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Wayne Westland fire investigators have not yet determined the cause of a fire at the Village Place Coney Island last week.

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All 24 Plymouth liquor licenses approved

The recommendation to the State Liquor Control Commission by the City of Plymouth will include all 24 or the current license holders.

Included will be The Penn Grill, which was inadvertently reported last week to have been the site of a drug arrest. The drug arrest cited took place at Fiamma, a restaurant on Main Street, and involved a patron with 16 grams of cocaine and considerable drug paraphernalia who was arrested for drug trafficking. The account was presented at a meeting of the Liquor License Review Committee by Police Chief Al Cox. The Penn Grill was mistakenly reported by *The Eagle* as the establishment where the arrest took place rather than Fiamma. *The Eagle* sincerely regrets the error and any confusion it may have caused. The Penn Grill and 336 Main will remain on a quarterly review status by the committee following other reported incidents at those locations.

Penn Grill owner Billy Farwell said he was

“*Drugs are something we simply won't tolerate.*”

Billy Farwell

concerned about the error as is strongly opposed to drugs on a personal and professional level.

“Drugs are something we simply won't tolerate,” he said.

Following the meeting last week, members of the city commission were unwilling to recommend the renewal of the license at Plymouth Crossing due to a \$57,000 arrearage in taxes and water bills. According to City Manager Paul Sincock, all those fees have been paid and Plymouth Crossing is “up to date” and will also be recommended to the state for a renewal of the liquor license.

“They had up to today (Monday) and it is paid,” Sincock said by phone.

In a letter to the review commission, Sincock stated that the “City Administration DOES NOT recommend any increase in the number of liquor licenses for the City.”

“Our police department often has to abandon patrols the (sic) residential areas of the City and limit their activity related to traffic enforcement due to them (sic) responding to alcohol related incidents.”

Sincock also cited the resultant higher costs in the involvement of the fire department in alcohol-related incidents, the significant amount of administrative time and police follow up involved and that “Municipal Services often has to respond to ‘clean up’ after an incident. He also cited “stresses on a limited municipal parking system.”

“The proposed resolution would recommend to the City Commission staying at the current 24 liquor licenses,” Sincock said in his letter to members of the Liquor License Review Committee.

Pure gold Ice dancers return to Canton for celebration

Two weeks ago, Charlie White and Meryl Davis made history at the Sochi Olympics. Sunday, they shared that history with a packed house of fans, friends and Canton Township leaders at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

The couple, first to earn a gold medal in ice dancing in U.S. history, spoke to an engaged crowd about everything from training at the Arctic Edge Arena in Canton to the Olympic experience itself, to meeting Bill Murray at an Oscar Awards party and their upcoming appearance on *Dancing with the Stars*.

“It's so much fun to be back in the area that we've trained in for so long,” said Davis. “The whole Canton community has been so incredibly supportive. We don't just feel it here in this room. We felt it when we were in Sochi, we've felt it for years-well before we were Olympic champions. Getting a chance to come back here and celebrate with the people who have been part of our journey has been very exciting.”

That journey started nearly two decades ago, when the pair first started to train together 17 years ago. Under the guidance of legendary Coach Marina Zoueva, the pair worked tirelessly toward their goal and set out to represent their country in what White called ‘the hardest Olympic event.’ Despite the training, White said the venue was a bit intimidating.



Gold Medalist Charlie White, Olympic coach Marina Zoueva and Meryl Davis shared their Olympic experiences with fans at the Village Theater in Canton last week. White and Davis, above, are the first U.S. gold medalists ice dancers in history



“We were nervous every time we took the ice,” he said. “We had to skate last in every event and there was plenty of time to think about everything and you just want to hit the ice.”

“But once you hit the ice, that's when it all takes over,” he added. “The questions, the

insecurities, being nervous-that all happens when you're waiting. It's just a waiting game. Once we hit the ice, we just felt comfortable.”

They must have. Davis and White set a short program record for the highest score

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Plymouth Township faces Whistleblower lawsuit

Following the out-of-court cash settlement of a discrimination lawsuit with one police officer, the sergeant who was her former supervisor has filed a Whistleblower lawsuit against Plymouth Township and Police Chief Tom Tiderington.

Township attorneys reached an out-of-court settlement with former officer Brittany DeFrain who charged discrimination when her probationary period was extended by Tiderington based, she claimed,

“*DeFrain resigned and subsequently filed suit which was settled out of court with a \$50,000 payment.*”

solely on her romantic involvement with another officer. DeFrain resigned and subsequently filed suit which was settled out of court with a \$50,000 payment.

In his suit, former Sgt. Brian Schaefer, who was DeFrain's

immediate supervisor, claims Tiderington and the township as his employer, took retaliatory action against him following a pre-deposition meeting with township attorneys regarding DeFrain's suit. Schaefer claims he was

ordered to answer questions during the Aug. 8, 2013 meeting and “candidly stated that Tiderington's decision to extend (DeFrain's) probationary period was contrary to established Field Training Officer procedures.”

Schaefer was the supervisor of the Field Training Officer program. He was hired in the township in 1998 and promoted to ser-

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Former Romulus detectives found guilty by jurors

Former Romulus Police detectives Larry Droege and Jeremy Channells were found guilty of all charges last Friday by Wayne County Circuit Court jurors.

Droege was found guilty of misconduct in office and neglect of duty. Channells was found guilty of

two counts of misconduct in office and neglect of duty. The misconduct in office charge carries a maximum penalty of 5 years imprisonment and the neglect of duty charge carries a maximum of 1 year imprisonment.

The two will face Judge Michael

Hathaway March 31 for sentencing.

The charges stemmed from a 3-year investigation into corruption in the Romulus Police Department by the FBI, the Michigan State Police and the office of the Wayne County Prosecutor.

Prosecutors allege that former Chief Michael St. Andre directed an investigation into violations of Michigan Liquor Control Commission laws regarding prostitution and narcotics trafficking at

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Plymouth - Canton

School district test scores beat state averages

Students in Plymouth Canton schools exceeded state averages in every section of the MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) testing.

The tests were administered to third through eighth and ninth-grade students across the state last October. Fourth and seventh grade students were assessed in writing; fifth and eighth grade students were tested in science and sixth and ninth-grade students completed the social studies test.

The percentage scores reported last week by the state indicate the students who performed at the proficient or advanced levels on the tests.

The third-grade reading scores showed that 75 percent of Plymouth Canton students were proficient or advanced while the state average was 61 percent. The third-grade math results showed 60 percent of Plymouth Canton students were proficient while the state average was 40 percent. Fourth-grade reading showed Plymouth Canton students with an 84 percent score while the state average was 70 percent. Fourth-grade math scores showed Plymouth Canton students with a 70-percent proficiency level while the state average was 45 percent. Fourth-grade writing showed Plymouth Canton students with a 66 percent score while the state average was 51 percent.

In the fifth grade, 81 percent of Plymouth Canton students were proficient or advanced in reading while the state average was 72 percent. The fifth-grade math scores showed 72 percent of Plymouth Canton students proficient against the state average of 45 percent. The scores in fifth grade-science indicated that while only 21 percent of the Plymouth Canton students were proficient or above, the state average was only 17 percent.

In the sixth-grade reading results, 85 percent of Plymouth Canton students scored as proficient or advanced while the state average was 72 percent. In sixth-grade math testing, Plymouth Canton students showed a 78 percent proficiency while the state average score was 42 percent. The sixth-grade social studies scores indicated that 40 percent of the Plymouth Canton students were proficient or above or advanced while the state score was 27 percent.

Seventh-grade reading scores showed 77 percent of the Plymouth Canton students proficient while the state average was 60 percent. In seventh-grade math, Plymouth Canton students scored at 67 percent proficient or advanced while the state average was 39 percent. In seventh-grade writing, Plymouth Canton students scored 69 percent while the state average was 53 percent.

The eighth grade reading scores showed Plymouth Canton students with an 88 percent proficiency score while the state average was 73 percent. In eighth-grade math, Plymouth Canton students scored 56 percent while the state average was only 35 percent. In eighth-grade science, Plymouth Canton students demonstrated a proficient or advanced score of 33 percent while the state average was only 20 percent.

The final scores reported, for ninth grade social studies, showed a 43 percent proficiency among Plymouth Canton students while the state average was 26 percent.

The scores indicated an increase for Plymouth Canton students in all categories except third grade reading where the proficiency percentages had dropped from 80 percent in 2012 to 75 percent in 2013. Seventh grade writing showed a decrease of one percentage point while eighth grade math scores decreased by 2 percentage points from 2012.

Suit

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geant in September of 2011.

During the Aug. 8, meeting, township attorneys also asked Schaefer if he was aware of any improper relationship between (DeFrain) and another officer. He was also asked, according to his court filings, if he was aware of other police department employees engaging in “sexual relationships.”

Schaefer claims he “responded truthfully” and denied knowing of DeFrain's relationship “but stated that he was aware of certain married male officers with the Department, who were friends of Tiderington's, who had been involved in sexual relationships with female employees and that the Department had taken no action against these officers.”

Schaefer claims that Tiderington subsequently began an investigation of alleged misconduct against Schaefer and “angrily accused Schaefer of conduct which allegedly violated Departmental regulations, including leaving the Township limits while on duty.”

Following the departmental investigation, Tiderington charged Schaefer with conduct unbecoming an officer, leaving his post while

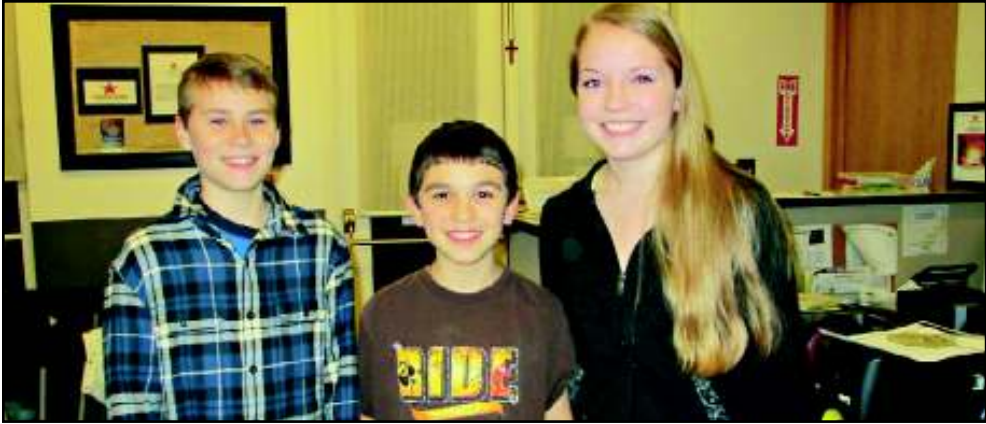
on duty, negligence, inattention to duty and insubordination. Schaefer was placed on administrative leave and twice told by Tiderington that his resignation would be accepted. Schaefer claims that he rejected both offers to resign his employment.

Schaefer claims he was terminated on Dec. 16, 2013 and that the conduct for which he was charged either did not violate departmental regulations or was conduct which was openly accepted and tolerated by the department based on past practice.

Two other officers, including DeFrain's romantic partner, accepted termination agreements negotiated with township officials in January after being placed on an extended paid administrative leave in October.

Schaefer claims in his court filing that the actions of the township and Tiderington against him were in retaliation for the statements he made during the pre-deposition meeting. He is asking for damages in excess of \$25,000 for lost past and future salary and benefits; damage to his professional and personal reputation; damage to his earning capacity; embarrassment, humiliation and loss of self-esteem and emotional distress and extreme mental anguish.

Schaefer is represented by Royal Oak attorney Michael L. Stefani.



Local 'Darlings'

Bryce Moore, Daniel Bischoff and Kari Schoen will be John, Michael and Wendy Darling in the cast of Peter Pan Jr. produced by Forever After Productions, a youth performing arts company based in Canton. Peter Pan Jr., is on stage for six performances, March 20 - 23, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. The show opens 7 p.m. March 20. Performances are also scheduled for 7 p.m. March 21, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. March 22 and 23. All seats are reserved. Tickets are \$16 each, groups of 15 or more \$14 each. Buy tickets at www.ShowTix4U.com or call (734) 547-5156 or at the Forever After Productions office at 50429 Independence St. in Canton.

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PLYMOUTH - CANTON - NORTHVILLE

Volunteers are sought

Want to make a difference by helping a senior citizen or person with a disability?

Plymouth Community United Way is looking for volunteers to clean yards and do light chores in Plymouth, and Plymouth and Canton townships on Saturday, April 26 during its Rake-N-Go.

Come alone, with your family or bring a team of co-workers or friends.

Volunteers are asked to bring rakes, garden tools, hedge trimmers, and gloves. United Way will supply yard waste bags.

For an application, call (734) 453-6879, ext. 7 or e-mail randi.williams@pcuw.org before April 11.

Plymouth Community United Way organizes two raking events a year: Make a Difference Day in fall and Rake-N-Go in spring.

Serving the Plymouth and Canton community since 1944, the Plymouth Community United Way strives to address human service needs for individuals and families. Together we can accomplish what no individual or organization can do alone.

Visit www.plymouthunitedway.org to learn about giving and volunteering.



Wayne County Parks Naturalist and families collect sap during 2013 Maple Sugaring Program at Cass Benton Park in Northville.

Park offers maple sugar show

March is maple-sugaring month in Michigan and Wayne County Parks has a sweet Saturday program available March 15 and 22. Bundle up and join park naturalists for the annual Maple Sugaring program at the Cass Benton Park picnic shelter in Northville where a historic “sugar bush” still exists.

Learn the history of maple sugaring and take a short hike into the woods for an actual tree-tapping demonstration. In celebration of this early spring ritual, the group will enjoy pancakes with the “real thing” afterward.

“The Maple Sugaring program is another example of the diversity of activities available to the public through Wayne County Parks,” said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. “I encourage everyone to see, taste and experience our Maple Sugaring program first-hand.”

The practice of maple sugaring dates back to the time Native Americans taught early settlers how to collect and boil sap during this time of year. The freezing nights and warm sunny days create pressure and force sap out of the maple tree.

The duration of the program is approximately 90 minutes. Visitors can register for either March 15 or March 22, and choose a start time: 10 a.m., 11 a.m. or noon.

Visitors are advised to dress accordingly, as this is an outdoor program and the trail may be muddy. All ages are welcome. The program fee is \$6 per child and \$2 per adult for Wayne County residents. Add \$1 per person for non-Wayne County residents.

Advance registration and prepayment is required at the Wayne County Parks office, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland or by phone at (734) 261-1990. Cash, credit card or check payable to Wayne County Parks are accepted.

Cass Benton Park is located off of Northville Road, north of Six Mile Road.

For more information on this or any other Wayne County Parks event, call (734) 261-1990 or visit www.parks.waynecounty.com.

Gold

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and duplicated that feat in the freedance, not only earning them the gold medal, but a world record for the highest cumulative score ever earned by an ice dancing team. White said he'd never forget that moment.

“Standing on the podium is always a great moment for reflection. You've just put the medal around your neck and suddenly, you have a tangible object that represents everything you put into it: your partnership, your life-you recognize how much bigger it is than just your performance at the Olympics,” he said. “It's our parents, the support of our coaches who brought us from nothing and, obviously, the community. As they're raising the flag you're proud to be there and enjoy the moment. It's just the two of us, but it feels like it's everyone that has been there the whole time.”

The resulting media blitz was a bit overwhelming, said Davis. The pair has barely had a chance to slow down between the interviews and appearances since their victory.

Jacqui White said it was an incredible experience watching her son and Meryl grow through their experiences, a sentiment echoed by Charlie Sr. and Paul and Cheryl Davis.

“We've always approached this one day at a time, one year at a time, one goal at a time,” Jacqui White said. “We've always felt that if Meryl and Charlie had at any time decided that they wanted to quit somewhere along the way we would have felt that everything that they had experienced up to that point would have been more than worth it. The experiences they had traveling and meeting people and growing in so many ways made every-

thing worthwhile-even without winning anything.

“Just the chance to see the world at a young age and be a part of big competitions and learning from coaches about discipline and dedication and perseverance, all of those were such huge, life-changing experiences and valuable ones. All along the way, it was worth it. It was an incredible experience for us, as parents.”

Their schedule has barely slowed. This week, they're scheduled to appear on the Ellen DeGeneres Show. They are also featured contestants on the next Dancing With The Stars, which begins on March 17. Then, they'll be off on tour with Stars on Ice.

On Dancing with the Stars, they'll be competitors, not partners. White said they're not really looking at it that way, though.

“It's completely different. We put so much pressure on ourselves every day in training to really squeeze the most out of everything. I think coming into this, it's a much more light-hearted approach,” he said. “We're looking to have a lot of fun. It's an amazing opportunity for us to learn and grow and experience new things.

Canton Supervisor Phil LaJoy wished them well in the future, and thanked them for their role in helping to put Canton on the international map.

“They are truly an inspiration and will serve as positive role models for young people everywhere,” said LaJoy.

He also presented them with several gifts: resolutions acknowledging their victory from the township board and the Wayne County Commission, as well as a watch for White and bracelet for Davis that had been purchased from the Showroom of Elegance by the board of trustees. They also received Olympic rings inscribed with their names on one side, ice dancers on the other and an American flag on top—the ring, of course, was gold.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 3, 2014
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem, John Barden.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Kathleen Abdo, John Barden, Linda Choate, Sylvia Makowski, William Wadsworth.

Excused: Harry Crout, Celeste Roscoe.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Robert Dickerson, Chief of Staff
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

1. Agenda - Approval.

2. Minutes

A. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting held February 24, 2014.

B. Approval of special meeting minutes held February 24, 2014:
6:15 p.m. Closed Session - Pending Union Matters.
6:30 p.m. Closed Session - Pending Legal Matters.

C. Approval of the minutes from the public hearing held on February 24, 2014.

3. Petitioner: None.

4. Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem

5. Mayor's Report - LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor

A. Financial Advisor Services Agreement, 2014 Capital Improvement Bonds.

B. Authorization to issue 2014 Capital Improvement Bonds.

C. Appointment to the Housing Commission.

6A. Clerk's Report - Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

1. Second reading, final adoption of an ordinance to restate Chapter 39, Purchasing Ordinance.

6B. Treasurer's Report - Stacy Paige, Treasurer

7. Public Comment - Citizens are to limit their comments to three (3) minutes.

All citizens wishing to speak will be heard.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

10. Communication

11. Adjournment

1. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Choate to accept the agenda as presented. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Makowski, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-081 2A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Abdo to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on February 24, 2014. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Makowski, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-082 2B. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Abdo to approve the minutes of the special meetings of the Romulus City Council held on February 24, 2014 - 6:15 p.m. closed session, pending union matters and 6:30 p.m. closed session, pending legal matters. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Makowski, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-083 2C. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Choate to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of the Romulus City Council regarding the City Purchasing Ordinance held on February 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Makowski, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

3A. Petitioner: None

4. Chairperson's Report: Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden commented on the success of the Black History Month program that was held at city hall on Friday, February 28, 2014. The Romulus Varsity Girls Basketball Team defeated Westland to earn the District Championship title. 4. Moved by Choate, seconded by Abdo to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Makowski, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-084 5A. Moved by Choate, seconded by Makowski to concur with the administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into an agreement for financial advisory services with Hutchinson, Shockey, Erley & Co. for cost and marketing services of the City of Romulus 2014 Capital Improvement Bonds at a cost not to exceed \$19,000. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Makowski, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-085 5B. Moved by Choate, seconded by Wadsworth to concur with the administration and adopt a resolution authorizing the City of Romulus 2014 Capital Improvement Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 to pay part of the cost of various capital improvements for the City. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Makowski, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-086 5C. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Wadsworth to concur with the administration and appoint Belinda Banks to the City of Romulus Housing Commission to fulfill the term of the vacant resident board member position. The term will expire on February 26, 2019. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Makowski, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-087 6A1. Moved by Choate, seconded by Makowski to approve second reading and final adoption of an ordinance to restate Chapter 39, Purchasing Ordinance of the Romulus Code of Ordinances. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Makowski, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

7. Public Comment: None.

9. New Business:
Councilman Wadsworth commented on Councilman Crout being ill and wished him well on behalf of the City Council.

11. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Makowski to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Roll Call Vote: Ayes** - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Makowski, Wadsworth. **Nays** - None. **Motion Carried Unanimously.**

1. Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk of the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on March 3, 2014.
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan
Publish: March 13, 2014

CITY OF ROMULUS
NOXIOUS WEED NOTICE TO THE
PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE
CITY OF ROMULUS

In accordance with P.A. 359 of 1941, as amended and Chapter 19, Article 3, of the Romulus Code of Ordinances it shall be the duty of all owners of lands on which noxious weeds are found growing, to destroy the same before they reach a seed bearing stage and to prevent such weeds from becoming a detriment to public health.

If any such owner, agent or occupant of such land shall refuse to destroy such noxious weeds or cause them to be destroyed, it shall be the duty of the Noxious Weed Commissioner to enter upon such land and destroy such noxious weeds.

Nothing in this notice shall apply to weeds in fields devoted to growing any small grain crop such as wheat, oats, barley or rye.

All weeds not cut by May 1, 2014 will be cut by the City and the owner of the property will be charged with the cost. Subsequent violations will result in additional cuttings and will be done as often as necessary when vegetation reaches eight (8) inches in height and/or seed bearing stage.

Any expense incurred in such destruction shall be paid by the owner or owners of such land, and the city shall have a lien against such land for such expense. Any owner who shall refuse to destroy such noxious weeds shall also be subject to a fine of not more than \$100.00 per cutting in the discretion of the court.

All refuse and debris on the given owners property will be removed by the City at the owners' expense.

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Legal Notice

Attention: Food Service Management Companies

The Romulus Community Schools is requesting proposals for school food service management services. The Food Service Management Company will provide management services according to United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulations and guidelines as well as State of Michigan Department of Education policies and guidelines.

Food Service Management Companies and/or their representatives may submit proposals to:

Romulus Community Schools
36540 Grant Road
Romulus, MI 48174

The Romulus Community School District Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals or to accept the proposal that it finds, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the school district.

A pre-bid meeting will not be scheduled. A copy of the RFP will be available at **36540 Grant Road, Romulus MI 48174** or by e-mail at rlpek@romulus.k12.mi.us by **March 26, 2014**. Potential bidders are asked to e-mail their questions to **Rebecca Pek at rlpek@romulus.k12.mi.us** by **April 2, 2014**. The school district will e-mail its response these questions by April 4, 2014.

All proposals must be submitted no later than **11:00am on April 30, 2014**. All proposals should be delivered in a sealed envelope and addressed to **Romulus Community Schools** and be clearly marked: Food Service Management Proposal.

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Belleville - Romulus

Downtown Romulus will have new look

Downtown Romulus will have a significantly different look by the end of the year.

Members of the city council approved funding last week for several projects that will improve city streets and sidewalks, make the downtown area more pedestrian-friendly, and bring streetscape enhancements to the core of the community.

“We’re being very proactive in moving Romulus forward,” said Council President John Barden.

The largest project is the reconstruction of Goddard Road from Romaine Street to Wayne Road. It will be constructed in two phases, with the first being complete before the annual Pumpkin Festival. In addition to a complete reconstruction of the road, there will be work on the water main and other infrastructure. The sidewalks in the downtown will be widened and decorative pavers will be added, along with additional streetscape features like decorative lighting and crossing signals, crosswalks and improvements at street corners. Wayne Road will also be widened and get a dedicated turn lane as part of the project, said Project Manager Scott Evans.

Grant Street will also be reconstructed from the Five-Points intersection to Huron River Drive.

On Wayne Road, a pedestrian pathway will be created from Huron Street underneath I-94 and the railroad tracks to about 500 feet north of Goddard Road, where it will connect with the existing sidewalk. That project, a cooperative effort between Wayne County, the Department of Transportation and the city, will include decorative retaining walls along the embankments along with rapid-flash beacons with push button activators at the entrance ramp crossings.

Other road and sidewalk work will take place throughout the community, too.

The majority of the work will be funded through federal, state and county sources. The city will pay for about \$6 million, which will be funded by bonds and repaid through the water and sewer fund, the major and local street fund, and the Downtown Development Authority fund. No money will be spent from the general fund, and city officials said they don’t expect any increase in taxes to cover the cost. All together, the city will pay about \$450,000 annually for 20 years, although that figure will be reduced when some of those projects are paid off after 10 years. The council approved the sale of bonds for the work, which has been planned since June of last year as the regular meeting March 3.

“These are exciting projects,” said Councilwoman Sylvia Makowski. “It’s money well spent.”

Traffic will be open to downtown throughout the scope of the projects, said Robert McRaight, public services director for Romulus, and the business owners will be informed at all phases of the work.

“Projects like these are great for the long term, but in the short term they’re very difficult for the business community,” he said. “We want to make sure their customers can get to them.”

“It should not be as bad as the previous time we redid the road,” added Councilman William Wadsworth.

The Goddard and Grant road projects should be complete this year and the pathway should be complete next year.

Barden said the projects will greatly enhance the look of the downtown.

“It’s pretty exciting,” he said. “It may even bring interest and additional businesses back into downtown Romulus.”

Cops

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the Landing Strip Bar in Romulus and Subi’s Place in Southgate. The results of the investigation were never turned over to the Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office and the supervisor of the Romulus Special Investigations Unit was never apprised of the activities of the accused, according to Prosecutor Kym Worthy.

Prosecutors alleged in their court case that in connection with this fraudulent investigation, Channells and Droge, along with other detectives, engaged in solicitation of prostitutes for personal gratification, embezzled City of Romulus funds, filed false police reports, neglected their duty and committed misconduct in office. Prosecutors also told the jury mem-

bers that Channells authored and submitted a false police report detailing certain facts and circumstances surrounding the undercover operation at Subi’s Place.

Former chief St. Andre and three other detectives, Richard Allan Balzer, Richard Bruce Landry and Donald Ralph Hopkins, were also charged in the corruption investigation and jury trials are scheduled to begin July 7.

St. Andre’s wife, Sandra St. Andre, was also charged in the case and was convicted by a jury Jan. 27 of conspiring in a criminal enterprise, receiving and concealing stolen property and filing false income tax returns. She was sentenced Feb. 20 to 7-20 years in prison with restitution still to be determined. comes of the couple.

Prosecutors proved that she used the drug forfeiture funds to purchase and operate a tanning salon in Westland.

Belleville city budget is sound

The City of Belleville budget is on sound financial ground according to Plante Moran, the independent financial accounting firm for the city.

In a report presented to members of the Belleville City Council last month, representatives from Plante Moran noted that outside auditing firm, Alan C. Young & Associates, had no suggestions for improvements in the city budget and found no deficiencies in the documents which showed a \$2.2 million general fund and a general fund balance of \$682,769.

The report was presented by Brian Camiller, CPA and Senior Manager of Plante Moran, who said that the indicators in the budget were good, something that has improved significantly from five years ago.

He did say that the city pensions are funded at only 60 percent and told the members of the city council that those liabilities should be addressed.

He also suggested that long term planning is needed in the water and sewer budget and adjustments for those plans be included in adjusted rates.

Camiller noted that city officials should consider preparing a one-year budget, a budget for a second year and a five-year financial fore-

cast.

City financial officer Kelly Howey, a former Plante Moran consultant, said the city budget process will begin this month.

The Plante Moran team also cautioned the city council that funding should be put aside for future needs such as capital costs and improvements and post-employment costs.

Mayor Kerreen Conley said it was good news to receive a favorable audit report.

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Inkster - Wayne - Westland

Wayne Foundation offers 2 scholarships for students

The Wayne Parks and Recreation Foundation is currently accepting applications for two scholarships offered annually.

The first is the Harold and Pat Bower Scholarship, established to assist students in furthering an education in the arts and humanities. Acceptable fields of study include art, dance, theater, visual, vocal, instrumental, cinematography, photography and writing. Other art forms may also be considered.

To qualify, applicants must be pursuing study in an art or humanities subject and be enrolled in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools. The scholarships are limited to Wayne residents.

Applications are also being accepted for the Jack Demmer Scholarship which was established to assist students in furthering an education in entrepreneurship. The scholarships are to be applied toward the expenses of tuition room and board, fees, books

and supplies necessary for pursuit of study at any school, college or other educational institution.

The scholarships are for one year.

Residents of Wayne or Westland who are or were students in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools are eligible for the Jack Demmer scholarship. To apply, students must demonstrate evidence of strong personal character, leadership and work ethic; academic success in related classes,

projects and work experience; involvement in school or community experiences that challenged him or her; have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale and supply two recommendations from an instructor, counselor or business person along with one personal recommendation.

The applicant must also have received either a GED or high school diploma and a letter of acceptance from a university, col-

lege or technical school.

Applications for both scholarships are available at Wayne Memorial High School and John Glenn High School, at the Wayne Community Center at www.ci.wayn.mi.us under the recreation tab. Applications must be received by April 5 and can be mailed to: City of Wayne Recreation Foundation, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne, MI 48184. They can also be emailed to recreation@ci.wayne.mi.us.

Library offers programs

March is reading month and Youth Services Librarian Angela Scott at the Leanna Hicks Public Library in Inkster said there is a lot going on at the facility this month.

Some of the special events this month include an open house to meet Library Director Denise Bearre. The event is planned from 5:50-7:30 p.m. March 19. Light refreshments will be served.

Special event planned for youngsters include Camp March-into-Reading which will take place from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 22. Children 12 and younger are invited to this Reading Month event, where they will build forts and tents out of blankets/tables and then spend the day reading in them.

Due to popular demand, Scott said, a Crafty Storytime for those 10 and younger has been added. In addition to Crafty Storytime from 5-6 p.m. every Tuesday, there will be a second Crafty Storytime from 6-7 p.m. every Thursday. This month Crafty Storytime will celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday, St. Patrick's Day and talk about lions and lambs.

The library is also sponsoring Lego Nights from 4-5 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. Children can come and work on their

mechanical skills by building with Legos and following a building challenge. Blocks are now available for younger children.

Scott said the library also hosts Stay and Play with Starfish from 10:30 until noon every Monday for children 5 and younger. This is an open play event with a story from a Starfish representative.

Teen events include the Teen Book Club which will meet at 2 p.m. March 15. Scott said those who join the group meeting will enjoy a game day and get a copy of the book for April entitled Class of '89 "Freshman year"

Adult events include computer classes, Scott said, and will be going with a class on Microsoft Word/Excel from 1-3 p.m. March 26. Community Bridges Healthcare Assistance will take place from 3 until 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12.

Scott said updates are available at the library website, inksterlibrary.org or "like" the library on Facebook to stay up to date.

Currently, library hours are from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. Monday, from noon until 8 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

The library is located at 2005 Inkster Road in Inkster. For more information, call (313) 563-2822.

Fire investigation continues

Wayne Westland fire investigators have not yet determined the cause of a fire at the Village Place Coney Island last week.

The restaurant, located on Wayne Road north of Cherry Hill, is the site of the former Blazo's Pie Shop and is currently owned by Viktor Beriszy, who also owns the Country Grill on Wayne Road, south of Cherry Hill.

Firefighters were called to the site just before noon and remained at the scene until 6 p.m., according to fire department reports.

The restaurant was closed when the fire was reported and an employee of a fire suppression company who arrived to perform work on the hood ducts saw smoke coming from the back of the building. He reported the fire immediately.

Fire Chief Michael Reddy said the firefighters at the blaze were forced to cut holes through the bright blue metal roof to extinguish the fire which was in the attic space. Reddy said there was no fire in the main restaurant area but estimated that least 50 percent of the building was damaged.

Construction moves primary voters

Westland voting precincts 12, 25 and 35 will be moved from Cooper School to Hayes School for the August primary.

Construction at Cooper School on Ann Arbor Trail, funded by a bond issue voters approved last year, will force the temporary move to Hayes, located at 30600 Louise.

The move is temporary as construction takes place and renovations are made at the school building. All registered voters affected

will receive temporary voter registration cards in the mail showing the new location to vote. In November, another new set of voter cards showing the move back to Cooper School will be mailed from the office of Westland City Clerk Eileen DeHart Schoof.

Voters will be asked in August to decide on the offices of U.S. Senator, Michigan governor, Wayne County Executive and Wayne County Commissioner.

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1. Obituaries



Addie Lee Garrison
Sunrise: Aug. 18, 1918
Sunset: March 1, 2014

Addie Lee Garrison died March 1, 2014.

Among those survivors left to cherish her memory are her devoted husband of 69 years, Asbury Garrison; a son, Oliver; her sisters, Eloise Walker, Rena Glover, Ruth Spear and Louise Hill, all of Youngstown OH; two brothers, Samuel Spear of Pendleton, SC and JD Spear of Greenville, NC; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews; other family members, and many friends.

Funeral services took place at Beulah Missionary Baptist Church in Westland with the Rev. Dr. Kenneth C. Pierce, Sr. officiating.

Final arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home, Inkster Chapel on Inkster road in Inkster.

Interment was at Mt. Hope Memorial Gardens in Livonia.

6. Legal Notices

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 700.7608

TO ALL CREDITORS:

The Settlor, George Thompson, date of birth 02/02/1924, who lived at 6254 Dwight, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127, died 02/16/2014. There is no personal representative of the settlor's estate to who Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the George Thompson Agreement of Trust Dated 04/15/2002, will be forever barred unless presented to John K. Thompson, Trustee, within four months after the date of publication.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Date: March 10, 2014

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CALENDAR

Quilt show open in Belleville

The Belleville Area Museum and Western Wayne County Quilting Guild are sponsoring the 2014 Quilt Exhibit titled, It's a Man's World. The exhibit, which will continue through March 29, features antique and contemporary quilts

There are special demonstrations, bed turnings, a children's sewing workshop and more than 130 quilts on display. Velia Lauerman will offer quilt appraisals from 6-8 p.m. March 20.

The display is open from 3-7 p.m. on Tuesdays and from noon until 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday.

Admission to the display is \$2. the museum is located at 405 Main St. in Belleville.

For more information call (734) 697-1944.

Church serving Lenten meal

First United Methodist Church of Wayne will serve fish dinners from 4: 30 to 7 p.m. every Friday through April 11.

The fish dinner includes baked or fried fish, baked potato or french fries, vegetable, cold slaw and a roll. Children's meals are also available with nuggets or one piece of fish, french fries, vegetable slaw and a roll. The cost is \$9 for adults and \$4 for children's meals. Home made pies are also available for \$1 a slice.

The church is located at 3 Town Square, Wayne across from the Wayne Post office. The church is handicap accessible.

For more information, call (734) 721-4801

Church offers Saturday Night Live

Grace Community Church in Belleville is offering Saturday Night Live gatherings beginning at 6 p.m. every Saturday.

The services include fellowship, refreshments and worship and will take place at The Comfort Inn Belleville on the south I-94 Service Drive in Belleville.

For more information, call (734) 740-4230 or access www.gracecommunitychurch4u.com.

Storytime continues at library

Preschool Storytime for children ages 31/2 to 5 will continue at the Romulus Public Library at 6:30 p.m. March 18.

The session includes stories, songs and crafts. Register by call the library at (734) 942-7589.

Toddler Storytime for children 2 to 31/2 takes place at 10:15 a.m. March 20. No registration is required.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus.

For more information, call (734) 942-7589.

Dueling Pianos to perform

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

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

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

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

Youth actors present Snow White

Spotlight on Youth will present a musical version of Snow White and the Seven Dwarves for one weekend only, March 13, 15 and 16.

The show is about an hour and a half long and includes an intermission. It is a humorous take on the Grimm Fairy Tale and is appropriate for small children.

Curtain will be at 7 tonight with shows at both 2 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 15 and Sunday, March 16. There is no Friday performance.

Tickets are \$15 and available by calling (734) 394-5300 or online at www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater. Tickets can be purchased at The Summit on the Park or at the door.

All performances are at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. Parking is free and the theater is handicap accessible.

Party Planning Showcase set

The Park, 88.1, the student operated radio station at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, will present Celebration Marketplace from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. March 15 in the Salem High School Cafeteria.

Celebration Marketplace is the only free public party planning expo in western Wayne County. Included will be banquet facilities, caterers, party rentals, DJs, entertainers, photographers, videographers, bakeries, custom invitations, florists, moonwalks and interactive games, photo booths and others. There will also be a gifts section.

Salem High School is located at 46181 Joy Road at the corner of Joy and Canton Center roads in Canton.

Frog and Toad Training begins

Frog and Toad Survey training sessions for those interested in monitoring the health of the Rouge River will take place in March. Training will take place from 10 a.m. until noon March 15 at Northville Township Hall

The training session will focus on frog and toad identification skills in order to help volunteers determine different species out in the field. Frogs and toads are considered excellent indicators of the environmental quality.

Training sessions are open to anyone, child or adult, who is concerned about the environment and wants to play an active role in monitoring its health.

The sessions are free and pre-registration is required. To register, call the Friends of the Rouge at (313) 792-9621 or email monitoring@therouge.org.

Mars Madness at museum

March is Mars Madness at the Yankee Air Museum with special programs from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. March 15 and 22.

Admission is free to the exhibit and Exploration Station, featuring the planet Mars with video challenges.

For more information, call (734) 483-4030 or visit YankeeAirMuseum.org. The museum is located at 47884 D St. in Belleville.

Seniors celebrate St. Pat

A St. Patrick's Day luncheon is planned beginning at 11 a.m. March 17 at the Romulus Senior Center, 36525 Bibbins.

The menu will include a corned beef and cabbage dinner with potatoes, carrots and onions, green Jello and dessert.

There will be entertainment, gifts and raffles. Admission is \$2.75 per person.

If attending, call Romulus Senior Center Director Rose Swidan at (734) 955-4120.

YouTube sensation to perform

Attorney turned Boogie, Blues, and Ragtime musician, Matthew Ball aka The Boogie Woogie Kid will heat up the piano keys at The Plymouth District Library at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 16 with a free family friendly concert. Ball's You Tube video has more than two million hits.

The library is located at 223 Main St. in downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-0750.

St. Patrick's Day Run set

The Kona St. Patrick's Day Run, formerly the ShamRock'n'Roll Run, will take place beginning at 8 a.m. March 16 through Plymouth.

Registration will take place at Central Middle School and the 10K will begin at 8 a.m., the 5K run will start at 9 a.m. and the Hard Rock Mile will begin at 8:15 a.m.

New this year is the Dublin Double, a 10K and 5 K event.

There will be a costume contest, a buffet meal, live music at a concert inside a heated circus tent when the race is complete and prizes and medals awarded.

Registration is available at KonaStPatricksDayrun.com and entry fees

vary depending on event and day of registration.

For more information contact Alan@KonaRunningCompany.com.

Art essentials at library

The Detroit Institute of Arts will present The Essentials from 6:30-7:30 p.m. March 17 at the Romulus Public Library.

A volunteer from the arts institute will discuss two dozen must-see masterpieces from the museum collection, including Van Gogh and Monet.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus.

For more information about the free program, call (734) 942-7589.

Mustang is chamber topic

John Clor, veteran automotive journalist, and director of Ford Racing will be the special guest speaker at the Romulus Chamber of Commerce Business Luncheon on Tuesday, March 18. Everyone attending will receive a free, color commemorative Mustang poster. This is the 50th anniversary year for the Ford Mustang.

The luncheon will take place at the newly renovated Comfort Inn, 31800 Wick Road. The cost for members is \$15, for non-members: \$25. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and luncheon will be served at noon. For reservations or more information, call (734) 893-0694 or info@romuluschamber.com.

Butterflies and moths are topic

The Fascinating Lives of Butterflies and Moths will be the topic of the 7 p.m. March 19 meeting of the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association (SEMBA).

Brenda Dziedzic, author and SEMBA co-founder, will speak about the life cycle of butterflies and moths and the dangers they encounter.

The meeting will take place at Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland.

Parking is available on Hines Drive or Ann Arbor Trail. Admission is \$3 for non-members. For more information, call (734) 223-5510, email semba@sembabutterfly.com, or visit our website at www.sembabutterfly.com.



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