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## Accused killer earned early release

Raymore Jackson, 25, of Inkster was bound over for trial on charges of Murder First Degree, Assault with Intent to Murder, Torture, Felonious Assault, Felon in Possession and Felony Firearms during his arraignment last week before Circuit Court Judge David Groner

Jackson is charged in the fatal shooting of 2-year-old KaMiya French and the wounding of her father, Kenneth French and 12-year-old Chelsea Lancaster, a friend of the family, as the three sat on the porch at the family home at the Parkside Estates Housing Complex in Inkster.

A not-guilty plea was entered on Jackson's behalf during the arraignment on Wednesday, July 23.

Also charged in the incident was Rapheal Daniel-Jordon Hearn, 29, of Inkster. He was arraigned on charges of First Degree Murder, Assault with

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Intent to Murder and being a Felon in Possession of a Firearm. The court ordered a mental competency hearing for Hearn, who was remanded to the Wayne County Jail without bond. He is scheduled for a hearing on that examination on Sept. 4 in 22nd District Court.

Prosecutors alleged that Jackson walked up to the porch of the home in the 3000 block of Carlysle Street at about 8:30 p.m. July 1. He allegedly spoke to French briefly and then fired at the small child at point-blank range. He then opened fire striking French and the 12-year-old and inflicting serious wounds that required hospitalization. The cruelty and torture charges were filed against

Jackson as a result of alleged statements he made that indicated he wanted the child's death to be the last thing her father saw before his own murder.

Hearn is alleged to have been the driver of the white van that had been driven past the scene of the shooting earlier and then dropped the suspect off a few doors from the house just before the shooting.

The shooting occurred only one day after Jackson was released from parole, according to court records.

Jackson had pleaded guilty in August to a drug charged and was sentenced to 11 months in jail and two years probation.

At the arraignment, Groner

expressed dissatisfaction with Jackson's early release from probation based on “additional time credited for statutory good behavior,” according to a statement from the office of the Wayne County Sheriff.

“Why would he have been discharged from parole if I had placed him on probation consecutive to his parole sentence? Why would someone be discharged from parole if they picked up a new case. ...Certainly if someone is on probation for this court, the court wants to know what has occurred and why the person is out,” the judge said. The spokesperson from the Wayne County Sheriff's Office said that Jackson was credited for good behavior on an 11-month jail sentence he received in September and released in March.

The case has been assigned to the trial docket of Judge Ulysses Boykin.

## Envision Romulus Community input sought to plan for future development in city

Romulus officials have scheduled a public session of “Envision Romulus”, the vision plan for the future. A public open house is scheduled for 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. next Wednesday, Aug. 6, at the Romulus Athletic Center; 35765 Northline Road.

The open house will engage residents, the business community, school officials, clergy members, civic leaders and others in creating a vision for the city. Participants work alongside city officials to develop a vision that will respond to public sentiment and aspirations, react to changing market conditions, build on best management practices, and remain mindful of current and future economic and social conditions in the community.

The vision plan is being built almost exclusively on public involvement, gathering information and consensus around a shared desired outcome for the community. To date, members of the community have been asked to consider “ideas for the future” and the “kind of community they want to be part of.” Topics have included the envi-

ronment, economic development, infrastructure, housing, transportation, community services, recreation and open space, and the community image and brand.

A Community Summit on June 4 attracted dozens of participants who answered questions and provided perspective regarding the future of the community. A community survey of 300 residents and 100 non-residents was also conducted to gain perspective on how the city is perceived internally and externally.

The Aug. 6 meeting will include a presentation of the results compiled from the June Summit and community survey, as well as online feedback gained from the project website www.EnvisionRomulus.com. Following the presentation participants will be engaged in an interactive workshop. During the workshop a draft vision framework will be presented, and participants will have the opportunity to identify specific actions that need to be accomplished to achieve the community's vision. Participants will also



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be asked to prioritize elements of the vision that they feel are most important to achieve their desired vision.

Project Manager Aaron Domini, senior planner with OHM Advisors, a regional architecture, engineering and planning firm, said the process has provided “a fair assessment of the intuitive knowledge” of residents and other participants.

“We will use the information to shape the vision and goals and objectives,” Domini said. “The key is the community's

wants and aspirations. It's truly the community's plan.”

Domini called the turnout at the Community Summit “exceptional” during what was a busy time of the year for many people.

“To me, it says that the community is very interested in participating in the process and making sure voices are heard in shaping the community,” he added. “It's also a reflection of community pride. I hope the Aug. 6 turnout is equally as exceptional.”

## Residents continue to protest ‘new meeting rules’

Don Howard  
Staff Writer

For the second time in less than a week, angry residents filled almost every seat in Plymouth Township Hall Monday evening in anticipation of a vote by board trustees changing the rules of meeting conduct that, many said, would stifle the voice of the public.

The brief agenda of the special meeting, posted last Friday, listed a closed session to discuss pending litigation and a “work session” to establish new meeting rules and to set new township park ordinances.

Many attendees were residents of the township park area where a controversial amphitheater is being built. Others, from several township subdivisions, were angered by recent media reports about flagrant spending by the board on recreation proj-

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ects.

Three pages of proposed “rules for the conduct of meetings and general business,” were drafted by Township Treasurer Ron Edwards and Township Clerk Nancy Conzelman after they said. “The board's meetings are getting to be uncontrollable” defending their proposed new rules of conduct as an attempt to “calm this down.”

The five-hour meeting started at 6 p.m. After 15 minutes board members left the room for three hours to conduct their closed session meeting leaving the approximately 100 residents in attendance to wait.

At 8:30 p.m. impatient residents, inspired by former Plymouth Township Deputy Clerk Sandra Groth, decided to conduct their own inner-meeting. One-by-one, attendees introduced themselves and expressed their candid feelings and disapproval about what they called mismanagement and lack of transparency in the current township hall administration. The audience included media personnel, attorneys and Roland Thomas, former Plymouth-Canton school board president.

Groth who worked for Plymouth Township for 16 years was concise in her criticism of Edwards.

“Why is the treasurer involved in the decisions about the golf course, the level of service provided by the fire department, the activities in the park, the fireworks and the picnic, which streets are plowed by the DPW, which employees get raises, and now the rules of conduct for the meetings?” she demanded.

When board members returned to public session at 9:15 p.m., Township Supervisor Richard Reaume, upset by audience members shouting comments, stood up, threw down his microphone and stormed across the hall to the police department to summon Lt. Robert Antel to come and sit in the hall.

Board members reviewed two of the four sections listed on a draft published with the board meeting packet by the end of the meeting. No vote on the new rules of conduct was taken.



# BELLEVILLE - PLYMOUTH

## Salvation Army plans ‘Back to School Blitz’

The Salvation Army in partnership Van Buren School District, Open Arms Lutheran Church, Trinity Episcopal Church and the First United Methodist Church of Belleville will host a “Back to School Blitz” school supply drive from 1-4 p.m. on Aug. 24. The drive seeks to collect new school supplies and backpacks for Belleville students K-12.

Volunteers will be at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, east of I-94 to accept donations. The supplies will then be sorted and packed into backpacks for distribution to families on Tuesday, Aug. 26 at The Salvation Army in Plymouth.

Belleville, Van Buren and Sumpter families needing assistance should call The Salvation Army at (734) 453.5464 for an appointment. Proof of residency and household income as well as identification for all children at the time of the appointment.

Needed supplies include new backpacks, particularly for older students, binders, supply cases/bags, colored pencils, markers, wide ruled paper and 1-subject notebooks, highlighters, pens (red, black and blue), round-tip scissors, #2 pencils, rulers, glue bottles, glue sticks, composition books and folders.

Monetary gifts will be used to purchase Payless gift cards that

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*If your family is experiencing a financial hardship, please call us.*

will be distributed to each child so they can purchase new school shoes.

“We are seeing and hearing of clients returning to work, albeit at a much lower rate or at reduced hours. We also know that many continue to struggle as unemployment benefits run out or as folks accept pay cuts to maintain their jobs. Preparing kids to go back to school can be very expensive so this is a practical way to support our families

and students as they return to school,” said Laurie Aren, director of family and community ministries at The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps.

“If your family is experiencing a financial hardship, please call us. This is such a generous community and there is no need for any child to go back to school without a backpack and new school supplies,” she added.

Last year, of the 350 children registered for the program, 128

were from Belleville and the rest from Plymouth, Canton and Northville. Each of the children received a new back pack with school supplies and a \$25 gift card to purchase new shoes. The school supplies remaining after the distribution date were given directly to Van Buren and Plymouth Canton schools for distribution to schools where the need was the greatest, Aren said.

Volunteers are also needed to help sort and pack school supplies on Aug. 25 and distribute school supplies on Aug. 26. Volunteers should contact Sandy Kollinger at (734) 453-5464 or email her at Sandra\_kollinger@usc.salvationarmy.org.

## Plymouth library plans \$1 million renovation

The 1,000 visitors each day at the Plymouth District Library will soon notice some changes at the facility.

According to Library Director Carol Souchock, more than \$1 million in repairs will soon be under way at the 17-year-old building, located in downtown Plymouth.

“A number of large operational building components-the roof, the heating ventilation and air conditioning system and the

entrance snow melt system all require replacement,” she explained.

“Steady wear and tear on this building, along with recent harsh winter conditions have brought these important building elements to the end of their lives.”

Initial repair costs have been estimated at \$1,100,000 and will be paid from the library building reserve and fund balance. Funds have been set aside in preparation for expected facility repairs

and replacement of major mechanical systems, Souchock explained. McCarthy & Smith Construction of Farmington Hills was awarded the construction management contract by the library board of trustees at the July meeting. Ronald A. Cieslak, RA from Merritt Cieslak Design of Northville was chosen as the architect for the project.

“We know the value that this community places on the library,” said Mike Pappas, chair-

man of the library board. “It is our job to make sure that the building can serve the public efficiently and safely.”

Souchock said that about 1,000 people visit the library each day and that more than 34,000 people utilized the meeting rooms and attended programs last year. She said that energy efficiencies and savings are expected through the updated systems and roof replacement. She said that the mechanical and architectural

design will take place this summer and that the renovations will begin early next year with the roof replacement scheduled for the spring of 2015.

The Plymouth District Library has been serving the Plymouth community since 1923 and has been at the Main Street location since 1945. The present building was constructed in 1997 and an expansion to the unfinished upper level completed in 2007, Souchock said.

## Student radio station nominated for national honor

The student-operated radio station of the Plymouth Canton School District is a finalist for the National Association of Broadcasters Marconi Radio Award for Non-Commercial Station of the Year, according to Station Manager Bill Keith.

The Marconi awards were created in 1989 and are named for inventor and Nobel Prize winner Guglielmo Marconi. The awards recognize stations and individuals for excellence and performance in 21 categories and are among the most prestigious in the broad-

cast industry.

88.1 The Park is the only high school radio station to receive a nomination and one of only two student stations to be nominated.

“We are honored to be included among so many great radio stations and legendary announcers,”

said Annie Willman, program director at the station. “Being a finalist recognizes the dedication and hard work of our staff members.”

The awards will be presented Sept. 11 at the awards 25th anniversary dinner in

Indianapolis.

“Our students are thankful for the support the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, the board of education, administrators and staff,” Keith said. “We’ve been part of the community for over 40 years because of their commitment”.

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# CANTON - NORTHVILLE

## ‘Eek’... Shark Week Leisure Services plans week of shark-related programs

It's Shark Week in Canton Township.

Yep. Canton Leisure Services is celebrating Shark Week by offering shark-related events and activities from July 31 to Aug. 9.

By hosting shark-inspired concerts, recreation opportunities and a movie night during the week of the Discovery Channel's popular Shark Week programming, Canton Leisure Services aims to give families a chance to make a big splash of summer fun.

“In celebration of this summertime tradition and this pop culture phenomenon, we just

had to find a way to be a part of the fun,” said Jennifer Provenzano, Recreation Coordinator. “No longer confined to the safety of our living room televisions, we hope folks will stay tuned as special shark-inspired fun ripples and splashes through many of our camps, programs and events all week long.”

Shark Week in Canton will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 31 with a free concert at the Heritage Park Amphitheater by oldies group Moose and Da Sharks. Kids will have a chance

to make their own shark masks and take a cut-out “picture with a shark” (no real sharks involved).

The fun continues from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3 at the Canton Farmers Market at Preservation Park. Kids can “take a bite” out of their Sunday by taking part in a themed “shark food” activity at the market.

Kids will have another opportunity to dive in to shark-related crafts and activities from 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6 when the School House Rock summer concert series makes a stop at Dodson Elementary School.

Classic rock band The Fun Guys will be entertaining at a free concert open to the public.

The whole family will enjoy a free outdoor movie night beginning at 7:30 Thursday, Aug. 7 at the Heritage Park Amphitheater. The movie Soul Surfer (rated PG) will be shown on the big screen at dusk.

At the end of Shark Week, be sure to enter the Cardboard Boat Race, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9 at Summit on the Park Aquatic Center. Bring a boat built from just cardboard and duct tape to race for prizes -

and to stay afloat above “shark-infested” waters. Call (734) 394-5460 for details.

In addition to these events, Canton Leisure Services will be celebrating sharks all through the week.

Stop by the Summit Lobby during the week for a cut-out photo opportunity with a shark, and enjoy a “shark-free zone” during open swim at the Summit Aquatic Center.

For more information on Canton events and programs, visit [www.Cantonfun.org](http://www.Cantonfun.org) or call (734) 394-5460.

## Northville voters will decide public safety millage

Northville Township voters will be asked to approve a dedicated millage of 1.550 during the Aug. 5 election. Along with the renewal of the existing 5.575 mills, voters will be asked to approve a 7-year levy of up to 1.250 mills to support and fund public safety operations in the township and 0.3 mills to support parks, recreation, senior and youth assistance operations in the township..

Tax bills in the township

could increase up to \$1.55 per \$1,000 of the taxable value of homes and property, according to township officials. The actual amount will vary based on the specific taxable value. For example, a homeowner with a taxable value of \$100,000 would see an increase of \$155.

Officials said the request was due to a decline in taxable value in the township which began in 2008. One of the largest sources of revenue for

the township is property taxes, officials said and the value in Northville Township has seen a decrease of 13.8 percent from 2007 through 2013. The loss in taxable value has resulted in a \$1.5 million reduction in property tax revenue to fund public safety programs and an overall loss to the township of \$2.1 million to fund the 2014 fiscal year, officials said.

In 2010, the board of trustees did not ask voters for a tax

increase to cover declining tax revenues but opted to use funds in reserve and reallocated tax funds. Because of declining property tax revenues, the township Public Safety Fund is expected to deplete these reserves by 2015 and Shared Services by 2018.

The overall workforce in the township has been reduced by 15 full time positions or 12 percent since 2008, according to the township website. The 2014

budget plan maintains staffing at this reduced level with 70 percent of the workforce dedicated to public safety operations. Further cuts are not possible without critically impacting services including the potential need to diminish some important services entirely, according to township administrators.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. in the township on Aug. 5.

## Tiny Tot Olympics set for this Saturday

Canton Leisure Services Will host the annual Tiny Tot Olympics for children 2-6 years of age from 10:30 a.m. until noon, Saturday, Aug. 2. This gold medal event will take place at the Heritage Park Amphitheater, located behind the Canton Administration Building at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

This family-friendly event will bring the Olympic spirit to life again in Canton, offering visions of gold, silver and bronze medals, noted Jennifer Collins, Canton Leisure Services preschool instructor. The games will include a variety of events, including: an obstacle course, basketball shoot, T-ball, gymnastics and more.

“This event was designed to encourage preschool children to join us for plenty of fun in the sun and a chance to get outside

and experience a variety of different sports at their own ability level,” said Collins. “Here parents can watch and cheer on their little athletes while encouraging physical fitness.”

Shoolhouse Montessori will also be onsite offering a special drawing for a chance for one lucky participant to win a free bike at the end of the event. In addition, participants can also enjoy live music as well as fun in the bounce house.

Every child who participates will be awarded a gold medal and will be recognized as an outstanding competitor. No pre-registration is required. Participant fee is \$3 per child to be paid in cash on the day of event. Parents are encouraged to bring along their cameras.

For more information, visit [Cantonfun.org](http://Cantonfun.org) or call (734) 394-5460.



### Wanted

The Canton Police Department is asking for assistance in identifying the female in the surveillance photo at right. Police believe she is responsible for making numerous purchases around the Belleville area, with a credit card that was reported stolen from a victim from Canton. Anyone with information about the woman is asked to call the Canton Police Department at (734) 394-5400. Callers may remain anonymous.

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, August 14, 2014 for the following:

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Charter Township of Canton will be holding a public hearing regarding the **property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the 2015 proposed budget** on Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the township administration building located at 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, MI.

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# Romulus - Westland

## 2 arrested in break-in

Two men have been arrested in the break-in and robbery of a home in Romulus in the early hours of last Wednesday morning.

At approximately 12:27 a.m. July 23, Romulus Police Officers responded to a 911 call reporting a home invasion in the 9400 block of Biddle.

According to police reports, three suspects allegedly forced their way into the home and ordered the victims into a bedroom at gunpoint. One of the men was armed with a black shotgun and the other with an unknown type of handgun, according to witness accounts.

The victims were able to escape out the bedroom window while the suspects were ransacking the home.

Police said witnesses reported that a TV, an iphone and other electronics were taken from the inside the home.

Romulus police arrested a 27-year-old man from Detroit and a 20-year-old man from Romulus a short time later. The third suspect remains at large.

Police did not recover any weapons from the suspects but Romulus Police Department evidence technicians collected several pieces of evidence from the interior and exterior of the residence.

Detectives have forwarded a report of the investigation to the Wayne County Prosecutor for review.



### Sweet treat

Romulus School board member, Tom Kuderik, and his wife, Pam, visited Sarah Carter's third grade students at Halecreek Elementary in June to treat them to an ice cream party. The students earned the ice cream party for reaching their target growth goals on the NWEA test.

## Sponsors sought for Westland Blues, Brews and BBQ

The All American Blues, Brews & Barbecue is headed back to Westland for the fourth year. This year, the two-day event will take place from 6-10 p.m. Friday Sept. 12 and from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 13 at Thomas H. Brown Central City Park, located on N. Carlson between Ford and Marquette roads.

The event benefits local non-profit organizations that volunteer during the two-day event

“Over the last three years, generous sponsors have allowed us to donate nearly \$60,000 back to local non-profit organizations which provide shelter, clothing and food to those in need in our communi-

ty,” noted Mayor William Wild.

Music lovers will be treated to some of the Detroit Blues Society's most popular acts, including a special Friday night performance by The Soul Men. Local restaurants will fire up the grills to serve barbecue and there will be a wide variety of some of Michigan's most popular micro-brewed beers. Friday

night will also feature, “Bike Night” as area motorcycle enthusiasts are welcome to join the fun.

The city is seeking sponsorships for the event. Sponsors will be promoted in a comprehensive marketing strategy including TV, radio and creative print advertisements and signage, before and during the

event. Sponsorships are available at various levels from \$500 to \$5000 with varying degrees of publicity. There are also opportunities for both a \$10,000 and \$20,000 presenting sponsorship.

For more information on becoming a sponsor, call Lori Fodale at (734) 467-3264 or visit [www.cityofwestland/blues-brewsbbq.com](http://www.cityofwestland/blues-brewsbbq.com).

## 2 face trial in death of teens

Two men accused of killing a pair of Westland teens will face homicide charges in Wayne County Third Circuit Court.

The charges followed an "extensive investigation conducted by the Detroit Police Department in conjunction with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office," according to a statement from the office of Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy.

As a conclusion of the investigation, Fredrick K. Young, 25, of Detroit and Fernando D. Hunter, 23, of Jackson have been charged with charged with the July, 2012 homicides of Jacob Kudla, 18 and Jourdan Bobbish, 17, both of Westland.

On July 27, 2012 at approximately 9 a.m. Detroit police officers responded to a run to a field located at Lyford and French Road in Detroit. The officers observed the remains of two dead bodies that had suffered gunshot wounds and were later identified as Kudla and Bobbish. It is alleged that Young and Hunter robbed, tortured, imprisoned and killed both victims.

Young and Hunter have each been charged with: First Degree Premeditate Murder, First Degree Felony Murder, Torture, Armed Robbery, Unlawful Imprisonment and Felony Firearm. Young has also been charged with Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

## ‘No Stone Unturned’ this weekend

Fresh off their successful run of Steel Magnolias, Inspire Theatre allows no grass to grow beneath their feet or "No Stone Unturned" as they amp up for their summer spectacle of the same name. Written by local playwrights Joe Davis and Len Fisher, "No Stone Unturned," is a farcical takeoff of the murder mysteries of the 1940s. Spade Stone is a struggling private investigator with too few cases and one too many girlfriends. The trouble starts when the beautiful film star, Lola Winkleman, walks in and offers Stone and his partner, Patrick O'Malley, \$2,000 to find her missing sister.

Hosting its third show in as many months, "No Stone Unturned" was originally written as an untitled after-dinner sketch. After losing their lease in the spring of 2013, Inspire Theatre began looking for material that had no scene

changes and could rely on few props and set pieces. Costumer LaDonna Davis approached her son, a local comedian who does stand up. Joe Davis, who is also the executive producer of Motor City Improv, wrote a sketch about a down-on-his-luck private investigator. Inspire Theater was located in a local church before finding permanent housing in the warehouse district of Westland. The 5000 square feet space is shared by First Impressions Acting led by local film actress Tonya Dallas of Belleville.

"No Stone Unturned" is reminiscent of the parodies of the old Carol Burnett Show. The show times are 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday Aug. 1 and 2. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door, on line at [inspiretheatre.com](http://inspiretheatre.com), or reserved ahead of time by calling (734) 751-7057.

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**Obituaries**

**Mary L. Cain**  
Mary L. Cain, 94, of Petoskey, died July 24, 2014. Among her survivors are her children, Duane L. (Mary) and Randal L. (Nancy); siblings Norman (Pat) Guilford, Wilma (the late) Spencer) Hargraves and Eleanor; nine grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Cain was the beloved wife of the late Orville Cain. The family entrusted care and services to the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, Canton.



**Barbara Jean Gross**  
Sunrise: Jan. 5, 1961  
Sunset: July 12, 2014  
Barbara Jean Gross died July 12, 2014. Among those survivors left to cherish her memory are her loving mother, Marie Gross; a brother, Willis (Pam) Gross, Jr.; a sister, Vivian Gross; a niece, Janelle; her best friend since elementary school and caregiver, Anita Collins; other friends, Kellena Johnson, Venus King and April Garrett, a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, other friends, and caring co-workers. Ms. Gross was preceded in death by her father, Willis Gross, Sr.; a sister, Betty Jean; her paternal grandparents, Booker T. and Ivy Gross, and her maternal grandparents, Jimmie Lee and Corean Davis. Funeral services were at

the Penn Funeral Home with the Rev. Linda C. Harrington, officiating. Interment was at United Memorial Gardens in Plymouth. Final arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster.



**Vachel David Medley, Sr.**  
Sunrise: May 18, 1956  
Sunset: July 16, 2014

Vachel David Medley, Sr. died July 16 surrounded by his wife, children and other loved ones.

Among those left to mourn his death and cherish his memory are his loving and devoted wife of 26 years, Shirley Hardict Medley; two sons, Vachel Medley, Jr. and Demetrius Medley; his mother, Pauline Medley; a sister, Arlivia (Victor) Harris; a brother, Welmer (Michelle) Medley, Jr.; his mother-in-law, Gladys Hardict; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives, and many friends.

Funeral services took place at the Penn Funeral Home on Inkster Road in Inkster with the Rev. Dr. John Duckworth officiating. Interment was at United Memorial Gardens in Plymouth.

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## Beautification award goes to Community Living Services

For the second consecutive year, the City of Wayne Beautification Committee has presented Community Living Services (CLS) with the Keep Wayne Beautiful award. The recognition is presented annually to homes and businesses nominated by a neighbor or another Wayne resident or business.

“CLS is honored to be a recipient of this award,” said Marge Werabelski, building and property manager at CLS. “We take great pride in our building and landscaping and we’re pleased that other Wayne residents think so too.”

CLS has spent more than \$1 million dollars in the last five years to resurface the parking lot, landscape the courtyard and parking lot island, upgrade the lighting and add awnings and new doors. “We planned and discussed these changes for a few years, then did each project individually over a period of time,” said Werabelski.

According to the Wayne Beautification guidelines, nominated homes and businesses are evaluated in the areas of property maintenance, landscape design and overall appearance. Honorees must



show a real commitment to neighborhood beautification, with attention to detail. CLS has been part of the Wayne community since 1993 and is the second largest employer in the city, Werabelski said.

Community Living Services, Inc. is a non-profit organization providing support and services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities living in Wayne County. CLS is funded through the Detroit-Wayne Mental Health Authority. For more information contact (734) 467-7600 or visit [www.comlivserv.com](http://www.comlivserv.com).

## New group hopes to promote Inkster education

A new campaign in Inkster is designed to reprioritize education in the community.

The Education Matters campaign is a project of the Inkster Task Force Education Committee.

The group has three main goals, according to a prepared statement. They hope to increase enrollment and attendance in schools, support Inkster families most affected by the dissolution of the Inkster School District and encouraging parent leadership and advocacy in schools.

“We recognize that with the closing of Inkster Public Schools almost exactly a year ago, our community was left with little information about how to deal with transition, few resources and even less power in our children’s education,” the statement from the group said.

The Inkster Task Force Education committee plans to host parent leadership and advocacy workshops, connect families

with resources in the community and utilize outreach strategies such as a door-to-door campaign. The group will also host enrollment events and has planned a social media campaign to get the word out about the campaign and related resources, the statement said.

The group began canvassing Inkster neighborhoods last month and hosted workshops at the Starfish offices on Michigan Avenue.

In a partnership with Westwood, Wayne-Westland, Romulus and Taylor Schools, the task force is helping to promote Inkster enrollment events, according to a statement from the group. Enrollment events will take place at 6 p.m. Aug. 1 at Gaudior Academy, 27100 Avondale and from 3:30-5 p.m. Aug. 6 at the Starfish building on Michigan Avenue.

The group is seeking volunteers at the planned events and to

help distribute flyers during canvassing which is planned for 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Aug. 6 and 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Aug. 12 and from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. and from 3-5 p.m. Aug. 13. A Romulus enrollment effort is planned Aug. 9 but the times and location were not finalized at press time.

More information about the effort is available by contacting the group at [inkstertaskforce@gmail.com](mailto:inkstertaskforce@gmail.com) or calling (734) 931-0821.

## Wayne Parks and Recreation Director resigns job

Last Friday ended a 15-year career with the City of Wayne for Nathan Adams.

Adams, the former director of the Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation Department, resigned his position earlier this month and members of the city council accepted his resignation at a regular meeting two weeks ago.

Adams said that there were

“lots of contributing factors” in his decision to leave the city. “These are challenging times,” he said regarding the \$1.5 million deficit the city faces and the rumored closing of the Wayne Community Center. Adams has offered the city council several alternative plans which would keep some parts of the facility open.

“The City of Wayne brought me

a lot of employment opportunities and allowed me to grow both personally and professionally,” Adams said. “I appreciate what they offered me and my time here.”

Wayne Mayor Al Haidous said that Adams would be missed.

“On behalf of the council, the city and the staff, thank you for your hard work. If I vote no on accepting your resignation, will

you change your mind?” Haidous said at the regular council meeting when Adams’ resignation was presented.

Prior to his resignation, Adams was the only full-time recreation employee left in the City of Wayne. He will begin managing a Beaumont Hospital Wellness Center located in Troy. A return to his “roots” in health and wellness,

he said.

“That is where my educational background is, in health and wellness,” he said.

Adams said last week that the city had not named anyone to assume his responsibilities and he had only a few days left in which to train his replacement.

“Well, I kept good notes for them,” he said.

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# Calendar

### Michigan festival this weekend

The Buy Michigan Now Festival will return to downtown Northville for the sixth year this weekend.

The event features street vendors, live music and children's activities all highlighting Michigan-based businesses and Michigan-made products.

Admission and parking for the event are free. Main and Center streets will be closed in downtown Northville to accommodate the vendors' booths and displays.

This year, entertainment in Town Square will include a Michigan Wine and Beer Garden hosted by the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

The event is open from noon until 9 p.m. tomorrow, Aug. 1, from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Saturday and from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 3.

### Cabaret under way in Canton

Young actors from Forever After Productions are turning the 502 Grill in south west Canton into a Broadway style cabaret dinner theater.

Continuing through Aug. 3, At the 502: A Dinner Cabaret is an evening of music from pop to Broadway performed by a group of young musicians, singers and actors in solo, duet and group performances

At The 502: A Dinner Cabaret will take place at the 502 Grill, 50296 Cherry Hill Road in Canton, Sunday performances begin at 6 p.m..

Tickets are \$35 and include a buffet dinner Purchase tickets at [www.ShowTix4U.com](http://www.ShowTix4U.com) or [www.foreverafter-productions.com](http://www.foreverafter-productions.com) Seating is limited and reservations are encouraged. For more information call Forever After Productions at (734) 547-5156.

### Basketball Camp offered

Grace Center for Life is offering a basketball skills camp for boys and girls in grades 1-9 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Aug 4, 5 and 6.

Day camp cost is \$75 per child and there is a discount for siblings from the same family.

The camp will take place at Tyler Elementary School, 42200 Tyler Road in Belleville.

Included each day is a snack, a camp t-

shirt, guest speakers and a participation certificated.

To register, call (734) 740-4230.

### Camp 911 in Belleville

HuronValley Ambulance is hosting a free two-day Camp 9-1-1 for children ages 8 - 12. Campers will be guided by paramedics and EMTs through a variety of experiences including touring an ambulance, learning CPR, and visiting a local emergency room.

The Belleville Camp will take place Aug. 6 and 7 at the U-M Boathouse at Belleville Lake - 50745 Van Buren Park

Registration is available online at [www.hva.org](http://www.hva.org) or by emailing [camp911@emergenthealth.org](mailto:camp911@emergenthealth.org) or by calling (734) 477-6781

### Carboard boat races launch

As much creativity as engineering skill will be required for entries in the very first Cardboard Boat Race planned for 3:30-5:30 Aug. 9 at the Summit on the Park Aquatic Center in Canton Township.

Participants are encouraged to use creative teamwork to build a boat composed of cardboard and duct tape prior to the event. Races will be done by heat with five boats per heat. Awards will be given to the slowest, fastest and most creative boats, he added.

Assistance in finding cardboard material is available at (734) 394-5467. The entry fee for this first-time event is \$10 for Summit members, \$15 for Canton residents, and \$20 for non-residents.

Registration for the boat race is available in person at the Summit or online at [cantonfun.org](http://cantonfun.org).

The Summit is located at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. For more information about this and other upcoming events at the Summit, visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org).

### City hosts golf outing

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will host a golf outing at the Inn at St. John's Aug. 14. There will be a 9:30 a.m. shotgun start.

The cost is \$125 per person or \$500 for a foursome. The fee includes a cart (two per foursome), golf, door prize, awards, on-course beverages, lunch, dinner, 50/50 raffle, prize raffles and memories.

## Who should you trust? State offers seminars for seniors

The State Bar of Michigan will be offering a free living trust initiative, "Who Should You Trust?" at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 6 at the Wayne Community Center.

The 60-minute presentation will help seniors learn how to identify and avoid 'trust mill' scams and discuss the sales tactics used to gain access to seniors and their hard-earned savings.

The seminar is designed to help seniors learn how to avoid becoming an

unsuspecting victim.

Participants will receive a specially-designed folder containing essential estate planning information, with easy to remember reminders of the warning signs. Those with estate plans already in place are also welcome at the event

The Wayne Community Center is located at 4635 Howe Road. For more information, call Wayne Senior Services, (734) 721-7460.

All proceeds go to recreation programs, supplies, equipment, and facility improvements.

The department is still accepting raffle prizes. To register for golf or donate contact Lauren at (734) 455-6620 or visit [www.ci.plymouth.mi.us/RecreationSpecialEvents](http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us/RecreationSpecialEvents) [<http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us/index.aspx?nid=1111>]for the forms.

### Senior healthcare is topic

The Senior Brigade will visit the Leanna Hicks Public Library of Inkster to discuss Residential Care Choices during a meeting set to begin at 6 p.m. Aug. 18.

Topics discussed will include how to choose a nursing home, how to choose home healthcare, how to recognize and report abuse or neglect and ways to keep loved ones save.

The meeting is free and open to the public.

The library is located at 2005 Inkster Road in Inkster.

### Romulus Night at Comerica Park

The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce and the City of Romulus are sponsoring Romulus Night at Comerica P on Aug. 27.

Check in will begin at city hall at 4:30 p.m. at the bus will leave at 5 p.m. from the parking lot for the 7:08 p.m. game.

The \$65 price includes the bus ride, a buffet including hot dogs, hamburgers, cole slaw, pasta salad, baked beans, chips and

soft drinks, and the seat at the game.

Tickets can be purchased by mail with check or money order sent to: Romulus Chamber of Commerce, 11189 Shook Road, Suite 200, Romulus MI 48174.

For information, call (734) 893-0694 or email [info@romuluschamber.com](mailto:info@romuluschamber.com)

### Golf classic planned

The 2014 Northville Community Foundation Golf Classic to Help Kids is planned for Sept. 11 at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth.

The event includes golf, course contests, lunch, goody bags, prizes and a buffet dinner immediately following golf.

Volunteers are needed for the planning committee and on the day of the event.

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

### Senior scams explained

The Senior Brigade, a Michigan Seniors Initiative, will visit the Leanna Hicks Public Library of Inkster to explain phone and mail scams used against senior citizens at a 6 p.m. meeting Sept. 15.

Topics discussed will include charitable scams, phone, mail and email scams and how to reduce unwanted phone calls and junk mail. Wayne to report a problem will also be discussed.

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The library is located at 2005 Inkster Road in Inkster



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