ENTERPRISE Vol. 132, No. 6 elleville officials wil

have no lack of approved candidates for the one full-

time and two part-time posi-tions open on the police department.

EAGLE

Vol. 70, No. 6

ity thanks to a donation from o a doum. library: See page 2.

LEDGER STAR

Vol. 70, No. 6

errourd at the Booker Dozier

EAGLE

Vol. 17, No. 6

rge group of par-ted to deseer

expected to descend on Northville High School this Saturday to hear a panel of

from colleges and universi See page 5.

EAGLE

Vol. 17, No. 6

ife, Mary Todd Lincoln, will

celebrate the former presi-dent's birthday with a lunch

at the Plymouth Historical See page 5.

Roman

Vol. 132, No. 6 More than 200 residents filled the Romulus Athletic

Center Jan. 19 to hear Mayor

LeRoy D. Bureroff present his annual State of the City

EAGLE

Vol. 70. No. 6

departments ended Feb. 1.

Vol. 70, No. 6

Saah

See page 3.

ress.

raham Lincoln and his

ission repreitatives

See page 3.

otion Center

Inkster Mayor . D.... Infester Mayor Byron Nolen presented his annual State of the City address last Thursday before a capacity

The B.L.O.C.K. Youth & Teen Center now has a fully-functional computer lab available to teens at the facil-

See page 2.

A PUBLICATION OF ASSOCIATED NEWSPAPERS OF MICHIGAN

THE BELLEVILLE ENTERDRISE + THE CANTON FAGLE + THE INVESTED I FOGED STAD + THE NORTHVILLE FAGLE THE PLYMOUTH EAGLE • THE ROMULUS ROMAN • THE WAYNE EAGLE • THE WESTLAND EAGLE

www.associatednewspapers.net

Area mourns death of Jack Demmer

ek for well-knowr e local businessman John E 'Jack' Demmer

Mr Demmer, 93, died peace fully in his home surrounded by his loved ones Jan. 31, 2017 after a year-long battle with na. Mr. Demmer was the founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Demmer Automotive Group, which includes the iconic Ford dealership in Wayne, located on Michigan Avenue West, almost directly across from the Ford manufacturing facility The automotive gro cludes a Lincoln dealership d collision shop in

and col Dearborn Mr. Demmer's sons. Bill and Jim, followed him into the otive sales busine 55, 25 he followed his own father, Charles Joseph Demmer. Mr.

Jackie Demmer, now manages the Dearborn Lincoln dealer-

Mr Demmer's dealershins are among the largest automo-tive sellers in the nation and until just a few weeks before his death he was on site work

ing, according to his family. Mr. Denmer sold his first car at the age of 16 working on his father's used car lot on Livernois in Detroit. His father opened the car lot in 1988 after selling used cars from the fami ly home on 14th Street for sev eral years. While at that fledg ling enterprise, the Demmers, father and son, would drain the radiators of the cars for sale beginning in October because there was so little business during the winter months.

When his father opened the Livernois lot. Mr. Demmer, an

been working with cars sine he was 13. He did whateve jobs needed to be do the lot, and often said he was proud to be able to change a set of tires between two cars and lube the cars in under a and hibe the cars in those a half hour, without power tools or a hoist. He sold his first car from his

father's lot, a 1985 Ford Coupe for \$135 which resulted in a profit of \$7.50.

profit of \$7.50. For some time, Mr. Demmer and the bookkeeper were the only salespeople at the lot and one of his strongest memories came on Feb. 14, 1959, when the lot actually sold out of cars.

Mr. Demmer enlisted in the ME Demmer emission in the United States Navy during World War II. When he returned from military service, he resumed his career at his



father's used car lot while he ttended University Wayne Uni

While in college, Mr Demmer met his future wife, Marzaret, whom he married in 1948. In 1951, the coupl

Trustees reject supervisor's appointments - 99 and Heritage Williams suggested that if the board members were not in favor of his chosen

candidates for the appointments, they

should help find others to fill the vacancies.

Township Board of Review and the Building Board of Appeals are currently being sought by officials

Recently, members of the board of trustees failed to approve the appointments of Supervisor Pat Williams for the the positions was needed.

The board members who voted against approving Williams' nominated appointees said that they were not question-ing the abilities of those nominated but rather wanted to choose from a larger field of candidates from the community. Board members failed to

approve the reappointment of Carol Richardson, Anthony isati and James Malinowski to 2-year te ear terms on the Canton ard of Review by a 5-2 vote.

Trustees Steven Sneideman Sommer Foster and Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Treasurer Dian Slavens and Clerk Michael Siegrist voted against the appointment, while Trustee John Anthony and Williams cast the yes yntes

The same 5.2 vote rejected the appointment of Darian Moore, who was unsuccessful in his bid for a term on the board last November. Moore was sug gested by Williams as an alter nate to the Board of Revie

The trustees also rejected the appointment of Gianfranco

'John' Palazzolo to a 2-year term on the Building Board of Appeals. Williams, Anthony and Sneideman were in favor of the Sneideman were in favor of the appointment while Siegrist, Slavens, Foster and Graham-Hudak cast no votes. The appointment of Sue Dodson to the Commission for

Culture, Arts and Heritage was approved with Sneideman and Graham-Hudak casting no votes.

The only unanimous vote or suggested appointments came in favor of naming Foster as the township represe ative to the Cult ure, Ai

Williams sugge board members were not in favor of his chosen candidates for the appointments, they should help find others to fill the vacancies. Williams suggested that the rejection of the candidates whom he referred to at "excellent" would require imme-diate board action as the Board of Review which hears appeals of property tax assessments

of property tax assessments begins work next month. The divided voting appeared to coincide along political party lines with Williams and Anthony the only remaining Republicans on the board which has a provide the set of the set of the set. Democratic majority since the November election.

Township residents will interested in serving on the boards are asked to send a resume to Amy Hughesdon at

Romulus team participates in national business workshop

youp of students last summer and came away with some pretty specialized information. Pittman,

mulus High School, partici-ted in the LEAD pated in the LEAD (LEADership, Education and Development) business classes at Puqua School of Business at Duke University in Durham, NC. Pittman was among the highly selective class of 30 11th grade students from 14 states selected to participate in the program. Pittman was the only student from Michigan select-

1 The LEAD program has partnered with leading U.S. corporations, universities and government agencies to mentor and influence high-noten tial students from diverse back-grounds to pursue careers in business since 1980. To date, more than 10,000 scholars have participated in summer pro grams at universities across the country including the University of Michigan, Northwestern, University of

nio Dul hich

gram, students receive hands-on instruction in business and have an opportunity to interact with executives at top corpora tions. Pittman was imm in campus life during the

Highlights for Pittman, sne said, included meeting world-renowned Duke University basketball coach, "Coach K", Mike Krzyzewski, at Cameron Indoor Stadium and participat-ing the purpose computition ing in a business competition during which her team tied for first place, for their business plan to launch new product, "Last Resort", wearable tech-nology in the form of a safety bracelet, watch and necklace for teens. She said the team-building at Triangle Training Center in Pittsboro, NC was also a favorite activity



mulus senior Nia Pit her LEAD trophy, a for her participation in a na ness works

experting to stay to myself for three weeks but I made friend ships that I know will last for the rest of my life. "I learned so much about

business and entrepreneur-ship. We got the chance to listen to many different speak who gave us very valuable information that I can take and use for the rest of my career,"

Pittman said. Pittman said she was proud of her business team's winning business idea and successful presentation.

"I learned what it was like to really work with a team on a plan where everyone had different ideas positions and

roles but we had to come together to finish our plan and be successful," she said. As for meeting the famous

haskethall coach? "It was very nice to meet Coach K. He gave us advice on what its like to work as a team and how during one particular season the team was at its low est point and was able to over come and take the victory He was able to tie that back into real life and what we were oing to face working as a tea hile we were at LEAD."

Southeastern Michigan and

See Student page 6

es and was able to part in a variety of cultural activi Highlights for Pittman, she

"What I liked the most about

The intergovernmental agreement between the Wayne and Westland fire ed

ar months ahead of the stion date. See page 4. EAGLE

The Westland Ordi ment has been med the Department of Neighborhood Services and will be now be led by Hassan



Taking the LEAD

an joined an elite



senior at



LEAD was the experience itself, the diversity, and the relationships. I went to LEAD

Belleville - Canton

Plugged in Library donates computers to B.L.O.C.K.

-The BLOCK Youth & Teen Center w has a fully functional computer lab lable to teens at the facility:

The Canton Public Library recently nated the computers for the lab which

donated the computers for the lab which is actively utilized by area teens. "We are beyond grateful to the Canton Public Library for their donation of Dell Optiplex computers," said Recreation ecialist Laura Mortier. "The kids are illed to have more up-to-date technol-Specialist Laura Mortier. "The Rds are thrilled to have more up-to-date technol-ogy on which to do their homework, research information and play games. The kindness of the library spread such positive morale throughout the entire

The d of a tour of The BLOCK facility taken by Marian Nicholson, Canton Public Library department head of business

views as part of the Care services, Leadersi services, as part of the Canton Township Leadership program, which takes place annually in an effort to educate area annually in an effort to educate area business leaders about township opera-tions and services. While on tour, Nicholson realized the need for new equipment at the BLOCK and reached out to Leo Papa, Canton Public Library information technology department head, to inquire about the possibility of the library donating several old comput-ers slated to be replaced with new modeis.

"Sure enough, months later Leo Papa contacted me and was able to replace the whole lab," said Mortier: "We went from a mixed-match of computers to a fully-functional computer lab."

The BLOCK Weath & Teen Center uilding L rs Out of



Canton's Kids, is a 3,000 square foot cen-ter which provides a fun, toen-friendly environment where students from ages 11-17 can participant in supervised after ograms, social eve nts, and activ

ities. The center is located on the third floor of the Canton Administration Building at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. For more information, visit www.cantonfun.org or call (734) 395

Service commissioners approve 7 police applicants

Belleville Police Chief Hall Berriman and City Manager Diana Kollmeyer will have no lack of approved candidates for the three open positions on the police

partment. Currently, there are one full-time and to part-time vacancies to be filled. Members of the Belloville Civil Service summission have approved seven candi-

dates for the posit Suggested for hire, in alphabetical der, were:

Alan Benson a reserve officer with the

Grosse Ile Police Department and a recent graduate of Schoolcraft College Police Academy: He also has a bachelors

Sarah Dzagulones, a Southgate resi-dent who carned her bacheloes degree in communications and English and an asso-ciates degree in criminal justice at Schoolcraft Community College in 2013. She worked at the Madison Heights Police

Polics Academy Ife also has a bachelors Belleville High School who lives in Van degree in hold management and an ansa Barren Torwahip. Koren is eurrendty a citato degree in a climary arts. Tyler Bieledek, who graduated third in his class last December from Mott Hamtramek and Ypsilanti police depart-community College Police Academy. ments and is a veteran of the US Marrine

Corps. He is also a member of the Army reserves. He earned his associates degree in criminal justice in 2012 from Washtenaw Community College and has mpleted police academy training Ahmed Kassem, also a graduate of the

lice academy at Schoolcraft Community College who also has an associates degree in criminal justice. He is now a member of the Army Reserves and served in the U.S. military

Glenn Morrison, a retired Detroit Police officer and Belleville resident. Morrison has 39 years of police experince and also served in the U.S. Navy. He lso retired from Oakland Communit

College last year Michael Randall served as a corr Michael Randall sorved as a commis-sioner on the Livingston County Board of Commissioners for two terms and served as an assistant fire chief in Howell. He also served as a sergenari in the Pinchaey Police Department. Members of the Civil Service Commission include Chairman Douglas Daton, Monjuege Gary and Jacqueline Schank-Uich. Uich was absent from the evolution gingergieso.



CITY OF ROMULUS

LIT OF ROMULIS PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that the Romalus City Cenecil will hold a Public Hearin February 27, 2017 at 700 pm in the Romalus City Hull Concel Clambers, 11111 Romanus, Michigan edi 144 to consider an we balantiar Bacilinia Examptis Carlinic PA. 198 of 1974, as anneded for Bachan Solutions Georgia LLC, 184011 Hz Romanus, NH 44474. Public Hearing on Monda hambers, 11111 Wayne Roa wotion Certificate pursuant

termine. MI 4873. IEGAI (BRCHTPRIC) and in 6 Cy of Zmmlaw, Wayne Courdy, Mediagai website 10457 9901 757 Property Adates, 1981) Hinterine Rad Ward 10457 9901 757 Property Adates, 19810 Hinterine Rad Ward 1047 9901 Filter 1991 Property Adates, 19810 Hinterine Rad Ward 1047 9901 Property Adates, 19810 Hinterine Rad Ward 1047 Property Adates, 19810 Hinterine R 19.14 ACRES THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING! All interested citizens are invited to a

LOCACY OF AN NELLEMAL: An interested charms are invited to attend, and will be given an imply to contract on the preposal. Writes contracts may be forwarded no later that any 27, 2017 at 12 o'clock noor, Prevailing Eastern Time to the attention of: City of Romalus, Elles L. Craig-Bragg, City Clork 1111 Wayne Road, Romalus, MI 48174



diale: Echemary 9, 2017

CITY OF ROMULUS BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING Benlee Inc.

WEDNESDAY March 1, 2017

were shereby given that the City of Rormalus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 day, March 1, 2017 at the Rormalus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road for the purpor a variance request for BZA-2017-003, Benlee Inc.

A variance from Section 11.17(8), Accessory User to allow the exceed 125% in the M-1, Light Industrial District, and In acceedance with Section 20.04(a), Nonconforming User, a v of a nonconforming use.





Bielecki is a resident of Brownstown Township and earned his four-year crimi-nal justice degree in two years at the University of Michigan and served a 6-moeth internship with the U.S. Marshall's Office in Derroit. Sarah Dzagulones, a Southgate resi-

Department for 14 months prior to leaving

bupartment are re-monitory provide a serving that department last year. Stephen Koren, a 2003 graduate of Belleville High School who lives in Van

CITY OF WESTLAND

must be obtained on or before Tuonday, March 1, 2017 for all animals age four (4) months or older. A states on must be presented upon applying for an animal license. Regimning Thereday, March 2, 2017, a 5550 di (Weidand Caller of Onlineaux: ar onwender Chanter # Scienter 99 Licenses rure be markinged at B Westland City Clock's Office, 36300 W

0 Michigan Hamane Society, 9 Newburgh Road, Wostland Richard Leitlanc

"On February 1, 2017, the Civil Service Commission approved extending the apply for Civil Service Testing for Laborer/Ontoide Classified Pc The deadline to apply is 5300 p.m., Monday, February 13, 2017 u in which to

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF CIVIL SERVICE TESTING

CITY OF ROMULUS BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING Marriott Hotel 30559 Flynn WEDNESDAY March 1, 2017 seer s hereby given that the City of Romalus will hold a pe day, March 1, 2017 at the Romalus City Hall, 11111 Wayn a variance reasest for BZA-2017-002. Marriett Hotel e parpe

Section 7.04, Area, Height, and Placement Repairements of the Ze a front setback along 1-94 of 46 feet 2 inches is requested. In the RC, Reg front setback requirement is 50 feet. The applicant is proposing the add

EIH CO ble for review at City Hall during reg ough Friday. All interested parties an

-

Romulus - Inkster

Mayors report on the 'State of City' Romulus is poised for growth | Inkster changes are positive

arore caan 200 resources miled the omulus Athletic Center Jan. 19 to hear ayor LeRoy D. Burcroff present his mual State of the City address.

Local business partners, city board and ission members and leaders fro commission members and leaders from local, county and state government attend-ed the fourth annual address Burcroff has er us rourn anna anness norren mo presented regarding the state of the com-munity. This year, the mayor chose Building Community, with city programs and services showing care and compas-sion, as the topic of his presentation.

Highlights of the mayor's address included the nartnerships the city has formed with organizations to leverage rela-tionships and highlight Romulus. Agreements with organizations including the Southeast Michigan Council of ernments, Downriver Utility ewater Authority; the Detroit Regional Chamber and others were cited and Burcroff said working with the Michigan Municipal League is giving the city resources for economic development and education for citizens regarding municipal

He stressed the advancements in com and events, a consistent theme, he said, of his administration. He mentioned the new mobile app. CodeRED, is an emergency notification system that sends calls to land surrention system that senior cans to land-ass and cell phones registered in the city iring emergency events. Burcroff mentioned the recognition of

the city as a "Five-Star" community through the University of Michigan-Dearborn eCities survey for the first time, one of only six municipalities to be fea-tured as a "Best Practice Community" for innovative programs and best practices geared toward business development. Also in 2016, the city achieved impressive devel-opment numbers; having more than \$149 million in new investment and 1 150 new

Burcroff stressed the importance of eing a family-friendly and compassionate city demonstrated, he said, by the growth and enhancement of some newer events The city-sponsored Black History Bu Tour doubled in size in 2016 from its inau gural year in 2015. A new Public Art Project was sponsored by the Arts Council around the country as well as beautified ome of the parks and public spaces lovies in the Park continue to grow with w with over 500 people in attendance at the July movie night. The Fall Family Fun Festival was another success with even more hayrides and stories in the Historical Park naprises and sources in the ristories rank and more than 300 children and family members in attendance, he noted. The Scarecrow Contest in the downtown area showed much more engagement with 57 groups and organizations participating. There was a lot of holiday cheer spread around the community with some other programs highlighted including coat drives, Adopt.a-Pamily programs, Romalus Goodfellows: No Child without a Christmas initiative, and the new Wreaths Across America program.

ty, Bureroff said, is always a pri rity the community and last year,

Four offi-ers and one dispatcher were hired in nolice tment ere a nev initiative CPR

LeRoy D. Burg or Community Police Relations was initiat.

ed. During the year, this group met as a committee to work on building relationships between the community, youth and the public safety department. One out reach program was a youth roundtable event that brought high school students together with public safety department officials and clergy members for followship, que er sessions and braininz

Burcroff also highlighted a "WRAP" program in partnership with the Great Lakes Water Authority to assist eligi-ble, low-income residential customers with eir water bills. He also touted their ne stickering and notification process which better alerts residents to shut-off warnings and payment ontions. By implementing cost-reduction solutions and maintaining a stable fund balance, he said he felt confi-dent in the good financial decisions being

dent in the good financial decisions being made under this administration. Assessed values for industrial, residen-tial and commercial properties all showed an increase in 2016. Enveroff invited the audience members and the public, to a community forum beginning at 5:30 pm. Feb. 23 presented by the Michigan Municipal League regarding the limita-tions that cities in Michigan face based on the financial laws of the state. This presenon will take place at the R Athletic Center

erall, Burcroff said, the city comple Overall, Bureroff said, the city complet-of 94 percent of "rocks" (top, key projects assigned each quarter) during 2016, the highest completion rate during his admin-istration to date. Looking ahead to 2017, Bureroff gave

undates on key developer the proposed Outlets of Michigan mall, downtown businesses and the 34th District Court project. Another goal of his administration, he said, is becoming certified with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation Redevelopment Ready pro-gram. This set of best practices outlined by MEDC helps communities streamline their development process and, once certid, gives assistance in marke sting some key redevelopme ing ar nt 44ting some key redevelopment sites. Proceeds raised from the State of the

City event, totaling more than \$3,000, will be used to enhance the Sounds in be used to enhance the Sounds in Downtown summer concert series and Movies in the Park programs that take place on Fridays in June, July and August. To view the address in its entirety, visit

the www.youtube.com/CityofRomulus or contact Burcorff's office to request a DVD copy at (734) 942-7571.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTO INVITATION TO BID

EEGIPV GLVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Contex 5, C foo of the Clork up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 9, 2017 for the following:

hadget Department, on our website at <u>approximation milion</u> or to estimate in a souled encodage clearly marked with the po at and time of hid opening. The Township reserves the right columnate on the horizon of the tracks. picked up at the Finance a 734/998-5225. All hids an

Charter Township of Castra Read Proceedings - Junary H. NY ting to order at 7.00 p.m. and led the egular study session meeting of the li Fig. Bolt Call M

Inkster Mayor Byron Nolen presented s annual State of the City address last

While Nolen addressed a myriad of while resident addressed a myrad or issues in the city, he stressed public safety as his main priority and had good news for residents concerned about crime in the community.

e community. He lauded new Police Chief William tiley's programs for concentration on uble service and employee training and oted that a new scholarship program allowed Infester to send two individuals to the police academy at no cost to the ity, thanks to Riley and local business wner Imam Pasha, who helped fund the program

Nolen noted that the police depart ent purchased 35 body cameras and as increased training in sensitivity; cui-ral awareness and first aid. The city received three state grants

totaling \$782,328 to help increase staffing and replace equipment and vehicles in addition to the two new patrol SUVs, the first new police vehicles purchased by e city in

ty in more than 6 years. said that while some increases in were reported, overall crime in the ty has been reduced by 12 percent. He noted that new zoning ordinar

we been proposed to require business-to have high definition cameras out-de their businesses to help deter crime. "If you commit a crime in Inkster, you

will get caught and you will pay the price," he told the crowd. The responsibility for ordinance

enforcement has been returned to the police department. Nolen said, one of his approved the new, strong mayor form of government last November: Nolen is now the full-time mayor and Chief Executive. Officer, replacing the former city manager form of gov nt by cha

is as much a priority for him as it is for many citizens concerned about the illegal dumping in the city. He said violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law which could include the seizure of violator's vehicle and eminment

ments of the fire department during the last year; including the maintaining of 12

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF CIVIL SERVICE TESTING EMERGENCY DISPATCHERS Il conduct Civil Service testing to cre-individuals must complete a job app

HARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTO ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

II provide necessary, ransonable the Charter Township of Canton

Check us out Online! www.associatednewspapers.net 🔍

uck and reserve truck to the citiz He noted the efforts of the yder new Chief Chuck Hubbard to helt

funded

a ni

ue ti

ip the cit He noted that tentative negotiations with the City of Wayne were under way regarding a fire authority with that com-

nity spoke of the improved Youth and tarks and Recreation services and not that the city was hoping for a state grant to continue to provide s

aded the c The may d the Internation of the second seco

departmental changes he has implement-ed since Dec. 12 which have already shown henefits to the community H announced, too, that the city was initiat-ing a new program to better utilize tech-nology to cut costs and improve city services. He said city meetings could soon b televised on a city channel, along with public service announcements and com unity events

He said the return of some fee Inster School District property to the city was significant and that he was nego-tiating for the return of more property to benefit taxnavers

He detailed plans for a new entertain ment district along Michigan Avenue a added services for senior citizens. "Our vision is simply to rebuild c

mmercial and residential areas. To rebrand our city with all of the positive energy and change that reflects the new era that we are in. To continue to reshap our overnment to improve the way we businesses owners. This is what change looks like. And as always, we have one love, one cause, one city."







Westland creates new department. director

and Ordinance Department and new leade artment has a new name d new leadership. The former ordinance depart-

ment will be referred to as the Department of Neighborhood Services and will be led by Hassan Saab, Westland Construction and Maintenance Superintendent for t Department of Public Service the

Saab has been with the city for two years and has 23 years of experience with the Wayne County Department of Public Service. He holds a Ph. D in structural engineering and a masters degree in civil engineer-

ing The new Department of Neighborhood Services will encompass all services that were previously handled under the ordinance division, including commercial ordinance enforce ent which was assigned to the re department in 2009 In 2011, fire department per-

sonnel also began to perform residential ordinance enforce-

focus at that time on vacant homes. The effort was a move to concentrate on addressing blight throughout the city, according to a statement from the mayor's

department and ultimately led to hiring subcontractors to help perform the required inspections and enforcement. On a daily basis, the Fire Marshal increased workload taking and receiving complaints and hand-ing disputes of charges," accord-

ing to the mayor's office. "This new transition puts the focus back on critical ordinance issues, re-branded with a new vision and new processes will go into effect to streamline operations and promote pro-activity. This will allow the Fire Marshal Division to focus on the life and safety of our business owners and residents." noted Mayor

"The city worked hard to ensure this transition was seam-less and without interruption of services to residents. "Under Saab's new leader

ship, I am confident that resi dents will begin to see impr services through services through the Department of Neighborhood

Services," he concluded. Contact the Department of Neighborhood Service at www.cityofwestland.com or call (734) 713-3733.

Joint fire contract ends

ended amicably The intergovernmental agreement between the Wayne and Westland fire departments ended without much ado Feb. 1, four months ahead of the contracal expiration date. Wayne Mayor Susan Rowe said the

ent was mutual and that the split w able

This will not impact fire services in either community," she said "This is an amicable split and will allow us to pursue a fire authority with another community."

Rowe said that the split would not impact the dispatch operation which is shared with Westland or impact Mutual shared with westight of impact statistic Aid in case of a severe fire emergency Staffing will not be impacted in the Wayne Fire Department, Rowe said,

Wayne Fire Department, Rowe said, where a federal SAFER grant has funded the hiring of four firefighters, "and we have posted for three more," she added. Westland Fire Chief Michael Stradtner will continue to oversee both

the Wayne and Westland departments which is a cost-savings for Wayne, Rows

The change will see only Wayne fire-fighters responding to Wayne calls, unless

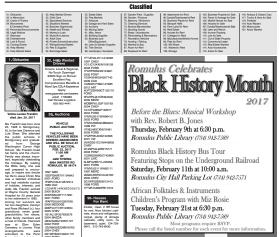
Mutual or Automatic Aid. The dispatch assignment map has been realigned to the former call areas for assignment by dispatchers, that is Wayne firefighters sent to Wayne calls and Westland fire-fighters sent only to Westland calls. Under the joint agreement, which included a re-labeling of equipment and vehi-cles, Westland firefighters were covering a portion of Wayne.

portion of Wayne. Rowe was scheduled to attend a Westland City Council meeting and Wild a Wayne meeting to ensure a complete understanding of the early termination by officials. Both councils voted to approve the split and both mayors said this was an effort to ensure that the ange ended on a posi mmunities.

"This was, financially, the best deci-sion for us," Rowe said. "We are looking at other avenues, other alternatives," she

In addition to the fire chief, the unities continue to share the serv communities continue to snare the serv-ices of Department of Public Services Director Ramzi El-Gharib and have been discussing the merger of the two district courts, the 18th in Westland and the 29th

Check us out Online! www.associatednewspapers.net



Demmer

FROM PAGE 1

moved to Dearborn where Mr. Demmer t Jimmy Spitler while playing baseball the church men's club team. The two came friends and decided to form a business partnership.

The men approached their idea for a ar dealership to Ford Motor Co., Chevrolet, Plymouth and Pontiac exacu-tives. Finally in the spring of 1967, Ford Motor Co. approved the men for an Edsel deal

falferson. They opened Spitler-Demmer Edsel in optember of 1957 in a former gas station nod Spitton Dommor Edgel in with a one-car showroom, in what was Nankin Township, at the corner of Glenwood and Wayne Road. The Snitler, Demmer dealership eventually moves 35540 Michigan Ave. West in Way although the Edsel was discontinued in 1960 Mr Do Mr. Demmer acquired the entire ship in 1975 and eventually moved alership, now called Jack Demmer the de Ford, further west on Michigan Avenue to the current site, which has been extensively remodeled and expanded during

the years. Mr. De mmer had also acc ired a Ford-Mercury deplership in South Lyon and his tun sons Bill and Jim eventually joined

n in the auto business. In 1994, he expanded his business terests and founded the Community Bank of Dearborn with board members from the former Dearborn Bank and Trust. He purchased a Lincoln Mercury dealership in Farmington Hills in 1998,

and in 2000 he acquired Krug Lincoln-Mercury in Dearborn, one of the largest Lincoln-Mercury dealerships in the country. His lo His longevity and success did not go unnoticed. When Ford Motor Co. recog-nized Mr. Demmer's 50 years in business

in 2010, he didn't besitate to remind them that including his time selling the Edsel, his dealership was actually 53-years-old. Mr. Demmer was known throughout

the ar a for his contributions to the con munity and his support and involvement in various charities and civic organizans. Jack Demmer was a true blue member

of the extended Ford family: And he treat-ed everyone who came to the Demmer Ford and Lincoln dealerships as a mem-ber of his own extended family. Jack also brought our Ford values to life through his any contributions to the community," id Mark LaNeve, vice president, Ford Marketing, Sales and Service

In addition to his wife of 68 years, Margaret, and sons, Bill (Sharon) and Jim (Linda), Mr. Demmer is survived by his four daughters, Patricia (Tom) Groszko, Susan (Bill) Hermann, Marianne (Art) Nelson and Jean (Colin) Zick; 21 grand-

renom and solar (Conit) 2105, 21 grand-children and 19 great-grandchildren. He was proceeded in death by a daugh-ter-in-law, Shirley, nee Dudek, Demmer Mr Demmer was entomi ed at Holy

er Cemetery Memorial contributions

his name to the Monsignor Herbert Weier Scholarship Charitable Trust, Kelly's Kidz Foundation, Penrickton Center for Blind Children, Starfish Family Services or dren, Star la Hospice

NORTHVILLE – PLYMOUTH

Lunch with the Lincolns Museum event celebrates President's birthday

am Lincoln and his wife, Mary Todd Lincoln, will celebrate the former president's birthday with a luncheon at the Plymouth Historical Museum this

Sunday, Feb 12. The Lincolns-portrayed by Fred and Bonnie Priebe-will talk about the involve-Somie Priebe-will talk about the involve-ent of Michigan in the Civil War and about mourning customs of 1882, the time of their son Willie's passing. The lunch and program will begin at soon and continue until 2 p.m. The lunchofth

on menu includes several of Mr. Lincoln's orite foods 'We are fo

anxest collection of exhibited Lincoln memora-bilia in the state," said Museum Executive Director Elizabeth Kerstens. "Lincoln's birthday seemed a perfect time to invite folks here to enjoy it

Opened in 2002, the Abraham Lincoln

Exhibit at the Plymouth Historical Museum is a result of the lifetime collec-tion amassed by Dr. Weldon Petz.

tion amassed by Dr. Weidon Petz. Highlights of the Weldon Petz Lincoln Room include:Artifacts from Lincoln's youffica rare book belonging to Lincoln as a boy; rare family genealogy and photoar boy, rare namity generatory and photo-graphs; handwritten legal documents and law books; life mask of Lincoln made in 1880; Civil War art; a lock of Lincoln's hair; artifacts from the Lincoln assassination; Lincoln and Hamlin presidential cam-Lincoin and Hamin presidential cam-paign banner that hung on the Starkweather home in Plymouth in 1980 and the Lincoln archives containing more than 1,200 books, photographs, and clip files

Classes and tours of the museum and the Lincoln collection are available by trained museum guides and teachers,

Lincoln Room, said that interest in Lincoln and the Civil war remains high

Lincoin and the Civil war remains nigh more than 150 years after his death. "There are several Civil War Roundtables in the area," Cottrell said. "Including one here in Plymouth. It's a reflection of how people still regard Lincoln and his presidency? Tickets, \$30 for members and \$35 for

Treach, 500 for members and 500 for momentum members, are available at www.plymouthhistory.org. Admission includes the special exhibit "Coldenzing Plymouth -150 Wears", the Lincoln Room and all other museum areas. The Plymouth Historical Museum is burned.

Interpretation of Main Street, tracing the located at 155 S. Main St. Plymouth MI 48170. The Plymouth Historical Museum also features a late 19th-century Victorian recreation of Main Street, tracing the month of the small term from the mile



general store A Timeline of Plymouth is the newest nerr right of the forward permanent examples it, featuring displays on the Daisy Air Rifle, Ford Village Industries, the Alter Motor Car, World War II, communication

School set for 'Parent Camp' this Sunday

A large group of campers is have access to 30 breakout ses-expected to descend on sions on various topics led by dis-Northville High School this trict educators.

es from colleges and universi-is throughout the Midwest, and

istration is required. Colleges and universiti

resented in the Keyn will include Alma College, Eastern Michigan University, Avenuence lings accord this the the declaration. Eastern Michagan Linkerschild Michael Standborg and Standborg an as wen as snare insignts into fine ing the "right fit" for students, th changing world of higher educs

successfully transition to life on his or her own. There also will be time for questions from the audi-ence. In addition, representatives from the colleges and universities participating in the Keynote Session will host individual breakout sessions.

Registration and refreshments will begin at 8:30 a.m. Feb. 11

at 9 a.m. Breakout sessions will take place from 10:10--11 a.m.; 11:10 a.m.-noon; and 12:30-1:20 p.m. There will be a short refreshment break from noon-12:30 p.m. All sessions will con clude by 2 p.m.

For more information ab Parent Camp, contact the office instruction at (248) 344-3520.

Concerned Citizens group hosts county commissioner

Negro Goard Constitutions Mail Di Flynoxfi. Di Bennars, Ri Poward Mille Innova che hani a la pres-te de la seguitazza de la seguitaza de la

ty con The meeting starts at 7 n

and is open to the public. For more information visit: plymontheoneernedeitizens er



Calendar of events

Historic calendars for sale The 2017 Belleville Area Historical ciety calendar is now en discounted to \$5. The calendars can be purcha

eral tri-community locations includseveral tri-community locations includ-ing. Belleville Area Museum, Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, Belleville City Hall, Garden Fantasy on Main, Sumpter Ace Hardware, Sumpter Township, and the Van Buren Township Hall Treasurer's office.

e museum is located at 405 Main St in Belleville.

For more information, contact Katie Dallos at (734) 697-1944.

ton resider Citizens Academy enrollment open Canton residents who want to learn more about how their police department works will have that opportunity during the upcoming Citizens Police Academy in the township.

Individuals who attend the acad will have the opportunity to learn the policies and operational procedures of the department through presentations, demonstrations and hands-on activities

This year: the Citizens Police Academy take place from 6.9 p.m. or Thursdays for eight weeks beginning April 6 and continuing through May 25. Class size is limited for this free pro

am. Applicants are limited to Canton winship residents who are at least 21 ears of age. Applicants must have no Townsh felony convictions and no misdemeano convictions in the past three years Applicants will be subject to a back

ound check. Applications for the academy will coppting online at www.cantonpublic safetyorg, through Feb. 28 or in person at the front desk of the Canton Police Department located at 1150 S. Canton

Center Road. More information is available acting Special Services Sgt. Ed Johnson at (734) 394-5411.

Patriotic volu

Patriotic volunteers sought Plymouth Township officials are seek-ing volunteers to lead the Piedge of Allegiance at the start of the regular meetings on the second and fourth

Student

FROM PAGE 1

Michigan Ross School of Bus Enriching Academics and Collabo with High Schools Program (MREACH) Pittman has participated in both pro-grams and in addition to excelling aca-demically is involved in the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., AKA Toens, mentor-ing program and a variety of extracurricu-lar activities at Romulus High School including: the National Honor Society. hand soft sall team, cheerleading and the Gear Up Program. She advised a

siness career to apply to the LEAD pro-

aesdays of the month at township hall. Suggested qualifications include being an active duty or retired military service-man or woman, a member of a service or Scouting organization, a retired first responder, member of a student government organization or a patriotic citizen. Interested residents should conta

с. e Brams, executive supervisor at sbrams@plymouthtwp.org; or call (734)354-3204.

. 0

ngregation meets sunday Redeemer Lutheran Church offe worship services at 11 a.m. Sunday at Tyler Elementary School, 42200 Tyler Road in Belleville

For more information call (734)740-10 or access www.redeemerlutheranchurchmi com

State Rep. Kristy Pagan (D-Canton) will host monthly coffse hours at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month at saw iourun aionday of the month at Panera Bread, 41950 Ford Road in Canton Township. Pagan has invited residents to join her

to discuss their thoughts and ideas about how she can best represent and address eeds of her

children's founda

The Garden City Rotary 200 Club affle to benefit the Jory Children's sundation is now under way

The grand prize is a two-year p lease on a 2017 Ford Focus SE or \$4,000 e is round trip airfare for two from Spirit Airlines and third prize is din ner for to aboard Old Road Murder

Mystery Dinner Trains. Complete rules can be found at www.jorykids.com. Only 200 tickets at \$50 each will be sold and winners need not be present at the drawing which is planned for from 7-11 p.m. March 4 at Skateland West, 37550 Cherry Hill in

Experienced members of the Northville Genealogical Society will not an intermediate class featured new areas of research from 10:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

gram. "Do it! Turn in everything on time and embrace this opportunity with open arms, eyes, and ears. I am so grateful to Ms. Denham for providing me with the infor-mation to apply for LEAD and pushing me to finish the application. This is an experi-ence I will forever be grateful for and I am

de at http://www.leadprogram.org/ polication deadline for summer 2 The Feb 15



Diversity & Open Membership
Democratic Control
Senice E
Senice E
Senice E
Social In

Feb 11 at the Newi Public Library 45225 est Ten Mile Road in 1 The class is free b required on the Novi Library website or by phone at (248) 349 0720. Attendees should bring a lunch or plan a stop at the library café.

Following a noon break, the class will attinue with hands-on help with individual research using the library comput

who reside in the Plymouth Canton school district. This year, Rotary will award two scholarships valued at

\$10,000 over a four-year period as well as a number of additional scholar-

ships valued at approximately \$8,000. These scholarships are unique because they are based upon well

er lab. For more inform on, call (248) 349 0720

Book sale planned Friends of Westland Library will host a two-day Bag Book Sale from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11 and from noon til 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12 Both days are \$4 bag days. The library is located at 6123 Cer

City Pkwy: in Westland. For information, call (734) 326-6123.

Hayden's donates to United Way Hayden's Grill & Bar of Canton and

Hayden's Grill & Bar of Canton and Plymouth Community United Way are pattnering to raise funds for community outreach programs. Hayden's will be donating 16 percent of dinesr's bills to United Way from 11 a.m. until midnight Priday Feb 10

Customers will need to present a five to their servers to facilitate the donation to Plymouth Community United Way Flyers can be downloaded directly from www.plymouthunitedway.org, or shown on your mobile device.

For more information, call R Williams at (734) 453-6879, ext. 5 or on, call Randi mail randi.williams@pcuworg.

Do you have that knack to be fun

well as leadership qualities and exhibit the characteristics of 'Service Applications are available in the high school counseling office or on

Scholarship applications available

line at www.phymouthrotary.org. The deadline for applications is arch 3.

Are you that type of person that is not a risk taker? Do you like to speak in front of people? Would you like to break out of your comfort zone? Then maybe you should take an Improv Comedy Workshop taught by instructor John Thiede. Impro comedy will help you in the everyday control with neighbors in the overy dual world by teaching you to think on your feet and how to react and adapt very quickly to those unplanned events. At the end of the class the ensemble will have a small show for their friends

and family. Course #:ARTC-6005/CRN 42080. The class fee is \$ 75 and the work 42000 The class we is 5 to and the work-shops will take place from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Feb. 11 through March 25 at Wayne County Community College District Western Campus, 9555 Haggerty Road, Belleville, MI 48111

Free legal actice available A free legal presentation and assis-tance is planned for 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb 15 offered by the Wayne Senior Services Office, located in the HYPP Recreation Center, 4635 Howe d, in Wayne

Experienced legal staff members will provide free legal assistance to seniors on most civil cases including, guardianship, conservatorship, wills, trusts, power of attorney, nursing homes Medicare/Medicaid. Seniors must sign in by 12:30 p.m. and

attend the presentation in order to

Register for the presentation by uesday, Feb. 7 by calling (734-721-7460) or at the Senior Services office. All Wayne County residents 60 and older are eligible for the free service

The seminar will be presented by Elder Law and Advocacy Center of Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan.



Our House Specialty Voted "Best Whitefish in Lower Michigan"

Planked Lake Superior

e Superior WI ak plank, surrounded by Duchess Potatoes and fresh vegetables.

A truly spectacular presentation \$20²⁰



(734) 414-6400

HOURS: Mon.-Tues-Weds. 11-9 Thur. 11-10 • Fri.& Sat. 11-11 • San. 12-8

gran

not just saying this. I mean this with my not just saying this. I mean this with my whole heart. "I still have my group chat with all of the LEAD students and RTAs and we can just talk about anything and support each other. We make it a mission to visit each

other and stay in communication no mat-ter what state anyone is in," Pittman said. More information about LEAD is avail-