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Police abuse causes second tax hike

...the settlements will

Following immediately on the heels of the announcement of a 6.45 mill assessment to pay a settlement for abuse by a police officer, Inkster Treasurer Mark Stuhldreher announced an additional levy of .47 mills to pay another victim.

In both court settlements, the officer involved in the allegations of mistreatment is William Melendez, who now faces criminal charges in the first incident.

The city settled the claims of motorist Floyd Dent, 55, who was dragged from his vehicle, placed in a chokehold and severely beaten by Melendez in

cost the property owner an extra \$191.68

January, for \$1,377,500 just last month. Videotapes of that incident from the police patrol car were released to the media and became a national issue on the internet. Melendez is now facing three felonies, including misconduct in office, assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder and assault by strangulation in that

In the latest suit by plaintiff DeShawn Acklin, the city has settled on \$100,000 in damages, resulting in the new levy against taxpayers. In his lawsuit, Acklin claimed that he was handcuffed, choked and beaten into unconsciousness by a group of seven Inkster police officers, including Melendez.

Acklin was arrested and kept in jail for three days but never charged with any offense.

Both Acklin and Dent will be paid in installment amounts as the new tax levies are collected. according to a city spokesper-

For an Inkster home with a market value of \$55,400, the median value reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, the settlements will cost the property owner an extra \$191.68. That amount is in addition to another one-time tax facing all Wayne

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Love is blind Judge adopts dog with special needs

Judge Sabrina Johnson of the 22nd District Court in Inkster met the love of her life this spring and the two are now insepa-

Johnson adopted Mikey, a special-needs pug, on March 20 and the 14-pound, 2-yearold is now a regular visitor at the courtroom where Johnson says, he charms everyone

"I have seen some very tough police officers get down on their hands and knees to pet him and play," Johnson said. "He brightens everyone's day."

Mikey's adoption came after Johnson saw the pup on the Michigan Pug Rescue website where his photo and statistics had been referred by the Michigan Humane Society where the dog had been surrendered by his previous owners.

Jennifer Rowell, the Detroit shelter manager for the humane society, explained that the special-needs pug's beginnings were not positive. She said that he suffered from severe glaucoma which left him blind, as well as demodex mange. The glaucoma caused Mikey extreme pain in his eyes, and shelter veterinarians decided that the best course of treatment for the dog was to remove the eyes to improve his quality of life. After his recovery, Rowell said, officials at the humane society opted to reach out to one of its transfer partners, Michigan Pug Rescue, which specializes in finding homes for pugs and could give him the extra care he required in a foster-home while he wait-

Johnson said she saw the pup on the pug website and immediately applied to adopt him.

"It was love at first sight," she said.

After a home visit from the rescue group, the adoption was approved and the newly-named Mikey joined Johnson at his



new home. Johnson said she kept him on a leash in the house at first as he quickly adjusted to the new surroundings. "I took him around about three times, and he knows where the furniture is, where the couch is, where the coffee table is, where my bed is," she said. She said she had heard about the "mapping" ability dogs have, and Mikey proved it to be

He may have a few problems in a new envi-

ronment, but he learns very quickly, Johnson added. "He gets around without any problems", she said, and always keeps a positive attitude. "Sometimes when we're walking in the park, he'll get going and run into a tree. He simply backs up, shakes it off and keeps moving. He really has taught me about how to live life."

Johnson said that she would encourage people to adopt rescue dogs and that it was obvious that Mikey had a very good foster home. She said she got a great deal of support from the rescue group in learning how



Judge Sabrina Johnson of the 22nd District Court adopted the love of her life in March and she and Mikey are now almost inseparable.

to manage Mikey's special needs.

"He loves to run, eat, relax and we play a great game of tug of war," she said.

"I rescued him, but really, he rescued me," Johnson said. "He is the love of my life."

Ryan McTigue of the humane society said the two are incredible to be around and that staff members' faces hurt from smiling so much being around the pair when they shot a YouTube video for the humane society. Watch Johnson and Mikey's story at: http://youtu.be/nbPptdiDoU0.

Supervisor's ex-aide is new township director

Don Howard Staff Writer

The new Director of Parks and Grants in Plymouth Township claims to know little about the controversy surrounding what will be one of his main responsibilities.

Mike Mitchell, who acted as legislative director for Township Supervisor Shannon Price during his tenure on the Wayne County Commission, was formerly named as the successful candidate for the \$60,000 newly-created parks position at the meeting of the board of trustees last week.

Mitchell, 45, said he expects to begin his new responsibilities Sept. 22.

I think the people who are the most affected should have the loudest voice.

Mitchell has a PhD in Molecular Cyogenetics, a masters degree in human genetics and bachelors degrees in chemistry and biology. He is a 1986 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and worked for Ford Motor Co. for 17 years in paint development. He lists his current employment on his resume as a Cytogentic Consultant with Teva Pharmaceutical

Wayne County Commissioner Joe Barone, who was appointed to fill the remainder of Price's unexpired term when he was appointed to the supervisor's job in April.

Mitchell said that he didn't know much about the controversy surrounding the planned amphitheater, pavilion and parking lot in the township

"I think the people who are the most affected should have the loudest voice," he said about the planned construction which has been the subject of much criticism by nearby residents. All township parks and facilities will be under Mitchell's management and direction when he assumes his new role with the township.

"I don't think the idea is to have hard rock there (in the amphitheater) but I really don't know," he said.

Mitchell said that he hopes to bring leadership and the opportunity for residents to participate in decisions to the new job.

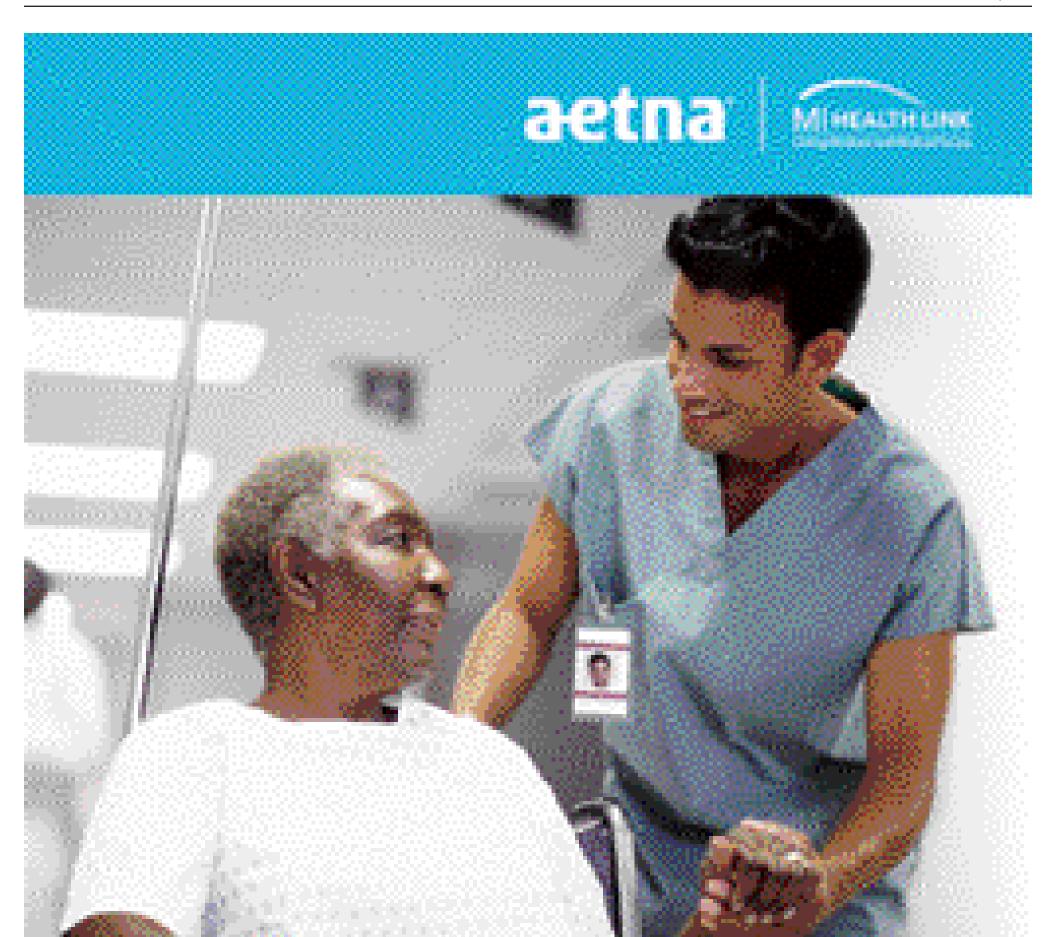
"If I could bring some sort of leadership, letting people be part of the process," he said.

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CANTON - NORTHVILLE

Investigation clears priest at St. Kenneth

The Rev. Thomas Belczak has been cleared of allegations of improperly using parish funds following an investigation by the

Belczak will return to his duties at St. Kenneth in Plymouth Township following a

nine-month probe into the finances at the parish, according to a statement from the Archdiocese of Detroit. St. Kenneth is located on Haggerty Road, near Five Mile Road.

Belczak is expected to return to duties next Saturday although a delegate will be appointed by the archdiocese to supervise the parish finances. While Belczak is facing no criminal charges, the investigation reportedly identified concern regarding some administration and financial practices at the parish.

During his nine-month Hurley" will be assisting the removal from St. Kenneth, Belczak was assigned as an assistant priest at a Bloomfield parish.

Belczak said in a prepared statement that he is "exceptionally pleased that Bishop Walter

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parish and that they will be implementing and adhering to newly enacted polices and proce-

His attorney, Karen Woodside, said the reassignment has been amicable and cordial.

Coyote sightings prompt police warning

Canton Township Police have issued a caution to residents about coyotes spotted several times recently in the area.

According to Special Services Lt. Craig Wilsher, the department has been receiving an increased number of reports from residents regarding coyotes in area neighborhoods.

"If residents feel they are in danger of a coyote, or if they observe a coyote in obvious distress, they should contact the police department," Wilsher said in a prepared statement.

According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, coyotes can be found throughout the state, in both

urban and suburban areas, including subdivisions. Coyotes are most likely to be spotted during their breeding period, which occurs in Michigan from mid-January into March. Coyotes are active day and night, however peak activity usually occurs at sunrise and sunset.

Coyotes can be difficult to distinguish from a medium-sized German shepherd dog from a distance. The size and weight of coyotes are commonly overestimated because of their long fur masking a bone structure that is slightly smaller than most domestic dogs.

In urban areas coyotes are attracted to garbage, garden vegetables and optional pet foods. Coyotes are opportunistic, and will prey on unattended small dogs and cats. However, because coyotes are known to have an instinctive fear of people, coyotes rarely attack humans.

According to public health authorities, bites from snakes, rodents and dogs are a far greater possibility than from a

Wilsher suggested that residents follow some tips to assist in minimizing a potential conflict with a coyote: never approach or touch a coyote; never intentionally feed a coyote; eliminate all outside food sources, especially pet food; put garbage out the morning of pick-up; clear out wood and brush piles, they are a habitat for mice and may attract coyotes and do not allow pets to roam free when coyotes are present-consider keeping pets indoors or accompany them outside, especially at night.

"Because we share the community with wild animals, a coyote sighting should not automatically be considered a cause for concern," Wilsher added.

"Residents are encouraged to follow the tips provided to minimize interaction with wildlife," he said."

Reports of a coyote in distress or causing a threat can be called in to the Canton Public Safety non-emergency line at (734) 394-5400. Emergency situations should always be called in through 9-1-1.

Northville director to lead state group

Northville Township Director of Public Safety John Werth will soon have even more responsibility.

Werth has been selected as the 89th president of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, an association dedicated to the advance of the science and art of police administration and crime prevention, according to the group website. The state wide group is governed by an 18member board of directors representing all geographical areas in Michigan. Werth will take his

oath of office as president during the Summer Professional Development Conference at Boyne Highlands Resort this

Northville Township Manager Chip Snider said in a prepared statement, "Director Werth's election to president demonstrates his tremendous commitment and adherence to the highest professional standards with the police

During his one-year term at the helm of the organization founded in 1924, Werth will lead



Northville Township Director of Public Safety John Werth

more than 1000 law enforcement executives representing municipal township and state agencies.

Garden walk set

Whimsical Wonderland, the 22nd Annual Garden Walk in Northville will take place from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 9.

Visitors to the seven Northville gardens will be treated to a garden market, live music, complimentary refreshments in the theme-decorated tea room of the 19th century Cady Inn and a chance to win one of seven items or gift certifi-

Tickets are \$10 and available at Gardenviews Garden Gallery, 117 E. Main St., (248) 380-8881 or on the day of the walk at the gate at Historic Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold St. in Northville which is the center of the walk and other The walk is organized by the members of the Country Garden Club of Northville.

Proceeds from the walk will be used to help support local and national organizations that promote environmental and horticultural causes as well as provide several scholarships to local high school students who plan to go on in earth science or other environment or science careers.

The walk is organized by the members of the Country Garden Club of Northville.

Northville Foundation parade welcomes pets, bikes

Northville Community Foundation 4th of July Parade starts from the corner of Griswold and Main Street at 10 a.m. on Independence Day, entries will include the anticipated floats, characters, bands, classic and vintage cars, veterans groups and fire trucks along with the popular decorated bike and

pet parade sections. The theme of the parade this year, American Memories, will be prevalent on all the entries,

explained Foundation Executive Director Jessica Striegle, and especially on the decorated bikes where youngsters will be vying for a \$50 Meijer gift certificate awarded to the best decorated entry in both the boys and girls

Children 5 and older are invited every year to decorate their bikes, and sometimes even trikes, with patriotic red, white and blue adornments and join the event. They do not pay an entry fee, nor

do they have to pre-register, they simply show up at the Northville Downs parking lot at the corner of Sheldon and Seven Mile Road by 9:20 a.m. on the Fourth of July riding their decorated wheels.

Parents are welcome to walk alongside the young bikers during the parade.

During the past 15 years, crowds have seen a goldfish in his bowl riding along the parade route in a wagon pulled by his proud 5-year-old owner, cats dressed in bonnets carried in baskets, birds in cages and lots and lots of dogs. Lots of dogs as part of the parade.

There is always a crowd of proud young owners who welcome the chance to show off their pets. Owners do not have to preregister, but meet at the Northville Downs parking lot the morning of the parade and be

assigned a spot in the assembly. The event is sponsored again this year by Meadowbrook and

Breckenridge Veterinary Clinics. Striegle said the event is always in need of more volun-

teers to help with the lining up of entries the day of the parade. To volunteer, or for more information, contact the foundation at (248) 374-0200.

The parade is sponsored by St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia and supported by Meijer, Community Financial Credit Union, Tom Holzer Ford, Aisin World Corp. and Blackwell Ford.

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"It's important the citizens have a voice."

He added that his goals in his new position would be to "give something back to the community and share resources with other communities. Plymouth Township could become a destination," he said.

Mitchell and two other candidates were vetted and interviewed by a panel of three including Northville Township Manager Chip Snider, Plymouth **Township Human Resources Director** JoAnn Coobatis and township Trustee Kay Arnold.

Snider said he was impressed by Mitchell's credentials and interview.

"Mike's professional career reflects an impressive intellect and an inspiring ability to synthesize information quickly for the development of both grant opportunities and recreational amenities. From the second he showed up he was thoughtful, talented and presented well to the selection team," Snider said

"Mike stood out not only for his academic and professional experience but his understanding of municipal and township government. This is what separated Mike from the other candidates,"

he added.

Snider said he was also impressed with Mitchell's grant writing expertise. He said Mitchell submitted a sample to show the panel "that was as long as my arm." Mitchell's resume cites his success in obtaining a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S.

Township Treasurer Ron Edwards, who has been overseeing the parks department, has been the moving force for both the nearly \$2 million amphitheater and pavilion construction in the township park along with other planned recreational improvements. Mitchell said that he anticipated no problems in working with the treasurer, who voted in favor of his hiring.

"I respect him (Edwards) but I report to Shannon," Mitchell said.

Mitchell has been the chairman of the 11th District Republican Committee for about three years. He said he first met Price in that capacity and that he worked on Price's campaign to become a Wayne County commissioner "along with a lot of other people" prior to taking the \$30,000 legislative director position at the county.

Mitchell and his wife, Diana Fibila-Mitchell, who works for Ford Motor Co., have lived in Livonia for about 15 years.

"I'm just excited to get started," he

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INKSTER - WAYNE - WESTLAND

Oldest woman in world dies at 116

Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday at New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church in Inkster for Jeralean Talley, who was the oldest person in the world.

Mrs. Talley, who celebrated her 116th birthday on May 23, to much fanfare and national acclaim, died June 17 in the Inkster home she shared first with her husband in 1963. The couple came to Michigan from Georgia in 1935 when he found work at Ford Motor Co. Alfred Talley died in 1988 after 52 years of mar-

The couple were the parents of one daughter, Thelma Holloway, 77, who lives in the same home and had been helping care for her mother. She said that Mrs. Talley had been hospitalized for about a week prior

to her death, but came home on Saturday and died peacefully.

Mrs. Talley was named the oldest person in the world by the gerontology Research Group earlier this vear. Often asked about her secret to longevity, she would always answer that her long life was "in God's hands." She did, however, confide that eating lot of pork is also helpful, specifically hog's head cheese, a dish made of pig ears and feet and containing no dairy products, despite the name.

Mrs. Talley bowled regularly until she was 104, continued to enjoy fishing and regularly attended church at New Baptist where she was a revered member. There will be a viewing from 1-7 p.m. tomorrow.

The church is located at 821 Inkster Road in Inkster.



Jeralean Talley

Wayne Road Cruise event set for July 10, 11

The Third Annual All American Wayne Road Cruise is planned for July 10 and 11 this year:

The event is organized by Don Nicholson Enterprises, LLC and this year will feature a drive-in movie and a concert at the Wayne Ford Civic League.

Emcee this year will be Benny of Benny and the Jets and the

concert performers will be Eddie Cooper and the Exit Band and Leaha and the Troublemakers. When the sun goes down the 55foot movie screen will show the Disney Pixar movie, C.A.R.S. and the second feature, American Graffiti.

Several locations along Wavne Road will feature special events, according to Nicholson, including Cuda Automotive with a swap meet and some entertainment.

St. John's Episcopal Church will be hosting a family festival along with free classic car parking on the grass along Wayne Road.

Westland Bowl will be the site of a car show to benefit the Westland Jaycees and auto specialty vendors will be at the

t-shirts will be for sale at the civic league as well. Nicholson said.

There will also be an open house at the Westland Historic Village along with free classic car parking. The first 100 classic car drivers who stop in and take a tour will receive a free commemorative dash plaque. The MotorCities National Heritage

Wayne Ford Civic League. Official Area booth will be open to explain why Westland is part of the National Parks Area.

> Several other locations will also be hosting special events during the cruise, according to Nicholson, but details have not yet been finalized.

For more information, contact Nicholson at (734) 658-5296 or don@DonNicholson.net.

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County property owners necessitated by a \$49 million judgment in a pension case.

Census records indicate that 38 percent of Inkster residents live in poverty and the city insurance policy has a \$2 million deductible.

Melendez admitted to striking Acklin twice during legal depositions in the case. The former officer, fired by the city after the release of the videotape in the Dent arrest, said he hit Acklin once in each of his eyes. He said that he was searching for a suspect in the area and that Acklin ran from him and swing at his

face, making contact with his forearm. He claimed in the deposition that he struck Acklin "in my own defense."

Acklin claimed in his lawsuit that he went inside a home on Isabelle Street to use a bathroom and came out just as police forced their way into the house.

Acklin denied running or resisting arrest, said he did not have drugs, did not run from the police officers and never had a gun, which contradicted Melendez' claims. Acklin was taken to a local hospital at the time and treated for his injuries.

An attorney for Acklin said settlement negotiations in the case were conducted with attorneys for the city.

"It was an excellent offer and my client (Acklin) wanted to accept it," he

estiand to raze school

Another former Inkster School District property is scheduled to be razed by the City of Westland.

The building, the former Thomas Gist Academy on Dancy Street, the blighted structure is located in Annapolis Park, a historic district which was built in 1953 for African Americans. Since the building has fallen into disrepair after the dissolution of the Inkster schools by the state, many nearby residents have complained about the condition of the structure. The site is located on the north and south of Stottlemyer Park in Westland.

Members of the Westland City Council have agreed to a land swap with Peoples Community Missionary Baptist Church of Westland which currently owns the property. In the exchange, Westland will receive the 7 acres of land, including the school building, and give the church 1.15 acres of land from the north side of Stottlemyer Park. The exchange will "square up" the church property, according the Westland City attorney James Fausone.

He said that the city has already set aside funding to demolish the school building, but could not spend money on property they do not own. Westland officials said they expect to use grant funding for the demolition and has set aside \$50,000 in the new budget for neighborhood park improvements.

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Annette Baker Mach Annette Baker Mach, 92, died June 18 at her home. Mrs. Mach was born Nov. 11. 1922 in Belleville, the daughter of the late Earl Felt and Ruth Charles (Baker) Jacox.

Mrs. Mach was a 1942 graduate of Belleville High School and went on to earn her associates degree in bookkeeping. She worked at the Willow Run Bomber Plant for a few years in the payroll department and earned a pilot's license. Mrs. Mach was a very

active member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Belleville and she was also a member of the Van Buren Senior Center and enjoyed doing crafts. She loved square dancing and having a meal with her "Lunch Bunch", a group of graduates from her class that met once a month, every month, to keep in touch with each other.

Among her survivors are her two daughters, Karen L. Medley of Saline and Gina (Ron) Held of Belleville; three grandchildren, Aaron (Jennifer) MacLeod, Brent (Erin) Held and Lindsay (David) Ethridge; four great-grandchildren, Allyson, Alivia, Syndey and Sadie Jeanne. She was preceded in death by her husband. Robert Mach in 2010 and a sister, Jeanne Jacox. Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial service is planned for 11 a.m. Friday,

June 26, at St. Pauls

Lutheran Church, Belleville

with the Rev. James Frev officiating. Memorial visiting hours will take place from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at Brown Funeral Home in Belleville. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the church are appreciat-



Mackreth M. Stillwagon, Jr.

Mackreth M. Stillwagon, Jr., 59, of Romulus, died June 19, 2015.

Among his survivors left to cherish his memory are his children, Mack M. Stillwagon, III, Ryan r. Stillwagon and Stephanie P. Stillwagon; his grandson, Ryan Raymond Stillwagon, Jr.; a sister Patricia Trabulsi; his former wife, Linda Kizer; many other loving family members and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mackreth M. and Dorothy Mae Stillwagon and a sister, Donna (Don L.) Cinzori. Cremation rites were accorded at The Witness Crematory located inside Michigan Memorial Funeral

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Safe At Home Volunteers help senior couple

A veteran of World War II and his wife received some special help from Home Depot and the Senior Alliance this month.

A new partnership between The Senior Alliance and the Safe-at-Home partner Home Depot brought nearly 50 volunteers to a Van Buren Township home, along with equipment, tools and supplies to provide much-needed renovations. The 18 volunteers from The Senior Alliance worked alongside more than 30 volunteers from Home Depot stores in Plymouth, Ann Arbor, Commerce, Fenton, Livonia and two Canton locations. The group began the remodel and home repair promptly at 9 a.m. and throughout the day, the volunteers landscaped, built a new patio, replaced toilet and shower facilities to make them compliant with the

Americans With Disability Act, installed all new appliances including a refrigerator, stove, washer and dryer and a new hot water tank. The volunteers also replaced the front and side storm doors and built new railings at the home.

Safe-at-Home is a new program being developed by The Senior Alliance in an effort to improve the quality of life for older adults and individuals with disabilities by focusing on the remediation of unsound or hazardous conditions in their homes.

The Home Depot Foundation and Team Depot have partnered with nonprofits across the country to help transform homes and housing facilities for veterans and their families. Home Depot employs 35.000 veterans across the coun-



Nearly 50 volunteers from Home Depot and The Senior Alliance worked to renovate and repair the home of a World War II veteran in Van Buren Township early this month. The Plymouth Home Depot was the host store for the project. Photo by David Wilson

According to a spokesperson, one of the core values of Home Depot is giving back to the communities and store associates participate by volunteering to spend their time off on Team Depot projects.

The Home Depot core values echo the mission statement of The Senior Alliance. he said.

Among those many volunteers who made the project in Van Buren possible were Regional Community Team Caption Bob Saniga, Team Depot Captain and Plymouth Store Manager Brian Fitzgerald and Home Depot District Manager Jeff

"Arts are vital to a civilized items such as Detroit Tigers tick-

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts (BACA) welcomed the summer season recently with the 3rd Annual Summer Soiree benefiting the Music Lakeside summer concert series.

This year, the event was moved to the BYC Clubhouse and included a Caribbean theme. With the support of community stakeholders such as Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley, Wayne

County Commissioner Al Haidous and 34th District Judge David Parrot, guests enjoyed a myriad of live and silent auction items, dinner and live music.

Arts Council President Doug Dalton and Music Lakeside Chairperson Ken Voigt said they were excited about the outpouring of community support for the event and for the organization as

society," said Dalton, "and we are ecstatic with the community support for BACA and the Music Lakeside series as well as all of our other events and programs. We owe a huge debt of gratitude and thanks to all the folks who support BACA's efforts".

On hand to emcee the auction portion of the event was Steve Gross who accepted bids on et packages, jewelry, limited edition art pieces and the highly sought-after Music Lakeside Basket. This one of a kind prize included (amongst other offerings) special VIP parking for the entire 2015 Music Lakeside series as well as the privilege of being the "Official 2015 Music Lakeside Guest of Honor." That designation allowed the winners,

Lawrence and Rebecca Gallo, a ride in the Music Lakeside convertible during the 2015 Strawberry Festival Parade.

The Music Lakeside Summer concert series will begin in Horizon Park at 7 p.m. June 25 continue each Thursday evening through Aug. 27. There will be no concert Aug. 20, as the Taste of Belleville is scheduled that evening.

Romulus Public Library offers teen reading programs

The Romulus Public Library will feature the Unmask: Teen Reading Programs this summer.

All programs take place at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, unless otherwise noted.

On June 30, the program will Ring of Steel with sword/stunt fighting with the

group of professionals who train PG-13 movie. the actors in the movies. They will bring more than 100 movie props to display.

July 7 will be the Superhero Movie/Pizza Party. The movie Scott Pilgrim vs. The World will be shown. Parental permission for those 12 is necessary for the

Participants can design their own superhero puppet on July 14 with Alex Thomas and Friends. The puppets will be used for stop animation and participants will receive a DVD of their animation effort.

July 21 will feature the histo-

ry and making of a comic book with free giveaways.

The July 28 meeting has been moved to 2:30 p.m. and will be a Duct-tape Workshop when teens can use their imagination to make all kinds of creations from duct tape. Special prizes will be raffled off during this program.

The pool party is planned for noon until 2 p.m. Aug. 2 at the RAC. Participants must have a signed parental waiver to attend.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus.

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







Calendar of events

Library has summer hours

The Inkster Public Library has new summer hours and is now open from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturdays and from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, and from noon until 8 p.m. on Wednesdays.

The library will be closed Fridays, Sundays and Mondays.

The library is located at 2005 Inkster Road in Inkster.

For more information, call (313) 563-2822.

Memorial golf outing set

The Westland Veterans Association inaugural Kenneth E. Mehl Memorial Golf Outing is planned for Saturday, June 27, at Fellows Creek Golf Club and Banquet Facility, 2936 Lotz Road in Canton Township. All proceeds will go to the Veterans Memorial Garden of Westland.

Registration begins at 7 a.m. and there will be a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Cost is \$100 per person and includes lunch, drink and dinner:

For more information call Mike Williams, (734) 634-5867 or Dwayne Walker, (734) 664-2123.

Belleville concert tonight

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts kicks off the 2015 Music Lakeside series at 7 tonight at Horizon Park in Belleville. The free concert will feature nationallyrenowned The Shades of Blue.

The Shades of Blue had a chart topping hit, Oh How Happy, in 1966.

Audiences should bring a lawn chair or blanket and seating is first come, first serve. In the event of rain, the concert will be moved to the Belleville United Methodist Church across from the park on Roys Street at Charles.

For more information, visit bacaart.org.

Farmer's Market opens

The Romulus Farmer's Market will now be open every Wednesday from noon until 6 p.m. through Oct. 14 at the Romulus Municipal Complex, 11111 Wayne Road in Romulus.

The market offers a new Kid's Club which includes a \$2 coupon each month valid to spend at the market.

For more information, call (734) 955-4531 or www.facebook.com/RomulusFarmers Market.

Straight-laced display under way

The Canton Historical Society has an exhibit of petticoats and drawers of the turn of the century now on display at the Canton Historical Museum, 1022 South Canton Center Road in Canton.

The exhibit will continue through Aug. 23 from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, from 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays and from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

For more information, call (734) 397-

Romulus Night at Comerica set

Tickets are now on sale for Romulus Night at Comerica Park, planned for Wednesday, Aug. 4.

The \$65 ticket includes a bus ride and

and a buffet of hot dogs, hamburgers, cole slaw, pasta salad, baked beans, chips and soft drinks.

The Tigers will play the Minnesota Twins beginning at 7:08 p.m.

The bus will leave Romulus City Hall at 5 p.m. and check in will begin at 4:30 p.m.

There are only 100 tickets available at Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce, 11189 Shook Road, Suite 200, Romulus.

For more information or to reserve tickets, call (734) 893-0694 or email info@romuluschamber.com.

Farm offers Story Time

Maybury Farm will host Story Time at 11 a.m. every Wednesday and Thursday throughout the summer. In addition to hearing a story about animals, children can visit with the live farm animals at the farm and play at the playground.

The cost for Story Time is included with the admission fee to the farm.

Maybury Farm is also offering Wagon Ride Wednesdays at 11:30 and noon on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.

Admission to the farm is \$2.50 per person and children younger than 3 are admitted at no cost. Wagon rides are \$3 per person, those younger than 3 at no cost.

Maybury Farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile Road in Northville. It is 1-1/4 mile west of Beck Road on Eight Mile, 1/2 mile west of Maybury State Park. Enter at the Maybury Farm sign, do not enter the state park. Parking is free at Maybury Farm. For more information, visit www.northvillecommunityfoundation.org

Summer 'Stay-cation' at BLOCK

The B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center is offering Summer Stay-cation for youth ages 11-17. From June 15 - Aug. 28, youngsters can participate in fun activities in a safe environment.

Register by the week, day, or just for road trips. The B.L.O.C.K is located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Call (734) 398-5570 for more information or to register.

Wayne Garden Tour set

The Wayne Garden Club will be hosting a garden walk, Through the Garden Gate, featuring seven gardens plus Brenda's Butterfly House from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. June 27.

Tickets will be sold at The Wayne Library, Barson's Greenhouse, at Merriman Road between Warren Road and Ford Road in, Westland, Wayne Farmers Market and The Wayne Community Center.

The garden walk will include vendors and a white elephant sale featuring garden

Tickets are priced at \$8 or \$10 the day of walk at the First Congregational Church, 2 Town Square, Wayne.

Refreshments will be provided and the

walk will take place rain or shine. For more information call (734) 722-9666.

Motown, Mamma Mia and More

The Michigan Philharmonic grooves into the summer season with Motown, Mamma Mia and More. The orchestra is planning a

special summer series tour throughout Metro Detroit celebrating the great music of the 60s and 70s.

The Michigan Philharmonic plays to a hometown crowd in downtown Plymouth at Kellogg Park at 7:30 p.m. June 27. The orchestra travels to the great outdoors performing on Maple Beach at Kensington Metropark on July 11 and will pay homage to the home of Motown in the City of Detroit at Grand Circus Park - 6:15 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29 as part of the Detroit Summerfest

The musical line up for the free concerts will take audiences back to the days of bellbottoms and daisies with favorites by The Temptations, The Supremes, Stevie Wonder and The Rolling Stones.

Local vocal stars also join the Michigan Phil once again to lend their talents to the Mamma Mia Medley. Kathryn Calzone graduated with her bachelor's from the New England Conservatory and studied voice at the famed Interlochen Arts Academy. Lauren Norris earned her master's in Musical Theater Performance at the Royal Conservatorie of Scotland. Taylor Walls, a senior at Madonna University, is majoring in music management and interns for the Michigan Philharmonic. Walls recently competed on Season 14 of American Idol and sings locally with her band, Athens

For more information call (734)451-2112 or visit www.michiganphil.org.

Garden Walk scheduled

The 20th annual Flowers are Forever garden walk in Plymouth will take place from noon until 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 30.

Tickets are priced at \$8 pre-sale or \$10 the day of the walk which takes place rain or shine. Children's tickets are half price, babes-in-arms are admitted free but strollers are not permitted at the event.

Several gardens are featured and complimentary refreshments and a perennial sale will be available at one home. Master Gardeners will be available to answer questions. Tickets are being sold at: Saxton's Power Equipment Center, 587 W. Ann Arbor Trail, (734)453-6250; Backyard Birds, 627 S. Main St., (734) 416-0600 and Sideways, 505 Forest, (734) 453-8312.

For more information, call Kate Kerr (734)455-6867.

Camp 911 offered

Huron Valley Ambulance is offering a free two-day interactive safety program for children ages 8 to 12. The program offers youngsters information on household safety, simple first aid as well as fun interactive programs. Professional paramedics and city fire fighters will be acting as counselors from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. July 1 and 2 to guide campers through a variety of interactive experiences.

Camp 9-1-1 will take place at the Plymouth Cultural Center at 525 Farmer St. Campers must be registered in advance at

More information is available at camp911@emergenthealth.org or (734) 477-6781. Registrations are limited for this free program and are taken on a first come, first served basis.

Yo-Yo Juggling camp set

The City of Plymouth Department of Recreation in cooperation with Duncan Crew Toy member YoJake will be hosting a summer Yo-yo/Juggling Camp for students

This camp will be offered from 10:30 a.m. until noon Monday-Friday, July 6-10 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Advanced registration is required at the recreation office or [https://plymouthwebtrac.net/wbwsc/miplymouwebtrac.wsc/wbsplash.html?wbp=1]. The cost of the camp is \$45 and City of Plymouth residents will receive a discounted price for the camp.

At the end of the week, students can show off their new tricks in the novice or intermediate camper division at the Mideast Regional Yo-yo Contest on Saturday, July 11 at the Plymouth Cultural Center: Camp fee includes a free Yo-yo and the use of juggling equipment. For more information, call (734) 455-6620 from noon until 4:40 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Space is limited.

College for Kids offered

Wayne County Community College District Western Campus in Belleville will offer College for Kids Summer Camps for ages 11-14 July 6 through 23.

The all inclusive three-week camp experience includes classes in Lego Robotics, Forensic Photography, Video Game Design, Foreign Language Exploration, American Sign Language, Culinary Etiquette, Acting Workshop and Martial Arts.

The cost per camper is \$125 but does not include lunch, which will be available for purchase.

To register, call (734)699-7008. The campus is located at 9555 Haggerty Road in Belleville.





