditures, with nearly all city departments coming in under budget for the year.

The larger fund balance reflects city finances that are stabilizing and an increase in the rainy day fund for unexpected emergency expenditures or unanticipated revenue shortfalls, auditors said. It is also a reflection of ongoing, incremental actions taken over the past several years to solidify the city's financial footing.

"The benefits of a stabilized fund balance mean a better bond rating, which helps the city realize lower interest costs when bonding for larger capital projects," explained Finance Director Steven Smith. "Residents benefit from this because the city pays less in interest costs, leaving funds available for city services."

Auditors generally recommend a 10-15 percent unassigned fund balance, which would be between $5.7 million and $8.5 million. Westland has gotten closer to achieving this goal, growing its fund balance in each of the last three fiscal years, even while property values continue to decline, auditors said.

"The overall financial forecast for the City of Westland continues to improve and we want to keep that positive momentum going;" said Mayor William R. Wild. "With the city's long-term infrastructure needs, an improved fund balance by the city will have a positive effect on the city's bond rating. This will save the city on future borrowing costs," Wild continued. He noted the five year financial forecast conducted in 2009 predicted a significant deficit in funds, $23 million in 2012/13 and $37 million in 2013/14 budget years. Through several aggressive and innovative approaches to managing expenses including cost cutting, negotiating union concessions and working collaboratively with other communities to share services and related costs, the city now has a $60 million two-year balanced budget, Wild said.

"Improving Westland's finances is fiscally responsible, prudent and necessary for the long-term viability of the city," he concluded.

Wayne business owner honored by state group

Anna Petrou is a Woman of Achievement, and she can prove it.

Patrou, the owner of the Wayne Dairy Queen, was named as a 2013 Woman of Achievement by the Michigan Business and Professional Women's organization.

Petrou was chosen based on her involvement with the Wayne Chamber of Commerce, the city beautification program, the Downtown Development Authority and her service on several other municipal boards and committees, according to a prepared release from the organization.

Petrou also sponsors the Diamond of the Community award which honors a local senior volunteer, helps the Friends Project and participates in the Ripple Effect.

The members of the Wayne City Council recently approved a resolution honoring Petrou for her civic work and her recognition from the state businesswomen's group.

"It's a great honor when the community ahs businessmen and women who care about the community," said Wayne Mayor Al Haidous during the presentation of the resolution to Petrou at a recent city council meeting.

"You (Petrou) make us very proud of you. We're happy to honor you and thank you," Haidous said.

Petrou thanked Haidous and the council members, and also praised the BPW.

"I'm proud to be in that sisterhood. I'm so inspired after each meeting," she said.

Rotary Club hosts Dueling Pianos

The Wayne Rotary Club members are planning a St. Patty's Dueling Piano Party beginning at 6:30 p.m. March 14 at the Wayne Community Center.

Admission is $20 or a table of 10 for $180 and includes the performance of the famous dueling pianos.

The performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Rotary Club Holiday Parade of Lights.

Food will be available for purchase and there will be a cash bar. For tickets or more information, contact Gayle Rediske at gaylerrediske@gmail.com or call (734) 502-3202.

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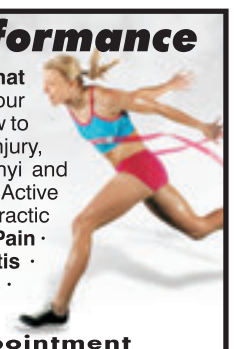

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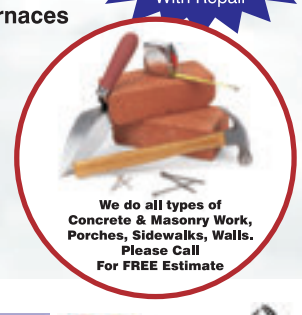

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Northville - Plymouth

Upgrades planned to school building security

Security cameras currently installed in Northville school buildings will be removed and replaced with updated technology.

The new cameras will utilize updated technology and will provide programmed notifications when doors are opened at unauthorized times of day or are left unsecured, according to district officials.

Funding for the $897,000 upgrades will come from the voter-approved technology bond approved in 2012. The new security project will include the installation of structured cabling and new hardware and software in the entrances and exits of the school buildings. The upgrades were approved by a unanimous vote of the members of the school board at a meeting last month.

Jim Mazurek, president of the school board, said at the meeting that the board members took the matter of security very seriously.

"We worked across the district with local law enforcement. We have been fortunate to be able to put a greater emphasis on this aspect through other technology items coming in under budget," Mazurek said. He added that the board members and district officials have managed the technology funds very carefully and bids are therefore coming in under budget. That savings has allowed the board to upgrade the security aspects at the buildings, he added.

The goal, officials said, is to have the new cameras and software operational this spring. The new controlled access should be implemented at the start of the 2014-2015 school year.

The board members said that parents will receive more information about the new security procedures and the security systems before the start of the 2014-2015 school year.

Bank robber facing second term in prison

The Canton man who changed his plea from not guilty to guilty of robbing a Plymouth Township bank last July will spend two to 20 years in prison.

Michael J. Stachowski, 34, was sentenced Wednesday by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Bruce Morrow.

Stachowski was arrested hours after the July 26, 2013, holdup at the Bank of America branch at Five Mile and Beck Road. Police did find cash in his home during the arrest which was without incident, according to police reports. He has remained in the Wayne County Jail in lieu of $100,000 bond since his arrest and changed his plea to guilty of the bank robbery charges at a hearing Jan. 10.

Stachowski gave a bank teller a note during the robbery that demanded cash and that no dye packs be included with the money, according to police reports. He reportedly escaped on foot as witnesses told police they did not see a vehicle.

Michael James Stachowski

The sentencing last week will be a second prison term for Stachowski who was incarcerated for four years, from March of 2009 to March of last year, for two armed robbery incidents, according to Michigan Department of Corrections records.

According to circuit court records, Stachowski pleaded guilty in 2009 to two armed robbery charges stemming from incidents in 2008, and two other armed robbery charges were dropped.

Murder at the Howard Johnson's now playing

Murder at the Howard Johnson's opened last week at The Tipping Point Theater in Northville.

One leading character, Arlene, cannot decide whether to stay with Paul, her dumpy car salesman husband of many years, or leave him for Mitchell, their dentist, who has swept her off her feet. The lovers finally conspire to murder Paul in a room at the local Howard Johnson's motel.

The curtain will rise at 8 p.m Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays through March 9. Matinees are at 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. A special matinee performance has been added on Wednesday, Feb. 19.

The theatre is located at 361 E. Cady St. in Northville. Tickets are $29 to $32 for adults and $27 to $30 for students and senior citizens and are available by calling the box office at (248) 347-0003.

For more information, call Lynn Wilde Concannon at (248) 347-0003.

'Out of the blue' art entries now being accepted

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is now accepting entries for the fifth annual open juried exhibit, Out of the Blue. The exhibit will feature artwork in any media that highlights or features the color blue. Artists 18 and older are invited to enter two-dimensional pieces of a reasonable size. Art must be framed and ready to hang, or be a finished edge canvas. Entry fee will be $25 per artist for up to two pieces. Entry forms will be available on the website, www.plymoutharts.com, and on site at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 North Sheldon Road in Plymouth from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Works can be delivered to the arts council from 5-6:30 p.m. March 28 and from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. March 31.

All artwork must be clearly labeled with name, phone number, title, media and price. At least one submitted piece from each artist must be for sale. Art may be rejected if it is oversized, or if it has been exhibited previously in the arts council gallery.

An Artists Reception will take place from 3-5 p.m. April 5 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Refreshments will be served. The event is free and open to the public. The exhibit will continue from April 5 through April 29.

Union

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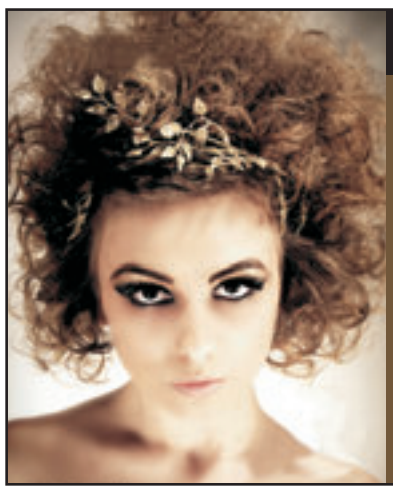
collaboratively with employees.

"While we respect the legal rights of our employees to decide whether they want union representation, we feel that our staff is best served through direct communication with leadership and not through a third party like AFSCME."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Opinion

Funding to hazardous wells should be stopped

Last week, two local legislators had a good idea.

State Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D - Taylor) and State Rep. Douglas Geiss (D - Taylor) called on Gov. Rick Snyder, Emergency Manager Kevin Orr and Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan to cut off the funding at the hazardous waste injection wells in Romulus as part of current bankruptcy proceedings in Detroit.

OK, maybe it was a great idea.

The Detroit Police and Fire Pension System has been one of the major investors, and eventually the majority owner, of the wells for more than two decades. So far, the wise members of the pension board, charged with guarding the retirement funds of the public safety retirees who worked for the City of Detroit, have lost $40 million dollars on this deal. No, that isn't a typo. This board has poured more than $40 million into these hazardous waste treatment wells, which many experts now say, operate with outdated technology and methods. Forty million dollars of funds entrusted to this fund for the eventual payment of monthly retirement checks, was poured down these wells along with the carcinogens and psychotropic waste matter that has to be disposed of in manufacturing operations of multiple businesses throughout the country and Canada. Plans currently call for the pension board, as the owner, to pour more of theses retirees' nest eggs into this poisonous chemical stew.

> *To be fair, this isn't the first time Hopgood and Geiss have tried to help get these wells closed and capped.*

Geiss and Hopgood said last week that cessation of this funding-"funding that threatens the safety of Southeast Michigan residents through the transport and disposal of numerous caustic substances in the legislators' districts-should be a condition of any state aid provided to guard the pensions of Detroit Police and Fire retirees and pensioners."

Now that is a really great idea.

To be fair, this isn't the first time Hopgood and Geiss have tried to help get these wells closed and capped. They have made efforts previously and gone on the record as opposing the operation and then reopening of these facilities where toxic and poisonous liquids are unloaded from trucks and trains and then pumped into the rock about a mile into the ground..

The City of Romulus has fought these wells as a threat to the health and safety residents for more than two decades. Since the wells were first proposed, residents and city officials have insisted that these disposal methods are unproven and could result in a leak of theses poisons into groundwater, into the air and into the general environment.

Only when state investigators on a routine visit saw chemical spills on the ground at the injection sites was action taken to close the wells as a safety hazard. Since then, ownership of the wells changed and both the state and federal environmental agencies charged with protecting the population from just this kind of exposure approved new operating permits so the wells could reopen.

These wells should be closed permanently and the threat they pose to the communities of Romulus and Taylor be eliminated, if that is possible.

If the way to do that is to shut off the operating money at the tap controlled by the Detroit Fire and Police Pension Board, we think it's a great idea.

So should Snyder, Orr and Duggan, and most importantly, Bankruptcy Judge Steven Rhodes.

Coffee With A Cop is a good plan

There are, we believe, only two kinds of ideas. Good ideas that work and good ideas that don't.

We hope the good idea called Coffee With A Cop is one of those that works. It's a national effort and 2-hour sessions with local officers and anyone from the public who wants to show up have taken place across the country. Some, we know, with more success than others, but that sure doesn't make this anything other than a good idea. Several departments in our area have tried the program and it has attracted larger support in some municipalities than others, too, which is typical.

Currently, the program is taking place in Canton Township where officers show up and are available to sit and talk with residents who join them for a cup of coffee or two. They are willing to talk about nearly any subject (ongoing investigations obviously excluded) and are making an effort to communicate on a more humanistic level with the people they serve.

We can't help but think that's a good idea.

Police officers tend to get a little jaded after a while on the job. It's simply a fact of life that after seeing the very worst of human nature, they tend to suspect that most people they meet are capable of serious wrongdoing. That is one of the hazards and pitfalls of the job, and officers have to work pretty hard to hang on to their own humanity after some of the crimes and scenes they witness, not to mention the attacks, insults and physical toll the job takes on them. So when the press release notes that this is an effort to acquaint the public with the officers, which is good, we have to also think it might be a good way to acquaint the officers with the public.

There are still, despite the segment that police usually see, some very fine people in our local communities, especially in Canton Township. These are the folks who will likely show up to sit and talk with the officers and try to learn a little more about the men and women behind the uniform and badge.

Most people, despite the very best efforts of Dick Wolf and his Law and Order franchise, have very little understanding of the real world of police officers, especially in municipalities the size of most of our local forces. That's why this program is such a good idea, allowing the public and the police to meet in a casual, unstructured situation to make each other's acquaintance.

The inclement weather may have kept folks home from the first such meeting scheduled last month, but we hope more resi-

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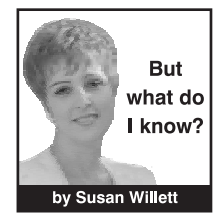
Procrastination elevated to an art form



All right. Now it's that time of the week again when I need to sit down and write a column. So I need to do this and get it done right now.

Wait, first maybe I should clean this computer screen. The thing is just filthy with dust and stuff. I'll be right back with the Windex and paper towel.

There, that's better. Now, where was I? Oh, yeah, the column, hey, the rest of this credenza is just disgusting with dust and eraser bits and papers. I really should get this organized and dusted. Maybe I should use the vacuum cleaner attachment to clean up some of this stuff. These drawers are all dusty and yucky.

OK, so maybe that wasn't such a good idea, there. But I got almost all the paper clips, staples, rubber bands and spare change out of the vacuum cleaner hose and it seems to be working again, if you ignore that burning odor. I gotta fix this. And while I have the vacuum out, I might as well give this carpet a going over, too.

> *My grandson called but I told him I couldn't talk, I was busy writing.*

OK, that's done, but these drawers are still a mess and should be cleaned and organized and look at this, the pencils in this compartment are all facing different ways. Well that just won't do. Let me just straighten those out and clean out the rest of the paperwork in here, too. There is stuff from YEARS ago in here that really needs sorted. I should probably sort these paper clips while I'm at it. I love the colored paper clips, but they should be sorted by color, right? I mean, that would be the efficient and professional way to keep them aligned in the drawer.

OK, done. My, that was a task. I mean I had to take the time to remove the drawers from the credenza and clean them, too. No sense doing anything halfway, right?

Now, here we go. I can write this column. Yep, just let me think of an idea here. Would you look at this computer keyboard? Why there is lint and dust and dirt down in between the keys. I guess I shouldn't eat chips while I type. It's just a mess. I wonder if there is some of that canned air stuff to clean that out. Won't be trying that vacuum cleaner again, no sirrreee.

What a job, I had to remove each of those keys and clean them and then put them back on…which wasn't easy because that cleanser stuff took most of the letters off, but I got it all back together and now I am ready to turn on the old creativity. Here we go. Xnlwoski…oops. This might take a minute.

Sorry that took so long. My grandson called but I told him I couldn't talk, I was busy writing.

What to write, what to write, what to write? Hmmm. Look at that window. Why, I bet those blinds haven't been dusted in weeks. WEEKS. I think I have one of those duster thingies in the closet I could use to take care of that. Let me get that and see if I can't get those cleaned up real quick.

Wow, that was a bigger job than I thought. I think I better sit down and catch my breath and have a glass of water and maybe an aspirin or two. Those things were a lot higher than I thought and the ladder was

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Letters

Charity thanks donors

To the editor;

I'm writing to thank Plymouth residents for their generosity in helping thousands of suffering children worldwide this Christmas. Through their efforts, we were able to collect 9,340 shoeboxes-filled with toys, school supplies and hygiene items-for Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project of its kind. These simple gift-filled shoeboxes communicate to needy children that they are loved and not forgotten.

Although drop-off locations in Plymouth are closed until November 2014, shoebox gifts can be packed any time. Gifts are received year-round at Samaritan's Purse (801 Bamboo Road, Boone, N.C., 28607) or using the project's online tool, where donors can virtually build a box. To get involved, visit samaritanspurse.org or call (937) 374-0761.

Thanks again to everyone who participated in this project. A simple gift, packed with love, can communicate hope and transform the lives of children worldwide.

Bonnie Freeman
Regional Director | Great Lakes
Operation Christmas Child

Later

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a little rickety propped up against the ledge there. But it wasn't like a serious fall or anything and I'm sure nothing is broken, just maybe a few bruises. But, wow, those blinds are clean as a whistle. So now here we go. Let's just turn on the ole brain and get writing.

Maybe I should have a snack first. Snacks are always good and that aspirin did sorta upset my tummy and my backside still hurts because, as the Olympians say, I didn't exactly stick that landing. Yeah, a snack would be good.

Well, all I could find in the break room were two crushed saltines and some Ramen noodles from 2001. There was a sandwich somebody left in the fridge, but when I touched it, it sorta wiggled, so…

Now, I'm ready to get busy here and write a column for this week. I just need a really good idea or topic. My grandchildren have forbidden me to write about them and my beloved spouse gets a little testy about being the brunt of my humor, too. What should I write about?

I wonder what kind of sandwich that was, anyway. I mean, it's obviously been in the fridge, so how bad could it be, really? I mean, I am sorta hungry. And I can't be expected to write on an empty stomach, I need the energy. Right?

It was peanut butter and jelly….I think. I only ate about half of it and now I have this rather unpleasant situation in my wastebasket. I think I might have to go home because I really, really don't feel so well right now.

I'll write the column tomorrow…. or when I feel better.

Coffee

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dents will come out this month and join some of the officers from 10 a.m. until noon Feb. 26 at the Summit. We hope, too, that other communities who have tried the program will try again and those that haven't will give it some serious consideration and maybe set up a few Coffee With A Cop meetings for their departments.

It's a good idea.

Calendar of events

Former Red Wing to speak

Former Detroit Red Wing Darren McCarty will be the speaker at a multiple-community chamber of commerce meeting at Laurel Manor in Livonia tomorrow.

The four-time Stanley Cup champion will discuss his book, My Last Fight, during an interview with WJR-AM 760 sports Director Steve Courtney during the event sponsored by the Livonia, Westland and Novi chambers of commerce. Audience members will have the opportunity to ask questions.

The cost is $30 for chamber members and $40 for guests. For more information, contact Laura Sweeney at (734) 427-2122 or email Sweeney@livonia.org.

Alligator Artists sought Saturday

Join the Belleville Area Council for the Arts from noon until 2 p.m. this Saturday, Feb. 8 for the "Bayou Grill Alligator Artists Kids Club" at the Bayou Grill, 404 Main St. in Belleville.

Featured artists Angelica Renaud and Becky Hasen will be guiding students through special Valentine's Day themed make and take projects. All materials will be provided and pizza and a beverage for the participating "Alligator Artists" will be included.

For more information or to register, call the Bayou Grill at (734) 697-2300. Pre-Registration is not required but is certainly appreciated.

Vintage Project Runway opens

The Plymouth Historical Museum's new special exhibit, "Vintage Project Runway," will continue through June 8. Inspired by the hit TV series, "Project Runway," this exhibit showcases American men's and women's fashion from two centuries, 1820-1970.

In keeping with the runway theme, the fashions are displayed down a runway on the museum's Main Street. Many of the items shown have never been exhibited before, while others are from a private collection. In addition, the special exhibit highlights three stores that were part of the fabric of downtown Plymouth in years gone by: Davis & Lent, Dunning's, and Cassady's.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 S. Main St., just north of Kellogg Park in Plymouth. The Museum is open 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Special group tours with Textile Historian Pam Yockey can be arranged by calling (734) 455-8940 or emailing secretary@plymouthhistory.org.

Community Baby Shower is planned

Plymouth Community United Way is planning a Baby Shower and everyone is invited.

Individuals as well as companies, service clubs, and churches can join in the fun by donating new bottles, formula, bibs, crib sheets, blankets (handmade accepted), diapers, baby clothes up to size 3T, convertible car seats, cribs, strollers, and monitors. The items will be distributed to low-income mothers in Plymouth, Canton and Western Wayne County.

United Way is offering a range of ways to participate from dropping off items at the office to holding a special event like a baby shower.

"We want to help low-income mothers and single mothers who can't afford these items and may fall through the cracks when they seek help," said Marie Morrow, Plymouth Community United Way president.

Donations are being accepted at Plymouth Community United Way, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth, MI 48170. For information, contact Randi Williams at (734) 453-6879, Ext. 7 or randi.williams@pcuw.org.

Genealogists to meet

Dick Doherty will be the guest speaker at the 1:15 p.m. Feb. 9 meeting of the Northville Genealogical Society.

Doherty's lecture will focus on obtaining records from Ireland and cost-effective methods for accessing them from North America. Included are recent Irish repository initiatives that make indexes and images available online. Doherty lectures in the U.S., Canada and Ireland and is a past-president of three genealogical societies and is also a delegate to the Federation of Genealogical Societies and the Michigan Genealogical Council.

The meeting will take place at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady in Northville and is open to the public at no cost.

Individual help on genealogy is offered in the Local History Room at the Northville District Library from 1-3 p.m. Monday afternoons.

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

Schools host open house

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools has planned an open house from 6-8 p.m. Feb. 10 at Hoben Elementary School, 44680 Saltz Road in Canton.

This event has been organized to help the community learn about the programs offered to children from early childhood to fifth grade in the Plymouth-Canton district.

African American history celebrated

The annual Romulus Come Unity African American History Celebration will take place from 6-8:30 p.m. Feb. 12 at Romulus Middle School.

The event has been organized by the Romulus Miinsterial Alliance and Romulus Middle School. Featured will be the school band, community and church leaders.

The Soul Food dinner will begin at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria and the program will begin at 7:30 in the school auditorium

The event is free but a donation is requested at the door. All proceeds will be used for the Romulus Middle School Student Activities Fund.

The school is located at 9650 S. Wayne Road in Romulus.

For more information, contact the Rev. Rita Talley, chairperson at (734) 532-1703 or Barbara Underwwod at (734) 941-1997.

Daddy-Daughter Date Night set

The Wayne Westland Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a Daddy Daughter Date Night beginning with photos at 6 p.m. Feb. 13 at the Wayne Community Center.

The event will be an evening of square dancing and include photos from 6-7 when dancing will begin. The $12 per couple resident fee includes dancing, refreshments and a corsage. Non-resident fee is $13. The event will end at 8:30 p.m.

Additional daughter's tickets are $5 for both residents and non-residents.

Photos are priced at $10.

Registration is limited to 215. For more information, call (734)721-7400.

Love Thy Neighbor effort begins

Love Thy Neighbor, a Valentine's Day effort supporting the Salvation Army Food Pantry will begin Feb. 11 and continue through Feb. 16.

Donations will be accepted at the Salvation Army Plymouth office, 9451 S. Main from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday.

Currently, the pantry is in need of body soap, dish soap, detergent, shampoos and conditioner, Hamburger Helper, canned chicken and tuna, deodorant and shaving items for both men and women and toilet paper.

For more information, contact Laurie Aren at laurie_aren@usc.salvationarmy.org or (734) 453-5464.

Tribute concert planned

The Progressive Club in Romulus will host a Valentines Tribute to the Legends beginning at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 15.

Included will be tributes to The Blues Brothers, Toby Keith, Ray Charles, Stevie Wonder and Ronnie Milsap by professional artists.

The doors will open at 6 p.m. Only 150 tickets at $15 are available and can be purchased at the Romulus Chamber of Commerce office at the corner of Shook and Bibbins roads. Reservations are available at (734) 893-0694 or (734) 718-3137.

All proceeds will be used for The Progressive Club Maintenance Fund, a 501 © 4 organization. The club is located at 11580 Ozga Road in Romulus.

Library fundraiser includes auction

The annual auction fundraiser to support the Plymouth Historical Museum will begin at 6 p.m. Feb. 15 at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center, 8768 North Territorial Road.

Tickets are priced at $75 per person and include dinner, a live auction, raffles and performances by 12-year-old Makenzie Ryder and the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps.

Tickets are available at the museum or at www.plymouthhistory.org using PayPal. For more information, call (734) 455-8940.

Legislator is guest speaker

State Rep. Doug Geiss, D-Taylor, will be the guest speaker at the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce Luncheon Feb. 17.

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Classified

1. Obituaries

Tereatha Allen
March 15, 1920
Jan. 6, 2014

Tereatha Allen, formerly of Romulus, died Jan. 6, 2014 in Florida.
Mrs. Allen, born March 15, 1920, married her teenage sweetheart, the late Deacon Joe Allen. They met in Pickins, Arkansas and relocated to Romulus in 1947.
The Allens were founding members of the Romulus Community Baptist Church and served in many capacities. Mother Allen served on the Mothers' and Deaconess Board for many years and was an inspiration to many.
Mrs. Allen worked as a Kitchen Manager for many years in the Romulus Community School District.
After the death her husband in 2009, Mrs. Allen re-located to Florida to enjoy the remainder of her days surrounded by her family where she worshiped at Redeemers Lutheran Church. She made her transition at Holy Cross Hospital in Lauderdale Lake, Fl.
Deacon and Mother Allen were the parents of six daughters and one son: Tereatha (Clyde) Akbar, Jacqueline (Melvin) Brabson, Terry (Lionel) Walker, Thomisia (Omolo) Ayot, JoAnn (Lenny) James, Ivory Joe Allen (who preceded them in death), and Celeste (Derrick) Bazier.
Her brother, Otis Lewis Vinson, preceded her in death.
Mother Allen leaves to cherish her memory six daughters; one brother-in-law, Lecester (Mattie) Allen; a host of grandchildren; great-grandchildren; cousins; nieces; nephews, and her church families.

Dorothy Ruth Chambers
Sunrise: April 15, 1946
Sunset: Jan. 22, 2014

Dorothy Ruth Chambers died Jan. 22, 2014.
Among those survivors left to mourn her passing and cherish her memory are her three children, Tammy (Antoine) Chambers-Prince, Keysha Chambers and Sherman (Tracey Baron) Chambers, Jr.; grandchildren, Bianca Chambers, Quinton, Paris Mayo, Jasmine Chambers, Sommer Mayo, Terrance James, Jr., Darrin Mayo II and Braylin Prince; great-grandchildren, Javier Chambers and Mykel Johnson; dedicated and loving sisters, Laudie (Dan) Vanderbi and Janice Evans; a brother, Otis (Etha) Brooks, Sr.; nieces Petra Evans (Ralph) Duverna and Julian Evens; nephews, Antoine Brooks and Otis Brooks, Jr.; many friends, and her church family.
Funeral services took place at St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Inkster with the Rev. Wallace Johnson officiating.
Final arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster road in Inkster.
Interment was at Sunset Hills Cemetery in Ypsilanti.

To advertise in The Eagle
call 734-467-1900.

Anita Delores Guess
Sunrise: Oct. 17, 1970
Sunset: Jan.25, 2014

Anita Delores Guess died Jan. 25, 2014.
Among those survivors left to cherish her memory are her nephews, Derrick Guess, Deshaun Ogletree, Jeremiah Guess and Nehemiah Ogletree; her fiancé, Clarence Cochran, and a host of loved ones.
She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert Lee Guess, Sr. and Delores June Guess; her siblings, Robert Lee Guess, Jr., Marcus Guess and Wanda Guess-Ogletree.
Funeral services took place at Detroit World Outreach Church in Redford with Bishop Ben Gibert officiating.
Final arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster.
Interment was at Detroit Memorial Park in Redford.

Robert Lee Guess, Jr.
Sunrise: June 29, 19666
Sunset: Jan. 25, 2014

Robert Lee Guess, Jr. died Jan. 25, 2014.
Among those left to mourn his passing are his nephews to whom he was devoted, Derrick Guess, Deshaen Ogletree, Jeremiah Guess and Nehemiah Ogletree.
Mr. Guess was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Lee Guess, Sr. and Delores June Guess, Marcus Guess, Wanda Guess-Ogletree, and Anita Guess.
Funeral services took place at Detroit World Outreach Church in Redford with Bishop
Ben Gibert officiating.
Final arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster.
Interment was at Detroit Memorial Park in Redford.

6. Legal Notices

Approved, SCAO

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE

FILE NO.

In the matter of Earl W. Hill Trust

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:*

Whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE:*
TO ALL CREDITORS:

The settler, Earl W. Hill, DOBL 10/03/1922, of 43746 Palisades Drive, Canton, MI 48187, died 10/31/2013. There is no personal representative of the Settlor's estate to whom Letters of Authority have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Earl W. Hill Trust dated March 14, 2006, as amended, will be forever banned unless presented to Theresa Shepherd, Trustee, within 4 months after the date of publication.

Pal G. Van Gessel P33934
1799 R.W. Berends Dr. S. W.
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59. Auctions

PUBLIC SALE
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FEBRUARY 11, 2013
10 AM

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87. Rooms For Rent

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Brick, 3BR/1BA, Single Family, Fixer Upper, Lease or Cash, $500 DN, $157/mo
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Inkster, Colgate St
2BR/1BA Single Family, Fixer Upper, Lease or Cash
$500 DN, $172/mo
877-553-5348

Inkster, Henry St
3BR/1BA Single Family, Detached Garage, Lease or Cash, $350 DN, $133/mo
877-499-8065

Inkster, New York St
2BR/1BA Single Family, Fixer Upper, Lease or Cash, $350 DN, $133/mo
877-535-6274

Inkster, Helen St
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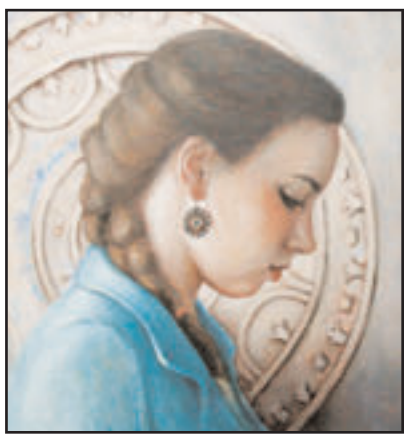
Calendar of events


Portrait by Amy Fell Burford

Cloud Fish by Janet McClintock

House art

The Northville Art House will present the 8th annual exhibition showcasing the varied styles and mediums of artist members. The show will open with a reception from 6-9 p.m. on First Friday, Feb. 7 and continue through March 1 during Art House hours, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. For additional information, call (248) 344-0497 or visit www.northvilleart-house.org. Admission to the exhibit is free.

Earth by Miriam Wittkopf

Reliquary by Allison Gardiner

Calendar

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Registration will begin at 11:30 and lunch will be served at noon. The event will take place at the Holiday Inn, 8400 Merriman Road in Romulus.

Seating is limited and reservations will only be accepted until Feb. 14. The cost is $15 for chamber members and $25 for non-members.

For more information, or reservations, call (734) 893-0694 or access info@romuluschamber.com.

Elder law series begins

Plymouth Community United Way in partnership with the Plymouth Community Council on Aging presents a free Elder Law Series with attorney Gary S. Allen beginning 10-11:30 a.m. and 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty.

Allen, an estate planning and elder law attorney, continues the series on Thursdays, Feb. 27. March 6 and March 13 with sessions offered at 10-11:30 a.m. and 6:30-8 p.m. Advance registration required. To reserve a space, call Plymouth Community United Way at 734-453-6879, ext. 7.

Topics include Estate Planning, Feb. 20; Outliving Your Assets, Feb. 27. Retirement Accounts, March 6 and Taxes, March 13.

Chamber business lunch set

The Wayne Chamber of Commerce February business luncheon theme will be "Where to get Lunch in Wayne". During the lunch, bundles of menus from restaurants in Wayne will be distributed.

Lunch will be prepared by Chef Tony and his students at the William D. Ford Career-Technical School.

The meeting is planned from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Feb. 27 at Café Marquette in the school at 36455 Marquette in Westland.

The cost is $12 and reservations are being accepted through Feb. 21 at (734) 721-0100 or by email at director@waynechamber.net

Chamber hosts coffee hour

The Wayne Chamber of Commerce will host a Wake-Up Wayne coffee from 8-9 a.m. Feb. 20 at Nick's Coney Island located at 35425 W. Michigan Ave. in downtown Wayne. This is a 5-Star event so members from Wayne, Westland, Redford and Dearborn chambers of commerce will be on hand.

Coffee will be provided and breakfast is available for purchase.

Record show planned

The student radio station of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools will host the sixth annual record show from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Feb. 22 in the Salem High School cafeteria.

Collectors will find thousands of vinyl records, CDs, import only releases, t-shirts and other collectibles. The show will also feature special giveaways and door prizes.

Admission is $3. Early admission for collectors from 9-10 a.m. is $5. Plymouth, Canton and Salem high school students are admitted at no cost.

All proceeds will benefit the student station

Dealers can contact Station Manager Bill Keith, (734) 416-7732 for more information. Eight foot tables can be reserved for $30.

The high school is located at 46181 Joy Road in Canton. The cafeteria is on the first floor, just inside the main entrance.

Mother Son Sports Night planned

Mothers and sons are encouraged to dress in their favorite athletic team attire and enjoy an evening of organized games, open swimming and skating, wallyball, a snack and prizes all organized by the Wayne Westland Parks and Recreation Department.

The Mother Son Sports Night will take place from 6-8:30 p.m. Feb. 27 at Wayne Community Center.

The cost for residents is $12 per couple, $16 for a mom and two sons. The non-residents fees are $13 per couple and $18 for a mom and two sons.

Photos will be available for $10.

For more information, call (734) 721-7400.

CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY
2013 – 2014 *PROPOSED* FINAL STATEMENT
AND PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Wayne County Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

In compliance with federal guidelines, the City of Inkster will hold a public hearing on **Monday, February 17, 2014**, at 7:30 pm to consider submission of the 2014-2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application. The hearing will be held at Inkster City Hall in Council Chambers located at 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan 48141. The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment and approve final projects and funding level for Inkster's allocation of the 2014 – 2015 Wayne County CDBG Program funding as follows:

ACTIVITY	LOCATION	FUNDING
Administration	City-Wide	22,000
Code Enforcement	City-Wide	68,000
Demolition	City-Wide	93,347
Housing Rehabilitation	City-Wide	30,000
Public Services (education/recreation)	City-Wide	7,000
Total Estimated Request Allocation		**$220,347**

This estimated amount was obtained through the County's use of a formula that focuses on Low to Moderate Income (LMI) populations/community and includes a weight for population based on the newly released population data. 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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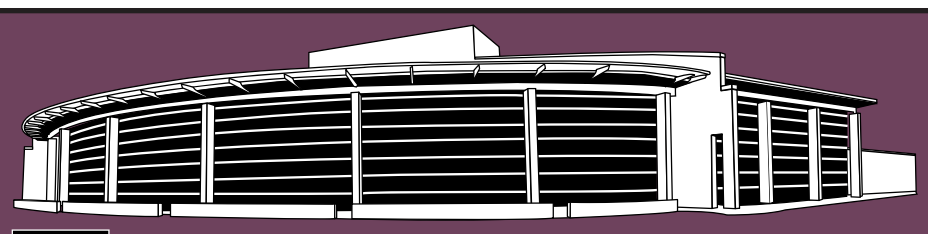

WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
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UPCOMING SHOWS!

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2014
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– O Magazine

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