A PUBLICATION OF ASSOCIATED NEWSPAPERS OF MICHIGAN

THE BELLEVILLE ENTERDRISE + THE CANTON EAGLE + THE INVISTED LEDGER STAR + THE MORTHVILLE EAGLE THE PLYMOUTH EAGLE * THE ROMULUS ROMAN * THE WAYNE EAGLE * THE WESTLAND EAGLE

Enterprise

will visit

Vol. 133, No. 06 Belleville High School preparing for FIRST Robotic Competition March 23 and 24 when members of 36 robotic teams from schools throughout the state

See page 2.

Eagle

Vol. 71 No. 06 Canton Township Citizens Police Academy, set for

Thursday evenings begin-ning April 12, will be accept-ed until the end of February.

LEDGER STAR

Vol. 71, No. 06 State Rep. Jewell Jones (D-Inkster) voted explained his no on a series of bills last week and questioned the real motivation behind the

Eagle

Vol. 18, No. 06 Everybody will be Irish during the St. Patrick's Day Party to benefit the Northville Educational

Foundation set March 17 at the Meadowbrook Country See page 3.

EAGLE

Vol. 18, No. 06

A Plymouth man is facing up to life in prison if convict-ed of charges of assaulting his ex-wife and stabbing his son during his trial set for March 14.

Roman

Vol. 133, No. 06

An old chemistry classom at Romulus High chool recently got a akeover including a mural nainted by art students

See page 5.

EAGLE

Vol. 71, No. 06 Wayne-Westland ommunity Schools will offer a Schools of Choice program for the 2018-2019 year

EAGLE

the winter production at Inspire Theatre, 'Gone With The Breeze," a musical-com-

See page 4.

Judge's recall decision is appealed

Attorneys for Wayne City Councilman Christopher Sanders were expected to file an appeal Monday following the ruling of Third Circuit Court Judge Robert Columbo last Friday, clearing the way for a May 16 recall election in the city

petitions submitted to Wayne County Clerk Cathy Garrett were valid and should be accepted, overruling the chal lenge issued to the petitions by Sanders' attorney John Pirich. The challenge claimed the peti-tions did not comply with MCL 168 544c (1) requiring language indicating whether the circula-tor was a State of Michigan resi-

Columbo said that the 1,390 people who had signed the petitions would be "disenfranchised" if the petitions were rejected.

dent and agreeing to adhere to For Election due to the petition Michigan law if they were not. complying with MCL 168.544 c(1)." et l." ure of the registered circulator, Robert Boertje of Wayne, to respond to the issues raised in

the challenge In a correspondence to had signed the petitices would Boertje, Garrett stated, "I am be "disenfranchised" if the peti-without authority to issue a Call tions were rejected. He ordered

ney Scott Ruark, appealed that decision during the hearing Friday during which Columbo said that the 1,390 people who

Garrett to call for a recall elec-tion and immediately begin that

process. Boertje was in the cour for the decision Friday but Sanders did not attend the hear-

The hasis for the recall as stated on the netitions is that moving election dates for the city offices to coincide with state and national election years. The move was described as an effort to save the cash-strapped city

See Recall page 4

Sweet stuff Making Mapie Syrup tours will be available at Maybury Farm in Northville at 1; 1:45, 2:30 and 3:15 p.m. Saturdays and sundays March 3 through 31. Space is limited on the tours which begin with a wagon ride to the Sugar Bush. Visitors will learn about the mapie tree, how to tap it and then collect the cologie bear. In vita the same modern the same value of the larger state where the post in the larger state, where they can width the sap to be convented vita maple syngs. After the large short part of the larger stands for purchase. The cost is 57 per person and children of any longer are admitted to the with a part facet but must find on the larger stands for purchase. The cost is 57 per person and children of purchase the cost is 57 per person and children of purchase the cost is 57 per person and children of purchase the cost of purchase to the cost of purchase the cost of purchases the cost



Sale of former prison property planned

Staff Writer

rounds the potential sale of undeveloped land located in Plymouth Township that once was home to the Detroit House was home to the Detroit House of Corrections prison-farm, and the subject of a protracted legal battle, Plymouth Township Treasurer Mark Clinton expects the municipality will merely break even" on the deal.

The undeveloped vacant land is located within the highly acclaimed Five Mile Corridor

located at Five Mile and Ridge Road. Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix II along with Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise said they look forward to the time when the vecant land in the Five Mile Corridor a turns into a successful "Michigan International Technology Center-Business

The Plymouth Township par-cel is listed for \$4,485,000, or \$33,691 per sere. One benefici-of the land was subsequently any of the sale is Wayne County returned to Detroit by the courts and another is Plymouth Township which still owes the

Bank of Ann Arbor \$356,000

one time had been valued on tax rolls at more that \$15 mil-lion, during a tax foreclosure sale for \$606,149.98, the amount of foreclosed taxes, interest, and the ongoing legal dispute after fees. One hundred ninety acres, the 190-acre parcel of land was

Sullivan said he will focus on increasing awareness of the pro-fession to help attract a new gen-eration of municipal executives.

after paying \$250,000 in quarterly payments of \$17,681 since
borrowing funding to buy the
land at an erroneous tax sale.

a subsidiary of DeMattia Corp. failed to pay taxes.

In the fall of 2016, Plymouth Township reached a settlement agreement with Wayne County Treasurer Eric Sabree to settle neturned to Detroit Sahree and

Northville city manager to lead state group

Patrick Sullivan has been cho-sen as the new president of the statewide association representing Michigan municipal man-

2018 president of the Michigan Municipal Executives (MME) Municipal Executives (MME) during the annual Winter Institute which took place in Ann Arbor Jan. 30-Feb. 2. Sullivan succeeds Keith Van Beek, Ottawa County deputy administrator. Sullivan served

the past year as president-elect of the organization. "I'm truly honored to help

lead MME for the next year," Sullivan said. "This organization does so much to develop and support local government lead-ers. Im really proud of the work we do in communities across Michigan and will do all I can to Sullivan has been the Northville city manager since March 2006. His previous govemmental experience included ornmental experience included 10 years as superintendent of the City of St. Clair; four years as assistant village manager and village clerk of Beverly Hills;

tion degree from Oakland University, and a bachelor of public affairs degree from Wayne State University His professional memberships include the International City/County Management Association, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, and he is a board

"Raby Boomers are retiring "Baby Boomers are retiring and leaving all levels of our workforce, so we need to make sure we attract great leaders to carry on our work," Sullivan said. "Part of that is making sure village clerk of Beverly Hills; manager of the Village of New Haven and township clerk of Lenox Township-all in Michigan. Sullivan received a master's of public administrathe leadership of MME is more diverse going forward. We need to let everyone who has the tal-ent and passion to lead local

governments know that we are going to welcome and support them." MIII. In addition to selecting In addition to selecting Sullivan as president, the organ-ization elected president-elect Fenton City Manager Lynn Markland, vice president Ludington City Manager Shay, and trustees City Ma

Marquette Cou Administrator Scott Erbis and Sturgis City Manager M Hughes



Northville City Manage

Belleville - Canton

Police academy applications available

Township Citizens Police Academy will be accepted until the end of February

The academy is designed for isidents interested in acquiring magni and knowledge about how the police department works and how it serves the Canton community Sessions will Canton community Sossions will take place from 6-9 p.m. Thursdays, beginning April 12, for eight consecutive weeks. Those attending the academy will learn about the policies and

operational procedures of the police department through pre-sentations, demonstrations and

have the opportunity to increase their personal knowledge of the role of law enforcement in the criminal justice system as well as their understanding of the training and education required for police officers to effectively han-dle the challenges of police work. "Academy participants will

gain insight into the difficult challenges law enforcement per-sonnel face on a daily basis through interesting and informa-tive instruction," said Canton Public Safety Director Joshua

Academy participants will gain insight into the difficult challenges law enforcement personnel face on a daily basis...

Citizens Police Academy is to opportunity to enjoy two sessions develop positive relationships of the cross-over academy; learncitizens and police officers, enhancing cooperation, understanding, and general good

will be explained. "Once again this year we will free program and early applica-

ing about the daily operations of our fire department," Meier added. Class size is limited for this

The again line year we will rive program issue seasy appara-tion is encouraged. To qualify, Academy into the program," said Meier. "Participants will have the and a resident of Canton

have any felony convictions and no misdementar convicti cants will be subject to a back ground check, police officials

2018 online at www.canton publicsafetyorg, or in person at the front desk of the Canton

Questions can be directed to

Student robotics competition set in Belleville

help to entertain the crowds

throughout the state will be in adventure, a sponsoman move.

The symmatium, showing off the "Norty Tolk seman around test." built robot.

Sponsorship errale the word build robots, with "The Belleville team has the robot cervations, all builty and build problem, which is their and drive to corel in this immounts from \$1500 to \$15000 advance in the state wide, then and memors, to participate in "year's competition," a all with particular levels of

The FIRST Robotics ompetition is the largest high Competition is the largest high school robotics competition in the world encouraging students

This is only the second year for the FIRST Robotics Team at Belleville High Following their inaugural seaar, which yielded the team two awards, students are eagerly lined up to join the group and stretch their technical and organizational skills in preparation for the 2018 con-test.

help with funding for both the 2018 team robot and the district competition," according to a prepared statement. The team help their efforts to grow in size and knowledge, helping more students learn the technological intricacies as well as the busi-ness aspects of making purpose-

Team 6615 robotics coaches at Belleville High School, (734)697 9706. ext. 2127 o aawatkins@vanburenscho

et or aalang@vanburen schools.net. The March 23 and 24 comps am. until 9 p.m. each day. The school is located at 501 W. in amounts from \$100 to \$10,000, school is located at 50 all with particular levels of Columbia Ave. in Belleville.

Quilts sought for exhibit The 22nd annual Quilt Exhibit at the Belleville Area Museum sponsored by the Western Wayne County Quilt Guild will take place in March.

into inascular wan on accepting quant or display field in 23-86, and 20-34, during normal business hours. Representatives from the equil guild will be on hand to answer updating questions during the drop of peri-diff. Moneum admission is \$2.8 Hours are 3 of Applications may be found on the mass-oum Facebook site or can be mailed to poten-tial exhibitors. For an application, contact
Then
Museum Director Katie Dallos at (734) 697January

Again this year the Viewer's Choice

7 p.m. Tuesdays and from noon u Wednesday through Saturday The museum is closed for the

Sunday music for seniors set

Sunday at the Van Buren Senior

Center is located at 46425 Tyler Road in Van Buren Township. For more

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHOR INVITATION TO BID

IS HERCHY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Office of the Clink up to 3:00 p.m. Thanday, February 22, 2018 for the Silver

PRINTING SERVICES FOR FOUR EDITIONS OF THE SHOP CAN

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PUBLIC NOTICE

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA MARCH 8, 2018 be a marring of the Zenning Board of Appeals THURE A Down of the Committee Administration Delicing to

2.00 P.M.

Call to Order

second of Minator January II 2011

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

scans with Disabilities Act, individuals with deabilities who sepa-side or sarvices to attend participate at the meetingshearing sheel Kerston Cooley, Haman Resources Manager, 47:74-7556 Reasonable accommodations can be made with advance oction.

information, phone Jimmy Baleja, (734)

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTO!

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTO NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

HEARING OF NECESSITY FOR SIDEWALK REPLACEMENTS FOR THE FOIL OWING SUBDIVISIONS

ZONE 3 - Target Sub



Northville - Plymouth

St. Patrick's Party set to aid schools

ing the St. Patrick's Day Party to benefit the Northville Educational Foundation next

March 17 at the Meadowbrook Irish fare, an open bar, compli- Northville

by Community Financial along tainment including Irish pley with the Michigan Educational dancers and DJ along with a trict. Credit Union and the Knickerboeker Group of Tickets for the evening are Inn Raymond James. The evening priced at \$100 and all proceeds TRU linched bows floowness and will be used to benefit the The

STEAM programming and Fair, The Leader In Me. cooperative Educational learning amorams Project is located at 40941 Fight Mile

Arts council awarded programming grant

The Plymouth Community chase both originals and prints Arts Council has received a of Davis' artwork. Light refresh-WalMart Foundation grant to support Black History Month

February solo exhibit artist Carl Davis will show his work in the main gallery of the arts council during the mouth in an exhibit titled "Celebrating Heritage". The public can view the premiere of the exhibit from 6-9 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 2. There will be opportunities to ments will be served. During the month, there will be information about Davis'

work in the callery and self guided art tour materials for stu dents to take with them as they view the exhibit. Finished gallery tour worksheets can be turned in to the office for a chance to win a \$25 gift certifi-cate and a "Create Your Own Extraordinary" t-shirt.

We are lucky to have these generous businesses here that are truly dedicated to giving back to the community,

Arts Council will host e School designing a handmade stamp or Day-Off Art Workshops for ages steneil with an inspiring word to 16 and 19. Mixed media portraits will be created by students on Feb. 16 and on Feb. 19, students

6-13 from 10 a.m. until noon Feb. print on wood or canvas. Pre-

#3476 has pledged their support of our programming. We are lucky to have these generous husinesses here that are truly community," said Community Arts Council Executive Director Lisa Howard.

The arts council is located at 774 North Sheldon Road in

Plymouth man faces trial in assault of wife

ing his ex-wife and stabbing his son. Graling Owens, 56, is scheduled for a jury trial March 14 before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Qiana Denise Lillard. The multiple charges stem from an incident reported at about 1:50 a.m. Nov.

21 at the Haggerty Road residence of Owens. His ex-wife and her son were moving her belongings from the home when an argument ensued, according to

police reports. When police arrived at the scene, the 20-year-old son was report-edly bleeding profusely from a knife pro-truding from his lower torso. Paramedics

where he underwent surgery, according to police. Owens' 45-year-old ex-wife had n assaulted and choked, according to

A not-guilty plea has been entered on his behalf in the charges. According to

police.

He is charged with assault with intent to murder, two counts of assault with 2 hours following the attack.

Land

syment of surplus proceeds to the county should the property be sold.

According to the principal language of

According to the principal anguage or that agreement, signed by Sabree and for-mer Township Supervisor Shannon Price, the township will be allowed to retain the \$606.149.98 and "Reasonable attorney fees spent by the Township in all related ligation and settlement negotiations... not to exceed \$135,000 and the cost of litigation or money judgment against Township due to a lawsuit by the City of Detroit.." Representatives from Signature

Representatives from Signature Associates, the real estate firm selected to market the land, said of the 133 acres only 71 acres can be developed and the remaining 62 acres are wetland. The land

was appraised at \$4 million.
Former DeMattia President and CEO
Gary Roberts, acting real estate consult-

ant and marketing expert for the DeHoCo land parcel, predicted the sale, part of a larger 800-acre area in the Five Mile corridor, could bring 6,000 to 8,000 new jobs

Trustees that he will be paid as a design consultant for the DeHoCo land after the sale. Roberts is currently employed by Northville Township as a consultant. Nix is a commercial real-estate attorney.

At a recent township heard meeting

Signature Associates President Stave Gordon and broker David Green present-ed a status report on their progress with the real estate listing. e real estate listing. Gordon told board members he has conducted an aggressive marketing effect and said, "The future of Plymouth Township lies in developing property." Gordon's Signature Group stands to make a 6-percent commission or \$270,000 if they

are successful. He presented one prospect he has entertained as an inter-ested party, Hillside Investments of Plymouth
"We know the properties, we know the

Gordon expounded.
"If it's so hot (the property pot how come you don't have multiple developers?" asked Trustee Chuck Curmi.
"Most developers went away d

the downturn and only 10 or 12 are qualimity Roberts told members fied, and we know them all. Construction

If it's so hot (the property potential)

how come you don't have multiple developers?

costs are at all-time high. Michigan is a snake pit," Gordon responded. Hillside Investments and Gordon are

regular township meeting in February
"When the whole thing is over al ransoul investments and occuping the discussion.

when the whose time in the whose uning is over as scheduled to return to present another over going to do is break even," com overview and address the board of mented Clinton following the discussion.

ESTIMATED

SENIOR SERVICES
Council on Arion ADMINISTRATION ADA TOWNSHIP FACILITY IMPRO

INVITATION TO RID CITY OF ROMULUS
ITB 17/18-35 New 34th District Court
Bid Package No. 1 - Sitework

e-bid meeting will be held on site, 11111 Way uptly at City Hall, labby.

raled bids identified with the company's name, are to be submitted in an opaque creded Bid. Do Not Open' and be delivered in the City of Romatus Clork's Office on Petersay 23, 248 (3.8 he bid envelopes shall be addressed). ITB 1718-38 New 34th Botteric Court Project, Bid Package 1: Sit City of Romatus Clork's Office of the Court Project, Bid Package 1: Sit 118 (2.8 he court Project, Bid Package 1: Sit 118 (2.8 he court Project, Bid Package 1: Sit 118 (2.8 he court Package 1).

Complete sets of documents may be downloaded e page of BidNet Direct at https://www.bidnetdirect.or at the office of the George W. Auch Compuny, 248.334.2000, (Construction Manager) and the City Romalus, MI 48174, on or after February 5, 2018

The City of Romalus reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, or waive irrepularities in Bis No Bid may be withdrawn for a period of one handred twenty (120) calcular days after the schol ald classing time for receipt of the Bids. A context may ultimately be swarded to the Inwast me responsive and responsible company, as determined in the self-discretion of the City of Romalus relativests in a namear decemed by the City to be in 50 ones bed interest.

r the submission of nor acceptance of say bid shall constitute a contract below City of Romalus. No such contract shall exist without first being approva of the members of the Romalus City Concell and only after all required bost cost and copies of endorsements have been received by the City and the appro-ted representatives of the City of Romalus and the successful Bid-1-

INVITATION TO BID ITB 17/18-22 - PROJECT #0155-17-0060 OLIVE STREET WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS

he City of Romalus, is requesting scaled bids for the Olive Street Water Main Improvements ork includes replacement of 2,600 feet of existing water main per the specifications along 0 terring and Bibbins Streets.

probab mosting **...

and halo will be received at the coffice of the City of tension.

brancy 21, 2018. All bath should be clearly addressed.

brancy 21, 2018. All bath should be clearly addressed.

OLINE STREET WATER MAIN INFROVEMENTS

OUT STREET WATER MAIN INFROVEMENTS

OF THIS Wayer Board distance.

Remains, MI 48374

Contract documents for this project shall be on file on and after 2:00 PM, February 6, 2018, City of Romadus Clerk's Office or may also be examined from the office of the City's Eng-DIM Advissors, 34000 Hymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150 (phone 734-522-6711) or oefine Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN) Purchasing Group ruge of BinNet

age of BidNet Direct http://www.mit

ty in the form of a Certified or Cashier's Cha

The City of Reemalus reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, or waive inregularities in Bidd to Bid into ybe withdrawn for a period of one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after the sched ladder classing time for except of the Bidd. A content may plantmately be avareded to the lawors more expensive and expensible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Reenalus or sharkwase in a namare deemed by the City to be in it now here interest.

iedher the subreasson on nor acceptance or any ten mais consumeration of the chip of Romalias. No such contract shall exist without first being approximate of the members of the Romalias (No substance) and only after all nequired bos sustances and copies of endoscentents have been received by the City and the agrey y authorized representatives of the City of Romalius and the successful Bidder.

WAYNE - WESTLAND

Schools of choice option available

Schools will offer a Schools of Choice program for the 2018-2019 year for students in kindergarten through grade 12. The Schools of Choice program pro-vides parents the opportunity to move their child from one school to another within the boundaries of the school district provided

the school of choice must be pro-vided by the parent or legal

one assigned by residency must submit a 2018-2019 Schools of Choice application. These appli-cations will be available in every Wayne-Westland school

Schools of Choice applica-tions for elementary school stu-dents, upper elementary students, middle school stud dents, middle school students, and high school students will be accepted in the Pupil Accounting Office at the Board of Education Building, 36745

Marquette Road, Westland, until Choice applications will be

students with timely applica-tions can begin the 2018-2019 year in the school of choice. If more students apply for a grade,building than there are openings, a random selection process will be used to select stu-dents. The names of students not selected at that time will be

placed on a waiting list for the 2018-2019 year. Current Schools of Choice stu ents must reapply to remain eli gible for the program next year After the deadline Schools of be added to the 2018-2019 school year waiting lists on a first-come, first-served basis.

Instactived basis.

Building principals will use the waiting lists to notify qualified students of an opening. Ruilding principals will be allowed to place Schools of Choice students only through Sept. 14. No Schools of Choice placements will be made after that date. A Schools of Choice student will be moved back to

ar After 10 weeks, the stud will be permitted to remain in the school of choice for the remainder of the school year provided all other conditions continue to be satisfied. It is the policy of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Education to prohibit any acts of unlawful discrimination in all matters dealing with students, employees, or applicants for

'Gone With The Breeze' Inspire show opens tomorrow

duction at Inspire Theatre, "Gone With The Breeze." Sounding like a takeoff of The Breeze." Sounding like a takeoff of the blockbuster, "Gone With The Wind," the show is actually a behind the seenes musical-conedy set in Hollywood in the 1999s. The action starts with the whole country talking about the novel soon to be made into a now hit movie. When the house should be sound to be proposed in the property of the Pine. Films, hundreds of aspiring young actrosses descend on the studio. These divas make the burning of Atlanta seem like child's play Only one problem - Peggy Tempest - the reigning studio queen, insists the part of the heroine, Jezebel O'Toole, belongs to her. Jezebel O'Toole will make Scarlett O'Hara seem like soggy grits and Peggy will stop at nothing to get the part.

snire Theatre has been bringing nor ductions to the shopping and dining dis-trict of Westland since 2005. Artistic Director Len Fisher, of Wayne, who con-tinues to be the driving force behind

> 2 3 (877) <u>847-1934</u>

taining evening for the entire family Elizabeth Fisher, who fills the role of cho reographer, is joined by musical director Tiffany Archibald of Romulus and tech

person, Wendy Hardy of Livonia.
"Its flut to play the role of the diva," said Courtney Nixon of Farmington Hills, who fills the role of Peggy: "My last role at Inspire I played Igor in 'It Happened One Pright.' Let's just say that these costumes

are prettier."

With a cast of 22, many of the perform ers are returning Inspire Theatre alum New faces onstage include Dave Durha of Garden City, fresh from a successi appearance in "How Old is That Photo," at Trinity House in Livonia. He joins romers Margaret Anesh and Alivia Morton of Canton Township, Ben Archibald of Romulus and Livy Kagan of Ann Arbor "Gone With The Breeze" will open at



information please call (734) 320-3834

7:30 p.m. Priday, Feb. 9 and conti three weekends at the Westland for the Arts located at 33455 Warren Road More information is availa in Westland. Tickets are \$16 and can be ing the theatre at (734) 751-7057

people to petition. I also believe in the justice system and my rights under the law." It could take up to three



Inkster - Romulus

Legislator explains 'no' vote on bill

his or her occupation as a police officer, firefighter or emergency medical services personnel, whether they held that position or not House Bills 4585, 4590 and 4591 were voted out of the House last week and will now be sent to the Senate for their considera-

"I find it curious how my col-igues on the other side of the "Under the bill package, com-

here, 'said Jones, a member of the Inkster Auxiliary Police Department. "Our police and firefighters risk their lives every day to keep us safe. They don't deserve to be used as political fodder whenever it is convenient, which is unfortunately what

asise closed out 2017 by attacking monly tonded as the 'Blue Llaws' police and firefighters' health atter' bill package, if a person working so hard to protect them. Something just isn't adding up from; 'said Jones, a member or rections officer or emergency rections officer or emergency. services personal, the penalty would be a felony punishable by up to two years in prison. HB 4591 updates state sentencing guidelines to reflect the penalties as reflected in each of the other

"Not only is it already a crime

line with the laws currently on e books. "I simply can't imagine why

these bills are necessary, if not to politicize our men and women in uniform," Jones said. "These bills seem to be a southon in search o a problem more than anythin; else, and our police and firefight ers deserve better than politi-gestures like this."



Art smart

Student artists create mural for class

An old chemistry classroom at Romulus High School recently got a makeover including a stunning mural naimed by art students which has become hotelly of the order. the talk of the school.

The newly-painted room is now where art students meet for instruction and inspiration from painter and veteran teacher Shanda Easterling, who leads the art program.

art program.

The visual fine arts program is one of the most popular extracurricular classes at the school, administrators noted, and includes several offerings like Art Foundation, Art and Logic, Drawing 1 and 2, Design and Painting and Fine Arts

2, beign and Painting and Pine Arts Independent Studies. "We are anxiously awaiting the approval for an Advanced Placement (AP) studio drawing class for the 2018-19 school year," said Easterling. As a means of mak-ing the once old chemistry classroom into a fresh new art room, students Brianna Banko, Jason Parmley, and brothers Jason



images on paper which were then convert ed to overhead transparencies. As the images were projected onto the wall, the students finalized the project with acrylic

and Justin Simmons painted the new Jason Parmley and Justin Simmons, whe mural which adorns the wall. They com-beted the entire mural on their own time after school during the first 12-week and the other would denote ice. The con-



Student Justin Simmons, artist and teacher Sha Simmons, Brianna Banko and Jason Parmley show

cept grew to include the images of eagles, for which the Romulus High School athletic teams are named, to represent school spirit. The right side of the mural reveals the life cycle of an eagle from egg to majestic adult and was completed in a cool color palette. At the top of the painting, two adult eagles adom the corners with stars and the phrase "Let your creative side soar". The center connects to the left side and expands into outer space using warm

Romulus High School teacher Kevin Walton and his family donated all the paint used in the mural to help with the extracurricular art programming.

The art program at the school is now recepting donations to purchase needed art supplies. For more information or to contribute to art education at the school contact Easterling at smeasterling@romuhis k12 mi ns



- Rent Subsidized Individual Heating & Cooling Emergency In-Unit Pull Cords
- · Most Utilities Incl. Our resident members benefit from:





Calendar of events

The Belleville Seventh-Day Adventist Church will host a free tribute concert for

local law enforcement, fire and resc terans and emergency services men dwomen at 6 p.m. tomorrow, Feb. 9. The concert is free and will feature

Christian recording artist Scott Michael Bennett who has sung all over the world and at the Pentagon.

The church is located at 89 S.
Edgemont St. in Belleville.

Todder Story Time continues

The Romulus Public Library will host
Toddler Story time for those 0-4 years of
age for playtime, stories and crafts from

10:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays thr companied by an adult

Toddler Story Time is sprt by the Friends of the Ros

The library is located at 11121 Wayns oad in Romulus. For more information call (734) 942-7589.

of Ann Arbor Road.

Veterans set Fish Frys Plymouth VFW Post 6695 will host Priday Night Fish Frys from 5-7 p.m. start ing Feb. 9, and every Friday night during Lent. The fish frys will continue through March 30, with the exception of Feb. 16. Menu choices include cod, walleye. shrimp or chicken strips. Dinners include French fries, baked potato or macaroni and choose, cole slaw, roll and butter and

There will also be 50.50 roffles during

the clanners.

The Plymouth VFW Post is located at 1426 S Mill St. near Lilley Road just north

Survey deadline extended
As part of the joint Plymouth
City/Township Recreation Master Plan

the State of Michigan requires input from individuals and groups who are users of the recreation services. Local officials have distributed a qu

tionnaire, which can be accessed at http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us/FormCenter /Recreation-6/Recreation-Master-Plan-Questionnaire-64. The questionnaire will all

dents to share their thoughts about parte and recreation in the city and township The response deadline has been extend ed to Feb 18

The Northville Township Firefighters Charity Fund will host the 15th Annual Fireman's Ball from 6 p.m. until midnight

Schurday, Feb. 17 at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schooleruft Road in Livenia. Tickets are priced at \$100 per person and include dinner, drinks, and dancing to live music from the Killer Flamingos.

There will also be a raffle, sile To purchase tickets, become a or to donate, contact (734) 219-3961 or visit www.NTFFcharityFund.com. Friends of the W

Friends of the Westland Library will ast a winter warm up book sale from 3-6 p.m. today, Feb. 8, for members only. The sale will be open to the public from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 9 and 10 and from noon until 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11. Sunday is ag day when buyers c sooks for \$4.

phies priced at three for \$1 and hardcov-er adult fiction books will be buy one, get

The library is located at 6123 Central City Pkwy: in Westland. For more informa-tion, call (734) 326-6123.

Artistic evening planned.
The Michigan Philharmonic will
ent "An Evening of Artistic Expres

beginning at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9. The performance will include vocalist Lonnie Reed, guest artist for the Michigan Philharmonic "Rock, Pop & Soul" con-cort "An Evening of Artistic Expression" will take place at artist Tony Roko's

rehouse Studio. Reed will be perf selection from classical works to non senection, from classical works, to pop-songs, accompanied on piano by Maurice Draughn, principal harpist with the Michigan Philharmonic Roko was named Detroit's Best Fine

Artist for three con 2017), and his art serves as the face of Atwater Brewery. Tickets for the es

Triskes for the event are \$40, and right appetizers, wine, as well as Atwater Brewery craft beer are included. The event benefits Music and Arts Education Programs of the Michigan Philharmonic and Art Foundation. For tickets and information call (734)

451-2112 or visit www.michiganphil.org ick History celebrated Middle Park Manor Block Club will

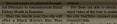
sent A Black History Colchestion from 5-8 p.m. Feb. 10 at Pentecostal Temple Church, 30043 Parkwood St. in Inlester. The evening will include dinner, enter-

ent and a 50-50 drawing se requested donation for the exis \$10 and available by calling (734) 377-

Firefighters teach CPR
The Plymouth Township Fire
Department is offering CPR Classes

Department is offering CPR crasses monthly to all residents and groups in Plymouth Township. The Fire Department is an American Heart Association Certified Training site for Heartsaver CPR and other first aid tech-

residents. For non-residents, there is a nominal fee for books and CPR cards. Anyone interested in learning Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation should contact Nancy Jowsey at (734) 354-3230 to sign up for a class. Enrollment must be complete no later than one week before the date of the class. Special acco



The tour should lost approximately 3 register by calling Mayor LeRoy Burcroffs office at (734) 942-7571. Seats are limited and early registration is

niharmonic presents Rock, Pop & Soul Celebrate Valentine's weekend with Celebrate Valentine's weekend with The Michigan Philharmonic, under the direction of Music Director and Conductor Nan Washburn with a concest Scaturing the great music of the 70s and 80s at 4:30 or 7:30 Feb. 10 at the Village ater in Canton. tock, Pop & Soul, will carry audi

ick in time to the great music from groups such as The Eagles, The Doors, Reed brings the soulful sounds of Lionel Richie with "All Night Long" and "Stuck on You", along with the best of Michael Jackson including, "Beat It, "Billie Jean"

Tea with Mrs. Lincoln served Join Mary Todd Lincoln on the day before her husband's birthday for a tea at the Plymouth Historical Museum from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11. Mrs. Lincoln, por-trayed by Pam Dawson, will discuss her earliest recollections, through her courtship and marriage to Abraham Lincoln, up to his election to the

Presidency
Tea and delicacies will be cater
Diamr's Catering, including the sp
tea of the museum, "Mary's Blend."

UITV marks Black History

Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Michigan Humanities is required. For more information, visit or call the library at (734) 942-7589.

Plymouth Historical Museum before the tea are welcome to visit the "Here Comes the Bride" special exhibit, which will be open to the public until June 17. Doors for "Tea with Mrs. Lincoln" will open at 1:50

The museum is located at 155 South Main St. in downtown Plymouth. Fo information or tickets, call (734) 455-8940.

Rives at The Files set

Blues @ The Elix takes place from 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elix Lodge #325 in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society (www.detroitbluessociety.org). There is a

\$5 donation at the door Big Ray & the Motor City Kings will entertain Feb 13

The band performs Motown, Blues, Rockabilly and everything in between Big Ray Haywood on sax and vocals, Davey Fender on guitar, Mike Rupprocht on keyboard and vocals, Joel Warren on drums, and Brian Gatten on bass and cas. The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge

325 is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Board or email is zrattheelles ii email e









"Best Whitefish in Lower Michigan"

Planked Lake Superior

Lake Superior Whitefish served Charlevoix Style on a seasoned oak plank, surrounded by Duchess Potatoes and fresh vegetables

A truly spectacular presentation \$2020

