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### Former Plymouth official to be sentenced - , ,

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Van Buren Township cials expect to learn the identity this week of the new tech firm seeking to occupy a portion of the Harold Smith Farm on Michigan Avenue. See page 2.

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Two new electric vehicle g stations have been installed in downtown Northville behind 120 W.



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The second Annual Downtown Days event took place last month in Wayne and organizers said they ganiteers sard coxy are than pleased with alarity of the event. See page 4.



Gary Thomas has b aed to the Westland Tax crement Finan thority (TIFA) Econom 

Parks and Grants for Plymouth Township, Michael Mitchell, 49, is expected by federal prosecutors to enter a guilty plea next

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The former Director of

Staff Writer

carry a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and/or \$250,000 fine. Mitchell is scheduled to be arraigned Aug. 9 in the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan and face a plea

Mitchell was the first indictment of a Wavne County official.

ring the same day before U.S. District Judge Terrance G

Act ding to the FBI an According to the FBI and federal prosecutors, in August of 2016, while serving as direc-tor of parks and grants under former Township Supervisor Shannon Price, Mitchell stole property belonging to the town, tion investigation centered in

ship including a commercial ower a John Deer Gato tility vehic

ment estimated to have a t value of about \$10,000. Formal charges filed aga Mitchell last March were reportedly the result of a wide ranging and on-going corrust

bribery and public corruption in the awarding of trash haul ing and other municipal con tracts. Mitchell was the first indictment of a Wayne County official. The charges were filed in what is known as "information' which usually means the

See Mitchell, page 5



### Friday and Saturday

Blues, Brews and Barbecue, the most highlyanticipated annual event in Westland, will take place this weekend on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 3 and 4. Thousands of visitors are

treated annually to perform ances from some of the finest musicians in the area, delicious food and ice cold brews at the two-day event, noted Mayor William Wild. "It has been an incredible

experience to watch this event grow and evolve over the past eight years into what is now one of the most highly anticipated and well attended events in metro Detroit," Wild

. To date, Blues, Brews and BBQ has generated \$200,000 for local community organizations, enabling them to do redible things for those in sd," Wild added.

The activities take place from 5-11 p.m. on Friday and from 3-11 p.m. on Saturday. from 3-11 p.m. on Saturday. Events this year include live entertainment from The Boa Constrictors featuring Detroit Blues legend John Watkins on ng by B c On Sat on Friday. the Joe Stanley Band, the The Soul Men will join The M Saturday night just before the fireworks. Bobby Murray Band and The Madison Avenue Band featur-ing The Soul Men will all entertain prior to the fire-

works at 10 p.m. The event and entertainment are free and will take place at Thomas H. Brown Central City Park 36601 Ford Road in Westland. There is also fr we parking available on site and additional parking is available at the Senior Friendship Center, William D. Ford Vocational Technical School and the Department of Public Services Building. A free shuttle service will bring visitors to and from the park. The event features profes

offer slow-cooked, authentic BBQ and tasty finger foods HillBilly Bone BBQ will be serving up the items that made them the Westland BBQ Throwdown champions



brisket and mouthwateri pulled pork nachos. Mr. Master BBQ from Romu around the state. The compa-ny started small selling din-They specialize in ribs but will also be bringing unique items such as BBQ eggrolls containing ribs, chicken and

∽ expert pit will be joined by returning local favorites like Famous Daves and Texas Roadhouse. For some additi ens outside nal BBQ re

See Barbecue, page 4

### National Night Out events set for next Tuesday Inkster police host activities Canton civic groups participate

The City of Inkster will have a special guest during the police department participation in National Night Out next Tuesday:

Internationally renowned gospel recording artist Kelontae Gavin will perform during the event which will take place from 5-9 p.m. Aug. 7 in the Inkster Police Department parking lot.

With the release of his debut album "Higher" Gavin has gar-nered international acclaim, award nominations, and topped the billboard charts. Gavin began his career focused on not only music but giving back to the community and youth. He often volunteers his time for causes near and dear to his heart such

In addition to Gavin and his In addition to Gavin and his performance, there will also be a DJ, barnoka, 3 on 3 baskethall and free throw competitions, glowaruya, a video game truck, bounce houses, games, face painting, dunk tank, food, and more. More than 40 community organizations will have booths set up providing valuable inforn and giveaways t

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign where millions of neighbors take part in the night out across thousands of commu-nities from all 50 states. U.S. ter-

See Police, page 4

Canton residents can take a stand against crime next Tuesday, Aug. 7 during the National Night Out event in

The Canton Police Department, Canton Police Library, Canton Response to Hate Crimes Coalition and Canton Leisure Services will have representatives at the North Pavilion in Heritage Park from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. Aug. 7. The community organizations will present the National Night Out program event

National Night Out is an

campaign that nro police.community partner ships and neighborhood cama-raderie to make neighbor-hoods safer, better places to live, noted Canton Community Relations coordinator Patty Esselink.

sselink. The evening includes live usic, an interactive Canton Public Safety vehicle display complimentary refreshme from Kona Ice and Cruis Custom Coneys, and prizes provided by Target, one of the event sponsors. Additional event sponsors. Additional activities include: a craft proj ect provided by Home Depot; a bounce house provided by

See Groups, page 2

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bringing ribs, pulled pork uthwatering chos. Mr. Pit Master BBQ from Romunus will be serving homemade chicken, pulled pork sand-wiches, and other menu items. Uncle Bebe's BBQ is licensed in Detroit and travels

# **Belleville - Canton**

# Canton trustees allocate federal funding

Julie Brown Staff Writer

Canton Township will fund a mix of public service agencies and public construction work through federal funds of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The funding level of \$323,085 for 2018 is topa

Agencies funded include: First Sten helping domestic violence and sexual assault victims: Neighborhood Legal Services, offering elder abuse monitoring, including crimes committed by adult children of seniors and more: the Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action ancy with varied services, and Growth rks, which in part helps with young offenders referred by the invenile ins-

cal dependency treats

cal dependency treatment. "I'm happy yes, we're able to continue the good works," said Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams following the July 24 Community Development Block Grant public hearing at the Canton Board of Trustees meeting. "The funds who have the gr are going to those need."

The Community Development Block Step got \$13,000 through Canton and HUD, Neighborhood Legal Services \$13,000, the Wayne-Metropolitan \$13,000, the wayne-atetropolitan Community Action Agency \$13,000, and Growth Works \$1,000. Additional CDBG funds will help to

make buildings compliant with

dards, to help handicapped people. Also funded is housing rehabilitation, which has a waiting list of seven or eight resi-

Federal standards require an annual report to HUD by Aug. 15 as well as a local public hearing. In Canton, an Advisory Council hearing a few earlier public commons and then made recom-resentiet income endations

Township Clerk Michael Siegrist noted at the July 24 meeting the Canton Human Services facility on Cherry Hill Road at Ridge Road deals with clients facing challenges. He's pleased to see ng upgrades addr ades addressed. I to see that," said Sie haildi

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amed James Malinowski to the Canton Zoning Board of Appeals. The trustee with Sommer Foster absent, also OB \$2,000 to buy from a resident a 1949 Ford fire truck. Canton Deputy Public Safety Directo

Chris Stoecklein said, "It's more a memory ry for the township," being wha Williams called "this old piece of Cantor

Said Stoooldoin "It dans us Said Stoeckeen, "It gives us an oppor-tunity to bring some heritage back to the department," including parades and fire station open houses.

Williams noted the truck re effort will build fire department person work

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# **Developer seeking** zoning for 'mystery firm'

learn the id tech firm seeking to occupy a portion of the Harold Smith Farm on Michigan Avenue, west of the Denton Cemetery.

The plan allows for Harold Smith, the The plan allows for Harold Smith, the current property owner, to remain in his home on a section of the property, accord-ing to information provided by the devel-

The identity of the proposed busin was expected to be included in site plans submitted for the development of a por-tion of the 75.57-acre site during a July 10 secting at Van Buren Township Hall. The ame of the new tenant in the proposed evelopment was not disclosed to township officials at that time, however sentatives from the developer said that the name of the new tenant would be released once the land is purchased. That purchase is dependent on a requested remning from single-family to light indus

If the rezoning is approved by members of the township board of trustees, the next

Awesome Bounce of Michigan a K-9 demonstration, and more. Participants will also be able to design a Kindness Rock, with support from Amanda Ross-Rock, with support from Amanda Ross-State Farm Insurance Agent, which will help spread goodwill as part of a future community art installation. Additional generous event support is being provid-ed by Community Financial Credit

"Each year this community event cel-ebrates the importance of residents and neighborhoods uniting together to take a tand against crime in our community, seelink said

"It is an opportunity for residents t meet and interact with police and fire personnel, as well as strengthen Canton's neighborhood spirit of camaraderie and the importance of keeping our commu-nity safe and tolerant."

All ages are invited to attend this free ent promoting tolerance and the "Not In Our Town' principles of building safe inclusive communities for all. the township planning commission which will meet Aug 8. The developer indicated that with that approval, he would reveal the name of the technical and research

the name of the technical and research company planning to move to the site. Proposed is a 36 foot tall, two-story building of about 70,000 square feet. A 400-foot buffer zone of trees and a tree-covered, 10-foot berm are proposed along the property line and facing neighboring property. The entrance to the facility would be from Michigan Avenue and the property would include an indepen deceleration lane.

The property would also inclu detention pond disbursed through the Wayne County drainage system which the developer claims would have no impact

any adjoining residential area. The developer indicated that the com-iny would bring about 30 jobs to Van 100 new jobs would be created during phase one of the development.

The "Not In Our Town" communit program is coordinated by the Cante Response to Hate Crimes Coalition. This group is an award-winning coalition of local law enforcement leaders and rep. resentatives of community organizat group is committed to raising awarenesss of hate erimes, hias incidents, and bully-ing and offers support to victims of hate/bias/bullying. Members work to help restore a sense of community when these incidents occur.

Canton will join forces with neighbors participating across thousands of com-munities from all 50 states, as well as United States territories, Canada, and United States territories, Canada, and military bases worldwide for the 35th Annual "National Night Out," coordinat-ed by the National Association of Town Watch. According to the website, more than 38 million neighbors across 16,000 communities are expected to participate in 'America's Night Out Against Crime s year

For more information about th nity event, visit www.cantonpublic rg, www.niot.org or call (734) 394

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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# **Relay for Life returns to Romulus Saturday**

Romulus Relay for Life are hoping a great turnout and increased participation leads to success at the signature fundraiser of

une samerical Cancer Society The 24-hour event gots under way at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, and concludes at 10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, at Senior Center Park. The park is located behind the Romulus Senior Center, off Olive Street between Constant and Withings Grant and Ribbins

Relay brings together people from all walks of life who have been touched by cancer. They are part of teams that commit to having at least one person walking around the path at the park and take part in a variety of activities and fundral events. The event is open to the pu Admission is free.

This is a fostival environment , and it's fun for the whole family" said Shone silvey-Baum, volunteer event lead for the Romulus event. "There's so much to see and do. We're counting on the public to ne and buy a snow cone or take a picture with a princess or pirate. You can ate your own tutu, make your own 1 pie with the Boy Scouts, get your face painted and have your hair color changed with temporary dye." There will be a "huge" raffle with all

sorts of items, from theater tickets and sporting event tickets to barbecue grills. The raffle will open at 10:30 a.m. The drawings will take place at 6 p.m. Cancer survivors can register on site

beginning at 8:30 a.m. Survivors can pick up their T-shirts and relay goodies. All play participants and the public will meet ready participants and use parace win more at the stage for opening ceremonies at 10 a.m. Immediately following the "Survivor Lap," survivors and their caregivers are me to join in a free brunch from

For the next 24 hours, each hour is a lifferent lap from the "duct tape lap" to a 'salute to heroes." while teams host all sorts of activities at their booths, which

ng all n police and firefighters for the salute to heroes lap," Silvey-Baum said. "At 5 p.m., e have a trick or treating lap. Ev

can trick or treat for candy At 11 p.m., dur-ing our movie and TV lap, the "Blues Brothers" are coming to relay for a per-

All those who contributed m or services are invited to a reception in their honor at 2 p.m. onsite at relay.

A full schedule of the 24 hours, can be und at Romulus Relay for Life on acebook

Throughout the day and night there will be live bands, games and food Visitors are encouraged to enjoy activities on the main stage, such as a lip-synch competition, cardio drumming and many

The Luminaria Ceremony takes nla 19 pm. It includes a silent lap around the track with walkers carrying candles. The track is lined with candlelit paper bags trace is inted with canadem paper bags carrying the names of anyone affected by cancer. Visitors can see any Romulus Relayer on site to hone a loved one with a Luminaria. Donations are accepted.

Visitors also can help create a m al garden by making their own wind spir ner to honor loved ones affected by cancer

r to honor loved ones affected by can The more than 20 teams participat in the relay this year have been fundrais-ing throughout the year with the goal of supporting the American Cancer Society and all the services provided. Visit Facebook to learn about where the money goes and earn "Relay Bucks" to spend at the 24-hour event. This year, the Relay for Life of Romalus goal is \$50,000.

Teams are spending the night camping it at the park. Activities will go on throughout the night

Silvey-Baum brought Relay to Ro om Monroe after the death of her Cindi. She is a member of Team Cindi.

"We're in a unique situation," Silvey aum said. "We're new but we're nailing ad exceeding every goal we set. The city and exce has really stepped up. I'm absolutely blown away Romulus Denuty Treasurer Tracy

Leininger is captain of the City of Romulus team, a group of city employees and their family members and friends. Last year, under the guidance of Jennifes and Jerry Frayer, the team won the covet



Participants are led to the stage by the Romuli to kick off the 2017 Romulus Relay for Life at S ulus Veterans of Foreign Wars honor guard

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING ulus City Hall Council Chambers, IIIII Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174 grass caled in order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pre-Ten John Barden.

ed team" award. Jennif 'most spi Fraver is co-contain this year

In the year since the team has run a in the year since, the team has run a series of fundraisers, including a bowling tournament, karaoke night, bake sale and many others. The fundraising continues

many others. The fundraising continues on Sahurday at the park. "Last year was the first year for Romulus," Leininger said. "We were just trying to get the public aware of the ovent. It has grown so much since then. We try to get everybody involved. If you're on a am, you've got to be involved." There is still time to join a team. "You go there (to relay) and, wow, all

ese people come out for one cause," eininger said. "We all know people fected by cancer in some fashion - family members, friends or directly. In the city, we had some very dear co-workers and friends pass away from colon cancer. It really affected us." Earlier this year, Silvey-Baum was

amed a Romulus Hometown Hero for everything she has done to make the

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the charge for the Relay for Life of Romulus," said Kristen Pilon a relay community manager with the American Cancer Society. "In the five years I've known Shona, there hasn't been a time when she wasn't leading a team of people to help others. She is dedicated to the City of Romulus and has shown me what it means to be a true leader

Silvey-Baum praised Romub "bighearted city." She said Relay for Life participants are an "army of guardian angels." She is hoping for "a picture-per-fect event with picture-perfect weather."

"Nobody is unaffected by cancer any more," she said. "Everybody is affected Cancer sucks, but fighting back doesn have to. We're going to fight and have a blast doing it."

To learn more about the Romulu Relay for Life, vis www.relayforlife.org/romulusmi . To read Silvey-Baum, send an email to RomulusRelay@gmail.com or send a text

### Back to school Program provides free backpacks, supplies

Families that include elementary trict and the Wayne County Airport Authority. The nearly 1,200 enrolled stu-

dents in kindergarten through fifth grade will receive free This is just the beginning of filling a p will receive free backpacks filled with will take place from

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will take place from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug 4, at Romulus High School during the annual Academic Pun Fair Kenneth Dobson, vice president of gov-ernment and external affairs along with Katie Callahan, senior administrative analyst of business development and real estate government and external affairs for the airport authority, explained the away program during a regular

ool board meeting July 9. The two spoke about the importance of meeting with the community and serv-

ing studer This is just the beginning of what we want to be a long term relationship " said Dobson. Donations were collected from various airlines and concession vendors from Detroit Metro Airport "This all started when I received a

phone call from Katie Callah n Min theory w ideas

This is just the beginning of what we want to be a long term relationship.

one of which includ-ed filling a plane with school supplies. We decided that a back pack giveaway was more realistic given

Schools director of grants and curricu

Association, the average cost for school supplies including notebooks, scissors, glue sticks, and other items is about \$200, on average, per elementary student.

CITY OF ROMULUS PLANNING COMMISSION Notice of a Public Hearing August 20, 2018

c is hereby given that the City of Romalus will hold a public hear at 20, 2018 for the parrow of considering amendments to the for RZ-2016-001; M & M Express Trucking Cond Econe (Parcel ID #80-045-99-0008-009);

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- RZ-2014-005; D & G Building Conditional Zi Hanran (Parcel ID #80-074-01-0147-301); and
- PC-2004-028; Metro Airport Center PDA (Planned Development ed at 11100 Metro Airport Center (Parcel ID #80-082-04-0017-000)

The public hearing will be held at the Romalus City Hall Council Chambe Romahas MI 48174-1485.

A copy of the proposed amendments are available in the Planning Department during r new hours - Monshy through Friday, 8300 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Questions may be address Music, City Planner, Eccotomic Development Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Ro 48174-1485 or at 734-955-4530. used to Carel tornalus, MI

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we nope to see an or our namines as the Academic Pun Fair on Saturday Aug 4, however for those who cannot attend their child will receive their backpack at their designated school, once the school year begins," Smith said

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# INKSTER - WAYNE - WESTLAND

# Mall manager named to tax increment corporation

to the Westland Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) Economic Develo

Thomas' appointment by Mayor William R. Wild was approved by members of the Westland City Council during the

thomas retired from the United States Air Force after 20 Saginaw to accept a position as the General Manager of the stland Shopping Center in

years of experience in operations and mall management.

"I look forward to working with the City of Westand as a with the City of Westand as a member of TIFA/EDC," com-mented Thomas. "My vision is to incorporate Westland's five-year plan for the Shop and Dine District with the plans for updat-ing the Westland Shopping Center attracting national ten center, attracting national ten-ants and bringing the mall into the 21st Century." "The Westland Shopping

Center and the city's history are intertwined," commented Wild. "We have an excellent working look forward to collaborating with Mr. Thomas on ideas and strategies for economic stimula-tion and growth in the communi-ty and the mall." The City of Westland TIFAEDC is governed by a nine-

member board appointed by the mayor and confirmed by mem-bers of the city council. The pur-pose of the Tax Increment Finance Authority (EDC (TIFA) is to promote economic and busi-ness development through programs and public improvement rolects that create economic ortunity, provide entrepreproperty values. Regularly sched-uled board meetings take place at uled board meetings take place at 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of every other month at city hall and are open to the public. Anyone interested in serving on a Westland board or commis-

sion, can find a complete list of meancies, information, requir-ments and explanations on eac and an application on www.eity ofwestland.com by clicking on th "Get Involved" icon. Applications can be submitted electronically or paper applications can be printed from the website and dropped off at Westland City Hall



## **Roadwork delays drivers**

Annapolis Road between Middlebelt and Inkster roads found themselves ed from their driveways last week

blocked from their driveways last week. The City of Inkster and City of Westland have joined forces to under-take a pavement reconstruction project along the section of Annapolis Road between Middlebelt and Inkster Road where traffic is now restricted to a sin-gle lane eastbound one way and single lane westbound, depending on phasing Drivers can expect intermittent sto pages of traffic by flaggers during exnt stop onstructi

Officials said the project will be com-pleted in two phases; Phase 1 includes concrete slab replacements and repairs on the south side in the City of Westland and Phase 2 includes the reconstruction

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The project began last week and will

continue through July 31, officials said. There will be no vehicle access into or out of home driveways and residents will need to find other locations to park. such as nearby side streets

Officials said the driveways should be accessible after this weekend, however that completion date is contingent upon weather and may be extended if need ed

. Two dumpetons have been placed at Two dumpsters nave been piaced at the corner of Northland and Annapolis and Irene and Annapolis. During this reconstruction, residents should place carbage into these duminators. Recycling will not be collected during o tion. officials noted.

## **Downtown Days a success**

The second Annual Downtown Da ant took place last month in Wayne as

ve director of Wayne Main Street the oups in the downtown area organized imerous family-friendly activities cluding sidewalk sales, a concert in

eased with the popularity of the event. According to Maxwell Cameron, exer

group that organized the event shops and Goudy Park on Friday, July 13 featuring Steve King and the Dttilles, a flea market, makers market, and vendor show on Saturday, July 14. Cruisin' Us-12 also took place Saturday, drawing car enthusiasts from all around the state to downtown 25,000 people attended the activities this year. More than 20 Wayne-based business-es participated in the weekend festivities by offering sales and extended hours. In total there were more than 40 activities happening around downtown Wayne throughout the weekend, Cameron said. Paul Sposite, grand knight for the Knights of Columbus Notre Dame Council

#3021 and a main organizer for the event commented, "It was amazing to see so many longtime residents and visitors take this opportunity to see what Wayne has to offer

during the Wes

## Barbecue

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Harvest Kettle Corn, Detroit Mini Donut and Lemonade, Heavenly Hot Dog, Krispy Fish and Chicken, Redd Ventures

## Police

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itories and military bases worldwide on ds safer, more caring pla

the first Tuesday in August. The idea is to promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make a completely free event for citizens The police department is located at 28279 Michigan Ave. Inkster Classified TO PLACE YOUR CLASSIFIED AD CALL 734-467-190 \$4307.00- MAKE & SAVE MONEY with your own bandmill- Cut lumber any dimension. In stock ready to ship! FREE Info/DVD: www.NonwoodSawmills.co CASH for R12 cylinders or cases of cars. (312) 291 D Helo Wanted call 734-467-1900. GUITAR WANTED m 800 567-0404 Ext.300N GUITAR WANTEDI Local musician will pay up to \$12,500 for pre-1975 Gibson, Fender, Martin and Gretsch gulara. Fender amplifiera also. Call for amplifiera also. Call for free! 1-800-995-1217. (MCH) e Wayne Housing mission is accepting adions for a part-time tenance position. repair skills and an to toucle shoot are a . General grounds tenance and snow will be required, ng pay of \$13.00 0 per hour 25 hours a Arctinetarian area. HELP WANTED-TRUCK DRIVER COL-A DRIVERS WANTED, 3 MONTHS MINIMUM EXPERIENCE, EXCELLENT PAY, BENEFITS SIGN ON BONUS, 401k, DEDICATED ROUTES ROMED AND ROUTES ROMED AND UNXYNE DISTRICH, CALL RON 586-752-4529 EXT Need a job? Eagle o Looking to buy? Looking to sell? Need to rent? To subscribe to The Find it fast in STEEL BUILDINGS PIONEER POLE BUILD-INGS- Free Estimates-Licensed and insured-2x6 Trusses-45 Year Warranty Galvalume Steel-19 Colon-Since 1976-#1 in Michigan-The Facle's Classifieds. Call 8184 + 17 0018 734-467-1900 to place your MICHIGAN classified ad or email WANTED TO BUY OR TRADE ON R12 WAN ads® aloroup.o SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY 2 6 0 ng 1000s Get The Benefits They Deserve BILL GORDON (844) 474-0037

### CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID ITB 18/19-03 Motorized Pumper Fire Apparatus

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and Nut N Fancy Street Food will be on The All American Firework St finish out the night beginning at 10 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 4. (A complete guide to Blues, Breus and Barbecue is included as an insert in this edition of The Engle.)

to live. The goal of National Night Out is to to rive. The goal of National Night Out is to enhance the relationship between neigh-bors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community Furthermore, it provides a great opportu-nity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. This will be

# **NORTHVILLE – PLYMOUTH**

# Northville installs electric vehicle chargers

Northville Downtown Development Up2Go, is more Development Autority, and Up2Go, is moving downtown Northville forward with the addi-tion of two electric vehicle charg-

The electric vehicle charging The electric vehicle charging stations are located behind 120 W. Main (the parking lot behind Up2Go, next to Starring The Gallery). The parking spots are strictly for electric vehicles and will be limited to three hours per vehicle. The two, dual electric

Mitchell

FROM PAGE 1

his former colleague at the Wayne County Commission, in 2016. Mitchell worked as an aide to Price at the county. Price created the new \$63,277 annual salaried position exclusively for Mitchell who was purported to have a Ph.D. in Molecular Cytogenetics and other immessive educational curriculum vitae

The relationship between Mitchell and Price and his immediate employ-ment after Price took office in 2016 was publically criticized by employees and township residents as a patronage job and political favor for Mitchell who erved as chairman of the 11th District Republican Party and was a well-known D0 tical party operative

Mitchell who is now a resident of Rockford, II, abandoned his position and did not report for work with the township following the primary election in August 2016 in which Price was soundly defeat-ed. Official records show Mitchell was paid \$16,476.95 after his departure for the employment period from July 31 until Nov. 6. the date of his termination letter He was finally terminated after his

long absence. It was reported Mitchell held two jobs while under the employment of the town-

equipped with Clipper Creek (standard level 2) charging capa-(standard level 2) charging ca bilities, which allows any elec-vehicle to charge in downto Northville. Up2Go, a company headouartered in Northville that applications for global Tier-1 automotive suppliers was responsible for project manage ment, equipment supply, installa-tion, and will provide initial (18 months) funding of electricity for the electric vehicle charging sta

> ship: one as director of parks and grants and the other with an automotive supply firm located in Mexico, where his wife was working for an automotive manufar turer District court officials signed off on a search warrant for Mitchell after he abandoned his job claiming probable cause before searching his Livonia home armed with affidavits to back their requests. It was reported property belonging to the township was seized at the time of the raid

Township Supervisor Kurt Heise said that after the initial discovery of the missing property in the spring of last year township officials declined turning over the investigation to the office of Michigan State Attorney General Bill Schuette, because of the state official's involvement with Price. Price was a former employee of the attorney general and Schuette had conducted fundraisers and provided political endorsements for Price. Price worked for Schuette from 2011 until 2015. Price was currently appointed to the five-member Board of ectors of the Detroit/Wayne Cou

en public officials use their to steal from taxpayers, their theft isn't just measured in dollars-it is measured by the damage caused by robbing the public of honest government," commer ed United States Attorney Matthe Schneider

We are excited to have partnered

with Lin2Go on the Electric Cherning stations in downtown Northville.

Up2Go purpose, we intend to

support our communities through future oriented technol-og," said Manfred Schon, CEO of Up2Go. "Working with the city

and the Northville Downtown and the Northville Downtown Development Authority to bring electric charging stations to

downtown Northville aligns per-

To help attract electric vehicle owners to visit downtown Northville, the stations will be registered on nonular charging network sites such as ChargeHub, PlugShare, and Plug in America.

"As an integral part of the Benefit concessions OK'd

> presenting employees of Plymouth Township have agreed to changes in dental, optical, life insurance, disability, and other benefits saving the Township about \$59,000 per year, according to a according according according at the second second

'I want to thank our har public safety, elerical, and public works staff for agreeing to these changes," said

"The new benefit plan will save tax-payers thousands of dollars going forward while providing as good or better benefit packages for our employees." "It truly is a win-win for the township,

d underscores the culture change re've been working to create over th

d a half," Heise adde past year and a half," Heise added "This kind of labor-management harmo

"We are excited to have part-nered with Up2Go on the

nered with Up2tio on the Electric Charging stations in downtown Northville," said Lori Ward, Northville Downtown

Development Authority director

"Bringing electric vehicle charging stations to Northville has been an idea we have want

ed to bring to fruition for a while and we know that workir Up2Go, will prove to be a successful endeavor,"

ny and cooperation would h unheard of in the past." "Our employees know we as ficult financial situation and they are willing to help," he added. The benefit changes will also apply to

on-union township personnel.

Earlier this year, the township board of trustees hired Corporate Benefit Solutions from Troy to administer the various benefit packages provided to

Moving forward, Heise said, the town-ship and Corporate Benefit Solutions will be working to improve healthcare and retirement benefits, where more

Buy Michigan festival set

Aug 3, 4 and 1

The Buy Michigan I ow Festival is a eekend celebration of the state ann Buy Michigan Week. This family-friendly vent includes street vendors, live n nd children's activities, all highlig ighting Michigan based businesses and Michigan

a 4.9 mm Edds 1g 3, 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4 and 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday Aug. 5. Admission and parking are free

Main and Center streets are closed in the middle of downtown to make it easy to shop and dine, while enjoying live entertainment from Michigan performers





# Local clerks work to register young voters

### Staff Writer

Municipal clerks in the City of Tymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Township have joined forces to engage young

That includes registe ing adult voters at the Physical Conton Educational ymouth-Canton Educational rk complex, explained Canton wnship Clerk Michael Siegrist. Clerks also make it possible for students away at coll ge to obtain

or the colle nain" said Siegrist 35 talking pann, said Seegrist, 30, tanking about student's voting from col-lege. "By us going to the high school, those kids (of age) can

law will be followed and noted a bill in the Michigan Legislature to drop voting to age 16. That is not the intent of the three local

Siegrist calls municipal ele the guardians of democracy." unicipal clea em informed voters, and help make voting easier," he said. He and the two other munici-

nal clerks went to Physicath High ool this past February t r teen voters. The stu will be able to cast absentee hal-lots by mail from their respective

Additionally, graduating set iors who were going away to col-lege were given the option to sign up for the absentee application list so they don't need to return home for the November election. Siegrist followed up with an additional voter registration drive at Canton High School and Salem High School on May 2 As the Canton clerk, he also

ruited election inspectors at both registration drives. Ever election requires that more 300 individuals from the community be trained and appointed to help administer the absentee vote unting board and each of the Canton precincts. The three clerks helped to

This can hain raduce lin the process run smoother,

while maintaining the security of a paper ballot.

establish a scholarship through the Canton Community Cares

High school and college stu dents who work as election inspectors for the August and November elections will be elici ble to compete for a \$750 or \$50 scholarship after writing a 500 word essay about the security of e elections process using infor-ation from Election Day and

This was an opportunity to rate the transparent pro and dispel myths and concerns around our democratic institu-tions," Siegrist noted.

The Canton clerk also visited the Advanced Placement United States History classes and the Advanced Placemen Government classes at the Physical Conton Educational Phymouth-Canton Educational Park to explain about the schol-arship opportunity and recruit inspectors. Plymouth Township Clerk

Jerry Vorva has been active in the effort as has Plymouth City Clerk Maureen Brodie, Siegrist hice

Stegrist, elected in Canton in 016 and a former Plymouth-canton Community Schools Board of Education member, said the State of Michigan will be voting on new digital scanners to replace the old analog scanners the past The technology change will

help reduce the likelihood of mmed ballots and eliminate o-page ballot, he said.

the pro smoother, while maintaining the security of a paper ballot. The Voter Assistant Terminals are designed to assist votors with dis blend with the technology that biend with the technology that young adults have grown up with," Siegrist said. The municipal clerks were approached to consider a procla-

mation or resolution by an organ-ization called Engage18. Engage18 is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization founded by

high school students. As a registered 501(c)4, it aims to increase the youth voter turnout and spark political inter-est in young people. Its founding chapter is based in Michigan, however, organizers are working to expand across county and state lines, connecting students across the nation so that they have a stron Siegrist said. nger voice in politi

### **Calendar of events**

Music Lakeside,a free summer music ries sponsored by the Belleville Ares Council for the Arts, will present entertain-ment every Thursday evening through Aug. 16. The concerts will take place in Hori on Park on High Street in Belleville

Visitors should bring lawn chairs, blan kets, or arrive by boat. Food is available this year from Cosa Sabrosa, a new addi-tion, featuring fresh taces, burritos, sakas and much more. Also returning will be Egan's Pub and The Gelato Wagon.

In case of rain, concerts will be moved tot the Methodist Church across the street.

et Up and Eat Up Meet Up and Eat Up, an effort to er that children in lower-income areas cor have access to the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Programs, is available from noon until 1 p.m. every Monday through Thursday at the Jefferson Barnes Community Vitality Center, located at 32150 Dorsey St. in Westland

The program continues through Aug 16

Spike Out Hunger Saturday Kroger is hosting a charity volleyball nt with p eeds ben Forgotten Harvest beginning at 11 a.m. this rday Aug 4.

The tournament will take place at the thville Recreation Cente r: located at 19680 Hines Dr. Check in begins at 10 a.m. and the games begin at 11 a.m. Each team must have a minimum of six players and the cost to enter the tournament is \$100 per team. For more information, email

ames registration nears seniors have until Aug. 10 to er the Second Annual Canton Senior Gan which are scheduled to take place Aug 20-24, at various locations in the Canton community A variety of activities for men and mig A variety of activities for me men age 55 and older will be ava ing the four days of competition.

Registration is now available on cantonfun org or in person at the

Canton Club 55+ front desk, lo ed in the Summit on the Park at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton. All participants must register by Friday, Aug. 10. Registration fees are: Field Games/Cards/Wii Games/Billiards fees for each event are \$2 for Canton residents and \$3 for non-residents; Billiards Tournament, Picklebal dents; Billiards; Tournament, Pickloball Tournament, and Tennis Tournament fees are §5 for Canton residents and §6 for non-residents and Golf Tournament fees are \$53 for Canton residents and \$58 for non

uled from 12:30-2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 24 at the Summit on the Park Maple/Oak Ro-located at 46000 Summit Parkw ts can take part in a BBQ for just \$8 for Canton residents and \$10 for residents For additional information ab

Canton Senior Games or to confirm event times and locations, contact Canton Club 55+ at (734) 394-5485.

The Romulus Downtown Development Authority will host a bonus market at the Romulus Farmer's Market from 11 a.m.

until 4 p.m. Aug 11. The market takes place at Romulu Historical Park, 11147 Hunt St. in Romulu For more information, call (313) 204 0990 or Merrie Druyor at (734) 955-4531.

Casting call Inspire Theatre in West auditions for a production of The Addams Family set for October and November

Auditions will take place at Westland Center for the Arts, 33455 Warren Road in Westland beginning at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 14 and 15. Actors will perform a cold readin and be taught lyrics to When You're A

Perform able clothing and stay for the entire audi

Roles for the entire Addams fam Roles for the entire Addams family including Gomez, Morticia, Uncle Festor, Grandma, Wednesday and Pugsley Addams will be cast, along with Lurch, Mal, Alice and Lucas Belineke and five male and five female Addams ancestors.

For more information, call (734) 751-

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### Election is Tuesday Voter, ballot information is available

assistance to those voting in the Primary Election Aug. 7. The League has provided an on-line voter guide at VOTE411.org. Visit

VOTE411.org to read and compare candidate responses to relevant

Republican and Democratic candi-dates, and the 16th District State Representative and 6th District State

three positions in Sumpter Township Clerk, Treasurer and Board of Trustees. The video links for these forums can be found on the Leagues site: LWVn orth

Voters will need to choose one party's ballot in the Primary Election and then vote only for candidates in that party. Casting votes in multiple parties will invalidate the ballot. arties will invalidate the ballot. The League of Women Voters is :

on-partisan organization that never apports or opposes candidates or olitical parties. Voters are urged to learn about their candidates from a trusted source of election information visiting VOTE411.org by LWVnorthwest ballots are cast twavne.org bed

issues, find your polling place, check voting hours, learn about ballot meas-ures, and read tips about voting in Michigan. Voters need simple, helpful tools to help them navigate the voting process and Election Day. The League also hosted candidate issues, find your polling place, check forums for the 11th District US House of Representatives- both the

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