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## Plans for new 34th court under way

*We are no longer going to renovate, we are going to build new.*

Romulus City Council members took the first official step to build a new 34th District courthouse Monday night.

Council members unanimously approved a memorandum of understanding with the court to construct a new building on the municipal campus.

"This was very important to us," said Council President John Harden.

Under the agreement, the city will sell \$14 million in bonds to pay for the facility. The bonds will be paid over the course of 25 years through fees and forfeitures paid to the court. No funds will be needed from city taxpayers.

City council and court officials

had been discussing improvements needed at the courthouse since last year. Initially, the plan was to renovate and expand the building but when those estimates came in at nearly \$11 million, the decision was made to look at a completely new building.

"We are no longer going to renovate, we are going to build new," said Tim Koyes, Romulus economic development director, who will serve as project manager.

"The whole point is that the city wants the court to stay in Romulus and we're doing what we can to make that happen."

The new facility will be about 45,000 square feet, compared to about 30,000 square feet at the existing structure.

"I'm glad that the judges were comfortable with this," said Councilwoman Kathy Abdo.

"I like the fact that we went back and took a look at this, that perhaps the renovation wasn't

going to help us because we really do have to plan for the future and it looks like that's what we're doing here—planning for the future."

The court serves the five communities of Romulus, Huron Township, Belleville, Van Buren Township and Sumpter Township as well as Detroit Metro Airport and has been operating under an agreement signed in 1998 that stipulates the city will serve as the host community in exchange for the fines and forfeiture fees.

"My intention all along, working with the judges, was to keep that court here," said Romulus Mayor Leroy Burrell. "That's what we confirmed tonight."

## Blues, Brews and BBQ 6th annual event includes city anniversary fireworks

A wide selection of professional barbecue specialists, a long list of amateur grillers and hometown American Idol contestant Josh Gracin have joined the cooks and entertainers at the 6th Annual Westland Blues, Brews and BBQ.

The event, which draws a large crowd from throughout the area, will begin at 5 p.m. tomorrow, Aug. 5, at Thomas H. Brown Central City Park. Along with talented musicians, All American BBQ and a selection of Michigan craft beers, the event will feature professional pit masters, the traditional BBQ competition and free shuttle buses.

Proceeds from the event help support several civic and charitable groups in the city and during the past five years the event has generated nearly \$150,000 which has gone back into the community in services and scholarships for students, according to Westland Mayor William Wild.

This year, the event is planned from 5 to 10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5, and from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6. Parking will be free at the 18th District Court, John Glenn High School, the William D. Ford Career Technical Center on Marquette and at the Westland Friendship Center, located at 1119 Newburgh Road. Free shuttle buses will be provided from the Marquette Road and Friendship Center locations from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday and from 3 to 11 p.m. Saturday.

This year, professional pit masters Hill Billy Bone BBQ, Heaven on a Roll, Stick a Pig In It, Harold Ole Daddy BBQ, Smoke Ring BBQ and Uncle Bebe's BBQ will join the fun offering their on-site, slow cooked, authentic BBQ. They will be joined by returning local favorites Famous Dave's, Texas Roadhouse and Longhorn Steakhouse.

In addition, there will be Harvest Kettle Corn, Detroit Mini Donut and Lemonade, Heavenly Hot Dog and On the Border to treat visitors' taste buds. As in previous years, the event will also feature a wide selection of Michigan craft beers, and soft drinks. New this year will be the addition of a wine selection.

Some of the most notable Blues acts in the area will appear Friday night. Dirty Basement Blues will take to the stage at 5:30 p.m. followed by Kenny Parker and Jim McCarty from 7 to 8 p.m. and then Lil' Ed and the Blues Imperials will entertain from 8:30 to 10 p.m.

The entertainment continues beginning at noon Saturday when the Jeff Hoagland Band will perform. Roadside Rick and the Breakdowns will perform from 2:30 p.m. followed by Detroit Blues Legends with the Boe Constrictors from 4 to 6 p.m. Thornetta Davis takes the stage from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The final act is the highly-anticipated return of Westland hometown American Idol final-



Josh Gracin



Dirty Basement Blues

ist Josh Gracin who will perform from 8 to 10 p.m.

Also set for Saturday, Aug. 6, is the All American BBQ Throwdown, presented by the Westland Area Jaycees. The judges will crown the Westland BBQ Champion in both the professional and amateur divisions and different specialty categories, such as ribs, chicken, pork and brisket. As a part of the City of Westland 50th Anniversary Celebration, the Blues, Brews and BBQ event will close with the largest fireworks display in city history starting at 10 p.m. Saturday.

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## Fife and Drum Corps will host open house

For the first time in 45 years, the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps will open a rehearsal to the public.

The rehearsal, part of an open house the group has scheduled

from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15, will take place behind Salem High School in the bus loop. A spokesperson said that all ages are invited to the event and that members of the musical corps

would be available to demonstrate the fifes, drums, guard equipment and explain their historically accurate uniforms. Group instructors will also be available to answer questions about the group and their historic music.

The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps includes students ranging in age from 12 to 18. It is a non-profit group of young musicians and performers who parade, in their Colonial-era garb, while playing the fife and drum music of the 18th century. The group travels throughout the area appearing in

parades and at events and also tours for special performances of historic significance during the summer months.

The group members are from both Plymouth and surrounding communities and rehearse and practice year round for their performance dates.

The rehearsal is open to the public at no cost. Salem High School is located at 46181 Joy Road in Canton Township.

For more information about the group visit <http://pfic.us/pfifecblog/>, or [www.facebook.com/pfifecus](http://www.facebook.com/pfifecus).



# CANTON - PLYMOUTH - NORTHVILLE

## Field Day is planned

Area residents can unleash their inner child and join Canton Leisure Services for fun activities and a little friendly competition that the whole family can enjoy during the 2nd Annual Family Field Day and Movie in the Park.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. Aug. 12 in Heritage Park, located west of Canton Center Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer roads.

Featured activities on the north side of Heritage Park include classic favorites, such as potato sack races, shoe kicks, three-legged races and wheelbarrow races.

"This is a great way to reconnect with family and neighbors at Heritage Park for some friendly competition and summertime fun," said Laura Mortier, Canton recreation specialist. "The experience

and memories is what excites everyone. It's about families building those traditions in a healthy way, and actually spending time together that determines the success of this Field Day. We are committed to delivering unexpected fun and lasting memories for participants, all experienced while taking part in this special outdoor health and wellness activity followed by a movie in the park."

Attendees are reminded to bring a camera. No pre-registration is required. The \$10 per family fee is required to be paid on-site and the event is open to the public and all ages are encouraged to attend, even grandparents, Mortier said.

Following the Family Field Day event, a special showing of Disney's animated movie "The Good Dinosaur" (rated PG) will begin at dusk in the park on a big



screen. Food, snacks, and popcorn will also be available for purchase on site. Individuals who are not able to attend the Family Field Day activities are still

encouraged to attend the free movie. For more information about Family Field Day and Movie in the Park, visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org) or call (734) 394-5400.

## Buy Michigan event set

The Buy Michigan Now Festival will return to downtown Northville for the eighth year the weekend of Aug. 5-7. Hours will be 4-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5, 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6 and 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7.

The Buy Michigan Now Festival is a weekend celebration of Buy Michigan Week. This family-friendly event includes tasty treats, street vendors, live music and children's activities - all highlighting Michigan-based businesses and Michigan-

made products.

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 some of Michigan's finest performers. Entertainment in Town Square is complemented by a Michigan Beer and Wine Garden brought to you by the Northville Chamber of Commerce. Visit the Buy Michigan Now Festival website for more information.

## Victorian clothing on sale

The Northville Historical Society will sponsor the 2016 Heritage Festival Victorian Clothing Sale from 1-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, Thursday, Sept. 8 and Friday, Sept. 9 at Mill Race Historical Village, 215 Griswold St. north of Main Street.

Victorian era clothing and accessories for adults and children will be available for purchase from various vendors. Some clothing

is new, some gently used and some is vintage.

There is a \$2 admission charge per adult visiting the sale. Cash sales are preferred and some vendors may not accept checks or credit cards.

For more information, call (248) 348-1845 or email [office@millracenorthville.org](mailto:office@millracenorthville.org) or visit [www.millracenorthville.org](http://www.millracenorthville.org).

## Back to school United Way collection of school supplies for students under way until Aug. 12

It may seem like summer vacation just started, but local stores are already shifting into back to school mode. Plymouth Community United Way is no different. The official Back to School Supply Drive began last week and will continue through Aug. 12. New school supplies and backpacks can be donated at the United Way office, 960 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Ste. 2, Plymouth, MI 48170. Items can be dropped off from 7:45 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 7:45 a.m. until 2:45 p.m. on Friday.

Items needed include: pencils, colored pencils, 24-count crayons, markers, yellow highlighters, red, black and blue pens, glue sticks, Elmer's glue, scissors with rounded edges, pink erasers, rulers, one-subject wide ruled notebooks, composition books, 1-inch, three-ring binders,

wide-ruled loose leaf filler paper, pocket folders, supply boxes and bags and backpacks.

United Way will also be accepting new socks and underwear in all sizes to be distributed to children. The items will be donated to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Clothing Bank.

United Way representatives are available to help coordinate drives within groups, religious outreach groups or businesses.

For more information, visit [www.plymouthunitedway.org](http://www.plymouthunitedway.org) or contact Randi Williams at (734) 453-6870 x7.

Serving the Plymouth, Canton and Western Wayne County area since 1944, Plymouth Community United Way addresses human service needs of individuals and families.



### Anniversary Special

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## Blues BREWS & BARBECUE

**August 5th and 6th**

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**MUSIC LINE UP:**

**Friday 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.**

5:30 p.m. - Dirty Basement Blues  
7:00 p.m. - Kenny Parker and Jim McCarty  
8:30 p.m. -

**LUC ED AND THE BLUES IMPERIALS**

**Saturday 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.**

12:00 p.m. - Jeff Hoagland Band  
2:00 p.m. - Roadside Rick and the Breakdowns  
4:00 p.m. - Detroit Blues Legends w/ the Blue Combustors  
6:30 p.m. - Thoretta Davis  
8:00 p.m. -

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Major Sponsors:

# INKSTER - ROMULUS

## Olympians Students attend math competition

Romulus Community Schools 5th and 6th grade students enrolled in the Accelerated Curriculum & Enrichment (ACE) Program participated for the first time in the Wayne-Oakland County Science Olympiad recently.

The Wayne-Oakland County Science Olympiad is dedicated to expanding the science curriculum beyond the classroom, creating a technologically-literate workforce and providing recognition for outstanding achievement by students.

Science Olympiad is a team competition that requires knowledge of various science topics and engineering skills.

Barth Elementary Teachers Tom Gibb-Randall and Lewis Smith led the team along with the assistance of parent volunteers who helped coach the students in nine events. The team of students competed against dozens of schools and qualified for the final competition at Schoolcraft College.

"It's a first year team we are pleased of the success that our team had and we look forward to improving," said Barth Principal David Thompson. Two students from the team, Alexis Pyles and Ofona Likaka, earned second-place medals overall in the coding event.



The Barth Elementary ACE team participated in the Wayne Oakland County Science Olympiad recently for the first time.

## State police send drug arrest reports to county prosecutor for review

Michigan State Police Special Enforcement Section Troopers are awaiting a review from the office of the Wayne County Prosecutor regarding recent arrests in Inkster.

Troopers stopped a vehicle at about 7:30 p.m. July 21 in Inkster when they noticed the driver was not wearing a seatbelt.

The driver appeared to be intoxicated, troopers reported, and failed field sobriety tests. He was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated and in a search of his vehicle the troopers reported finding pill bottles beneath the driver's seat of the car. A further search of the car resulted in the seizure of 1 gram of heroin and about 130 pills of varying substances, according to police reports.

When the driver refused a breath test, troopers obtained a warrant to test a sample of his blood.

The suspect was lodged at the Inkster Police Department pending further investigation and a prosecutor's review of the incident.

About an hour later, at 8:30 p.m., troopers responded to a pedestrian who flagged down their patrol car. The individual told the troopers there was a man around the corner, wearing a white t-shirt, who had a gun.

Troopers went to the location the witness had designated and observed five men, all wearing white t-shirts, but only one of the subjects took off at a run.

According to police reports, the suspect appeared to be hiding what appeared to be a handgun in the waistband of his pants.

Troopers took the man into custody without incident and he admitted ownership of the gun. Another handgun was located by the troopers in the area where the five men had originally been observed. The serial number on that firearm had been filed off, according to reports.

The man was arrested and lodged at the Inkster Police Department pending a review by the prosecutor's office and further investigation.

At about 10 p.m. July 22, troopers assigned to the Special Enforcement Section, Secure Cities Partnership in Inkster, observed a subject walking in the street where sidewalks are provided. As they stopped to speak with him, he took off running. As he was running, troopers observed him begin placing something in his mouth. Troopers were able to take him into custody with the assistance of a taser, according to reports of the incident.

The man was found with approximately 1/2 grams of crack on his person, reports said. Troopers suspected that he was eating some of the narcotic while he was running and transported him to a nearby hospital as a precaution.

When the man was cleared by physicians, he was lodged at Inkster Police Department pending prosecutors' review.



## Oh, baby

The 19th Annual Romulus DGA Pumpkin Festival is planned Sept. 16, 17 and 18 at Romulus Historical Park, 11147 Hunt St. and applications for the Cutest Baby Contest will be accepted until Aug. 16. Official application forms are available at <http://www.romulusgov.com/Events/2016/08/06/016.pdf>. Winners last year, included Gabby Lucas, the first place girls winner and Harper Danielle Taylor, the second place girls winner. Gabriel Adams was the first-place boys winner and Kane Woods was the second place winner. For more information, call the Pumpkin Festival hotline at (734) 955-4577.



### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PUBLIC NOTICE

To all residents and other interested parties: Agenda and Minutes for the Charter Township of Plymouth Board of Trustees Meetings are available for review online at [www.plymouthmi.gov/Agenda/AgendaMinutes](http://www.plymouthmi.gov/Agenda/AgendaMinutes) and in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 9535 N. Hogarty Rd., Plymouth, MI.

Regular Meeting dates in 2016: August 9, September 13, September 27, October 11, October 25, November 15 and December 13.

Special meetings, if any, will occur on Tuesdays, unless otherwise posted. The public is invited and encouraged to attend the Board of Trustees Meetings.

Nancy Catalano  
Township Clerk

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### 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 open to the public in the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

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Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Karenna Conley, Human Resources Manager, Charter Township of Canton, 11516 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48038, (734) 396-5240 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

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### MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

July 11, 2016  
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd., Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tom Hardin.

Project of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Kathleen Abdo, John Hardin, Linda Choute, Harry Crout, Celine Roscoe, Sylvia Makowski, William Wadsworth.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

LaRoy D. Bazzoff, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Stragg, City Clerk

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. Moved by Crout, seconded by Makowski, to accept the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

16-382 2A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Choute, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on July 5, 2016. Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Hardin, Choute, Crout, Roscoe, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Abstain - Abdo, Makowski. Motion Carried.

2A. Petitioner Nemo:

6. Chalupsky's Report: Mayor Pro-Tom Hardin announced the APA's 75th Anniversary Celebration (Jones Sully) to be held on July 22, 23, and 24 at the Coleman Center.

6. Moved by Choute, seconded by Wadsworth, to accept the Chairman's Report. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Cable Production Coordinator, Dennis Davidson, gave an overview of upcoming City events. Mayor Bazzoff announced that due to the recent storm, the DPW Department is providing emergency cleanup services.

5A. Moved by Roscoe, seconded by Choute, to authorize the Mayor to execute the City's budget to resolve all claims against the City that the major claims valid up to an amount of \$5,000 per claim and with notice to counsel of the settlement of the claim. After Council discussion, the mayor of the motion withdrew the motion.

16-386 5B. Moved by Makowski, seconded by Abdo, to move unamended funding from the 15/16 budget to complete the purchase of the police body cameras. (Introduction of Budget Amendment 16/17-4, general fund.)

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO. ACCOUNT NAME. CURRENT BUDGET. AMENDMENT. AMENDED BUDGET.

General Fund Expense. 101-301-070.000 Police Capital Outlay \$57,000 \$77,000 \$134,000

General Balance. 101-600-790.000 General Fund-Bal. \$2,316,189 (\$77,000) \$2,239,189

2016-2017. Moved by Choute, seconded by Crout to complete the purchase of the police body cameras. Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A. Clerk's Report:

Clark City-Stragg announced that the deadline to file petitions to run for school board is July 26, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. and due to changes in the Election Law, school board elections are now held in November of even-numbered years.

6B. Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Stacy Paige announced that the treasurer's office is currently accepting orders for Veterans Memorial bricks.

7. Public Comment:

A resident wrote about being held responsible for lawn upkeep on property she does not own. The ordinance director for the City of Romulus, Bonnie Freeman, is looking into the matter. A second resident spoke about the previous resident's problem and that the ordinance director is looking into it.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

10. Communications:

16-382 18A. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Abdo, to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Robert Wadsworth. Motion Carried Unanimously.

16-382 18B. Moved by Choute, seconded by Crout to pay Warrant 16-13 in the amount of \$856,208.03. Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Moved by Wadsworth, seconded by Roscoe, to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

1. Ellen L. Craig-Stragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on July 11, 2016.

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# WAYNE - WESTLAND

## Award winner Norwayne Vitality Center wins honors

The City of Westland Department of Housing & Community Development has been chosen as a recipient of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) Awards of Merit: Community Revitalization for the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center. The official presentation of the award took place in Portland, OR July 15 during the organization summer conference.

The Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center is a key component in the efforts to revitalize the historic Norwayne district, officials said. Built during World War II, Norwayne is the most economically-challenged neighborhood in the city. Approximately 5.5 percent of the population of Westland lives in Norwayne, while 85 percent of students who live in the district qualify for free lunches. Twelve percent of Westland police calls for service are dispatched to Norwayne. Mayor William Wild designated the Norwayne revitalization as a priority when he took office and he and the members of the city council used local and federal grant funds for renovation, demolition, green space, roads, sidewalks, infrastructure, and park

improvements in Norwayne. The Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center is the largest city investment in Norwayne.

"I was born in Norwayne," said Wild. "This was an exciting project for me to see this former school building undergo a rebirth to the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center that has served as the hub of community activity in the Norwayne neighborhood."

"We are honored to accept this award on behalf of the city and I would like to thank Housing and Community Development Director Joanne Campbell as well as her entire staff for their tireless efforts on this project and for the Norwayne community."

"It is a wonderful opportunity to work on this project with so many dedicated people and organizations," Campbell said. "Almost every week another group is calling to schedule a new class or activity. This has a significant impact on the revitalization of the Norwayne community."

"This program celebrates achievement and honors the work that our members do each and every day to ensure a safe and affordable place to call home. Showcasing



The Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center is a key component in the efforts of Westland officials to revitalize the historic Norwayne district. Their efforts were recently rewarded with a national award.

the efforts of housing agencies and agency officials through National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials Awards of Merit" said John Bohm, acting CEO of the group.

"We hope that the general public, community leaders, private industry and gov-

ernment itself will become inspired to reform and enhance existing housing and community development programs and in addition create new ground-breaking programs and services to meet the housing needs our nation's most vulnerable citizens," he added.

## BBQ

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zations to support their charitable work locally in Westland." Wild said more information and updates are available at the above listed website or by calling the Brevins and BBQ hotline at (734) 783-8333.

"A big thank you to this year's sponsors for making The 2016 Blues, Brews and BBQ event possible," Wild said. Those sponsors this year include: Ritter GIS; Wayne County Community College District; North Brothers Ford; Gordon Chevrolet; Michigan Chiropractic

Specialist; Parkside Dental; Westland Car Care; Garden City Hospital; Midwestern Sanitation Inc.; Delta Dental; Windstream; Comerica Bank; Retirement Plan Advisors; ETNA Supply; Whitty Protective Services; Westland Police Lts & Sgts Assoc.; Independent Carpet One; Comcast; Zeal Credit Union; Michigan Humane Society; Fausone Bohn, LLP; Synergy Environmental; Marquette House; Universal Learning Academy; Jack Demmer Ford; Acton Integrated Security Systems Inc.; Bendzinski & Co.; Denha Properties; Harder Home Improvement and Laurencelle Properties.

## Trial set in Wayne killing

The 26-year-old man accused of killing his 58-year-old step grandfather with blows from an ax has been found mentally competent to stand trial by court appointed psychiatrists.

The accused, Jesse Wayne Gunderson, is alleged by prosecutors to have have attacked Danny Dart Sept. 1, 2015 in the back yard of the Dart home in the 4500 block of Chamberlain. Mr. Dart was married to Gunderson's grandmother and the couple had taken Gunderson in to live with them when he arrived unexpectedly from California a few weeks prior to the alleged crime. Friends and neighbors

said that Mr. Dart and Gunderson seemed to get along well and that Mr. Dart took his step-grandson out socially several times.

Gunderson is facing first degree murder charges in the death of Mr. Dart.

At his arraignment, a not-guilty plea was entered on Gunderson's behalf and he was ordered to undergo a criminal responsibility psychiatric evaluation to determine his mental competency to face the charges. A trial date before Wayne County Third Circuit Court Judge Margaret Van Houton has been set for Nov. 14.

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### 58, Auctions

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# Calendar of events

## Romulus concerts continue

The Romulus Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will continue the free summer music series, "Sounds in Downtown", at the Romulus Historical Park from 7-9:30 p.m. the second and fourth Fridays in July, and every Friday in August.

The Romulus Historical Park is located at 11147 Hunt St. In addition to the music, there will be family activities, vendors, concessions and refreshments available for purchase. Attendees should bring their own lawn chair or blanket to watch the show.

Performers include:  
Aug. 12: Rustbelt Revival - Folk/Rock  
Aug. 19: Remedy - Rocking Country  
Aug. 26: Infinity and Beyond  
- Journey Tribute

Concerts will take place rain or shine, except in the case of lightning.

The Sounds in Downtown series is sponsored by the Romulus Downtown Development Authority, Romulus Arts Council, City of Romulus, Magic Productions and other community sponsors.

For more information about Sounds in Downtown or the Arts Council, visit [www.facebook.com/DowntownRomulus](http://www.facebook.com/DowntownRomulus), [www.romulusagc.com/PublicArt/Council](http://www.romulusagc.com/PublicArt/Council) or call the Romulus DDA at (734) 955-4533.

## Canton concerts continue

The popular Thursday Night Concert Series returns to Canton at the Heritage Park Amphitheater every Thursday evening from 7:30-9 p.m. through Aug. 11.

Cruisin' Custom Coney, Good Humor and Awesome Bounce will also be on hand. The concert series is sponsored in part by Community Financial Credit Union and Twisted Rooster. Participants are encouraged to bring blankets or folding chairs and enjoy the concerts on the amphitheater lawn.

Aug. 4: Weekend Comeback  
- Hits from the 60s to today  
Aug. 11: All Directions  
- Blues, Classic Motown and R&B  
Concerts are weather permitting.

## St. Mary enrollment under way

St. Mary Catholic School offers preschool through 8th grade education and is currently enrolling students for the 2016-17 school year. Walk-in tours are available from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Tuesdays during August.

The school is located at 34516 W.

Michigan Ave. in Wayne. St. Mary offers qualified teachers and an academic program to Catholic and non-Catholic students in a diverse environment. It also provides enrichment programs beyond the basic curriculum such as CVO sports, Academic Olympics, Spelling Bees, Student Council, children's vocal and bell choir, band, Scouting program, and before and after school care. St. Mary is fully accredited and it scores consistently above average nationwide on the Iowa Standardized Test.

For more information, call (734) 721-1240 or visit [StMarySchoolWayne.org](http://StMarySchoolWayne.org).

## Diamond nominees sought

The Commission on Aging and Wayne Senior Services Office are once again looking for help in finding the Diamond of the Community.

This program recognizes a Wayne resident, 70 or older, who still continues to volunteer in helping make Wayne a great community in which to live. Nomination forms are available at Wayne City Hall, Wayne Library and Wayne Senior Services/HYPE Recreation Center. They must be completed and returned to the Senior Services Office by the deadline selected as the Diamond of the Community will be the guest of honor at a dinner Sept. 20, receive \$75, a beautiful plaque and be presented with an official resolution from the city acknowledging their contributions.

The award program will be sponsored, again this year, by Wayne Dairy Queen.

Information regarding the presentation dinner and tickets will be released following the selection of the Diamond of the Community recipient for this year.

For more information, contact Wayne Senior Services, (734) 721-7460 or [smc@cityofwayne.com](mailto:smc@cityofwayne.com).

Office hours are 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

## Wednesday concerts announced

Music In The Park, a 32-year "Summer Wednesday at Noon" tradition will be hosted again this year by the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

Concerts will continue through Aug. 24. The 10-week concert series is free to the public and made possible through the generosity of community business and organization sponsors. The schedule this year includes:

Aug. 10 - Gemini  
Aug. 17 - Barbara Bailey Hutchinson  
Aug. 24 - Joel Tacey's Tip Top

## Entertainment

### Belleville concerts planned

The Belleville Area Art Council Music Lakeside concert is set for 7 tonight at Horizon Park on High Street in Belleville. The concerts usually last about 2 hours, organizers said, and in the case of inclement weather, the event is moved to the Belleville United Methodist Church on Roys Street, right across the street from the park.

There are a limited number of picnic tables/benches at the park, organizers said they strongly encourage folks to bring chairs or blankets for seating. Food and non-alcoholic drinks are welcome. As the concerts take place in a city park, alcohol is prohibited. Local restaurants will be on hand selling a special menu of food, drinks and frozen gelato during the performances.

More information is available at [www.bellvilleart.org](http://www.bellvilleart.org).

The scheduled season performances include:

Aug. 4: Jill Jack (rock/folk)  
Aug. 11: Bill Ray and the  
Motor City Kings (rock/blues)  
Aug. 18: NO SHOW DUE TO THE TASTE OF BELLEVILLE  
Aug. 25: Dig A Phony (Beatles tribute)

### Shakespeare Festival in Canton

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is once again teaming up with the Michigan Shakespeare Festival to bring several special performances to Canton this summer.

Until Aug. 14, the Michigan Shakespeare Festival will present its 2016 Season lineup at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 5040 Cherry Hill Road. Performances will include: William Shakespeare's "As You Like It" and "King Richard II," along with Karen Tarjan's "The Killer Angels," all featuring respected and professional Equity Actors.

Tickets are now available at [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org) or by phone at (734) 694-5300.

### Cardboard boats to race

The Third Annual Cardboard Boat Race is scheduled to take place beginning at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 6 at the Summit on the Park Aquatic Center.

Participants are encouraged to use creative teamwork to build a boat using only cardboard and duct tape prior to the event. Boats should be less than 5.5 feet wide by 10 feet long. Cardboard boats

must be built at home and then transported to the Summit to compete. Paddles will be provided for participants and boats can be used by one or two individuals.

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

Registration for the Cardboard Boat Race can be accomplished in person at the Summit or online at [www.summitonthepark.org](http://www.summitonthepark.org).

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

### Roadster Chrome in Romulus

Romulus VFW Post 9588 and the City of Romulus Veterans Outreach Committee are holding a Roadster Chrome charity poker run. All motorcycles, classic cars and hot rods are welcome. Registration will start at 10 a.m. Aug. 6 at Blue Sky Ice Cream and Hamburgers located at 15155 Huron River Dr.

Registration is \$20 per driver and \$10 per passenger if pre-registered at Romulus City Hall or Department of Public Works or \$30 per driver for those that register the day-of.

Some of the other stops for this event are the Playoffs Bar, Wild Willy's, Time Family Restaurant, AM Leather, Jets Pizza, Romulus Auto and Willy's Bar & Bowling Alley in partnership with Detroit Radiator. Cash prizes are awarded for the top three hands, and the worst hand. All proceeds go to benefit local veterans.

Volunteers are needed to assist on the day of the event.

To help, or for more information, please call (734) 955-4577 or email Committee Chairperson Robert McCraight at [rmccraight@ci.romulus.mi.us](mailto:rmccraight@ci.romulus.mi.us).

### Senior Picnic planned

The Inkster Commission on Aging Annual Picnic is planned for 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Aug. 12 at Wheatley Park. The event will take place rain or shine and seniors must be registered in advance for a boxed lunch. To register, call (313) 561-2382.

There will be a running man dance off challenge, food, games and fellowship. The park is located at Penn and Beech Dale roads.

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