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The Westland Ordinance Department has been renamed the Department of Neighborhood Services and will be now be led by Hassan Saab.

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Area mourns death of Jack Demmer

Funeral services took place last week for well-known, long-time local businessman John E. "Jack" Demmer.

Mr. Demmer, 93, died peacefully in his home surrounded by his loved ones Jan. 31, 2017 after a year-long battle with lymphoma. 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 group also includes a Lincoln dealership and collision shop in Dearborn.

Mr. Demmer's sons, Bill and Jim, followed him into the automotive sales business, as he followed his own father, Charles Joseph Demmer. Mr.

Demmer's granddaughter, Jackie Demmer, now manages the Dearborn Lincoln dealership.

Mr. Demmer's dealerships are among the largest automotive sellers in the nation and until just a few weeks before his death, he was on site, working, according to his family.

Mr. Demmer 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 1938 after selling used cars from the family home on 14th Street for several years. While at that fledgling 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

only child, would work there after attending school, having been working with cars since he was 13. He did whatever jobs needed to be done around 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 half hour, without power tools or a hoist.

He sold his first car from his father's lot, a 1955 Ford Coupe, for \$135 which resulted in a profit of \$7.28.

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, 1939, when the lot actually sold out of cars.

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



John E. "Jack" Demmer

father's used car lot while he attended Wayne State University.

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

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Trustees reject supervisor's appointments

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.

Candidates for the Canton 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 two boards, commenting that a wider selection of candidates for the positions was needed.

The board members who voted against approving Williams' nominated appointees said that they were not questioning 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 Rosati and James Malinowski to 2-year terms on the Canton Board of Review by a 5-2 vote.

Trustees Steven Sneiderman, 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 votes.

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 suggested by Williams as an alternate to the Board of Review.

The trustees also rejected the appointment of Gianfranco

"John Palazzone to a 2-year term on the Building Board of Appeals. Williams, Anthony and Sneiderman 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 Sneiderman and Graham-Hudak casting no votes.

The only unanimous vote on suggested appointments came in favor of naming Foster as the township representative to the Commission for Culture, Arts

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. Williams suggested that the rejection of the candidates whom he referred to as "careless" would require immediate board action as the Board of Review which hears appeals 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 Democratic majority since the November election.

Township residents willing or interested in serving on the boards are asked to send a resume to Amy Hughesdon at amy.hughesdon@canton-mi.org.

Taking the LEAD Romulus team participates in national business workshop

Nia Pittman joined an elite group of students last summer and came away with some pretty specialized information.

Pittman, a senior at Romulus High School, participated in the LEAD (LEADership, Education and Development) business classes at Piqua School of Business at Duke University in Durham, NC. Pittman was among the highly selective class of 30 high-achieving students from 14 states selected to participate in the program. Pittman was the only student from Michigan selected.

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



Romulus senior Nia Pittman displays her LEAD trophy, awarded for her participation in a national business workshop for students.

LEAD was the experience itself, the diversity, and the relationships. I went to LEAD expecting to stay to myself for three weeks but I made friendships that I know will last for the rest of my life.

"I learned so much about business and entrepreneurship. We got the chance to listen to many different speakers 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 basketball coach?

"It was very nice to meet Coach K. He gave us advice on what it's like to work as a team and how during one particular season the team was at its lowest point and was able to overcome and take the victory. He was able to tie that back into real life and what we were going to face working as a team while we were at LEAD."

Pittman learned about LEAD from Linda Denham, Romulus High School liaison for Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan and

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BELLEVILLE - CANTON

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

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

The Canton Public Library recently 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 Specialist Laura Mortier. "The kids are thrilled to have more up-to-date technology on which to do their homework, research information and play games. The kindness of the library spread such positive morale throughout the entire facility."

The donation came about as a result of a tour of The B.L.O.C.K. facility taken by Marian Nicholson, Canton Public Library department head of business

services, as part of the Canton Township Leadership program, which takes place annually in an effort to educate area business leaders about township operations and services. While on tour, Nicholson realized the need for new equipment at the B.L.O.C.K. and reached out to Leo Papa, Canton Public Library information technology department head, to inquire about the possibility of the library donating several old computers slated to be replaced with new models.

"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 B.L.O.C.K. Youth & Teen Center, which stands for Building Leaders Out of



Makayla Webb tackles her homework at The B.L.O.C.K. Youth & Teen Center on a computer donated by the Canton Public Library.

Canton's Kids, is a 3,000 square foot center which provides a fun, teen-friendly environment where students from ages 11-17 can participate in supervised after school programs, social events, and activities.

The center is located on the third floor of the Canton Administration Building at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. For more information, visit www.canton-fun.org or call (734) 388-5270.

Service commissioners approve 7 police applicants

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

Currently, there are one full-time and two part-time vacancies to be filled.

Members of the Belleville Civil Service Commission have approved seven candidates for the positions.

Suggested for hire, in alphabetical order, were:

Alm Benson, a reserve officer with the Grosse Ile Police Department and a recent graduate of Schoolcraft College Police Academy. He also has a bachelor's degree in hotel management and an associates degree in culinary arts.

Tyler Bielecki, who graduated third in his class last December from Mott Community College Police Academy.

Bielecki is a resident of Brownstown Township and earned his four-year criminal justice degree in two years at the University of Michigan and served a 6-month internship with the U.S. Marshall's Office in Detroit.

Sarah Dziugulones, a Southgate resident who earned her bachelor's degree in communications and English and an associates degree in criminal justice at Schoolcraft Community College in 2013. She worked at the Madison Heights Police Department for 14 months prior to leaving that department last year.

Stephen Koren, a 2003 graduate of Belleville High School who lives in Van Buren Township. Koren is currently a part-time officer with the Carleton Police Department. He was employed with the Hamtramck and Ypsilanti police departments and is a veteran of the U.S. Marine

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 completed police academy training.

Almond Kasson, also a graduate of the police 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 29 years of police experi-

ence and also served in the U.S. Navy. He also retired from Oakland Community College last year.

Michael Randall served as a commissioner on the Livingston County Board of Commissioners for two terms and served as an assistant fire chief in Howell. He also served as a sergeant in the Pinckney Police Department.

Members of the Civil Service Commission include Chairman Douglas Dalton, Monique Gary and Jacqueline Schank-Uch. Uch was absent from the evaluation interviews.

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CITY OF WESTLAND
2017 Animal Licenses

Licenses must be obtained on or before Tuesday, March 1, 2017 for all animals age four (4) months or older. A statement of rabies vaccination must be presented upon applying for an animal license. Beginning Thursday, March 2, 2017, a \$5.00 penalty will be assessed. (Official Code of Ordinances, as amended, Chapter 48, Section 9). Licenses may be purchased at the:

Westland City Clerk's Office, 36300 Warren Road, Westland
or
Michigan Humane Society, 900 Newburgh Road, Westland

Richard Laffitte
Westland City Clerk

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CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF CIVIL SERVICE TESTING
LABORER POSITIONS

Notice is given that the City of Westland shall conduct Civil Service testing to create a list of qualified applicants for filling future laborer positions. Qualified individuals must complete a job application and submit to a written aptitude test, a written personality test, and a physical examination. Minimum requirements will be posted. Minimum requirements: Commercial Driver's License with a endorsement provided or obtained within six (6) months from date of test; High School Diploma or GED equivalency; Certificate (25-00 credit hours resulting in certificate, or diploma, degree or an official trade preferred, or the equivalent education and/or work experience. Work is performed primarily outdoors and in all types of weather. Must be able to work overtime, including weekends and holidays. Compensation and benefits are part of the job package. For placement in Civil Service Eligibility List, applicant must successfully pass all testing. The City will limit Civil Service testing to the first fifty (50) applicants, based on date of submission of application, to complete the minimum requirements. Your completed application, a resume including five (5) references will be accepted through 5:00 p.m., Monday, February 13, 2017 at the Office of Personnel, City Hall, City of Westland, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185; after which time no applications shall be accepted. Applications for employment may be found on City website www.cityofwestland.org. 02-01, notice: 2017-2-0-02

***On February 1, 2017, the Civil Service Commission approved extending the deadline in which to apply for Civil Service Testing for Laborer/Outside Cleanup Positions.
The deadline to apply is 5:00 p.m., Monday, February 13, 2017.***

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CITY OF ROMULUS
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Marriott Hotel
30559 Flynn
WEDNESDAY March 1, 2017

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, March 1, 2017** at the Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road for the purpose of considering a variance request for BZA-2017-002, Marriott Hotel.

A variance from Section 7.04, Area, Height, and Placement Requirements of the Zoning Ordinance to allow a front setback along I-94 of 46 feet 2 inches is requested. In the BC, Regional Center District, the front setback requirement is 50 feet. The applicant is proposing the addition of a fitness center.

The subject property is located at 30559 Flynn. D#9: 30-043-99-0008-704.



Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours which are 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted and should be addressed to Carol Maize, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CITY OF ROMULUS
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Romulus City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 to consider a new Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, as amended for **Duchan Solutions Georgia LLC, 10401 Harrison Road, Romulus, MI 48174.**

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
Land in the City of Romulus, Wayne County, Michigan
Parcel: 80 052 90 0001 702 Property Address: 10401 Harrison Road
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THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING! All interested citizens are invited to attend, and will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposal. Written comments may be forwarded no later than February 27, 2017 at 12 o'clock noon, Prevaling Eastern Time to the attention of:
City of Romulus, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174
734-942-7540
734-942-7540

THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING
This notice is posted in compliance with PA 107 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a (2) (3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Individuals with disabilities requiring aids or services should contact the City of Romulus Clerk's office by writing or calling the following:
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, 734-942-7540.
A copy of this notice is on file in the office of the clerk.
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CITY OF ROMULUS
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Benlec Inc.
30383 Ecorse
WEDNESDAY March 1, 2017

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, March 1, 2017** at the Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road for the purpose of considering a variance request for BZA-2017-003, Benlec Inc.

The following variances from the Zoning Ordinance are requested:

1. A variance from Section 11.17(b), Accessory Uses to allow the amount of outdoor storage to exceed 125% in the M-1, Light Industrial District, and
2. In accordance with Section 20.04(a), Nonconforming Uses, a variance to allow the expansion of a nonconforming use.

The subject property is located at 30383 Ecorse. D#9: 30-041-99-0007-003.



Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours which are 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted and should be addressed to Carol Maize, City Planner, Planning Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

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NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

Lunch with the Lincolns Museum event celebrates President's birthday

Abraham 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 involvement of Michigan in the Civil War and about mourning customs of 1862, the time of their son Willie's passing.

The lunch and program will begin at noon and continue until 2 p.m. The luncheon menu includes several of Mr. Lincoln's favorite foods.

"We are fortunate to have the largest collection of exhibited Lincoln memorabilia 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 collection amassed by Dr. Weldon Petz.

Highlights of the Weldon Petz Lincoln Room include: Artifacts from Lincoln's youth; a rare book belonging to Lincoln as a boy; rare family genealogy and photographs; handwritten legal documents and law books; life mask of Lincoln made in 1860; Civil War art; a lock of Lincoln's hair; artifacts from the Lincoln assassination; Lincoln and Hamlin presidential campaign banner that hung on the Starbuck house in Plymouth in 1860 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, Kerstens said.

Bill Cottrell, a guide in the museum Lincoln Room, said that interest in Lincoln and the Civil War remains high 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 non-members, are available at www.plymouthhistory.org. Admission includes the special exhibit "Celebrating Plymouth - 150 Years", the Lincoln Room and all other museum areas.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is 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 growth of the small town from the railroad



Fred and Bonnie Priebe

depot to the general store. A Timeline of Plymouth is the newest permanent exhibit, featuring displays on the Daisy Air Rifle, Ford Village Industries, the Alter Motor Car, World War II, communication history, and much more.

School set for 'Parent Camp' this Sunday

A large group of campers is expected to descend on Northville High School this Sunday.

There won't be campfires and smores, however, as these campers are parents of students in the district who will hear a panel of admission representatives from colleges and universities throughout the Midwest, and

have access to 30 breakout sessions on various topics led by district educators.

This is the second annual Parent Camp and is planned from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the high school located at 47000 Six Mile Road in Northville. Admission is free and no pre-registration is required.

Colleges and universities rep-

resented in the Keynote Session will include Alma College, Eastern Michigan University, Michigan State University, Oberlin College, Schoolcraft College and the University of Chicago. The panel will outline the college admissions process, as well as share insights into finding the "right fit" for students, the changing world of higher education,

and how to help students successfully transition to life on his or her own. There also will be time for questions from the audience. 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

with the Keynote Session starting 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 conclude by 2 p.m.

For more information about Parent Camp, contact the office of instruction at (248) 344-3720.

Concerned Citizens group hosts county commissioner

Wayne County Commissioner Joe Barone, R-Plymouth, will be the featured speaker at the Feb. 15 meeting of the Plymouth Concerned Citizens at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S.

Main St., Plymouth.

Barone, who has a law practice on Main Street in downtown Plymouth, is serving his first elected two-year term representing the 10th Wayne

County Commission District. Barone was appointed to fill a vacancy in 2015 created when Shannon Price resigned his county commission seat after being appointed Plymouth

Township Supervisor.

The 10th District includes Plymouth and both Plymouth and Canton townships. Barone and Terry Marecki of Livonia are the only two Republicans

serving on the 15-member county commission.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. and is open to the public. For more information visit: plymouthconcernedcitizens.com.

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Calendar of events

Historic calendars for sale

The 2017 Belleville Area Historical Society calendar is now available and has been discounted to \$5.

The calendars can be purchased at several tri-community locations including: 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.

The museum is located at 405 Main St. in Belleville.

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

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 academy 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 will take place from 6-9 p.m. on Thursdays for eight weeks beginning April 6 and continuing through May 25.

Class size is limited to this free program. Applicants are limited to Canton Township residents who are at least 21 years of age. Applicants must have no felony convictions and no misdemeanor convictions in the past three years. Applicants will be subject to a background check.

Applications for the academy will accept online at www.cantonpublicsafety.org, 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 by contacting Special Services Sgt. Ed Johnson at (734) 394-5411.

Patriotic volunteers sought

Plymouth Township officials are seeking volunteers to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of the regular meetings on the second and fourth

Tuesdays of the month at township hall.

Suggested qualifications include being an active duty or retired military service member 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 contact Sue Brams, executive assistant to the supervisor at sbrams@plymouthtwp.org, or call (734) 354-3204.

Congregation meets Sunday

Redeemer Lutheran Church offers worship services at 11 a.m. Sunday at Tyler Elementary School, 42200 Tyler Road in Belleville.

For more information call (734) 740-4230 or access www.redeemeralutheranchurch.com.

Legislators hosts coffee hours

State Rep. Kristy Pagan (D-Canton) will host monthly coffee hours at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday 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 the needs of her constituents.

Raffle benefits children's foundation

The Garden City Rotary 200 Club Raffle to benefit the Jory Children's Foundation is now under way.

The grand prize is a two-year prepaid lease on a 2017 Ford Focus SE or \$4,000; second prize is round trip airfare for two from Spirit Airlines and third prize is dinner for two aboard Old Road Murder Mystery Dinner Trains.

Complete rules can be found at www.jorykids.com. Only 200 tickets at \$30 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 Westland.

Genealogy class offered

Experienced members of the Northville Genealogical Society will host 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. Dunham for providing me with the information to apply for LEAD and pushing me to finish the application. This is an experience I will forever be grateful for and I am 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 matter what state anyone is in," Pittman said.

More information about LEAD is available at www.leadprogram.org. The application deadline for summer 2017 is Feb. 15.

Scholarship applications available

Each year the Plymouth Rotary Club awards scholarships to students 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 scholarships valued at approximately \$8,000.

These scholarships are unique because they are based upon well-

rounded individuals who have demonstrated academic success as well as leadership qualities and exhibit the characteristics of "Service above Self."

Applications are available in the high school counseling office or on line at www.plymouthrotary.org. The deadline for applications is March 2.

Feb. 11 at the Novi Public Library, 40235 West Ten Mile Road in Novi.

The class is free but registration is 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 cafe.

Following a noon break, the class will continue with hands-on help with individual research using the library computer lab.

For more information, 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 until 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12.

Both days are \$4 bag days.

The library is located at 6123 Central City Place in Westland.

For information, call (734) 326-6123.

Hayden's donates to United Way

Hayden's Grill & Bar of Canton and Plymouth Community United Way are partnering to raise funds for community outreach programs. Hayden's will be donating 15 percent of diners' bills to United Way from 11 a.m. until midnight Friday, Feb. 10.

Customers will need to present a flyer 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 Randi Williams at (734) 453-0879, ext. 5 or e-mail randi.williams@pcuw.org.

Comedy workshop available

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Free legal advice available

A free legal presentation and assistance is planned for 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15 offered by the Wayne Senior Services Office, located in the HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road, in Wayne.

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Seniors must sign in by 12:30 p.m. and attend the presentation in order to receive additional assistance.

Register for the presentation by Tuesday, Feb. 7 by calling (734-721-7400) 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.

Student

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Michigan Ross School of Business Enriching Academics and Collaborating with High Schools Program (MREACH). Pittman has participated in both programs and in addition to excellent academically is involved in the Alpha Rho Alpha Society, Inc., AKA Teens, mentoring program and a variety of extracurricular activities at Romulus High School including: the National Honor Society, band, softball team, cheerleading and the Gear Up Program.

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