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Voters asked to OK public safety millages

Residents in both the city and township of Plymouth will be asked to approve public safety millage requests during the Feb. 24 election.

This will be the first time the City of Plymouth has asked for a dedicated millage to fund public safety, according to Police Chief Al Cox who spoke about the upcoming vote at a meeting of the Plymouth Noon Rotary Club recently.

According to Cox, if voters approve the requested 1.5 mills, the city will be able to hire one more full-time officer at a first-year cost of \$75,934 and three part-time fully sworn certified police officers at a first-year cost of \$168,408. The millage would generate about \$637,023 annually, according to city documents.

In Plymouth Township, residents will be asked to renew two millage questions which

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will expire in December. Proposal 1 is for 0.5631 mills and Proposal 2 for 1.6348 mills totaling 2.2979 mills which will generate about \$3.7 million annually to pay for police, fire and emergency medical response, along with dispatch services.

Each mill of tax equals about \$1 of tax revenue for every \$1,000 of State Equalized Value (SEV) of a home, usually about half the assessed market value of the property.

In Plymouth Township, that would remain at about \$2.20 for each \$1,000 of tax-

able value and in the City of Plymouth, a yes vote would add about \$1.50 for every \$1,000 of taxable value to current tax bills.

In Plymouth Township, the annual public safety budget is estimated at about \$8.9 million with the current millages paying about \$3.7 million. Officials have said they are confident the millage renewals will be approved by voters as the request is not a tax increase.

Public safety in both communities has been at the center of controversy since the two disbanded the shared community fire department in 2011. The township currently claims the city still owes more than \$3 million in retirement costs for the time the joint department was in operation. City commission members recently approved the hiring

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Soup Swap Empty Bowls effort will aid Salvation Army pantry

The bowls may be empty now, but after March 7, they will help feed many hungry families throughout the Plymouth, Canton and Belleville area.

The Plymouth Empty Bowls project, a benefit to help fill the Plymouth Salvation Army food pantry, began with the first painting session last week. Aspiring artists of all ages gathered at the Salvation Army Church at located at 9451 S. Main St. to paint a handmade bowl for the third annual Soup Swap, set for March 7. On hand to help with this event were members of the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth and the Village Potters Guild.

The painting sessions will continue from 10-11:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, and from 3:30-5 p.m. and 5-6:30 p.m. Feb. 16.

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

The "artists" will return to the Plymouth Salvation Army church to pick up their bowl on Soup Swap day. They have been asked to bring non-perishable food items to swap for a serving of soup in their bowls. The food items will be used to help restock the shelves in the food pantry. The soup this year will be prepared by the Over the Grill Gang Chefs' Club and the Plymouth Canton



Kate Rosevear, a member of the Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. draws a family crest on her handmade bowl for the third annual Soup Swap to benefit the Plymouth Salvation Army Food Pantry.

Educational Park Culinary Team.

To register for the Soup Swap bowl painting sessions or for more information, call Sandy Kollinger, Volunteer and Special Events Coordinator for the Plymouth Salvation Army Church, at (734) 453-5464. The 11 a.m-1 p.m. March 7 Soup Swap is open to the public, - no reservations required, and plenty of bowls will be on hand to exchange for items to fill the pantry.

Teen and boyfriend to face trial in murder plot

Judge Mike Gerou of the 35th District Court in Plymouth has ordered the couple accused of attempting to murder all four members of the 15-year-old girl's family to stand trial on seven felony counts each.

Gerou heard evidence in the case last Thursday and reviewed several text messages sent the night of the attempted murder purported to be between 15-year-old Roksana Sikorski and her 23-year-old boyfriend Michael A. Rivera.

“They knew what was going on. Forethought was going into this,” Gerou said when he sent the two to Wayne County Circuit Court to face the charges. They

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will each be arraigned Feb. 12.

During an earlier hearing, both the defense attorney for Sikorski, Leslie Posner, and Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Jennifer Tink, accepted the findings of a psychological examination of the girl which determined she is mentally fit to stand trial.

Wright W. Blake, the attorney for Rivera, said that the testimony at the hearing was enough

evidence to send the pair to trial.

He said, in a later interview that the defense claim that Sikorski felt threatened by his client was “absolutely ridiculous.”

During the hearing, Sikorski's 11-year-old sister and 13-year-old brother each testified regarding the attacks on the night of Oct. 17. The 11-year-old said that she woke up to find

Roksana pressing a sharp knife to her throat. “She said, I love you,’ and she kissed me and then she left the room,” the girl said.

The 13-year-old boy, still recovering from the attack, testified via a video link. He told the court that he woke up to find his sister going through the dresser in his room.

“She sliced my neck,” he said. He testified that he tried to flee to an adjoining bathroom and that his sister first cut him as he was at the bathroom door.

“She cut me one time and when I tried to shut the (bathroom) door, she cut me twice,”

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Westland dedicates new central fire station



The new Ralph Savini Fire Station No. 1 is now officially open in Westland. The new, \$3 million facility, located on Central City Parkway, has a state-of-the-art training room and is more energy efficient than the 50-year-old station on Ford Road. Mayor William Wild and Fire Chief Michael Reddy cut the ribbon on the new building which Reddy said is strategically located to provide a high level of response for fire and EMS emergencies. Reddy said the new location will provide greater coverage and reduce response times in the community. The station is named for former Westland Fire Chief Ralph Savini.

Photo by Don Howard

NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

Recall group continues petition signature drive

While Sandra Groth, a former Plymouth Township deputy clerk and township trustee candidate in 2012, declined to disclose exactly how many signatures the Recall 4 group has currently obtained on petitions, she doesn't hesitate to repeat the comments she and others have heard from township residents.

The group, comprising local homeowners and business people, was organized last October and is targeting Township Supervisor Richard Reaume, Treasurer Ron Edwards, Clerk Nancy Conzelman and Trustee Kay Arnold for recall from office.

The group said there were a myriad of reasons the four should be removed from office, but the most serious is the spending priorities exhibited by the officials which, the recall group contends, is not in the best interest of the majority of residents. The group cites the push by officials to spend \$1.9 million on township park facilities despite the public outcry and protests. Recall supporters are critical of the spending without offering residents the opportunity to vote and point to this as one example of the way citizens were not being heard or respected.

Volunteers attempting to collect the 4,000 signatures required by Wayne County on each recall petition have now reached more than 100, Groth said. Recall signs now dot the township and volunteers sport black buttons with the letters, Recall 4 on their purses and coat collars. The group members have set up neighborhood petition signing stations and have been working long hours to collect the required signatures, she added.

Groth said many of the interviewed residents have expressed concerns about the overall financial stability of the township while others are more than willing to give credit to some of the elected officials for "...helping us get to where we are."

"But they don't seem as willing to just accept what they are being told... they recognize there are real concerns with priorities, investigations from the Department of Justice, audit problems, citizen complaints, lawsuits and the way that citizens are treated by elected officials who are paid to assist them and provide a service."

Groth described the work as "a rewarding process" and said the group welcomes help from all registered voters in the township.

The group will be manning signing stations at Denny's Restaurant on Ann Arbor Road from 4-7 p.m. Feb. 14, 15, 21 and, 28 and March 7. They will also be available at E.G. Nicks from noon until 5 p.m. Feb. 15 and Feb. 21.

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he said. He said the weapon was a very sharp fish knife usually kept in a drawer wrapped in paper towels. He said he was able to force the door closed, thwarting the attack.

Plymouth Township Police Det. Brian Rupard also testified during the hearing. He said that texts between Sikorski and Rivera from 12:09 through 12:23 a.m. included a diagram of the neck and instructions to make sure the victims stopped breathing.

The brother's screams awoke the family who immediately called police. Sikorski and Rivera were arrested at his Detroit home that morning, only hours after the attempts on the two children.

Sikorski is being tried as an adult, something her parents have protested, claiming she was a victim of Rivera. They also claim to have filed sexual predator charges against him in attempts to break up the relationship, something prosecutors allege may have provided a motive.

Both are being held without bond.



Special tribute

The baseball team at Northville High Schools will bring the traveling Vietnam Wall to the school grounds to celebrate Armed Forces Day, May 16. The traveling exhibit, scheduled to be in Northville May 13-17, provides thousands of veterans who have been unable to cope with the prospect of facing The Wall to find the strength and courage to do so within their own communities, allowing the healing process to begin, according to organizers of the exhibit. Monetary donations are greatly needed to continue to fund this program, according to a flyer from the school. Checks can be made payable to Northville High School Baseball with Freedom Center on the memo line of the check. For more information, call Bill Flohr at (248) 761-9694 or email info@precisionbaseballone.com

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of an outside financial firm to investigate the financial claim of the township regarding retirement liabilities.

After the dissolution of the joint community department, the City of Plymouth partnered with the City of Northville to provide services through an on-call fire service. Township officials laid off more than one-third of the department firefighters and closed the fire station in the Lake Pointe area. The township rehired some full-time professional firefighters through the use of a federal grant, limited to a two-year period. This is the same federal funding rejected by Township Supervisor Richard Reaume two years ago when the layoffs were under way.

Aging equipment, including dilapidated fire trucks which broke down on the way to emergencies are in dire need of replacement, according to officials. Two new ambulances have been ordered and are scheduled for delivery this month and outdated and worn protective gear for firefighters has been replaced. Two-way radios have been brought up to the new standards, allowing the firefighters, allowing firefighters to communicate at the scene of a blaze, a feature the outdated equipment could no longer provide, according to fire officials.

The city of Plymouth, with a population of 9,022, currently has 15 officers, who answered 8,957 calls in 2013. According to city records, calls for service to the police department have continued to rise steadily during the past seven years while staffing has remained constant for the past decade.

Plymouth Township, with a population of 28,045, is served by 31 police officers, according to literature produced by the township.

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WAYNE - WESTLAND

Wayne budget deficit grows by \$150,000

Despite the continued and ongoing discussion and efforts of members of the city council to cut expenses, the budget deficit Wayne has grown by more than \$150,000.

The budget deficit, cited at \$500,000 after numerous staffing and expense reductions now stands at about \$656,000, according to Tim McCurley of Plante Moran, an outside auditing firm hired to help city officials balance the budget.

McCurley, a former finance director in both the City of Wayne and Westland, told the council members that they had based their budget projections on the approval of a Public Act 345 millage which did not happen. Without the \$1.85 that millage would have generated, the city had revenue of \$14.8 million and approved \$16.7 in spending.

The cuts and reductions council members have already approved, such as \$100,000 in the city manager and police department, helped offset some of the deficit as did an additional \$40,000 in EMS runs and an additional \$110,000 in tax revenue, McCurley explained during a council study session last week.

Cuts to staffing in the fire department resulted in overtime costs for the 12 remaining firefighters, now doing the job of the former staff of 16. McCurley told the council members that the provisions in the union contract has a five-firefighter minimum manning provision-which accounted for the overtime costs.

“Twelve firefighters are not enough to cover sick days, vacations and days off,” he told council members.

McCurley told the officials that without a finance director and other key managers it would be difficult to analyze the cost of overtime as compared to hiring more staff because legacy costs and other benefits need to be factored into the comparisons.

McCurley also noted that while there was a savings in the police department budget with some staff reductions, the court fines and fees received by the city were also reduced.

“You’re down four officers from the budget,” McCurley said.

McCurley also suggested that the utility costs at the community center did not decrease as the entire facility was not closed.

He added that finding funding to cover deficit spending on a one-time basis does not address the basic deficits in the budget. He said that he would continue to work on the budget analysis to determine what could be done to reduce expenses in the city.

“It takes time. It will help you with next year,” he told the council members.

Rate hike prompts review of district legal firm

A \$5 per hour increase in fees prompted members of the Wayne Westland Community Schools Board of Education to consider new primary legal representation.

Members of the board refused to approve the designated list of attorneys during the organizational meeting last month.

Trustee Sally Madison expressed her concern regarding an hourly rate increase by the Clark Hill legal firm. The rate was increased from \$225 to \$230 per hour effective Jan. 1, and the board was notified of the increase by mail in June.

Attorneys from Clark Hill said in the letter that the firm had not raised school rates since January of 2009 and “we believe it is appropriate to modestly increase our rates for the 2014-2015 school year.” The attorneys also noted that the current rates include steep discounts from the standard rates of the firms, amounting to 35 to 50 percent. They noted that this \$230 an hour rate is further discounted by \$10 from the usual rates the firm charges schools, “Because our firm services the district’s financing needs.”

Clark Hill is one of four legal firms utilized by the district which also used Lusk and Alterson, Thurn and Kelley-Cawthorne. Clark Hill has served as general counsel for the district since 2012, replacing Lusk and Albertson, the firm that had served in the general counsel capacity for more than two decades.

All three of the other firms contacted by the district administration confirmed that there would be no rate increase this year, apparently prompting Madison’s concern. Board Vice-President Frederick Weaver called the rate increase “unconscionable.”

The school district paid Clark Hill \$109,517 in the 2012-2013 school year and \$99,308 in 2013-2014.

Kelley Cawthorne, which handled governmental and legislative affairs for the district was paid \$32,000 for each of the past two years; Thurn was paid only \$200 for work on elections in 2012-2013; Lusk and Albertson, the firm that handles matters dealing with special education, student discipline and board policy, was paid \$7,656 in 2012-2013 and \$5,857 in 2013-2014.

Superintendent of Schools Michele Harmala was asked to bring a new proposal for designated legal representation to the board members this month after Madison, Weaver, Melandie Hines and Treasurer Shawna Walker voted no on approval of the proposed list.

Weaver suggested that the general counsel duties be transferred to the Lusk and Albertson firm.

“They have served us well in the past,” he said.

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

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 26, 2015 for the following:

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE TO PUBLIC
BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Terry G. Bennett, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan to all residents of the Charter Township of Canton: that all persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. All petitions must be received in the Assessor's office by March 12, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.

The Board of Review will be held in the Canton Township Hall on the first floor, at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Entry into the building can be accessed through the front doors of Township Hall. Please come prepared, as an eight (8) minute limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.

The following is the schedule for March Board of Review.

Tuesday, March 3, 2015	Organizational Meeting - 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (No Appointments)
Monday, March 9, 2015	Hearings from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Appointments Only)
Tuesday, March 10, 2015	Hearings from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)
Wednesday, March 11, 2015	Hearings from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)
Thursday, March 12, 2015	Hearings from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)

Please be advised that on Tuesday March 10 after 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday, March 11 after 4:30 p.m. entry to the building can only be accessed through the front entrance of the Township Hall.

If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review, you may call Jamie Rohraff, Secretary to the Board of Review (734) 394-5111.

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TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK
Charter Township of Canton Township

PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 2, 2015, in the *First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.* on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

WESTBURY ESTATES PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) -(FINAL PLAN)- CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NOS(X), 017 99 0001 713 AND 017 99 0001 723. Property is located south of Joy Road and west of Beck Road.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, February 26, 2015 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

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Westbury Estates Final PDD
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ANTIOCH SENIOR HOUSING PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) -(PRELIMINARY PLAN)- CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE ON PART OF PARCEL NOS. 108 99 0001 706. Property is located north of Michigan Avenue and east of Sheldon Road.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, February 26, 2015 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

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Inkster - Belleville - Romulus

Romulus officer completes training with FBI

Captain Joshua Monte of the Romulus Police Department recently graduated from the FBI National Academy at Quantico, VA.

The FBI National Academy is an 11-week professional course of study for U.S. and International law enforcement leaders that serves to improve the administration of justice in police departments and agencies at home and abroad, while also raising law enforcement standards, knowledge, and cooperation worldwide.

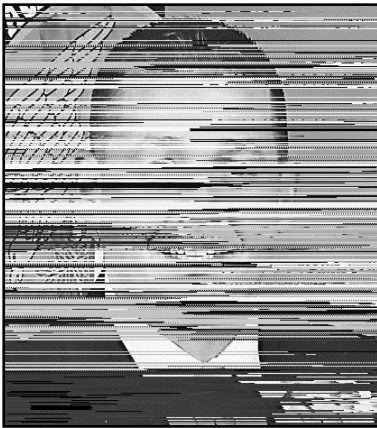
Monte graduated among a class of 214, with at least one representative from every state in the U.S. and 18 countries abroad. Only 3 percent of all law enforcement officers across the world are afforded the opportunity to attend the National Academy. Once selected to attend, the costs for tuition, lodging, meals, and travel are covered by the FBI.

During the academy, attendees go to class every day, studying leadership development, law, behavioral science, communication, health and fitness as well as participate in numerous leadership exercises and forums. Monte's core areas of focus were executive leadership and managing organizational change and development.

"Engaging with other outstanding police leaders throughout the world provided me the most unique and enhanced learning experiences of my life. I'm excited to be back on the job where I can share this new knowledge in order to better serve my department and the Romulus community," Monte said.

Monte has 20 years of police experience, beginning his career with the Detroit Police Department in 1995. He was hired by the Romulus Police Department in 1998, promoted to sergeant in 2008, promoted to lieutenant in 2011 and captain in 2012. Monte currently supervises the Patrol Operations Bureau, which consists of the Traffic Bureau, the Records Bureau, Dispatch Operations, the Field Training Officer (FTO) Program, and the Patrol Bureau.

"Ongoing professional development and training of public safety leaders is an essential component in proactively engaging, protecting, and serving our community's public safety needs and I'm hopeful the FBI allows us to send other command staff



Joshua Monte

to this outstanding program in the future," Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff said.

2 receive probation in attack on Inkster woman

Two women who admitted threatening a 30-year-old Inkster resident with a chain and handgun were recently sentenced in Wayne County Circuit Court.

The pair, cousins, entered guilty pleas to assault with a dangerous weapon, in a deal with prosecutors. In exchange for her guilty plea, charges of felony firearm and carrying a concealed weapon were dismissed against Antoinette Hope Boone, 37, of Canton Township. She was sentenced to three years probation for her part in the confrontation which took place last November in the parking lot of the McDonald's restaurant on Michigan Avenue in Canton Township.

Alyah Chaurice Tooson-Boone, 19, of Inkster, also avoided the possibility of up to four years in prison when she entered a guilty plea to the charges. Tooson-Boone qualified to sentencing under the Holmes Youthful Trainee Act, due to her age, which allows her to keep the crime off her record.

Police reports at the time stated that Tooson-Boone wielded a chain and threatened the Inkster woman who was dating a man formerly involved with her cousin.

According to police reports of the incident, the cousins followed the victim from their place of employment in Ypsilanti and were shouting insults, throwing items at her car and coming close to the victim's vehicle.

When the victim drove into the McDonald's parking lot where she had arranged to meet a friend, the two women allegedly left their car, also occupied by a man who did not leave the vehicle. Boone allegedly threatened the victim with a gun she was brandishing and Tooson-Boone wielded the chain and made threats.

The victim called Canton Township police who interviewed witnesses who corroborated her account of the incident and discovered the handgun in the car in which the women had been riding. The friend of the victim said that she, too, felt threatened by the pair.

Initial reports of the incident indicated that all the women and the man at the center of the dispute were employed at the same place in Ypsilanti.

Authority board OK's adjustments to employee contract

Members of the Van Buren Downtown Development Authority (DDA) have approved some revisions to the contract for the newly-hired assistant director.

During the last meeting of the group, Executive Director Susan Ireland asked the board members to approve a tuition payment of \$1,750 to Monroe Community College for Assistant Executive Director Lisa Lothringer. The tuition will allow Lothringer to take classes to obtain certification as an online marketing professional. Ireland also asked that following Lothringer's successful completion of the classes and subsequent certification, an annual merit increase of \$998 be approved.

The Online Marketing Certified Professional Certification is a comprehensive overview of online marketing, Ireland said. All the college course work must be completed within six months and then application can be made for certification, she said.

With the increase, Lothringer's annual salary would be \$49,998, according to a memo Ireland sent to the board members.

Lothringer's contract was also adjusted by the board, removing an agreement that would have provided payment of \$2,000 in lieu of health care benefits. Ireland told the board members that she recently learned that Van Buren Township no longer provides this benefit to employees.

Lothringer began working for the DDA Jan. 5 at a salary of \$49,000 annually.

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Obituaries



Pamela Shaw
Pamela Shaw, 46, of Westland, died Feb. 4 2015, with her loving family surrounding her. Among her survivors left to cherish her memory are her dear father, Glenn (Patty) Shaw; siblings, Doug (Lori) Shaw and Lynette (Tony) Hobyak; step-siblings, Carl (Kris) Johnson, Steve (Sheila) Johnson, Holly (Frank) Cozza and Joelle (Steve) Boros; her dearly-loved nieces and nephews, Ryan, Trevor, Connor, Haley, Tyler, Christian, Josh, Justin, Bode, Brogan and Bridger. Ms. Shaw was preceded in death by her mother, Kathryn Shaw. Ms. Shaw was the founder and operator of the successful Advanced Property Management company. Among her hobbies were fishing, cooking and singing karaoke. In her youth, she took ice skating lessons, played softball and used her musical talent to master the violin. She loved anything purple and had a special love for her cats. Funeral services took place at Uht Funeral Home in Westland with Pastor Mark Fuller officiating. Entombment was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Westland Community Foundation 38100 Executive Dr., Westland, MI 48185.



Theresa Smith
Sunrise: Jan. 9, 1954
Sunset: Jan. 24, 2015
Theresa Smith died Jan. 24, 2015 at St. John Hospital in Detroit, surrounded by her family and friends. Among those left to cherish her memory are her three children; Tracy (Jhalma, Sr.) Hale, Joseph (Crystal) Tarver and Terry Smith; a sister, Evelyn Smith; five brothers, Edward (Sharon) Smith, Jr., Carlton Smith, Ray Smith, Derrick (Linda) Smith and Eric Smith; 10 grandchildren, Tarreanio, Jhamal, Jhamicia, Jheresa, Jhalma, Jr., Dennis, Joseph, Jolante, Terry Jr., and TaKayla; a great-grandchild, Jheramiah; a special great-nephew, Frank Bates-Smith; a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives, and many friends. Ms. Smith was a 25-year employee of Stallworth AFC home where she was active until her health declined. Funeral services took place at True Light Baptist Church in Detroit by pastor Alton Reid officiating. Interment was at Gethsemane Cemetery in Detroit. Final arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster.



Gladys Fowler-Robinson
Gladys Fowler-Robinson died Jan. 30, 2015 at The Lakeland Center for Rehabilitation in Southfield. Mrs. Robinson was born and raised in Inkster. At the age of 16, she began working at Cookie's Cleaners on Harrison Road. After her 1949 graduation from Inkster High School, she attended business school. She was employed by the Inkster Housing Commission as an administrative assistant for 25 years, prior to her retirement. Mrs. Robinson was preceded in death by her parents, Charlie and Annie Mae Fowler; a son, Dr. Eldred Fowler; her husband, Joe; four sisters, Blanche Fowler, Ruth Miller, Virginia Jones and Rosie Mingo, and four brothers, Charlie, Jr., Clarence, James and Eugene Fowler. Among her survivors left to cherish her memory are her son, Derrick, of Southfield; three grandsons, Brandon Fowler of Muncie, IN, Justin Fowler of Glendale, AZ and Reese Robinson of Clinton Township; a granddaughter, Kennedy Robinson of Detroit; a daughter-in-law, Pamela Fowler; a sister, Earnestine Fowler-Moon; a brother, Willie (Mary) Fowler; many nieces and nephews, and a host of friends. Funeral services took place at Penn Funeral Home in Inkster with the Rev. Ronald Springer officiating. Interment was at Westlawn Cemetery in Westland.

6. Legal Notices

Death Notice

Be it know to all men and/or any interested parties, the Inkster Housing Commission give proper and due notice that any and all possessions belonging to:

Diane Kimbrough
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Diane Kimbrough passed away January 28, 2015. All remaining possessions will become property of the Inkster Housing Commission, unless otherwise properly claimed and removed in five (5) days.

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Calendar of events

Casting call

Open auditions have been scheduled by Forever After productions for Beauty and the Beast, Jr. The Musical from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Feb. 22 and 23 at the rehearsal studio, 50429 Independence St. in Canton Township.

Performers ages 6-16 are being sought for the production which is the story of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress.

Information and the audition packet are available at www.iheartforeverafter.com.

Library programs under way

New programs at the Belleville Area District Library began this week.

Monday Night Family Story Time began at 7 p.m. earlier this month and will continue through Feb. 23.

Tuesday Morning Terrific Toddlers began at 11 a.m. this week and will continue through Feb. 24 and Thursday Morning Terrific Toddlers began at 11 a.m. today and will continue through Feb. 26.

Registration for any of these programs is available at the library circulation desk.

The Write Stuff Writer's Group meets from 1-3 p.m. the last Saturday of every month. All aspiring writers are welcome.

Hygiene items needed

Plymouth Community United Way is asking agencies, businesses, groups, and residents of the Plymouth-Canton community to donate new travel size toiletry items including toothbrushes/paste, shampoo/conditioner, soap/body wash, deodorant, hand sanitizer, tissues, shaving cream, feminine products, razors, combs, and hair brushes. Donations will be used to create hygiene kits for individuals and families in crisis.

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

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

Food drive under way

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

Customers will receive 20 tickets for each nonperishable food item that is

brought into Chuck E. Cheese. Tickets can be used toward the purchase of prizes. All nonperishable food items will go to local pantries serving Plymouth, Canton and Western Wayne County communities.

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

Tax preparation available

Tax return preparation will be available from 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on Tuesdays through April 14 at the Summit on the Park.

The service is provided in cooperation with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

Complicated and/or joint return appointments must be scheduled for morning appointments. Schedule your appointment by phone at (734) 394-5485.

Chamber hosts legislator

State Rep. Erika Geiss will be the guest speaker at the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 16 at The Clarion Hotel, 8600 Merriman Road in Romulus.

Geiss is in her first term representing the 12th House District. A published author; she is a small business owner and freelance writer.

Seating is limited and tickets are \$20 for chamber members and \$25 for non-members. Reservations should be made no later than Friday, Feb. 13.

For more information or tickets, call (734) 893-0694.

Free heart screening set

Wayne Senior Services will offer free heart health screening for anyone 18 and older from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17 at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe Road in Wayne.

Medical professionals will offer blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose screening (no fasting required) plus a stroke risk assessment. No pre-registration is required.

For more information, call (734) 721-7460.

Sunken ships is topic

Sunken Ships of the Great Lakes will be the topic of a talk by shipwreck hunter David Trotter at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 17 at the Wayne Public Library.

Trotter will share his experiences exploring sunken vessels of the Great Lakes. Trotter is an avid shipwreck sleuth with more than 100 discoveries to his name



Distracted

Barefoot Productions will present Distracted by Lisa Loomer at 8 p.m. Feb. 13, 14, 20, 21 and at 2 p.m. Feb. 15 and 22. Distracted, a comedy/drama about Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) and the epidemic it has become, deals with the impact of the syndrome on family, friends and education. The show was selected by a member of the Barefoot Productions Script Committee who is also a retired educator. Audience talk-backs will be facilitated by Kristen Wrase, Dearborn Public School psychologist. The cast includes, from left, top row, Allison Thomas of West Bloomfield; Kiersten Manifold of Ypsilanti; Christine Doulette of Northville and Griffin Burke, also of Northville. In the bottom row are, from left, Annette Ripper from Northville; Eric Bloc of Ann Arbor; Beth Duey of Northville and Samantha Lowry from Livonia. Cast members not pictured are David Alexander of Redford and Cole Haas from Inkster.

and he and his Undersea Research Associates plum the depths of Michigan waters in search of undiscovered craft.

To register for this free event, call (734) 721-7832 or visit the Adult Reference Desk.

The Wayne Public Library is located at 3737 S. Wayne Road in Wayne.

High school hosts information session

Northville High School will host a Community Information Session from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22. Visitors can tour the state-of-the-art, technology-equipped high school with student leaders as guides. Academic department chairs and representatives from athletic teams, student clubs, and music and art programs will be on hand to provide insight along with current students, administrators and parents.

Northville Public Schools commitment to excellence is evidenced in its Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP), Michigan Merit Exam (MME), ACT and SAT performance, where Northville students consistently score well above state and national averages, a spokesperson noted.

While this information session is geared

toward incoming freshmen for the 2015-16 academic year; families with students of all ages, as well as community members, are welcome.

Northville High School is located at 45700 Six Mile Road, Northville. For more information, call (248) 344-3800 or visit <http://nhs.northvilleschools.org/>.

Historic lecture series planned

The Northville Historical Society will present a lecture series at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the Old School Church at Mill Race Historical Village in Northville.

The lectures are free of charge although donations to help offset costs are encouraged and will be accepted at the door.

The 2015 lecture series is provided through the generosity of the Knickerbocker Group of Raymond James.

The lecture schedule includes Feb. 25, The Bay View Association: a National Historic Landmark; March 25, When Mark Twain Came to Michigan; April 22, Little-known Facts About the Lincolns and the Civil War and May 27, The Early Days of Radio in Michigan.

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