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Recently, members of the Westland, Inkster and Garden City police department were honored for their heroics during a fire at Westland Presbyterian Village in January.

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## Supervisor to be named on Tuesday

Don Howard  
Staff Writer

Residents of Plymouth Township willing to become the municipal supervisor have until 7 p.m. tomorrow to notify the board of trustees of their interest in the job vacated by Richard Reaume last week.

Candidates need only be a township resident and a registered voter, according to a legal opinion rendered to the board of trustees. Included with a letter of interest should be a resume and any other qualification documentation appropriate to the position.

Reaume, who sent a formal letter of resignation to the board and Township Clerk Nancy Conzelman from one of his Florida homes last Sunday, will

officially retire April 6. State law allows the board of trustees 45 days from that date to fill the vacancy by appointment. After that time, the Wayne County Clerk would call a special election to fill the top job in the township.

Following township charter procedures, the board met in a special session last Saturday and unanimously elected first-term clerk Conzelman as the interim president pro-tem of the board. In that capacity, she chaired the standing-room-only meeting and facilitated the discussion of the procedures and process to name a new township superintendent, which was somewhat contentious.

Kurt Heise, the current Republican state representative has publicly declared his inter-



State Rep. Kurt Heise, who has announced his interest in the supervisor's post, listens to the discussion at the meeting Saturday. Photo by Don Howard

est in the job, while former township and city police chief and Republican Party activist Carl Berry told the 11th Republican District representatives at a meeting last week that he "would be willing to serve"

and said he has had "many phone calls" urging him to take the job. Heise has said that the township "is in crisis" and needs leadership. Berry told his party

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## Memories Alumni hope to preserve high school artifacts

The large brick structure stands empty on Michigan Avenue, soon to be razed to the ground like so many other empty buildings in the area. Unlike many others, however, this is a special building to many residents who walked the halls, attended classes, cheered their sports heroes and walked across the stage to receive their diplomas from Inkster High School.

The hallways at the school are filled with memories even though most all the fixtures and furniture was sold off at auction last year. The school was closed, along with the others in the Inkster School District, by the State of Michigan in 2013, due to the dire financial condition of the district. The 940 students at the high school were assigned to neighboring districts along with the buildings and property. Inkster High School has become the responsibility of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service (RESA).

"They can destroy the building but they can't kill the spirit," said Dee Richardson, a former member of the Inkster District Board of Education and the Inkster City Council.

Richardson, along with a group of



Inkster High School, built in 1952, will be demolished by order of the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency.

about 25 alumni of the school, is working to establish an Inkster High School museum to preserve the memorabilia and artifacts from the school, built originally in 1952, according to 40-year district veteran and former Superintendent of Schools and CEO Manuel Wilson. Richardson and her husband, James, who was also on the Inkster board of education for many years, Wilson and Norma McDaniel are leading the new Inkster High School Viking Alumni Foundation, a 501 c 3 organization, working to preserve the history of Inkster High School.

Richardson said she was unclear as to when the high school would come down but knew that attempts to sell the building had been futile. Most of the equipment and furnishings went up for auction last May in a sale ordered by RESA officials.

"We're told the high school and the other school buildings are coming down," Richardson said.

The new group is hoping to find a suit-

able building to house the artifacts and memorabilia along with funding to continue the preservation of the items from the school that have already been collected.

"It is so disheartening to see the schools coming down," Richardson said. "We want people to remember that we had a school district. We had a good school district at one time and a lot of famous people from Inkster graduated from that high school."

Richardson said the group is now looking for alumni of the high school to help establish the museum.

"We're reaching out to representatives of each graduating class," she said, "hoping to get them interested in helping."

Richardson said the destruction of the high school building will be another loss to the community.

For more information or to help with the effort, contact Richardson at (734) 595-6593, McDaniel at (734) 658-7363 or Wilson at manuelwilson197@hotmail.com.

## Northville schools to ask for millage renewal

Voters in the Northville Public Schools district will be asked to renew a 0.9978 millage at the polls May 5.

The school district is asking voters to renew the Building Site and Sinking Fund millage originally approved in 2011 and used to make repairs across the 10 district school buildings and other facilities. The 0.9978-mill request is a renewal and will not result in a tax increase for school district homeowners, a district spokesperson stressed.

If approved, the millage renewal will provide the district with about \$2.5 million for each of the next five years from 2016 through 2020 - the current sinking fund millage, also for five years, which will expire on Dec. 31.

"Strong schools are the foundation of a strong community and maintaining optimal learning facilities is a key piece of the puzzle in preparing our students to live and work in the 21st century world," said Northville Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher. "We are grateful for the incredible support of our school families and community members who recognize the relationship between

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exemplary schools and strong property values, and who make the education of our young people a top priority."

During the past decade, severe cuts in state funding for public schools has forced the school district to delay necessary repairs to school buildings in order to protect the learning that takes place in the classroom, she added. Since the 2008-09 school year, the district per-pupil allocation from the state - which is the primary source of funding for ongoing operations - has been reduced from \$8,538 to \$8,099, a \$3 million loss in annual revenues.

"If approved, the sinking fund renewal funds will help preserve general fund dollars to accomplish the district's core mission of instruction and student learning; enable students to learn in a safe, secure and healthy environment; protect the community's investment in our school district build-

ings; and maintain appropriate learning facilities that make Northville a place that families want to live, work and have their children go to school," Gallagher said. "And, it will keep Northville taxpayer dollars in Northville!"

All but three Northville school buildings are 40 or more years old, and like residential and commercial structures reaching this age, major building system and site repairs are needed to maintain the district's facilities, she added.

"These projects that would be paid for through the sinking fund renewal represent the same sorts of regular repairs and improvements we do around our homes in order to protect our investment and keep our families safe and healthy," said Northville Board of Education President Cyndy Jankowski. "Our community has invested a great deal in our school district and the May 5 sinking fund renewal election is an opportunity for the community to protect that investment."

A Facility Condition Assessment was con-

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# CANTON - PLYMOUTH

## Students at district radio station honored

Bill Keith is a proud man these days.

Earlier this month, eight of the students he manages at the Plymouth Canton Community Schools radio station, WSDP 88.1 The Park, were honored with awards by the Michigan Association of Broadcasters Foundation.

The awards were presented to the students during the annual conference and expo of the state group on March 11.

"We're always excited to see our students shine among the best of the best in Michigan. They continue to create great radio that is worthy of the recognition that they receive. I'm so proud of them," Keith said in a prepared statement.

The Canton Educational Park students were selected from 400 high school entries from 23 schools in the radio and television competition.

Awards presented included

First Place for On Air Personality or Team to Annie Wellman, a Plymouth High School Senior and Valerie Sanders, a senior at Salem High School. Michael Adzima, a junior at Plymouth High School, and Christian Alvarado, a Salem High School junior, won Honorable Mention awards in the same category.

First Place awards for Newscast or News Feature went to Salem High School Junior Caitlin Flora, Plymouth High

School Junior Kaley Ross and Canton Senior Alyce Krumm.

Honorable Mention in that category went to Sanders, Wellman and Krumm.

Krumm was also honored with a First Place award in the Talk Show category.

Adzima and Krumm were also honored with Second Place awards in the Michigan High School Athletic Association Sports Public Service Announcement category.

Honorable Mention for a promotional announcement went to Cameron Waarala, a senior at Canton High School.

Krumm was also awarded Second Place in the Current Events Program category.

The radio station is owned and operated by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and students at Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools serve as staff members. The station has been serving the community for 43 years.

## Supervisor

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members that he would "stabilize the township" but would not seek re-election to the job. Berry was accompanied at the Saturday meeting by three party delegates.

Also long-rumored to be interested in the position is current Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price, who has not yet made any formal declaration about his candidacy for the job at press time.

A hesitant Conzelman was convinced to allow public comment by Trustee Chuck Curmi, the single no vote on her appointment as interim board president, at the Saturday meeting. Trustee Bob Doroshewitz made it clear that he would support a candidate from the current elected board and is not in favor of an outside person being named to the job. Doroshewitz has also been rumored to be interested in the supervisor's position. He said that an outside candidate could not understand the significant problems the board faces and that this was a chance for the current elected officials to start anew and correct problems in the township. Doroshewitz indicated he would make a decision about seeking the appointment this week. Curmi has also been suggested as a candidate for the supervisor's position.

Obviously concerned about decorum, there was a significant police presence at the 2 1/2 hour meeting including five officers and Police Chief Tom Tiderington. The board members officially voted to accept Reaume's resignation without comment.

During discussion of qualifications and the time frame for the appointment to the job, Treasurer Ron Edwards, who along with Reaume, Trustee Kay Arnold and Conzelman is facing a recall effort, said, "I need someone I can work with."

Reaume, and the other recall targets, faced strong criticism for approval of a

controversial \$2 million recreational plan proposed by Edwards for the township and approving other covert projects, along with several lawsuits and an ongoing federal investigation. Residents have been protesting the recreation plan and the expenses during public meetings for months.

Members of the committee gathering signatures on the recall petitions were not surprised by Reaume's resignation.

Organizer Sandy Groth said that the group would continue to hold the board accountable and continue to solicit signatures on the recall petitions.

"We think Richard's (Reaume) departure is good for the township...he was seriously lacking in leadership ability and public service skills as evidenced by his erratic behavior at board of trustee meetings in the past years," Groth said. She also suggested that it was inappropriate for the board to allow Reaume to continue to receive his salary until April 6 while he remains in Florida.

"We deserve better," she said.

Attorney and recall committee organizer Chris Hunter agreed that the effort to oust the other members of the board would continue.

"Mr. Reaume's resignation comes as no surprise. We feel the recall effort was very influential in the timing of this decision, and we plan to continue our efforts. This is a real testament to the township residents who came out to voice their concerns about the actions of certain trustees, and especially to those who volunteered their time seeking signatures in order to have their voices heard.

"It is our sincere hope the remaining trustees under recall will listen to the township citizens and start working with us, instead of for their own personal interest," he said.

The board members are expected to name a new supervisor at the March 31 meeting after a review of applicants and interviews. The new supervisor will serve until November of 2016, when Reaume's current term expires.

## Suspect arrested in Canton garage thefts

The man accused of breaking and entering several garages in a Canton Township subdivision has been arrested and charged.

Paul Allen Ziolkowski, 42, from Inkster, was arraigned in 35th District Court March 13 on three charges of breaking and entering, each a 10-year felony, along with a charge of habitual offender second offense charge.

Last month, the Canton Police Department received a call from a resident who had observed a suspicious person looking in open garages in her neighborhood, near Lilley and Palmer roads. Officers responded to the location and were able to make contact with the subject. From there

an investigation was conducted by detectives, resulting in the arrest of Ziolkowski.

"We feel this arrest is a direct result of a resident being aware of her neighborhood surroundings and reporting the suspicious activity to the police," said Special Services Lieutenant Craig Wilsher.

"This is an excellent example of teamwork, starting with an alert resident, followed by diligent police work and a thorough follow-up investigation, to bring the criminal to justice," Wilsher added.

Judge James A. Plakas set Ziolkowski's bond at \$100,000 cash and scheduled his preliminary court hearing on the charges at the 35th District Court on April 4. A not guilty plea was entered on his behalf.

## Middle school is named

Liberty Middle School in Canton Township will replace Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth.

The name for the newest building in the Plymouth Canton Community Schools District was unanimously chosen by the members of the board of education last week.

The new \$29.2 million, 134,500 building will be constructed at Cherry Hill and Canton Center roads on property the district already owns.

The construction is expected to be complete and ready for occupancy by August. The building was funded by a bond issue approved by voters in 2013.

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# NORTHVILLE - WESTLAND

## Police officers honored for bravery during fire

They ran into a building fully engulfed in flames, kicked open locked doors and broke out apartment windows to rescue panicked residents of the Presbyterian Village Retirement Community last January.

Last week, their heroics, and the above and beyond efforts of Westland police officers and dispatchers, along with officers from the Inkster and Garden City were formally honored by the City of Westland.

Westland Deputy Police Chief Brian Miller honored 14 police officers and four dispatchers for their life-saving actions during the Jan. 15 fire at Presbyterian Village during the police department roll call.

"As officers, they put their lives on the line every day," said Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik.

"They take risks in their jobs that most people will never experience and our priority is to keep our citizens safe. I am so proud of the work our officers do every day and they deserve special recognition."

Life Saving Awards went to officers: Westland Sgts. Robert Kenyon and James Francisco, Westland Ofcs. Matt Allen, James Compton, Robert Fruit, Cale Furney, Derek Gomez, Bryan Jachym, Edward Pawlowski, and Andrew Techendorf, Inkster Sgt. Shawn Kritzer, Inkster Ofcs. William Melendez and Philip Randazzo and Garden City Ofc. Tom Pelaccio.

Department citations for their actions in the fire went to Westland dispatchers Adrienne Carter, Angela Clark, Michelle Randolph and Michelle McNulty.

The Presbyterian Village fire was



Westland police officers and dispatchers were honored for their exemplary life-saving performance recently.

reported at about 1:47 a.m. Jan. 15. When firefighters from the Wayne Westland Fire Authority arrived, along with Westland Garden City and Inkster police departments, at the senior apartment complex at 32001 Cherry Hill Road, the building was fully engulfed in flames, according to official reports of the incident.

Police officers immediately took action and began evacuating residents without regard for their own safety. Without hesitation officers kicked open locked doors and broke out apartment windows to evacuate the residents, Jedrusik said in a prepared statement.

Some residents were unable to walk and had to be carried from the smoke-filled and burning building by officers, he added.

"After transporting the residents to safety, many officers reentered the burning building, again risking their own lives, to locate additional residents in need of assistance," Jedrusik added.

Officers and fire department personnel evacuated 30-40 residents from the buildings, according to official reports of the incident. Jedrusik credited the police officers and firefighters at the scene for saving the lives of each of those residents.

## Senator to host public healthcare forum on Monday

Senator Patrick Colbeck will host a public healthcare forum featuring some of the most prominent healthcare providers from 7-9 p.m. March 30 at the Northville Township Hall auditorium, 44405 Six Mile Road in Northville.

The discussion topic will be the integration of Direct Primary Care Services (DPCS) into the Michigan healthcare system under the context of the Affordable Care Act

(Obamacare).

Discussions will focus around three areas: Patients - DPCS provides patients with access to high quality preventive care at a much lower cost than other high-deductible insurance options; Doctors - DPCS returns the doctor-patient relationship to its intended format, allowing for direct doctor-patient care without the regulatory interference by government and

insurance companies and Employers - DPCS provides employers with the opportunity to provide employees with better healthcare coverage for 20 percent less in costs.

The forum is free and open to the public. Attendees will hear from local experts on the healthcare industry and legislative strategy.

In addition to Colbeck, speakers will

include Rob Steele, MD, Docs4PatientCare and Matt McCord, MD, Michigan Alliance for Sustainable Healthcare (MASH) founder, John Blanchard, MD, Premier Private Physicians, Tom Valenti, Forthright Health, founder and David Wilson, Wilson Partners, chairman.

Time will be provided for questions and answers according to organizers.

## Millage

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ducted for the district by TMP Architecture, Inc. in late-December last year. The assessment was performed by a team of experienced architectural, mechanical and electrical engineering

professionals who evaluated the current state of district buildings, and identified future repair and renovation priorities for school facilities. The team visited each building site and reviewed architectural and engineering documentation. While all the building and site needs identified over the next five years exceed the revenues that would be generated by the 0.9978-mill levy, the millage renewal will

allow the district to address its most pressing needs, officials said.

These funds cannot be used for operating expenses such as salaries and benefits, or purchases such as textbooks, technology software or equipment upgrades, or replacement buses.

For more information about the sinking

fund millage renewal, including a list of potential projects and answers to frequently asked questions, as well as voter registration and absentee ballot information, visit the district website at [www.northvilleschools.org](http://www.northvilleschools.org) or send questions and comments to [nps@northvilleschools.org](mailto:nps@northvilleschools.org).

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS**

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

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

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
INVITATION TO BID**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, April 9, 2015 for the following:

**FERTILIZER - REBID**

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

**TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK**

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, April 16, 2015 for the following:

**Email Platform Upgrade & Migration**

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA  
April 9, 2015**

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2015 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, Alan Okon  
**Alternate:** Gregory Demopoulos

**Approval of Agenda**

**Approval of Minutes: March 12, 2015 Minutes**

**General Calendar:**

- Donald Fraser, Applicant for property at 48700 Geddes Road, Canton, MI 48188 located on the North side of Geddes Rd. between Beck and Denton Roads, appealing Section 3.04B of Appendix A-zoning to allow expansion of a nonconforming building and use in combination. Parcel 115-99-0003-709 (Planning).

Written comments need to be submitted prior to 4:00 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 THE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION  
FOR THE MAY 5, 2015 SPECIAL ELECTION**

Notice is hereby given that **APRIL 6, 2015**, is the last day registrations can be accepted in order to be eligible to vote in the above stated election to be held on Tuesday, **MAY 5, 2015**. Registrations will be accepted at the Canton Township Clerk's Office, 1150 South Canton Center Road, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Registration can also be made at any Secretary of State Branch Office or State Designated Agency. Persons with special needs who are unable to register in the above mentioned manner are urged to contact the Clerk's Office at 734-394-5120. Mail-in registrations postmarked by **April 6, 2015**, will also be accepted.

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the Charter Township of Canton, notice is hereby given that a Special Election will be held in the Charter Township of Canton on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting on the following Proposals:

**PROPOSAL 15-1**

**A proposal to amend the State Constitution to increase the sales/use tax from 6% to 7% to replace and supplement reduced revenue to the School Aid Fund and local units of government caused by the elimination of the sales/use tax on gasoline and diesel fuel for vehicles operating on public roads, and to give effect to laws that provide additional money for roads and other transportation purposes by increasing the gas tax and vehicle registration fees.**

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Eliminate sales / use taxes on gasoline / diesel fuel for vehicles on public roads.
- Increase portion of use tax dedicated to School Aid Fund (SAF).
- Expand use of SAF to community colleges and career / technical education, and prohibit use for 4-year colleges / universities.
- Give effect to laws, including those that:
  - Increase sales / use tax to 7%, as authorized by constitutional amendment.
  - Increase gasoline / diesel fuel tax and adjust annually for inflation, increase vehicle registration fees, and dedicate revenue for roads and other transportation purposes.
  - Expand competitive bidding and warranties for road projects.
  - Increase earned income tax credit.

Should this proposal be adopted? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Millage Proposal  
Building and Site Sinking Fund Tax Levy

Shall Van Buren Public Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, create a sinking fund for the purpose of construction or repair of school buildings and the improvement and development of sites and for any other purpose which may be authorized by law, and be authorized to levy not to exceed 1.13 mills (\$1.13 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of seven (7) years, 2016 to 2022 inclusive. The levy would renew the sinking fund levy previously authorized by the voters in 2008 for an additional seven (7) years. It is estimated that the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in the 2016 calendar year shall be approximately \$1,715,961 for the local taxes authorized in this proposal. A portion of the revenue collected may be subject to capture by the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the Canton Township Clerks Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton MI, 48188, 734/394-5120.

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964  
Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, Raymond J. Wojtowicz, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of March 1, 2015 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

WAYNE COUNTY Wayne County, Michigan Township of Canton			
Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increase Effective
County of Wayne	November 3, 2009	1 mill	2019
Wayne County Jail	August 7, 2012	1 mill	2021
Wayne County Parks	November 2, 2010	0.25 mills	2015
Wayne County Comm. College	November 6, 2008 November 6, 2012	1.25 mills 1 mill	2020 2022
SCHOOL DISTRICTS			
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools	August 5, 2014	18 mills	2024 (non-homestead only)
Van Buren Township School District	November, 2011 November, 2008	18 mills 1.13 mills	2016 (non-homestead only) 2015
Wayne-Westland Community Schools	May, 2010 February, 2012	18 mills 1 mill	2025 (non-homestead only) 2022

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Canton Township Clerk**

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# BELLEVILLE - ROMULUS

## Goddard Road repairs to continue this spring

The final stage of Goddard Road construction in Romulus will resume this spring at the intersection of Wayne and Goddard roads.

Construction is expected to resume next month, according to city officials. The contractor will then begin work from Romaine Street to the railroad tracks covering the downtown section of the city. This work will begin shortly after the Wayne and Goddard intersection is complete, they said.

During the construction of the downtown corridor, the contractor will begin replacing a section of 36-inch storm sewer at Romaine Street and end at Shook Road. Construction will then focus on the road portion of the project and the sidewalk streetscape amenities. Completion of the entire stage of construction is expected prior to the winter of 2015.

One-way traffic will be open westbound through the entire project during construction. Vehicles traveling east bound will be allowed to enter the downtown from Bibbins Street, officials said.

A second project this season will add a public sidewalk, allowing pedestrian traffic to travel down Wayne Road from Goddard Road to Romulus High School.

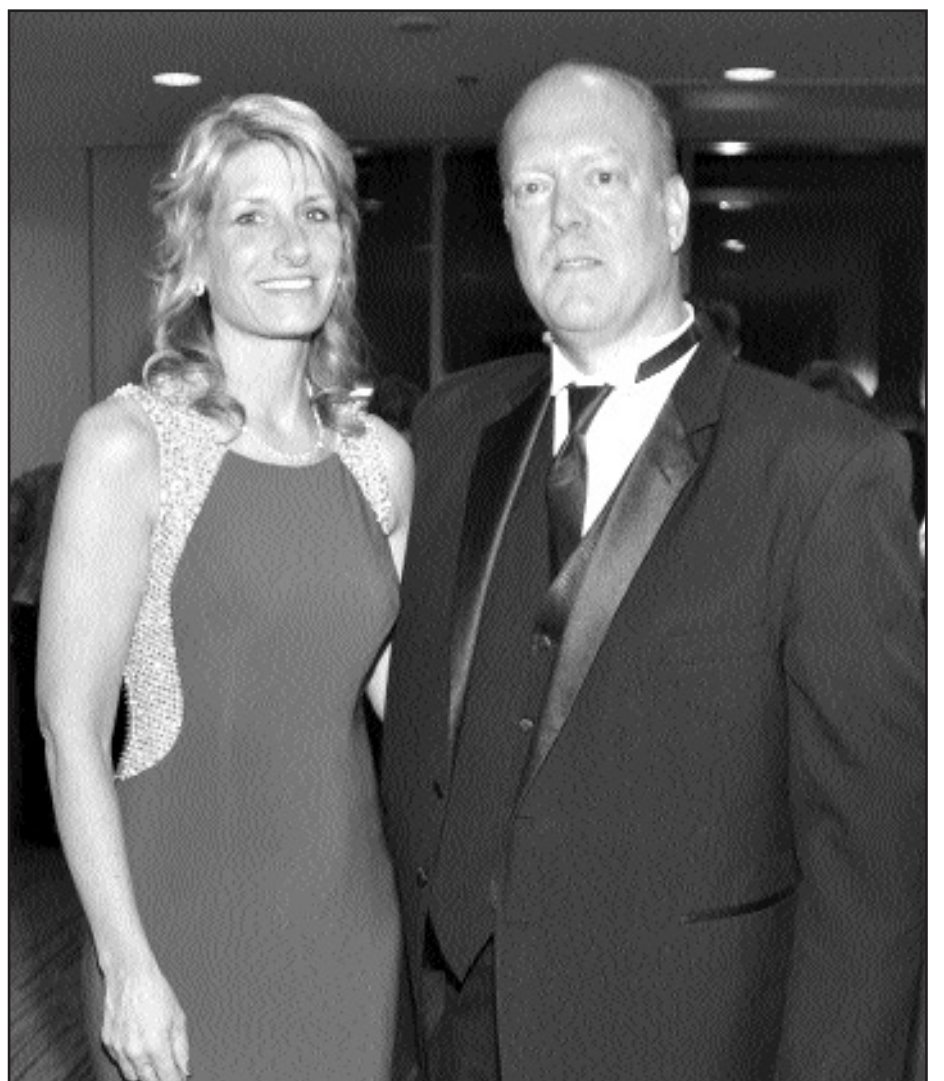
"We are proud to be improving our

roadways and sidewalks for the safe transportation of motor vehicles and pedestrians alike. These two projects will enhance the downtown for all traveling through the area," said Mayor LeRoy Burcroff.

The City of Romulus solicited funds from the State of Michigan and was awarded a grant for up to 80 percent of the construction cost of a new sidewalk. This project will begin in the spring of 2015 and will be completed by late summer of 2015. The contractor for this project, weather permitting, would like to start as soon as frost laws permit, according to the city spokesperson.

DTE will be installing pedestrian lighting along the route of the newly-created sidewalk, and a retaining wall along the sidewalk will also be constructed. In addition, pedestrian push buttons will be installed at the cross walks at the I-94 ramps which will alert motorists that pedestrians are crossing.

Orchard Hiltz & McCliment, (OHM), the firm hired to manage construction for both projects, will be providing inspection services for the city. Any questions or concerns regarding the construction can be addressed to: Greg DuChene, project inspector at (734) 891-2434 or Gary Smolinski, project manager at (734) 466-4512.



### Having a ball...

Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff and Mayor Kerreen Conley from Belleville were the co-hosts of the 2nd Annual Mayors' Ball Feb. 14 at Marriott Hotel in Romulus. The event was a benefit for the Romulus and Belleville Boys and Girls clubs which serve more than 400 families in Romulus, Belleville, Inkster Sumpter and Van Buren Township communities. The evening featured silent and live auctions and musical entertainment. Sponsors of the evening included OHM Advisors, US Ecology, Plante Moran, Twisted Rooster, West Side Beer Distributing, Wayne County Community College Western Campus, GM Powertrain, Giarmarco, Mullins and Horton, PC, Atchinson Ford Sales, Inc., Hennessey Engineers, Inc. and Public Service Credit Union.

## Arts group scholarships available

It is not too late for members of the class of 2015 to apply for the Senior Art Scholarship awarded by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

All members of the Belleville High School Class of 2015, as well as residents of Sumpter Township, Van Buren Township and the City of Belleville who are home-schooled equivalents of the Class of 2015, are eligible to apply.

All visual arts media categories are eligible for submission and all submissions must have been completed within the last year. Deadline for submission is April 15.

There will be one winner of the \$1,000 scholarship; all awards will be made to

the winning student and the school of their choice. Winners need not be pursuing further education in the arts to qualify and the scholarship funds must be used within three years after graduation. A certificate of recognition will be presented to the winning entrant at the Senior Awards Banquet if the winning entry is a graduating member of the Belleville High School Class of 2015.

Current Belleville High School students should contact Kathy Knight, Art Department Chair at the school. Other eligible students should contact president@bellevilleartscouncil.org for entry forms and more information.

## Artaffair applications accepted

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts is now accepting applications for the 5th Annual Artaffair on Main, which will take place on Main Street in downtown Belleville on July 25-26.

Artists who have current works of quality and want to sell their items will be accepted for the exhibition and sale.

Several categories including fine arts and handcrafted art of original design and fine quality will be included in the show. All booths measure 10-feet by 10-feet there will be \$1,000 in Best in Show awards.

Applications and additional information can be found at showmanager@artaffaironmain.

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# WAYNE - INKSTER

## Council vote tied on at-large voting

Will voters in Wayne now choose their representative to the city council from their own precincts or will every member of council be selected, like the mayor, by a city-wide vote?

Apparently, current elected officials are evenly divided on the issue which voters were asked to decide at the polls last year. Councilmen Skip Monit, John Rhaesa and Al Damitio voted in favor of having all council seats elected by a vote of the entire city while Mayor James Hawley, Councilman David James and Councilman Anthony Miller voted against the measure, included along with five other changes in voting procedures that came before the council members last week.

Councilwoman Susan Rowe was absent from the meeting.

Changes to the Wayne City Charter were placed on the November ballot last year after

community activist Ron Roberts collected enough petition signatures to warrant the ballot questions. Roberts was adamant that the changes he instituted and the language on the petitions signed by registered voters were not reflected in the at-large voting but ran exactly counter to the intent of his petitions and the understanding of voters.

The proposal to make the voting city-wide came from a subcommittee appointed by members of the city council. Committee members included Rhaesa and Monit, businesswoman Margaret Harlow and Bobby Shuh. Ex-officio members were City Clerk Matthew Miller and city attorney Keith Madden. Roberts was also a member of the committee but strongly disagreed with the new proposal that would allow voters from the seven newly established wards to select candidates that would

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*Monit said he felt the ballot proposal was not clear.*

then be subject to at-large voting.

“My one complaint is that the petition language abolishes at-large voting. Only the office of the mayor is to be at-large,” Roberts said. “You can’t take my language and change it. If the council takes this unprecedented step, there will be a (Wayne County) circuit court battle. I’ll collect more signatures to put it on the ballot and make it clearer. If you go against the majority of voters, it is a sad day in the city.”

The recommendation was among five others necessary to implement the changes voters approved. Councilman Anthony Miller said that he had some difficulty understanding the

changes but that “upholding the intent of the people is part of this job. I was ready to vote for this. Council was aware of the intent of the proposal. The resolution (putting it on the ballot) was approved. It should be upheld.”

Members of the city council attempted to keep the proposals from the ballot and initially voted to keep them from voters, despite advice from the city attorney that they did not have that authority option. Keeping the measures off the ballot would have been a violation of state election law forcing the council to allow the public to vote on Roberts’ proposals.

Council members continued

to argue against the changes approved by the public vote, however:

Rhaesa said that the new system would create “divisions in the city” and that a councilmember from a particular ward would vote for items favorable to his or her area of the city rather than the best interest of the entire city. Monit claimed that the new system would deny voters’ rights by permitting wards to elect only one councilmember rather than vote on all six.

Monit said he felt the ballot proposal was not clear.

Mayor James Hawley expressed his support for the vote of the electorate.

“Whether you like it or not, the people knew what they voted for,” Hawley said. “We have not been overwhelmed by candidates. This might stimulate that if a ward knows it needs one, two or three candidates.”

## Police dog gets new ‘vest’

One of the Michigan State Police officers patrolling the streets in Inkster will be a lot safer thanks to an anonymous donor.

Ferb, a canine officer currently assigned with his Michigan State Police Trooper partner Matt Unterbrink to Detroit and Inkster, now has a bullet and stab proof vest to wear on duty awarded by Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., a non-profit organization and an anonymous donor who provided \$950 dollars for the vest.

Ferb’s new vest will be embroidered with the words, “This gift of protection provided by Vested Interest in K9s, Inc.”

Ferb, a 3-year-old German Shepherd, has been with the Michigan State Police for about two years and he and

Unterbrink have been partners for about a year.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. is a 501c (3) charity located in East Taunton, MA. The mission of the group is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. Each vest costs \$950 and has a five-year warranty. The nonprofit was established in 2009 to assist law enforcement agencies with this potentially lifesaving body armor for their four legged canine officers. Through private and corporate sponsorships, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provided over 1317 law enforcement dogs in 49 states with protective vests since 2009 at a cost of over \$1.2 million dollars,



according to a prepared statement from the Michigan State Police.

The organization orders the U.S. made vests from Regency Police Supply in Hyannis, MA. who also does the custom embroidery on the body armor. The vests are manufactured by Armor Express in

Central Lake, Michigan.

The program is open to law enforcement dogs who are employed in the U.S., certified and at least 19 months of age. For more information or to learn about volunteer opportunities, call (508) 824-6978 or via the website: www.vik9s.org.

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## Calendar of events

### Tax preparation available

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

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

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

### Cruise raffle tickets on sale

Tickets for the 6th annual Michigan Philharmonic Cruise Raffle are now on sale. This year, the raffle prize is a Viking River Boat cruise - "The Danube Waltz" - sailing through European cities of Passau, Vienna, and Budapest Aug. 16-23 with an optional three-day pre-tour in the city of Prague. The raffle winner wins the Viking River Cruise for two in addition to round-trip airfare for two.

Tickets for the Cruise Raffle are \$50 and only 400 will be sold. The drawing will take place April 11 at the Michigan Philharmonic Springtime Swan Song concert at the Village Theater. For cruise and raffle information, contact the Michigan Philharmonic at (734) 451-2112 or [www.michiganphil.org](http://www.michiganphil.org) or Kate Rosevear and ask for MicPhil Cruise at Travel Leaders, 44427-B W. Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, (734) 455-5810 or 1 800 874-6470.

### Tax preparation offered

AARP tax preparation will be offered free to Westland residents at the Friendship Center. This is a E-file service only and appointments are necessary.

Generally, the tax return service offered through AARP is for simple returns. Those individuals with lengthy returns, many rental properties or investments are encouraged to have a CPA or professional firm complete their returns. There is no age or income requirement. The site manager has discretion over what returns they are willing and able to complete.

Taxes this year will be done on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Call (734) 722-7628 for an appointment. Preparers are only on site during the day the center offers the service so any tax question regarding a return must be taken by a staff person, and returned by a preparer at their convenience.

### Book drive under way

Plymouth Community United Way and Chuck E. Cheese will hold a month-long drive for new children's books at the restaurant in Canton. The event runs through March 31.

March is Reading Month and Plymouth Community United Way is collecting books in an effort to get children to read this summer to prevent the 'summer slide.' Studies show that children, especially those from low-income families, lose up to two months of reading skills over the break.

Customers will receive 20 tickets for each new children's book that is brought into Chuck E. Cheese, the drop off site for the drive at 42001 Ford Road. Tickets can be used toward the purchase of prizes.

All of the new children's books will go to children in the community.

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

### "EGG" Stravaganza planned

The First United Methodist Church of Wayne will hold an "EGG" Stravaganza from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at the church at 3 Towne Square, Wayne.

There will be snacks, crafts, Bible stories, songs and egg dying. Bring a dozen hard-boiled eggs. The event is for children ages kindergarten through fifth-grade.

For more information, call the church at (734) 721-4801 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday-Thursdays.

### Annual meeting planned

Plymouth Community United Way officials have scheduled the 2015 Annual Meeting and Awards Presentation for 7:30-9 a.m. Friday, March 27, at Comcast, 41112 Concept Dr. in Plymouth.

The meeting and awards presentation is a way to show appreciation for those who contributed to the 2014-15 fundraising campaign and provided community service, organizers said.

The morning begins with networking and a continental breakfast followed by the meeting at 8 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to elect new board members and officers, and includes reports on the 2014 finances and programs of the organization.

To RSVP, call Sarah Scholl at (734) 453-6879, ext. 2 or send e-mail to [sarah.scholl@pcuw.org](mailto:sarah.scholl@pcuw.org).

### Easter egg-citement planned

Two fun-filled events are planned at

the Summit on the Park in Canton Township on Saturday, March 28.

The Easter Bunny Breakfast will take place from 9 - 11 a.m. in the Summit Grand Ballroom. Tickets can be purchased at the Summit Front Desk (they will not be available at the door). Ticket prices are \$15 for residents and \$18 for non-residents for 13 years and older and \$10 for residents or \$12 for non-residents for 4-12-year-olds. The fee for those 3 and younger is \$5. Registration deadline is 8 p.m. March 21.

The Easter Eggstravaganza will follow from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Heritage Park. On site registration will be available for \$5 per family, ages up to 11 years. Continuous egg hunts will take place between 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. to help keep the "hunting" fair for even the youngest participants.

To view a complete schedule of events, visit [www.CantonFun.org](http://www.CantonFun.org), or call the Summit Front Desk, (734) 394-5460.

### Walk supports autism research

Registration for a 5K run/walk for the whole family is planned for 9-10 a.m. Saturday, March 28 at Belleville High School gymnasium.

The walk will begin immediately following participants registration. Walkers are asked to obtain sponsors to earn funds to help Autism programs at Burger School for Autism, Webster Elementary and the Van Buren Schools.

There will be a prize for the walker who earns the most in pledges.

Baked goods and water will be available for purchase and t-shirts can be pre-ordered.

For more information, call (734) 636-4909 or email [foea3999@yahoo.com](mailto:foea3999@yahoo.com).

### Downton Abby Tea served

Plymouth Historical Museum will host a Downton Abbey Tea from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, March 29. There will also be a fashion show of styles based on the popular Downton Abbey TV series. The fashion show will be presented by reenacting members of the Plymouth Living History Troupe of the Plymouth Historical Museum.

The museum is located at 155 S. Main Street, one block north of downtown Plymouth. Tickets are \$25 for members of the Friends of the Plymouth

Historical Museum and \$30 for non-members, before March 20; after that date add \$5 to the price.

Tickets can be purchased at the museum during open hours or by using Paypal at [http://www.plymouthhistory.org/events/Downton-Abbey-Tea\\_ET1205.html?SortBox=201503](http://www.plymouthhistory.org/events/Downton-Abbey-Tea_ET1205.html?SortBox=201503).

For more information, call (734) 455-8940.

### Law enforcement forum set

Representatives from the Canton Police Department, the 35th District Court and the local and county prosecutor's offices will be on hand to answer questions and discuss topics of interest with the public at an open forum in Canton Township from 7-9 p.m. March 31.

The Canton Public Safety Department is hosting the open forum in an effort to bring members of the community and law enforcement together for an open discussion at the PDC Room at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, in Canton.

The assembled panel of representatives from various branches of local law enforcement system will field questions from the audience regarding the legal system, and their agency's respective responsibilities to the community.

"There is a growing anxiety nationwide between communities and law enforcement-by opening a dialogue now, we hope to build a bridge of unity between law enforcement and the citizens and organizations of Canton," said Todd Mutchler, director of Canton Public Safety.

This is a free event, open to the public. For additional information contact the department at (734) 394-5400.

### Give the Kids a Bed event planned

Give the Kids a Bed, an event to benefit First Step, is planned for 6:30-9 p.m. April 1 at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

The fee for the evening is \$35 and will include food, a silent auction including a one-week stay in a Naples, FL condo; a condo get-away in Traverse City; and autographed Calvin Johnson Lion's jersey and much more.

There will also be shopping and a fashion show from local merchants and boutiques.

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*Dr. Ahmad will be discussing symptoms and types of Dementia.*



**Nawaf Murshed, MD** is Board Certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. He completed medical education at Wayne State University School of Medicine, Preliminary Medicine Internship at St. John Hospital and Medical Center and Neurology Residency at Henry Ford Hospital. Dr. Murshed completed his Clinical Neurophysiology Fellowship at Henry Ford Hospital.

*Dr. Murshed will be discussing work-up and treatment for Dementia.*

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