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## Residents protest township amphitheater plan

Don Howard  
Staff Writer

Nearly 100 residents who live near Plymouth Township Park met last week at the Plymouth District Library to discuss options and plans to halt a planned amphitheater in the 80-acre park.

Plymouth Concerned Citizens, an ad-hoc group of residents and businesspeople, meets each month to share information and discuss critical issues, hosted the meeting.

The only agenda item at the meeting was a discussion of the

impact the controversial township project will have on the lifestyle and property values of homes adjacent to or near the park. Many of the attendees live in Beacon Hill, an upscale subdivision near Ann Arbor Trail east of Beck Road that adjoins the park property and golf course.

Homeowners Chris Hunter and John Stewart addressed the standing room only crowd.

Stewart, an attorney, is a former state representative and past township trustee. Hunter, also an attorney, presented a timeline of the events, which led

to the current state of the project planned for construction this summer.

"I do not want an amphitheater in my back yard. I do not want the noise. I do not want the litter. I do not want the activities taking away from the community. I do not want the traffic," she said at a recent board meeting.

Options discussed during the meeting of citizens last week included seeking legal remedies although homeowners had several questions for the two attorneys. Residents cited the

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Residents put up protest signs just prior to the Plymouth Township 4th of July fireworks last week urging a "stop" to the proposed amphitheater.

## Original art 35th Art In The Park will welcome back first attendees

When Art In The Park returns for the 35th year this weekend, at least three original attendees are expected to be on hand.

Debbie Maloni, one of the original exhibitors and Debbie Potvin, one of the original spectators, said they would be in attendance-as usual. Also expected is Lorna Nitz who is one of the volunteers this year. Nitz moved to Plymouth about two days before the original Art in the Park and has been coming back ever since. This year, she is one of the volunteers helping keep the event running smoothly.

"I've only missed one," said Potvin, a Wayne resident, "and that was the year that my daughter was getting married."

Founded by Plymouth Resident Dianne Quinn, the art fair was once a much simpler venue. In its inaugural year, there were only a dozen or so artists that took part. The event was centered-and contained-in Kellogg Park. Quinn will retire after the show this year and turn the event over to her daughter, Raychel Rork, who has been at every Art In The Park.

"It was very small, but I loved it," said Potvin, of the first few events. "We walked around through it at least twice in one afternoon. Now, it takes

two or three days to see everything."

Maloni, a Plymouth resident, was one of the first exhibitors. She sold decorative cross-stitched tops for mason jars.

"It was very small to begin with, but it was still a great thing to take part in," said Maloni, a teacher who retired from the Plymouth Canton Community School District this year. "We've watched it grow over the years."

Maloni said she met Quinn through a quilting class and was soon convinced to take part in the inaugural event. She has been astounded at the way it has grown, as well.

"It's my favorite weekend of the year in Plymouth," said Maloni. "I plan my summers around it."

She has a plan for the event every year, too. It starts on Friday, when she meets up with her regular group at about 10 a.m. at Panera Bread. For a while, their first stop was at Gabriela's, where Larry Bird handed out free bags to Art Festival attendees. They would visit the booths, have lunch at the Box Bar, walk around the fair more and then "collapse at home." Later, they would take their husbands back into town for dinner.

"It's so much fun to see all



Raychel Rork and Dianne Quinn

the people in Plymouth," said Maloni.

She added that she's been impressed with the kind of organization it takes to pull off the event every year. From its humble beginnings, the Art in the Park has now grown into one of the largest art fairs in the state, attracting more than 400 artists of all types every year. She said Quinn and Rork, who is assuming full responsibility for the event beginning next year, should be commended for the work they put into it.

"I appreciate the effort they go through to make it so successful," said Maloni.

Maloni said she wouldn't miss the event this year, but she no longer has a table to display her work.

"I think the caliber of exhibitor is far beyond my ability," she joked.

She will be making her regular rounds, though, as will

Potvin.

"I've done some major damage at that place over the years," said Potvin. "You can always find so many different unique things."

Potvin said she always likes to look for new things, but finds herself heading back to one of her favorite staples: candles.

"They're so beautiful," she said. "Sometimes I buy a six-month supply."

Art In The Park will be open from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. tomorrow, from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Sunday. Shuttle services are available from the ACH plant at 144425 Sheldon Road near M-14 continuously. The drop off point is Plymouth City Hall.

(More information about Art In The Park is included in the special insert in this edition of The Eagle.)

## Suspects face murder, torture charges in shooting

Two men have been remanded to the Wayne County Jail and are being held without bail in the shooting death of a 2-year-old and wounding of two others that occurred last week at the Parkside Estates Housing Complex in Inkster.

Charged with first-degree murder, torture and other offenses in the shooting is Raymone Jackson, 24, also known as Money. Jackson, of Inkster, is alleged to have walked up to a porch in the complex where 2-year-old Kamiya French was sitting with her father, 34-year-old Kenneth French, and family friend, Chelsea Lancaster, 12, at about 8:30 p.m. July 1. Witnesses told police that the shooter approached the three outside the house in the 30000 block of Carlysle Street and began talking to French. He then pulled

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out a handgun and fired at point-blank range at the toddler, killing her, then turning the gun on her father and the 12-year-old, wounding each of them seriously.

According to witnesses, the gunman then walked to a white van, gun still in hand, got in and the vehicle was driven away. Witnesses said that the same white van had driven past the house earlier and had dropped the suspect off a few doors from the house just before the shooting.

Jackson was arrested Wednesday in Brownstown Township following an intensive investigation by Michigan State Police. The cruelty and torture charges were levied against him as results of alleged statements made that indicated he wanted the child's death to be the last thing her father saw before his own murder.

Jackson was arraigned before Judge Sabrina Johnson at the 22nd District Court in Inkster. Johnson ordered him held without bail and granted his request

for a court-appointed attorney.

His next court appearance is planned for July 16.

A second suspect, Rapheal Daniel-Jordan Hearn, 29, was arrested by state police and arraigned on charges of first-degree murder, two counts of assault with intent to murder, being a felon in possession of a firearm and other charges at 34th District Court in Romulus July 6. He was also denied bail and remanded to the Wayne County Jail.

A third suspect arrested in connection with the shooting was released by state police pending "further investigation." No further information was released about him.

Inkster Police Chief Hilton Napoleon said the shooting may have been "in retaliation" for a

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# BELLEVILLE - ROMULUS

## Recreation programs return to Romulus

Summer recreation programs are back in the City of Romulus.

A series of programs are available, including a youth day program, cheerleading, arts and crafts, youth and adult softball, youth soccer, golf classes and adult volleyball.

“Recreation is so important to the foundation of a community,” Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff said. “Providing affordable recreation for our families, children and adults is key to a healthy, happy city.”

Participants must pre-register for Romulus recreation programs in the mayor's office at city hall, 11111 Wayne Road. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. Please refer to deadlines for each program. For more information, contact Community Services Director Julie Wojtylko at (734) 455-4501.

### Summer Recreation Elementary Daytime Program

A daytime summer recreation program open to elementary-school-age children will feature games, activities, arts and crafts, videos, sports, free play and more.

The Romulus Recreation Department program for children in kindergarten through fifth grade (as of fall 2014) will run from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, until Aug. 14, at Romulus Elementary School.

Special Friday field trips will be optional for an additional fee. The field trips will be offered on July 11, 18 and 25, starting and ending at Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road. There also will be optional swimming days.

The fee for the program is \$300 per Romulus child and \$350 for non-residents. Each child must have a birth certificate, shot records and proof of residency.

Children registered for the K-5 program also may attend Camp Learn-a-Lot provided by the Romulus Community Schools. There is no additional cost to attendees. Camp Learn-a-Lot will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday, July 21-Aug. 14, at Wick Elementary School.

Bus transportation to Camp Learn-a-Lot will be provided by the Romulus schools. Pick-up will take place at 8:45 a.m. The bus will return to Romulus Elementary School at 2:15 p.m.

Lunch may be provided by the Wayne County Summer Food Program, although organizers say that participants should plan on bringing a healthy bag lunch (no candy). Snacks will not be provided at the sites. Bringing morning and afternoon healthy snacks is suggested.

The program will be closed on holidays.

Early registration is suggested.

### Youth Summer Craft Classes

Summer craft classes will be offered to children ages 4-10 from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays in July at the Romulus Senior Center, 36525 Bibbins.

Presented by the Romulus Recreation Department, the classes are limited to 15 children, who must register at city hall by June 30. The fee is \$50 for the entire session or \$10 per week.

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### Cheerleading Classes

A cheerleading instructional program will be presented Thursdays through Aug. 14, at Elmer Johnson Community Park Pavilion, 9755 Ozga Road.

Open to girls and boys ages 4-15, the fun course is designed for making friends while learning choreographed pompom and dance routines, plus the most popular jumps, leaps and other skills required for school tryouts.

Class times are 5 p.m. for children ages 4-6, 6 p.m. for 7-9, 7 p.m. for 10-12, and 8 p.m. for 13 and older.

The fee is \$49 for the entire cheerleading program. Pompoms will be sold at class and are optional. The registration deadline is June 30. A valid birth certificate and completed waiver are required.

### Kids Softball League

A Romulus Recreation Department youth co-ed softball league is forming for boys and girls ages 7 to 13 at Elmer Johnson Community Park, 9755 Ozga Road.

Up to four teams are planned. Practices are planned for July 15, 17, 22 and 24 and on Tuesdays after games begin. Games times will be 6 and 7:45 p.m.

Thursdays, July 31-Aug. 21.

The registration fee is \$40 per child.

Each team member will receive a team shirt and cap. Players must have a valid birth certificate and completed waiver at the time of registration.

The cost also includes umpire fees, six weeks of play and awards at the end of the season.

Volunteer coaches are needed.

### Youth Golf Camp

The 2014 MGA Youth Summer Golf Camp will be offered Mondays through Thursdays through July 31, at the Links of Gateway Golf Course, 33290 Gateway Drive.

The program is provided in cooperation with the golf course and the City of Romulus Recreation Department.

Times are 9 to 11 a.m. for children ages 5 to 10 and 1 to 3 p.m. for young people ages 11 to 18. The two hours will consist of a one-hour golf lesson and one hour of golf performance coaching.

The registration fee is \$82 per student for Romulus residents and \$99 per non-resident.

For more details, contact Gateway Golf Course at (734) 721-

4100.

### Men's Sunday Softball USSSA D League

A men's Sunday softball USSSA “D” League is forming in the City of Romulus. Teams will play doubleheaders July 13-Aug. 31 at the reopened Elmer Johnson Community Park, 9755 Ozga Road.

There will be up to eight teams in the league, with players being at least 18 years old.

The team registration fee is \$400 for Romulus residents; \$425 for non-residents. The fees cover 16 games, umpire fees, playoffs and awards.

The league is presented by the Romulus Recreation Department.

### Drop-In Adult Volleyball

Drop-in volleyball will be offered for adults from 6 to 9 p.m. Fridays through July 25 at the Romulus Athletic Center, 35765 Northline Road.

Presented by the Romulus Recreation Department, the program fee is \$5 per night.

For more information, contact Community Services Director Julie Wojtylko at (734) 955-4501 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

### Drop-In Softball

Stay tuned for news about a drop-in coed softball league. Refer to the website [www.RomulusGov.com](http://www.RomulusGov.com) or contact Community Services Director Julie Wojtylko at (734) 955-4501.

For more information about any recreation programming, visit the City of Romulus website, [www.romulusgov.com](http://www.romulusgov.com), or call the mayor's office at (734) 955-4501.

## Police continue probe into fatal accident last Sunday

One man is dead and another remains hospitalized following a single car crash July 6 in Van Buren Township.

According to police reports of the incident, at approximately 2:10 a.m. Sunday, the Van Buren Township Public Safety Department, Canton Township Public Safety Department and Huron Valley Ambulance were dispatched to the area of Morton Taylor Road, just north of Van Born Road to investigate a reported motor vehicle accident with serious injuries.

Van Buren Township Police officers arrived on scene and observed a Chevrolet Malibu with passenger side impact damage and secondary damage to the vehicle's roof. The preliminary investigation indicated that Joshua Morris, a 22-year-old Van Buren Township resident, was traveling northbound on Morton

Taylor Road, north of Van Born Road when he lost control of his vehicle and struck a tree. Morris was transported by Survival Flight to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital where he is currently listed in serious but stable condition, according to police reports.

Marcus McIntosh, a 21-year-old Van Buren Township resident, was the front-seat passenger in the vehicle at the time of the accident. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Van Buren Township Accident Investigation Team was dispatched to the scene to secure evidence, record measurements, and complete a follow-up investigation. The accident remains under investigation and anyone having information about this incident is asked to contact Det. Mark Buxton at the Van Buren Township Police Department at (734) 699-8917.

## Museum to host events

The Belleville Area Historical Museum will be full of activity July 17 as the museum and Historical Society host a Yard Sale from noon until 7 p.m. along with a book signing and antiques appraisal event.

The book signing, by author Jean Scheffler, will take place from 1-3 p.m. Scheffler will sign copies of her work, The Sugar House.

The antiques appraisal will take place

from 2-6 p.m. and the admission and first appraisal are priced at \$10. Additional items can be appraised at a cost of \$5 each.

All proceeds from the day-long event will benefit The Belleville Area Museum Don Keene Memorial Fund.

The museum is located at 405 Main St. in Belleville.

For more information or to donate items for the yard sale, call (734) 697-1944.

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

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RESOLUTION 14-167  
CITY OF ROMULUS  
APPENDIX A - ZONING  
AMENDMENT 1.217

An Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of the City of Romulus by rezoning certain property from M-1, Light Industrial District to M-2, General Industrial District.

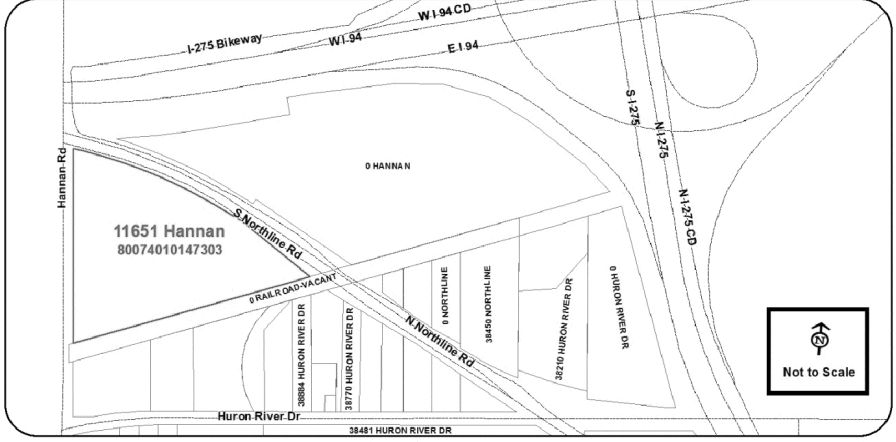
THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

SHORT TITLE: This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the Amended Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION 1: To rezone 6.24 acres of parcel #80 074-01-0147-303 at 11651 Hannan Road from M-1, Light Industrial District to M-2, General Industrial District.

Legal Description of Parcel

LOT 149 ALSO PT OF LOTS 147, 148 AND 163 LYING SWLY OF SW ROW LINE OF NORTHLINE ROAD EXC THE W 27 FT THEREOF ALSO EXC THE FOLLOWING DESC AS COMMENCING AT THE WEST ¼ CORNER OF SEC 19, TH N01D 19M 18S E 404.80 FT TH N72D 42M 16S E 357.72 FT TO POB TH CONTINUING N72D 42M 16S E 1092.50 FT TH N 57D 18M 44S W 538.24 FT TH NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 2804.79 FT A DIST OF 636.01 FT (CHORD = N63D 37M 35S W 634.65 FT) TH S01D 30M 05S W 895.83 FT TO POB SUPERVISORS ROMULUS PLAT NO 8 T3S R9E L68 P54 WCR 6.24 AC



SECTION 2: Severability. Should any word, sentence, phrase or any portion of this ordinance be held in any manner invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction or by any state agency having authority to do so for any reason whatsoever, such holdings shall be construed and limited to such words, sentence, phrase, or any portion of the ordinance held to be so invalid and shall not be construed as effecting the validity of any of the remaining words, sentences, phrases or portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 3: Conflicting Ordinances. All prior existing ordinances adopted by the City of Romulus inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION 4: Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon publication thereof in an official newspaper, which publication shall be made when the minutes passing the ordinance are published subject to revocation at will of the City of Romulus at any time.

ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council at the City of Romulus this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor  
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council Meeting held in the City Council Chambers in said City on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2014 .

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk

Introduced: May 5, 2014  
Adopted: May 12, 2014  
Published: July 10, 2014



# Inkster - Plymouth

## Plymouth recreation plan may include DeHoCo land

Don Howard  
Staff Writer

If Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume has his way, the 323-acre parcel of vacant farmland on Five Mile Road west of Ridge Road could be the site for a new township recreation complex.

According information contained in a recent report by Crain's Detroit Business, Reaume is moving forward with plans to sell and develop the former prison property, the subject of a lawsuit filed against Plymouth Township and Wayne County by the City of Detroit. Attorneys for Detroit claim 190-acres of the property still belongs to the city and that the parcel was erroneously sold to the township as part of a 2011 Wayne County tax foreclosure sale. The township paid \$606,000 for the land, on the tax rolls at one time for more than \$15 million.

Wayne County Circuit Court Chief Judge Robert J. Colombo,

Jr., issued an injunction earlier this month prohibiting Plymouth Township from selling the property until the ownership dispute is settled. Columbo will also hear a second action filed by Detroit attorneys requesting damages from the township.

Township attorneys have filed a countersuit against the City of Detroit, claiming that because the city did not protest the tax notices and subsequent sale at the time of the occurrence, they no longer have a right to the land or any financial remuneration.

Reaume met with Chinese real estate development firm Third Wave Group this month and discussed the proposed development during a three-day Detroit conference after launching an advertising campaign for the entire 323-acre prison farm property, located west of Ridge Road. A newspaper advertisement placed recently by the township stated the township was seeking prospective developers and offers of an acquisition

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proposal.

Third Wave was one of four respondents to their advertisement. Others respondents were Southfield-based Redico LLC, and Birmingham-based Biltmore Development LLC and Total Sports of Wixom. Last year Redico purchased Plymouth Township property on the Northeast corner of Five Mile and Beck Road in Northville Township. According to the Crain's report, the Chinese firm Third Wave began talks with Plymouth Township in December with plans to begin architecture and engineering by July.

“The Third Wave proposal is a good one if the group can come up with the money and Plymouth Township settles its court dispute over ownership,” Reaume said.

The Total Sports' proposal is to build a sports complex with indoor and outdoor facilities such as softball and basketball.

The township board, led by Treasurer Ron Edwards, voted down an opportunity to work with supporters of the proposed Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC) to be located at the site of Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth and rejected a request to join a feasibility study for the community

center plan. Board members also voted to abstain from any joint agreements with the City of Plymouth on any project for three years.

According to their website, Total Sports is the largest youth and adult team sports venue with facilities totaling more than 400,000 square feet. More than one million visitors use the facility annually which offers youth and adult leagues, as well as clinics and camps for soccer, lacrosse, baseball, softball and roller hockey.

The land is currently zoned for industrial, manufacturing or scientific research.

Reaume indicated he is willing to work with “whoever comes through with the right proposal.”

“We're asking for some cooperation from Detroit, but they are suing everyone,” Reaume said.

Reaume is quoted as saying the township still claims ownership of the land and the city “...wants \$60 million for the property.”

## Protest

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Michigan Charter Township Act 359 which states that bonds shall not be issued for local improvements without the vote of the electors.

Funds for the \$1.9 million recreation project, including the \$350,000 outdoor amphitheater, a \$650,000 year-around picnic pavilion-warming station and other improvements came from the bond sale approved by a 4-3 vote of the trustees.

Bonds are being used to pay for \$1.77

million in additional expenses added to the 2013 capital improvement budget. Officials said they could obtain \$524,000 in government grants and private and corporate donations toward the projects. The vote increased the township capital projects budget from \$785,000 to \$2.55 million. Bond repayment will be from general fund tax dollars over the next decade.”It's all about transparency, said Hunter. “I don't want to accuse the board of anything.”

“From 2010 to 2014 I can't find any discussion of the amphitheater. The project went from \$18,000 to \$28,000 to \$40,000 and in 2013 to \$1.9 million,” Hunter said at the meeting.

## Shooting

FROM PAGE 1

shooting in April at an after-hours club on Middlebelt Road near Inkster High School. Three people, including Jackson were reportedly wounded in that incident. Napoleon said that both Jackson and French were at the club the night of the shooting in April.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy and Michigan State Police Lt. Michael Shaw each commented on the horror of the crime. Worthy said in a statement Saturday that, “The alleged facts in this case, including the deliberate shooting that killed an infant and injured a young girl, are among the most heinous that I have ever seen.”

Shaw repudiated Napoleon's statement that the shooting was “retaliation.”

“I wouldn't call it retaliation. Retaliation for what? Take somebody's life

away for retaliation. I mean, just to mention that as part of a motive is silliness to me,” Shaw said last week.

“I can't wrap my head around anything that would make me want to walk up to a small child sitting next to a porch, point a pistol at their head, and shoot them dead. I can't give you a motive. I can't wrap my head around that.”

Inkster Mayor Hilliard Hampton told news media that this was evidence that more patrols from police agencies were needed in the community and used the opportunity to promote a plan to have the Wayne County Sheriff take over all police efforts in the city.

“We could save \$1 million a year,” Hampton said. “We need to get rid of all these law enforcement fiefdoms.” Hampton is a former Wayne County Sheriff deputy and the police chief is the brother of Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon.

Hampton said that a “feasibility study” of the issue was already under way.

## Library offers books, programs

The Leanna Hicks Inkster Public Library will be offering used books for sale Thursday, Sept. 4 and Saturday, Sept. 6. Library officials are looking for volunteers and donations for the event, according to Library Director Denise M. Bearre.

"We will be having a presentation from State Attorney General Bill Schuette's Senior Brigade on Online Safety at 6 p.m. on Monday, July 21," Bearre said and noted that the presentation would include email safety tips, how to identify online scams, basic computer security and helpful online resources.

The seminar is open to the public.

The library is also building a Friends of the Library group, Bearre said. "Our

next meeting will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday July 16. Please come and bring ideas for programs, fundraisers, and fun at the library."

Leanna Hicks Inkster Public Library has a book club for adults, Bearre noted. The next meeting will be at 6:15 p.m. July 8 to discuss Still Summer by Jacklyn Mitchard.

The club and discussion is open to the public.

Summer hours at the library are from noon until 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

The library is located at 2005 Inkster Road. For more information, call (313) 563-2822

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# WAYNE - WESTLAND

## Council sells State Wayne for overdue fees



Members of the Wayne City Council have agreed to sell the historic State Wayne Theater on Michigan Avenue for \$60,000 in past-due management fees.

The new owner of the movie house is an affiliate company of Phoenix Theaters, the company which operates and manages the theater under a contract with the city. Wayne acquired the theater in 1991 and has spent more than \$1.4 million in operating subsidies and capital improvements since that time. Costs for maintaining the theater were projected at \$140,000 annually while closing it would have left the city liable for \$333,600 in existing equipment leases and management fees. The city has subsidized the operation of the theater at about \$100,000 annually.

The operating fees due Phoenix since April 1 will remain an obligation of the

city, according to the sales agreement.

Phoenix owner Cory Jacobson said that owning the theater will allow the company to secure financing for the installation of new luxury seats, comparable to those at the Monroe Phoenix Theater.

He estimated the cost of the new seating in Wayne would be \$230,000-\$250,000 and that he was hoping the installation would be complete by September. Jacobson said there would also be new carpeting installed at the State Wayne in an effort to “dramatically change the movie-going experience.”

Language in the sales documents allows the city an easement to maintain the large mural on the side of the theater building and the option to make an offer to the Phoenix company should a decision be made to sell the theater in the future.

## Tattan Park reopens in city

Westland residents celebrated the opening of the new and improved Tattan Park last Thursday.

Improvements to H2O Zone Spray Park were funded through the Downtown Development Authority, explained Mayor William Wild and the nearly \$4 million capital investment features several new park pavilions with electricity that are available for rental by the public.

Also on site is a 1,000 square foot concession area which will be available beginning mid-July, Wild said in a prepared release. Family friendly restrooms will replace the

Porta-johns at the park this month, along with new park benches and improved shade areas in the largest park in Westland. The park is located behind city hall at Ford and Carlson roads.

Residents are encouraged to enjoy the park and spray zone free of charge until Aug. 1 at which time the city will begin collecting a \$3 fee from Westland residents for access to the H2O Zone Spray Park, according to the release from Wild's office. Fees will be earmarked to offset costs associated with park maintenance and rangers who will be on site. Admission to the spray zone



will be \$10 for non-Westland residents.

“I’m thrilled that the long-awaited reopening of the park is here,” commented Wild. “Tattan Park, home to Play Planet, one of the largest play structures anywhere in the United States, and the H2O Zone

Spray Park are among the city's finest amenities,” Wild continued. “Residents love these parks and for those enjoying their summer in our All American City, I can think of no better place in which to enjoy a warm, lazy summer afternoon.”

## Former city council candidate faces 6 felony charges

Wayne resident and community activist Christopher Sanders, 45, was arraigned Tuesday at the 29th District Court on charges of embezzlement, larceny, forgery, uttering and publishing and identity theft.

Sanders appeared before Judge Laura Mack who set a preliminary hearing on the charges for 8:30 a.m. July 22.

Sanders, who had recently applied for the vacancy on the Wayne City Council withdrew that letter of interest sometime “over

the weekend,” he said. Sanders was defeated in his bid for election to the council three years ago following allegations of criminal conduct.

Sanders said that he was unaware of the impending charges until “last Friday” and that he would make no comment on the situation on the advice of his attorney, Ron Ruark of Canton Township.

Mack released Sanders on a \$1,000 personal bond.

The charges include Larceny

by Conversion of \$1,000 or more but less than \$20,000 and Embezzlement by an Agent or Trustee, both felonies which carry a prison term of 5 years and or a \$10,000 fine upon conviction, or a fine of three times the embezzled amount, whichever is greater. The third count, Embezzlement from a Non-profit or Charitable Organization carries a penalty of 3-10 years imprisonment and/or a \$15,000 fine. The Forgery and Uttering and Publishing felonies each carry penalties of up to 14

years upon conviction and the charge of Identity Theft carries a 5-year prison term and or a \$25,000 fine, upon conviction.

The charges stem from Sanders' involvement with the non-profit Destination Wayne group, organizers of the Hallo-Wayne event last year. The complaining witnesses were listed in court documents as Beverly Campbell, Paul Strom and Mike Spence. It is alleged that Sanders forged Spence's endorsement on a \$1,000 check written to Spence

by Campbell, a signer on the Destination Wayne account. It is alleged that Sanders deposited the check into his personal checking account after forging Spence's signature as an endorsement.

The offense allegedly took place Oct. 30, 2013, following the Hallo-Wayne event in the city. Sanders is currently involved in a lawsuit with Wayne City Councilman Skip Monit claiming defamation regarding remarks Monit made at a public meeting following the Hallo-Wayne event.

## Wayne JROTC cadets attend 3-day leadership challenge

Cadets from the Wayne Memorial High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps took their training seriously this summer.

When the annual JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge was canceled due to budget cuts, the cadets contacted the Michigan

National Guard for help with their anticipated training. With the help of the National Guard, the students were able to participate in a self-organized training challenge at Fort Custer in Battle Creek.

The students experienced three days and two nights of

training, including a Field Leader Reaction Course when the cadets were put in charge of a group that had to complete missions with only limited supplies requiring them to use their critical thinking skills, according to First Lt. Dennis Dean.


Cadets also were trained on

the use of military maps and utilized that training to find points in the woods with only a map and a compass. While on the course they faced an incoming thunderstorm and they quickly had to use land navigation skills to find their way out, Dean said.

Cadets also completed a confi-

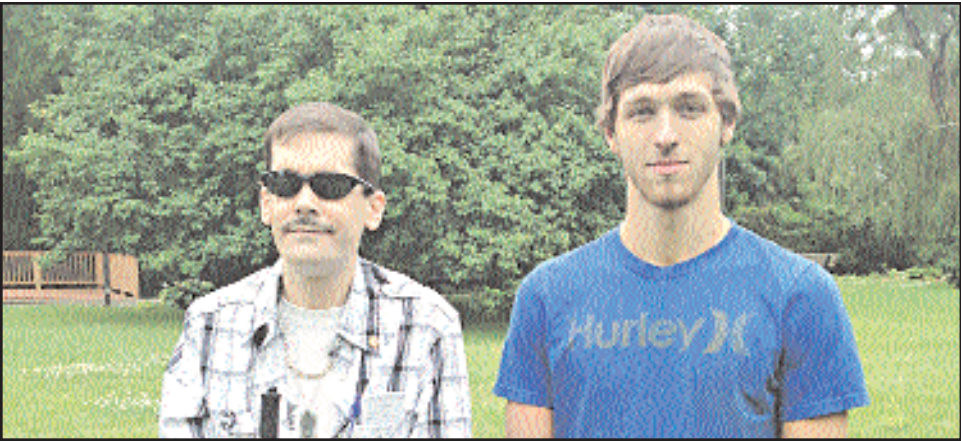
dence course where they used their abilities to conquer the obstacles in front of them including crawling under a low wire or climbing over inclined walls.

One of the cadets last exercises was an hour-long road march with 35-pound rucksacks on their backs, Dean said.



### Worthwhile study

The annual Wayne Lions Club scholarships were awarded last month to three area students. Receiving congratulations on their \$1,200 awards from Lions Club President Joe Rondeau, center in photo at left above, are Alana Savage, left, of Wayne Memorial High School and Haley Trierweiler, right, of John Glenn High School. In photo at right, above, Rondeau poses with Coty Gilbert from the Ford Vo-Tech Center who was awarded an \$800 scholarship.



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# Calendar

### Healthy eating is topic

Healthy Eating for Successful Living classes will take place at the Romulus Senior Center beginning at 10 a.m. July 11. Classes will continue on Fridays through Aug. 29.

The program will focus on heart and bone healthy nutrition strategies to help maintain or improve participants' wellness and prevent chronic disease.

Classes will continue through 12:30 p.m. To register, call Rose Swidan at (734) 955-4120.

### Golf outing deadline nears

July 15 is the deadline to register for the 6th Annual Northville High School Boosters Golf Outing and Silent Auction which will take place on Aug. 23 at the Links of Novi.

Each team is required to provide one foursome. The price per golfer is \$130 and includes lunch, dinner, 18 holes of golf with cart, open bar and access to the silent auction. There is a dinner-only option priced at \$50 per person and includes dinner, open bar and access to the silent auction.

Donation items for the silent auction are still being sought. To donate, or for more information regarding the event, email Kris Yanagi at yanagi6@comcast.net.

### Emergency food distribution set

The next distribution of emergency food by Plymouth Community United Way is scheduled from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, July 17. The Emergency Food Assistance program low-income Plymouth and Northville residents with canned, non-perishable and perishable items.

All recipients much pre-register at Plymouth Community United Way, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Suite 2, Plymouth.

This is a supplemental food program that may be used in addition to other assistance programs. Bridge Card holders automatically qualify, but need to pre-register. Recipients not currently on governmental assistance (food stamps, ADC and general) must provide documentation including proof of income and residency before receiving food on distribution days.

Distributions continue the third Thursday of each month at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth.

For information and to register, call (734)453-6879, ext. 7, or send email to randi.williams@pcuw.org.

### Photoshop classes offered

Helen Yancy, PPA Master Photographer, will offer classes in Photoshop from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. July 19, at Risen Christ Lutheran Church, corner of Ann Arbor Road and McClumpha.

Participants need a computer loaded with Photoshop or Photoshop Elements. (check out the 30 day trial version); a mouse or a stylus - track pads and the like will be much too limiting; a bag lunch and/or snacks for yourself; sense of humor and enough smiles to accept the challenge; a thumb drive or CD capability - class images will be provided, but you can bring your own favorite if you get ahead.

This is a fund raising event - entire \$50. fee will go to Risen Christ.

To register (don't wait too long) call Yancy (734) 207-0398 or (734) 207-0398 or email - helen@helenyancystudio.com or helen@helenyancystudio.com

### Online safety advice offered

Representatives from the Senior Brigade will discuss online safety at a meeting set to begin at 6 p.m. July 21 at the Leanna Hicks Inkster Public Library.

Advisors will discuss email safety tips, how to recognize and avoid online scams, basic computer security measures, helpful online resources and general online safety tips.

The meeting is open to the public and there is no admittance fee.

The library is located at 2005 Inkster Road in Inkster.

### Senator sets coffee hours

State Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D - Taylor) is inviting members of the community to join him at upcoming coffee hours in his district.

The coffee hours will provide opportunities for the public to sit down with the senator to discuss state and local issues and other matters of concern to the community, according to a prepared release.

Hopgood's July Coffee Hour will take place at 9 a.m. Thursday, July 17 at The Senior Alliance, 3850 2nd St. #201 in

## New chairs await audiences

Audiences who attend the upcoming Barefoot Productions summer comedy, Woody Allen's Play it Again, Sam July 18 - 20, will find more than the performances to enjoy.

Barefoot Productions has purchased new seats for the theater.

“Over the past nine years we have never had a complaint about our shows, only our seats, so we have done something about it. We have purchased wonderful seats to make our theater-going experience, for our patrons, more enjoyable,” said Craig A. Hane, artistic director and founder of the theater company. “The purchase took a big bite out of our limited budget, so we are asking for help, replenishing our funds.” Seats are available for a donation in which patrons names will be attached to the seats engraved on brass

plates.

One row of 11 seats is being designated as Restaurant Row, in which eateries of Plymouth can also 'adopt' a seat. These eateries will receive perks such as a brass name plate, being placed on a “preferred' places to eat, 'pre' or 'post' show, a link from the theater website and more, Hane said.

All the brass plates are being provided by Barefoot Productions member Rex Tubbs of The Engraving Connection of Plymouth.

For more information about adopting a seat or Barefoot Productions, contact Hane at (734) 276-9075 or visit [www.justgobarefoot.com](http://www.justgobarefoot.com).

“We hope to fill these wonderfully comfortable seats for all our shows in our upcoming 2014-- 2015 season.” Hane said.

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For additional information regarding the coffee hour, contact Hopgood's office by calling (517) 373-7800, by e-mailing to [Senhhopgood@senate.mi.gov](mailto:Senhhopgood@senate.mi.gov) or visiting his Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/SenHopgood>.

### Plymouth chamber sets golf outing

More than 101 players have already signed on to play in the annual Plymouth Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing July 21 at the Golden Fox Course. The course was designed by Arthur Hills to be reminiscent of the Scottish seaside courses.

The event is a scramble that will include lunch, dinner, plus open bar throughout the day and on the course. All company foursomes receive a sign on the course. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., with tee-off at 11 a.m. Box lunches will be available in the club house or to take on the course. The cost is \$205 per golfer or \$820 per foursome.

The event includes the annual auctions and donations are still being sought. Donations from large to small items and gift certificates are accepted and every donor gets individual recognition. Items

for the auction need to be received by July 16.

For more details or to participate, contact the chamber office at (734) 453-1540 or email [wes@plymouthmich.org](mailto:wes@plymouthmich.org)

### Romulus festival planned

The 73rd Annual Romulus Community Festival, also known as the Jones Sub Festival, will take place July 25 through July 27 at the T.J. Coleman Center, 35351 Beverly Road in Romulus, just east of Wayne Road.

The Community Talent Show is planned for 5-9 p.m. July 25 with D.J. Roy Williams and games and refreshments.

The event will continue from noon until 9 p.m. Saturday, July 26 with pony rides for children younger than 12, food and music all day. From 2-8 p.m. Sunday, July 27, there will be performances by church choirs, praise dancers and other guests.

Vendors will be on hand each day and visitors are urged to bring their own lawn chair. The event is open to the public but no alcohol or pets will be allowed. For information about vendor booths or to purchase raffle tickets, call Jean Tilmon (734) 728-9904 or Lloyd Coleman, (734) 775-7866.



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