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County expands pothole patching efforts

Wayne County Department of Public Service will add 60 seasonal laborers

Wayne County has launched a Pothole Blitz' in an effort to reduce the threat to both motorists and vehicles the craters in many local roads pose.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano announced the new effort last week. He said he was working with managers at the Wayne County Department of Public Services (DPS) and the Wayne County Roads Division to launch the initiative to accelerate pothole patching throughout the county.

The brutal winter, coupled with periodic freeze-thaw cycles, has created menacing potholes and accelerated pavement deterioration, according to county engineers. In addition, the pending closure of a 7-mile section of I-96 by the Michigan Department of Transportation, scheduled for April 1, will force tens of thousands of vehicles onto adjacent surface streets at a time when road conditions are challenging.

"Even with our fiscal challenges, launching

the Pothole Blitz will help bring additional resources to combat the pothole epidemic," said Ficano. "We've seen during this excruciating winter how our prior investment in the Command Center, Compass and other technology has helped the driving public," Ficano added. "Tackling the pothole problem is a natural next step given the unfortunate mix of winter weather we've had and the pending section closure of I-96," Ficano concluded.

One faction of the Pothole Blitz will have crews' schedules modified to maximize the availability of personnel to the pothole repair initiative. In addition, Wayne County Department of Public Service will add 60 seasonal laborers to the current Roads Division workforce. The tem-

porary laborers will bolster the pothole patching efforts, according to Ficano.

Because of the pending I-96 closure from Newburgh Road to Telegraph, special emphasis will be placed on repairing alternate routes, bounded by I-94 to the south and Eight Mile Road to the north. Maintaining these surface streets is critical for nearby homeowners and businesses due to an expected increase in traffic flow over the next year, Ficano added.

Wayne County Roads Division crews and supervisory staff will monitor conditions while working and driving roads countywide. They'll report potholes in need of service and monitor progress of repair efforts.

"Local governments and citizens have been doing an excellent job reporting potholes in need of repair," Ficano said. Drivers are encouraged to report particularly dangerous potholes at 1-888-ROAD-CREW (1-888-762-3273) or by using a smart phone, at compass.waynecounty.com.

Surprise win Local florist takes top honor

When the results of the "Surprise Surprise" category were announced at the Great Lakes Floral Expo two weeks ago, Victor West was one of the most 'surprised' members of the crowd to learn he was named the first-place winner.

Many of his peers, he said, will also be surprised to find out that the guy they have been seeking business and financial advice from for years is also an award-winning floral designer.

West and his wife, Jill, are the owners of Vanessa's Flowers on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, a shop they purchased about 22 years ago. With West's background in finance and production along with his accounting and business education, they worked to modernize the shop which is known for being progressive in both design and business practices. Vanessa's was one of the first small shops to introduce computers into the floral industry and it is a beta or test shop for Teleflora shop software. West's business expertise helped move Vanessa's into the top 500 of the Teleflora 16,000 shop membership.

Fellow floral shop owners have been coming to West for

years, he said, for advice as he is known as a "numbers guy" and helping other shop owners to understand the business side of the industry.

"Most of my peers had no clue that I even could design, let alone well enough to win a competition of this caliber," West said.

After years of "encouragement" from friends and family members who knew of his skill, West reluctantly agreed this year to enter the professional design competition. He usually attends the annual convention sanctioned by the Michigan Floral Association, to participate in networking with vendors and to talk with other florists around the state.

"My main focus in attending has always been for the educational aspects, the business and marketing information and to learn new and different ways to make Vanessa's better," he said.

After much prodding, he entered two of the four design categories at the Devos Center in Grand Rapids. "The two that required not as much pre-event preparation, but the two when you needed to show up and participate," he said with a smile.

"We were each given a bucket



Victor West of Plymouth displays his first-place winning floral arrangement.

of flowers, some containers and 20 minutes in which to complete each arrangement," West said.

The awards were not announced until the Saturday night banquet and West admitted that he was disappointed when the second and third place winners were announced.

"I had hoped to at least place," he said. "Then the big surprise

came and I won."

West shouldn't have been quite so surprised, as he has been a Certified Florist since 2004, one of the first to earn the designation when the program began.

West wasn't eligible for the Designer of the Year award this

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Township businesses may be paying exempted tax

Small taxpayers exemption, it is only for commercial and industrial personal property.

Plymouth Township officials failed to follow the instructions of the state treasury department regarding new personal property tax exemptions for small businesses last month, calling them "suggestions."

The Personal Property Tax Exemption Bill signed by Gov. Rick Snyder last December provides tax exemptions for personal property in an effort, according to a state spokesperson, to spur economic

growth. The new tax rules are supposed to help small business owners and bring more business into the state by offering exemptions for items such as office furniture, computers, shelving, machinery and any property owned or leased by a

business that is not considered attached to the land. Known as the "small taxpayers exemption," it is only for commercial and industrial personal property.

Local taxing units were required to give notice, informa-

tion and instructions about the exemption to business owners in a mailing before Jan. 10. The City of Plymouth and Canton Township, among many others, followed state recommended guidelines. Assessors in most area communities mailed the required "Affidavit of Owner of Eligible Personal Property Claiming Exemption from Collection of Taxes." and sent the

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State office advised of \$1 million Wayne deficit

City of Wayne staff members were expected to meet for the second time with representatives of the Michigan Office of Fiscal Responsibility on Tuesday followed by a second closed session meeting of members of the city council Tuesday evening.

The meetings with the state

have been described as a step before receivership, a state-appointed Emergency Financial Manager in the city or a financial consent agreement with the state.

The involvement of the state office was recommended to city officials by budget consultant Vince Pastue who told them that

the financial situation in Wayne is dire and that he does not expect any increase in revenue from property taxes in the near future. Pastue, the Farmington city manager, told officials and the council members that the severe drop in property values in the city resulted in the critical drop in tax rev-

enue, a situation, he said, that is not expected to change in the very near future. He advised seeking state help with the financial crisis.

Wayne is expected to have a deficit budget of more than \$1 million by June 30 with an even more

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Wayne

Ripple Effect seeking new Main Street manager

With the recent designation of Wayne as one of three communities selected to take part in the Michigan Main Street program, there is now a need for a Main Street Manager in the city.

A email message from The Ripple Effect, the community activist group promoting the Main Street involvement, detailed the qualifications the group is seeking in the new full-time manager:

Duties of the new manager will include the coordination of the downtown revitalization activities for the Wayne Ripple Effect using the Main Street Four-Point Approach: Design, Promotion, Economic Restructuring and Organization, according to the prepared release.

The Main Street Program, which is overseen by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority, is not a cash grant but offers an estimated \$200,000 of professional development help in attracting new businesses and residents, economic growth and job creation in a community. The program must self-fund the new manager who should, according to the release, have education and or experience in one or more of the following areas: commercial district management, economics, finance, public relations, marketing, land use planning, business administration, public administration, volunteer or non-profit administration, grant-writing, fundraising, retailing, architecture, historic preservation and/or small business development. A bachelors degree is preferred and "The Manager must be entrepreneurial, creative, energetic, well-organized and capable of functioning in an independent environment. Excellent verbal and written communication skills are essential," the release stated.

The salary range listed for the position is \$28,000 to \$32,000 annually. The full job description is available at Wayne Main Street Manager Job Description. The complete application package must be received no later than 5 p.m. March 21 including a resume, letter of interest, employment history, three writing samples and three references. The application documents can be sent to: Wayne Ripple Effect 4097 Fourth St., Wayne, MI 48184 or as a Microsoft Word document or pdf file via e-mail to waynerippleeffect@gmail.com.

Deficit

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severe deficit predicted for 2014-15.

The city will not make the contribution to the Retired Lives Medical Coverage system in an effort to keep \$554,673 in the general fund. The system funds retiree's medical coverage and vision care, life insurance and sick

leave pay outs for current employees.

The city was scheduled to contribute \$1.9 million to the Retired Lives Medical Coverage system this year from the general fund.

According to city officials, failing to make the contribution is not a violation of state regulations or laws.

City council members are expected to schedule meetings to discuss specific cuts to ameliorate the deficit spending.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CONSIDERATION OF CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE TO
CANTON BURGER, INC
DBA: BAGGER DAVE'S BURGER TAVERN
2243 N. CANTON CENTER ROAD
CANTON, MICHIGAN 48187

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 58 of the Public Acts of 1998 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to Liquor License Ordinance, Chapter 6, Article II of the Charter Township of Canton, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a **Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 8, 2014**, in the Township Administration Building, Board Room, 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48187 (734-394-5122) at 7:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

To hear public comment and make a recommendation to the Michigan Liquor License Commission on the request of Canton Burger, Inc; DBA as Bagger Dave's Burger Tavern, issuance of a new Class C Liquor License to be located at 2243 North Canton Center Road, Canton Township, Canton, Michigan, 48187, Wayne County.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be offered an opportunity at the hearing to make any comments they may have regarding this request. Written comments may also be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton MI 48188 prior to the hearing date.

Terry G. Bennett, Canton Clerk
1150 South Canton Center Rd
Canton Mi. 49198
734-394-5120

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, May 13, 2014, at 7 p.m. in the First Floor Meeting Room at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton Michigan as part of its regular meeting.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request from Greenfield Die & Manufacturing, for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for personal property at their facility located at 7295 Haggerty Road within the Northeast Canton Industrial Development District, the legal description of which is as follows:

Situated in the Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, described as:

Legal Description: 01R1A1A1,2 12N1A1A1A1,2
PT OF SW 1/4 SEC 1 AND NW 1/4
SEC 12 T2S R8E DESC AS BEG AT
SW COR SEC 1
TH N 00DEG 33M 13S W 725.80FT
TH S 89DEG 27M 41S E 691.31FT
TH S 00DEG 33M 44S E 700.00FT
TH S 89DEG 27M 43S E 630.07FT
TH S 00DEG 33M 44S E 30.00FT
TH S 00DEG 01M 25S W 30.01FT
TH N 89DEG 27M 43S W 630.37FT
TH S 00DEG 01M 25S W 268.91FT
TH N 89DEG 58M 35S W 689.97FT
TH N 00DEG 11M 25S W 309.37FT
TO POB 17.24AC

Parcel# 003-99-0004-717

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Terry G. Bennett
Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA
APRIL 10, 2014

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals
THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2014 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188.

7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Jim Cisek, Craig Engel, Julia Perkins, Vicki Welty, Dawn Zuber
Alternate: Gregory Demopoulos

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes: MARCH 13, 2014 Minutes

General Calendar:

Bryan L. Finnerty, High Velocity Sports, 46245 Michigan Avenue Canton, MI 48187 applicant and Jamison W. Brown, livingLAB, 4444 Second Avenue Detroit MI 48201project representative for property located at 46245 Michigan Ave, Canton, MI 48188 on the South side of Michigan Avenue between Belleville Road and Research Drive, appealing Zoning Ordinance – General Provisions, Article 2.24 (a) Setbacks From Wetland Areas and Watercourses, Wetland Protection. Parcel 71-131-99-0016-702 (Planning)

Written comments need to be submitted prior to 4:30 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton, Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, Phone 734-394-5120.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
2014 SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM

HEARING OF NECESSITY FOR SIDEWALK REPLACEMENTS
IN THE FOLLOWING SUBDIVISIONS:
Aziz Estates Sub #1

Aziz Estates Sub #2
Camden Park
Cherry Blossom Estates
Dasher Heights
Hidden River Estates
Maple Ridge Woods
Pheasant Creek
Pheasant Creek North
Pheasant Woods
Sierra Heights #1
Sierra Heights #2
Sunflower North
Villa Maria
Westfield Estates
Miscellaneous Locations
Metro Act Locations

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Public Act 80 of the Public Acts of 1989 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the findings of necessity; assessment against owners of property; hearing; exceptions; notice of the Charter Township of Canton that the Board of the Charter-Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at the Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room for the proposed sidewalk replacements.

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S.E. 1/4 SECTION 24

Aziz Estates Sub #1
Aziz Estates Sub #2

Dasher Heights

N.W. 1/4 SECTION 24

Westfield Estates

Camden Park

N.E. 1/4 SECTION 9

Sunflower North

Villa Maria

N.W. 1/4 SECTION 22

Cherry Blossom Estates

S.E. 1/4 SECTION 14

Maple Ridge Woods

S.W. 1/4 SECTION 25

Hidden River Estates

N.E. 1/4 SECTION 23

Pheasant Creek
Pheasant Creek North
Pheasant Woods
Sierra Heights #1
Sierra Heights #2

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BELLEVILLE - ROMULUS

District awards \$1.18 million in repair contracts

Members of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education have approved more than \$1.18 million in improvements to district schools

The improvements are scheduled to be completed before classes begin this fall.

During the March 10 regular

board meeting, Eric Dumont from Plante Moran CRESA presented an overview of building improvements that are complete or nearly complete funded by the 2013 Sinking Fund. Dumont also discussed the plans for building improvements funded by the 2014 Sinking Fund.

The Sinking fund was approved

by voters in 2008 and provides from \$1.2 to \$1.5 million annually to be used for upgrades and repairs to school buildings.

Board members approved four contracts at the meeting including: \$559,845 contract to Fuller Mechanical for the Owen Intermediate School mechanical

system and controls upgrade; \$316,228 contract to DeMaria Building Co. for the rebuilding of eight lavatory rooms at Owen and six lavatory rooms at McBride; \$107,814 contract to low-bidder Allied Building Services for classroom lighting fixture replacement at Owen and McBride schools and

a \$192,356 contract to Hewitt Co., Inc. for the replacement and glazing of glass at Owen School.

The board members spent some time discussing the merits of each bid and the use of local businesses and union contractors but eventually awarded the contracts to the lowest bidders.

Romulus Athletic Center to host charity event

Visitors to the Romulus Athletic Center between noon and 8 p.m. Saturday, March 29 will be able to use the facilities at a reduced cost and benefit a local charity, too.

For a \$10 admission fee, visitors can enjoy swimming, basketball, volleyball, rock climbing, fitness classes, the hot tub and much more and half of the fee will be donated to the Christy's Legacy of Hope charity for orphaned children around the world. Attendees must mention Christy's Legacy of Hope or display a flier for the event to

receive the special price.

"It's a unique fundraiser," said Karen DePriest, who founded the charity to honor her late daughter Christy Lynn DePriest Wright. "The Romulus Athletic Center is an amazing place and there are so many fun activities. Everyone will have a great time."

The RAC, located at 35765 Northline Road at Wayne Road, is billed as Michigan's premier recreation facility for good reason. The center has thousands of members who visit for exercise, fun and spe-

cial events on a regular basis.

General Manager Andy McKay said the RAC and its staff are "honored" to partner with Christy's Legacy of Hope on the fundraising day.

"I invite everyone to come out and enjoy a day at the RAC to help support a great organization that does amazing work with orphaned children throughout the world," McKay said. "Spend your day in a healthy way with our five-pool water park, basketball and volleyball gyms, climbing wall, fitness

facilities and indoor walking track - and help Christy's amazing story carry on."

Before she died in May 2010 of a rare form of cancer, Christy spent five weeks teaching English to orphaned children in China. The young Taylor woman fell in love with her students and hoped one day to return to China and care for the orphaned children.

The non-profit charity continues Christy's vision, passion and commitment to orphans.

On the "day of fun," many of the

activities will be available throughout the entire eight hours, while others have scheduled times. Basketball courts will be available from noon to 4 p.m. Volleyball courts will be available from 4 to 8 p.m.

For more information about the Christy's Legacy of Hope Fun Day and other events, visit www.christyslegacyofhope.com, or Christy's Legacy of Hope's page on Facebook, call (313) 291-0352 or send email to christyslegacyofhope@live.com.



Signed up

National Signing Day soared into the halls of Romulus High School Feb. 5 as it is the first day that a high school senior can sign a binding National Letter of Intent with a member of the United States National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). Devonté Malcolm, front row, center, signed to Siena Heights University in Adrian. Fellow team mates Mike Hall, front row, left and Hakeem Shaw, front row, right, committed to Defiance College in Defiance, Ohio. Defensive Coordinator Mike Pitts, back row, from left, Principal Reggie Grantham, Principal Phyllis Atkins, Head Coach Thomas Patterson and Athletic Director Mark Woodson were all on hand to celebrate the signings of the football stars.

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, April 7, 2014, 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:

UPTOWN PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) AMENDMENT #4 - Consider Request to Amend the PDD As Permitted in Section 27.04 of the Zoning Ordinance Inclusive of Parcel Nos. 067 99 0011 704 (250 Denton), 067 99 0011 705, 067 99 0011 706 (520 Denton), 072 99 0003 705 (49810 Cherry Hill), 072 99 0003 708 (49650 Cherry Hill), 072 99 0003 707, 072 99 0003 709, 072 99 0003 710, 072 99 0015 701 (108-330 Ridge N., 50166-50348 Cherry Hill, 174-194 Presidential Way, 239 Fort Henry, 49855-50375 Uptown, 49921-50303 Roanoke, 233-452 North Roosevelt), 072 99 0015 702, 072 99 0015 703 (380 Ridge N. & 50377 Roanoke), 072 99 0015 704 (500 Ridge N.), 072 99 0017 701 (50400 Cherry Hill), 072 99 0019 704 and 072 01 0001 000 through 072 01 0018 000 (49930-50066 Cherry Hill). Property is located north of Cherry Hill Road, east of Ridge and Denton Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, April 3, 2014 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

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Uptown PDD Amendment #4 072-PDDA-1723

CREATED BY:
CANTON TWP. PLANNING SERVICES
1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD
CANTON, MI 48188
(734) 394-5260
CREATED ON:
March 13, 2014

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. 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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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

At its meeting on February 24 2014, City Council of the City of Romulus adopted a restated Chapter 39 Purchasing Ordinance of the Romulus Code of Ordinances.

It provides for the maximum amount of purchases of public improvements, materials, goods, and services that can be done without first being advertised for sealed proposals. In addition, it provides that contracts for public works or purchase of materials or goods over a specified amount must first be approved by Council, and for procedures for obtaining informal quotes for the purchase of materials, goods and services.

A true copy of this Ordinance is available in the Clerk's office for inspection or to obtain a copy.

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Adopted: 3/03/2014
Published: 3/20/2014

ELLEN L. CRAIG-BRAGG, CMC

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.

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A - ZONING, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, MICHIGAN, BY AMENDING ARTICLE 8.00 - AMENDING THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES ON THE ZONING MAP AS FOLLOWS:

SKELTON REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 121 99 0005 000 (4286 DENTON) FROM RR, RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R-2, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located south of Geddes Road and west of Denton Road.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, April 3, 2014 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

SEE ATTACHED MAP

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Skelton Rezoning 121-RZ-2018

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March 3, 2014

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NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

Drawing the line Local artist honored among illustrators of the year for 2014

Kirbi Fagan of Plymouth obviously made the right choice in her career.

Fagan, 23, only left Plymouth to attend the Kendall College of Art and Design in Grand Rapids where she obtained her bachelor's degree in illustration last spring. After graduation, she continued to study at the Illustration Master Class and attended a mentorship program with SmART School. Since then, she's put her talent as an illustrator to work and has recently been honored by no less than three separate professional groups.

She will be among the authors and illustrators honored during the 30th Annual L. Ron Hubbard Achievement Awards next month, was recently chosen as a runner up for the Rising Star award by the Muddy Colors Artists group and will featured as one of the Debut Illustrators by Children's MarketBook later this year.

Fagan was a familiar figure at the Plymouth Community Arts Council while in elementary and middle school where she performed in theater classes. It was while she was attending Canton High School that she realized illustration was the career path she wanted to pursue. From there, she knew her real goal was illustrations for publishing and she's been working from her home studio to fulfill her dream.

She's also returned to the Plymouth Community Arts Council as an instructor, something she said she really enjoys.

"I've been doing a program there, Drawn to the Night, with live model drawing for kids. I'm not

about copying pictures as a way to teach," Fagan said.

"I really believe live model drawing is the way to improve, and most kids never have a chance to do that. Each month I come up with a theme, I've done the 40s and medieval. I design a set with props, sometimes we have music.

"It's rare children have an opportunity to draw from live models," she said. Fagan praised the Plymouth Community Arts Council who she said were solidly behind her efforts to offer unique opportunities to young artists.

Fagan said she is also inspired by history and spends time digging through thrift or antique stores. She said the objects she finds contain stories and mysteries that invoke imagery.

Fagan is currently working on

two young adult novel covers which will be published later this year, which she said is her dream career.

"I'm working toward larger publishers," she said. "These are self-published authors and working with them is great."

"I'm really excited about getting more experience in creative work," she said.

Fagan said she feels honored to be among the Illustrators of the Future. "I'm in it with my whole heart," she said of her art career.

The highlight of the Illustrators of the Future award will be the announcement of the two grand prize winners who will each receive \$5,000. Quarterly winners also receive cash prizes from \$1,000 to \$500. Throughout the 30-year history of the contest, more than 650 writers and illustrators have been



Kirbi Fagan

recognized as winners. The Writers of the Future writing contest (www.writersofthefuture.com) was initiated by L. Ron Hubbard in 1983 for aspiring writers. The companion Illustrators of the Future Contest was created in 1988.

Surprise

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year as he entered only two or the four necessary competitions.

He said he really doesn't expect to com-

pete again, despite his pleasure at the honor.

"I hope to find a way for the ladies who work for me to compete. They are both more talented designers than I and deserve the opportunity to show off their abilities," West said.

Maybe so, but he could always surprise everyone again next year.

Taxes

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form with the "2014 Personal Property Statement" unlike Plymouth Township, which withheld the owner affidavits from the mailings.

Township Trustee Chuck Curmi spoke at a Feb. 13 board meeting regarding the new exemption after recently returning from a Michigan Townships Association seminar covering the new tax regulations. He suggested that the affidavits should have been mailed with the assessment information to businesses.

Reaume said at the February meeting that he felt it was unnecessary to include the owner affidavits with the personal property statements and described the state guidelines as "a suggestion" and "unclear." The tax assessments had already been mailed without the affidavits at that time, according to an informed source.

Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said that he was "confident we are within the law" in omitting the affidavits and said that the law "is not as clear as it should have been" regarding the responsibility of the township to provide the affidavits. He also said that the township would "try to be as liberal as possible with the rules" for businesses that missed the exemption.

Of the 11 bills Snyder signed last year affecting the taxation of personal property, most don't take effect until 2015. This single new personal property exemption of up to \$80,000 became effective Dec. 31, 2013 for the 2014 tax year. Under the new law, eligible personal property is exempt from taxation provided it meets certain criteria. Several of the new exemptions and other business tax

changes will face a statewide vote in August.

While there is a possibility the exemption might not be approved by voters in the August, 2014 election, or be repealed, the state provided guidelines and calendar dates for municipalities to notify resident taxpayers who might benefit from the exemptions this year.

Plymouth Township business owners who did not receive the required affidavit or did not meet the Feb. 10 deadline for filing that required form could pay an unjustified tax, according to Curmi.

"I want small business to receive their rightful exemptions. I want to make sure business people are not leaving money on the table," he said.

Curmi said he suspected thousands of small businesses in Plymouth might be affected.

"There are many home-based businesses in the township," he said.

Failing to file the required affidavit could result in a complete forfeiture of the tax exemption. The invalid taxes collected on personal property would go directly into the general fund of the township and not be shared by other taxing entities, a unique facet of personal property tax.

For instance, if a business owner having personal property with a true cash value of \$60,000 failed to file the required Affidavit of Owner of Eligible Personal Property the township assessor would place \$30,000 (50 percent of the total) on the tax roll and the business would receive an invoice for approximately \$1,400.

According to information posted on the State of Michigan website, taxpayers who failed to file the affidavit by Feb. 10 could file an appeal with the March Board of Review to claim their exemption. However, March 15 was the last scheduled Plymouth Township Board of Review meeting.

Building proposal heard by council

Northville city officials took no action regarding a proposed 30,000 to 40,000-square-foot, four-story building on the south side of Cady Street, just east of Center.

A development group including associate real estate broker Andrew Daily architects Dave Mielock and Greg Presley and Realtor Patti Mullen approached members of the city council earlier this month to explore the possibility of obtaining a city-owned lot on Cady adjacent to property they purchased. The development plan they proposed includes a mixed use building with commercial use on the first floor and six to eight condominium units on the upper floors.

The group is exploring the possibility of trading or purchasing the city property and said the current plan they are developing is

not feasible without the adjacent city land. The area is currently zoned Central Business District and allows buildings up to four stories.

In a letter to the city council members, Daily said, "We believe our project will be a precedent setting development for Cady Street and would like to work with the City of Northville to develop the best possible project for the City of Northville."

Mayor Chris Johnson said the city would need to do due diligence in choosing the best proposal for the area. He said the proposal set a tone for the area but that the council needed to look at other ideas and plans for the area in an effort to choose the most beneficial for the entire community.

City council members took no action.



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OPINION

Choice of Canton for new facility was wise

When we first heard about the new research facility coming to Canton Township, we have to admit to a little attitude. Because, to us, it's about time that Canton was recognized state-wide and nationally for the exceptional community it is. That it was chosen as one of only three such research laboratories in the country and that the federal government would be pouring more than \$70 million into the facility and private industry another \$70 million or so made us smile broadly and take a "we told you so" attitude.

For decades, literally, Canton Township has been the epitome of good local government at work. When the township faced some financial shortfalls due to drops in tax revenue several years back, officials took immediate corrective action and put the township back on a very sound financial footing. They managed to achieve that admirable goal without putting any undue burden on the residents or businesses and continued to provide some of the best public service in the state.

One of the things that we feel sets Canton apart is the shared attitude of all the elected officials there. Service to the public seems ingrained with them. They, and every employee we have ever encountered in Canton Township Hall, all seem to share a genuine desire to help people. They

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all seem to believe that it is their job to serve the best interests of township residents, even if they might be having a bad day.

We have heard countless residents talk about the service they have received when visiting the Canton Township Administration Building. We've heard repeatedly about how Supervisor Phil LaJoy took the time to become involved in a resident's problem or answer a question. We've heard, too, about Township Clerk Terry Bennett coming out of her office to help people with questions or concerns. Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin is considered an anomaly by residents who have had less-than-cordial receptions in other communities. She is, like Bennett, reportedly willing to personally help residents and others who may have questions or need assistance.

The public safety department, both police and fire, is exemplary in Canton Township and continue to quietly and

efficiently provide some of the very best service in the state.

So with all that, it was no wonder to us that the federal government and the task force members chose Canton to house this new facility. Initial reports were that the facility would provide nearly 10,000 jobs between the Canton research laboratory, which will work on developing light metals for industry, and Ohio.

The University of Michigan, Wayne State University, Michigan State University, Michigan Tech, Alcoa, Boeing, General Electric, Honda North America and Lockheed Martin are all a part of the consortium that will send research engineers and developers to the Canton facility to improve the materials used in manufacturing across the nation.

This "teaching facility" which will see flocks of burgeoning engineers is quite a coup for Canton Township and for the state but it is no more than the community deserves. They have the infrastructure and the environment to handle this project with efficiency and grace.

We think the federal task force assigned with making this decision did a fine job in choosing Canton. Actually, we don't think they could have done any better.

Congratulations.

Bad press undeserved in Romulus

The Romulus Police Department took some pretty hard knocks in the last year or so and all the horrible accusations surrounding the former chief and several detectives on the force are once again front and center in the media.

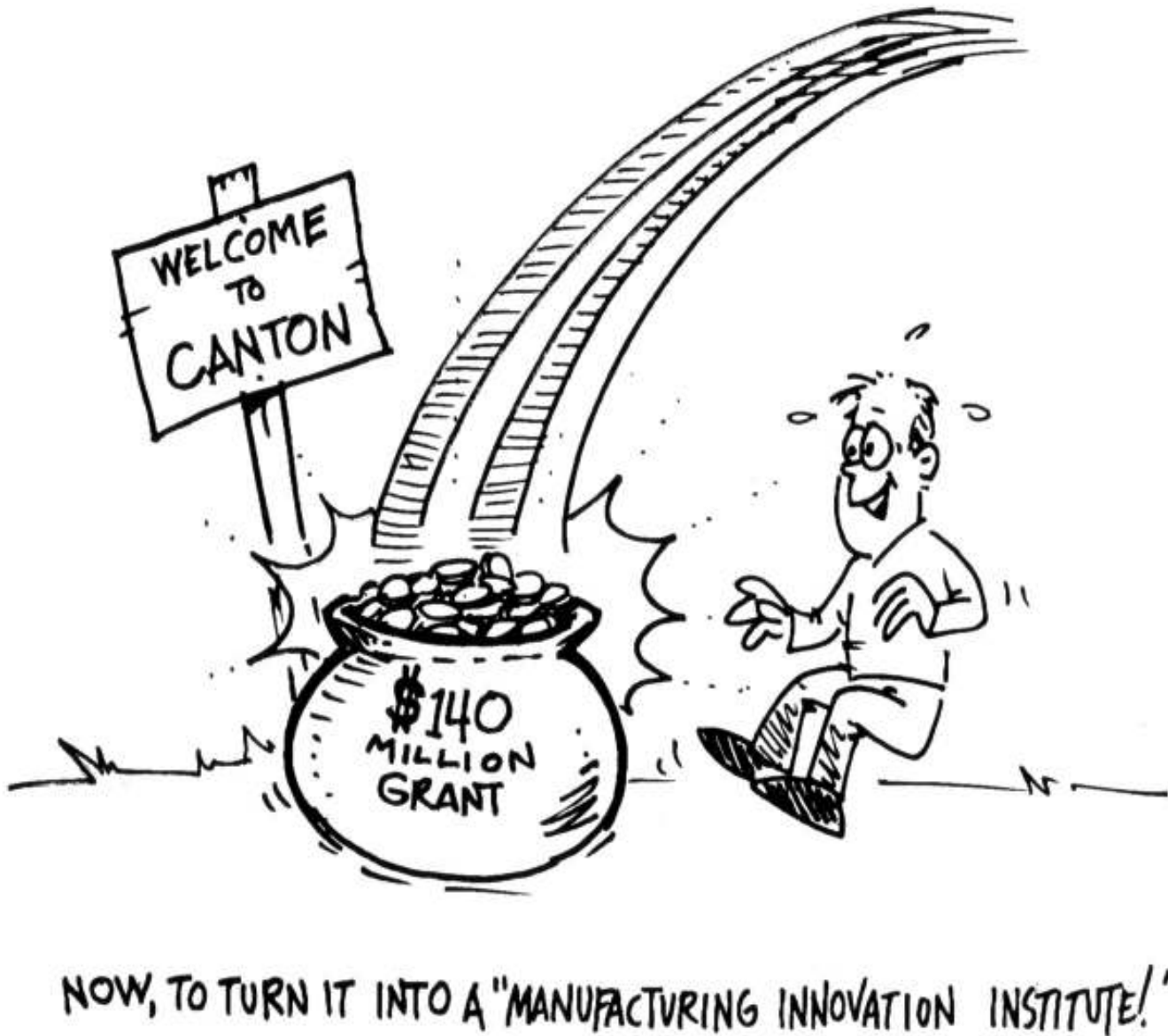
We can only hope that everyone realizes that what was past is past and the new city administration and command officials in Romulus are doing some remarkable work to earn back the trust and confidence of the community. One of those many efforts began three years ago with the Romulus officers taking Random Acts of Kindness Week to the streets. Patrol officers began stopping motorists driving carefully and rewarding them with Subway gift certificates, a pleasant surprise for many drivers in the area.

This year, Ofc. Keith Haynes took the effort even further and involved several volunteer students from the high school. Rather than gift certificates to drivers, Haynes took suggestions from local mail carriers and located homes in the city where the snow and ice were in need of shoveling. Haynes and several other officers, some city officials and the student volunteers showed up on porches and in driveways of senior citizens and shut-ins, bright red shovels in hand, and began to clear the walks, driveways and porches.

We call that a real community effort and a random act of kindness that won't soon be forgotten.

This was a great idea and the officials and officers in the city and the police department deserve high praise for this effort to take public safety right to the front door of local residents. Let's face it, police interaction with high school students and most members of the public, is usually not a happy experience.

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Can we just blame it on the old-lady birthday?

It's been a bad couple of weeks. Seriously.

While I was thinking about how badly my head hurt, I transposed a young woman's name in her wedding announcement and managed to make her mother's first name her last name and then proceeded to make about a dozen typos in the announcement of her upcoming big day. I can only imagine how popular I was when she and her family opened the paper and read that miasma of mistakes just before her wedding day.

There is only one excuse I can think of, well, other than the four-day migraine headache, for making such a mess of her life-changing announcement.

It was the birthday.

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I don't need the aggravation of some old fat woman wearing my clothes.

See, I really didn't think it would bother me, because usually, they don't. Hey, I'm old, I've gotten used to that fact of life. My body sure doesn't look the way it did in my 30s or even my 40s—and to be honest, well, things no longer work exactly the way they did decades ago either: Ya think?

Especially my brain. See, I used to be a reasonably bright woman. Yeah, I know, hard to believe, but honestly, I did OK on Jeopardy, often, much better than OK. Like, I never, ever missed the Final Jeopardy question...I was, truly, almost infallible and it was a matter of great pride and ego with me.

Then the years started to creep up on me, I guess, because recently, during the Tournament of Champions, that damn Alex stumped me, twice.

Then last month, after weeks of hanging over my head like a black cloud, the dreaded birthday arrived. I was truly miserable.

My beloved spouse made one of

his most valiant efforts ever at cheering me up, too. He sent flowers, he bought jewelry, he arranged a special lunch...and I was just so preoccupied with officially turning into such an old woman, I could barely enjoy it.

Did you get that part about the jewelry? I mean, I must have truly been miserable if I couldn't appreciate that. It was really, really great jewelry.

So, I've realized that I have been stressed about that big number and the big day and being old for several weeks. And, believe it or not, I have plenty of other things to be stressed and anxious about. I don't need the aggravation of some old fat woman wearing my clothes.

Yep, there I was in a local store and happened to glance up at a mirror, something I try to avoid at all costs lately. There she was, this old, tired fat woman wearing my coat. When I realized I was looking at myself, I ran back to the office to check out plastic surgeons on the internet. With enough money, and

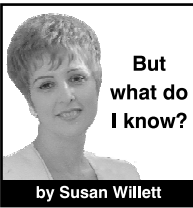
time, I could look 29 again, but unfortunately, I don't have enough of either: Maybe I'll start giving my age in Celsius.

Don't give me any of that "You're only as old as you feel," crap, either; because, dammit, I feel old. "Age is only a number; after all." Yeah, well so is your IQ, which in my case no longer seems to reach room temperature.

Old is old is old and the young have absolutely no tolerance for it. They make fun of us old folks who don't understand tweeting, sexting and all that other stuff that keeps many of them from ever experiencing face-to-face interaction with other humans.

Don't get me wrong, it isn't that I don't understand what it is or how it works, I just don't understand anybody, of any age, wanting to be involved in or participating in it. Really, who cares what your lunch or dinner looked like? When I get feeling like my meals are that important to anybody but the wait-person or me, I'll know that I really have begun that rapid decline down the slippery slope of senility.

And after the mess I made of that wedding announcement, I apparently don't have far to go.



But what do I know?
by Susan Willett

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‘Big Family’ to benefit from Mom2Mom sale

A local 'Big Family' is getting some needed help from the Canton Newcomers and Neighbors Club.

Big Family of Michigan is a non-profit organization that serves the needs of foster children and young adults. Those efforts are funded by donations and fundraisers like the one the Canton Newcomers and Neighbors Club members are planning next month.

Club members will host the annual Mom2Mom sale from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, April 5 at the Summit on the Park Banquet Center 46000 Summit Pkwy, Canton. Proceeds from the sale this year will benefit Big Family of Michigan. New and gently used

maternity, baby and children's items, including furniture and play equipment, will be offered at 50 different tables sponsored by members of the community. Admission is \$1 for anyone over 12 years of age.

“A few years ago, I followed an issue of 18 year old youths aging out of the foster care system,” said Noreen Rybar, president of the Canton Newcomers and Neighbors Club. “It seemed absurd to me. I then read with interest about the work of Big Family of Michigan and the support they give to these young adults. It was also wonderful to learn that Canton's own Javon Coppins was the recipient of a

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We feel very fortunate to be chosen as this years' charity.

\$1000 scholarship from Big Family to attend the Michigan Institute of Aviation Technology. Our board was pleased to choose Big Family of Michigan to benefit from our annual fundraiser.”

“We feel very fortunate to be chosen as this years' charity,” said Jeanne Fowler, founder of Big Family of Michigan. “The funds we receive from the Canton

Newcomers and Neighbors Club are greatly needed and will support our ongoing youth programs. The sale is also a wonderful opportunity for young mothers to get great deals on items they need as their families grow.”

Formed more than 40 years ago, the Canton Newcomers and Neighbors Club is a social and charitable group. The club's motto

“where neighbors become friends,” sums up their goal of gathering the community together at hosted family events such as: Book Clubs, Playgroups, Couples' Social, Let's Do Dinner, Walking, Chick Flick Nights, and others. Showroom of Elegance in Canton is the major sponsor of the club.

Carrie Pollaccia is the chairperson of the April fundraiser and additional sponsorship support is provided by Dave & Busters. Persons interested in participating in the sale may contact Pollaccia at (313) 520-5626 or cpollaccia1975@yahoo.com or Rybar at (734) 981-0486 or nrybar@yahoo.com.

Temple offers free health fair

Two free health fairs which will include physician advice, blood tests, cholesterol, prostate, blood sugar and other testing will be offered by the Hindu Temple of Canton Township next month.

The free screenings will be available from 9 a.m. until noon April 6 to the first 350 individuals who sign up at the temple by March 31. The temple is located on Cherry Hill Road east of Canton Center Road. Registration is also available at thehindutemple.org or www.mapiusa.org. As many as 70 doctors are expected to be involved with the event, open to Canton residents and others. Oakwood Hospital-Wayne and the Michigan Association of Physicians of Indian

Origin have joined with the temple to provide the health fairs.

Those who register for blood testing at the April 6 event must be 18 years of age or older: Those patients are asked to fast after midnight to facilitate the testing. They will be asked to return to the temple for the 9 a.m. until noon April 27 health fair to discuss their results with doctors.

The April 27 health fair will also offer care to walk-ins and provide blood pressure and hearing testing.

The fairs have been planned in an effort to help those who may have delayed medical treatment because of the cost, according to a prepared release.

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rience. Officers see people at some of the most emotional and most stressful times of their lives, be it as victims or suspects. This type of interaction shows people that these officers are people, too.

This, we think, is community policing at its best. These officers are demonstrating to the residents they have helped, to the neighbors of those helped, to the students and to the entire city that they are a part of the community. They are showing that they really do

have an interest in the well being of the neighborhoods, whether it's protecting the residents from crime, or helping those who may just need a hand during some bad times.

These are the acts and the conduct we would like everyone to recall and remember as the trials of those who didn't take their oath to protect and serve seriously become front page news again. The Romulus Police Department is a force of fine men and women who go the extra mile to serve and protect their community.

They should be judged by what they do today and the efficiency and dedication they display as a department, not by the salacious conduct of those who preceded them.



Just believe

Forever After Productions is bringing Peter Pan Jr. to the stage at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. Performances begin with a 7 p.m. show tonight, tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday. Matinee performances are at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 22 and Sunday, March 23. Tickets are \$16. All seats are reserved with group rates available. Purchase tickets at www.ShowTix4U.com, or call (734) 547-5156. Tickets can be purchased in person at the Forever After Productions office, 50429 Independence Street in Canton. The cast of young performers, ages 6 -14 represent several local communities including, Northville, Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, Ypsilanti, Westland and Ann Arbor.

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 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.

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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

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Calendar

Legislator sets coffee hour

State Rep. Kurt Heise is hosting a coffee hour to give residents a convenient opportunity to meet with him locally and discuss state or local issues.

Heise will be talking with residents from 7:30 to 9 a.m. on Friday, March 21 at Panera Bread, located at 400 S. Main St. in Plymouth. No appointment is necessary.

Heise is also available to meet with constituents by appointment either in the district or at his Lansing office. Residents are invited to call toll free 1-855-REPKURT or e-mail kurtheise@house.mi.gov to schedule an appointment.

Hare applications available

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts will again sponsor the Hares on The Square display for 2014, formerly called Bunnies on Main.

Applications and "Hare Cages" will be available, upon payment of the \$10 entry fee, from March 21 through April 6 at Michigan PC Tech located at 397 Main St., Suite 3 in Belleville.

Completed hares must be returned to Belleville City Hall between Tuesday, April 8 and Friday, April 11. Hares will be on display in Fourth Street Square beginning Monday, April 14. Prizes will be awarded at the May 5 city council meeting.

Full details and rules are available on the application or by calling (734) 697-8123.

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, cole 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

Charity hockey game set

Westland Mayor William R. Wild along with his Westland Wild Wings, are once again ready to lace up their skates for the 5th Annual Red Wing Alumni Charity hockey game. The game will take place at the Mike Modano Ice Arena (6210 N. Wildwood) at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 21.

Tickets for the event are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets can be purchased at the mayor's office, the Mike Modano Ice Arena and Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union, 500 S. Wayne Road. Seating is limited.

Church hosts Legacy Five

Bethany Bible Church of Belleville will host Legacy Five in concert beginning at 7 p.m. March 22.

Advance tickets are priced at \$13 and tickets at the door, if available, will be \$15. Children 12 and younger will be admitted for \$7.

The church is located at 810 E. Huron River Dr. in Belleville.

For ticket information, call (734) 697-7456 or visit www.bethanybiblechurch.com or www.LegacyFive.com.

Samurai exhibit is topic

The Northville District Library will host two programs featuring the Detroit Institute of Arts current exhibition, Samurai: Beyond

the Sword. This visual presentation explores the world of Japanese Samurai. Broadening the stereotype of the warrior, the program explores the role of the military arts and the importance of Samurai engagement in the cultural, spiritual and art worlds of their time.

Call (248) 349-3020 to register for the 2 p.m. March 24 program or the program planned for 7 p.m. March 31.

The program will take place in the main Carlo Reading Room of the library, located at 212 West Cady St. in downtown Northville.

Parenting classes offered

Northville Youth Assistance is offering a four-session Love and Logic parenting class for parents of teens from 7-9 p.m. Mondays from March 24 - April 14 at the Northville Community Center. The fee to participate is \$30 per person, which includes a hardcover copy of Foster Cline's book "Parenting Teens with Love and Logic". Space is limited, and you advance registration is required at (248) 344-1618 or youthassistance@twp.northville.mi.us.

State of the City addressed

The Wayne Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the State of the City Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. March 27 at the Woodlands of Van Buren Golf Course. The mayor and City of Wayne officials will present news surrounding economic development efforts, the state of the business community in Wayne, and finish with a question and answer session if time permits.

The event will include 30 minutes of networking time from 11:30 until noon when lunch will be served. The cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members.

For more information or to reserve a seat, call (734) 721-0100.

Official announcement celebrated

The Main Street Kickoff Party will take place from 6-8 p.m. March 25 at the Towne Square Plaza, formerly Metro Mall, in Wayne.

Members of The Ripple Effect, a community revitalization group, will make the official announcement celebrating the recent acceptance of Wayne into the Select Level of the Michigan Main Street program

There will be refreshments provided and residents will be encouraged to share their ideas for the future of downtown Wayne.

To RSVP, access waynerippleeffect@gmail.com

Democrats United sets meetings

The Western Wayne Democrats United will meet at 6:30 p.m. the last Thursday of each month.

The next meeting is set for March 27 at UAW Local 174, 29841 Van Born Road in Romulus.

According to a spokesperson, the club members work to ensure the government is communicating with the people by addressing the issues that are vital to their livelihood. "We are committed to creating and supporting the communities' efforts of policy/legislature change and grassroots initiatives by encouraging 'Get Out The Vote' because 'Primaries are Priority'," she said in a prepared release.

Health coverage Expo set

Wayne County Health and Human Services Department will sponsor a health coverage Expo from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. March 29 at the Western Campus of Wayne County Community College District in Belleville.

The expo will include information about

Chambers sponsor joint legal workshop

Sue Ellen Eisenberg will be the presenter at a free I'll See You In Court workshop sponsored by Wayne County Community College District and the Belleville, Romulus, Wayne and Westland chambers of commerce.

The workshop, which will help employers with training and guidance on topics such as lawfully disciplining employee, from hiring to firing; complying with federal and state guidelines in key areas such as discrimination, harassment, wage and hour and accommodation of employee

disability and proactive measures to insulate businesses from liabilities, will take place from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, March 26.

The workshop is free to all chamber members.

It will take place at the Wayne County Community College Western Campus, 9555 Haggerty Road in Belleville.

Registration will begin at 12:30 and lunch will be provided.

To register or for more information, call (734) 697-7151, (734) 893-0694, (734) 721-0100 or (734) 326-7222.

Medicaid and Health Michigan enrollment, health insurance application support, marketplace enrollment, federally certified Affordable Care Act navigators, environmental service, WIC services, Head Start, smoking cessation, nutrition education and other community resources.

Those attending are asked to bring proper documentation; driver's license or identification card, Social Security number; proof of income. unemployment benefits for family members and any existing health insurance information.

The Western Campus is located at 9555 Haggerty Road in Belleville.

For more information, access www.waynecounty.com or call (313) 224-0810.

March Into Madness set

The Wayne Community Center is sponsored March Into Madness from 6-10 p.m. March 29.

Wayne Westland children 6-13 can enjoy a night of swimming games pizza and pop for \$13. Non-resident fee is \$16 per child.

Participants must bring a lined bathing suit, towel, tennis shoes and lots of energy.

For registration or more information, call (734)721-7400. The program must have a minimum of 10 children or face cancellation.

Food for Fines accepted

From April 1-30, the Romulus Public Library will accept non-perishable food items in lieu of fines.

The library will forgive \$1 in fines for each item donated. The program is sponsored by Gleaners and The Library Network.

For more information, call the library at (734) 942-7580.

Senior driving program offered

The AARP will offer a refresher driving course for motorists 50 years and older from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. April 1 and 2.

The cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Students can refresh driving skills and learn new rules of the road. The course will also cover research-based driving strategies to increase safety behind the wheel.

Some insurance companies offer discounted rates to those who complete the course, a spokesperson said.

Students can register and pre-pay at the Wayne Senior Services office through March 26.

There are no tests to complete with the course.

Square foot gardening discussed

The basics of square-foot gardening including building, planting and maintaining beds will be discussed by James Lee from 2-3:30 p.m. March 22 at the Romulus Public Library.

The lesson is free and the library is located at 11121 Wayne Road.

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



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