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Oil spill is traced to Northville Downs

The oily sheen on Johnson Creek in Northville, one of the few habitats of brown trout, has been traced to a leak of transmission oil into the waterway from Northville Downs raceway.

Northville Fire Chief James Allen said that on the night of April 25, an employee of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) walked by the creek in Hines Park and noticed the substance in the water. The next morning, the substance was

traced to the bridge over Seven Mile Road near the Sheldon Road pathway, almost across the street from Northville Downs. Fire officials on site discovered that the substance was coming from a 10-12 inch pipe near Sheldon Road that dumps into Johnson Creek, the only designated trout stream in Wayne County. Brown trout can only survive in clean, cold water and there is a recorded thriving population of the rare species in Johnson Creek.

Further investigation by staff members from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Southeast Michigan District Office, City of Northville and Wayne County determined the substance was coming through the storm sewer from a freight elevator at the race track.

Investigators said that the elevator had leaked oil into the pit below where a sump pump sent the material into a storm sewer which then sent it to Johnson

Creek. Officials estimated that less than 55 gallons of the oil had leaked into the waterway.

Officials said that the pit at the racetrack and the storm sewer have been thoroughly cleaned of the oil and that members of the DEQ staff are working with managers at Northville Downs to ensure there is no repeat of the accidental discharge.

There was no estimate as to the effects of the spill on the brown trout population.



Volunteers set for annual Rouge Rescue Saturday

Volunteers are expected to be out in force this Saturday during the annual Rouge Rescue event. Annually, volunteers gather at local sites to help open logjams, remove trash and debris from the water and banks, pull out invasive honeysuckle and garlic mustard from the banks and, in some areas, replant native growth. Organizers recommend that volunteers wear long sleeves, long pants and boots or

sturdy shoes to protect themselves from poison ivy and uneven terrain. Hats, bug spray and sunscreen may be helpful items to bring, too, they said. Gloves will be provided at all work sites and t-shirts will be provided to all volunteers.

All ages are welcome, organizers said, but youngsters should be accompanied by an adult.

Sites this year include: Flodin Park at Saltz Road and Morton

Taylor Road in Canton Township from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. This site is family friendly and all volunteers are welcome. Projects at this site will include Trail clean up, native planting at pond, environmental education activities, Birds of Prey presentation, trail hikes and bird house building.

This site is sponsored by Canton Township Engineering Services. For more information, call (734) 394-

5150.

Volunteers will also be at Meadows of Canton located at Lotz Road at the Fellows Creek crossing between Palmer and Cherry Hill from 9 a.m. until noon.

This site, too, is family friendly and projects will include river cleanup, educational displays, storm drain stenciling, bug hunting

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Wayne continues spending cuts to balance deficit

If the City of Wayne is to avoid submitting a deficit elimination plan to the state, officials need to find about \$200,000 more in spending cuts.

Originally faced with a predicted deficit of about \$1.5 million, that number has now been reduced to \$731,000 by eliminating city staff, increasing the street lighting tax assessment and an increase in the predicted property tax revenue for the city. In addition, the city expects to see a 3 percent increase in state shared revenue.

Included in the expense cuts is

the reduction of the city work force by 14 full-time equated jobs. The city will employ 74 people with the new budget, a drop from the current 88. One sergeant and four police officers will be eliminated from that department and a deputy chief and two lieutenants will retire from the fire department and not be replaced. An administrative position in the fire department has also been eliminated along with two foreman jobs in the city Department of Public Works.

Interim City Manager and DPW Director Ramzi El-Gharib

announced his retirement effective next month. He will return in July as a contract employee and take on the responsibilities for both Wayne and Westland. He will oversee the Department of Public Service and the engineering department in Westland and the DPW in Wayne in his new capacity.

Wayne will pay about \$30,000 toward El-Gharib's new contract and officials estimate that the arrangement will save the city about \$180,000.

The loss in projected property tax had been based on an anti-

ciated decline in property values in the city.

Property values were predicted to decrease by another 5 percent, but the actual figure as reported by the county is 1.83 percent, which will bring another \$231,658 in tax revenue.

City council members have also approved a new increase in the street lighting assessment to place the burden of the \$200,000 the city currently pays onto residents, who have been paying about \$400,000 for the street lights, which cost the city about \$620,000 annually.

Inkster woman celebrates 115th birthday

Jearlean Talley will tell you that her life is in God's hands.

All 115 years of it.

Talley will mark her 115th birthday May 23, making her the oldest woman in the U.S., according to national records. She is also considered one of the oldest people in the world. Talley was born May 23, 1899 in Georgia and is the last of her 11 siblings, many of whom lived well into their 90s.

Her daughter, Thelma Holloway, and her five grandchildren are expected to attend the celebration of her birthday planned May 25 at New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church where

Talley has been a member for decades. She and her husband, Alfred Talley, moved to Michigan in 1935 and she was widowed in 1988. She never remarried.

"Treat others the way you would want to be treated," was the advice Talley gave about her longevity when she turned 111. Her longevity, she said was "due to the man upstairs. Ask him what the secret is."

Whatever happens next, Talley says, "is in God's hands."

Talley is a 33rd Degree Eastern Star and enjoys sewing and bowling, although she gave up her regular league when she turned 104.

A fellow church member and acquaintance of Talley, Barbara Underwood, said the entire church membership is wishing Talley well on her remarkable birthday and said she felt Talley's wisdom and experience have benefited those lucky enough to know her.

"We are all wishing her the best and many more years of good health, prosperity and hope on this amazing milestone," Underwood said.

"May God continue to give her wisdom, strength and grant her many more happy days," she added.



Jearlean Talley

NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH - CANTON

Annual student radio auction set for Saturday

A golf outing at the Grand Hotel is only one of many items listeners can bid on during the 26th annual Radio Auction at the student-run station from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Saturday, May 17.

The station, 88.1 The Park, will broadcast the auction and listeners will be able to call in and bid on items donated by local businesses with new items available every half-hour. In addition to the Grand Hotel Golf Outing, there will be

autographed memorabilia, restaurant gift cards, and services from local businesses. A Dream Board with more unique items will be available for bidding all day.

Last year the students generated more than \$13,000 with the auction and this year have set a goal of \$15,000.

This year, the auction will be sponsored by Robert Bosch LLC, Diesel Division.

"We've always been impressed

by Robert Bosch LLC and their support for the community and school programs," said Bill Keith, station manager. "Their support will help us reach our goal of raising over \$15,000 through this year's auction."

Keith said the students are also grateful to Maxson Group and the Plymouth Optimists for their support of the auction.

Businesses and residents have time to support the student station

by donating items for the auction or sponsoring a time slot. For more information, to donate an item for auction, or inquire about a sponsorship, call (734) 416-7732.

"The auction has become such a big part of fundraising. This is our biggest fundraiser and we couldn't do it without the generous support of local businesses and our listeners. Thanks to everyone that has supported us over the years," said Keith.

Keith said there are still sponsorships available for some time slots.

The auction will also feature a live web feed at www.881thePark.com and the website will feature a complete list of auction items.

The station is owned and operated by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and is staffed by students at Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools.

Rob Bovitz named to Canton Township Hall of Fame

Rob Bovitz was officially inducted into the Canton Hall of Fame last week.

Bovitz, 52, was honored at a ceremony at the Summit on the Park when Township Supervisor Phil LaJoy presented him with the award. This was the 43rd such ceremony honoring Canton residents who have demonstrated extraordinary service to the community.

Bovitz, a CPA, has helped the Canton Goodfellows, the Canton Historical Society, the Canton

Chamber of Commerce, the township Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, Relay for Life, Friends of the Canton Public Library and Leadership Canton, a group that helps promote local leaders. Bovitz was chosen as the Canton Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year in 2010 and won the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants Public Service Award the same year. That state-wide award recognizes a CPA who helps his commu-

nity outside his regular career work.

Bovitz was nominated for the Canton honor by local bank officer Denise Staffeld.

Bovitz, and his wife, Katie, have lived in Canton since 1999. They are the parents of two daughters, Allison, 11, and Jillian, 9, who were in attendance to see their dad receive the honor.

In the letter of notification sent to Bovitz telling him of his selection as a Hall of Fame member,

LaJoy said that Bovitz is "a major reason Canton is the quality community we all enjoy today."

Bovitz was also presented a formal resolution from Wayne County Commissioner Shannon Price commending him for his inclusion in the Hall of Fame and honoring his volunteer work in the community.

Bovitz' firm, Bovitz CPA, P.C., has offices in Canton and Trenton and he is also the owner of Bovitz Management Services, Inc.



Rob Bovitz



Meeting by accident

Traffic was backed up on Ann Arbor Road and Main Street in Plymouth last Friday afternoon when five cars were involved in a chain reaction crash. One woman was transported to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Christine Bechel, of Northville, one of the drivers, sustained damage to her Honda CRV after a westbound vehicle turned left into oncoming traffic, and the other vehicles involved attempted to avoid the crash. Northville City-Plymouth Station Fire Department personnel responded to the scene. Photos by Don Howard

Art Studio hosts exhibit

Original artwork by some of the finest female artists in the area will be on display at the 4th annual Ladies Dillenbeck Art Exhibition at D & M Art Studio during the month of May.

This exhibition will once again display recent original works of art including pieces by Sharon Lee Dillenbeck, the owner of the studio; work by her daughters, Erin and Kristin; her sister, Donna Knight; award-winning students including

Marilyn Meredith, Vivian Hewitt, Elizabeth Gullikson and Deana Salhaney and world-renowned artist Kay Masini.

The exhibition will be open during store hours and will continue through the end of May. The art will be for sale, Dillenbeck said.

D & M Art Studios has been serving metro-Detroit artists for 23 years with instruction and gallery space. For more information, call (734) 453-3710 or email dmartist1@aol.com.

Investigation concludes that students were not 'bullied'

Students may have felt intimidated, but they were not bullied during questioning by Northville School District administrators during an investigation of teachers' conduct.

That was the conclusion of representatives from the law offices of Beier Howlett, who conducted a two-month investigation into the situation. The law firm was hired to investigate allegations that Northville High School Assistant Principal Katie Shirk and Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Dave Rodgers bullied high-school students when asking them questions about the conduct of two special education teachers. The two teachers, who have now both resigned from the district, were accused of telling students to cheat on a state assessment test last fall.

The law firm report, issued last week, concluded that the students were not bullied and that the conduct of the two administra-

tors looking into the matter was appropriate for the situation.

"The investigators fully acknowledge that some of the students involved found the entire situation intimidating, however, the intent of bullying was not present," the report stated.

Seven families with children in the special education program in the district participated in the investigation. The external investigation also determined that the administrators acted within the law and within the policies of the district. The investigators also noted that prior to the interviews of the students, the administration consulted with attorneys to ensure that the questions asked were appropriate.

District officials also issued the results on an internal review of the process which also found the conduct of the administrators appropriate to the situation.

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BELLEVILLE - ROMULUS

Mayor to host visioning session for residents

Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff is inviting the community to participate in a process to create a vision plan for the future of the city called "Envision Romulus."

Community members are invited to "help shape the future of Romulus" during a Community Summit scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, at the Romulus Athletic Center, 35765 Northline Road.

The planning process will allow residents, business owners, school officials, clergy members, civic leaders and others to work side by side with city officials to create a vision that will lead to making sound decisions on planning, land use and policy making in the city, Burcroff said.

"One thing that is unique about Romulus is that we have a large amount of undeveloped land - commercial, industrial and residential,"

Burcroff said. "I've been passionate that we need a vision to help plan our community's future. It's so important to get everybody included in the process of shaping the community. This isn't Burcroff's vision; it's the community's vision."

A vision plan looks at the potential of a community by bringing together people from all walks of life to talk about their ideas and aspirations for the future. The aspirations are unrestrained and can focus on anything from the environment, economic development, infrastructure, education, culture, recreation and any other issue that is important to those who live, work and play in the community.

"In my experience, I have been through a visioning process in the private sector as well as with my church," Burcroff said. "The visioning process with a community is sim-

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ilar: We want to include community input and have people rally behind the collaborative efforts of all.

"When I came into office as mayor, it was a critical time for our community. These are important economic times. I know where we've been and where we are, but I need to make sure we have a clear pulse of where the community wants us to be going forward."

Residents will be asked such questions as "what are your ideas for the future" and "what kind of community do you want to be part of."

Burcroff said a steering commit-

tee is working with OHM Advisors, an integrated engineering, architecture and planning firm based in Livonia that has more than 50 years of public and private-sector expertise, forward thinking and insightful counsel.

Information and data will be gathered from prior planning studies, the U.S. Census, mapping sources and community meetings and forums. OHM also will survey people inside and outside of Romulus to gauge the city's reputation, strengths, weaknesses and opportunities. The survey results will be used to guide the visioning

process as well.

"Once we come out of the process - what's really important - is that this will shape us going forward," Burcroff said. "This will influence our master plan, our recreation plan and our capital improvement plan. This will be our vision of where our city wants to go. My job is to make sure people are rallying around the vision and setting its course. This is not a vision that will be in a document that will sit on a shelf somewhere. This will be a living, breathing process that will shape our future for many years to come."

In addition to community meetings, a project website has been created to allow residents to stay up to date on the project and share their ideas regarding the future of Romulus.

The webpage can be found at www.envisionromulus.com.

School board rejects proposed lease for cell tower

Members of the Van Buren School District Board of Education have decided not to pursue an offer from AT&T to lease property near Haggerty Elementary School.

The telephone provider offered \$750 per month for five years to lease a 10,000 square foot parcel in

the section currently used as parking for parents at the school. The company planned to erect a 130-foot cell tower and surround the property section with a 6-foot, cyclone and barbed wire fence.

The lease would have also included a 7.5 percent rent increase for a second five-year

term and for each five years up to a total of 25 years.

The offer was brought to the board members by James Williams, the district director of building and grounds earlier this month during a work study session.

The tower would have been

built near the Woodbury Green residential community next to the school, Williams said.

Superintendent of Schools Michael Van Tassel told the trustees that he was not in favor of the lease and that he felt the rental fee was insufficient and that most cell towers erected on school

grounds are much further from the road than the Haggerty proposal

He also suggested that he had concerns about the health impact of the tower on the students because "we really don't know what towers do or don't do."

Board members agreed not to pursue the proposal.

Local student 'jumps up' for charity event

India Harris, a fifth-grader at Romulus Elementary School, has raised \$1,075 for the American Heart Association.

The 10-year-old Romulus girl participated in the 35th annual Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser, a signature event promoted by the heart association each year. Money raised goes toward programs that benefit children with heart disease.

Harris said the school raised about \$3,500 and sponsored jump roping and hula hooping for the event. Physical education teacher Laurie James received a banner from the Jump Rope for Heart organization for the gymnasium in recognition of the students' efforts.

Romulus Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff was among those who congratulated Harris at the school. He

also introduced her at a city council meeting.

Harris is the daughter of Leon Harris, an independent contractor, and Ursula Woodruff-Harris, senior business intelligence consultant at the Ironside Group.

Harris has raised funds to support the heart association through Romulus Elementary for several years. In the first year, she raised \$100. Last year, she raised nearly \$600 in honor of her cousin, Joseph Garces, who was born with Tetralogy of Fallot, a heart defect that affected his energy levels. Last year, Garces had his heart surgically corrected and has been doing great ever since, the family said.

Student participants are asked to get sponsors to donate money prior to the fundraising event,

which took place Feb. 28. India set a goal of \$1,000 and solicited family, neighbors, co-workers and friends of her parents to help accomplish it. Her goal was surpassed, thanks in part to a generous donation from family friend, Dean Dolley. He waited until the last day to match the donations already secured so she could achieve her goal.

"You have to get people to help you raise money for people with sick hearts," Harris said. "My grandparents and a couple of family members had heart-related illnesses. It was my last year here and I wanted to make it big. I just like helping people. Some people don't have the medication that will cure them. People have to get the money for that. Some people can die from heart disease if they don't get the

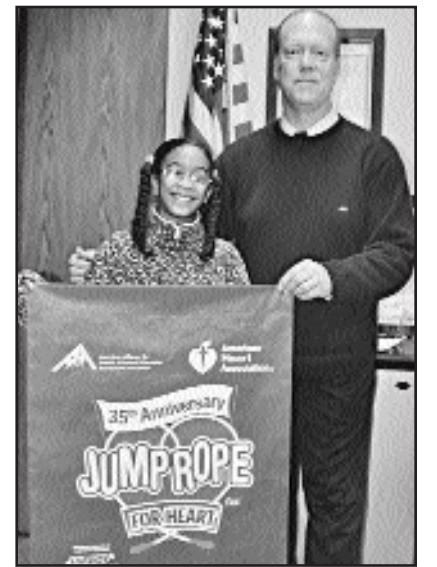
surgery."

At school, Harris has been an honor student and is vice-president of the student council, running on an anti-bullying platform. Woodruff-Harris said her daughter has defended children who were bullied on a school bus and believes people should be treated fairly.

Harris' talents and interests are wide-ranging. She has a first degree black belt in Tai Kwon Do and attends KICKS Tai Kwon Do in Wayne.

She also plays acoustic guitar and is an avid Lego enthusiast.

Inspired by the Ford Mustang, her favorite car, she plans to attend Michigan State University in order to become an automotive car designer.



India Harris is congratulated and thanked by Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff for her \$1,075 contribution to the American Heart Association. Harris secured pledges for her jump roping and hula hoping stamina to earn funds for the charity.

Firemen plan open house

Romulus residents have been invited to a special Open House at the Fire Department headquarters from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. May 31.

Firefighters will be distributing fire safety materials and participating in various demonstrations throughout the day and youngsters will appreciate special guest appearance by Fire Pup.

The station is located at 28777 Eureka Road and the event is open to the public. Firefighters will be serving hot dogs and chips during the day.

As public education is a key component of fire prevention, Romulus firefighters take every opportunity to share with residents the importance of working smoke detectors

and the dangers of fire hazards in the home, noted a recent prepared release from the department.

The first week in October is recognized as National Fire Prevention Week and during that time, attention is focused on promoting fire safety in schools and classrooms. However, the Romulus Fire Department encourages practicing fire safety all year long.

Romulus Firefighters routinely advocate for fire safety education through participation in community events such as the annual Pumpkin Festival and the Library's Summer Reading Program.

For more information, contact the fire department at (734) 941-8585.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RE: Case #ZBA 14-01

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Act 110 of 2006, as amended by PA 12 of 2008 and as provided under this act, the City of Inkster's Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, June 5, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Inkster City Hall Council Chamber, which is located at 26215 Trowbridge Inkster, Michigan. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider a use variance to allow a Used Car Dealership and Minor Automotive Repair in a B-2 (Thoroughfare Mixed-Use) District. Zehrab Abdul Sater is the applicant. The subject property is located on the West side of Beech Daly Road north of Annapolis Road and is legally described as follows:

Lots 16, 17 and 18 of Frank H. Fellraths Subdivision as recorded in Liber 33, Page 58, of Plats, Wayne County Records (Property ID # 44-024-01-0016-000; Commonly identified as 3952 Beech Daly).



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Public comments are invited. Persons unable to attend the public hearing may send their comments in writing to the attention of the City of Inkster Community Development Director, 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan, 48141. Comments will be received through 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 5, 2014. Please reference Case No. ZBA 14-01 in all correspondence.

The City of Inkster 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 public hearing, to individuals with disabilities upon five (5) business days written notice. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Inkster at 313.563.3211.

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CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID ITB 13/14-20 FIVE (5) 2014 VEHICLES FOR BUILDING INSPECTORS

- (1) The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified companies for the above item/items.
- (2) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid **must use the forms provided by the City.** Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the **MITN system** @ <http://www.mitn.info/>.
- (3) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:30 P.M., Tuesday, May 27, 2014. At approximately 2:45 p.m., local time all timely received bids are to be publicly opened and read.

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- (4) The City reserves the right to reject all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.
 - (5) For additional information contact Lynn A. Conway, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing lconway@ci.romulus.mi.us.
- Please Publish: Thursday, May 15, 2014, The Eagle or The Associated Newspapers of Michigan

WAYNE

Ten Hut

The Wayne Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) leadership team placed 19th in the nation at the 2014 JROTC Leadership Bowl. Cadets Douglas Chuong, Jesse Medlen, Nicholas Parraghi, Jonathan Dennis and Nicole Rodgers began the competition in November 2013 that included more than 1,700 programs from all 50 states, American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Asia Pacific and Europe. The Wayne Memorial High School team advanced through three rounds of competition and was named the 7th Brigade Champion in March, which earned them a position in the final round in April.



Nicholas Parraghi



Douglas Chuong



Jesse Medlen



Jonathan Dennis



Nicole Rodgers

Private company presents plan for recreation center

The Wayne Community Center could be under new management soon.

In a letter to members of the city council, Ali Sayid, president of HYPE Athletics Community, Inc., proposed a 10-year contract to take over the management and operation of the community center. Sayid further suggested that the city sell a \$500,000 10-year municipal bond to fund enhancements and improvements at the center.

Under the proposal, a sinking fund would be established by the city to help make payments on the bond. Included in the capital improvements and investments suggested by Sayid, is a conversion of the current ice arena into basketball courts.

Sayid said that the Wayne Community Center is an aging facility in need of a cosmetic upgrade and that considerable capital improvements are necessary to accommodate new programs and services.

The proposed agreement would make HYPE the exclusive operator of the center and would therefore, "be expected to pay all items of expense for the operation, maintenance, supervision and management" from funds generated by the operation. At the same time, HYPE is suggesting the city be

responsible for any major repairs or maintenance in excess of \$10,000 and provide an initial subsidy of \$120,000 the first year of the agreement. The subsidy would be necessary, according to Sayid, to offset the current low membership rate and program fees. The letter indicated the subsidy of \$120,000 would be annual, while Sayid told council members that it could be revisited and that the goal of HYPE is to become self funding after the first year.

"The building is under the control of the city because it's a city asset," Sayid said. "It's in need of remodeling and it's not up to code. The parking lot is in very bad condition. The parking lot needs to be repaired or replaced by the city because the building remains as asset of the city."

HYPE Athletics Community, Inc. is a non-profit company based in Dearborn Heights.

"The reality is that memberships need to become the number one revenue of the center and it's (sic) not," Sayid told the council members.

Council took no action on the proposed plan which is expected to be discussed at a future meeting.

Included in this event is a children's fun run along Johnson Creek. This event is coordinated by Jill Rickard and Northville Township.

For information, contact Jrickard@twp.northville.mi.us

Volunteers will also be at Mead's Mill in Northville Township from 10 a.m. until noon. Meads Mill can be accessed from Northville Road or take Hines Drive between Homer Street and Five Mile Road. This site, too, is family friendly. Volunteers will be removing trash and planting native species.

This site is coordinated by Dan Freeman of Thrivent Financial. For more information, call (248) 767-3704 or email daniel.freeman@thrivent.com

In Plymouth, Volunteers will meet at Smith Elementary School - Byron Creek at 8 a.m. and work until noon. The school is located at 1298 McKinley, in the area of Ann Arbor Road between Sheldon Road and Main Street.

Projects will include native planting, woody debris management, invasive plant removal, creek clean up and storm drain stenciling. Free lunch for volunteers at noon.

Coordinator of this event is Adam Gerlach, City of Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-7737 or email: agerlach@ci.plymouth.mi.us

Volunteers will also be working in Plymouth Township Park from 9-11 a.m.

The park is located near Ann Arbor Trail, east of Beck Road. Projects will include native species enhancement and this site, too, is family friendly.

Coordinator at this site is Susan Vignoe. For more information, call (734) 414-1452.

In Wayne, volunteers will meet at 9 a.m. at Goudy Park behind Wayne City Hall. Projects include opening up logjams downstream of Goudy Park. The goal is to open the river up for canoeing and kayaking between Goudy and Venoy-Dorsey parks.

Volunteers will also build benches for fishing or river watching, removing invasive honeysuckle and garlic mustard from nearby Mill Trail and Dynamite Park and create a rain garden with native Michigan wetland plants at Dynamite Park

Coordinator at this site is Kurt Kuban. For more information, call (734) 716-0783 or email kkuban@hometownlife.com.

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 28, 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, Harry Crout, Sylvia Makowski, Celeste Roscoe, William Wadsworth.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk
Stacy Paige, Treasurer

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

14-146 2A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Abdo to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on April 14, 2014. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays - None. Abstain-Makowski, due to absence.**

Motion Carried.

14-147 2B. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Abdo to approve the minutes of the special meeting of the Romulus City Council held on April 14, 2014 - 6:00 p.m. study session, 2014-15 City Budget. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays - None. Abstain-Makowski, due to absence. Motion Carried.**

3A. Petitioner: None

4. **Chairperson's Report:** Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden announced the Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be held at Wayne County Community College in Belleville on Saturday, May 3, 2014 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. For more information call: 734-326-3936.

14-148 4A. Moved by Wadsworth to accept the memorandum of agreement between the City of Romulus and the Police Officers Association of Michigan. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-149 4B. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Crout to recognize Betsey Kramptiz on her retirement from the City of Romulus. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

4. Moved by Choate, seconded by Makowski to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

5. **Mayor's Report:** Mayor LeRoy Burcroff acknowledged the following Teamsters employees on the fine job they did painting the lobby at City Hall on a furlough day: Bill Gibson, Jerry Frayer, Mark Kincaid, Kassim McNeil, Rob Roscoe, Joe Sylvester, and Doug Lawrence.

14-150 5A1. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Roscoe to acknowledge the following employees for their years of service to the City of Romulus: Garland Sperry, Jim Poet, Darius Timmons, John Fauls, Todd Tingstad, Mike Gubaci, and Jean Watson. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-151 5A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Roscoe to approve an increase in the amount of \$2,300 for bid award ITB 13/14-15 (Council Resolution 145-136) upfitting for six Ford police vehicles to the lowest qualified bidder, ABS Solutions. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-152 5B. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Roscoe to authorize the disposal of Rescue #1 on the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network Virtual Auction Site (MITN.INFO) in accordance with the City's Property Disposal Policy. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-153 5C. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Choate to authorize a no-fee permit for the Romulus Middle School 5K-Walk to be held on Saturday, May 3rd beginning at 9:00 a.m. and temporary closure of:

Wick Rd between Wick Elementary and Ozga Rd.

Ozga Rd between Wick and the paved portion of Herman (including the dirt portion of Herman and Tyler).

Herman between Ozga and Romaine.

Romaine between Herman and McBride.

McBride between Romaine and Ozga.

Wick Rd will be open after runners have cleared the roadway, and will be closed again once the leader is back in the area.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-154 5D. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Abdo to concur with the administration and authorize expenditure of \$15,000 for the repair of the roof (shingles and labor, faceboard and labor) at the Romulus Civic League located at 11495 Wahrman Road. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-155 5D1. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Makowski to concur with the administration and grant a no-fee permit to the Romulus Civic League for the repairs of the roof (shingles and faceboard) at the Romulus Civic League located at 11495 Wahrman Road. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-156 5E. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Abdo to concur with administration and authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into an agreement with Healthlink EMS to use, maintain, and improve a City facility (Fire Station #3). **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-157 5F. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Roscoe to adopt a resolution to recognize DPW Director, Roberto J. Scappaticci, and Assistant DPW Director, Keith Boc, to serve as representatives for the City of Romulus as the primary and alternate designees, respectively, for the Joint Management Committee, Downriver Utility Waste Authority, Alliance of Downriver Watersheds, Alliance of Rouge Communities, and Long-Term Storm Water Maintenance System. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-158 5G. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Crout to authorize the mayor and clerk to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Wayne County for the Pennsylvania Road Resurfacing Project (Middlebelt to Inkster Road) and approve the required payment of \$35,921 for the upfront "Working Capital Advance." **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-159 5H. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Makowski to introduce Budget Amendment 13/14-15 to recognize the additional Act 51 monies received and the related expenses.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
MAJOR ROADS				
Revenue				
202-4200-512.57-60	State Revenue Sharing	1,188,354	28,000	1,216,354
Expense				
202-4210-742.73-05	Routine Maint. Operating Supplies	21,000	5,000	26,000
202-4230-742.71-10	Winter Maint. Overtime Salaries	15,000	23,000	38,000
LOCAL STREETS				
Revenue				
203-4300-512.57-60	State Revenue Sharing	415,470	72,223	487,693
Expense				
203-4310-743.73-05	Routine Maint. Operating Supplies	17,500	5,000	22,500
203-4330-743.71-10	Winter Maint. Overtime Salaries	14,000	13,000	27,000
203-4310-743.90-10	Local Streets Project Costs	0	54,223	54,223

To recognize the additional Act 51 monies received and the related expenses.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6A. **Clerk's Report:** Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg announced that May 2, 2014 is the final day for residents who want their address to be in the Little Paper to advertise their participation in the city-wide garage sale.

14-160 6A1. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Abdo to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 13/14-13, General Fund - introduced at the Council meeting of April 14, 2014. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

14-161 6A2. Moved by Abdo, seconded by Wadsworth to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 13/14-14, Major Roads Fund, DDA, and Water and Sewer Fund - introduced at the Council meeting of April 14, 2014. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6A3. Deleted from agenda.

14-162 6A4. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Abdo to approve the City Clerk, Ellen Craig-Bragg and Deputy Clerk, Barbara Fitzgerald, to attend the 2014 MAMC Annual Conference from June 24-27, 2014. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

6B. Treasurer's Report

7. **Public Comment** Jan Lemmon, Chairperson - Cemetery Board of Trustees, commented that the group "Sacred Spaces Restoration" from Berkeley, will be at the Romulus Memorial Cemetery on Friday, May 9, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. until Noon to restore historic monuments in the cemetery.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

10. Communication

14-163 11. Moved by Choate, seconded by Makowski to approve Warrant 14-08 in the amount of \$890,850.39. **Roll Call Vote:** Ayes - Abdo, Barden, Choate, Crout, Makowski, Roscoe, Wadsworth. **Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.**

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

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes from the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on April 28, 2014. **Publish: May 15, 2014**

Rescue

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(looking at the life in the creek), bird house building, and a mercury thermometer exchange.

This site is being coordinated by Keshav Raizada and is sponsored by the Wayne County Department of Public Services, Water Quality Division. For more information, email kraizada@waynecounty.com

Volunteers will also be at Workman Elementary School, 250 Denton Road in Canton from 9 a.m. until noon. The school is located at the corner of Cherry Hill and Denton roads. This site is also family friendly. Projects will include invasive plant removal (clover and teasel), weeding and trash removal and native flower plantings

This site is coordinated by Liza Bark and the sponsor is Workman Elementary and the PTO Habitat Commission at the school.

For information, contact lbankl@emich.edu.

In Northville, volunteers will meet beginning at 10 a.m. at Allen Drive Park on Novi Street, not Novi Road at Allen Drive. The site is just northwest of Eight Mile and Novi roads. Parking is available on Novi Street.

Volunteers will work until 1 p.m. on projects including ecological restoration activities such as pulling invasive weeds and trash removal. There will be a pot luck lunch after with crafts available for children. Potting sun flower seeds for them to take home, building more bird houses for along the river and hopefully making hummingbird bottle feeders are planned.

All ages are welcome at this family friendly site.

The coordinator of this site is Callie Milroy. For information, contact calliegardens@aol.com

In Northville Township, volunteers will work from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. at Linear Park. Drivers should take Six Mile west to Ridge Road, head south on Ridge Road, past the Arcadia Ridge entrance. There will be a small parking lot on the east side of the road which is the start of the Kids Fun Run.

To advertise in The Eagle Call 734-467-1900.

INKSTER - WESTLAND

Inkster sorority celebrates annual May Week

Members of an Inkster sorority will be easy to find during their annual May Week celebration this year.

The Inkster Alumnae Chapter of Delta Theta Sorority, Inc. will once again mark May Week from May 12 through the 19 with visits to the Romulus School District Board of Education Meeting, a financial preparedness seminar, a health event, an international taste fest and a day dedicated to cleaning up part of the city.

The sorority is dedicated, according to May Week co-chair Denasha Walker, to public service with an emphasis on programs that target the impoverished com-

munities.

"The purpose of May Week is to emphasize the importance of higher education in the community, especially for women," Walker said. "Activities for May Week are crated through the sorority's Five Point Programmatic Thrust, which was established in 1955 and includes, economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health and political awareness and involvement."

On Monday, May 12, the group donned their red blazers and attended the meeting of the

Romulus school board. On Tuesday, May 13, they attended a tea in Canton Township and on Wednesday, members hosted a Hustle Night at Romulus Elementary School from 6-8 p.m.

Today, the sorority members hosted a Thirst for Knowledge event, a discussion on financial and economic awareness. The event will take place at the Floyd B. Simmons Center, 29150 Carlyle in Inkster. This event, too, is open to the public.

The International Taste Fest and after party is planned for 6:30 until 9:30 Friday May 16 with an after party planned from 10 p.m. until 12:30 a.m.

The public is invited and the cost for the event is \$15 for those 13 and older and \$7 for children ages 5-12. Children younger than 4 are admitted at no cost.

Only those 21 and older are eligible for the after-party.

The event will take place at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 7080 Garling in Dearborn Heights.

Saturday, May 17, will see the members at Wayne County Community College for a Teen Summit from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

The Belleville campus is located at 9555 Haggerty Road in Belleville.

From noon until 3 p.m., the members will be working to clean

up a section of Inkster Road between Michigan Avenue and Ecorse Road.

They will meet in the parking lot near the Family Dollar store near Inkster Road and Michigan Avenue.

Sunday, they will meet for spiritual fellowship at New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church for the morning service at 10:45.

The Delta members will be wearing red and white to support their sorority.

The church is located at 821 Inkster Road in Inkster.

For more information, visit www.inksterdeltas.org.

Westland council considers new tethering ordinance

A new ordinance aimed at protecting dogs from mistreatment was introduced by members of the Westland City Council at a meeting early this month.

The ordinance, which defines and restricts the tethering of dogs, is a result of discussion with residents, looking at other cities with similar ordinances, and is a part

of the Compassionate City campaign that launched in Westland this year.

Under the ordinance, "tethering" means securing a dog to a stationary object with a metal chain or coated steel cable. Walking a dog on a leash and securing a dog for temporary grooming or other professional

services does not fall under the proposed restrictions.

"Tethering of dogs has been an issue within our city in the past. It is important that the Compassionate City Initiative aims to aid and protect all living creatures," said Westland Mayor William Wild.

If the ordinance is approved by

council members, among other restrictions, it would be unlawful to continuously tether a dog for more than three hours per day; tether a dog with anything that weighs more than 10 percent of the animal's body weight; tether a dog in an unshaded area in high temperatures; to fail to provide appropriate shelter for a dog in

below-40 degree weather and to tether a dog less than 4 months of age.

The tethering ordinance will go on the city council agenda to be voted on at the regular Monday, May 19 council meeting. Residents can learn more about the new ordinance by contacting (734)467-3237.

Notable author to visit Inkster library next week

Eddie Baranek, the author of Taken Alive: The Sights' Rock and Roll Diary, will make a special appearance at the Leanna Hicks Inkster Public Library at 6 p.m. May 22. The evening will include storytelling, a musical performance, book signing and a question and answer session.

Baranek's visit is part of the Library of Michigan's 2014 Michigan Notable Authors Tour. This year, 19 authors whose works were chosen as 2014 Michigan Notable Books selections will visit

nearly 50 libraries throughout the state.

"It's a literary treat to have Eddie Baranek in our community, sharing his captivating work with our friends and neighbors in such an open, accessible way," said Denise Bearre, director of the Leanna Hicks Inkster Public Library. "Michigan is home to some of the best stories, storytellers and musicians found anywhere in the country. An author of Baranek's caliber here, in our library, will make it an evening to

remember"

"This year's Michigan Notable Books delve into wonderfully diverse topics and offer something of interest for just about everyone," said State Librarian Nancy R. Robertson. "The tour offers the opportunity for book enthusiasts in many corners of the state to join in the conversation about what constitutes 'great writing' and to hear from some of the Great Lakes region's most beloved authors."

Baranek has fronted the band The Sights since 1998. The Sights

has released six full length albums and toured the USA and Europe countless times. Baranek is finishing his Bachelor of Arts Degree at Wayne State University, and is the Music Director at the Rochester School of Rock in Rochester. His Book, Taken Alive: The Sights' Rock and Roll Tour Diary, details his 2012 tour of the US and Europe.

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The Leanna Hicks Inkster Public Library is located at 2005 Inkster Road in Inkster, just north of Michigan Avenue. For details about the author event, call (313) 563-2822 or visit www.inksterlibrary.org.

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Charles Eugene Scott, Sr.
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Charles Eugene Scott, Sr. died May 4, 2014. Among those survivors left to cherish his memory are his mother, Dorothy Scott; his son, Charles, Jr.; three daughters, Rhonda Scott, Niesha and Pumpkin; a brother, Frederick Scott; three sisters, Beverly Sturgis, Sharon Hines and May Davis; a beloved companion, Helen Dawson; his special family, Johnnie, Jawuante Dawson and Nicole (R.J.) Bell; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other family members, and many friends. Funeral services took place at the Penn Funeral Home which was entrusted with the final arrangements. The Rev. Nelson Pearson officiated at the funeral. Interment was at Romulus Cemetery on Shook Road.

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CALENDAR

Library collects for veterans

The Canton Public Library is currently collecting donations for patients at the Veterans Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Items needed include packages of new men's t-shirts and underwear in all sizes, but especially sizes XXL and larger. Meijer, Walmart and gas station gift cards are also suggested as ideal donations.

Donations will be accepted at the library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road, during regular hours May 18 through 31.

The library is open from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from noon until 6 p.m. on Sunday.

For more information, call (734) 397-0999.

Health extravaganza set

A free Health and Wellness Extravaganza featuring world renowned Dr. Joel Wallach, BS, DVM, ND author of "Dead Doctors Don't Lie" will take place from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. May 20 at the Romulus Athletic Center. There will be a seminar from 5:30 until 8 p.m.

A second session is planned for 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Thursday May 24 at Hope United Methodist Church, 26275 Northwestern Highway in Southfield. A seminar will take place from 5:30-8 p.m.

The health expos are open to all ages and activities, music, product booths, seminars and more are planned. The emphasis is education to stop fatalities among young athletes.

Seating is limited so please call ahead to Coach T. Flemming (313) 358 6308.

Reunion tickets available

Tickets for the Wayne High School Alumni Association annual all class reunion can be purchased for \$35 per person.

The banquet is planned for 5-10 p.m. Friday May 16 at Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Born Road in Wayne.

This year, the class of 1964 will be honored. For more information contact us at waynehighalumni@aol.com, Tillie VanSickle (734) 595-7806 or Sharon Scott (734) 722-4651.

Veterans' services offered

The Downriver Community Conference (DCC) will have a service officer from the American Legion at the DCC building from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Thursdays, May 15 through the end of June. The officer will be in room 162 of the building, located at 15100 Northline Road, Southgate. No appointments are scheduled, and service will be on a first come first served basis. Questions may be directed to the American Legion office at (313) 964-6640.

This Veterans Service Office will be a "One Stop Shop" for veterans' service needs including pension, disability, compensation claims, seniors, and current military assistance. DCC programs also assist veterans with employment needs, home weatherization, and business related services.

Bowlers to aid shelter

The 10th annual 9 Pin No Tap Tournament, a fundraiser for the Romulus Animal Shelter, will take place beginning at 7:30 p.m. May 16 at Romulus Lanes. Registration will begin at 6:30.

The fee is \$25 per person and includes ladies' and men's mystery games, snacks and cash prizes. There is a 50-50 raffle planned.

For more information, or to make reservations as space is limited, call City Councilman Bill Wadsworth at (734) 941-0616 or Joe Ozog at (734) 941-3466.

Golf outing benefits charity

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce will partner with the Boys & Girls Club of

Southeastern Michigan; the Richard and Patricia Donahey (Belleville) and Romulus clubs for the annual Golf Outing.

This year the event will take place Friday, May 16, at Pine View Golf Course in Ypsilanti. Registration begins at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$100 per golfer. Banquet only tickets can be purchased for \$40.

Included in the entry fee is 18 holes of golf with cart, use of driving range prior to outing, contests, lunch at the turn, steak dinner, four drink tickets and each participant will be included in the door prize drawing.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available, but filling up fast. Contact Karen La Belle at (734) 697-7151 or by email at klabelle@bellevilleareachamber.org to support these organizations and this event!

Finish the Fight fundraiser set

The Westland-Wayne Relay for Life team is sponsoring a fundraiser beginning at 6:30 p.m. May 16 at Westland Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne Road.

Bowling will begin at about 7:15 p.m. organizers said.

The \$20 donation includes a door prize ticket, three games of bowling, shoe rental and pizza.

To reserve a lane or for more information, email Meriem Kadi at merkadi131@yahoo.com or call (734) 718-0476 or Donna Jackson at dtjack2@sbcglobal.net or (734) 776-2500.

Used books for sale

The Friends of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, 6123 Central City Parkway, have planned a used book, DVD and CD sale for this month.

Hours are 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. May 16 and 17 and from noon until 3 p.m. May 18.

Proceeds from sale will be used to support library programs. For information call (734) 326-6123

Farm Fest planned

Farm Fest will return to Maybury Farm in Northville from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. May 17.

The day will include hayrides, face painting, activities for youngsters, antique tractors, food demonstrations, spinning demonstrations, sheep shearing and many other activities.

Farm Fest is traditionally the day the newborn baby animals are introduced to the public.

Admission to Farm Fest is \$3 per person and children younger than 2 are admitted at no cost.

There is free parking.

Maybury Farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile Road in Northville, about a half mile past the state park entrance.

For more information, call (248) 374-0200.

Identity theft is topic

Representatives from The Senior Brigade will visit the Leanna Hicks Inkster Public Library to discuss identity theft at a meeting set to begin at 6 p.m. May 19.

Topics discussed will include how to recognize and avoid identity theft, how thieves steal and what they do with your identity, how to protect yourself and what to do if you become a victim.

There is no fee for the meeting which is open to the public.

The library is located at 2005 Inkster Road in Inkster.

Literacy tutors needed

Volunteers interested in teaching other to

Big catch

The 19th Annual Wayne County Parks Fishing Derby will take place beginning at 8 a.m. this Saturday, May 17, at Waterford Bend Park in Northville. More than 800 rainbow trout will be stocked for children, 12 and younger, to try to catch during the free event. No fishing license is required but participants must bring their own equipment and bait. At 10 a.m. fishing will be open to all ages and at 10:30, prizes will be presented. The event is sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans of America Plymouth-Canton Chapter 528, Cabela's, Eppinger manufacturing and Northville Parks and Recreation Department. Waterford Bend Park is located in Hines Park at the corner of Six Mile and Northville roads in Northville. For more information, call (734) 261-1990.



read are invited to an informational meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 19 at the Romulus Public Library.

The library is starting an Adult Literacy Program and looking for tutors willing to participate on a one-to-one basis with adults in need.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus.

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

County executive to speak

The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce will host Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano as the luncheon speaker at noon May 20 at the Hilton Garden Inn, 31800 Smith Road in Romulus.

Registration and networking will begin at noon

To reserve a seat, call (734) 893-0694.

School celebrates diversity

Wick Elementary School in Romulus will be presenting the Celebration of Cultures and Families from 5:50-7:30 p.m. May 21.

The event is a celebration of the varied cultures and countries represented by students at the school. Wick is a School of Choice and any student who resides in Wayne County is eligible to enroll.

The event is free and open to the public. The school is located at 369 Wick Road.

For more information, contact (734) 532-1503.

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