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installed on the former city hall property on Ford Road in the city is under discussion by officials

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Enterprise Lawsuits plague local officials Northville Township board sued by former fire chief

Fire Chief Richard Marimucci has sued the municipality for \$175,000 claiming wrongful termination are discrimination riolation of the Michigan Open Meetings Act and denial of due process, among seven separate

Marinucci, 62, was named

township fire chief in 2009 and claims in his court filings that he was asked by Northville Township officials in March to sizn or be fired due to finding in the township audit. The town-ship was told, according to Marinucci's court filings, that the financial audit would not be "clean" due to "related party dis-closures" including a number of fire associations for which Marinucci's wife worked and officials were long aware of his relationship and involvement with the industry associations. The lowerit was dramatically

served on the members of the township board of trustees and administrators during public comments at the regular board meeting last week. Named in the lawsuit are Township Manager Chip Snider, finance Director Marina Neumaier, Director Marina Neumaler, Public Safety Director John Worth, Human Resources Devetor and Assistant Manager Debbie Wilhelm, Township Supervisor Bob Nix, Clerk Sue Hillobrand, Treasurer Marjorie Banner and trustees Marvin Gans, Symantha Heath, Mindy Hormozon ed Wood Shedies

Hermann and Fred Shadko.

Wirth, who accepted the legal
papers on behalf of the administration and board members from

the process server said that he felt the "antics were meant to embarrass the board." The court filings claim that

township officials including Snider and the members of the finance committee were informed there was an issue with the financial audit and asked Marinucci to attend a meeting, along with Neumaier. Marinucci claims in his suit that shortly thereafter Werth came to his office and told him to resign

Marinucci claims that he refused to resign and was subse-quently ordered to immediately leave the building. He also claims he was denied the oppor-tunity to speak to township officials regarding the issue, as he He is asking for no less than



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'Dark Money' funds suit to disqualify Plymouth candidates

Schnettler, a candidate for trustee, did not designate the Questions regarding the true township voting precinct in which they live on the required affidavit of identification when

dentity of the plaintiff is complaint filed in Wayne County Circuit Court May 13 filing to seek office of two _,,, noval Berry said that he

Plymouth Township candidates from the August ballot continue to surface.

The validity of the named plaintiff, Carl Berry, 76, a former police chief and Republican

court filings which indicate that the legal documents were prepared for Faith & Freedom Plymouth Township. Berry admitted that the legal

fees for the lawsuit are being paid by Faith & Freedom but claims that the lawsuit was his own idea. He said that he "has no idea" what the legal fees or costs for the suit will total.

than 50 pages of arguments, claims that Kurt Heise, a current term-limited state renne-

is a political ploy aimed prima rily at Heise, the only challenger of current Township Supervisor Shannon Price on the Aug 2 balsupporter. He said that as a "Republican activist I do this a

"has no idea" what the legal

Named in the lawsuit are

Township Clerk Nancy Conzelman and Wayne County Clerk Cathy Garrett, the Wayne

County Election Commission and the Plymouth Township

Election Commission. Heise and Schnettler maintain the omission was a minor oversight

and can be simply corrected by an amended filing. They have further claimed that the lawsuit

ship hall and personall reviewed the filings and disco-

ered the omission.

A footnote on page 1 of the complaint, filed by attorney Robert Huth Jr. of Kirk, Huth, Lange an Badalamenti, refer ences Faith Freedom/Plymo

Township. Patrick Purtill, Jr. serves as the Director of Legislative Affairs for fees or costs for the suit will total. Faith & Freedom The on website deserin tion states the group is "...com-mitted to educating, equipping, and mobilizing people of faith

and like-minded individuals to Recently, political mailers criticizing Heise for his support of various House Bills in Lansing that peppered mailbox-es in the 48170 zip code also included the Faith & Freedom Coalition of Michigan logo. The

address in Brighton; one listed on the non-profit Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Annual Report as the formal address for

ector Randall Thompson Heise claims that when he contacted the national organiza knowledge, claim or responsi bility for the lawsuit or the mail ers, adding that the Faith & Freedom leaders were con-cerned as they had no knowl-

edge of an active Michigan chapter Purtill called the Berry litis an endorsement for his work on Criminal Justice Reform in the

Van Buren teachers demand damages, return to classrooms

Four teachers in the Van uren School District have filed Conflict regarding the situation has raged a federal lawsuit demanding

unitive and compensatory amages from the school system and six of the seven board of The teachers were accused

of cheating on state-required tests by helping students at Savage Elementary School answer questions on the new M-STEP examination. Students at the school scored sixth highest in the state on the math portion and in many cases scored higher than schools dedicated to teaching gifted students. Former Superintendent of Schools Michael VanTassel was ordered by state investigators to conduct an investigation into the allegations of impropriety and five teachers were subse-quently forcibly removed from

the school in full view of stu

education members

and parents have been vocal at crowded meetings of the school board demanding answers.

teachers has settled with the district and returned to work after agreeing to take no further legal action against the district. The four named in the lawsuit include Pamela Bradley, Michelle Komoroni, Brent Held and Rebecca Tennis.

The teachers claim that the district has not formally charged them with any wrong-doing but that they have remained on administrative leave for months. They remain adamant that they were not involved in any cheating and are seeking a return to their jobs, to have any disciplinary records removed from their per-

sonnel files and compensatory and punitive financial damages. Conflict regarding the situa

tion has raged and parents have been vocal at crowded meetings of the school board demanding answers. VanTassel's investiga-tion claimed that the teachers inappropriately coached the students during the testing and alerted them to incorrect answers and provided correct responses. The controversy is alleged to have been a factor in

ed in the suit, filed May 20, by

Bloomfield Hills. In the suit only school board member Sherry Frazier is not named

among the defendants while VanTassel, interim

Superintendent Snonta Longford-Green, and board members Brent Mikulski, Martha Toth, Kathy Kovach, Kevin English, Alison Bennett and Kelly Owen are defendants. The suit claims that the defen-dants intentionally missied the public and stated publicly that they were involved in a cheating scandal.

The teachers claim that the superintendent and board members violated their free-dom of speech, freedom of expression, freedom of associa-tion, freedom to petition and due process rights. They claim they have been forced out of the classroom for five months without any formal claim of wrong

Belleville - Romulus

Romulus senior wins Gates Millennium Scholarship

year, the Gates Millennium Scholars Program has awarded a scholarship to a Romulus High School Senior. Kingsley Enenchukwu was chosen from 53 000 applicants to follow in the footsteps of Brooke Waldon who was awarded the proofini--tootsteps of Errosse Waston who was awarded the prestigious Gates Millennium Scholarship last year. Waldon is currently pursuing her degree at Syvacuse University. As required, Enenchukwu maintained honor roll status in addition to writing

eight scholarly essays fit scholarly essays. The scholarship will now any accredited college or univer-sity. His plan is to attend the University of Michigan to study

nervous to open it. I'm so grateful to have this opportunity to repre-sent my community and those who have helped me along the way. My goal is to eventually work on Wall Street," said

Enenchulewu
Established in 1999 with the
goal of developing Leaders for
America's Future, the Gates
Millennium Scholars program is
-014 billion grant funded by a \$1.6 billion grant from the Bill and Melinda Gater

Foundation. The program removes the financial barriers to education for high-performing. low-income students. Each year, the Gates Millennium program enables 5,000 students to attend and graduate from 800 of the

"To have students in back-to back years win this scholarship is a true testament of their dedication and work ethic. It is a reflection of the performance that our administrators, teaching staff and counselors are doing



May 26, 2016

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON TRUTH-IN-TAXATION

ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS 36540 Grant Road Romulus, MI 48174

A Public Hearing on its proposed 2016-2017 tax levies will be held by the Board of Education of the Ro Community School District on:

> Monday, June 13, 2016 at 5:45 p.m.

in the Board of Education Office

36540 Grant Road Romulus, MI 48174

COPIES OF THE PROPOSED L-4029 WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW IN THE ROMULUS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE RETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. AND 4:00 P.M. ON JUNE 10, 2016

Romulus Board of Education

Publish: May 26, 2016

NOTICE

meeting on June 1. vill be held in the B p.m. to approve the 2016-2017 Budget. The meeting wi eation Office at 36540 Grant Road, Romulus, MI 48174

be available for review in the Romulus Boa of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on June 10, 2016

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Pennsylvania Project gains traction

ay be gaining some traction in

Officials are working with their neighbors and county state and federal elected officials in

hopes of getting a grade separa-tion at the railroad crossing on "We're trying to get that going again," said Romulus Mayor

Leroy Burcroff "The process has William Wadsworth brought up the issue recently, after a fire in Huron Township destroyed a home-in part because a train blocked pub-

lic safety responders from getting to the scene in time. Even in non-emergency situa-ons, trains can block the inter-ction and those nearby-for long

periods of time, causing delays 'It gets blocked sometimes

We're trying to get that

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to get some traction in D.C.

Pennsylvania at the same time," Wadsworth said. "Recently I went to buy gas and it took me 30 minutes to come back with five

flons of gas."

Romulus officials had long wanted to get something done about the crossing, to improve public safety and for the conven-ience of residents of Romulus,

Huron Township as well as trav elers to and from Metro Airport The project dated back at former Mayor Bill Oakley, who had the foresight to ask airport engineers to set aside dirt to build the over ness when they were developing million in Sederal funds set aside for the project, but those funds have since been reallocated. The Romulus City Conneil

members adopted a resolution in support of the project to share with neighboring officials, county state and federal legislators.
"We have to get a concerted effort to get it going," said Burcroff. "We'll work it through. We'd love to get a grade sepa

"I think everyone would agree: it would benefit the rail-road, it would benefit Huron Township it would be

Environmental issues discussed

Dave Wilson, a member of the Van Buren Township Environmental Commission was a ed by State Rep. Kristy Pagan (D-Canton) last

discussed issues and answered audience ques-tions including Laura Rubin, executive director of the Huron River Watershed Council; Charlotte Jameson, policy manager at the Michigan League of Conservation Voters; Andrew Sarpolis, organizing representative for the Sierra Club and Wilson.
"Our state is home to an abundance of natura resources and it is so important that we do every

thing we can to preserve these resources for future generations, "Pagan said. "Protecting our environment has been, and will continue to be, one of my top priorities. It was an honor to be joined by these environmental leaders who work so hard to help protect the health and well-being

of the Great Lakes State." of the Great Lause State."

At the forum, Pagun and the panelists discussed several critical issues including energy policy, pipeline safety, and the dangers of runoff contaminants Panelists agreed that runoff contamination

is a serious threat to Michigan waterways and they applauded Pagan's House Bill 5174, which aims to protect the state from the hazards of coal-tar based prosect message from the mazarca of cons-car unset sealants. They also took questions from the audi-ence on a number of other topics including the dangers of the dioxane plume creeping toward

one of the main water supplies in the city of Ann Arbor, the importance of compa-

nies being environmentally com-pliant, and what citizens can do to effectively communicate their environmental concerns with eir state legislators. "The turnout was incredible

and the conversations were very productive," Pagan said. "I know that these discussions will help cy in our state. I appreciate everyone who took the time out of their busy schedules to attend work on strategies to preserve our environment."





CANTON - NORTHVILLE

Opioid abuse is target of new effort

Inc., to address opioid abuse, now considered a national epidemic. Opioids are a class of drugs derived from the opium poppy, including morphine, endeine and hemin; they also include synthetics like oxy codone, hydrocodone and the extremely potent fentanyl, a police spokesperson said. Earlier this year, public safety officials noted a remarkable

ed overdoses involving opioi drags. In 2015. Canton police and Of the 47 total overdoses since January 2015, 66 percent of the individuals fall into the age

bracket of 18-30 years old.

'The increase in runs Canton
Public Safety is responding to for tunately aligns with the upward trend being experienced throughout the state and nation." said Public Safety Director

deaths have tripled from 2010 to 2013, according to federal prose-

have already responded to 24 calls of overdoses, with four resulting in death

from all drug overdoses exceed-

to attack drug abuse/addiction in approaches toward reducing the community with a two-drug use and abuse in Canton. pronged approach: police and free department personnel will recruited to i continue providing their respective services to the community seeking help.

treatment for overriese nationts and a drag overloosis executed as a

Growth Works, Inc. was recruited to into the partnership as a valuable resource for addicts

substance abuse programs for addicts and recovering addicts. Growth Works, Inc. can be reached at (734) 495-1722. The agency is also a valuable assis-tance resource for individuals impacted by a friend or loved

r's addiction. 'Opioid abuse has no socio or momic boundaries-addicts are not just street people or junkiesthey can be your friends, co-workers or relatives, and their addiction usually results in

Northville police join new accreditation program

Police Department was among the first to join a new accredita-tion program to ensure enforce-Following a decision by the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police to adopt a program which would help improve

standards, Northville agreed to participate. Northville Township Director of Public Safety John Werth is the president of the police chiefs association. The accreditation program includes 105 standards and

on to use of force. Werth said that Northvil Township was the first agency to

Northville Police project manager on the accredi-tation program. Assessors from apply for the accreditation when the program was amnounced.

"We look forward to leading review practices and processes

the prescribed standards. Werth said that the accredita tion would strengthen the accountability of the department within the community with clearly defined standards of

Warm welcome The Canton Police Department wel-comed new police officer Lamar Frederick to the department last

Frederick to the department last week. Frederick took his each of office with his farnly in attendance and was congratuated by Township Paulic Safety Director Josh Melec. The part of the transition into their new position as a Canton police officer, officials said.

Crash severely injures 2

Canton police continue to investigate a vocace collision which seriously injured set drivers of two thelekes May 18. The drivers of both whiches sustained serious injuries and were transported to 8. According to police reports, officers sponded to the area of Michigan Australian Teplor was listed in critical com driver from Teplor was listed in critical comat Sheldon Road at about 1:51 p.m. last dition, police said. Thursday At the scene they observed a 1995 The Canton Police Chevrolet which had been traveling southbound on Sheldon Road that had collided and eastbound Michigan Avenue was control of the first and the state of the state ng eastbound on Michigan e. The Ch n by a 30-

Investigation Team was called to the scene Police said that alreaded does not annea Police said that alcohol does not appear to have been a factor in the crash which

Chief

him without being a qualified fire adminis-trator and the violation of the Open Meetings Act due to the failure of the board members to determine his termina-tion at a public meeting.

"The township manager (Spider) will be

Management Authority (MMRMA) will respond to the charges and represent Northville Township in the legal proceed-

p.
"I believe the plaintiff's allegations are correct. As the lawsuit discovery process tions there will be ongoing discussions and everything will come out," Snider added. "I want the public to know our commit-

Notice of Public Hearing Charter Tempohio of Canton

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings - May 17, 2016

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He indicated that Paith & state. He indicated that Faith & Freedom officials would be con-ducting an investigation into the matter. There is, however, a Faith & Freedom Coalition of Michigan, listed as a 501(e)(4)

Ann Arbor attorney and political consultant Stu Sandler lists Faith & Freedom Coalition as one of his clients on his website. Sandler is the founder of Hardworking Americans Committee, a political action group. Sandler says he worked with the Hardworking Americans Committee Suner

Sandler and Price are political associates and both worked for former Attorney General Mike Cox. Sandler was Cox campaign manager and director of xternal affairs and Price was his director of constituent rela-tions. Sandler attended Price's swearing-in ceremony when he

was appointed as supervisor in Plymouth Township last spring, "Twe never seen anything like this in my career," Heise said.

almost as if I'm running inst Stu Sandler. I don't know 'he's so intense."

Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW), a Washington D.C. think tank nationally-minded chapters and state-focused super Political Action Committees (PACs) who

raise unlimited sums are required to disclose their donors to the Federal Election Commission (FEC). CREW offi-Commission (FEC), CREW offi-cials said this means the donors behind any spending by the group on "independent expendi-tures and issue advocacy" are not secret. "That transparency is easily subverted, however, when contributions are routed through nonprofits that can keep their donors secret." A CREW spokesman offered the example

of Hardworking An Committee.
"More than half of the group's "More than half of the group's budget can be traced to dark money groups," CREW reports. The Republican State Leadership Committee (RSLC), a national organization with a cus on electing Republicans or

focus on electing Republicans on the state level, was the top con-tributor to Sandler's Hardworking Americans Committee, according to CREW. Financial contributors to the local Faith & Freedom coalition

Praise church hosts 'Kidz Fest'

Praise Baptist Church will host Kidz Fest & Praise Fest from 3-9 p.m. June 4 on the church grounds. The free event will include

a hot dog lunch, games, inflat-able, drawings, crafts and Chamberlin Pony Rides and

Petting Zoo.

There will also be a free concert later from 6-9 p.m.

featuring the band Chosen and artist Sarah Dalton with the PBC Band. The concert like the children's activities is

The church is located at 45000 N Territorial Road in

Plymouth. 2200

sexual misconduct charge

Bus monitor faces 3rd

Canton school bus monitor charged with two felony sexual charged with two tesony sexual conduct offenses last week, has been charged with a third and separate offense by a Plymouth Township resident

According to Plymouth Township Police Lt. Robert Antal, the victim came forward last week after reading about other charges filed against Perillo by parents of a juvenile who was 9-years old at the time of the inci-dent. Perillo was living in Northville Township at the time, nolice said

The latest offenses are alleged The latest offenses are alleged to have taken place in Jarmary of 2011 in Plymouth. The latest charges, like those previously filed, carry a penalty of up to 15 years in prison. Perillo will be arraigned on these charges at the 35th District Court where he ed a not guilty plea last week on the prior charges which lid not involve students in the

week which maintained the 14 establishment limit, following

2014, was arrested on the initial charges by Northville police. He was arraigned on charges of first-degree criminal sexual conduct involving a person under 13, punishable by a 25-year minimum prison sentence and second-degree criminal sexual conduct involving a person under 13, pun-

ishable by a 15-year prison sen-tence. He pleaded not guilty to both charges at his arraignment.

Perillo now lists his residence
as Plymouth Township and the latest incident took place during his time as a home health care

Schools and Durham School Services, the outside contractor which provides bus transporta-tion services to the school district, issued a joint statement say-ing Perillo had been placed on npaid leave pending the out-ome of the criminal investiga-

business," the statement reads. "We would like to reassure Plymouth Canton Community Schools parents and members in the community that we have a stringent hiring process for bus drivers and monitors. There are many steps taken before employ-ment, this includes drug and alcohol testing and a criminal background check. Monitors and drivers are also fingerprinted which is sent to the state police who forward the information to

The alleged incidents we not reported until after the employee was hired by Durham and therefore did not show up on his background check "according

the district

to the statement.
"The Plymouth Township "The Plymouth Township Police Department encourages anyone who believes they or someone they know who m have been a victim of inappropri-ate contact with the suspect to contact them at (734) 354-3250," Antal said in a prepared relea

City liquor license limit left at 14

There will be only 14 estab-hments in downtown mouth selling alcohol by the

Members of the Plymouth City ers regarding a potential parking shortage another license could

Several critics of the plan

meeting to continue their opposi-tion to the plan in light of the cur-rent parking limitations. While the critics said they do not oppose growth in the community, they want parking available for the clients and customers who visit downtown currently.

Much of the discussion con Market which will be located in the remodeled post office on Penniman Street where owners

ed a transfer of an alcohol by the glass license to allow beer and wine service. The site currently includes 36 parking spaces, more than required by the city for the intended use. The market is expected to open in late June.

Also requesting another

license are the owners of the Greek Islands Coney Island on the corner of Main Street and Penniman, a downtown business

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INKSTER - WAYNE - WESTLAND

Budget OK includes plan to meet with retirees

Members of the Wayne City Council may have approved the \$15.7 million 2016-2017 budget last week, but a majority of them are hoping to amend the docu-ment. The budget was unanimously adopted on the third ballot following a proposal from ncilman Christopher lers that the city agree to "enter into earnest discussion with the city retirees within two weeks as an act of good faith to discuss the health care cost issues" in the adopted agree-ment. The budget as adopted includes a provision requiring retirees to pay 30 percent of their health care premiums and has a

30 newest can on the nortion of John Zech, the retired city manager who worked for Whyne for 31 years, spoke to the council prior to the adoption and urged them to reconsider this portion of the budget Zech said that as a city employee, he like many others was exempt from Social tions for his pension. He said that many of the retirees affected by ase would be severely

For some of these people, Zech said, this 30 percent could half their monthly income. Zech's remarks followed ple explained the hardship this would cause them. The retirees

stated that they were asking the council and city only to live up to the employment contracts under which they had worked for cale might be effective in allevi ating the hardship and would

have retirees paying an amount commensurate with their incomes. "I think its unfair. I know we all have to help but there should be a better way to

Several members of the coun cil apparently shared the con-cerns of the retirees who spoke at the meeting

The first two motions to approve the budget failed with Mayor Susan Rowe cautioning the council members that ar intervention by the state could be a possibility should they fail to adopt a budget by the second meeting in May. "That's fine, gentlemen," she said after the second 4-3 vote

For some of these people, Zech eaid this 30 nement ld be half their monthly inco

Councilman Ryan Gabriel hudget as presented as the issue was not just numbers. "These are people," he said, referring to the retirees, "They have no more

earning potential." Councilman Richard Sutton said he had serious reservations about the budget, particularly a \$300,000 cut in firefighter over-time which he said could eliminate the Mutual Aid agreement

and place the city in a precarious position with Westland. Councilman Tom Porter said Councilman Tom Porter said the issue was the "hard cap" on city health care contributions. He said that the city has some diffi-culty in hiring qualified appli-cants now and had a problem can to the future in the city. Councilman John Rhaesa s that he had voted no on the last four budgets and was not opposed to a sliding scale but

port the 30 percent increase or the 30 percent cap on costs in light of the impact on the point. There is no money. We will

the best interest of the city oring

Rowe told the council mem

bers and the assembled audi

ence, many of whom were retirees, that she "didn't want the

city to end up in state hands. We have to pass a budget tonight," she said. "We can look at amend-

ments. We will look at all depart

function as we have." She said that with current state laws it will take the city 20 years to return to

enced in 2009.
"There is nobody to help us

it the people who live here

Sanders said that he had no

viously been ready to support the budget as he understood it was an effort to "stave off" interven-

tion by the state in the form of an

rgency manager. He said he ed that the cut in firefighter

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retirees. Councilman Anthony Miller Rowe and Rhaesa cast affirma-tive votes all three times the budget question was called dur-ing the meeting, while Sutton,

ing the meeting, while Sutton, Porter, Miller and Sanders opposed the budget motion dur-ing the first two votes. Following Sanders' suggestion that a motion to approve negotia-tions with the retirese prior to approval of the budget, apport from the council was unanimous. No date for meeting with the retirees was provided

In presenting the budget, Brian Camiller of Plante Moran, which serves as the outside city finance officer, said, "You can't penses." The \$1.5 million stru

deficit was met in the budget with the use of \$740,000 from the Other Post Employment Benefits fund and the use of \$750,000 in the fund balance Camiller told the cou members and Rowe that the city will run out of money before the end of 2017.

right for the people working for Re-location of city veterans memorials planned

But the small marker memo-rializing POW/MIAs which was formerly located between the old moved from the Ford Road prop-erty and installing them at the orial garden located behind

garden includes a large center memorial and paved walks to coves containing engraved mark-

said that no decision has been

VFW Post. Other suggested loca-tions include the Lions Club Pavilion and the Farmers Market Pavilion area in Tattan Park Wild said that the POW/MIA

Wild said that the city ha been assured that the large memorials can be moved when a new location is finalized.



rough the city. According to Sandra K. Watley, execu-ve director of the Inkster Citizen Action

Network (ICAN) this will be first time in recent years the parade will travel down

The Inkster Citizen Action Network iginally established to address the

to sponsor functions, such as the Memorial Day Parade, Watley said Members of the group pay an annual \$20 fee used to sponsor community initiatives.
This year the parade route will travel
eastbound to Bayhan from Hamlin Drive
and proceed south on Bayhan to

Trowbridge and then east on Trowbridge to Inkster City Hall.









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Calendar of events

rs aid Lufh The 15th Annual Lutherar High School of Westland Oper golf tournament is now accept

beginning with registration at 8.40 a m. June 16 at St. John's Golf and or 44045 Five

Mile Road in Plymouth.

The day long event includes a shot gun start, 18 holes of golf with shot gun start, 18 holes of golf with a cart, hunch and boverage tickets, a dinner with a cash bar, contests, door prizes and favors, all for \$125 per person or \$110 for seniors older than 60.

Sponsorships are still being For registration or more infor

mation, contact Kevin Wade ns Club sets meetings The Lions Club of Bellevil

meets at 6:30 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of the month in room C104 at the Wayne County Community College Distric Relieville Compus For information about attend-ing a meeting or club member-ship, contact William Van Winkle,

(734) 254-9404.

rade will honor veterans The Wayne Westland Vete Parade, organized by the Veterans of Foreign Wars 3323 will mark 20th year of the event who the line-up steps off at 1 p.m. May 29 from the Wayne Ford Civic

igue parking lot at 1645 North rne Road in Westland. will travel north on Wayne Road then on to the Westland Veterans Memorial Garden behind the Westland

Hronertson/Uggmail.com or call San Stachow at (734) 427-2520 or

ather Robertson-Mitchell at 113) 576-7268. The parade

The Wayne County Park Saturday in the Park program is under way and visitors can now walk, run, skate or cycle safeb plane 6 miles of Hines Drive from 9 a m until 3:30 n m y: Hines D down to vehicular traffic from Ann Arbor Trail to Outer Drive so

that guests have the opportunity to participate in their favorite activities in a vehicle-free environment. The Saturday in the Park program will continue through Sept. 24. All ages can par-ticipate. Parking is available at the Hines' Park Helms Haven Area located on Hines Drive west of Outer Drive and Hines Park Nankin Mills Picnic Area at Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor

Plymouth veterans parade set The Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony in Plymouth is planned for 8 a.m. Monday, May 30 when rts will beefn li Wing and Harvey streets down-town. The parade will begin at 9 a.m. and march up Main Street to the Plymouth Veterans Memorial

This year the pa vanised by the Physouth Lion Organizate by the Prymouth Lious Club, American Legion Post No. 391, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6695 and the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter No.

528 - more entrunts are still being accepted. For more information, contact Lee Ekholm at (734) 812-8724. The narade is free and open to

the pu Canton service plan The Canton Fire Department onor Guard will host a

orial Day service at 10 a.m. Monday, May 30. The event will take place at the Veteran's Memorial Center located in Heritage Park, directly behind the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Representatives from the sited States Marine Corps will also present a ceremonial wreath ting at the 1st Battalion 24th on Memorial, locat-

The public is invited to at memorial service honoring se who have lost their lives le protecting and serving our this me

Rea honors Wayne mayor
An Afternoon High Tea honoring the first female mayor of
Wayne, Susan Rowe, is planned
for 3-6 p.m. June 11 on the
grounds of the Historical

Wayne Historical Society and will teas. Event proceeds will help support continued programming at the Wayne Historical Museum at the Wayne Histo

and the improvement of exi and storage of artifacts. Tickets are priced at \$31.74 and are available thro ithmayoreventhrite.com. Men are welcome at the event Guests are asked to wear garden attire including dressy clothes and hats. Gloves are optional. Tickets are also available at

the museum from noon until 3 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. or more information call (734) 722-0113 rder, mayhem and tea

The Plymouth Historical Museum will host a murder mys-tery tea performed by the Plymouth Living History Troupe from 24 p.m. Sunday, June 12.

Come dressed to impress in your finery from the Roaring 20s or simply come as yourself and for the tea delicacies and the museum special tea, Mary's Blend. Audiences can interact with the performers and use their deuthing skills to help solve the

Tickets now on sale for Plymouth Historical Museum members and \$30 for non-mem-bers. Add \$5 to the price after

June 3. Tickets are available at the Plymouth Historical Museum located at 155 S. Main St. in Plymouth. More inform ilable at (734) 455,8940 or vi

Flea Market is planned
The Romulus Historical Society members are organizing the Annual Flea Market which

will take place this year from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. June 11 at a.m. until 5 p.m. June 11 at Romulus Historical Park, 11147 Hunt St. in Romulus. Vendors are asked to furnish their own tables in rented spaces

which range in price from \$15 to \$20. Set up will begin at 7 a.m. for For more information or to

rent space, contact Cathy Mors (734) 941-6361 Police golf outing set The Jack Demmer Ford Golf

Outing benefiting the Canton Police Benevolence Fund is planned for June 15 at Fox Hills Golf& Banemet Center The participation fee is \$195

idual golfers or \$700 for a ne. The fee includes 18 holes of golf, a continental breakfast, lunch, complementary drinks, contests, dinner and ban-quet with awards and prizes.

The day will begin with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. For more information, contact

free to the public and made nos the Canton Community Foundation (734) 495-1200. Sponsorships ranging from \$125 to \$5000 are still available

The City of Plymouth will be hosting a Shred Day from 9 a.m. until noon June 18 at city hall The city has partnered with Shree Legal to offer this free service to residents are. .
All city of Plymouth reside...
— owners are encou residents and property owners property owners are encouraged to bring up to 100 pounds or three banker boxes of confidential doc-uments to be securely destroyed. As well as ensuring that pen ling program All shredded

paper is baled and sent to pay mills and recycling centers where it will be converted into reusable aterial. Recycling 1 ton of pape saves 17 trees from being cut down; 380 gallons of fuel oil; 7000 gallons of water and 4000 Kilowatt

hours of energy This event is free for all City of mouth residents and property ners and photo identification

will be required. Thoro with me banker boxes are asked to bring the documents in batches More information is available at (734) 453-1234 x401 or by email at shred@ci.plymouth.mi

The Plymouth Father's Day Run, a benefit for the YMCA, is planned for June 19.

Fun Run: 5K Run: 5K Walk and a 10K Run Register to run or volunteer online at: plymouthfathers-dayrun.org

ednesday concerts announced Music In The Park, a 32-y 'Summer Wednesday at Noon' tra-dition will be hosted again this year by the Plymouth Comr Arts Council.

Concerts will begin June 22

d continue through Aug 24. The 10-week concert series is ble through the generosity of com-munity business and organization

omors. The schedule this year June 22 - The Chautauqua Express June 29 - Mr. Seley & The

July 6 - To Be Announced! July 13 - Beverly Meyer, The

July 20 - Saline Fiddlers Philhese July 27 - Fairground Band Aug. 3 - Matt Watroba Aug. 10 - Gemini

Aug. 17 - Barbara Bailey Hutchinson Aug. 24 - Joel Tacey's Tip Top





